

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**September 4-8, 2013**  
**N=1,506**

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

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

**NO QUESTION 2****ASK ALL:**

Now, thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues...

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**. How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. The economy			
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	43	52	5
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	50	5
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	40	56	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	43	53	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
May 2, 2011	40	55	4

**Q.3 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20
<b>b. Health care policy</b>			
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	41	53	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	45	47	8
Jun 16-20, 2010	42	50	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	40	51	9
Mar 10-14, 2010	39	52	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	38	52	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	47	10
Jul 22-26, 2009	42	43	14
Apr 14-21, 2009	51	26	23
<b>c. Energy policy</b>			
Sep 4-8, 2013	44	38	18
Mar 7-11, 2012	42	45	13
Jan 11-16, 2012	36	46	18
Nov 9-14, 2011	44	38	18
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	44	16
Jan 6-9, 2011	46	37	18
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	43	34	23
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	35	20
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	50	34	16
Jul 22-26, 2009	46	31	22

**NO ITEMS d-e.****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=744]:**

f.F1	The nation's foreign policy			
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	33	57	11
	Jan 11-16, 2012	46	45	10
	Nov 9-14, 2011	46	40	13
	Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
	Mar 10-14, 2010	42	40	18
	Jan 6-10, 2010	44	40	16
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	38	18
	Jul 22-26, 2009	47	32	21
	Jun 10-14, 2009	57	31	12
	Apr 14-21, 2009	61	22	17
	Feb 4-8, 2009	52	17	31

**NO ITEMS g-h.****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=762]:**

i.F2	The situation in Syria			
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	29	56	15

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.4 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>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
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 <sup>1</sup>	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
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

<sup>1</sup> 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.4 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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 <sup>2</sup>	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
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			
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

<sup>2</sup> 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.4 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 <sup>3</sup>	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 <sup>4</sup>	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
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

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about Syria ...

Q.5 Would you favor or oppose the U.S. conducting military airstrikes against Syria in response to reports that the Syrian government used chemical weapons?

**ASK IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE (Q.5=1,2) [N=1,374]:**

Q.5a Do you [favor/oppose] very strongly, or not so strongly?

<u>(U)</u>		
<u>Sep 4-8</u>		<u>Aug 29-Sep 1</u>
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>
28	Favor	29
16	Very strongly	--
12	Not so strongly	--
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	--
63	Oppose	48
45	Very strongly	--
18	Not so strongly	--
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	--
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	23

<sup>3</sup> In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

<sup>4</sup> 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?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 Do you think Barack Obama has explained clearly why the U.S. should launch military airstrikes against Syrian military targets or has he not explained the reasons clearly enough?

	Explained <u>clearly</u>	Not clearly <u>enough</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	35	54	12
Aug 29-Sept 1, 2013	32	48	20
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
March, 2003: <i>Do you think George W. Bush has explained clearly what's at stake as to why the U.S. might use military force to end the rule of Saddam Hussein, or do you think he has not explained the reasons clearly enough?</i>	49	47	4
February, 2003	53	40	7
January, 2003	42	53	5
December, 2002	48	45	7
Late October, 2002	48	45	7
Mid-September, 2002	52	37	11
Late August, 2002	37	52	11
New York Times August, 1990: <i>Do you think George Bush has explained clearly what's at stake and why the U.S. is sending troops to Saudi Arabia, or do you think he has not explained the reasons clearly enough?</i>	50	41	9

**ASK ALL:**

Q.7 In your view, who should have the final authority for deciding whether the United States should conduct military airstrikes against Syria **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

(U)	
Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>	
61	Congress
30	President Obama
2	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*Invade Iraq with ground troops...*

Gallup/CNN/USA Today:

October	
<u>2002</u>	
54	Congress
40	President Bush
2	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

*Send ground troops to serve in a combat situation in Yugoslavia...*

Gallup/CNN/USA Today:

April	
<u>1999</u>	
64	Congress
31	President Clinton
1	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.8 As I read some statements about the situation in Syria, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each. First, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**: do you agree or disagree? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you agree or disagree?]**

**BASED ON INTERVIEWS SEPTEMBER. 5-8 ONLY [N=1,242]:**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The U.S. has a moral obligation to stop the violence against civilians Sep 5-8, 2013 (U) Jun 12-16, 2013 <sup>5</sup>	54 49	43 46	4 4
b. The U.S. must act to show that the use of chemical weapons is unacceptable Sep 5-8, 2013 (U)	60	36	4
c. The U.S. will lose credibility around the world if it does not act Sep 5-8, 2013 (U)	39	56	5
d. The situation in Syria is a threat to the security of the U.S. Sep 5-8, 2013 (U)	45	50	6
e. U.S. airstrikes in Syria are likely to make things in the Middle East worse Sep 5-8, 2013 (U)	75	19	6
f. There are no good options for the U.S. in how it deals with Syria Sep 5-8, 2013 (U)	61	34	4

**NO QUESTION 9****ASK ALL:**

- Q.10 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	<u>Smaller government, fewer services</u>	<u>Bigger government, more services</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Depends</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 4-8, 2013	51	40	2	7
Sep 12-16, 2012	51	40	4	6
Jan 4-8, 2012	52	39	2	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	41	2	8
Mar 8-14, 2011	50	42	3	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
<i>LA Times/Bloomberg</i> : January 2006	49	38	--	13
<i>LA Times</i> : January 2005	52	36	--	12
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : June 2004	50	46	--	4
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 2003	45	42	4	9
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : July 2003	48	40	5	7

<sup>5</sup> In June 2013, the question was worded "The U.S. has a moral obligation to do what it can to stop the violence in Syria."

**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Depends</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>ABC: November 2002 (Likely voters)</i>	60	35	--	5
<i>Wash Post: September 2002</i>	54	39	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 2002</i>	53	42	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: January 2002</i>	54	41	--	5
<i>CBS/NYT: January 2002</i>	46	40	3	11
<i>LA Times: November 2001</i>	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT: October 2001</i>	48	39	3	11
<i>LA Times: March 2001</i>	59	29	--	12
<i>CBS: January 2001</i>	51	36	5	8
<i>CBS: November 2000</i>	54	31	5	10
<i>CBS: October 2000</i>	57	32	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: October 2000 (RV)</i>	58	32	--	10
<i>ABC/Wash Post: Early October 2000 (RV)</i>	58	33	--	9
<i>LA Times: September 2000 (RV)</i>	59	26	--	15
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 2000</i>	59	34	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post: April 2000</i>	56	38	--	7
<i>CBS: September 1999</i>	46	43	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: August 1998</i>	59	35	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: August 1996</i>	63	32	--	5
<i>LA Times: April 1996</i>	62	28	--	10
<i>CBS/NYT: February 1996</i>	61	30	4	5
<i>LA Times: October 1995</i>	68	23	--	9
<i>LA Times: September 1995</i>	62	27	--	11
<i>LA Times: January 1995</i>	63	27	--	10
<i>LA Times: June 1993</i>	60	29	--	11
<i>ABC/Wash Post: February 1993</i>	67	30	--	2
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 1992</i>	55	38	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT: October 1991</i>	42	43	7	8
<i>CBS/NYT: January 1989<sup>6</sup></i>	41	48	4	7
<i>CBS/NYT: October 1988 (Likely voters)</i>	47	37	7	9
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 1988</i>	49	45	--	6
<i>CBS/NYT: May 1988</i>	43	44	5	8
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 1984</i>	49	43	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT: March 1980</i>	54	32	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT: June 1978</i>	53	36	--	11
<i>Wash Post: January 1978</i>	40	39	--	21
<i>CBS/NYT: November 1976</i>	42	45	--	13
<i>CBS/NYT: October 1976 (RV)</i>	49	37	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT: September 1976 (RV)</i>	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT: June 1976</i>	42	43	--	15
<i>CBS/NYT: May 1976</i>	41	43	--	16
<i>CBS/NYT: April 1976</i>	40	44	--	16

**NO QUESTIONS 11-14**

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In 1989 and earlier, CBS/NYT question read, "In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services or a bigger government providing more services?"



**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

		(U)			
		Feb 13-18	Oct 24-28	Mar 7-11	Feb 22-Mar 1
		<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Sep 4-8	Developing alternative sources,				
<u>2013</u>	such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology				
58	Expanding exploration and production of oil,	54	47	52	63
34	coal and natural gas	34	39	39	29
6	Both should be given equal priority <b>(VOL.)</b>	7	9	5	6
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	5	4	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 From what you've read and heard, has the amount of energy produced in the United States been increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same in recent years?

**ASK IF 'INCREASING' (Q.16=1) [N=736]:**

Q.16a And has this increased energy production come mostly from sources such as wind and solar, or mostly from sources such as oil, coal and natural gas?

Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>	
48	Increasing
9	Increases mostly from sources such as wind and solar
34	Increases mostly from sources such as oil, coal and natural gas
2	Increases from both equally <b>(VOL.)</b>
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
12	Decreasing
31	Staying about the same
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.17 Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** 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
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
a.	Pope Francis								
	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 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	49	14	34	27	12	16	4	20
	April, 2008 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	61	22	39	17	8	9	4	18
	March, 2008 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	52	18	34	18	6	12	7	23
	August, 2007 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	50	14	36	18	6	12	8	24
	July, 2005 <b>(Benedict XVI)</b>	44	10	34	11	4	7	4	41
	June, 1996 <b>(John Paul II)</b>	76	28	48	13	4	9	1	10
	May, 1990 <b>(John Paul II)</b>	79	31	48	11	4	7	1	9
	May, 1987 <b>(John Paul II)</b>	76	28	48	14	4	10	1	9
b.	Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve								
	Sep 4-8, 2013	38	6	31	31	10	20	17	14
	March, 2008	24	4	20	20	7	13	31	25

**Q.17 CONTINUED...**

-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't	
<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>	
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=744]:</b>								
cF1. John Kerry								
Sep 4-8, 2013	45	13	32	36	15	21	5	14
Feb 14-17, 2013	45	13	32	33	14	19	10	12
Jan 9-13, 2013	39	11	27	36	15	21	12	13
April, 2006	45	10	35	44	20	24	2	9
Late October, 2005	46	12	34	43	20	23	2	9
Late March, 2005	49	13	36	41	17	24	2	8
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	21	35	40	16	24	0	3
Early October, 2004 (RVs)	53	16	37	41	16	25	*	6
Early September, 2004	49	17	32	43	19	24	*	8
August, 2004	56	23	33	36	14	22	1	7
June, 2004	50	11	39	41	16	25	0	9
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	28	8	20	1	13
January, 2003	30	6	24	16	4	12	36	18

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=762]:**

d.F2 John McCain								
Sep 4-8, 2013	44	7	37	42	16	26	3	10
Mid-October, 2008	51	17	34	44	17	27	*	5
Late September, 2008	55	19	36	38	14	24	*	7
Mid-September, 2008	58	20	38	38	16	22	*	4
Late May, 2008	46	12	34	44	20	24	1	9
April, 2008	48	11	37	40	17	23	2	10
March, 2008	45	8	37	41	16	25	2	12
Late February, 2008	48	12	36	38	14	24	1	13
Early February, 2008	53	12	41	31	10	21	3	13
January, 2008	55	14	41	31	9	22	3	11
Late December, 2007	46	8	38	34	10	24	7	13
August, 2007	47	8	39	29	8	21	12	12
December, 2006	51	13	38	26	6	20	10	13
April, 2006	54	14	40	26	7	19	8	12
Late October, 2005	56	15	41	19	5	14	10	15
Late March, 2005	59	15	44	17	4	13	8	16
July, 2001	51	14	37	22	5	17	13	14
January, 2001	59	18	41	15	3	12	9	17
May, 2000	54	14	40	20	5	15	11	15

**NO QUESTIONS 18-28****ASK ALL:**

Q.29 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do the better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do the better job of ITEM?]**

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>equally</u>		
a.	Dealing with the federal budget deficit					
	Sep 4-8, 2013	43	35	7	9	5
	Jan 9-13, 2013	40	39	7	8	6
	Dec 5-9, 2012	43	38	4	7	9
	Mar 7-11, 2012	42	41	2	7	7
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	37	4	6	7
	Jul 22-24, 2011	43	37	5	6	8

## Q.29 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 25-30, 2011 <sup>7</sup>	41	38	4	9	8
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	46	34	8	6	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	7	16	14
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	36	5	9	7
May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
Early October, 2005	29	47	6	10	8
June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15
b. Dealing with health care					
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	40	39	6	9	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	38	48	4	4	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
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<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, 2002	20	45	--	6	29
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
c. Dealing with the nation's energy situation					
Sep 4-8, 2013	36	40	7	8	8

<sup>7</sup> From February 2006 to May 2011 item read "Reducing the federal budget deficit;" an experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a standalone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

**Q.29 CONTINUED...**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012 <sup>8</sup>	35	47	4	4	11
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	46	2	6	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	37	42	7	5	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	28	38	8	11	15
May 20-23, 2010	28	35	10	12	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	32	40	8	9	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	44	8	6	10
Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	7	9	12
February, 2008	23	57	5	5	10
September, 2006	27	47	4	7	15
February, 2006	32	45	6	7	10
Mid-September, 2005	31	44	6	8	11
May, 2001	36	34	10	7	13
October, 2006	28	44	5	6	17
d. Dealing with banks and financial institutions					
Sep 4-8, 2013	41	35	6	10	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	36	7	11	11

**NO QUESTIONS 30-34****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.35 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

<sup>8</sup> Question wording from October 2006 to December 2012 was "Dealing with the nation's energy problems."

**Q.35 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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 <sup>9</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

<sup>9</sup> Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**Q.36 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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.37 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>The job situation</u>	<u>Rising prices</u>	<u>The federal budget deficit</u>	<u>The condition of the financial and housing markets</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Other</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>None/not worried about any</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 4-8, 2013	40	22	24	10	2	1	1
Mar 13-17, 2013 <sup>10</sup>	32	29	27	9	2	*	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	22	25	10	2	*	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	19	27	10	2	1	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	22	24	11	2	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	13	22	12	2	1	2
Sep 1-4, 2011	43	17	22	11	4	2	2
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	15	29	11	3	1	2

<sup>10</sup> From March 2010 to March 2013, the financial and housing markets answer choice was worded "Problems in the financial and housing markets."

**Q.37 CONTINUED...**

	The job situation	Rising prices	The federal budget deficit	The condition of the financial and housing markets	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) None/not worried about any	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May 25-30, 2011	38	20	28	10	2	*	2
Mar 8-14, 2011	34	28	24	10	3	*	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	44	23	19	10	1	1	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	47	15	19	14	1	1	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	15	19	12	2	1	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	41	16	23	13	3	1	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	45	17	22	11	2	*	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.38 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]**

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

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=762]:**

Q.39F2 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]**?

Sep 4-8 2013	
33	More secure today than it was before the 2008 economic crisis
63	No more secure today than it was before the 2008 economic crisis
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTION 40****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=744]:**

Q.41F1 Thinking about financial regulation, which comes closer to your view **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**:

Sep 4-8 2013	
43	The government has gone too far regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow
49	The government has not gone far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**Q.41F1 TREND FOR COMPARISON...**

*In 2010, the President and Congress passed a law that more strictly regulates financial institutions and markets. What worries you more on this issue?*

Feb 8-12 2012		May 13-16 2010 <sup>11</sup>
42	These regulations go too far, making it harder for the economy to grow	46
42	These regulations do not go far enough, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis	44
16	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11

**NO QUESTIONS 42-43****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=744]:**

Q.44F1 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 recovered	Partially recovered	Hardly recovered at all	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
a.F1	Real estate values Sep 4-8, 2013	4	59	33	4
b.F1	The stock market Sep 4-8, 2013	21	53	18	9
c.F1	The job situation Sep 4-8, 2013	2	45	52	1
d.F1	Household incomes Sep 4-8, 2013	2	42	54	2

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=762]:**

Q.45F2 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?**<sup>12</sup>

		A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
a.F2	Middle-class people Sep 4-8, 2013	6	21	38	33	2
	Jul 15-18, 2010	2	25	43	25	4
b.F2	Poor people Sep 4-8, 2013	8	18	35	37	3
	Jul 15-18, 2010	7	24	37	27	5
c.F2	Wealthy people Sep 4-8, 2013	38	21	20	13	8
	Jul 15-18, 2010	31	26	18	12	12

<sup>11</sup> For May 13-16, 2010 the question read: "Thinking about financial regulation, what worries you more...". The response options read "That the government will go too far in regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow," or "That the government will not go far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis."

<sup>12</sup> In July 2010, the question was worded "Thinking about the federal government's economic policies since the recession began in 2008. Do you think they have helped ... "



**Q.45F2 CONTINUED...**

		<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
d.F2	Large banks and financial institutions					
	Sep 4-8, 2013	40	28	17	7	7
	Jul 15-18, 2010	53	21	12	6	8
e.F2	Small businesses					
	Sep 4-8, 2013	6	23	35	32	4
	Jul 15-18, 2010	2	21	39	29	8
f.F2	Large corporations					
	Sep 4-8, 2013	41	26	19	8	7
	Jul 15-18, 2010	44	26	12	8	10

**NO QUESTIONS 46-54****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.55 As I read some possible government policies to address America's energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? Would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	58	40	2
	Mar 7-11, 2012	65	31	4
	Nov 3-6, 2011	58	35	7
	Mar 17-20, 2011	57	37	6
	Oct 13-18, 2010	51	41	7
	Jun 16-20, 2010	44	52	4
	May 6-9, 2010	54	38	8
	Feb 3-9, 2010	63	31	6
	Apr 14-21, 2009	68	27	5
	September, 2008	67	28	5
b.	Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	73	25	2
	Mar 7-11, 2012	69	26	5
	Nov 3-6, 2011	68	26	6
	Mar 17-20, 2011	74	21	5
	Oct 13-18, 2010	74	21	6
	Jun 16-20, 2010	75	21	3
	May 6-9, 2010	73	22	5
	Feb 3-9, 2010	78	17	5
	Apr 14-21, 2009	82	15	3
	September, 2008	82	14	4
	Late February, 2008	81	14	5
	February, 2006	82	14	4
c.	Promoting the increased use of nuclear power			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	38	58	4
	Mar 7-11, 2012	44	49	7
	Nov 3-6, 2011	39	53	8
	Mar 17-20, 2011	39	52	8
	Oct 13-18, 2010	45	44	11
	Jun 16-20, 2010	47	47	6
	May 6-9, 2010	45	44	11
	Feb 3-9, 2010	52	41	7

**Q.55 CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 14-21, 2009	45	48	7
September, 2008	50	43	7
Late February, 2008	44	48	8
February, 2006	44	49	7
Mid-September, 2005	39	53	8

**NO ITEM d.****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=744]:**

e.F1	Requiring better fuel efficiency for cars, trucks and SUVs			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	73	25	3
	Mar 7-11, 2012	78	19	3
	Oct 13-18, 2010	79	17	4
	September, 2008	88	10	2
	February, 2008	90	8	2
	February, 2006	86	12	2
	Mid-September, 2005	86	12	2

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=762]:**

f.F2	Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	67	29	4
	Mar 7-11, 2012	65	31	4
	Mar 17-20, 2011	61	34	6
	Oct 13-18, 2010	63	29	8
	Jun 16-20, 2010	64	31	5
	May 6-9, 2010	65	28	7
	Feb 3-9, 2010	70	25	4
	Apr 14-21, 2009	70	25	5
	Late-February, 2008	72	23	5
	February, 2006	68	26	6
	Mid-September, 2005	68	27	5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 Do you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b FIRST WITH ITEM c ALWAYS LAST]**?

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Increased use of fracking, a drilling method that uses high-pressure water and chemicals to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	44	49	7
	Mar 13-17, 2013	48	38	14
b.	Building the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport oil from Canada's oil sands region through the Midwest to refineries in Texas			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	65	30	5
	Mar 13-17, 2013	66	23	11
c.	Setting stricter emission limits on power plants in order to address climate change			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	65	30	5
	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	62	28	10

**NO QUESTIONS 57-59**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.60 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

**ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.60=1,2) [N=1,436]:**

Q.60a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

	Very Approve	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Dis- approve	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	42	26	16	1	53	41	12	*	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 <sup>13</sup>	47	31	15	1	43	33	10	*	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	26	17	1	48	35	13	*	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

**Q.60/60a TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?

IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Do you (favor/oppose) these health care bills very strongly, or not so strongly? <sup>14</sup>

	Generally favor	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Generally- oppose	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 11-21, 2010	40	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	13
Mar 10-14, 2010	38	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	23	14	2	48	36	11	1	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	35	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	--	--	--	39	--	--	--	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	20	13	1	47	35	11	1	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	29	11	2	44	34	10	*	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	25	13	1	46	34	12	1	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	--	--	--	44	--	--	--	18

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking first about you and your immediate family, that is any family you share a household with...

Q.61 How well do you feel you understand how the health care law might affect you and your family [READ]?

(U) Sep 4-8 2013		Mar 26-29 2010 <sup>15</sup>
25	Very well	18
39	Somewhat well	37
21	Not too well	21
13	Not at all well	23
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

**NO QUESTION 62**

<sup>13</sup> 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."

<sup>14</sup> From December 9-13, 2009 and earlier, questions asked about "health care proposals" rather than "health care bills."

<sup>15</sup> In March 2010, the question asked about "the new health care reform law" and it did not include the introduction about immediate family.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.63 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on you and your family?

(U)  
 Sep 4-8  
2013  
 17 Mostly positive  
 20 Mostly negative  
 63 Not much of an effect  
 1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on you and your family over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect you much either way?

**ASK IF LAW WILL HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON YOU/FAMILY (Q.64=2) [N=639]:**

Q.65 What's your bigger concern about how the health care law will affect you and your family **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**?

(U)  
 Sep 4-8  
2013  
 25 Mostly positive  
 41 Mostly negative  
 15 That it will cost you more money  
 11 That it will reduce the quality of your health care  
 15 Both **(VOL.)**  
 \* Other reason **(VOL.)**  
 \* Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**  
 31 Not much of an effect  
 4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the effect of the 2010 health care law on the country as a whole...

Q.66 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on the country as a whole?

(U)  
 Sep 4-8  
2013  
 24 Mostly positive  
 38 Mostly negative  
 31 Not much of an effect  
 7 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.67 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on the country as a whole over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect the country much either way?

(U)  
 Sep 4-8  
2013  
 35 Mostly positive  
 47 Mostly negative  
 14 Not much of an effect  
 4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 68**

**ASK IF 'DISAPPROVE' (Q.60=2):**

Q.69 What do you think elected officials who oppose the health care law should do now that the law has started to take effect? Should they **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** or should they **[ITEM]**?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

(U)  
 Sep 4-8  
2013  
 53 *NET Disapprove of health care law (Q.60)*  
 27 Do what they can to make the law work as well as possible  
 23 Do what they can to make the law fail  
 4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**  
 47 *Approve of health care law/ Don't know (Q.60)*

**NO QUESTIONS 70-77****ASK ALL:**

Q.78 As you may know, health insurance exchanges are being set up around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard will one of these health insurance exchanges be available to people in your state, or not?

(U)  
 Sep 4-8  
2013  
 51 Yes, there will be an exchange  
 16 No, there won't be an exchange  
 34 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.79 And as far as you know, this fall, will lower-income residents in your state be eligible for federal subsidies to purchase health insurance, or not?

(U)  
 Sep 4-8  
2013  
 49 Yes, residents eligible for federal subsidies  
 18 No, residents not eligible for federal subsidies  
 33 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.80 And do you happen to know whether the health care law will require uninsured people to get health insurance, or doesn't the law require this?

(U)  
 Sep 4-8  
2013  
 69 Law requires people to get health insurance  
 12 Law does not require this  
 19 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.81 Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or are you not covered at this time? **[READ IF NECESSARY:** A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid]

	Covered by health insurance	Not covered by health insurance	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	81	19	*
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	17	*
Dec 9-13, 2009	83	16	*
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	80	20	*
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	80	20	*
Jul 22-26, 2009	81	19	*
Jun 10-14, 2009	81	18	*

**ASK IF UNINSURED (Q.81=2):**

- Q.82 In the next six months, do you plan to get health insurance for yourself, or not?

**BASED ON UNINSURED [N=201]:**

(U)	
Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>	
63	Yes, plan to get health insurance
32	No, do not
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK IF UNINSURED AND DON'T PLAN TO GET INSURANCE (Q.82=2):**

- Q.83 And what's the main reason that you don't plan to get health insurance? **[OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES.] [IF NECESSARY:** "Just the main reason you don't plan to get health insurance?"

Q.83 RESULTS NOT SHOWN; USED FOR QUALITATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

**ASK IF UNINSURED AND PLAN TO GET INSURANCE (Q.82=1):**

- Q.84 And do you plan to get health insurance in the next six months because of the new health care law, or is this something you were planning to get anyway? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

**BASED ON UNINSURED WHO PLAN TO GET INSURANCE [N=127]:**

(U)	
Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>	
41	Planning to get health insurance because of law
53	Was planning to get health insurance anyway
5	Other (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**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?

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party			
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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
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 ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) [N=1,201]:

Q.85 And how often would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections – that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections [READ IN ORDER]?

Sep 4-8 2013		July 17-21 2013
50	Always	46
24	Nearly always	23
13	Part of the time	13
11	Seldom	14
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

**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=657]:**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
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	--
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	--
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 <sup>16</sup>	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

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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."



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**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls

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