

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
MAY 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
MAY 12-18, 2015  
N=2,002**

**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]**

	Approve	Dis- approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Approve	Dis- approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May 12-18, 2015	46	48	6	Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7
Mar 25-29, 2015	46	47	7	Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8
Feb 18-22, 2015	48	46	5	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Jan 7-11, 2015	47	48	5	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	51	6	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	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- <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>
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	December, 2008	13	83	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	August, 2008	21	74	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	July, 2008	19	74	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	June, 2008	19	76	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	March, 2008	22	72	6
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	October, 2007	28	66	6
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	February, 2007	30	61	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	December, 2006	28	65	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	July, 2006	30	65	5
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	March, 2006	32	63	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	January, 2006	34	61	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	January, 2005	40	54	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	July, 2004	38	55	7
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	May, 2004	33	61	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	December, 2003	44	47	9
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	October, 2003	38	56	6
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	January, 2003	44	50	6
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	September, 2002	41	55	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	May, 2002	44	44	12
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	March, 2002	50	40	10

<sup>1</sup> 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>
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	August, 1997	49	46	5
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	January, 1997	38	58	4
June, 2001	43	52	5	July, 1996	29	67	4
March, 2001	47	45	8	March, 1996	28	70	2
February, 2001	46	43	11	October, 1995	23	73	4
January, 2001	55	41	4	June, 1995	25	73	2
October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7	April, 1995	23	74	3
September, 2000	51	41	8	July, 1994	24	73	3
June, 2000	47	45	8	March, 1994	24	71	5
April, 2000	48	43	9	October, 1993	22	73	5
August, 1999	56	39	5	September, 1993	20	75	5
January, 1999	53	41	6	May, 1993	22	71	7
November, 1998	46	44	10	January, 1993	39	50	11
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	January, 1992	28	68	4
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	November, 1991	34	61	5
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
February, 1998	59	37	4	August, 1990	47	48	5
January, 1998	46	50	4	May, 1990	41	54	5
September, 1997	45	49	6	January, 1989	45	50	5
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 Right now, which is more important for President Obama to focus on -- domestic policy or foreign policy?

	Domestic <u>policy</u>	Foreign <u>policy</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>					
May 12-18, 2015	66	19	1	10	4
Jan 7-11, 2015	67	20	2	8	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 <sup>2</sup> (U)	72	13	1	9	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	78	9	1	8	4
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	82	8	1	6	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	83	6	1	7	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	81	9	1	5	4
May 25-30, 2011	77	9	1	9	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	78	11	1	7	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	73	12	1	10	3
January 7-11, 2009 <sup>3</sup>	71	11	*	14	4
<b>Next President</b>					
September, 2008 <sup>4</sup>	60	21	*	15	4
May, 2008	61	22	*	15	4
<b>G.W. Bush</b>					
January, 2008	56	31	1	8	4
January, 2007	39	40	1	15	5
August, 2006	50	32	1	12	5
January, 2006	57	25	1	13	4
October, 2005	64	20	1	12	3
Early January, 2005	53	27	1	16	3
January, 2002	52	34	*	11	3
<b>Clinton</b>					
Early September, 1998	56	30	0	11	3
January, 1997	86	7	*	5	2
December, 1994	85	7	2	4	2
October, 1993	76	13	*	7	4

<sup>2</sup> The April 23-27, 2014 survey randomized response options by form.

<sup>3</sup> January 7-11, 2009 survey asked about "president-elect Obama."

<sup>4</sup> September and May 2008 surveys asked about priorities for the "next president."

**NO QUESTIONS 4-9****ASK ALL:**

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

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Race relations			
May 12-18, 2015	48	44	8
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	40	50	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	42	10
b. The economy			
May 12-18, 2015	43	52	4
Dec 3-7, 2014	45	51	4
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	39	55	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	56	4
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	31	65	3
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
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
c. The nation's immigration policy			
May 12-18, 2015	37	56	7
Dec 3-7, 2014	38	56	6
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	31	61	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	32	60	7
Jun 12-16, 2013	43	47	11
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	44	43	13
Nov 9-14, 2011	32	49	20
Jan 6-9, 2011	35	50	16
Jun 16-20, 2010	33	54	12
May 6-9, 2010	25	54	21
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	47	24
Jan 6-10, 2010	30	50	21
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	48	21

**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=992]:</b>				
d.F1	The nation's foreign policy			
	May 12-18, 2015	37	53	10
	Dec 3-7, 2014	37	54	9
	Jul 8-14, 2014	36	55	9
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	34	56	10
	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
	July 22-26, 2009	47	32	21
	June 10-14, 2009	57	31	12
	April 14-21, 2009	61	22	17
	Feb 4-8, 2009	52	17	31
e.F1	International trade issues			
	<b>Obama</b>			
	May 12-18, 2015	39	44	17
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	36	47	17
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	35	28
	<b>G.W. Bush</b>			
	July, 2004	33	45	22
	Early September, 2001	38	34	28
	<b>Clinton</b>			
	September, 1997	44	38	18
	September, 1993	38	39	23
	August, 1993	49	25	26
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,010]:</b>				
f.F2	Dealing with Iran			
	May 12-18, 2015	36	50	15
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	39	44	17
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	37	53	10
	Jun 12-16, 2013	45	41	13
	Mar 7-11, 2012	47	40	14
	Jan 11-16, 2012	48	41	11
	Jan 6-9, 2011	42	39	19
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	43	19
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	40	17
g.F2	The threat of terrorism			
	<b>Obama</b>			
	May 12-18, 2015	47	46	6
	Dec 3-7, 2014	45	49	6
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	51	44	5
	Jun 12-16, 2013	56	35	9
	Jan 11-16, 2012	65	28	7
	Aug 17-21, 2011	56	33	12
	May 2, 2011	69	21	10
	Jan 6-9, 2011	55	33	12
	May 6-9, 2010 <sup>5</sup>	49	37	13

<sup>5</sup> In May 6-9, 2010, Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009, April, 2007 and earlier, the item was worded "terrorist threats."

