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SEPTEMBER 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 22-27, 2015
N=1,502**

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

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	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	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	August, 1990	47	48	5
September, 1997	45	49	6	May, 1990	41	54	5
February, 1998	59	37	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
January, 1998	46	50	4	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
August, 1997	49	46	5				

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

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Sep 22-27, 2015	19	73	8
May 12-18, 2015	22	72	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	26	66	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	23	68	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 ²	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15

² From December, 1994 through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Sep 22-27, 2015	34	60	6
May 12-18, 2015	33	60	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	58	7
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	32	60	8
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
May 1-5, 2013	32	59	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 ³	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19

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

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22

ASK ALL:

Q.6 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	<u>Smaller government, fewer services</u>	<u>Bigger government, more services</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Depends</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-27, 2015	53	38	3	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	50	42	3	5
Sep 4-8, 2013	51	40	2	7
Sep 12-16, 2012	51	40	4	6
Jan 4-8, 2012	52	39	2	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	41	2	8
Mar 8-14, 2011	50	42	3	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
<i>LA Times/Bloomberg</i> : January 2006	49	38	--	13
<i>LA Times</i> : January 2005	52	36	--	12
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : June 2004	50	46	--	4
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 2003	45	42	4	9
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : July 2003	48	40	5	7
<i>ABC</i> : November 2002 (<i>Likely voters</i>)	60	35	--	5
<i>Wash Post</i> : September 2002	54	39	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 2002	53	42	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : January 2002	54	41	--	5
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 2002	46	40	3	11
<i>LA Times</i> : November 2001	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 2001	48	39	3	11
<i>LA Times</i> : March 2001	59	29	--	12
<i>CBS</i> : January 2001	51	36	5	8
<i>CBS</i> : November 2000	54	31	5	10
<i>CBS</i> : October 2000	57	32	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : October 2000 (<i>RV</i>)	58	32	--	10
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : Early October 2000 (<i>RV</i>)	58	33	--	9
<i>LA Times</i> : September 2000 (<i>RV</i>)	59	26	--	15
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 2000	59	34	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : April 2000	56	38	--	7
<i>CBS</i> : September 1999	46	43	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : August 1998	59	35	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : August 1996	63	32	--	5
<i>LA Times</i> : April 1996	62	28	--	10
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : February 1996	61	30	4	5
<i>LA Times</i> : October 1995	68	23	--	9

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>LA Times</i> : September 1995	62	27	--	11
<i>LA Times</i> : January 1995	63	27	--	10
<i>LA Times</i> : June 1993	60	29	--	11
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : February 1993	67	30	--	2
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1992	55	38	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1991	42	43	7	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 1989 ⁴	41	48	4	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1988 (<i>Likely voters</i>)	47	37	7	9
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1988	49	45	--	6
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1988	43	44	5	8
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1984	49	43	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : March 1980	54	32	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1978	53	36	--	11
<i>Wash Post</i> : January 1978	40	39	--	21
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 1976	42	45	--	13
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1976 (<i>RV</i>)	49	37	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : September 1976 (<i>RV</i>)	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1976	42	43	--	15
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1976	41	43	--	16
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : April 1976	40	44	--	16

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.7 Do you think abortion should be **[READ IN ORDER TO RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, IN REVERSE ORDER TO OTHER HALF OF SAMPLE]**?

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <i>Legal in</i> <u>all/most</u>	NET <i>Illegal in</i> <u>all/most</u>
Sep 22-27, 2015	20	31	25	18	6	51	43
Sep 2-9, 2014	22	34	26	14	5	55	40
Jul 17-21, 2013	20	34	24	15	7	54	40
Oct 24-28, 2012	23	32	25	13	7	55	39
Apr 4-15, 2012	23	31	23	16	7	53	39
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	31	26	17	6	51	43
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	35	25	16	5	54	41
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	18	36	26	16	4	54	42
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	17	33	27	17	7	50	44
August 11-27, 2009	16	31	27	17	8	47	45
April, 2009	18	28	28	16	10	46	44
Late October, 2008	18	35	24	16	7	53	40
Mid-October, 2008	19	38	22	14	7	57	36
August, 2008	17	37	26	15	5	54	41
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6	57	37
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5	51	44
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8	53	39
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5	52	43
<i>AP/Ipsos-Poll</i> : February, 2006	19	32	27	16	6	51	43
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : December, 2005	17	40	27	13	3	57	40
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : April, 2005	20	36	27	14	3	56	41
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : December, 2004	21	34	25	17	3	55	42
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : May, 2004	23	31	23	20	2	54	43
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : January, 2003	23	34	25	17	2	57	42
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : August, 2001	22	27	28	20	3	49	48

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

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	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <i>Legal in all/most</i>	NET <i>Illegal in all/most</i>
<i>ABC/BeliefNet: June, 2001</i>	22	31	23	20	4	53	43
<i>ABC/WaPo: January, 2001</i>	21	38	25	14	1	59	39
<i>ABC/WaPo: September, 2000 (RVs)</i>	20	35	25	16	3	55	41
<i>ABC/WaPo: July, 2000</i>	20	33	26	17	4	53	43
<i>ABC/WaPo: September, 1999</i>	20	37	26	15	2	57	41
<i>ABC/WaPo: March, 1999</i>	21	34	27	15	3	55	42
<i>ABC/WaPo: July, 1998</i>	19	35	29	13	4	54	42
<i>ABC/WaPo: August, 1996</i>	22	34	27	14	3	56	41
<i>ABC/WaPo: June, 1996</i>	24	34	25	14	2	58	39
<i>ABC/WaPo: October, 1995</i>	26	35	25	12	3	61	37
<i>ABC: September, 1995</i>	24	36	25	11	4	60	36
<i>ABC/WaPo: July, 1995</i>	27	32	26	14	1	59	40

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.8 How much, if anything, have you heard about large numbers of migrants fleeing violence in Syria and other countries and entering Europe? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**

Sep 22-27

2015

55 A lot
32 A little
12 Nothing at all
1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK ALL:

Q.9 In order to help deal with this situation, the United States recently announced it will increase the number of refugees it accepts. All in all, do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Sep 22-27

2015

51 Approve
45 Disapprove
4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTION 10**ASK ALL:**

Q.11 In general, do you think the United States **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]** or is the U.S. doing about what it should to address the refugee situation?

