

Sample 1335 Adults  
Conducted September 26-28, 2017  
Margin of Error ±3.8%

1. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's recent comments about football players who protest during the national anthem?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Haven't heard enough to say	14%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of football players protesting by kneeling during the national anthem?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Haven't heard enough to say	9%

3. In general, has the way that football players, coaches, and owners have responded to the President's comments been appropriate, or inappropriate?

*Asked of those who have heard Trump's comments and about the Player's Kneeling*

Appropriate	40%
Inappropriate	39%
Not sure	21%

4. Whether or not you agree with them, what do you feel the football players protests are trying to do? For each of these - Do you think the protesters are trying or not trying to...

*Asked of those who have heard about the Players Kneeling*

	Trying to...	Not trying to...
Call attention to racism	73%	27%
Disrespect the military and veterans	33%	67%
Call attention to unfair police tactics	69%	31%
Stick up for other people in their communities	66%	34%
Disrespect the flag and anthem itself	40%	60%

5. Whether or not you agree with him, what do you feel Donald Trump is trying to do with his comments about the football players?

*Asked of those who have heard Trump's comments*

Unify the country by telling everyone to respect the flag	36%
Divide the country by singling out certain groups of people for criticism	37%
Neither, he doesn't have a larger purpose with it	27%

6. Whether or not you agree with him about the football players, do you feel Donald Trump is...?

*Asked of those who have heard Trump's comments*

Bringing up an issue he feels is very important to for the country to discuss	33%
Using the issue to distract the country from other things in his Administration	41%
Both	11%
Neither	15%

7. To you, personally, does the flag and national anthem represent...

	Yes	No
The right to free speech anytime	79%	21%
Traditions that should be honored	82%	18%
Loyalty to the government	51%	49%
The military and veterans who've fought for the country	86%	14%
A shared American heritage	88%	12%

8. In general, do you think professional athletes should or should not use their position and fame to talk politics or raise issues, if they want to?

Yes, whenever they want to	32%
Yes, but only on their own time	41%
No, they should not	27%

9. Do you consider yourself a professional football fan, or not?

Yes, a big fan	22%
Yes, a casual fan	37%
No, not a fan	41%

10. In what year were you born?

Under 30	21%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

11. What is your gender?

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

12. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White .....	65%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	14%
Other .....	8%

13. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less .....	40%
Some college .....	32%
College grad .....	18%
Post grad .....	10%

14. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%

15. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat .....	19%
Not very strong Democrat .....	12%
Strong Republican .....	14%
Not very strong Republican .....	9%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Independent .....	22%
Not sure .....	8%

16. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	12%
Somewhat liberal	14%
Moderate	29%
Somewhat conservative	18%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	16%

**1. Donald Trump Comments on Anthem**

Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's recent comments about football players who protest during the national anthem?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	22%	28%	16%	14%	16%	25%	33%	30%	6%	6%	12%
Somewhat approve	16%	15%	17%	15%	16%	19%	14%	20%	6%	7%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	11%	11%	15%	12%	10%	7%	10%	8%	15%	15%
Strongly disapprove	37%	37%	37%	36%	40%	34%	38%	30%	64%	45%	37%
Haven't heard enough to say	14%	8%	19%	20%	16%	12%	7%	10%	15%	26%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,328	639	689	280	334	450	263	866	173	183	106

	Party ID				Ideology		
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	22%	8%	19%	48%	3%	15%	50%
Somewhat approve	16%	7%	18%	24%	8%	17%	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	10%	13%	10%	10%	13%	9%
Strongly disapprove	37%	67%	29%	8%	72%	31%	15%
Haven't heard enough to say	14%	9%	22%	9%	7%	24%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,328	413	558	301	343	599	376

**2. Football Players Taking a Knee**

Do you approve or disapprove of football players protesting by kneeling during the national anthem?

