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AUGUST 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
August 20-24, 2014
N=1,501

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
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	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>
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
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	March, 2001	47	45	8
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	February, 2001	46	43	11
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	January, 2001	55	41	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
				June, 2000	47	45	8
				April, 2000	48	43	9
				August, 1999	56	39	5
				January, 1999	53	41	6

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

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.3 Thinking about the future of our country, please tell me whether you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about each of the following. First **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** "Do you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about this?"]

	<u>Optimistic</u>	<u>Pessimistic</u>	(VOL.) <u>Uncertain</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The moral and ethical standards in our country				
August 20-24, 2014	41	55	4	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	42	51	4	3
<i>Pew Social Trends</i> October 1-21, 2010	41	51	3	4
b. The soundness of our economic system over the long run				
August 20-24, 2014	44	51	2	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	44	50	4	2
<i>Pew Social Trends</i> October 1-21, 2010	46	49	3	3
c. Our ability to get along with other countries in the world				
August 20-24, 2014	48	47	3	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	61	33	5	1
<i>Pew Social Trends</i> October 1-21, 2010	56	36	4	4
d. Our system of education				
August 20-24, 2014	47	50	3	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	47	49	3	1
<i>Pew Social Trends</i> October 1-21, 2010	50	43	3	3
e. Our system of government and how well it works				
August 20-24, 2014	40	54	4	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	41	53	4	1
f. The way our leaders are chosen under our political system				
August 20-24, 2014	46	49	3	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	51	42	4	3
g. Racial and ethnic relations in our country				
August 20-24, 2014	53	43	3	2

NO QUESTIONS 4-12**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about some issues...

Q.13 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. The economy			
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
b. The nation's immigration policy			
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
c. Race relations			
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	42	10
d. The situation involving Russia and Ukraine			
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	35	52	14
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Obama administration is handling the situation involving Russia and Ukraine?</i>			
Mar 6-9, 2014	30	44	26
e. The nation's policy toward Israel			
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	37	48	15
Jun 12-16, 2013	41	39	20

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
f. The situation in Iraq			
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	35	56	9
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	54	11
Jan 6-9, 2011	46	41	12
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	44	11
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	44	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	41	48	12
Jul 22-26, 2009	47	38	15

ASK ALL:

Now, thinking about foreign policy and national security...

Q.14 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)					
Aug 20-24		Oct 30-Nov 6	Sept 13-16	Apr 21-26	Oct 28-Nov 8
<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
3	Too tough	5	2	2	3
54	Not tough enough	51	41	47	47
36	About right	37	42	41	43
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	15	10	7
					8

NO QUESTIONS 15-20**ASK ALL:**

The Congressional elections will be coming up later this year.

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming November election – quite a lot or only a little?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,171]:

	<u>Quite a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election					
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	49	3	44	3	1
2012 Election					
Oct 24-28, 2012	78	3	15	3	1
Oct 4-7, 2012	73	3	21	2	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	70	4	23	2	1
Jul 16-26, 2012	61	5	28	6	1
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	65	3	29	3	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	67	1	30	2	1
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	61	2	33	3	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	64	2	30	4	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	66	2	30	1	1
2010 Election					
Oct 13-18, 2010	55	4	34	5	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	5	42	3	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	5	44	6	1
2008 Election					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None	(VOL.) DK/Ref
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2
2006 Election					
November, 2006	61	5	28	4	1
Late October, 2006	54	6	35	5	1
Early October, 2006	51	4	40	4	2
September, 2006	45	4	48	3	1
2004 Election					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
2002 Election					
Early November, 2002	52	6	35	6	1
Early October, 2002	45	6	45	4	1
Early September, 2002	36	5	54	4	1
2000 Election					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
1998 Election					
Late October, 1998	49	11	35	4	1
Early October, 1998	42	8	43	6	1
1996 Election					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
1994 Election					
November, 1994	56	7	32	4	1
Late October, 1994	45	7	45	2	1
Early October, 1994	44	2	50	3	1
1992 Election					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None/ DK/Ref
1990 Election				
Gallup: October, 1990 (GP) ²	43	7	46	4
1988 Election				
Gallup: November, 1988	73	8	17	2
Gallup: October, 1988	69	9	20	2
Gallup: September, 1988	57	18	23	2
Gallup: August, 1988	61	10	27	2
1982 Election				
Gallup: October, 1982 (GP)	29	22	37	12
1978 Election				
Gallup: October, 1978 (GP)	23	22	39	17
Gallup: September, 1978 (GP) ²¹		18	44	18

ASK ALL:

Q.21 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district?

ASK IF 'OTHER' 'DON'T KNOW/REFUSED' (Q.21=3,9):

Q.22 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.21; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,171]:

	Rep/ Lean Rep	Dem/ Lean Dem	(VOL.) Other/ DK/Ref
2014 Election			
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	47	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	45	47	9
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	47	43	9
Feb 12-26, 2014	44	46	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	44	48	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	49	8
2012 Election			
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	47	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	48	8
2010 Election			
Oct 27-30, 2010	43	44	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	42	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	45	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	45	10
Mar 11-21, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
2008 Election			
June, 2008	37	52	11
2006 Election			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9
June, 2006	39	51	10

² Gallup trends for 1990, 1982 and 1978 are based on general public.

Q.21/22 CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ DK/Ref
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
2004 Election			
June, 2004	41	48	11
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
1996 Election			
November, 1996	41	48	11
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

NO QUESTION 23

ASK ALL:

Q.24 We're interested in how good a job you think police departments around the country are doing in some different areas. First, when it comes to **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are police departments nationwide doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: when it comes to [ITEM] are police departments nationwide doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job?]**

		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Holding officers accountable when misconduct occurs Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	7	23	29	36	5
b.	Using the right amount of force for each situation Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	7	28	31	30	4
c.	Treating racial and ethnic groups equally Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	8	24	32	33	4
d.	Respecting people's privacy Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	7	30	31	27	4
e.	Protecting people from crime Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	10	39	34	15	3

ASK ALL:

Q.25 As you may know, many police departments around the country have military equipment and weapons. Overall, how much confidence do you have in police departments to use this type of equipment appropriately? **[READ IN ORDER]:**

(U)	
Aug	
20-24	
<u>2014</u>	
18	A great deal
36	A fair amount
27	Not too much
17	None at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 26-29**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.30 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

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

Q.30 CONTINUED...

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

Q.30 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ³	2	29	42	26	1

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

- Q.31 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

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

³ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.31 CONTINUED...

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

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.32 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</u> <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

Q.32 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 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.) <u>Stay the same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	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
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.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>		(U) Apr 23-27 <u>2014</u>
8	The economy is recovering strongly	6
67	The economy is recovering, but not so strongly	66
24	The economy isn't recovering at all	26
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

RANDOMIZE Q.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=757]:**

Q.35F1 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>
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

RANDOMIZE Q.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=744]:**

Q.36F2 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?

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>
26	Plenty of GOOD jobs available	10	22	36	28
71	GOOD jobs are difficult to find	84	73	55	64
1	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL.)	2	1	3	3
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	6	5

NO QUESTION 37

ASK ALL:

Q.38 For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that happened to you in the past year.... (In the past year) Have you **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU f. WITH ITEM g. ALWAYS LAST]**? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS THIS DOES NOT APPLY, CODE AS NO]**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage			
Aug 20-24, 2014	20	80	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	23	76	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	23	76	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	73	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	76	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	16	83	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:⁴			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	13	87	*
b. Been laid off or lost your job			
Aug 20-24, 2014	14	85	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	15	84	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	15	85	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	16	84	*
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	79	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	18	82	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	14	85	1
c. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care			
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	75	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	71	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Had trouble getting or paying for medical care</i>			
<i>for yourself or your family</i>			
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	25	74	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	70	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	26	74	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	23	77	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	23	76	1
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	21	78	*
d. Gotten a pay raise at your current job or gotten a better job			
Aug 20-24, 2014	36	62	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	70	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	25	74	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	74	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	29	70	1
January, 2008 (SDT)	41	57	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	29	69	2
e. Been able to save money for the future			
Aug 20-24, 2014	44	55	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	41	58	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	58	42	*

⁴ Trends for comparison for items 38a, 38c, 38d, 38e and 38f are from a study conducted by the Washington Post, Kaiser and Harvard from June 30 to August 30, 1999. The introduction to these items was: "For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you and your immediate family during the past year..."

Q.38 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
f. Had problems with collection or credit agencies				
Aug 20-24, 2014	20	80	*	
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	78	*	
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*	
TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	19	80	*	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Laid off</i>

ASK IF NOT LAID OFF (Q.38b=2,9) [N=1,326]:**BASED ON TOTAL:**

g. Had your hours reduced or been asked to take a cut in pay				
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	77	1	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	15	64	1	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	71	*	18

NO QUESTION 39**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 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?

		(U) Jan 15-19 <u>2014</u>	Oct <u>2008</u>	July <u>2008</u>	Early Feb <u>2008</u>	Sep <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	NBC/WSJ June <u>1996</u>
Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>								
5	Going up faster	7	5	6	6	10	9	9
37	Staying about even	34	34	28	33	43	41	38
56	Falling behind	57	57	64	58	44	47	50
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	4	2	3	3	3	3

NO QUESTIONS 41-48**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

RANDOMIZE Q.49 AND Q.50**ASK ALL:**

Q.49 Do you think we live in a safer world now than we did several years ago, a more dangerous world, or have things not changed very much?

		(U) Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>	(Gallup/CNN/USA Today) March <u>1993</u>
7	Safer world		19
65	More dangerous world		58
27	Not changed very much		22
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)		1

RANDOMIZE Q.49 AND Q.50**ASK ALL:**

- Q.50 Do you think the United States plays a more important and powerful role as a world leader today compared to 10 years ago, a less important role, or about as important a role as a world leader as it did 10 years ago?

	More <u>important</u>	Less <u>important</u>	As <u>important</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	15	48	34	2
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	17	53	27	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	41	30	4
July, 2004	45	20	31	4
Early September, 2001	33	26	38	3
September, 1997	35	23	40	2
December, 1994	40	27	29	4
October, 1993	37	26	33	4
September, 1993	37	30	31	2
Chicago CFR: November, 1990 ⁵	37	35	24	4
Chicago CFR: November, 1986	41	26	29	4
Chicago CFR: November, 1982	27	25	44	5
Chicago CFR: November, 1978	29	41	24	6
Chicago CFR: December, 1974	28	39	27	6

NO QUESTION 51**ASK ALL:**

- Q.52 In terms of solving world problems, does the United States do too much, too little, or the right amount in helping solve world problems?

(U) Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>		Oct 30-Nov 6 <u>2013</u>	(GA) Summer <u>2002</u>
39	Does too much	51	47
31	Does too little	17	17
24	Does right amount	28	31
*	United States does nothing (VOL.)	1	*
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	5

NO QUESTION 53**ASK ALL:**

- Q.54 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				
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

⁵ Surveys conducted December 1974 through November 1990 by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

Q.54 CONTINUED...

	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May, 2001	51	30	10	9
July, 1999	53	33	10	4
b. Growing tension between Russia and its neighbors				
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
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:				
<i>Growing authoritarianism in Russia</i>				
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
<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				
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
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				
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				
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				
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	33	13	6
June, 2009	49	35	9	6
January, 2009	45	40	9	6

Q.54 CONTINUED...

		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	(VOL.) DK/Ref
g.	The rapid spread of infectious diseases from country to country				
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	52	40	6	2
	May, 2001	66	26	3	5

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=757]:

h.	Islamic extremist groups like al Qaeda				
	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

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=744]:

i.	The Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS				
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	67	21	5	6

NO QUESTIONS 55-59

ASK ALL:

Q.60 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, how much do you sympathize with **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? A lot, some, not much, or not at all? And how much do you sympathize with **[NEXT ITEM]**? A lot, some, not much, or not at all?

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Israel					
	Aug 20-24, 2014	34	32	15	12	7
b.	The Palestinians					
	Aug 20-24, 2014	11	35	20	27	7

NO QUESTION 61

ASK ALL:

Q.62 Thinking about the situation in the Middle East these days, do you think Barack Obama is **[RANDOMIZE: favoring Israel too much; favoring the Palestinians too much]** or striking about the right balance?⁶

	Favoring Israel <u>too much</u>	Favoring the Palestinians <u>too much</u>	Striking about <u>the right balance</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 20-24, 2014	13	22	49	16
Apr 23-27, 2014	9	22	45	24
Mar 13-17, 2013	9	21	41	29
May 25-30, 2011	6	21	50	24
Apr 21-26, 2010	7	21	47	25
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	7	16	51	26
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	17	65	14

⁶ Data from September 2011 not shown because of differences in questionnaire context.

ASK ALL:

Q.63 Do you think a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with each other, or not?

Aug 20-24 2014		Apr 23-27 2014	(GA) Spring 2013
43	Yes	46	50
48	No	44	41
2	It depends (VOL.)	1	*
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	9

NO QUESTIONS 64-65**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.66 What should be the priority for dealing with illegal immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE; (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements]** OR should BOTH be given equal priority?

	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our <u>immigration laws.</u>	Creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet <u>certain requirements</u>	Both should be given equal <u>priority</u>	(VOL.) None of these	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	23	41	1	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	25	47	1	2
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	27	42	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	29	24	43	2	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	35	21	42	1	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	30	23	44	1	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	33	22	42	1	3

NO QUESTIONS 67-68**ASK ALL:**

Q.69 As you many know, thousands of children from Central America who entered the U.S. illegally have been apprehended at the U.S. border. Please tell me whether you would favor or oppose allowing these children to do each of the following. First, **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** while their immigration cases are pending? How about to **[INSERT NEXT]** while their immigration cases are pending?

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Attend public school in the U.S. Aug 20-24, 2014	56	40	4
b.	Join their families already living in the U.S. Aug 20-24, 2014	69	28	3
c.	Be housed in a government facility in the U.S. Aug 20-24, 2014	51	45	4

ASK IF Q69A=1 [N=810]:

Q.70 And would you favor or oppose allowing some of these children to attend public school in your community?

Aug 20-24

2014

96	Favor
3	Oppose
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 71-76**ASK ALL:**

Q.77 Thinking about the long-term future of the Middle East, do you think militant forms of Islam will grow in influence or decline in influence?

(U)

Aug 20-24

2014

63	Grow in influence
25	Decline in influence
1	Stay about the same (VOL.)
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 78-84**ASK ALL:**

Now I have some questions about how some groups in our society get along ...

Q.85 In general, how well do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** get along with each other these days – would you say very well, pretty well, not too well, or not at all well? What about how well **[NEXT ITEM]** get along? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, do [ITEM] get along very well, pretty well, not too well, or not at all well these days?]**

		<u>Very</u> <u>well</u>	<u>Pretty</u> <u>well</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>too well</u>	<u>Not at</u> <u>all well</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Whites and Hispanics					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	14	62	18	3	4
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Aug 1-4, 2013	13	61	18	2	6
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	11	56	22	3	8
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	15	53	19	3	10
b.	Blacks and Hispanics					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	12	48	22	6	13
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Aug 1-4, 2013	10	44	25	5	16
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	9	39	24	6	22
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	11	33	23	8	25
c.	Blacks and whites					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	12	57	23	5	3
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Aug 1-4, 2013	13	63	17	3	4
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	13	63	16	3	5
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	18	57	18	2	5

ASK ALL:

- Q.86 How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community **[INSERT ITEM; READ IN ORDER]**--a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence? **[READ IF NECESSARY:**
How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community **[INSERT ITEM; READ IN ORDER]** -- a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?

		Great <u>deal</u>	Fair <u>amount</u>	Just <u>some</u>	Very <u>little</u>	(VOL.) None/ DK/Ref
a.	To do a good job enforcing the law					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	39	36	12	11	1
	Pew Social Trends Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	41	30	16	10	2
	Pew Social Trends Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	42	31	13	11	3
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	NBC/Wall Street Journal: October 1995 ⁷	36	37	12	12	1
b.	To not use excessive force on suspects					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	31	33	15	18	4
	Pew Social Trends Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	33	30	18	13	6
	Pew Social Trends Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	37	29	12	14	8
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	NBC/Wall Street Journal: October 1995	28	31	15	16	8
c.	To treat blacks and whites equally					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	30	32	15	20	3
	Pew Social Trends Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	33	28	18	14	7
	Pew Social Trends Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	37	29	11	14	9
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	NBC/Wall Street Journal: October 1995	25	33	12	17	11
d.	To treat Hispanics and whites equally					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	30	34	15	17	4
	Pew Social Trends Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	29	28	20	15	7
e.	To gain the trust of local residents					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	33	36	16	14	2

NO QUESTIONS 87-89

⁷ Trends for comparison for items 86a, 86b, and 86c are from a poll conducted by NBC News and the Wall Street Journal in October 1995. The question read: "How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community in terms of..." and included a voluntary "None" response in its report.

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.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
Jul 8-14, 2014	25	34	37	2	1	1	16	15
Apr 23-27, 2014	24	30	41	2	1	2	18	17
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	22	31	41	3	1	2	17	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Yearly Totals								
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
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 (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.90 Thinking about this year's Congressional elections, do you think the Republican Party will do better, worse, or about the same as it has in recent elections?

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=494]:

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	61	3	32	4
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	55	5	33	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	76	1	18	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	72	2	23	3
November 2006	17	29	48	6
Early October 2006	16	21	56	7
September 2006	23	22	50	5
June 2006	16	17	62	5
February 2006	21	17	57	5
December 2005	16	21	56	7

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.91 Thinking about this year's Congressional elections, do you think the Democratic Party will do better, worse, or about the same as it has in recent elections?

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=572]:

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	32	14	48	6
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	43	9	43	6
Oct 13-18, 2010	26	30	39	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	29	19	48	4
November 2006	72	1	22	5
Early October 2006	67	2	26	5
September 2006	66	1	30	3
June 2006	62	2	32	4
February 2006	64	2	29	5
December 2005	64	1	29	6

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=608]

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

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
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 ⁸	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(C)	Pew Research Global Attitudes/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
(GA)	Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Project
(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social and Demographic Trends

⁸ 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."