

Table 1  
Interest in Election by Level of Trust in Government

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Trust in Government	Interest in Election			Total
	Not Much	Somewhat	Very Much	
None of Time (Vol.)	43%	29%	28%	100%
Some of Time	26%	44%	29%	100%
Most of Time	23%	47%	31%	100%
Just about Always	26%	41%	33%	100%
DK, Depends	57%	27%	16%	100%
Total	26%	44%	30%	100%

Table 2  
Follow Government and Public Affairs by Level of Trust in Government

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		Follow Government and Public Affairs					
Trust in Government		Hardly Any	Now and Then	Some of Time	Most of Time	DK	Total
None of Time (Vol.)		25%	19%	25%	31%	1%	100%
Some of Time		13%	22%	36%	29%	0%	100%
Most of Time		11%	20%	38%	31%	0%	100%
Just about Always		16%	20%	34%	29%	0%	100%
DK, Depends		48%	16%	18%	13%	5%	100%
	Total	13%	21%	36%	29%	0%	100%

Table 3  
Voter Turnout by Level of Trust in Government

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Trust in Government	Validated Presidential Voter	Self-Reported Presidential Voter	Self-Reported Midterm Voter	Total
None of Time (Vol.)	43%	62%	47%	100%
Some of Time	60%	73%	58%	100%
Most of Time	66%	77%	62%	100%
Just about Always	58%	70%	56%	100%
DK, Depends	40%	45%	38%	100%
Total	62%	74%	59%	100%

## Appendix

### NES Battery of Trust Questions

“People have different ideas about the government in Washington. These ideas don’t refer to Democrats or Republicans in particular, but just to the government in general. we want to see how you feel about these ideas. For example:”

- (TRUST) How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?
- (INTERESTS) Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves, or that it is run for the benefit of all people?
- (WASTE) Do you think that the people in government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, wastes some of it, or don’t waste very much of it?
- (CROOKED) Do you think that quite a few of the people running the government are a little crooked, not very many are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked?
- (SMART) Do you feel that almost all of the people running the government are smart people who usually know what they are doing or do you think that quite a few of them don’t seem to know what they are doing?