	Total	Gender		Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	23%	22%	23%	26%	26%	19%	21%	16%	50%	28%	23%
Somewhat approve	15%	19%	12%	19%	21%	13%	9%	12%	24%	19%	20%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	16%	14%	18%	13%	18%	11%	16%	6%	15%	21%
Strongly disapprove	37%	38%	37%	19%	30%	44%	55%	49%	9%	19%	17%
Haven't heard enough to say	9%	5%	14%	18%	10%	6%	4%	6%	10%	19%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,321	638	682	277	334	447	263	864	173	178	106

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	23%	45%	17%	3%	53%	15%	8%
Somewhat approve	15%	22%	15%	8%	21%	17%	8%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	14%	14%	17%	11%	20%	12%
Strongly disapprove	37%	12%	39%	68%	11%	32%	70%
Haven't heard enough to say	9%	8%	14%	4%	4%	17%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,321	413	553	299	343	593	376

**3. Appropriate Response**

In general, has the way that football players, coaches, and owners have responded to the President's comments been appropriate, or inappropriate?

*Asked of those who have heard Trump's comments and about the Player's Kneeling*

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Appropriate	40%	41%	39%	47%	45%	35%	36%	31%	72%	54%	48%
Inappropriate	39%	42%	37%	22%	31%	47%	51%	51%	12%	17%	14%
Not sure	21%	17%	25%	30%	24%	18%	13%	18%	17%	29%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,107	574	532	205	273	388	240	765	142	123	77

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Appropriate	40%	72%	30%	15%	76%	33%	16%
Inappropriate	39%	13%	42%	70%	13%	35%	69%
Not sure	21%	14%	28%	15%	11%	32%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,107	362	424	270	314	437	352



**4A. Players Trying to Accomplish - Call attention to racism**

Whether or not you agree with them, what do you feel the football players protests are trying to do? For each of these - Do you think the protesters are trying or not trying to...

*Asked of those who have heard about the Players Kneeling*

	Total	Gender		Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Trying to...	73%	75%	71%	66%	76%	74%	74%	71%	84%	76%	69%
Not trying to...	27%	25%	29%	34%	24%	26%	26%	29%	16%	24%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,154	587	566	215	286	404	248	792	150	133	78

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Trying to...	73%	82%	69%	69%	91%	69%	63%
Not trying to...	27%	18%	31%	31%	9%	31%	37%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,154	371	452	282	321	466	362

**4B. Players Trying to Accomplish - Disrespect the military and veterans**

Whether or not you agree with them, what do you feel the football players protests are trying to do? For each of these - Do you think the protesters are trying or not trying to...

*Asked of those who have heard about the Players Kneeling*

	Total	Gender		Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Trying to...	33%	33%	33%	24%	25%	37%	45%	42%	11%	16%	17%
Not trying to...	67%	67%	67%	76%	75%	63%	55%	58%	89%	84%	83%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,155	595	559	211	287	408	249	790	148	137	79

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Trying to...	33%	11%	36%	59%	11%	31%	56%
Not trying to...	67%	89%	64%	41%	89%	69%	44%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,155	366	455	285	323	470	357

**4C. Players Trying to Accomplish - Call attention to unfair police tactics**

Whether or not you agree with them, what do you feel the football players protests are trying to do? For each of these - Do you think the protesters are trying or not trying to...

*Asked of those who have heard about the Players Kneeling*

	Total	Gender		Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Trying to...	69%	70%	68%	67%	72%	68%	72%	67%	88%	67%	61%
Not trying to...	31%	30%	32%	33%	28%	32%	28%	33%	12%	33%	39%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,150	587	563	212	285	403	250	793	149	132	76

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Trying to...	69%	84%	64%	61%	90%	64%	59%
Not trying to...	31%	16%	36%	39%	10%	36%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,150	368	449	285	320	466	360

**4D. Players Trying to Accomplish - Stick up for other people in their communities**

Whether or not you agree with them, what do you feel the football players protests are trying to do? For each of these - Do you think the protesters are trying or not trying to...

