

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
DECEMBER 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
DECEMBER 8-13, 2015
N=1,500**

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 |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 46 | 49 | 4 | Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 46 | 48 | 5 | Aug 17-21, 2011 | 43 | 49 | 7 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 48 | 45 | 7 | Jul 20-24, 2011 | 44 | 48 | 8 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 46 | 48 | 6 | Jun 15-19, 2011 | 46 | 45 | 8 |
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 46 | 47 | 7 | May 25-30, 2011 | 52 | 39 | 10 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 48 | 46 | 5 | May 5-8, 2011 | 50 | 39 | 11 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 47 | 48 | 5 | May 2, 2011 (WP) | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| Dec 3-7, 2014 (U) | 42 | 51 | 6 | Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| Nov 6-9, 2014 | 43 | 52 | 5 | Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 43 | 51 | 6 | Feb 2-7, 2011 | 49 | 42 | 9 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 42 | 50 | 8 | Jan 5-9, 2011 | 46 | 44 | 10 |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 42 | 50 | 8 | Dec 1-5, 2010 | 45 | 43 | 13 |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 44 | 49 | 6 | Nov 4-7, 2010 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 (U) | 44 | 50 | 7 | Oct 13-18, 2010 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 | 44 | 49 | 7 | Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| Feb 14-23, 2014 | 44 | 48 | 8 | Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 47 | 41 | 12 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 43 | 49 | 8 | Jun 8-28, 2010 | 48 | 41 | 11 |
| Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) | 45 | 49 | 6 | Jan 16-20, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 41 | 53 | 6 | May 6-9, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Oct 9-13, 2013 | 43 | 51 | 6 | Apr 21-26, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 44 | 49 | 8 | Apr 8-11, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 46 | 46 | 7 | Mar 10-14, 2010 | 46 | 43 | 12 |
| Jun 12-16, 2013 | 49 | 43 | 7 | Feb 3-9, 2010 | 49 | 39 | 12 |
| May 1-5, 2013 | 51 | 43 | 6 | Jan 6-10, 2010 | 49 | 42 | 10 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 47 | 46 | 8 | Dec 9-13, 2009 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) | 51 | 41 | 7 | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 51 | 36 | 13 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 52 | 40 | 7 | Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 52 | 36 | 12 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 55 | 39 | 6 | Sep 10-15, 2009 | 55 | 33 | 13 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 50 | 43 | 7 | Aug 20-27, 2009 | 52 | 37 | 12 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 47 | 45 | 8 | Aug 11-17, 2009 | 51 | 37 | 11 |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 46 | 42 | 11 | Jul 22-26, 2009 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 46 | 45 | 9 | Jun 10-14, 2009 | 61 | 30 | 9 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 50 | 41 | 9 | Apr 14-21, 2009 | 63 | 26 | 11 |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 47 | 43 | 10 | Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 | 61 | 26 | 13 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 44 | 48 | 8 | Mar 9-12, 2009 | 59 | 26 | 15 |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 46 | 43 | 11 | Feb 4-8, 2009 | 64 | 17 | 19 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 46 | 46 | 8 | | | | |

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

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

Q.2 CONTINUED...

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

NO QUESTIONS 3-6

ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=731):

Q.7 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? **[RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

| | Dec 8-13 2015 | (U) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Dec 2014 ² | Jan 14 | Dec 12 | Oct 12 | Mar 12 | Dec 11 | May 11 | Jan 11 | Aug 10 | Feb 10 | Aug 09 | Feb 09 |
| 18 Terrorism | | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 9 Economy (general) | | 14 | 16 | 18 | 25 | 24 | 19 | 28 | 27 | 35 | 24 | 27 | 53 |
| 8 Defense/national security | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 Immigration | | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 Unemployment/Lack of jobs | | 10 | 20 | 12 | 25 | 31 | 21 | 26 | 35 | 27 | 31 | 19 | 31 |
| 7 ISIS/War in Iraq/War in Syria ³ | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Dissatisfaction with govt/politics/ Corruption/Obama | | 10 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 5 Parties/Gridlock/Divisions in country | | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 4 Crime/Violence/Justice system | | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 Gun control/Too many guns | | -- | 1 | 8 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Deficit/National debt/Balanced budget/Govt spending | | 3 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 4 |
| 3 Race relations/Racism | | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | 1 | -- | -- | -- |
| Health care/costs/accessibility/ Affordable Care Act/Obamacare | | 6 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 20 | 3 |
| 3 Distribution of wealth/Inequality | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -- | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 3 Education/Schools/Affording educ. | | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 2 Morality/Ethics/Family values | | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 2 Poverty/Hunger/Starvation | | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 Inflation/Prices/Cost of living/Wages | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | -- | -- | 2 |
| 2 School shootings/Mass shootings ⁴ | | -- | -- | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 Environment/Global warming | | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 Lack of humanity/On wrong track | | 1 | 3 | 3 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 2 Donald Trump | | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1 Foreign policy (general) | | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1 Too much regulation | | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1 Welfare abuse/Govt dependency | | -- | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | 1 | -- | -- | -- |
| 1 Lack of leadership | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Too much foreign aid/Lack of attention to problems at home | | 1 | 2 | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Risky bank loans/Sub-prime loans/ People taking on too much debt | | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1 Jobs moving overseas/Trade | | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 12 Other | | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Don't know/No answer | | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| 23 (NET) ECONOMIC | | 34 | 48 | 47 | 58 | 66 | 55 | 68 | 62 | 65 | 65 | 55 | 80 |
| (NET) FOREIGN ISSUES/ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 INTERNATIONAL | | 9 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 7 |

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

² Complete trend not shown; trends available to 1987.

³ In December 2014 and earlier, "ISIS/War in Iraq/War in Syria" was shown as "War/War in Iraq/War in Afghanistan."

⁴ In December 2012, "School shootings/Mass shootings" was shown as "School shootings (Newtown, CT)."

NO QUESTIONS 8-10**ASK ALL:**

Q.11 Next, please tell me whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied, on the whole, with the following aspects of your life: (First/Next) **[READ AND RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied?]**

REQUIRED PROBE: Would you say you are VERY (dis)satisfied or SOMEWHAT (dis)satisfied?