Sep 22-27

2015

44 Should be doing more
19 Should be doing less
31 About what it should
6 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTION 12

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.13 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THROUGH b. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS c. THROUGH s.; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a. Congress								
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	4	23	69	29	40	0	4
Jul 14-20, 2015	25	5	20	69	31	38	*	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	22	4	18	72	34	38	*	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	22	4	18	71	34	37	*	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	28	5	23	69	28	41	*	4
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	23	5	18	72	35	37	*	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7
b. The Supreme Court								
Sep 22-27, 2015	50	8	42	42	17	25	1	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	9	39	43	17	26	*	9
Mar 25-29, 2015	50	8	42	39	12	26	1	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	52	8	44	38	14	24	1	9
Apr 23-27, 2014	56	11	44	35	12	23	*	9
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	7	41	38	14	24	1	13
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	7	45	31	10	21	2	15
Dec 5-9, 2012	53	8	45	36	12	24	1	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	10	41	37	14	23	1	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	41	29	10	20	*	18
July 1-5, 2010	58	9	49	25	8	17	1	16
Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
Roper: March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8

Q.13 CONTINUED...

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=756]:									
c.F1	The Department of Health and Human Services, the HHS								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	54	13	41	31	14	17	3	12
	Oct 9-13, 2013	61	14	47	30	12	19	2	7
d.F1	The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the FBI								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	68	18	49	19	8	11	1	13
	Mar 18-21, 2010	67	16	51	14	8	7	*	19
	July, 2001	61	16	45	29	9	20	*	10
	June, 1999	71	17	54	20	7	13	*	9
	October, 1997	67	13	54	25	8	17	*	8
	May, 1997	60	12	48	28	7	21	0	12
	August, 1995	64	16	48	28	9	19	*	8
	ABC/Wash. Post, May 1995 ⁵	82	34	48	9	6	3	*	9
	Roper, August 1987 ⁶	78	28	50	17	3	14	--	5
	Roper, August 1986	75	25	50	17	4	13	--	8
	Roper, August 1985	72	24	48	20	5	15	--	8
	Roper, August 1984	77	30	47	19	5	14	--	4
	Roper, August 1983	75	29	46	19	5	14	--	6
e.F1	The Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	52	13	39	38	18	20	2	8
	Jan 7-11, 2015	59	18	40	32	15	18	1	8
	Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	57	14	43	33	14	19	2	8
	Oct 9-13, 2013	62	15	47	30	12	19	2	6
	Mar 18-21, 2010	57	11	46	32	12	20	1	10
	October, 1997	69	14	55	27	7	20	1	3
	Roper, August 1987	62	19	43	30	7	23	--	8
	Roper, August 1986	59	18	41	31	7	24	--	10
	Roper, August 1985	58	19	39	31	11	20	--	11
	Roper, August 1984	68	27	41	26	9	17	--	6
	Roper, August 1983	56	21	35	34	12	22	--	10
f.F1	The Postal Service								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	84	33	51	14	6	8	*	2
	Mar 18-21, 2010	83	30	53	14	6	8	1	3
	October, 1997	89	28	61	11	3	8	0	*
	Roper, April 1987	76	33	43	22	8	14	--	2
	Roper, April 1986	74	27	47	24	8	16	--	2
	Roper, April 1985	70	23	47	27	11	16	--	3
	Roper, April 1984	69	24	45	28	10	18	--	3
	Roper, April 1983	70	25	45	27	10	17	--	3
g.F1	The Social Security Administration								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	55	13	42	37	16	20	1	7
	Mar 18-21, 2010	49	9	40	39	17	22	0	12
	October, 1997	62	11	51	34	10	24	0	4

⁵ Question was worded: "Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of...the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)...Is that a very favorable/unfavorable impression, or just somewhat favorable/unfavorable?"

⁶ Question wording for all favorability trends from the ends from the Roper Organization was: "Let me ask you about a few specific federal agencies [ITEM]—Is your opinion of them highly favorable, or moderately favorable, or not too favorable, or rather unfavorable?" In these surveys, those who could not rate were not distinguished from those who had never heard of the agency; both were entered as "don't know" and are shown here as "can't rate".

Q.13 CONTINUED...