**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 6-10, 2010	51	39	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	52	34	14
April 14-21, 2009	57	26	17
February 4-8, 2009	50	21	29
<b>G.W. Bush</b>			
April, 2007	46	43	11
December, 2006	48	44	8
August, 2006	50	39	11
June, 2006	47	41	12
March, 2006	42	49	9
February, 2006	53	40	7
December, 2005	49	44	7
Late October, 2005	52	40	8
Early September, 2005	49	41	10
July, 2005	49	40	11
Mid-May, 2005	57	35	8
February, 2005	59	34	7
January, 2005	62	33	5
Mid-October, 2004	49	40	11
Early September, 2004	62	32	6
August, 2004	58	37	5
July, 2004	54	40	6
June, 2004	56	35	9
Late April, 2004	55	36	9
Early April, 2004	53	38	9
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 2003	65	33	2
September, 2003	64	28	8
February, 2003	67	25	8
January, 2003	69	23	8
Early October, 2002	71	22	7
June, 2002	74	18	8
Mid-September, 2001 <sup>6</sup>	85	6	9
<b>Clinton</b>			
Early September, 1998	72	20	8

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.11 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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
May 12-18, 2015	22	72	6
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

<sup>6</sup> In Mid-September, 2001 the question was worded: "...dealing with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington." In Early September 1998 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?"

**Q.11 CONTINUED...**

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

**Q.11 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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>7</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			
May 12-18, 2015	33	60	6
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

<sup>7</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.11 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 <sup>8</sup>	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
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

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=992]:**

Q.12F1 In dealing with Congress, do you think President Obama...**[RANDOMIZE: Should go along with the Republicans more often [OR] Should challenge the Republicans more often]** or is he handling this about right?

		<u>Aug 17-21</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Mar 30-Apr 3</u> <u>2011</u>	<i><b>Bush and</b></i> <i><b>Democrats</b></i>	<i><b>Clinton and</b></i> <i><b>Republicans</b></i>		
				<u>Mar</u> <u>2007<sup>9</sup></u>	<u>Mar</u> <u>1996</u>	<u>Aug</u> <u>1995</u>	<u>Apr</u> <u>1995</u>
May 12-18 <u>2015</u>	Should go along with the						
30	Republicans more often	25	29	43	30	26	25
	Should challenge the						
34	Republicans more often	37	27	18	23	27	27
25	He is handling this about right	26	34	27	41	38	41
4	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	1	3	2	2	2
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	9	9	9	4	7	5

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,010]:**

Q.13F2 In dealing with President Obama, do you think Republicans in Congress...**[RANDOMIZE: Should go along with President Obama more often [OR] Should challenge President Obama more often]** or are they handling this about right?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>	
39	Should go along with President Obama more often [OR]
40	Should challenge President Obama more often [OR]
14	They are handling this about right
3	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

<sup>8</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>9</sup> In March 2007 and before, answer choices were not randomized, and the third answer choice read "...or is handling the situation about right?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 From what you have seen or heard about events in the new Congress, in general, do you think the Republicans in Congress are keeping the promises they made during the campaign, or not?

		<b>Democrats</b>		<b>--- Republicans ---</b>	
May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u> <sup>10</sup>	Mar <u>2007</u>	Apr <u>1995</u>	<i>Newsweek</i> <u>Jan 1995</u>
23	Yes, keeping promises	33	40	59	41
65	No, not keeping promises	52	38	30	30
12	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	14	22	11	29

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 On balance, do you think the new Congress has accomplished more than you expected in its first 100 days, less than you expected, or about what you expected?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		Mar <u>2007</u>	Apr <u>1995</u>
4	More than expected	5	18
37	Less than expected	19	12
53	About what was expected	64	65
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?  
**[READ]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	25	33	21	20	1
Mar 25-29, 2015	22	28	26	23	1
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<b>2012 Presidential Election</b>					
Feb 8-12, 2012 <sup>11</sup>	44	25	16	13	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	27	19	16	1
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	30	18	19	1
Nov 9-14, 2011	36	26	21	15	1
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	29	29	22	19	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	27	30	23	18	1
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	29	27	23	1
May 25-30, 2011	23	30	27	19	1
<b>2008 Presidential Election</b>					
February, 2008	48	29	10	11	2
January, 2008	44	32	11	11	2
December, 2007	35	33	13	18	1
November, 2007	34	35	16	14	1
October, 2007	30	37	17	14	2
September, 2007	27	33	21	17	2
July, 2007	30	38	16	15	1
June, 2007	29	34	20	16	1
April, 2007	26	34	21	17	2
March, 2007	24	36	20	18	2
February, 2007	24	34	22	18	2
December, 2006	23	36	20	20	1

<sup>10</sup> In April 2011, the question was worded to specifically mention the Republicans in the House of Representatives in the aftermath of the November 2010 election: "From what you have seen or heard about events in the new Congress, in general, do you think the Republicans in the House are keeping the promises they made during the campaign, or not?"