| | <u>Very satisfied</u> | <u>Somewhat satisfied</u> | <u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u> | <u>Very dissatisfied</u> | <u>Does not apply (VOL.)</u> | <u>DK/Ref (VOL.)</u> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Your family life | | | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 74 | 17 | 4 | 3 | -- | 3 |
| Oct 27-Nov 24, 2014 (SDT) | 72 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Oct 7-27, 2013 (SDT) | 73 | 18 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 72 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT) | 69 | 20 | 5 | 3 | * | 2 |
| Sep 1-15, 2011 (SDT) | 67 | 22 | 5 | 4 | -- | 3 |
| Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT) | 72 | 19 | 4 | 3 | * | 2 |
| Oct 1-21, 2010 (SDT) | 75 | 19 | 4 | 2 | * | 1 |
| May 18-June 16, 2009 (GA) | 66 | 24 | 5 | 2 | -- | 2 |
| Jun 16-Jul 16, 2008 (SDT) | 69 | 22 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| May, 2007 ⁵ (RPL) | 75 | 18 | 3 | 2 | -- | 2 |
| April, 2007 (GA) | 65 | 24 | 6 | 4 | -- | 1 |
| October, 2005 (SDT) | 72 | 19 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| September, 2002 (GA) | 67 | 24 | 5 | 3 | -- | 1 |
| January, 1999 | 71 | 20 | 4 | 3 | -- | 2 |
| December, 1996 | 69 | 21 | 6 | 3 | -- | 1 |
| March, 1994 | 72 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| b. Your present housing situation | | | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 60 | 25 | 8 | 6 | -- | 1 |
| Oct 27-Nov 24, 2014 (SDT) | 58 | 24 | 8 | 7 | * | 2 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 60 | 26 | 7 | 7 | * | 1 |
| Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT) | 57 | 28 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT) | 56 | 29 | 7 | 5 | * | 2 |
| Feb 23-Mar 23, 2009 ⁶ (SDT) | 56 | 30 | 8 | 4 | * | 2 |
| October, 2005 (SDT) | 63 | 25 | 6 | 5 | * | 1 |
| January, 1999 | 61 | 28 | 6 | 4 | -- | 1 |
| December, 1996 | 56 | 31 | 7 | 5 | -- | 1 |
| c. Your education | | | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 55 | 26 | 10 | 6 | -- | 3 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 56 | 28 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT) | 52 | 30 | 12 | 5 | * | 2 |
| Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT) | 50 | 32 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 2 |

NO QUESTIONS 12-14

⁵ In May, 2007, question read, "Next, please tell me how satisfied you are with the following things. (First/next), how satisfied are you with...your family life. **[READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat DISsatisfied, or very DISsatisfied?]**"

⁶ In February, 2009 and earlier, the item was "your housing situation."

ASK ALL:

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

Q.15 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

| | | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|----|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| a. | Race relations | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 44 | 47 | 8 |
| | Jul 14-20, 2015 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| | 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 threat of terrorism | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 37 | 57 | 6 |
| | 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 ⁷ | 49 | 37 | 13 |
| | 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 |
| c. | The nation's immigration policy | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 37 | 56 | 7 |
| | 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 |
| d. | The economy | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 43 | 51 | 5 |
| | Jul 14-20, 2015 | 45 | 51 | 4 |
| | 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 |

⁷ In May 6-9, 2010, Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009, April, 2007 and earlier, the item was worded "terrorist threats."

Q.15 CONTINUED...

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
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| 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 |
| e. Global climate change | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 45 | 40 | 15 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 41 | 39 | 20 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 38 | 46 | 17 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 44 | 32 | 24 |

ASK ALL:

Q.16 Do you think Barack Obama is too tough, not tough enough or about right in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

| | <u>Too tough</u> | <u>Not tough enough</u> | <u>About right</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 2 | 58 | 34 | 6 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 4 | 53 | 37 | 7 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 5 | 55 | 37 | 3 |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 3 | 54 | 36 | 7 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 5 | 51 | 37 | 6 |
| Sep 13-16, 2012 | 2 | 41 | 42 | 15 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010 | 2 | 47 | 41 | 10 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 3 | 47 | 43 | 7 |
| June 10-14, 2009 | 2 | 38 | 51 | 8 |

NO QUESTIONS 17-19**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the 2016 presidential election...

Q.20 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2016? **[READ]**

| | <u>A lot</u> | <u>Some</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>None at all</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 48 | 26 | 12 | 12 | 1 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 39 | 26 | 17 | 17 | 1 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 25 | 33 | 21 | 20 | 1 |
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 22 | 28 | 26 | 23 | 1 |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**2012 Presidential Election**

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| Feb 8-12, 2012 ⁸ | 44 | 25 | 16 | 13 | 1 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 38 | 27 | 19 | 16 | 1 |

⁸ 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?"

Q.20 CONTINUED...

| | <u>A lot</u> | <u>Some</u> | <u>Not much</u> | <u>None at all</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 |
| 2008 Presidential Election | | | | | |
| 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 |

NO QUESTION 21**ASK ALL:**

Q.22 Overall, how would you describe the presidential election campaign so far – is it **[READ ITEM a. FIRST, THEN RANDOMIZE ITEMS b. THRU e.]**

| a. | <u>Interesting</u> | <u>Dull</u> | (VOL.) <u>Neither</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 67 | 26 | 4 | 3 |
| TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: | | | | |
| 2012 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Oct 18-21, 2012 | 63 | 28 | 5 | 4 |
| Sep 7-9, 2012 | 53 | 37 | 5 | 6 |
| Jun 21-24, 2012 | 34 | 56 | 4 | 5 |
| Mar 22-25, 2012 | 38 | 52 | 4 | 7 |
| Jan 12-15, 2012 | 36 | 55 | 3 | 5 |
| Oct 20-23, 2011 | 35 | 51 | 4 | 10 |
| 2008 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Oct 10-13, 2008 | 71 | 25 | 3 | 1 |
| Sep 12-15, 2008 | 68 | 26 | 5 | 1 |
| Apr 18-21, 2008 | 59 | 35 | 5 | 1 |
| Feb 15-18, 2008 | 70 | 25 | 4 | 1 |
| October, 2007 | 37 | 55 | 5 | 3 |
| April, 2007 | 34 | 52 | 6 | 8 |
| 2004 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Mid-October, 2004 (RV) | 66 | 28 | 5 | 1 |
| Early September, 2004 (RV) | 50 | 42 | 6 | 2 |
| June, 2004 | 33 | 57 | 4 | 6 |
| 2000 Presidential Election | | | | |
| June, 2000 | 28 | 65 | 4 | 3 |
| 1996 Presidential Election | | | | |
| July, 1996 | 21 | 73 | 3 | 3 |

Q.22 CONTINUED...