*Asked of those who have heard about the Players Kneeling*

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Trying to...	66%	66%	66%	74%	73%	63%	57%	59%	86%	79%	78%
Not trying to...	34%	34%	34%	26%	27%	37%	43%	41%	14%	21%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,140	584	556	211	282	399	247	785	148	131	76

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Trying to...	66%	86%	65%	47%	91%	64%	46%
Not trying to...	34%	14%	35%	53%	9%	36%	54%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,140	365	444	282	318	464	353

**4E. Players Trying to Accomplish - Disrespect the flag and anthem itself**

Whether or not you agree with them, what do you feel the football players protests are trying to do? For each of these - Do you think the protesters are trying or not trying to...

*Asked of those who have heard about the Players Kneeling*

	Total	Gender		Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Trying to...	40%	42%	39%	28%	33%	44%	53%	50%	11%	27%	19%
Not trying to...	60%	58%	61%	72%	67%	56%	47%	50%	89%	73%	81%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,162	594	568	213	290	410	249	795	149	141	76

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Trying to...	40%	13%	43%	70%	10%	40%	68%
Not trying to...	60%	87%	57%	30%	90%	60%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,162	367	458	288	321	473	364

**5. Unify vs Divide the Country**

Whether or not you agree with him, what do you feel Donald Trump is trying to do with his comments about the football players?

*Asked of those who have heard Trump's comments*

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Unify the country by telling everyone to respect the flag	36%	35%	37%	25%	28%	38%	52%	46%	11%	17%	21%
Divide the country by singling out certain groups of people for criticism	37%	39%	36%	41%	45%	36%	28%	29%	64%	50%	47%
Neither, he doesn't have a larger purpose with it	27%	27%	27%	34%	27%	27%	19%	25%	25%	33%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,135	581	555	219	280	394	242	770	147	134	85

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Unify the country by telling everyone to respect the flag	36%	13%	37%	65%	10%	32%	65%
Divide the country by singling out certain groups of people for criticism	37%	64%	35%	9%	66%	37%	13%
Neither, he doesn't have a larger purpose with it	27%	22%	29%	26%	24%	31%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,135	374	437	274	318	454	357

**6. Bring Up an Issue vs Distract the Country**

Whether or not you agree with him about the football players, do you feel Donald Trump is...?

*Asked of those who have heard Trump's comments*

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Bringing up an issue he feels is very important to for the country to discuss	33%	35%	32%	30%	22%	38%	41%	41%	10%	19%	23%
Using the issue to distract the country from other things in his Administration	41%	42%	40%	44%	49%	37%	35%	34%	63%	53%	45%
Both	11%	8%	13%	9%	10%	11%	11%	10%	8%	12%	15%
Neither	15%	15%	16%	16%	19%	14%	13%	14%	20%	16%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,132	582	550	220	277	392	242	768	147	132	85

	Total	Party ID			Ideology		
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Bringing up an issue he feels is very important to for the country to discuss	33%	12%	33%	63%	10%	29%	59%
Using the issue to distract the country from other things in his Administration	41%	69%	37%	11%	74%	38%	16%
Both	11%	9%	12%	11%	6%	15%	9%
Neither	15%	11%	18%	15%	10%	18%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,132	375	434	272	319	451	356

**7A. Flag and Anthem - The right to free speech anytime**

To you, personally, does the flag and national anthem represent...

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	79%	82%	76%	80%	80%	78%	77%	79%	76%	82%	73%
No	21%	18%	24%	20%	20%	22%	23%	21%	24%	18%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,266	615	651	258	312	441	256	829	161	175	101

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	79%	86%	79%	72%	86%	79%	71%
No	21%	14%	21%	28%	14%	21%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,266	395	526	293	334	556	368



**7B. Flag and Anthem - Traditions that should be honored**

To you, personally, does the flag and national anthem represent...

