

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
FEBRUARY 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
FEBRUARY 18-22, 2015
N=1,504**

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	48	46	5	Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8
Jan 7-11, 2015	47	48	5	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	51	6	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

See past presidents' approval trends: [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	December, 2008	13	83	4
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	August, 2008	21	74	5
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	June, 2008	19	76	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	March, 2008	22	72	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	October, 2007	28	66	6
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	February, 2007	30	61	9
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	December, 2006	28	65	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	July, 2006	30	65	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	March, 2006	32	63	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	January, 2006	34	61	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	January, 2005	40	54	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	July, 2004	38	55	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	May, 2004	33	61	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	December, 2003	44	47	9
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	October, 2003	38	56	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	January, 2003	44	50	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	November, 2002	41	48	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	May, 2002	44	44	12
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
				February, 2001	46	43	11
				January, 2001	55	41	4
				October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
				September, 2000	51	41	8

¹ In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2000	47	45	8	October, 1995	23	73	4
April, 2000	48	43	9	June, 1995	25	73	2
August, 1999	56	39	5	April, 1995	23	74	3
January, 1999	53	41	6	July, 1994	24	73	3
November, 1998	46	44	10	March, 1994	24	71	5
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	October, 1993	22	73	5
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	September, 1993	20	75	5
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	May, 1993	22	71	7
February, 1998	59	37	4	January, 1993	39	50	11
January, 1998	46	50	4	January, 1992	28	68	4
September, 1997	45	49	6	November, 1991	34	61	5
August, 1997	49	46	5	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
January, 1997	38	58	4	August, 1990	47	48	5
July, 1996	29	67	4	May, 1990	41	54	5
March, 1996	28	70	2	January, 1989	45	50	5
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

NO QUESTIONS 3-4**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Feb 18-22, 2015	26	66	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	23	68	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Jan 5-9, 2011 ²	34	43	22
Nov 4-7, 2010	41	37	22
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11

² Question wording for Nov. 4-7, 2010, and Jan. 5-9, 2011, was: "Do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 ³	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10

³ From December, 1994 through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	58	7
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	32	60	8
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
May 1-5, 2013	32	59	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 ⁴	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 ⁵	50	21	29
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20

⁴ In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

⁵ Question wording in November, 2006 and December, 1994 was: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22
December, 1994	52	28	20

NO QUESTIONS 6-7**ASK ALL:**

Q.8 Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems — President Obama, or the Republican congressional leaders?

	President <u>Obama</u>	Rep <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither/ Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	38	17	5
Nov 6-9, 2014	40	41	16	3
November, 2010	49	30	16	5

	President <u>Bush</u>	Dem <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither/ Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2006	29	51	14	6

	President <u>Clinton</u>	Rep <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither/ Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 1998	49	26	16	9
September, 1998	47	32	12	9
February, 1997	48	29	14	9
November, 1996	45	30	19	6
March, 1996	47	36	9	8
April, 1995	48	36	12	4
March, 1995	40	40	10	10
February, 1995	40	38	16	6
December, 1994	39	43	10	8

NO QUESTIONS 9-10

ASK ALL:

Q.11 As I read you some pairs of statements please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR]** **[IF NECESSARY: “Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?”]**

a.		Government aid to the poor does more harm than good, by making people too dependent on <u>government assistance</u>	Government aid to the poor does more good than harm, because people can't get out of poverty until their basic needs are <u>met</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
	Feb 18-22, 2015	44	49	7
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	48	47	6
	Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	44	49	7
b.		The economic system in this country unfairly <u>favors powerful interests</u>	The economic system in this country is generally <u>fair to most Americans</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
	Feb 18-22, 2015	62	33	4
	Jan 29-Feb 9, 2014 ⁶	62	34	4
c.		Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism <u>around the world</u>	Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more <u>terrorism</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
	Feb 18-22, 2015	47	46	7
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	57	7
	Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	38	52	10
	December, 2004	39	51	10
d.		Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work <u>hard</u>	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success <u>for most people</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
	Feb 18-22, 2015	64	33	2
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	65	32	3
	Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	60	38	3
	Dec 7-11, 2011	58	40	3
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	64	33	3
	March, 2006	64	33	3
	December, 2005	64	33	3
	December, 2004	68	28	4
	September, 2000	73	24	3
	August, 1999	74	23	3
	July, 1994	68	30	2

NO QUESTION 12

⁶ Item was asked Jan. 29-Feb.9, 2014 (N=2,787).