| | Too negative | Not too negative | (VOL.) Neither | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| b. | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 54 | 39 | 2 | 4 |
| TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: | | | | |
| 2012 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Oct 18-21, 2012 | 55 | 37 | 3 | 5 |
| Sep 7-9, 2012 | 51 | 39 | 3 | 6 |
| Jun 21-24, 2012 | 53 | 37 | 3 | 8 |
| Mar 22-25, 2012 | 52 | 34 | 3 | 11 |
| Jan 12-15, 2012 | 50 | 41 | 1 | 7 |
| Oct 20-23, 2011 | 44 | 41 | 4 | 11 |
| 2008 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Oct 10-13, 2008 | 55 | 41 | 3 | 1 |
| Sep 12-15, 2008 | 43 | 51 | 4 | 2 |
| Apr 18-21, 2008 | 50 | 44 | 4 | 2 |
| Feb 15-18, 2008 | 28 | 66 | 3 | 3 |
| 2004 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Mid-October, 2004 (RV) | 57 | 38 | 3 | 2 |
| Early September, 2004 (RV) | 62 | 32 | 1 | 5 |
| June, 2004 | 45 | 46 | 2 | 7 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 47 | 47 | 2 | 4 |
| c. | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | Informative 48 | Not informative 47 | (VOL.) Neither 2 | (VOL.) DK/Ref 3 |
| TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: | | | | |
| 2012 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Oct 18-21, 2012 | 59 | 34 | 2 | 4 |
| Sep 7-9, 2012 | 53 | 39 | 2 | 6 |
| Jun 21-24, 2012 | 40 | 52 | 1 | 6 |
| Mar 22-25, 2012 | 40 | 50 | 1 | 8 |
| Jan 12-15, 2012 | 48 | 45 | 2 | 6 |
| Oct 20-23, 2011 | 40 | 49 | 2 | 9 |
| 2008 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Oct 10-13, 2008 | 63 | 34 | 2 | 1 |
| Sep 12-15, 2008 | 54 | 41 | 3 | 2 |
| Feb 15-18, 2008 | 65 | 31 | 2 | 2 |
| 2004 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Mid-October, 2004 (RV) | 73 | 22 | 3 | 2 |
| Early September, 2004 (RV) | 63 | 33 | 1 | 3 |
| June, 2004 | 48 | 46 | 2 | 4 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 53 | 42 | 2 | 3 |
| d. | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | Too long 50 | Not too long 43 | (VOL.) Neither 2 | (VOL.) DK/Ref 5 |
| TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: | | | | |
| 2012 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Oct 18-21, 2012 | 49 | 43 | 4 | 3 |
| Sep 7-9, 2012 | 50 | 41 | 3 | 6 |
| Jun 21-24, 2012 | 56 | 35 | 2 | 7 |
| Mar 22-25, 2012 | 58 | 31 | 3 | 8 |
| Jan 12-15, 2012 | 57 | 35 | 2 | 6 |
| Oct 20-23, 2011 | 50 | 39 | 2 | 9 |
| 2008 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Oct 10-13, 2008 | 57 | 39 | 3 | 1 |
| Apr 18-21, 2008 | 65 | 29 | 5 | 1 |
| Feb 15-18, 2008 | 57 | 40 | * | 3 |

Q.22 CONTINUED...

| | Too <u>long</u> | Not <u>too long</u> | (VOL.) <u>Neither</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| October, 2007 | 66 | 28 | 3 | 3 |
| April, 2007 | 59 | 32 | 3 | 6 |
| 2004 Presidential Election | | | | |
| Mid-October, 2004 (RV) | 51 | 43 | 3 | 2 |
| Early September, 2004 (RV) | 53 | 42 | 2 | 3 |
| June, 2004 | 52 | 42 | 2 | 4 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 52 | 44 | 1 | 3 |
| | Focused on important policy <u>debates</u> | Not focused on important policy <u>debates</u> | (VOL.) <u>Neither</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
| e. Dec 8-13, 2015 | 34 | 58 | 2 | 6 |

ASK ALL:

Q.23 So far, have you watched any of the televised debates between presidential candidates or haven't you had a chance to watch any of them?

| Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u> | | Dec <u>2007</u> | Jul <u>2007</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 69 | Yes | 43 | 40 |
| 31 | No | 57 | 59 |
| * | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | * | 1 |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**Republican debates**

| Jan 4-8 <u>2012</u> ⁹ | | Oct 13-16 <u>2011</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 40 | Yes | 27 |
| 60 | No | 73 |
| * | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | * |

Democratic debates

| Jan <u>2004</u> | | Feb <u>1992</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 20 | Yes | 16 |
| 80 | No | 84 |
| * | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | * |

RANDOMIZE Q.24 AND Q.25**ASK IF WATCHED DEBATES (Q.23=1) [N=1,088]:**

Q.24 Have you found the debates to be helpful in learning about the candidates, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL: WATCHERS:

| Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u> | Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u> | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 44 | 65 | Yes |
| 23 | 34 | No |
| 1 | 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 31 | -- | Haven't watched any debates |
| N 1,500 | 1,088 | |

BASED ON WATCHERS:

| Oct 13-16 <u>2011</u> | Jul <u>2007</u> ¹⁰ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 61 | 66 |
| 38 | 33 |
| 1 | 1 |
| -- | -- |
| 306 | 647 |

⁹ In January, 2012 and October, 2011 the question referred only to Republican debates. In December, 2007 this question asked about watching any of presidential debates and then followed up with whether those were Democratic debates, Republican debates or both. In July, 2007 the question referred to "any of the televised debates between presidential candidates". In 1992 and 2004, the question referred only to Democratic debates.

¹⁰ In July, 2007 this question referred to "any of the televised debates between presidential candidates."

RANDOMIZE Q.24 AND Q.25**ASK IF WATCHED DEBATES (Q.23=1) [N=1,088]:**

Q.25 Have you found the debates to be fun to watch, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL: WATCHERS:

| Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u> | Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 35 | 51 |
| 32 | 46 |
| 2 | 3 |
| N 1,500 | 1,088 |

BASED ON WATCHERS:

| Jul <u>2007</u> ¹¹ |
|----------------------------------|
| 47 |
| 51 |
| 2 |
| 647 |

Yes
No
Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.26 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism **[READ]**?

| | Very <u>well</u> | Fairly <u>well</u> | Not <u>too well</u> | Not at <u>all well</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 9 | 36 | 27 | 25 | 2 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 22 | 50 | 17 | 9 | 2 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 17 | 39 | 22 | 19 | 2 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 26 | 47 | 18 | 8 | 2 |
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 20 | 47 | 21 | 9 | 3 |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 27 | 49 | 16 | 6 | 2 |
| Oct 13-18, 2010 | 15 | 54 | 17 | 10 | 4 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 15 | 50 | 21 | 12 | 2 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 20 | 53 | 14 | 8 | 4 |
| Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009 | 19 | 56 | 15 | 5 | 5 |
| Feb 4-8, 2009 | 22 | 49 | 16 | 6 | 7 |
| Late February, 2008 | 21 | 45 | 19 | 12 | 3 |
| January, 2007 | 17 | 37 | 27 | 17 | 2 |
| December, 2006 | 17 | 48 | 21 | 11 | 3 |
| August, 2006 | 22 | 52 | 16 | 8 | 2 |
| February, 2006 | 16 | 52 | 20 | 10 | 2 |
| January, 2006 | 16 | 50 | 20 | 9 | 5 |
| Late October, 2005 | 17 | 50 | 22 | 9 | 2 |
| July, 2005 | 17 | 53 | 19 | 8 | 3 |
| July, 2004 | 18 | 53 | 17 | 8 | 4 |
| August, 2003 | 19 | 56 | 16 | 7 | 2 |
| Early November, 2002 (RVs) | 15 | 54 | 19 | 8 | 4 |
| June, 2002 | 16 | 60 | 16 | 4 | 4 |
| Early November, 2001 | 35 | 46 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| October 15-21, 2001 | 38 | 46 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| October 10-14, 2001 | 48 | 40 | 6 | 2 | 4 |

ASK ALL:Q.27 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**?

| | They have gone too far in restricting the average <u>person's civil liberties</u> | They have not gone far enough to adequately <u>protect the country</u> | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Approve of policies</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|--------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 28 | 56 | 11 | 5 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 37 | 49 | 8 | 6 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 35 | 50 | 9 | 6 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 44 | 39 | 9 | 7 |

¹¹

In July, 2007 this question referred to "any of the televised debates between presidential candidates."

