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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 2-6, 2017 with a random sample of 1,017 adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2016 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2016 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

Thinking now about institutions in American society,

29. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in colleges and universities -- a great deal, quite a lot, some, or very little?

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Quite a lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Very little</u>	<u>None (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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30. *(Asked of those who have a great deal/quite a lot of confidence in colleges and universities)* What are some of the reasons why you have a lot of confidence in colleges and universities? [OPEN-ENDED]

BASED ON 459 ADULTS WHO ARE CONFIDENT IN COLLEGES; ±6 PCT PTS

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Respondent or family member college graduate, student or employee	27
Higher education essential to country/Believe in it	17
Students are well-trained/well-educated	16
U.S. colleges are advanced/best in the world	10
Need degree to get better job, better opportunities, make more money	9
Prepares students for rest of life	8
Teaches students to have open mind, appreciate different points of view, diversity	6
Good professors, instructors, administrators	5
Trains students to think for themselves	4
Available to anyone wanting to further education	2
Other	9
No reason in particular	2

31. *(Asked of those who have a great deal/quite a lot of confidence in colleges and universities)* What are some of the reasons why you do not have a lot of confidence in colleges and universities? *[OPEN-ENDED]*

BASED ON 571 ADULTS WHO ARE NOT VERY CONFIDENT IN COLLEGES; ±5 PCT PTS

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Too expensive	22
Too liberal/Too political	18
Push own agenda/Do not allow students to think for themselves	13
Students not properly educated/Teach wrong stuff/Not relevant	12
Poor leadership/Not well run/Bad policies	12
Unable to find employment after college	8
Overall quality is going down/Not developing leaders	7
Not focused enough on education/Too much focus on sports	3
Poor quality of professors/instructors/administrators	3
Too easy to get education/Students don't take seriously	3
Didn't get much out of college/Don't need degree for field	2
Don't allow free speech	2
Too socialist	1
Other	11
No reason in particular	4
No opinion	4

Percentages total more than 100% due to multiple responses