

Fear Factor: Americans scared of their presidential options

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WASHINGTON — The vast majority of Americans say they are afraid of at least one of the two major candidates — Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump — winning the White House, a remarkable finding that reflects an unsettled nation unhappy with its choice.

Eighty-one percent of Americans say they would feel afraid following the election of one of the two polarizing politicians, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll. That includes a quarter who say it doesn't matter who wins: they're scared of both.

Three-quarters of voters say their pick for president is motivated by a desire to cast their Election Day ballot against Clinton or Trump, more than those who say they're voting for the candidate who shares their positions on the issues or is the most qualified to hold the office.

Said Dennis Fernandez, 67, of Florence, Arizona: "If Hillary Clinton won, I'd probably consider suicide. I'm definitely not a fan."

And Lawrence James, 55, of Durham, North Carolina, said: "If Trump wins, well, we've already checked out Malta and New Zealand. I'm just not comfortable that he's not going to make rushed, uninformed decisions."

Deep unease

On the eve of the summer's political conventions, at which the general election campaign officially begins, the latest AP-GfK findings underscore the deep sense of unease that is sharpening the political divide in America and shaping an already nasty race for president.

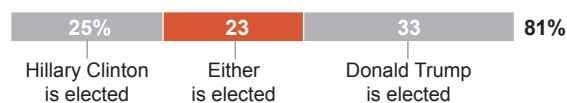
So much so that notable numbers of Americans even hold negative views about the candidate they want to win: 14 percent of both Trump's and Clinton's supporters say they're backing a candidate they don't like.

The survey was conducted after the fatal police shootings of two black men by police officers last week in Louisiana and Minnesota, and mostly after a sniper seeking revenge for those slayings killed five

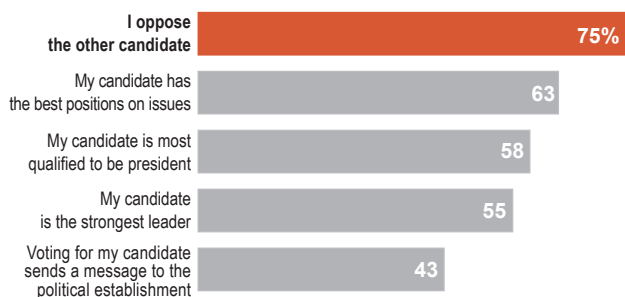
Poll: Fear permeates electorate

Large numbers of American adults say they would feel afraid if either national party front-runner wins the White House, according to a new AP-GfK poll.

Percentage saying they would feel afraid if ...



Percentage saying the following are major reasons in deciding which candidate to support:



Results based on survey of 1,009 U.S. adults conducted July 7-11. Margin of error is ±3.3 percentage points for the entire sample, higher for subgroups.

SOURCE: GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications AP

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70-year-old of Monmouth County, New Jersey

police officers in Dallas during a peaceful protest march.

The poll found Americans hold resoundingly negative opinions of both candidates. Fifty-seven percent have an unfavorable view of Clinton, compared to 37 percent who have a favorable view. Sixty-three percent have a negative view of Trump, compared to the 31 percent who think well of him.

"I really don't love either of the candidates. What do they say? It's a choice between hot and hell," said Annette Scott, 70, of Monmouth County, New Jersey.

Scott, a retiree, said she's seeking answers to the countries problems — and failing to find them from either candidate.

"Please give me solutions. Whether they are workable or not workable, at least propose them so everybody can talk about it," she said.

Fear and regret

Fifty-six percent of Ameri-

cans said they would feel afraid and 48 percent say they'd feel regret if Trump wins the White House. Just 22 percent said they'd be proud and 26 percent excited should America pick Trump on Election Day.

Clinton doesn't fare much better: If she's elected president, 48 percent say they would be afraid and 46 percent say they would feel regretful. Only 27 percent of Americans would be proud of that choice, and 26 percent would be excited at her election.

Half of Clinton's own supporters consider her only slightly or not at all honest, and more than a third say she's only slightly or not at all likable. Overall, only a quarter of Americans think Clinton is at least somewhat honest.

The poll was conducted after the FBI recommended she not face criminal charges for her use of a private email account and servers as secretary of state.

In recent weeks, Clinton has started to acknowledge that many voters simply do not trust her.

"I personally know that I have work to do on this front," she said in Chicago last month. "You can't just talk someone into trusting you. You've got to earn it."

Still, for Clinton, there was some good news in the poll: nearly two-thirds of Americans think she'll win the election.

Forty-seven percent of Trump's supporters consider him only slightly or not at all civil, 39 percent say he's slightly or not at all likable and 31 percent say he's only slightly or not at all qualified. Of those backing him, 14 percent consider him at least somewhat racist.