Q.27 CONTINUED...

| | They have gone too far in restricting the average <u>person's civil liberties</u> | They have not gone far enough to adequately <u>protect the country</u> | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ Approve <u>of policies</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|------------------|
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 47 | 35 | 11 | 7 |
| Oct 13-18, 2010 | 32 | 47 | 11 | 10 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 27 | 58 | 8 | 8 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 36 | 40 | 13 | 11 |
| Feb 4-8, 2009 ¹² | 36 | 42 | 9 | 13 |
| Late February, 2008 | 36 | 47 | 9 | 8 |
| August, 2006 | 26 | 55 | 11 | 8 |
| February, 2006 | 33 | 50 | 10 | 7 |
| January, 2006 | 33 | 46 | 12 | 9 |
| Late October, 2005 | 34 | 48 | 10 | 8 |
| July, 2005 | 31 | 52 | 10 | 7 |
| July, 2004 | 29 | 49 | 11 | 11 |

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Next, we'd like to ask you about how much help the federal government provides to some different groups. First, do you think the government does too much, not enough, or about the right amount for **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: does the government do too much, not enough, or about the right amount for ITEM?]**

| | <u>Too much</u> | <u>Not enough</u> | <u>About the right amount</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| a. Older people | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 3 | 66 | 28 | 3 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 6 | 60 | 32 | 3 |
| b. Children | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 7 | 59 | 30 | 3 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 8 | 57 | 31 | 4 |
| c. Wealthy people | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 61 | 9 | 24 | 5 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 64 | 8 | 22 | 6 |
| d. Poor people | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 16 | 59 | 21 | 4 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 18 | 57 | 22 | 3 |
| e. Middle class people | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 6 | 62 | 29 | 3 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 7 | 58 | 31 | 4 |

NO QUESTION 29

¹² In February 4-8, 2009, the question asked whether the policies "go too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties" or "do not go far enough to adequately protect the country."

ASK ALL:

Q.30 As I read you some pairs of statements please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR] [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"]**

| | | | | |
|----|--|--|-----------------------------------|----|
| | The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values | The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref | |
| a. | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 42 | 51 | 7 |
| | Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 35 | 59 | 6 |
| | Mar 13-17, 2013 | 43 | 52 | 6 |
| | Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 39 | 52 | 9 |
| | Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 38 | 49 | 13 |
| | Jun 16-20, 2010 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| | November, 2007 | 50 | 40 | 10 |
| | March, 2006 | 48 | 45 | 7 |
| | December, 2004 | 40 | 50 | 10 |
| | | | | |
| | U.S. efforts to solve problems around the world usually end up making things worse | Problems in the world would be even worse without U.S. involvement | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref | |
| b. | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
| | Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 40 | 53 | 7 |
| | | | | |
| | Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism around the world | Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref | |
| c. | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 45 | 46 | 9 |
| | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 47 | 46 | 7 |
| | Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 37 | 57 | 7 |
| | Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 38 | 52 | 10 |
| | December, 2004 | 39 | 51 | 10 |
| | | | | |
| | Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard | Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref | |
| d. | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 60 | 37 | 3 |
| | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 64 | 33 | 2 |
| | Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 65 | 32 | 3 |
| | Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 60 | 38 | 3 |
| | Dec 7-11, 2011 | 58 | 40 | 3 |
| | Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs) | 64 | 33 | 3 |
| | March, 2006 | 64 | 33 | 3 |
| | December, 2005 | 64 | 33 | 3 |
| | December, 2004 | 68 | 28 | 4 |
| | September, 2000 | 73 | 24 | 3 |
| | August, 1999 | 74 | 23 | 3 |
| | July, 1994 | 68 | 30 | 2 |

Q.30 CONTINUED...

| | I'm generally satisfied with the way things are going for me financially | I'm not very satisfied with my financial situation | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
|---------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| e. | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 57 | 43 | 1 |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 51 | 47 | 1 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 47 | 51 | 2 |
| October, 2006 | 59 | 40 | 1 |
| December, 2005 | 56 | 42 | 2 |
| December, 2004 | 59 | 39 | 2 |
| September, 2000 | 59 | 39 | 2 |
| August, 1999 | 64 | 34 | 2 |
| October, 1996 | 57 | 41 | 2 |
| April, 1996 | 57 | 42 | 1 |
| July, 1994 | 56 | 43 | 1 |

ASK ALL:

Q.31 Which of the following comes closer to your view about the federal government's efforts to prevent terrorism **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Dec 8-13
2015

| | |
|----|--|
| 32 | Muslims living in the U.S. should be subject to more scrutiny than people in other religious groups |
| 61 | Muslims living in the U.S. should NOT be subject to additional scrutiny solely because of their religion |
| 7 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

NO QUESTIONS 32-39**RANDOMIZE Q.40/Q.41 BLOCK WITH Q.42/Q.43 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.40 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

| | Excellent | Good | Only fair | Poor | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|---------------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 3 | 24 | 45 | 28 | 1 |
| Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015 | 3 | 21 | 43 | 33 | * |
| 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 |

Q.40 CONTINUED...

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

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Earlier trends available from Gallup.

RANDOMIZE Q.40/Q.41 BLOCK WITH Q.42/Q.43 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.41 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> | <u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 20 | 22 | 54 | 4 |
| Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015 | 23 | 21 | 53 | 3 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

Q.41 CONTINUED...

| | <u>Better</u> | <u>Worse</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 |

RANDOMIZE Q.40/Q.41 BLOCK WITH Q.42/Q.43 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your personal finances...

Q.42 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> |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 8 | 35 | 39 | 17 | 1 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

Q.42 CONTINUED...

| | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Good</u> | Only <u>fair</u> | <u>Poor</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 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.40/Q.41 BLOCK WITH Q.42/Q.43 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.43 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.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 9 | 53 | 17 | 6 | 14 | 2 |
| 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 |

Q.43 CONTINUED...

| | Improve <u>a lot</u> | Improve <u>some</u> | Get a <u>little worse</u> | (VOL.) Get a lot <u>worse</u> | Stay the <u>same</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 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 |

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the political parties ...

- Q.44 Which party could do a better job of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**?
How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]**

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

Q.44 CONTINUED...