ASK ALL:

Q.13 As you may know, the United States government has a policy that it NEVER pays ransom money for hostages held by terrorist groups. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this policy?

Feb 18-22

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70	Approve
25	Disapprove
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 14-15**RANDOMIZE Q.16 AND Q.17****ASK ALL:**

Now I have a few questions about the political parties...

[First,]

Q.16 The Republican Party. Do you think the Republican Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is too extreme			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	50	46	4
	Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	52	43	5
	Jul 17-21, 2013	48	46	6
	Feb 13-18, 2013	52	42	5
	TREND FOR COMPARISON			
	<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following description applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... too extreme</i>			
	<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	56	42	3
b.	Has strong principles			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	63	32	5
	Jul 17-21, 2013	60	33	7
	Feb 13-18, 2013	63	30	7
c.	Is tolerant and open to all groups of people			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	35	62	3
	Jul 17-21, 2013	33	62	6
	TREND FOR COMPARISON			
	<i>Please tell me if you think it describes or does not describe the Republican Party ... Is tolerant and open to all groups of people</i>			
	<i>NBC News/Wall Street Journal: August, 1996 (RVs)</i>	31	62	7
d.	Cares about the middle class			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	43	54	3
	Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	42	54	4
e.	Has good policy ideas			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	48	46	6

RANDOMIZE Q.16 AND Q.17**ASK ALL:**

[Now thinking about...]

Q.17 The Democratic Party. Do you think the Democratic Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is too extreme			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	36	59	4
	Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	39	56	5
	Jul 17-21, 2013	41	54	5
	Feb 13-18, 2013	39	56	6
	TREND FOR COMPARISON			
	<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... too extreme</i>			
	CNN/Gallup: February, 1999	39	57	3
b.	Has strong principles			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	57	39	4
	Jul 17-21, 2013	52	42	7
	Feb 13-18, 2013	57	37	6
c.	Is tolerant and open to all groups of people			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	59	38	3
	Jul 17-21, 2013	60	35	5
d.	Cares about the middle class			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	60	38	2
	Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	57	38	4
e.	Has good policy ideas			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	52	43	5

ASK ALL:

Q.18 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas. First, which party could do a better job of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]**

		<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Dealing with the economy					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	44	41	7	6	3
	Oct 15-20, 2014	41	39	6	8	6
	Jul 8-14, 2014	47	39	4	6	4
	Jan 15-19, 2014	42	38	10	7	3
	Oct 9-13, 2013	44	37	5	9	5
	May 1-5, 2013	42	38	6	8	6
	May 25-30, 2011	38	40	5	8	8
	Sep 16-19, 2010	38	37	8	10	8
	May 20-23, 2010	33	34	9	14	10
	Feb 3-9, 2010	38	41	7	6	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	32	42	6	12	9
	February, 2008	34	53	2	5	6
	October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14
	September, 2006	32	46	5	5	12
	February, 2006	36	46	5	5	8
	Mid-September, 2005	38	44	5	7	6
	July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12

Q.18 CONTINUED...

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>equally</u>		
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13
Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13
January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18
May, 2001 ⁷	33	44	8	5	10
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=755]:					
b.F1 Dealing with immigration					
Feb 18-22, 2015	43	45	4	4	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	41	40	5	7	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	42	40	4	7	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	38	39	8	8	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	40	39	4	8	9
May 1-5, 2013	38	38	7	8	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11
c.F1 Dealing with the terrorist threat at home					
Feb 18-22, 2015	51	31	10	5	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	46	30	9	7	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	38	26	13	9	14
May 20-23, 2010	38	27	12	10	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	29	10	5	10
Aug 27-30, 2009	38	32	10	9	12
February, 2008	45	38	6	4	7
October, 2006	39	33	7	6	15
September, 2006	41	32	7	6	14
February, 2006	46	30	8	7	9
Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6	8
July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	44	27	11	6	12
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	44	28	7	5	16
Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14
January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28
d.F1 Dealing with health care					
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	47	4	7	2
Oct 15-20, 2014	38	46	3	7	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	45	4	6	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	37	45	3	6	8