But even while they voice concerns about their own candidate, vast majorities of voters see the alternative as far worse. Eighty percent of Trump supporters and three-quarters of Clinton backers say a major reason for their support is opposition to the other candidate.

The coalitions backing the candidates have remained largely unchanged from the primary race, with Clinton doing better among women and minority voters.

Women are more likely than men to have a favorable opinion of Clinton, 40 percent to 33 percent. Sixty-eight percent of blacks, 52 percent of Hispanics and 28 percent of whites have a favorable view of Clinton.

Men are more likely than women to have a favorable opinion of Trump, 34 percent to 28 percent. Forty percent of whites, 13 percent of Hispanics and 7 percent of blacks have a favorable opinion of Trump.

Online: Poll results: <http://ap-gfkipoll.com>

Trump nears VP decision; contenders holding their breath

By JULIE PACE
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WASHINGTON — Donald Trump is on the verge of picking his vice presidential running mate, with top contenders told to expect a decision as early as Thursday afternoon.

On Trump's shortlist: Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, according to people familiar with the candidate's thinking.

Pence quickly exited a speaking event in Indianapolis Thursday morning without taking questions from reporters. His staff has not released details of any other planned appearances Thursday.

The New York Times and the Indianapolis Star have reported that Pence is Trump's pick. The Trump campaign, however, has not made an official announcement.

All three of the finalists have had extensive conversations with Trump and his family in recent days.

Gingrich told The Associated Press he was expecting to hear from Trump one way or the other sometime after 1 p.m. The former Georgia congressman praised Trump for running a "very fair, open process" and said he looked forward to learning the businessman's decision.

Gingrich later posted on Facebook that he would

hold a live chat at 2 p.m. about the "vice presidential picks and the VP selection process."

Trump and his new running mate will make their first appearance as a team Friday in New York. The timing is aimed at energizing Republicans ahead of next week's Republican convention in Cleveland.

Shortly after noon, Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort wrote on Twitter that the decision "will be made in the near future."

Each of Trump's top contenders would add significant political experience to the GOP ticket. Trump, a political novice, has said for weeks that he wanted a running mate who could help him work with Congress.

Beyond their political backgrounds, the finalists bring different strengths to the ticket.

Pence, 57, is a steady, staunch conservative who would help calm nervous Republican wary of Trump's impulsive style. He served six terms in Congress before becoming Indiana governor. He also has deep ties to evangelical Christians and other conservatives, particularly after signing a law last year that critics said would have allowed businesses to deny service to gay people for religious reasons.

Trump took notice of Pence during the Indiana primary, noting that the governor had high praise for him despite endorsing one of his rivals.