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

¹⁴

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

Q.44 CONTINUED...

| | | Republican | Democratic | (VOL.) Both equally | (VOL.) Neither | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | Party | Party | | | |
| | September, 2006 | 32 | 37 | 5 | 10 | 16 |
| | April, 2006 | 27 | 43 | 6 | 11 | 13 |
| | February, 2006 | 34 | 38 | 8 | 9 | 11 |
| d. | Reflecting your views about gun control | | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 43 | 37 | 3 | 8 | 10 |
| | Jul 14-20, 2015 | 48 | 36 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| | May 1-5, 2013 | 42 | 39 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| | Jan 9-13, 2013 | 38 | 40 | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| | Dec 17-19, 2012 ¹⁵ | 27 | 28 | 12 | 15 | 18 |
| | July, 2004 | 34 | 36 | 3 | 6 | 21 |
| | Late October, 2002 (RV) | 36 | 38 | 5 | 5 | 16 |
| | April, 2000 | 30 | 36 | 4 | 7 | 23 |
| | June, 1999 | 34 | 42 | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| | December, 1993 | 32 | 42 | -- | 8 | 18 |
| ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]: | | | | | | |
| e.F1 | Dealing with the environment | | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 30 | 53 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| | Jul 14-20, 2015 | 27 | 53 | 5 | 9 | 6 |
| | TREND FOR COMPARISON: | | | | | |
| | <i>Protecting the environment</i> | | | | | |
| | Feb 20-24, 2008 | 21 | 65 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| | September, 2006 | 19 | 57 | 5 | 6 | 13 |
| | February, 2006 | 24 | 56 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| | Mid-September, 2005 | 28 | 51 | 5 | 7 | 9 |
| | July, 2004 | 24 | 51 | 5 | 6 | 14 |
| | Early September, 2002 | 25 | 46 | 9 | 6 | 14 |
| | May, 2001 | 25 | 51 | 7 | 4 | 13 |
| | June, 1999 | 27 | 45 | 7 | 5 | 16 |
| | Early September, 1998 | 25 | 51 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| | March, 1998 | 22 | 56 | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| | July, 1994 | 28 | 56 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| | December, 1993 | 22 | 46 | -- | 12 | 20 |
| | May, 1990 | 24 | 40 | -- | 19 | 17 |
| ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]: | | | | | | |
| f.F2 | Dealing with global climate change | | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 32 | 46 | 2 | 8 | 11 |

¹⁵

In December 2012, July 2004, and April 2000 the question was not part of a list.

ASK ALL:

Q.45 As you may know, the federal minimum wage is currently \$7.25 an hour. Do you favor or oppose increasing the minimum wage?

Dec 8-13

2015

73 Favor
24 Oppose
2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

TREND FOR COMPARISON: An increase in the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 an hour

| | ----- FAVOR ----- | | | ----- OPPOSE ----- | | | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | <u>Net</u> | <u>Strongly favor</u> | <u>Favor</u> | <u>Net</u> | <u>Strongly oppose</u> | <u>Oppose</u> | |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 73 | 40 | 33 | 25 | 9 | 16 | 3 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013 ¹⁶ (U) | 71 | 36 | 34 | 26 | 10 | 16 | 3 |
| January, 2007 | 84 | 48 | 36 | 14 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| March, 2006 | 86 | 49 | 37 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 3 |
| December, 2004 | 86 | 53 | 33 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 2 |
| June, 2001 | 87 | 49 | 38 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| October, 1999 | 82 | 48 | 34 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 2 |
| February, 1998 | 80 | 48 | 32 | 19 | 5 | 14 | 1 |

ASK IF FAVOR INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE (Q45=1) [N=1,064]:

Q.45a What should the minimum wage be increased to [OPEN END—DO NOT READ]?

BASED ON TOTAL
[N=1,500]:**BASED ON THOSE**
WHO FAVOR [N=1,064]:

Dec 8-13

2015

20

26

14

11

3

24

Dec 8-13

2015

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18

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4

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Less than \$10.00/hour

\$10.00-\$10.99/hour

\$11.00-\$14.99/hour

\$15.00 or more/hour

Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

Should not be increased

ASK ALL:

On another topic...

Q.45z Which statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right [READ] ?

| | The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among <u>its believers</u> | The Islamic religion does not encourage violence <u>more than others</u> | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 50 | 39 | 11 |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 43 | 44 | 13 |
| Feb 12-26, 2014 | 38 | 50 | 12 |
| May 1-5, 2013 | 42 | 46 | 13 |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 40 | 42 | 18 |
| Aug 19-22, 2010 | 35 | 42 | 24 |

¹⁶

In February 2013, the question was worded "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$7.25 to \$9.00 an hour." In January 2007, the question was worded, "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour." In March 2006, December 2004, June 2011 and October 2009, the question was worded: "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.45 an hour." In February 1998, the question was worded: "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.15 an hour."

Q.45z CONTINUED...

| | The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among <u>its believers</u> | The Islamic religion does not encourage violence <u>more than others</u> | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
|-----------------|---|--|--|
| Aug 11-17, 2009 | 38 | 45 | 16 |
| August, 2007 | 45 | 39 | 16 |
| July, 2005 | 36 | 47 | 17 |
| July, 2004 | 46 | 37 | 17 |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 44 | 41 | 15 |
| March, 2002 | 25 | 51 | 24 |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]:

Q.46F1 In your opinion, which is generally more often to blame if a person is poor? Lack of effort on his or her own part, or circumstances beyond his or her control?

| | <u>Lack of effort</u> | <u>Circumstances beyond control</u> | (VOL.) <u>Both</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 37 | 48 | 11 | 3 |
| Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014 | 39 | 50 | 8 | 3 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 35 | 50 | 11 | 4 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 38 | 46 | 11 | 5 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 32 | 49 | 14 | 5 |
| October, 1997 | 39 | 44 | 14 | 3 |
| CBS/NYT: 1995 | 35 | 42 | 18 | 4 |
| CBS/NYT: 1994 | 44 | 34 | 18 | 4 |
| LAT: 1992 | 27 | 52 | 18 | 3 |
| NYT: December, 1990 | 30 | 48 | 20 | 2 |
| Gallup: May, 1990 | 35 | 45 | 17 | 3 |
| Gallup: 1989 | 38 | 42 | 17 | 3 |
| Gallup: 1988 | 40 | 37 | 17 | 6 |
| Gallup: 1984 | 33 | 34 | 31 | 2 |
| CBS/NYT: 1982 | 37 | 39 | 17 | 7 |
| Gallup: 1967 | 42 | 19 | 36 | 3 |
| Gallup: 1965 | 40 | 29 | 28 | 3 |
| Gallup: November, 1964 | 31 | 31 | 34 | 5 |
| Gallup: September, 1964 | 34 | 25 | 38 | 3 |
| Gallup: March, 1964 | 34 | 29 | 32 | 6 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.47F2 In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

| | | (U) Jan 15-19 2014 |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Dec 8-13 2015 | | |
| 40 | Because he or she worked harder than most other people | 38 |
| 49 | Because he or she had more advantages in life than most other people | 51 |
| 8 | Both (VOL.) | 7 |
| 4 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 4 |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

| | Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because of their own hard work, ambition or <u>education</u> | Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because they know the right people or were born into <u>wealthy families</u> | (VOL.) Neither/ Both <u>equally</u> | (VOL.) <u>Other</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT) | 43 | 46 | 8 | * | 3 |
| Jan 24-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT) | 42 | 46 | 8 | * | 4 |