<sup>11</sup> In 2011 and 2012, question read: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2012?" In 2006, 2007 and 2008, question read "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2008?"

**RANDOMIZE Q.17 AND Q.18****ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Overall, what's your impression of the possible candidates running for the REPUBLICAN presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,497]:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
<b>2016 Election</b>					
May 12-18, 2015	5	26	36	27	5
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Mar 7-11, 2012	4	25	34	34	3
Jan 26-29, 2012	4	21	37	34	5
Jan 4-8, 2012	3	27	35	27	7
Nov 9-14, 2011	5	23	36	28	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	4	22	38	26	9
May 25-30, 2011	3	22	36	23	15

**Q.17 FULL TREND:**

*Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the REPUBLICAN presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?*

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=671]:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	11	46	32	8	3
Mar 7-11, 2012	6	43	39	9	2
Jan 26-29, 2012	8	38	40	12	2
Jan 4-8, 2012	5	46	34	10	6
Nov 9-14, 2011	10	38	39	7	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	9	40	38	6	7
May 25-30, 2011	5	39	36	7	13
February, 2008	10	50	31	7	2
January, 2008	11	57	28	3	1
November, 2007	9	47	34	7	3
October, 2007 <sup>12</sup>	5	46	36	7	6
September, 2007	8	41	36	8	6
October, 1995	5	46	40	6	3
January, 1988 (GP)	6	50	35	4	5

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Before October 2007, answer choice read "Fair" not "Only fair." In October 2007 the question was asked both ways and no difference was found. As a result, October 2007 numbers combine both versions of the question. In 1988, 1991 and 1993 question asked about "men running for the [party] presidential nomination."

**RANDOMIZE Q.17 AND Q.18****ASK ALL:**

- Q.18 Overall, what's your impression of the possible candidates running for the DEMOCRATIC presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,497]:**

May 12-18

2015

7	Excellent
27	Good
30	Only fair
30	Poor
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**Q.18 FULL TREND:**

*Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the DEMOCRATIC presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?*

**BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=720]:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	12	42	33	8	5
February, 2008	30	50	16	2	2
January, 2008	28	50	18	2	2
November, 2007	16	51	28	2	3
October, 2007 <sup>13</sup>	16	48	26	5	5
September, 2007	15	49	29	2	5
January, 2004	8	39	41	6	8
December, 2003	5	40	39	7	9
September, 2003	4	40	39	5	12
February, 1992	6	39	47	4	5
October, 1991	3	24	38	11	23
January, 1988 (GP)	4	33	45	11	7

**NO QUESTIONS 19-23****ASK ALL:**

- Q.24 Here are 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 PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**

a.	Homosexuality should be <u>accepted by society</u>	Homosexuality should be <u>discouraged by society</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	63	30	6
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	62	31	7
Mar 13-17, 2013	57	36	7
Jan 4-8, 2012	56	32	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	58	33	8
October, 2006 <sup>14</sup>	51	38	11
December, 2004	49	44	7

<sup>13</sup> Before October 2007, answer choice read "Fair" not "Only fair." In October 2007 the question was asked both ways and no difference was found. As a result, October 2007 numbers combine both versions of the question. In 1988, 1991 and 1993 question asked about "men running for the [party] presidential nomination."

<sup>14</sup> In October, 2006 and earlier, both answer choices began: "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be..."

**Q.24 CONTINUED...**

	Homosexuality should be <u>accepted by society</u>	Homosexuality should be <u>discouraged by society</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2003	47	45	8
September, 2000	50	41	9
August, 1999	49	44	7
October, 1997	46	48	6
June, 1997	45	50	5
October, 1996	44	49	7
April, 1996	44	49	7
October, 1995	45	50	5
April, 1995	47	48	5
October, 1994	46	48	6
July, 1994	46	49	5
	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work <u>and talents</u>	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health <u>care</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
b. May 12-18, 2015	51	41	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	57	35	8
Dec 3-8, 2013	53	35	11
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	49	40	11
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	41	10
Jan 4-8, 2012	48	37	15
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	45	44	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	44	42	14
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	42	45	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	39	50	11
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	46	40	14
October, 2006	41	41	18
March, 2006	41	52	7
December, 2005	45	44	11
December, 2004	45	44	11
June, 2003	46	44	10
September, 2000	50	38	12
August, 1999	46	44	10
October, 1997	41	48	11
June, 1997	41	48	11
April, 1997	38	52	10
June, 1996	37	54	9
July, 1994	31	63	6

**NO QUESTIONS 25-27**

**RANDOMIZE Q.28/Q.29 BLOCK WITH Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.28 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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	3	24	43	30	*
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

**Q.28 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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>15</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.28/Q.29 BLOCK WITH Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

- Q.29 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>	(VOL.) <u>Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	25	20	53	2
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

<sup>15</sup>

Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**Q.29 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
Newsweek: 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
Newsweek: January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

**RANDOMIZE Q.28/Q.29 BLOCK WITH Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.30 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	8	35	37	19	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	7	35	37	21	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1