⁷ In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

Q.18 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	40	39	6	9	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	38	48	4	4	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	49	1	7	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	38	49	3	4	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	42	6	5	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	39	5	11	13
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=749]:

e.F2 Making wise decisions about foreign policy

Feb 18-22, 2015	48	35	6	6	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	40	39	6	9	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	43	39	5	7	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	38	10	4	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	39	34	8	8	11
August 27-30, 2009	31	44	7	8	9
February, 2008	40	45	4	4	7
July, 2004	38	40	4	4	14
Early September, 2002	40	30	10	6	14
May, 2001	39	34	11	3	13
June, 1999	37	36	7	6	14
March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11
Early September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13
March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10
October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11
July, 1994 ⁸	51	31	4	6	8
December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16

⁸

In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

Q.18 CONTINUED...

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
f.F2	Dealing with taxes					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	47	36	6	6	6
	Jan 15-19, 2014	41	41	4	6	7
	Jan 9-13, 2013	38	44	5	6	6
	Dec 5-9, 2012	37	45	6	4	7
	Jul 20-24, 2011	43	40	4	6	8
	Oct 13-18, 2010	36	35	7	9	12
	Sep 16-19, 2010	40	34	8	8	9
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	37	4	11	11
	February, 2008	37	49	2	5	7
	October, 2006	32	40	5	7	16
	September, 2006	30	45	4	9	12
	February, 2006	35	46	5	6	8
	May, 2001	37	40	8	6	9
	June, 1999	38	38	5	7	12
	September, 1998	41	37	7	5	10
	March, 1998	39	40	6	7	8
	October, 1994	43	34	5	9	9
g.F2	Dealing with policies on abortion and contraception					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	40	43	3	7	7
	Oct 15-20, 2014	35	45	4	5	11
	Jul 8-14, 2014	36	48	3	6	7

NO QUESTIONS 19-24**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about taxes...

Q.25 How fair do you think our present federal tax system is? Overall would you say that our tax system is **[READ IN ORDER]**?

	<u>Very fair</u>	Moderately <u>fair</u>	Not too <u>fair</u>	Not fair <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	4	46	24	24	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	3	40	31	24	3
CNN: Apr 9-11, 2011	4	45	30	20	1
NPR/Kaiser/Harvard: March 2003	4	47	32	16	1
Time/CNN: March 1997	3	42	31	23	2
Time/CNN: May 1985	2	41	31	24	2

ASK ALL:

Q.26 Considering what you get from the federal government, do you think you pay more than your fair share of taxes, less than your fair share, or about the right amount?

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

		NPR/Kaiser/Harvard				
Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u>		Dec 7-11 <u>2011</u>	Mar 11-21 <u>2010</u>	May <u>2000</u> ⁹	Feb <u>2000</u>	Oct <u>1997</u>
40	More than fair share	38	43	55	55	52
4	Less than fair share	5	3	2	1	2
53	About the right amount	52	50	42	41	45
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	3	1	3	1

⁹ May 2000 survey by National Public Radio, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. The question read, "Considering what you get from the FEDERAL government, do you think you pay more than your fair share of federal taxes, less than your fair share, or about your fair share?"

