

Voters Call for Special Prosecutor to Investigate FBI

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The latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 49% of Likely U.S. Voters believe a special prosecutor should be named to investigate whether senior FBI officials handled the investigation of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in a legal and unbiased fashion. Thirty-one percent (31%) disagree, but a sizable 19% are not sure. (To see survey question wording, [click here](#).)

Sixty-two percent (62%) of Republicans are calling for an outside prosecutor to investigate the FBI, as is a plurality (49%) of voters not affiliated with either major political party. Among

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Democrats, 38% favor a special prosecutor; 40% are opposed, but 22% are undecided.

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Voters by a narrow 48% to 41% margin said in December that [senior federal law enforcement officials broke the law in an effort to prevent Trump from winning](#) the 2016 election.

Seventy percent (70%) of voters who Strongly Approve of the job President Trump is doing think a special prosecutor is needed to investigate the FBI. Among those who Strongly Disapprove of the president's job performance, only 36% agree.

Sixty-four percent (64%) of all voters think [Clinton is likely to have broken the law](#) by sending and receiving e-mails containing classified information through a private e-mail server while serving as secretary of State.

[Less than three weeks before the election](#), most voters (53%) still disagreed with the FBI's decision not to see an indictment of the Democratic presidential nominee, but only 44% felt that way [after she lost the election](#).

A sizable number of voters, including two-out-of-three Republicans, said last June that [former FBI Director James Comey should be punished for leaking to the media](#).

Congressional Democrats say the increasing focus on FBI wrongdoing is merely intended to undercut Mueller. But 50% of voters consider it [unlikely that Mueller's investigation will lead to criminal charges against Trump](#). Thirty-nine percent (39%) disagree and say it's likely.

Seventy-two percent (72%) of Democrats feel [the Mueller investigation into Russian influence in the 2016 election](#) is an honest attempt to determine criminal wrongdoing. But 54% of Republicans think it's a partisan witch hunt.

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