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	82%	82%	82%	74%	75%	87%	89%	87%	67%	78%	76%
No	18%	18%	18%	26%	25%	13%	11%	13%	33%	22%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,276	622	654	262	319	440	256	831	167	177	101

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	82%	74%	81%	95%	64%	84%	95%
No	18%	26%	19%	5%	36%	16%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,276	401	533	293	338	562	368

**7C. Flag and Anthem - Loyalty to the government**

To you, personally, does the flag and national anthem represent...

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	51%	44%	56%	49%	45%	50%	59%	54%	50%	34%	53%
No	49%	56%	44%	51%	55%	50%	41%	46%	50%	66%	47%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,267	618	649	259	317	437	254	824	164	177	102

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	51%	46%	49%	61%	40%	51%	58%
No	49%	54%	51%	39%	60%	49%	42%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,267	396	530	291	332	560	367

**7D. Flag and Anthem - The military and veterans who've fought for the country**

To you, personally, does the flag and national anthem represent...

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	86%	87%	84%	81%	79%	91%	91%	92%	72%	73%	80%
No	14%	13%	16%	19%	21%	9%	9%	8%	28%	27%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,283	625	658	268	323	437	255	841	165	176	102

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	86%	81%	85%	97%	75%	85%	96%
No	14%	19%	15%	3%	25%	15%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,283	402	536	295	337	567	371

**7E. Flag and Anthem - A shared American heritage**

To you, personally, does the flag and national anthem represent...

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	88%	89%	88%	80%	83%	93%	96%	94%	71%	79%	88%
No	12%	11%	12%	20%	17%	7%	4%	6%	29%	21%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,282	625	657	263	324	438	257	835	168	178	101

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	88%	84%	87%	98%	82%	86%	97%
No	12%	16%	13%	2%	18%	14%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,282	402	537	292	337	567	370

**8. Athletes and Politics**

In general, do you think professional athletes should or should not use their position and fame to talk politics or raise issues, if they want to?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, whenever they want to	32%	31%	32%	37%	36%	28%	26%	25%	54%	36%	41%
Yes, but only on their own time	41%	43%	40%	38%	38%	44%	44%	44%	33%	38%	37%
No, they should not	27%	26%	28%	26%	26%	28%	30%	31%	13%	26%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,315	635	680	276	333	444	263	859	170	180	106

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, whenever they want to	32%	56%	26%	7%	69%	23%	11%
Yes, but only on their own time	41%	27%	45%	55%	20%	45%	53%
No, they should not	27%	17%	29%	38%	11%	32%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,315	413	552	298	343	589	374

**9. Football Fan**

Do you consider yourself a professional football fan, or not?

	Gender			Age group				Race/Ethnicity			
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, a big fan	22%	27%	18%	17%	24%	22%	25%	26%	20%	12%	11%
Yes, a casual fan	37%	41%	34%	36%	37%	38%	36%	35%	45%	43%	33%
No, not a fan	41%	32%	49%	47%	39%	39%	38%	39%	35%	45%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,324	636	688	278	335	448	263	863	172	183	106

	Party ID			Ideology			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, a big fan	22%	23%	20%	28%	22%	19%	27%
Yes, a casual fan	37%	45%	29%	41%	36%	38%	38%
No, not a fan	41%	32%	51%	31%	42%	43%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	1,324	413	559	299	345	595	376

# HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

September 28, 2017

The CBS News survey is conducted by YouGov using a nationally representative sample of 1,335 U.S. residents interviewed online between September 26-28, 2017.

The final sample included an oversample of 241 African Americans and was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, and region based on the American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, as well as 2012 and 2016 Presidential vote. Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of all U.S. residents. The weights range from 0.008 to 6.09, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.99.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage  $p$  based upon the entire sample is approximately 3.8%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and  $n$  is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.