ASK ALL:

Q.27 Which of the following statements comes closest to your overall view of the federal tax system in this country? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u>		Dec 7-11 <u>2011</u>	<i>NPR/Kaiser/Harvard</i> March <u>2003</u>
	On the whole, the federal tax system works pretty well and Congress should make only minor changes to make it work better		
38		34	44
	There is so much wrong with the federal tax system that Congress should completely change it		
59		59	52
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	3

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Please tell me how much, if at all, each of the following bothers you about the federal tax system? First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all?]**

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	The amount you pay in taxes Feb 18-22, 2015	27	26	27	19	2
b.	The complexity of the tax system Feb 18-22, 2015	44	28	17	8	3
c.	The feeling that some wealthy people don't pay their fair share Feb 18-22, 2015	61	18	10	10	2
d.	The feeling that some poor people don't pay their fair share Feb 18-22, 2015	20	22	22	34	2
e.	The feeling that some corporations don't pay their fair share Feb 18-22, 2015	64	18	9	8	1

ASK ALL:

- Q.28 Please tell me how much, if at all, each of the following bothers you about the federal tax system? First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does this bother you a lot, some, not too much, or not at all?]**

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN Q.28a-e BOTHERS "A LOT" [N=1,045]:

- Q.29 And of the ones you mentioned that bother you a lot, which one bothers you most about taxes **[READ ONLY THE ITEMS MENTIONED AS BOTHERING A LOT. READ IN SAME ORDER AS IN Q.28. IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS A RESPONSE, OKAY TO ACCEPT RESPONSE]?**

BASED ON TOTAL:

Feb 18-22

2015

- 28 The feeling that some corporations don't pay their fair share
 25 The feeling that some wealthy people don't pay their fair share
 19 The complexity of the tax system
 7 The amount you pay in taxes
 4 The feeling that some poor people don't pay their fair share
 2 Other **[SPECIFY: _____]** (VOL.)
 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

14 None bother "a lot" in Q.28a-e

NO QUESTIONS 30-50**ASK ALL:**

Next,

- Q.51 Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	rate/Ref
a. Pope Francis								
Feb 18-22, 2015	70	29	40	15	5	10	5	11
Feb 14-23, 2014	66	30	36	11	4	7	7	16
Sep 4-8, 2013	58	21	37	12	4	7	10	20
Mar 28-31, 2013	57	22	35	14	6	9	6	22
Feb 14-17, 2013 (Benedict XVI)	49	14	34	27	12	16	4	20
April, 2008 (Benedict XVI)	61	22	39	17	8	9	4	18
March, 2008 (Benedict XVI)	52	18	34	18	6	12	7	23
August, 2007 (Benedict XVI)	50	14	36	18	6	12	8	24
July, 2005 (Benedict XVI)	44	10	34	11	4	7	4	41
June, 1996 (John Paul II)	76	28	48	13	4	9	1	10
May, 1990 (John Paul II)	79	31	48	11	4	7	1	9
May, 1987 (John Paul II)	76	28	48	14	4	10	1	9
b. Vladimir Putin								
Feb 18-22, 2015	12	2	10	70	41	29	10	8
c. Benjamin Netanyahu								
Feb 18-22, 2015	38	13	24	27	10	17	23	12

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.52 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	2	23	43	31	*
Jan 7-11, 2015	4	23	48	24	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	2	19	45	33	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2

Q.52 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ¹⁰	2	29	42	26	1

ASK ALL:

Q.53 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	27	20	52	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	17	51	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	27	21	50	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6

¹⁰

Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.53 CONTINUED...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 2001	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

ASK ALL:

Q.54 Overall, which of the following best describes how the recession affected your own personal financial situation? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 3; KEEP OPTION 2 SECOND]**

<u>Feb 18-22</u> <u>2015</u>		<u>Sep 4-8</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Jan 11-16</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Mar 8-14</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Feb 2-7</u> <u>2011</u>
30	It had a major effect, and your finances have not recovered	33	36	40	36
29	It had a major effect, but your finances have mostly recovered	28	28	24	25
40	It did not have a major effect on your finances	37	33	34	37
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	4	2	1

NO QUESTION 55**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 Thinking about the U.S. economic system in general, compared with before the 2008 financial crisis, do you think the U.S. economic system is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

<u>Feb 18-22</u> <u>2015</u>		<u>Sep 4-8</u> <u>2013</u>
34	More secure today than it was before the 2008 economic crisis	33
63	No more secure today than it was before the 2008 economic crisis	63
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

NO QUESTION 57

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=755]:

Q.58F1 Thinking about the recession that began in 2008 ... Please tell me whether you think each of the following has fully recovered from the recession, partially recovered, or hardly recovered at all. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Have/Has **[ITEM]** fully recovered from the recession, partially recovered, or hardly recovered at all? What about **[INSERT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Have/has **[ITEM]** fully recovered from the recession, partially recovered, or hardly recovered at all?]**

		Fully <u>recovered</u>	Partially <u>recovered</u>	Hardly recovered <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Real estate values				
	Feb 18-22, 2015	8	63	25	4
	Sep 4-8, 2013	4	59	33	4
b.F1	The stock market				
	Feb 18-22, 2015	31	47	13	9
	Sep 4-8, 2013	21	53	18	9
c.F1	The job situation				
	Feb 18-22, 2015	7	60	32	1
	Sep 4-8, 2013	2	45	52	1
d.F1	Household incomes				
	Feb 18-22, 2015	4	51	42	2
	Sep 4-8, 2013	2	42	54	2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=749]:

Q.59F2 Thinking about the federal government's economic policies following the recession that began in 2008 ... Do you think these policies have helped **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** a great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or not at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Have the federal government's policies since the recession helped **[ITEM]** a great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or not at all?]**

		A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	Not at <u>all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F2	Middle-class people					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	5	21	41	31	2
	Sep 4-8, 2013	6	21	38	33	2
	Jul 15-18, 2010	2	25	43	25	4
b.F2	Poor people					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	10	22	34	32	3
	Sep 4-8, 2013	8	18	35	37	3
	Jul 15-18, 2010	7	24	37	27	5
c.F2	Wealthy people					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	36	30	20	9	5
	Sep 4-8, 2013	38	21	20	13	8
	Jul 15-18, 2010	31	26	18	12	12
d.F2	Large banks and financial institutions					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	45	26	16	8	5
	Sep 4-8, 2013	40	28	17	7	7
	Jul 15-18, 2010	53	21	12	6	8
e.F2	Small businesses					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	7	21	39	29	4
	Sep 4-8, 2013	6	23	35	32	4
	Jul 15-18, 2010	2	21	39	29	8

Q.59F2 CONTINUED...

		A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	Not at <u>all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
f.F2	Large corporations					
	Feb 18-22, 2015	38	29	18	10	4
	Sep 4-8, 2013	41	26	19	8	7
	Jul 15-18, 2010	44	26	12	8	10

NO QUESTIONS 60-61**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.62 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Feb 18-22, 2015	45	53	3
Nov 6-9, 2014	45	51	4
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	5
Sep 2-9, 2014	44	52	4
Apr 23-27, 2014	41	55	4
Apr 3-6, 2014 (U)	37	50	12
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	41	53	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	41	54	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	52	7
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ¹¹	47	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	48	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	49	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	41	48	11
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	47	10
Sep 9-12, 2010	38	45	17
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	46	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	35	47	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	44	16

ASK ALL:

Q.63 Regardless of your opinion of the health care law, do you think the major provisions of the law are probably here to stay, or do you think they will probably be eliminated? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: If necessary, probe to clarify that this is what respondent *thinks* will happen, not what they *want* to see happen]**

	(U)
Feb 18-22	Apr 23-27
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
50	49
45	43
6	8
Probably here to stay	
Will probably be eliminated	
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	

NO QUESTIONS 64-65

¹¹ Prior to September 2013, the question asked about "the health care legislation." In addition, the reference to when the law was passed has changed over time: January 2011 referenced the legislation passed "last year," November 2010 used "earlier this year," September through July, 2010 used "in March," and April 2010 used "last month."

ASK ALL:

On a different subject ...