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
h.F1	The Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	39	14	25	52	24	28	1	8
	Jan 7-11, 2015	52	21	31	38	15	24	1	9
	Oct 9-13, 2013	68	24	44	25	7	18	*	7
	Mar 18-21, 2010	57	19	38	22	5	17	2	20
	February, 1998	59	15	44	26	7	19	1	14
	Roper, August 1986	75	30	45	15	4	11	--	9
	Roper, August 1985	68	26	42	22	6	16	--	10
	Roper, August 1984	77	37	40	15	4	11	--	9
i.F1	The Department of Education								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	44	11	33	50	20	30	*	5
	Oct 9-13, 2013	53	16	37	42	16	27	*	4
	Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	53	22	31	6	8
	October, 1997	61	12	49	37	11	26	0	2
	Roper, April 1987	60	14	46	35	11	24	--	5
	Roper, April 1986	63	16	47	32	10	22	--	5
	Roper, April 1985	61	14	47	34	11	23	--	5
	Roper, April 1984	56	14	42	38	13	25	--	6
	Roper, April 1983	49	10	39	45	18	27	--	6
j.F1	The National Security Agency, the NSA								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	52	12	40	31	14	17	4	13
	Jan 7-11, 2015	51	14	37	37	15	22	3	8
	Oct 9-13, 2013	54	12	42	35	13	22	2	8
k.F1	The Department of Homeland Security								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	64	16	48	30	12	18	*	6
	Oct 9-13, 2013	66	12	54	30	12	18	1	3
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:									
l.F2	The Food and Drug Administration, the FDA								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	51	12	39	39	14	25	1	9
	Oct 9-13, 2013	65	15	50	29	14	15	1	6
	Mar 18-21, 2010	58	10	48	30	10	20	1	11
	October, 1997	75	12	63	22	4	18	*	3
	Roper, August 1987	74	23	51	20	4	16	--	6
	Roper, August 1986	75	25	50	18	3	15	--	7
	Roper, August 1985	74	27	47	19	5	14	--	7
	Roper, August 1984	78	32	46	17	4	13	--	5
	Roper, August 1983	73	31	42	20	5	15	--	7
m.F2	The Defense Department								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	63	18	45	29	10	19	1	7
	Jan 7-11, 2015	65	20	44	26	8	18	1	9
	Oct 9-13, 2013	72	21	50	23	9	14	1	5
	Mar 18-21, 2010	67	21	46	21	8	13	*	12
	Late October, 2005	56	14	42	32	13	19	1	11
	October, 1997	76	18	58	19	4	15	*	5
	Roper, April 1987	57	16	41	36	14	22	--	7
	Roper, April 1986	66	22	44	29	10	19	--	5
	Roper, April 1985	54	15	39	37	15	22	--	9
	Roper, April 1984	54	15	39	39	15	24	--	7

Q.13 CONTINUED...

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
	<i>Roper</i> , April 1983	54	14	40	38	15	23	--	8
n.F2	The Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	57	12	45	27	9	18	1	15
	Jan 7-11, 2015	54	14	41	33	13	20	1	12
	Mar 18-21, 2010	52	11	42	21	8	13	2	25
	June, 1999	49	9	40	33	10	23	1	17
	February, 1998	51	7	44	32	7	25	1	16
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1987	52	12	40	38	9	29	--	10
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1986	61	14	47	26	6	20	--	13
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1985	53	15	38	33	11	22	--	15
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1984	58	17	41	30	8	22	--	11
o.F2	The Internal Revenue Service, the IRS								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	42	9	32	52	24	28	*	6
	Jan 7-11, 2015	45	10	35	48	24	25	*	6
	Oct 9-13, 2013	44	9	35	51	23	28	*	5
	Mar 18-21, 2010	47	6	41	40	17	23	10	13
	October, 1997	38	5	33	60	25	35	*	2
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1987	49	10	39	46	19	27	--	5
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1986	51	10	41	45	19	26	--	4
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1985	48	8	40	47	19	28	--	5
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1984	60	13	47	34	11	23	--	6
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1983	50	12	38	44	16	28	--	6
p.F2	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	71	23	48	19	6	13	2	9
	Jan 7-11, 2015	70	25	44	23	10	13	2	5
	Oct 9-13, 2013	75	27	47	14	5	8	2	9
	Mar 18-21, 2010	67	15	52	16	5	10	2	15
	February, 1998	79	20	59	11	2	9	1	9
q.F2	The Justice Department								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	46	10	37	47	18	29	*	6
	Oct 9-13, 2013	61	9	52	33	14	19	1	5
	Mar 18-21, 2010	51	6	44	33	11	23	1	15
	February, 1998	56	7	49	39	12	27	0	5
	<i>Roper</i> , April 1987	53	10	43	39	15	24	--	8
	<i>Roper</i> , April 1986	52	10	42	39	15	24	--	8
	<i>Roper</i> , April 1985	53	10	43	39	17	22	--	9
r.F2	The National Aeronautic and Space Administration, NASA								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	70	23	47	17	4	13	1	12
	Jan 7-11, 2015	68	24	43	17	6	11	1	15
	Oct 9-13, 2013	73	22	51	15	3	12	*	12
	Mar 18-21, 2010	61	19	41	17	5	12	1	21
	February, 1998	73	23	50	20	5	15	1	6
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1987	66	23	43	24	5	19	--	10
	<i>Roper</i> , March 1986	61	23	38	30	11	19	--	9
s.F2	The National Park Service								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	75	27	47	11	4	7	2	12
	Feb 19-22, 1998	84	26	58	9	7	2	2	4

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
Roper, 1987	80	37	43	11	8	3	--	9
Roper, 1986	74	32	42	9	7	2	--	17
Roper, 1985	79	39	40	7	5	2	--	15
Roper, 1984	84	44	40	6	5	1	--	9

NO QUESTIONS 14-19**ASK ALL:**

Next,

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

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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 ⁷	44	25	16	13	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	27	19	16	1
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	30	18	19	1
Nov 9-14, 2011	36	26	21	15	1
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	29	29	22	19	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	27	30	23	18	1
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	29	27	23	1
May 25-30, 2011	23	30	27	19	1

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 QUESTIONS 21-26⁷

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

RANDOMIZE Q.27 AND Q.28**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 Overall, what's your impression of the possible candidates running for the REPUBLICAN presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,136]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2016 Election					
Sep 22-27, 2015	8	26	30	33	2
May 12-18, 2015	5	26	36	27	5
2012 Election					
Mar 7-11, 2012	4	25	34	34	3
Jan 26-29, 2012	4	21	37	34	5
Jan 4-8, 2012	3	27	35	27	7
Nov 9-14, 2011	5	23	36	28	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	4	22	38	26	9
May 25-30, 2011	3	22	36	23	15

Q.27 FULL TREND:

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

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=566]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2016 Election					
Sep 22-27, 2015	15	44	29	10	2
May 12-18, 2015	11	46	32	8	3
2012 Election					
Mar 7-11, 2012	6	43	39	9	2
Jan 26-29, 2012	8	38	40	12	2
Jan 4-8, 2012	5	46	34	10	6
Nov 9-14, 2011	10	38	39	7	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	9	40	38	6	7
May 25-30, 2011	5	39	36	7	13
2008 Election					
February, 2008	10	50	31	7	2
January, 2008	11	57	28	3	1
November, 2007	9	47	34	7	3
October, 2007 ⁸	5	46	36	7	6
September, 2007	8	41	36	8	6
1996 Election					
October, 1995	5	46	40	6	3
1988 Election					
January, 1988 (GP)	6	50	35	4	5

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

RANDOMIZE Q.27 AND Q.28**ASK ALL:**

Q.28 Overall, what's your impression of the possible candidates running for the DEMOCRATIC presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,136]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2016 Election					
Sep 22-27, 2015	7	22	32	38	2
May 12-18, 2015	7	27	30	30	5

Q.28 FULL TREND:

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

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=473]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2016 Election					
Sep 22-27, 2015	14	37	36	12	2
May 12-18, 2015	12	42	33	8	5
2008 Election					
February, 2008	30	50	16	2	2
January, 2008	28	50	18	2	2
November, 2007	16	51	28	2	3
October, 2007 ⁹	16	48	26	5	5
September, 2007	15	49	29	2	5
2004 Election					
January, 2004	8	39	41	6	8
December, 2003	5	40	39	7	9
September, 2003	4	40	39	5	12
1992 Election					
February, 1992	6	39	47	4	5
October, 1991	3	24	38	11	23
1988 Election					
January, 1988 (GP)	4	33	45	11	7

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

NO QUESTIONS 29-32**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 If there is a primary election or caucus in your state next year, how likely is it that you will vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary for President? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Sep 22-27

2015

63	Very likely
14	Somewhat likely
6	Not too likely
14	Not at all likely
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

*If there is a primary election or caucus in your state early next year, how likely is it that you will vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary for President? **[READ IN ORDER]***

Oct <u>2007</u>		Sept <u>2007</u> ¹⁰	Feb <u>2000</u> ¹¹
59	Very likely	56	60
18	Somewhat likely	19	18
5	Not too likely	6	7
12	Not at all likely	13	11
1	No primary (VOL.)	1	1
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	3

ASK IF AT LEAST 'NOT TOO LIKELY' (Q.33=1-3) [N=1,303]:

Q.34 As of today, are you more likely to vote in the Republican or the Democratic primary or caucus for President? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: If R says that they live in a state with an open primary, ask: "Which party's primary are you most likely to vote in? The Republican or the Democratic primary or caucus for President?"]**

Sep 22-27

2015

46	Republican
44	Democratic
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.33 If there is a primary election or caucus in your state next year, how likely is it that you will vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary for President? **[READ IN ORDER]**

ASK IF AT LEAST 'NOT TOO LIKELY' (Q.33=1-3) [N=1,303]:

Q.34 As of today, are you more likely to vote in the Republican or the Democratic primary or caucus for President? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: If R says that they live in a state with an open primary, ask: "Which party's primary are you most likely to vote in? The Republican or the Democratic primary or caucus for President?"]**

Sep 22-27

2015

84	NET Likely
39	Republican
37	Democratic
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
14	Not at all likely
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹⁰ The word "either" was omitted to the question in September 2007.

¹¹ In February 2000, the question read, "If there is a primary election in your state this year, how likely is it that you will vote in either the Republican or Democratic primary for president?"

ASK IF MAY VOTE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY OR CAUCUS (Q.34=1)

Q.35 Thinking about the 2016 presidential election, who would be your first choice for the Republican nomination for president? **[OPEN END; DO NOT READ; RECORD ONLY ONE MENTION. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS: IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW, PROBE IF IT IS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T REMEMBER A NAME OR IF NOT SURE YET – ACCEPT THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW YET AS 98, DO NOT PROBE MORE. IF CAN'T REMEMBER A NAME, BUT PROVIDE DESCRIPTIONS, RECORD IN 96]**

IF GAVE RESPONSE IN Q.35 (Q.35=1-96) [N=455]:

Q.35a And who would be your second choice for the Republican nomination for president? **[OPEN END; DO NOT READ; RECORD UP TO TWO MENTIONS, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS: IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW, PROBE IF IT IS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T REMEMBER A NAME OR IF NOT SURE YET – ACCEPT THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW YET AS 98, DO NOT PROBE MORE. IF CAN'T REMEMBER A NAME, BUT PROVIDE DESCRIPTIONS, RECORD IN 96]**

BASED ON REP AND REP-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WHO MAY VOTE IN PRIMARY OR CAUCUS [N=496]:

Sep 22-27, 2015

<u>First choice</u>	<u>Any choice¹²</u>	
25	32	Donald Trump
16	32	Ben Carson
8	17	Marco Rubio
8	23	Carly Fiorina
6	13	Ted Cruz
4	8	Jeb Bush
2	5	Mike Huckabee
2	3	Rand Paul
1	2	John Kasich
1	2	Chris Christie
1	1	Lindsey Graham
*	1	Bobby Jindal
*	*	Rick Santorum
0	*	George Pataki
0	0	Jim Gilmore
1	1	Other (VOL.)
6	6	None (VOL.)
17	17	Don't know—Not sure yet (VOL.)
2	2	Refused (VOL.)

¹²

Adds to greater than 100 because of multiple responses.

ASK IF MAY VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY OR CAUCUS (Q.34=2)

- Q.36 Thinking about the 2016 presidential election, who would be your first choice for the Democratic nomination for president? **[OPEN END; DO NOT READ; RECORD ONLY ONE MENTION.]**
[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS: IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW, PROBE IF IT IS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T REMEMBER A NAME OR IF NOT SURE YET – ACCEPT THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW YET AS 98, DO NOT PROBE MORE. IF CAN'T REMEMBER A NAME, BUT PROVIDE DESCRIPTIONS, RECORD IN 96]
IF GAVE RESPONSE IN Q.36 (Q.36=1-96) [N=423]:
- Q.36a And who would be your second choice for the Democratic nomination for president? **[OPEN END; DO NOT READ; RECORD UP TO TWO MENTIONS, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS].** **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS: IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW, PROBE IF IT IS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T REMEMBER A NAME OR IF NOT SURE YET – ACCEPT THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW YET AS 98, DO NOT PROBE MORE. IF CAN'T REMEMBER A NAME, BUT PROVIDE DESCRIPTIONS, RECORD IN 96]**

BASED ON DEM AND DEM-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WHO MAY VOTE IN PRIMARY OR CAUCUS [N=387]:

Sep 22-27, 2015

First choice	Any choice ¹³	
45	69	Hillary Clinton
24	39	Bernie Sanders
8	23	Joe Biden
*	*	Jim Webb
*	1	Martin O'Malley
*	1	Lincoln Chafee
1	4	Other (VOL.)
5	5	None (VOL.)
15	15	Don't know—Not sure yet (VOL.)
1	1	Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 37-38

¹³ Adds to greater than 100 because of multiple responses.

ASK ALL:

Q.39 Which of the following is more important to you in a presidential candidate? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

Sep 22-27 2015		Mar 25-29 2015
36	Experience and a proven record	47
57	New ideas and a different approach	45
5	Both (VOL.)	5
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

NO QUESTIONS 40-44**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about some issues ...

Q.45 In making your decision about who to vote for in the 2016 presidential election, will the issue of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: How important will the issue of [ITEM] be to you in making your decision about who to vote for in the 2016 presidential election?] [INTERVIEWER: PLEASE RE-READ RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NECESSARY TO REMIND RESPONDENTS OF OPTIONS. IF RESPONDENT VOICES THEIR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO AN ISSUE, CLARIFY: "this question is not about your position on each issue, just how important each issue will be to your vote."]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,136]:

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.	The economy					
	Sep 22-27, 2015	83	15	1	1	*
	Sep 2-9, 2014 ¹⁴	83	15	1	1	*
	Sep 12-16, 2012	87	11	1	1	*
	Apr 4-15, 2012	86	11	1	1	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	90	9	1	*	*
	Mid-October, 2008	91	7	2	*	*
	August, 2008	87	12	1	*	*
	Late May, 2008	88	9	1	1	1
	October, 2007	79	18	1	1	1
	June, 2007	74	22	2	1	1
	Mid-October, 2004	78	18	3	1	*
	August, 2004	76	22	1	1	*
b.	Health care					
	Sep 22-27, 2015	73	22	3	1	*
	Sep 2-9, 2014	77	18	3	2	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012	74	20	3	2	1
	Apr 4-15, 2012	74	19	5	2	*
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	78	17	3	1	*
	Mid-October, 2008	77	19	2	1	1
	August, 2008	73	21	5	1	*
	Late May, 2008	78	17	3	2	*
	October, 2007	76	18	4	1	1
	June, 2007	71	23	4	2	*
	Mid-October, 2004	73	22	4	1	*
	August, 2004	72	21	5	2	*

14 In all 2014 and 2010 trends, the question read "As you think about the elections for Congress this November, how important are each of the following issues to you. Is the issue of **[INSERT ITEM]** very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: As you think about the elections for Congress this November, is the issue of [ITEM] very, somewhat, not too, or not at all important to you?]**"

Q.45 CONTINUED...

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
c.	Abortion					
	Sep 22-27, 2015	41	31	13	12	2
	Sep 2-9, 2014	46	24	11	16	3
	Sep 12-16, 2012	46	24	13	14	3
	Apr 4-15, 2012	39	25	14	18	4
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	24	13	17	3
	Mid-October, 2008	41	29	16	12	2
	August, 2008	39	26	17	15	3
	Late May, 2008	40	27	15	15	3
	October, 2007	39	26	17	13	5
	June, 2007	40	30	13	14	3
	Mid-October, 2004	47	27	12	11	3
	August, 2004	45	25	13	14	3
d.	Foreign policy					
	Sep 22-27, 2015	64	29	3	2	1
	Sep 2-9, 2014	64	26	4	4	2
	Sep 12-16, 2012	60	31	5	2	1
	Apr 4-15, 2012	52	38	6	2	2
NO ITEM e.						
f.	The federal budget deficit					
	Sep 22-27, 2015	68	23	5	3	1
	Sep 2-9, 2014	65	25	5	3	2
	Sep 12-16, 2012	68	23	6	2	1
	Apr 4-15, 2012	74	19	4	2	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	69	22	5	2	2
	Late May, 2008	69	21	4	3	3
	October, 2007	61	28	8	1	2
	Mid-October, 2004	57	32	7	3	1
	August, 2004	55	35	7	3	*
g.	Immigration					
	Sep 22-27, 2015	59	31	6	3	*
	Sep 2-9, 2014	62	28	5	5	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012	41	37	13	6	2
	Apr 4-15, 2012	42	35	15	6	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	58	29	8	4	1
	Mid-October, 2008	49	32	13	5	1
	August, 2008	52	33	10	4	1
	Late May, 2008	54	32	9	3	2
	October, 2007	56	31	7	4	2
	June, 2007	54	34	7	3	2
h.	Terrorism					
	Sep 22-27, 2015	71	20	6	2	1
	Sep 2-9, 2014	75	17	4	3	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012	60	27	7	4	2
	Apr 4-15, 2012	59	25	9	5	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	71	18	6	3	1
	Mid-October, 2008	69	20	7	3	1
	August, 2008	72	20	5	2	1
	Late May, 2008	68	23	6	2	1
	October, 2007	69	22	5	3	1
	June, 2007	69	24	4	2	1
	Mid-October, 2004	77	17	3	2	1
	August, 2004	75	19	3	2	1

Q.45 CONTINUED...

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
i.	The environment					
	Sep 22-27, 2015	55	31	10	4	1
	Sep 2-9, 2014	54	32	9	5	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	57	33	7	3	1
	Mid-October, 2008	57	31	8	3	1
	August, 2008	59	31	6	3	1
	Late May, 2008	62	27	8	3	*
	October, 2007	58	31	8	2	1
	June, 2007	55	36	6	3	*
	Mid-October, 2004	53	37	7	2	1
	August, 2004	55	35	7	3	*

ASK IF MAY VOTE IN REPUBLICAN PRIMARY OR CAUCUS (Q.34=1)

Now a different kind of question...

- Q.46 Thinking about the kind of candidate the Republican Party should nominate for president next year, would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for the Republican nomination who **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or is this not a major factor in your vote? How about if a candidate **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for the Republican nomination for President who **[ITEM]**, or is this not a major factor in your vote?]**

BASED ON REP AND REP-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WHO MAY VOTE IN PRIMARY OR CAUCUS [N=496]:

		<u>More likely to support</u>	<u>Less likely to support</u>	<u>Not a major factor in vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Wants to end the nuclear agreement with Iran Sep 22-27, 2015	69	14	14	4
b.	Wants to deport all immigrants now living in the U.S. illegally Sep 22-27, 2015	43	29	24	4
c.	Wants to raise taxes on wealthy Americans Sep 22-27, 2015	31	34	34	2
d.	Wants to end federal funding for Planned Parenthood Sep 22-27, 2015	56	18	23	2
e.	Wants to send U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria Sep 22-27, 2015	53	22	21	4
f.	Will compromise with members of the Democratic Party Sep 22-27, 2015	41	27	27	5

ASK IF MAY VOTE IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY OR CAUCUS (Q.34=2)

Now a different kind of question...

- Q.47 Thinking about the kind of candidate the Democratic Party should nominate for president next year, would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for the Democratic nomination who **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or is this not a major factor in your vote? How about if a candidate **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President who **[ITEM]**, or is this not a major factor in your vote?]

BASED ON DEM AND DEM-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS WHO MAY VOTE IN PRIMARY OR CAUCUS [N=387]:

		<u>More likely to support</u>	<u>Less likely to support</u>	<u>Not a major factor in vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Wants to cut the size of large banks and financial institutions Sep 22-27, 2015	48	16	33	3
b.	Wants to expand U.S. trade agreements with other nations Sep 22-27, 2015	45	19	34	2
c.	Backs the nuclear agreement with Iran Sep 22-27, 2015	41	27	25	6
d.	Will compromise with members of the Republican Party Sep 22-27, 2015	60	14	23	2
e.	Will offer policies and programs similar to those of the Obama administration Sep 22-27, 2015	61	12	26	2

NO QUESTIONS 48-50

ASK ALL:

On another subject ...

Q.51 How much if anything, have you heard about the budget debate in Washington and the possibility of a federal government shutdown in the next few weeks? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	Nothing <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-27, 2015	26	38	36	*
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 ¹⁵	31	42	25	2
Feb 24-27, 2011 ¹⁶	37	34	29	*
Feb 17-20, 2011	21	35	44	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How much, if anything, have you heard about the possibility that the federal government might go into default if Republicans and the Obama administration can't agree on a plan to raise the federal debt limit by August second? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>	
50	A lot
32	A little [OR]
16	Nothing at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.52 If there is not a budget agreement by the end of September the federal government will have to shut down many of its operations until a budget is passed. What would you like lawmakers who share your views on this issue to do? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

		TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: -----Gallup-----			
<u>Sep 22-27 2015</u>		<u>Sep 19-22 2013</u>	<u>Mar 30-Apr 3 2011¹⁷</u>	<u>Feb 2011¹⁸</u>	<u>Aug 1995¹⁹</u>
36	Should they stand by their principles, even if that means the government shuts down [OR]	33	36	32	35
58	Should they be more willing to compromise, even if that means they pass a budget you disagree with	57	55	60	60
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	10	8	5

¹⁵ In March 2011, the question was worded: "How much if anything, have you heard about the possibility that the federal government might shut down this year if Republicans and the Obama administration can't agree on a budget."

¹⁶ For both February 2011 trends, the item was asked as part of a list. The wording for February 17-20, 2011, was: "The possibility that the federal government might shut down this year if Congress and President Obama can't agree on a budget."

¹⁷ In April 2011, the question was worded: "If there is not a budget agreement by the end of next week the federal government will have to shut down nonessential services until a budget is passed. What would you like lawmakers who share your views on this issue to do?"

¹⁸ In February 2011, the question was worded: "If the Republicans in Congress and President Obama do not agree on federal spending goals by March 4, the federal government will have to shut down all of its nonessential services until a budget is passed. What would you like the people in government who represent your views on the budget to do in this situation? Should they hold out for the basic budget plan they want, even if that means the government shuts down, or should they agree to a compromise budget plan, even if that means they pass a budget you disagree with?"

¹⁹ In August 1995 the question was worded: "If the Republicans in Congress and President Clinton do not agree on federal spending goals this fall, the federal government will have to shut down all of its nonessential services until a budget is passed. How would you like the people in government who represent your point of view toward the budget to act in this situation — should they stand by their principles throughout the debate, even if that means the government shuts down, or should they be more willing to compromise in the debate, even if that means they pass a budget you disagree with?"

Q.52 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

How much, if anything, have you heard about the possibility that the federal government might go into default if Republicans and the Obama administration can't agree on a plan to raise the federal debt limit by August second?

What would you like lawmakers who share your views on this issue to do? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

Jul 20-24

2011

23	Should they stand by their principles, even if that means the government goes into default [OR]
68	Should they be more willing to compromise, even if that means they strike a deal you disagree with
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 53**ASK ALL:**

Q.54 If the federal government shuts down because [RANDOMIZE: Republicans and Democrats] in Congress can't agree on a budget, who do you think would be more to blame: [READ IN SAME ORDER AS ABOVE: Republicans or Democrats]?

Sep 22-27

2015

40	Republicans
26	Democrats
23	Both equally (VOL.)
2	Neither (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

If the federal government shuts down because [RANDOMIZE: Republicans and the Obama administration] can't agree on a budget, who do you think would be more to blame: [READ IN SAME ORDER AS ABOVE: Republicans or the Obama administration]?²⁰

Sep 19-22

2013

39	Republicans
36	The Obama administration
17	Both equally (VOL.)
2	Neither (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

²⁰ This question was asked on the same survey as the National Journal's Congressional Connection poll, also released Sept. 23, 2013.

Q.54 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...2013 Sequester

If an agreement to prevent automatic federal spending cuts is not reached before next week's deadline, who do you think would be more to blame [READ AND RANDOMIZE: Republicans in Congress or President Obama]?

(WP) Feb 21-24 <u>2013</u>		(U) Feb 13-18 <u>2013</u> ²¹
45	Republicans in Congress	49
32	President Obama	31
13	Both equally (VOL.)	11
1	Neither (VOL.)	1
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7

2012 Fiscal Cliff

Do you think President Obama and Republicans in Congress will reach an agreement to prevent automatic spending cuts and tax increases from going into effect before January 1st, or not?

If an agreement is not reached, who do you think would be more to blame: [READ AND RANDOMIZE: Republicans in Congress or President Obama]?

Nov 8-11 <u>2012</u>	
53	Republicans in Congress
29	President Obama
10	Both equally (VOL.)
2	Neither (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

2011 Government Shutdown Threat

If the federal government shuts down because [RANDOMIZE: Republicans and the Obama administration] can't agree on a budget, who do you think would be more to blame: [READ IN SAME ORDER AS ABOVE: Republicans or the Obama administration]?

Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u>		Feb 24-27 <u>2011</u>
39	Republicans	36
36	The Obama administration	35
16	Both equally (VOL.)	17
2	Neither (VOL.)	1
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

1995 Government Shutdown

There's a possibility the federal government might have to shut down in the next few days because the Clinton administration and the Republicans in Congress can't agree on a plan to keep it running while they work on a new budget. Whose fault do you think this mainly is—Clinton's or the Republicans' in Congress?

ABC News/Wash Post

Nov 10-13 <u>1995</u>	
27	Clinton
46	Republicans in Congress
20	Both equally (VOL.)
2	Neither (VOL.)
5	Don't know/No opinion (VOL.)

²¹ In February 13-18, 2013 survey, question was worded: "If a deficit reduction agreement is not reached before the deadline, who do you think would be more to blame?"

ASK ALL:

Q.55 As you may know, a main point of disagreement in a possible government shutdown is about Planned Parenthood. **[RANDOMIZE: Some Republicans say that any budget agreement must eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood / Democrats say any budget agreement must maintain funding for Planned Parenthood]** Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?**[READ IN SAME ORDER AS RANDOMIZATION]:**

IF AGREEMENT MUST ELIMINATE FUNDING (Q.55=1) [N=519]:

Q.56 If the only way to avoid a government shutdown is to pass a bill that maintains funding for Planned Parenthood, would this be acceptable or unacceptable to you?

IF AGREEMENT MUST MAINTAIN FUNDING (Q.55=2) [N=854]:

Q.57 If the only way to avoid a government shutdown is to pass a bill that eliminates funding for Planned Parenthood, would this be acceptable or unacceptable to you?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Sep 22-27

2015

32	Any budget agreement must eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood
10	Acceptable to agree to budget with funding for Planned Parenthood
21	Unacceptable to agree to budget with funding for Planned Parenthood
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
	[OR]
60	Any budget agreement must maintain funding for Planned Parenthood
19	Acceptable to agree to budget without funding for Planned Parenthood
39	Unacceptable to agree to budget without funding for Planned Parenthood
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Disagreement over whether changes to the 2010 health care law should be included in a budget deal...

BASED ON TOTAL:

Oct 3-6

2013²²

42	Should Obama agree to a bill that INCLUDES cuts or delays to the health care law
14	Acceptable if Republicans agree to bill without cuts or delays
26	Unacceptable if Republicans agree to bill without cuts or delays
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
	[OR]
44	Should Republican leaders agree to a bill WITHOUT cuts or delays to the health care law
13	Acceptable if Obama agrees to bill with cuts or delays
29	Unacceptable if Obama agrees to bill with cuts or delays
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

²²

Response options for Oct 3-6, 2013 survey were [RANDOMIZE: Obama has said any budget deal must NOT include cuts or delays to the health care law because they are separate issues. / Republican leaders have said that any budget deal must include cuts or delays to the health care law because the law is bad for the country.]

ASK ALL:

Next,

- Q.58 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [They should not be allowed to stay in this country legally] **[OR]** [There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met]

ASK IF ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY (Q.58=2) [N=1,113]:

- Q.59 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship] **[OR]** [Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship]

	Allowed to stay legally	Apply for citizenship	Permanent residency, not citizenship	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Not allowed to stay legally	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 22-27, 2015	74	47	24	2	24	3
May 12-18, 2015	72	42	26	4	27	2
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	70	43	24	3	27	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	71	42	25	4	25	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	68	40	24	3	30	3
Feb 14-23, 2014	73	46	24	3	24	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	71	--	--	--	27	2
May 1-5, 2013	73	44	25	4	25	3
Mar 13-17, 2013 ²³	71	43	24	4	27	2

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

- Q.62 Were you aware that a child born to illegal immigrants in the U.S. is automatically a U.S. citizen, or weren't you aware of that?

Sep 22-27 2015		Feb 2-7 2011	Jun 16-20 2010	March 2006
90	Yes, aware	87	85	80
8	No, not aware	12	14	19
*	Constitution does not automatically allow newborns to be citizens (VOL.)	--	--	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	*	1

ASK ALL:

- Q.63 Would you favor changing the Constitution so that the parents must be legal residents of the U.S. in order for their newborn child to be a citizen, or should the Constitution be left as it is?

Sep 22-27 2015		Feb 2-6 2011	Jun 16-20 2010	March 2006
37	Favor changing Constitution	39	41	42
60	Leave Constitution as is	57	56	54
1	Constitution does not automatically allow newborns to be citizens (VOL.)	--	--	--
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	4

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In May 2013 and March 2013, question read "Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?" and the second answer choice read "There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements to stay in the country legally."

ASK ALL:

Q.64 All in all, would you favor or oppose building a fence along the entire border with Mexico?

Sep 22-27

2015

46 Favor
48 Oppose
5 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Building a fence along the entire border with Mexico

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 ²⁴	46	47	6
January, 2007 ²⁵	46	48	6
CNN: September, 2006	54	44	2

NO QUESTIONS 65-76

²⁴ In Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, January 2007, and September 2006 surveys, item was asked as part of a list.

²⁵ In January 2007, and September 2006 surveys, the item was worded: "Building a fence along 700 miles of the border with Mexico?"

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
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
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
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Yearly Totals								
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

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

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

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=406]:

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
Sep 25-27, 2015 ²⁶	28	11	58	2	1	--
May 12-18, 2015	34	13	51	1	*	--
Mar 25-29, 2015	35	11	52	1	1	--
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	9	54	*	*	--
Jan 7-11, 2015	34	9	54	1	2	--
Dec 3-7, 2014	34	9	55	2	1	--
Nov 6-9, 2014	31	10	57	1	1	--
Oct 15-20, 2014	32	8	56	2	2	--
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	12	50	2	1	--
Apr 23-27, 2014	33	11	54	1	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	11	50	1	1	--
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
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, 2012	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--

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Question asked September 25-27, N=406.

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Feb 2-7, 2011 ²⁷	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

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [(PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) AND REG=1]

Q.77 If you had to choose, which would be more important to you in deciding who to support in the Republican presidential primary **[READ]**

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=566]:

Sep 22-27 2015		Nov 2007
67	Picking a candidate who comes closest to your positions on the issues[OR]	73
27	Picking a candidate who has the best chance of defeating the Democratic nominee in next year's election	23
2	Other (VOL.)	2
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [(PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REG=1]

Q.78 If you had to choose, which would be more important to you in deciding who to support in the Democratic presidential primary **[READ]**

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=473]:

Sep 22-27 2015		Nov 2007	Dec 2003 ²⁸
65	Picking a candidate who comes closest to your positions on the issues [OR]	72	49
27	Picking a candidate who has the best chance of defeating the Republican nominee in next year's election	23	43
3	Other (VOL.)	2	1
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	7

²⁷ 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."

²⁸ In December 2003, the question asked about "Picking a candidate who has the best chance of defeating George W. Bush in November."

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

Q.79 As you may know, Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner has announced that he will step down as speaker and resign his seat at the end of October. Overall, do you think John Boehner's departure will be good for the Republican Party or bad for the Republican Party?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=406]:

Sep 25-27

2015²⁹

54	Good for the Republican Party
20	Bad for the Republican Party
5	Not make much difference either way (VOL.)
20	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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

²⁹ Question 79 asked September 25-27, N=665.