

To: Allen Roth, Secure America Now
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Re: February National Omnibus Poll Results

Survey Summary: The results of our latest poll for SecureAmericaNow.org show that American voters disapprove of the left's paid protests against President Trump and the use of violent protests to stop pro-Trump conservatives from speaking out. They disapprove of Democratic senators delaying and blocking President Trump's cabinet nominations and the appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. Voters also disapprove of the protests of the left and Democrats to stop the deportation of criminal illegal aliens. Finally, in spite of all this opposition from the left, the President's personal and approval ratings have improved significantly over the past two weeks.

This sample of 1,000 likely voters reflects a national voter sample similar to last November that is more Democratic 36% than Republican 33% and matches demographics from the presidential election exit polls. PowerPoint slides for each of the questions mentioned in this memo are attached.

Specifically, when the voters were asked whether they approve or disapprove of "billionaire George Soros financing left-wing organizations to pay people to protest against President Trump, and the left often using violent demonstrations on college campuses and in cities to stop pro-Trump, conservatives from speaking in public", seven in ten voters, 70%, said they disapprove. Even a majority of 54% of all voters strongly disapprove. Only 20% approve.

Voters disapprove across every region of the country. If they approve of the job that the President is doing, they disapprove at 79%. However, among those who disapprove of the job the President is doing, 59% still disapprove. 79% of all Republicans disapprove; 76% of independents disapprove; and 56% of Democrats disapprove. 70% of moderates disapprove. Even 51% of all liberals disapprove. Voters disapprove across all racial and age segments. 66% of men disapprove, and 72% of women disapprove. It's very clear that the paid protests, and certainly violent protests of the left are backfiring.

Then when the voters were asked whether they approve or disapprove of "Democratic Senators using Senate rules to delay or block President Trump's cabinet nominations to undermine his presidency including liberal Senators filibustering to stop President Trump's appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court", 50% of all voters disapprove and 41% approve.

These results are skewed by partisan political behavior. Among those voters who approve of the job the President is doing, 76% disapprove of these tactics. While among those who disapprove of the job the President is doing, 71% actually approve these tactics. 77% of Republicans disapprove; 51% of independents disapprove, but 66% of Democrats approve these tactics.

Finally, when the voters were asked when they approve or disapprove of "protests by the left and Democrats to stop the deportation of illegal aliens who have been convicted of serious crimes in the United States to allow them to remain free in the United States", six in ten voters, 62%, disapprove. Only 32% approve.



The majority of voters across every region disapprove of these protests to keep criminal illegal aliens in the U.S. Among those voters who approve of the job the President is doing, only 20% approve of these protests, while 78% disapprove. Among those voters who disapprove of the job the President is doing, they are split; 48% approve of stopping the deportation of illegal criminals, while 44% disapprove. Among Republicans, 79% disapprove of what the left is doing; 64% of independents disapprove and 44% of Democrats disapprove. Among Hispanic voters, 55% disapprove as well; only 41% of Hispanics approve of these tactics.

This poll was done primarily after the President's press conference and most interviews were done as the story of the President's rally was in the media. In this time the President's poll numbers have improved significantly since SecureAmericaNow.org's last poll of February 6th—less than two weeks ago.

The President's job rating is now a net positive with the majority of voters approving, 51% to 44% disapprove. On February 6th, it was 48% approve to 48% disapprove. This is a net increase of +7%.

The President's personal favorable to unfavorable rating is now 50% favorable to 46% unfavorable. On February 6th it was favorable 46% to unfavorable 50%. This is a net increase of +8%. Since we began tracking Donald Trump's favorable ratings last February, 2016, when his unfavorable rating was 62%, this is the first national poll that we have received a net positive favorable rating for the President. This is an enormous achievement that he is moving into positive territory and a very good sign. It will probably make the President's opposition even more nasty and desperate.

The number of voters who say that the country is headed in the right direction has risen to 41%, while those who say that the country is on the wrong track has dropped to 48%. On February 6th it was right direction 35%, to wrong track 55%. In January it was right direction 28% to wrong track 62%. Since January, this is a net increase of +27%. This is the best showing since early in 2013. More Americans are feeling more optimistic.

The key remains that the majority of voters, 51%, still want to change and move away from President Obama's policies. Only 40% want to continue Obama's policies. The President's actions to keep his promises and bring change are driving his ratings up.

Methodology:

This survey of 1,000 likely general election voters nationwide was conducted on February 15th – 20th, 2017. All interviews were conducted online; survey invitations were distributed randomly within predetermined geographic units. These units were structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a nationwide general election. This poll of 1,000 likely general election voters has an accuracy of +/- 3.1% at a 95% confidence interval. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Demographics:

Party	TOTAL
Republican	33.0
Democrat	36.0
Independent	31.0

Race	TOTAL
Hispanic	11.1
African American	12.1
Asian	4.0
White	71.0

Age	TOTAL
18 – 29	18.9
30 – 40	18.8
41 – 55	26.5
56 – 65	19.6
Over 65	16.2

Gender	TOTAL
Male	47.0
Female	53.0