Q.66 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u>		Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u>	Sep 11-14 <u>2014</u> ¹²	Aug 14-17 <u>2014</u> ¹³
63	Approve	57	53	54
30	Disapprove	33	29	31
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	19	15

ASK ALL:Q.67 How well is the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u>		Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u>
7	Very well	5
30	Fairly well	29
38	Not too well	38
20	Not at all well	21
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

ASK ALL:Q.68 What concerns you more about the U.S. military action in Iraq and Syria? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

	That the US will go too far in getting involved in the situation	That the US will not go far enough in stopping the Islamic militants	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	46	49	1	1	4
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	43	1	2	7
Sep 11-14, 2014	41	41	3	6	9
TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>What concerns you more about the U.S. military action in Iraq?</i>					
Aug 14-17, 2014	51	32	2	5	9

NO QUESTION 69**ASK ALL:**

Q.70 Would you favor or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u>		Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u>
47	Favor	39
49	Oppose	55
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6

¹² In the September 11-14, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "As you may know, Barack Obama has announced a plan for a military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria, involving U.S. airstrikes and U.S. military training for opposition groups. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this plan?"

¹³ In the August 14-17, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. airstrikes against militants in Iraq in response to violence against civilians?"

ASK ALL:

Q.71 Overall, do you think the United States and its allies will **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]** in their military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

Feb 18-22

2015

15	Definitely succeed
45	Probably succeed
28	Probably fail
5	Definitely fail
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 72-73**ASK ALL:**

Q.74 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about tensions between Russia and Ukraine over territory in eastern Ukraine? Have you heard ... **[READ IN ORDER]**

Feb 18-22

2015

39	A lot
41	A little
19	Nothing at all
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

(U)

Apr 23-27

2014

46
34
20
*

ASK ALL:

Q.75 In response to the situation involving Russia and Ukraine, would you favor or oppose the United States **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Would you favor or oppose the United States **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Increasing economic and diplomatic sanctions on Russia			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	60	34	6
	Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	53	36	11
b.	Sending arms and military supplies to the Ukrainian government			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	41	53	6
	Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	30	62	8
c.	Training Ukrainian military troops			
	Feb 18-22, 2015	49	46	5

ASK ALL:

Q.76 How important to the interests of the United States is what happens between Russia and Ukraine **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Feb 18-22

2015

30	Very important
46	Somewhat important
13	Not too important
7	Not at all important
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Jul 24-27

2014

48
35
8
5
4

(U)
Apr 23-27

2014

31
36
16
13
4

NO QUESTION 77

ASK ALL:

Q.78 Thinking about the relationship between the United States and Israel ... Is the U.S. **[RANDOMIZE: too supportive of Israel, not supportive enough of Israel]**, or is U.S. support of Israel about right?

Feb 18-22 2015		Oct 4-7 2012	Mar 7-11 2012
18	Too supportive of Israel	22	22
29	Not supportive enough	25	20
48	About right	41	46
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11	12

NO QUESTION 79**ASK ALL:**

Q.80 If you were asked to use one of these commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in? The upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, lower-middle class, or lower class?

	<u>Upper class</u>	<u>Upper-middle class</u>	<u>Middle class</u>	<u>Lower-middle class</u>	<u>Lower class</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Feb 18-22, 2015	1	11	47	29	10	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	13	44	28	12	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	2	15	49	25	7	2
Apr 4-15, 2012	1	11	47	27	11	2
Dec 7-11, 2011	1	15	46	25	11	2
Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT)	2	17	52	20	7	2
May 11-31, 2010 (SDT)	2	18	50	21	8	1
February, 2008 (SDT)	2	19	53	19	6	1

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	24	31	38	4	1	1	18	17
Jan 7-11, 2015	21	30	44	3	1	1	19	18
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	31	39	3	1	2	17	17
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
Jul 8-14, 2014	25	34	37	2	1	1	16	15
Apr 23-27, 2014	24	30	41	2	1	2	18	17
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	22	31	41	3	1	2	17	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Yearly Totals								
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=679]:

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	9	54	*	*	--
Jan 7-11, 2015	34	9	54	1	2	--
Dec 3-7, 2014	34	9	55	2	1	--
Nov 6-9, 2014	31	10	57	1	1	--
Oct 15-20, 2014	32	8	56	2	2	--
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	12	50	2	1	--
Apr 23-27, 2014	33	11	54	1	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	11	50	1	1	--
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ¹⁴	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls
(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social and Demographic Trends

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In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."