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Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												JULY 14	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	BattleBots (N)		Greatest Hits "1985-1990" (N)		Match Game		KATU News at 11	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	BattleBots (N)		Greatest Hits "1985-1990" (N)		Match Game		KOMO 4 News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Heart Aviation (N)	Spartan "Spartan vs. Ninja"		Spartan: Ultimate Team Challenge (N)		Aquarius "Piggies" (N)		KING 5 News	(:35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(7) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Big Brother (N)		Code Black "The Fifth Stage"		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(:35) S. Colbert (N)
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces	Big Brother (N)		Code Black "The Fifth Stage"		KIRO 7 News	(:35) S. Colbert (N)
8	KGW	(3) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Spartan "Spartan vs. Ninja"		Spartan: Ultimate Team Challenge (N)		Aquarius "Piggies" (N)		KGW News at 11	(:35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(3) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	Legends Tomorrow	Night of the Hawk	B. & Beast "Point of No Return" (N)		KGW News at 10	(:35) Two 1/2 Men	(:05) Two 1/2 Men	(:35) King of Hill
10	KOPB	(10) Mickella Mallozzi	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Outdoor Idaho	DCI Banks "What Will Survive?"		(:35) Afterlife "A Name Written in Water"		Film School Shorts	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Bones "The Jewel in the Crown" (N)		Home Free "Push the Limits" (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray
13	KPDx	(3) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		The Mentalist "Red Sky at Night"		The Mentalist "Cackle-Bladder Blood"	
14	KCPQ	(13) Name Game	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Jewel in the Crown" (N)		Home Free "Push the Limits" (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	Modern Family
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls		Conan (N)	
21	KZJL	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) 30 for 30 "Doc & Darryl" (N)		SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NBA Basketball Summer League (L)		NBA Basketball Summer League (L)		30 for 30 "Doc & Darryl"				Jalen & Jacoby		30 for 30 "Doc & Darryl"	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Crashletes	The Thundermans	★★ The Parent Trap (1998, Family) Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson, Lindsay Lohan.		Walk the Prank (N) Bizaardvark		Guilt "Blood Ties"		Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Liv and Maddie	K.C.Underc./Jessie	(:15) Adventures in Babysitting ("16) Max Lloyd Jones, Sabrina Carpenter.		Guilt "AmericanPsycho"		Guilt "Exit Wounds"		Guilt "Blood Ties"		Stuck in Middle	K.C. Undercover
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) 17 Again ('09, Com/Dra) Zac Efron.		Guilt "Pilot"		Guilt "#AmericanPsycho"		Guilt "Exit Wounds"		Guilt "Blood Ties"		The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Endless Love	(:55) Endless Love	(2014, Romance) Gabriella Wilde, Dayo Okeniyi, Alex Pettyfer.	(:45) FXM Presents	The Call (2013, Thriller) Halle Berry.		The Call (2013, Thriller) Halle Berry.		(:50) FXM Presents		The Call (2013, Thriller) Halle Berry.	
36	LIFE	(36) Crazy Ex "Covered, Conned and Cloned"	My Crazy Ex			My Crazy Ex		My Crazy Ex (N)		I Love "Twisted Sisterhood/ Greed" (N)		I Love You ... But I Lied	
38	ROOT	(38) MLS Soccer FC Dallas at Seattle Sounders FC				MLS Soccer Montreal Impact at Portland Timbers				Post-game	ERA Rodeo Day 2		
39	F51	(39) (4:00) UFC 195		Speak for Yourself		Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself		Garbage Time	Best I Heard (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports
43	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle
44	COM	(44) Futurama	(:25) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Jim Gaffigan (N)	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show	The Nightly Show
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Alone "Winter's Fury" (N)		Alone "Into the Abyss" (N)		Alone "The End Game" (N)		(:05) Alone	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48		The First 48 "Bound and Burned"		The First 48	(:45) First 48 (N)	The First 48 "A Killer's Trail" (N)		60 Days In (N)		(:05) Black, White	(:35) The First 48
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "June's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Bettie Jo's Story"		Extreme Weight Loss "Wally"		Skin Tight "Melissa and Jeff" (N)		Big Fat Fabulous Li.	"Cereal Stalker"
48	DISC	(48) Naked "Botswana Breakdown"		Naked "Easier Said Than Done"		Naked and Afraid "Shurthrive"		Naked&Afraid XL "Mission Impossible"		Naked and Afraid XL (N)		American Tarzan	
49	NGEO	(49) No Man "The Real Black Hawk Down"		Life Below Zero "Breaking Through"		Life Below Zero "Shakedown"		No Man Left Behind "To Hell and Back"		No Man Left Behind "Colombia Vice"		No Man Left Behind "To Hell and Back"	
50	TNT	(50) Castle "47 Seconds"		Castle "The Limey"		★★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby ("06) John C. Reilly, Will Ferrell.		★★ Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy ("04) Will Ferrell.				Ghostbusters ("84, Comedy) Bill Murray.	Ghostbusters ("84, Comedy) Bill Murray.
51	AMC	(51) ★★★ Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.		Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.		Queen South "Lirio de los Valles" (N)		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Masquerade"		Chopped "Summer Heat"		Chopped "Ready For Redemption"		Chopped "Grill Masters Napa: Part Two"		Hunt Vintage (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Scoop's On!"		Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	Sex&Drugs (N)	Sex&Drugs&Rock	Sex&Drugs&Rock	Hall Pass ("11)
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip or Flop	Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
56	FX	(56) (4:00) The Amazing Spider-Man 2		★★★ The Avengers (2012, Action) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr.		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		Hannity		Amer. Greed "The Playboy of Indiana"		American Greed "Pain Killer Profits"		Amer. Greed "Jamaican Lottery Scam" (N)		Paid Program	Paid Program
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Greed "Jamaican Lottery Scam" (N)		Flipping Out "Appetite for Demolition"		Flipping Out "Todo Limpio" (N)		Below "They Hate Us Cuz They Ain't Us"		WatchWhat (N)	Housewives NJ
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		The Real Housewives "All Bets Are Off"		Flipping Out "Appetite for Demolition"		Flipping Out "Todo Limpio" (N)		Below "They Hate Us Cuz They Ain't Us"		WatchWhat (N)	Housewives NJ
63	BRVA	(63) Wives NJ "Old Friends, New Faces"		★★★ The Stepford Wives ("75) Paula Prentiss, Peter Masterson, Katharine Ross.		★★★ Looking for Mr. Goodbar (1977, Romance) William Atherton, Tom Berenger, Diane Keaton.	(:45) Paper Chase			Wrong Turn ("03) Desmond Harrington.		Time Life Library	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymo...		★★★ The Lone Ranger (2013, Action) Arnie Hammer, William Fichtner, Johnny Depp.									
65	SYFY	(65) ★★★ Resident Evil: Apocalypse ('04) Sienna Guillory, Oded Fehr, Milla Jovovich.											
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America 'Live'		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	

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