ASK ALL:

Q.48 Which of the following do you think Americans need to be considered as part of the middle class? Do they need **[INSERT ITEM]** to be considered part of the middle class, or not? **[READ IN ORDER]**
[IF NECESSARY: Do they need [INSERT ITEM] to be considered part of the middle class, or not?]

| | Yes, <u>need</u> | No, do <u>not need</u> | (VOL.) <u>Not sure</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a. To own a home | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 41 | 57 | 1 | 1 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 45 | 53 | 1 | 2 |
| TREND FOR COMPARISON: | | | | |
| <i>Time/CNN/Yankelovich</i> | | | | |
| <i>Clancy Shulman¹⁷: December, 1991</i> | 70 | 28 | 2 | -- |
| b. A secure job | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 89 | 10 | 1 | * |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 86 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| c. A college education | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 30 | 69 | 1 | * |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 37 | 61 | 1 | 1 |
| TREND FOR COMPARISON: | | | | |
| <i>Time/CNN/Yankelovich</i> | | | | |
| <i>Clancy Shulman: December, 1991</i> | 46 | 53 | 1 | -- |

NO ITEMS d-g**ASK FORM 1 [N=731]:**

h.F1 To be able to save money for the future

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 86 | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| ABC News: Feb 26-Mar 2, 2010 | 78 | 18 | -- | 4 |

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In December, 1991, this question was asked as a part of a different list of items, which included "homeownership," "Two or more cars," "A white collar job," "A college education" and "Stocks, bonds, or other investments." The items were asked in a similar order. "To own a home" was asked as "homeownership."

Q.48 CONTINUED...

| | Yes, <u>need</u> | No, do <u>not need</u> | (VOL.) <u>Not sure</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASK FORM 2 [N=769]: | | | | |
| i.F2 The time and money to travel on vacation Dec 8-13, 2015 | 45 | 52 | 1 | 1 |

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*Having enough money for
vacation travel*

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|---|
| ABC News: Feb 26-Mar 2, 2010 | 71 | 25 | -- | 4 |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|---|

NO QUESTIONS 49-50**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 Now, I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well being of the United States? What about **[INSERT ITEM]**? **[READ THE ANSWER CHOICES AS NECESSARY AFTER THE FIRST TIME]**

| | Major <u>threat</u> | Minor <u>threat</u> | Not a <u>threat</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. China's emergence as a world power | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 49 | 34 | 13 | 4 |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 48 | 33 | 14 | 5 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 54 | 31 | 11 | 4 |
| May, 2012 (C) | 52 | 35 | 9 | 5 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 53 | 30 | 10 | 7 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 52 | 31 | 11 | 6 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 46 | 36 | 13 | 5 |
| September, 2008 | 48 | 35 | 11 | 6 |
| Late May, 2008 | 50 | 31 | 10 | 9 |
| February, 2006 | 47 | 34 | 12 | 7 |
| Late October, 2005 | 52 | 31 | 10 | 7 |
| May, 2001 | 51 | 30 | 10 | 9 |
| July, 1999 | 53 | 33 | 10 | 4 |
| b. Growing authoritarianism in Russia | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 42 | 40 | 9 | 8 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 32 | 41 | 13 | 14 |
| Late May, 2008 | 24 | 46 | 12 | 18 |
| February, 2006 | 22 | 45 | 16 | 17 |
| Late October, 2005 | 23 | 44 | 13 | 20 |
| TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: | | | | |
| <i>Growing tension between Russia and its neighbors</i> | | | | |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 53 | 35 | 8 | 5 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 38 | 44 | 9 | 9 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 37 | 48 | 8 | 7 |
| September, 2008 | 44 | 41 | 10 | 5 |
| <i>Political and economic instability in Russia</i> | | | | |
| May, 2001 | 27 | 46 | 12 | 15 |
| July, 1999 | 40 | 42 | 14 | 4 |
| c. North Korea's nuclear program | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 59 | 29 | 9 | 3 |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 57 | 30 | 9 | 4 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 67 | 24 | 6 | 3 |
| May, 2012 (C) | 69 | 22 | 5 | 5 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 69 | 23 | 3 | 5 |
| June 10-14, 2009 | 72 | 19 | 5 | 5 |
| January 7-11, 2009 | 53 | 32 | 8 | 7 |

Q.51 CONTINUED...

| | | <u>Major threat</u> | <u>Minor threat</u> | <u>Not a threat</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|----|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | September, 2008 | 55 | 33 | 7 | 5 |
| | Late May, 2008 | 55 | 32 | 7 | 6 |
| | February, 2006 | 60 | 27 | 6 | 7 |
| | Late October, 2005 | 66 | 24 | 4 | 6 |
| d. | Iran's nuclear program | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 62 | 27 | 8 | 3 |
| | Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 59 | 28 | 9 | 4 |
| | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 68 | 23 | 5 | 3 |
| | May, 2012 (C) | 70 | 21 | 4 | 5 |
| | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 72 | 20 | 3 | 6 |
| | June 10-14, 2009 | 69 | 20 | 5 | 5 |
| | January 7-11, 2009 | 65 | 23 | 6 | 6 |
| | September, 2008 | 60 | 29 | 6 | 5 |
| | Late May, 2008 | 62 | 25 | 8 | 5 |
| | February, 2006 | 65 | 24 | 5 | 6 |
| | Late October, 2005 | 61 | 27 | 5 | 7 |
| e. | Global climate change | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 49 | 30 | 17 | 4 |
| | Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 48 | 30 | 20 | 3 |
| | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 45 | 30 | 20 | 4 |
| | May, 2012 (C) | 45 | 32 | 19 | 3 |
| | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 44 | 36 | 15 | 5 |
| | TREND FOR COMPARISON | | | | |
| | <i>Global environmental problems</i> | | | | |
| | May, 2001 | 53 | 32 | 6 | 9 |
| f. | The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 43 | 39 | 13 | 5 |
| | Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 48 | 33 | 13 | 6 |
| | June, 2009 | 49 | 35 | 9 | 6 |
| | January, 2009 | 45 | 40 | 9 | 6 |
| g. | The Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS | | | | |
| | Dec 8-13, 2015 | 83 | 13 | 3 | 2 |
| | Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 67 | 21 | 5 | 6 |
| | TREND FOR COMPARISON: | | | | |
| | <i>Islamic extremist groups like al Qaeda</i> | | | | |
| | Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 71 | 19 | 6 | 3 |
| | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 75 | 18 | 4 | 3 |
| | May, 2012 (C) | 70 | 21 | 4 | 5 |
| | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 76 | 18 | 2 | 3 |
| | June 10-14, 2009 | 78 | 14 | 4 | 4 |
| | January 7-11, 2009 | 77 | 15 | 4 | 4 |
| | September, 2008 | 72 | 21 | 3 | 4 |
| | Late May, 2008 | 72 | 18 | 4 | 6 |