**Q.30 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.28/Q.29 BLOCK WITH Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Q.31 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May 12-18, 2015	11	52	13	7	16	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	11	56	14	5	12	2
Aug 20-24, 2014	10	56	15	5	11	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	8	51	19	8	12	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	10	50	17	6	14	2
Jun 12-16, 2013	12	51	18	7	11	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	52	19	9	10	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
U.S. News: October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
U.S. News: August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
U.S. News: May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
U.S. News: January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

**RANDOMIZE Q.32F1 AND Q.33F1****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=992]:**

Q.32F1 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

May 12-18 2015		Jan 7-11 2015	Oct 15-20 2014	Aug 20-24 2014	Apr 23-27 2014
11	The economy is recovering strongly	16	10	8	6
68	The economy is recovering, but not so strongly	66	66	67	66
19	The economy isn't recovering at all	17	22	24	26
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2	1	2

**RANDOMIZE Q.32F1 AND Q.33F1****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=992]:**

Q.33F1 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	Plenty of jobs available	Jobs are difficult to find	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, few of others	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May 12-18, 2015	40	53	4	3
Jan 7-11, 2015	36	57	3	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	58	4	5
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	62	4	5
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	27	65	4	4
Jun 12-16, 2013	29	64	3	4
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
U.S. News: August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News: May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News: January, 1992	12	79	6	3

**ASK ALL:**

On a few issues in the news...

Q.34 Do you approve or disapprove of the United States conducting missile strikes from pilotless aircraft called drones to target extremists in countries such as Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia?

May 12-18 2015		Feb 7-10 2013	Jun 28-Jul 9 2012	Apr 2012 <sup>16</sup>
58	Approve	56	55	62
35	Disapprove	26	34	28
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	18	11	10

**ASK ALL:**

Q.35 How concerned are you, if at all, about whether U.S. drone strikes **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned? How about whether U.S. drone strikes **[ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?]**

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a. Are being conducted legally					
May 12-18, 2015	29	35	16	17	3
February 7-10, 2013	31	35	13	15	7
b. Endanger the lives of innocent civilians					
May 12-18, 2015	48	32	11	8	1
February 7-10, 2013	53	28	8	7	4
c. Could lead to retaliation from extremist groups					
May 12-18, 2015	31	37	17	13	2
February 7-10, 2013	32	33	17	14	4
d. Could damage America's reputation around the world					
May 12-18, 2015	24	33	21	21	2
February 7-10, 2013	26	31	18	20	5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [They should not be allowed to stay in this country legally] [OR] [There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met]

**ASK IF ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY (Q.36=2) [N=1,467]:**

Q.37 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship] [OR] [Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship]

	<u>Allowed to stay legally</u>	<u>Apply for citizenship</u>	<u>Permanent residency, not citizenship</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>	<u>Not allowed to stay legally</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
May 12-18, 2015	72	42	26	4	27	2
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	70	43	24	3	27	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	71	42	25	4	25	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	68	40	24	3	30	3
Feb 14-23, 2014	73	46	24	3	24	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	71	--	--	--	25	2
May 1-5, 2013	73	44	25	4	25	3
Mar 13-17, 2013 <sup>17</sup>	71	43	24	4	27	2

<sup>16</sup>

Trend from the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project.

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about LEGAL immigration,

Q.38a Should LEGAL immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>	Mar <u>2006</u>
39	Kept at present level	31	37
24	Increased	25	17
31	Decreased	36	40
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	8	6

**CBS/NEW YORK TIMES TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	Kept at <u>present level</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
April 24-28, 2013	35	25	31	8
Sept 10-15, 2011	36	19	38	7
April 28-May 2, 2010	44	17	31	8
April 5-12, 2010	35	16	41	8
July 7-14, 2008	38	23	32	7
May 18-23, 2007	39	20	35	6
March 7-11, 2007	30	18	48	4
May 4-8, 2006	39	22	34	5
April 6-9, 2006	33	16	45	6
October 3-5, 2005	30	11	51	8
July 29-August 2, 2005	32	13	51	4
January 12-15, 2004	34	16	45	5
July 13-27, 2003	37	9	48	6
December 7-10, 2001	29	9	59	3
September 20-23, 2001	29	11	57	3
September 13-14, 2001	29	10	53	8
October 23-27, 1996	35	8	50	7

**ASK ALL:**

Q.38b When it comes to reducing illegal immigration at U.S. borders, do you think there is a lot more the government can do, somewhat more, not much more, or nothing more that can be done?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>
51	A lot	53
29	Somewhat	30
12	Not much	8
4	Nothing	5
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.38c In your own view, do you feel that giving people who came to the U.S. illegally a way to gain legal status is like rewarding them for doing something wrong, or don't you think of it this way?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>
36	Like rewarding them for doing something wrong	37
58	Don't think of it this way	56
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7