NO QUESTIONS 52-58

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]:

Q.59F1 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 <u>jobs available</u> | Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u> | (VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 41 | 53 | 3 | 4 |
| 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 FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.60F2 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of good jobs available or are good jobs difficult to find?

| Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u> | | Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u> | Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u> | July <u>2008</u> | June <u>2007</u> | Jan <u>2006</u> |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 33 | Plenty of GOOD jobs available | 26 | 10 | 22 | 36 | 28 |
| 62 | GOOD jobs are difficult to find | 71 | 84 | 73 | 55 | 64 |
| 1 | Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL.) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 |

ASK ALL:

Q.61 Do you think your family's income is going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

| | Going up <u>faster</u> | Staying <u>about even</u> | Falling <u>behind</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 7 | 42 | 49 | 2 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 6 | 37 | 55 | 1 |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 | 5 | 37 | 56 | 2 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 7 | 34 | 57 | 2 |
| October, 2008 | 5 | 34 | 57 | 4 |
| July, 2008 | 6 | 28 | 64 | 2 |
| Early February, 2008 | 6 | 33 | 58 | 3 |
| September, 2007 | 10 | 43 | 44 | 3 |
| January, 2006 | 9 | 41 | 47 | 3 |
| NBC/WSJ: June, 1996 | 9 | 38 | 50 | 3 |

RANDOMIZE Q.62 AND Q.63**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 In general, do you think the Republican Party favors the rich, favors the middle class or favors the poor?

| | Favors <u>the rich</u> | Favors the middle <u>class</u> | Favors <u>the poor</u> | (VOL.) Favors none/ <u>all equally</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 62 | 26 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 63 | 23 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| Jan 24-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT) | 59 | 21 | 3 | 4 | 13 |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2003 ¹⁸ | 62 | 26 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today: November, 1998 | 67 | 24 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today: March, 1995 ¹⁹ | 68 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 1994 | 71 | 20 | 3 | 4 | 2 |

RANDOMIZE Q.62 AND Q.63**ASK ALL:**

Q.63 In general, do you think the Democratic Party favors the rich, favors the middle class or favors the poor?

| | Favors <u>the rich</u> | Favors the middle <u>class</u> | Favors <u>the poor</u> | (VOL.) Favors none/ <u>all equally</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 26 | 32 | 31 | 5 | 6 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 20 | 35 | 32 | 6 | 7 |
| Jan 24-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT) | 16 | 38 | 27 | 5 | 14 |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2003 ²⁰ | 19 | 42 | 27 | 5 | 7 |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today: November, 1998 | 20 | 43 | 28 | 4 | 5 |
| Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 1994 ²¹ | 29 | 36 | 28 | 4 | 3 |

NO QUESTIONS 64-68

¹⁸ In Jan 2003 and Nov 1998 Gallup/CNN/USA Today trends, the question was worded: "Thinking in general, do you think...the Republican Party...generally favors the rich, favors the middle class, or favors the poor?"

¹⁹ In Mar 1995 and Oct 1994 Gallup/CNN/USA Today trends, the question was worded: "I'd like you to think about the Republican Party. For each of the following items, please tell me which position best applies to the Republican Party...Generally favors the rich, favors the middle class or favors the poor?"

²⁰ In Jan 2003 and Nov 1998 Gallup/CNN/USA Today trends, the question was worded: "Thinking in general, do you think...the Democratic Party...generally favors the rich, favors the middle class, or favors the poor?"

²¹ In the Oct 1994 Gallup/CNN/USA Today trend, the question was worded: "I'd like you to think about the Democratic. For each of the following items, please tell me which position best applies to the Democratic Party...Generally favors the rich, favors the middle class or favors the poor?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]:

Q.69F1 How concerned, if at all, are you about the rise of Islamic extremism around the WORLD these days? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned about the rise of Islamic extremism around the world these days?

| | Very <u>concerned</u> | Somewhat <u>concerned</u> | Not too <u>concerned</u> | Not at all <u>concerned</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 62 | 27 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 62 | 22 | 10 | 4 | 2 |
| Jul 21-24, 2011 | 37 | 36 | 16 | 8 | 3 |
| Nov 12-15, 2009 | 49 | 29 | 12 | 8 | 2 |
| April, 2007 | 48 | 33 | 11 | 5 | 3 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.70F2 How concerned, if at all, are you about the possible rise of Islamic extremism IN THE U.S.? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned about the possible rise of Islamic extremism in the U.S.?

| | Very <u>concerned</u> | Somewhat <u>concerned</u> | Not too <u>concerned</u> | Not at all <u>concerned</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 49 | 29 | 12 | 8 | 2 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 53 | 25 | 14 | 7 | 1 |
| July 21-24, 2011 | 36 | 31 | 19 | 11 | 2 |
| Nov 12-15, 2009 | 52 | 27 | 11 | 7 | 3 |
| April, 2007 | 46 | 32 | 13 | 5 | 4 |

ASK ALL:

On another topic...

E.2 Are you now enrolled in school, either full or part-time, or not?

Dec 8-13

2015

| | |
|----|---------------------------|
| 10 | Yes, full-time student |
| 5 | Yes, part-time |
| 85 | No |
| * | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK ALL:

E.1 Are you now currently retired?

Dec 8-13

2015

| | |
|----|--|
| 22 | Yes |
| 2 | Yes, semi-retired or "still do some type of work" (VOL.) |
| 73 | No |
| 2 | Disabled |
| * | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK ALL:

E.3 **[IF E.1=1,2: Some people who have retired do some type of work for pay.../IF E.2=1,2 & E.1=3,9: Some students also do some type of work for pay/IF E.1=4: Some people who are disabled do some type of work for pay...]** Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

Dec 8-13

2015

| | |
|----|---------------------------|
| 46 | Full-time |
| 18 | Part-time |
| 35 | Not employed |
| * | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK IF EMPLOYED (E.3=1,2) [N=922]:Q.71 How satisfied are you with your current job... **[READ]**?