**ASK ALL:**

Q.39 Now I'd like your views on some people. Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITH c.F1 AND h.F2 ALWAYS LAST; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** 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 heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a. Hillary Clinton							
May 12-18, 2015	49	21	29	47	29	18	1 3
Jul 7-Aug 4, 2014 (ATP)	58	22	36	41	19	22	-- 1
Oct 9-13, 2013	56	23	32	39	19	20	0 5
Dec 5-9, 2012	65	30	35	29	15	15	1 5
Jun 7-17, 2012	63	24	39	28	11	17	1 8
Jan 11-16, 2012	62	26	36	31	16	15	1 6
Dec 2-5, 2010	59	24	35	34	15	20	2 4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	66	26	40	28	11	17	1 6
Late May, 2008	48	17	31	44	22	22	* 8
April, 2008	49	16	33	47	23	24	0 4
March, 2008	50	16	34	44	23	21	* 6
Late February, 2008	51	19	32	44	23	21	0 5
Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	24	18	* 6
January, 2008	52	20	32	44	25	19	* 4
Late December, 2007	50	21	29	44	26	18	* 6
August, 2007	55	21	34	39	21	18	2 4
December, 2006	56	22	34	39	21	18	* 5
April, 2006	54	20	34	42	21	21	1 3
Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1 5
Late March, 2005	57	22	35	36	17	19	* 7
December, 2002	47	15	32	44	23	21	1 8
July, 2001	53	20	33	42	23	19	1 4
January, 2001	60	25	35	35	16	19	* 5
May, 2000	49	15	34	42	22	20	1 8
Early December, 1998	66	32	34	31	15	16	* 3
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	58	24	34	36	18	18	* 6
Early September, 1998	64	24	40	31	13	18	0 5
Late August, 1998	63	25	38	34	13	21	* 3
March, 1998	65	26	39	31	14	17	* 4
January, 1997	57	17	40	40	17	23	* 3
June, 1996	53	13	40	43	17	26	* 4
April, 1996	49	12	37	46	19	27	0 5
February, 1996	42	14	28	54	27	27	0 4
January, 1996	42	10	32	54	26	28	0 4
October, 1995	58	14	44	38	14	24	-- 4
August, 1995	49	16	33	47	22	25	* 4
December, 1994	50	17	33	45	20	25	1 4
July, 1994	57	19	38	40	18	22	1 2
May, 1993	60	19	41	29	11	18	1 10
b. Jeb Bush							
May 12-18, 2015	34	7	27	51	24	27	8 7

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=992]:**

c.F1 Bill Clinton							
May 12-18, 2015	58	25	32	38	20	17	3 2
Sep 12-16, 2012	68	34	34	26	11	15	* 5
Mar 8-14, 2011	67	27	40	29	10	18	1 3
Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	22	20	* 6

## Q.39 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
Late December, 2007	54	22	32	40	20	20	0	6
December, 2006	63	29	34	33	16	17	1	3
April, 2006	61	27	34	36	18	18	0	3
Late October, 2005	62	26	36	34	18	16	*	4
Late March, 2005	64	24	40	32	13	19	0	4
December, 2002	46	17	29	49	27	22	*	5
July, 2001	50	20	30	46	27	19	0	4
January, 2001	64	23	41	34	17	17	0	2
May, 2000	48	17	31	47	28	19	*	5
March, 1999	55	21	34	42	23	19	*	3
December, 1998	55	23	32	43	24	19	0	2
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	15	37	44	24	20	0	4
Early September, 1998	57	18	39	41	23	18	0	2
Late August, 1998	54	18	36	44	24	20	0	2
March, 1998	62	22	40	35	16	19	*	3
November, 1997	63	19	44	35	14	21	0	2
October, 1997	62	15	47	36	16	20	*	2
September, 1997	62	18	44	35	14	21	0	3
August, 1997	61	16	45	38	17	21	0	1
April, 1997	61	17	44	37	16	21	*	2
January, 1997	66	17	49	32	14	18	*	2
October, 1996 (RVs)	57	12	45	41	19	22	0	2
June, 1996	61	16	45	37	14	23	*	2
April, 1996	57	16	41	40	16	24	0	3
February, 1996	55	20	35	43	21	22	0	2
January, 1996	56	13	43	42	15	27	0	2
August, 1995	49	13	36	49	20	29	0	2
February, 1995	55	14	41	42	17	25	0	3
December, 1994	51	17	34	46	22	24	0	3
July, 1994	58	15	43	41	16	25	*	1
May, 1993	60	18	42	35	12	23	0	5
July, 1992	59	17	42	34	9	25	0	7
June, 1992	46	10	36	47	14	33	1	6
May, 1992	53	11	42	42	10	32	*	5
March, 1992	53	10	43	40	11	29	1	6
February, 1992	59	15	44	31	7	24	2	8
January, 1992	37	9	28	15	4	11	27	21
November, 1991	30	5	25	10	2	8	39	21
d.F1 Ted Cruz								
May 12-18, 2015	28	6	21	41	23	18	21	10
Oct 9-13, 2013	26	8	19	33	18	16	25	16
Rep/Lean only: Jul 17-21, 2013	33	9	24	14	2	11	34	19
e.F1 Mike Huckabee								
May 12-18, 2015	33	9	23	39	17	22	16	12
Early February, 2008	33	8	25	37	14	23	9	21
January, 2008	34	8	26	37	13	24	10	19
Late December, 2007	27	7	20	32	11	21	19	22
f.F1 Rand Paul								
May 12-18, 2015	32	8	24	42	16	26	16	10
Rep/Lean only: Jul 17-21, 2013	52	17	35	19	4	15	14	14

## Q.39 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,010]:</b>								
g.F2 Joe Biden								
May 12-18, 2015	39	8	31	48	23	24	6	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	46	9	37	41	17	23	3	10
Jan 9-13, 2013	42	14	28	42	20	21	8	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	44	17	27	42	26	16	5	10
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	13	24	46	26	21	5	11
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	15	26	43	22	21	4	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	40	10	30	37	18	19	6	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	10	28	41	18	22	9	12
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	50	13	36	29	13	16	8	13
Mid-Apr 2009	51	14	37	28	10	18	8	13
Jan 2009	63	22	41	20	7	13	6	11
Mid-October, 2008	55	20	34	35	10	19	6	10
Early Oct, 2008 (callback)	61	20	41	30	10	20	1	8
Late September, 2008	49	15	34	30	10	20	8	13
Mid-September, 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14
April, 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14
Late October, 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16
September, 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38
h.F2 George W. Bush								
May 12-18, 2015	44	17	27	52	29	23	1	3
Jul 7-Aug 4, 2014 (ATP)	51	13	39	47	21	26	-	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	14	27	53	29	24	*	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	42	12	31	54	27	27	*	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	37	10	27	57	34	24	*	6
Mid-April, 2009	35	9	26	60	33	27	*	5
January, 2009	37	9	28	60	35	25	0	3
April, 2008	31	9	22	65	42	23	*	4
March, 2008	34	8	26	61	37	24	0	5
Late February, 2008	35	10	25	60	39	21	0	5
Early February, 2008	34	9	25	61	39	22	*	5
January, 2008	36	11	25	60	37	23	0	4
Late December, 2007	33	10	23	63	41	22	0	4
August, 2007	40	12	28	57	34	23	*	3
December, 2006	39	12	27	57	34	23	*	4
April, 2006	40	15	25	57	35	22	*	3
Late October, 2005	46	17	29	51	29	22	*	3
July, 2005	51	22	29	46	25	21	0	3
Late March, 2005	53	23	30	45	27	18	0	2
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	26	30	42	23	19	*	2
Early October, 2004 (RVs)	57	27	30	40	20	20	0	3
September, 2004	52	25	27	43	24	19	*	5
August, 2004	58	27	31	39	22	17	0	3
June, 2004	52	19	33	45	22	23	*	3
Early February, 2004	53	21	32	44	25	19	0	3
Gallup: Jan 29-Feb 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jan 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*
Gallup: Oct 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jun 9-10, 2003	66	--	--	33	--	--	--	1
April, 2003	72	37	35	25	11	14	0	3
January, 2003	70	28	42	28	10	18	0	2
December, 2002	68	35	33	27	11	16	0	5
July, 2001	61	22	39	35	14	21	*	4
January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7
May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10



**Q.39 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
March, 1999 <sup>18</sup>	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14
November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19
i.F2 Marco Rubio								
May 12-18, 2015	31	9	22	35	15	20	21	14
Feb 14-17, 2013	26	10	16	29	15	14	31	15
Rep/Lean only: Jul 17-21, 2013	48	14	34	21	3	17	19	12
j.F2 Scott Walker								
May 12-18, 2015	26	9	16	29	13	15	35	11

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject,

Q.40 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.)
	<i>Strongly</i>			<i>Strongly</i>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	57	28	28	39	21	18	5
Sep 2-9, 2014	49	24	25	41	20	22	10
Feb 12-26, 2014	54	24	30	39	19	20	7
May 1-5, 2013 <sup>19</sup>	51	21	30	42	19	22	8
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	22	27	44	22	21	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	49	22	27	40	19	21	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	48	23	25	44	24	20	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	48	23	25	44	23	21	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	47	22	25	43	22	21	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	--	--	44	--	--	9
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	20	25	46	25	21	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	16	27	47	26	22	10
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	41	17	24	48	24	24	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	39	14	25	53	31	22	8
Mid-April, 2009	35	14	21	54	31	23	11
August, 2008	39	13	26	52	30	22	9
June, 2008	40	15	25	52	31	21	8
Late May, 2008	38	15	23	49	29	20	13
November, 2007	36	12	24	54	29	25	10
August, 2007	36	13	23	55	31	24	9
Early January, 2007	37	13	24	55	33	22	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	10	20	57	31	26	13
July, 2006	35	12	23	56	31	25	9
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12
Mid-March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9

<sup>18</sup> In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."<sup>19</sup> In May 1-5, 2013, Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012, Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, July 21-Aug 5, 2010, Aug 11-17, 2009, August 2008, August 2007, Early January 2007, Early November 2006, March 2006, July 2005, December 2004, Early February 2004, November 2003, Mid-July 2003, March 2001 and June 1996 the question was asked as part of a list of items. In Jun 7-17, 2012, Apr 4-15, 2012, August 2009, April 2009, May 2008 and June 2008, the question read "allowing gay and lesbian couples;" all other instances read "allowing gays and lesbians."

**Q.40 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			
	<i>Strongly</i>			<i>Strongly</i>			<b>(VOL.)</b>
	<u>Total</u>	<u><i>favor</i></u>	<u><i>Favor</i></u>	<u>Total</u>	<u><i>oppose</i></u>	<u><i>Oppose</i></u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8
October, 2003	30	9	21	58	33	25	12
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8

**ASK ALL:**

Q.41 How important is the issue of same-sex marriage to you **[READ]**?

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30	Very important
24	Somewhat important
20	Not too important
25	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=992]:**

Q.42F1 Regardless of your opinion about same-sex marriage, do you think legal recognition of it is inevitable, or not?

May 12-18		<i>LA Times</i>	
		May 1-5	March
<u>2015</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2004</u>
72	Inevitable	72	59
24	Not inevitable	21	31
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7	10

**NO QUESTION 43****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about free trade agreements...

Q.44 In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

May 12-18		Feb 27-Mar 16	Feb 22-Mar 1	Mar 31-Apr 21
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2009</u>
58	Good thing	59	48	52
33	Bad thing	30	41	34
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	10	12	14

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*In general, do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA and the policies of the World Trade Organization have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?*

	<b>(VOL.)</b>	
	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>
	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
Nov 4-7, 2010	35	44
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	32
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	44	35
April, 2008	35	48
November, 2007	40	40

**Q.44 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
December, 2006 <sup>20</sup>	44	35	21
Late October, 2005	44	34	22
December, 2004	47	34	19
July, 2004	47	34	19
March, 2004	44	37	19
December, 2003	34	33	33
Early September, 2001	49	29	22
November, 1997	45	34	21
September, 1997	47	30	23

**ASK ALL:**

Q.45 Thinking about the financial situation of you and your family... Do you think free trade agreements have definitely helped, probably helped, probably hurt, or definitely hurt the financial situation of you and your family?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Oct 28-Nov 8 <u>2009</u>	April <u>2008</u>	Dec <u>2006</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Dec <u>2003</u>
4	Definitely helped	3	4	3	3	3	2
38	Probably helped	23	29	24	32	31	25
24	Probably hurt	27	26	32	24	25	24
12	Definitely hurt	19	14	16	12	16	14
11	Neither/Doesn't affect me <b>(VOL.)</b>	16	11	13	11	12	15
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	17	12	18	13	20

**ASK ALL:**

Q.46 As I read some statements about free trade agreements, tell me what your impression is. First **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]?**

- a. Do free trade agreements make the price of products sold in the U.S. higher, lower or not make a difference?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Oct 28-Nov 8 <u>2009</u>	April <u>2008</u>	Dec <u>2006</u>
30	Higher	31	33	39	30
36	Lower	31	32	29	32
24	Not make a difference	25	20	18	23
1	Mixed/Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1	1	1
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	14	13	14

- b. Do free trade agreements make the wages of American workers higher, lower, or not make a difference?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Oct 28-Nov 8 <u>2009</u>	April <u>2008</u>	Dec <u>2006</u>
11	Higher	8	11	8	11
46	Lower	45	49	56	44
33	Not make a difference	34	24	22	30
1	Mixed/Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	2	2	1
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	15	12	14

<sup>20</sup>

In December 2006, December 2004, July 2004 and March 2004, the question wording asked about: "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the World Trade Organization," and did not mention "policies of" the World Trade Organization. In October 2005 the question asked: "So far, do you think that NAFTA has been a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?" In December 2003 the question wording asked about "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the WTO;" full names of the organizations were read out only if the respondent was uncertain. In Early September 2001 and earlier the question asked about: "...NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement..."

- c. Do free trade agreements create jobs in the U.S., lead to job losses, or not make a difference?

May 12-18 2015		Nov 4-7 2010	Oct 28-Nov 8 2009	April 2008	Dec 2006
17	Create jobs	8	13	9	12
46	Lead to job losses	55	53	61	48
28	Not make a difference	24	19	18	25
2	Mixed/Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1	2	2
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	14	10	13

- d. Do free trade agreements make the American economy grow, slow the economy down, or not make a difference?

May 12-18 2015		Nov 4-7 2010	Oct 28-Nov 8 2009	April 2008	Dec 2006
31	Make the economy grow	19	25	19	28
34	Slow the economy down	43	42	50	34
25	Not make a difference	24	18	17	21
1	Mixed/Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1	2	2
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	13	14	12	15

- e. Are free trade agreements good for the people of developing countries, bad for the people of developing countries, or don't they make a difference?

May 12-18 2015		Nov 4-7 2010	Oct 28-Nov 8 2009	April 2008	Dec 2006
57	Good	54	54	58	57
9	Bad	9	8	12	9
23	Don't make a difference	23	20	19	19
2	Mixed/Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	2	0	1
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11	15	11	14

#### ASK ALL:

- Q.47 Now thinking about people who are gay or lesbian, which comes closer to your view? **[READ IN ORDER; IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE]**

May 12-18 2015		May 1-5 2013
47	People are born gay or lesbian	41
7	Being gay or lesbian is a result of a person's upbringing [OR]	8
40	Being gay or lesbian is just the way that some people choose to live	42
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	9

#### TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*In your opinion, do you think that homosexuality is [READ IN ORDER]*

	Jul 2012	Jul 2006	Oct 2003	L.A. Times Sep 1983 <sup>21</sup>
Something that people are born with	41	36	30	16
Something that develops because of the way people are brought up	13	13	14	25
Or is it just the way that some people prefer to live?	35	38	42	37
Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11	13	14	22

<sup>21</sup> In Sep 1983 the *Los Angeles Times* question was worded: "In your opinion, what causes homosexuality? Is it ... "

**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 Do you think a gay or lesbian person's sexual orientation can be changed or cannot be changed?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>	July <u>2006</u>	Oct <u>2003</u>
33	Can be changed	36	39	42
60	Cannot be changed	51	49	42
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	13	12	16

**ASK ALL:**

Q.49 And thinking about your own religious beliefs, do you personally feel that there is a conflict between your religious beliefs and homosexuality, or not? **[IF CONFLICT: How much conflict do you think there is, a lot or a little?]**

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>
33	Yes, a lot of conflict	35
10	Yes, a little conflict	12
54	No, no conflict	48
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.50 Do you personally know anyone who is gay or lesbian, or not?

**ASK IF KNOW ANYONE (Q50=1) [N=1,779]:**

Q.51 And about how many people who are gay or lesbian would you say you personally know **[READ OPTIONS IN ORDER; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE]**?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> <u>June 1993</u>
88	Yes	87	61
28	A lot	23	--
43	Some <b>[OR]</b>	44	--
17	Only one or two	19	--
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	--
12	No/None in Q.50	12	37
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.50 Do you personally know anyone who is gay or lesbian, or not?

**IF KNOW SOMEONE (Q.50=1) [N=1,779]:**

Q.52 And thinking about your CLOSE family members and closest friends, are any of them gay or lesbian, or not?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>
88	Yes	87
52	Yes, close family members or closest friends	49
34	No, no close family members or closest friends	37
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2
12	No/None in Q.50	12
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.53 If you had a child who told you he or she was gay or lesbian, what do you think your reaction would be? Would you be upset or not? **[IF UPSET: would you be very upset or somewhat upset?]**

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>	<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>Mar 2004</u>	<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>June 2000</u> <sup>22</sup>	<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>Dec 1985</u>
17	Very upset	19	33	36	64
22	Somewhat upset	21	27	37	25
57	Not upset	55	36	23	9
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	4	4	3

**NO QUESTIONS 54-60****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,010]:**

Next,

Q.61F2 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the current situation and events in Afghanistan? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>	
26	A lot
56	A little
17	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*How much, if anything, have you read or heard about Barack Obama's decision to send an additional 30,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan?*

Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	
53	A lot
36	A little
9	Nothing at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,010]:**

Q.62F2 As you may know, earlier this year President Obama announced that he would delay the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan and keep about 10,000 troops there through the end of the year. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>	
58	Approve
39	Disapprove
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,010]:**

Q.63F2 Overall, do you think the United States has mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

May 12-18 <u>2015</u>		(U) Jan 15-19 <u>2014</u>
36	Mostly succeeded	38
56	Mostly failed	52
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

<sup>22</sup>

In June 2000 and Dec 1985, the *Los Angeles Times* question was worded: "If you had a child who told you he or she was gay or a lesbian, what do you think your reaction would be? Would you be very upset, somewhat upset, not very upset or not upset at all?" "Not very upset" and "Not upset at all" are merged into "Not upset."

**Q.63F2 TREND FOR COMPARISON...**

*Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Afghanistan, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?*<sup>23</sup>

	Definitely/ Probably succeed	Definitely/ Probably fail	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jun 15-19, 2011	58	34	8
May 5-8, 2011	62	24	13
May 2, 2011	63	26	10
Dec 1-5, 2010	49	39	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	59	33	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	58	29	12
Dec 9-13, 2009	59	32	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	29	9

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,010]:**

Q.64F2 All things considered, how likely is it that Afghanistan will be able to maintain a stable government after U.S. forces leave the country? **[READ]**

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

		<i>Iraq</i>
May 12-18 2015	Jun 15-19 2011	Oct 28-Nov 8 2009
5 Very likely	5	8
24 Somewhat likely	33	44
33 Somewhat unlikely	31	22
35 Very unlikely	25	20
3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	7

**NO QUESTIONS 65-69****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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
May 12-18, 2015	24	32	38	3	1	2	15	18
Mar 25-29, 2015	25	30	39	4	*	2	15	17
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
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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

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Trend for comparison shows the net of answers "Definitely succeed" and "Probably succeed" and the net of answers "Definitely fail" and "Probably fail." See June 2011 topline for full trend.

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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 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=835]:**

			No opinion	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Not
	Agree	Disagree	either way	Haven't heard of	Refused	heard of/ DK
May 12-18, 2015	34	13	51	1	*	--
Mar 25-29, 2015	35	11	52	1	1	--
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	--



## TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
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>24</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."

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

Q.70 Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM]**? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]**

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=835]:**

		<u>Good job</u>	<u>Not doing a good job</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Government spending			
	May 12-18, 2015	35	59	6
	Sep 2-9, 2014	35	60	6
b.	Same-sex marriage			
	May 12-18, 2015	29	57	13
	Sep 2-9, 2014	34	53	13
c.	Illegal immigration			
	May 12-18, 2015	34	59	7
	Sep 2-9, 2014	37	56	7

**NO QUESTION 71****ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):**

Q.72 Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM]**? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]**

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=975]:**

		<u>Good job</u>	<u>Not doing a good job</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Government spending			
	May 12-18, 2015	47	47	5
	Sep 2-9, 2014	49	45	6
b.	Same-sex marriage			
	May 12-18, 2015	62	30	8
	Sep 2-9, 2014	62	28	10
c.	Illegal immigration			
	May 12-18, 2015	51	43	7
	Sep 2-9, 2014	47	44	9

**NO QUESTION 73****Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls
(ATP)	Pew Research Center American Trends Panel, phone survey