Dec 8-13

2015

| | |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 50 | Very satisfied |
| 39 | Somewhat satisfied |
| 8 | Somewhat dissatisfied |
| 3 | Very dissatisfied |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

| | Completely <u>satisfied</u> | Mostly <u>satisfied</u> | Mostly <u>dissatisfied</u> | Completely <u>dissatisfied</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 30 | 56 | 10 | 3 | 1 |
| Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT) | 36 | 49 | 10 | 5 | 1 |
| May 11-31, 2010 (SDT) | 32 | 54 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| Jul 20-Aug 2, 2009 (18+) (SDT) | 30 | 60 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| Pew Internet: Mar 27- Apr 14, 2008 ²² | 33 | 57 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| Jan 14-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT) | 31 | 56 | 10 | 3 | * |
| June, 2006 (SDT) | 28 | 61 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| PSRA/US News & World Report: May, 1992 | 20 | 63 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Gallup: July, 1989 | 28 | 61 | 8 | 3 | * |

NO QUESTIONS 72-80**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.81 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 64 | 28 | 8 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 63 | 26 | 11 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 63 | 30 | 7 |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 57 | 33 | 10 |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Sep 11-14, 2014 ²³ | 53 | 29 | 19 |
| Aug 14-17, 2014 ²⁴ (U) | 54 | 31 | 15 |

ASK ALL:Q.82 How well is the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria going **[READ IN ORDER]**?

| Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u> | | Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u> | Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u> | Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7 | Very well | 7 | 7 | 5 |
| 28 | Fairly well | 23 | 30 | 29 |
| 39 | Not too well | 42 | 38 | 38 |
| 19 | Not at all well | 20 | 20 | 21 |
| 7 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 8 | 5 | 8 |

²² In March, 2008, the question read: "Now thinking about your job overall, would you say you are completely satisfied with your job overall, mostly satisfied, mostly dissatisfied or completely dissatisfied?"

²³ In the September 11-14, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "As you may know, Barack Obama has announced a plan for a military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria, involving U.S. airstrikes and U.S. military training for opposition groups. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this plan?"

²⁴ In the August 14-17, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. airstrikes against militants in Iraq in response to violence against civilians?"

ASK ALL:

Q.83 What concerns you more about the U.S. military action in Iraq and Syria **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**?

| | That the US will go too far in getting involved in the situation | That the US will not go far enough in stopping the Islamic militants | (VOL.) Both | (VOL.) Neither | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|-----------------|---|---|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 42 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 43 | 48 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 46 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 47 | 43 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Sep 11-14, 2014 | 41 | 41 | 3 | 6 | 9 |

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*What concerns you more
about the U.S. military
action in Iraq?*

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|---|---|---|
| Aug 14-17, 2014 | 51 | 32 | 2 | 5 | 9 |
|-----------------|----|----|---|---|---|

ASK ALL:

Q.84 Would you favor or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

| Dec 8-13 2015 | | Jul 14-20 2015 | Feb 18-22 2015 | Oct 15-20 2014 |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 47 | Favor | 44 | 47 | 39 |
| 47 | Oppose | 49 | 49 | 55 |
| 6 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 7 | 4 | 6 |

ASK ALL:

Q.85 Overall, do you think the United States and its allies will **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]** in their military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

| Dec 8-13 2015 | | Jul 14-20 2015 | Feb 18-22 2015 |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 17 | Definitely succeed | 13 | 15 |
| 49 | Probably succeed | 42 | 45 |
| 21 | Probably fail | 29 | 28 |
| 5 | Definitely fail | 7 | 5 |
| 8 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 9 | 6 |

NO QUESTIONS 86-89**ASK ALL:**

Q.90 If you were asked to use one of these commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in? The upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, lower-middle class, or lower class?

| | Upper class | Upper-middle class | Middle class | Lower-middle class | Lower class | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 2 | 14 | 41 | 31 | 11 | 1 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 1 | 11 | 47 | 29 | 10 | 1 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 1 | 13 | 44 | 28 | 12 | 1 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT) | 2 | 15 | 49 | 25 | 7 | 2 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 1 | 11 | 47 | 27 | 11 | 2 |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 1 | 15 | 46 | 25 | 11 | 2 |
| Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT) | 2 | 17 | 52 | 20 | 7 | 2 |
| May 11-31, 2010 (SDT) | 2 | 18 | 50 | 21 | 8 | 1 |
| February, 2008 (SDT) | 2 | 19 | 53 | 19 | 6 | 1 |

ASK IF GIVE SOCIAL CLASS (Q.90=1-5) [N=1,480]:

Q.91 And over the next few years, how likely is it that you will stay in the [INSERT CLASS FROM Q.90]? Is it [READ]?

BASED ON TOTAL**[N=1,500]:**

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53 Very likely
27 Somewhat likely
12 Not too likely
6 Not at all likely
2 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
Did not give a class

[N=294]:Upper
classMiddle
classLower
class

70
24
4
1
1
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61
24
10
3
2
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39
32
16
11
3
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ASK IF 'MIDDLE CLASS' (Q.90=2-4) AND SOMEWHAT OR LESS LIKELY TO STAY IN CURRENT SOCIAL CLASS (Q.91=2-4) [N=524]:

Q.92 And over the next few years, do you think it would be more likely for you to move toward the [READ; RANDOMIZE]?

BASED ON TOTAL:**[N=1,500]:**

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44 NET Somewhat or less likely to
stay in middle class
12 Move toward lower class
28 Move toward upper class
4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
54 Very likely to stay in middle class
Did not give a class
2 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

[N=294]:Upper
classMiddle
classLower
class

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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 preference | (VOL.) Other party | (VOL.) DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean Dem |
|----------------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Republican | Democrat | Independent | | | | | |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 4 | * | 2 | 16 | 15 |
| Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015 | 24 | 29 | 41 | 4 | * | 2 | 17 | 17 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 26 | 30 | 40 | 2 | * | 2 | 15 | 16 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 22 | 32 | 41 | 4 | * | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| 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 |
| Yearly Totals | | | | | | | | |
| 2014 | 23.2 | 31.5 | 39.5 | 3.1 | .7 | 2.0 | 16.2 | 16.5 |
| 2013 | 23.9 | 32.1 | 38.3 | 2.9 | .5 | 2.2 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 2012 | 24.7 | 32.6 | 36.4 | 3.1 | .5 | 2.7 | 14.4 | 16.1 |
| 2011 | 24.3 | 32.3 | 37.4 | 3.1 | .4 | 2.5 | 15.7 | 15.6 |
| 2010 | 25.2 | 32.7 | 35.2 | 3.6 | .4 | 2.8 | 14.5 | 14.1 |
| 2009 | 23.9 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 3.4 | .4 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 |
| 2008 | 25.7 | 36.0 | 31.5 | 3.6 | .3 | 3.0 | 10.6 | 15.2 |
| 2007 | 25.3 | 32.9 | 34.1 | 4.3 | .4 | 2.9 | 10.9 | 17.0 |
| 2006 | 27.8 | 33.1 | 30.9 | 4.4 | .3 | 3.4 | 10.5 | 15.1 |
| 2005 | 29.3 | 32.8 | 30.2 | 4.5 | .3 | 2.8 | 10.3 | 14.9 |

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

| | | | | (VOL.) | (VOL.) | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference | Other party | (VOL.) DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean Dem |
| 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 <i>Post-Sept 11</i> | 30.9 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 5.2 | .6 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 9.4 |
| 2001 <i>Pre-Sept 11</i> | 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 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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| (U) | Pew Research Center/USA Today polls |
| (WP) | Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls |
| (SDT) | Pew Research Center Social and Demographic Trends |
| (GA) | Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Project |
| (RPL) | Pew Research Center Religion and Public Life |
| (C) | Pew Research Global Attitudes/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace |