

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
JANUARY 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JANUARY 7-11, 2015  
N=1,504**

**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]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	47	48	5	Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	51	6	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
				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- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	December, 2008	13	83	4
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	August, 2008	21	74	5
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	June, 2008	19	76	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	March, 2008	22	72	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	October, 2007	28	66	6
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	February, 2007	30	61	9
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	December, 2006	28	65	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	July, 2006	30	65	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	March, 2006	32	63	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	January, 2006	34	61	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	January, 2005	40	54	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	July, 2004	38	55	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	May, 2004	33	61	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	December, 2003	44	47	9
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	October, 2003	38	56	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	January, 2003	44	50	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	November, 2002	41	48	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	May, 2002	44	44	12
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
				January, 2001	55	41	4
				October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
				September, 2000	51	41	8
				June, 2000	47	45	8

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

**Q.2 CONTINUED...**

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

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:**

Q.3F2 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Barack Obama? Just the one word that best describes him. **[OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE]**

*NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages. Unique responses of three or less are not listed.*

<u>Jan 7-11, 2015</u>	<u>Jun 12-16, 2013</u>	<u>Aug 31-Sep 3, 2012</u>	<u>Aug 31-Sep 3, 2012</u>
35 Good/Good man	34 Good/Good man	38 Good/Good man/Good job	4 Ignorant
33 Incompetent	27 Incompetent	30 Trying/Tried/Tries	4 Ineffective/Ineffectual
21 Intelligent	18 Honest	27 President	4 Inept
12 Dictator	18 Liar	25 Failed/Failure	4 Interesting
12 Honest	17 Excellent	24 Incompetent	4 Lousy
12 Idiot/Dumb/Stupid	15 Great	21 Great/Greater	4 Not good
11 Awesome	15 Intelligent	17 Honest/Honesty	4 Positive
11 Great	15 Socialist	17 Intelligent	4 Scary
11 Liar	14 Fair	14 Disappointing	4 Smart
10 Arrogant	11 Leader	14 Liar	4 Stinks/Sucks
9 Smart	11 Smart	13 Socialist	4 Wonderful
9 Trying/Tried/Tries	10 President	12 Leader	4 Selfish/Self-centered
8 Disappointing	9 Confident	12 Loser	
8 Failure	9 Inept	11 Like him/Likeable	<i>N=1,008</i>
8 Impressive	8 Disappointing	11 OK	
8 President	8 Hard worker/Hardworking	10 Nice	
7 Weak	8 Trying/Tries	8 Arrogant	
6 Competent	7 Caring	8 Excellent	
6 Excellent	7 Dishonest	7 Bad	
6 Leader	7 Idiot	7 Idiot	
6 Liberal	6 Arrogant	7 Trustworthy	
6 OK	6 Dedicated	6 Awesome	
6 Persistent	6 Failure	6 Best	
6 Poor	6 Fake	6 Charismatic	
5 Ambitious	6 Liberal	6 Competent	
5 A**hole/Jacka**	6 OK	6 Fantastic	
5 Charismatic	5 Fantastic	6 Sh**/Horse sh**	
5 Dedicated	5 Inexperienced	6 Sincere	
5 Hardworking	4 Charismatic	5 Alright	
5 Socialist	4 Competent	5 Capable	
4 Brilliant	4 Integrity	5 Deceitful/Deceiving	
4 Diligent	4 Interesting	5 Dedicated	
4 Fair	4 Mediocre	5 Fair	
4 Frustrating	4 Poor	5 Favorable	
4 Inefficient	4 Puppet	5 Fine	
4 Unqualified	4 Untruthful	5 Inexperienced	
4 Untrustworthy		5 Joke	
	<i>N=769</i>	5 Presidential	
<i>N=746</i>		5 Sorry	
		5 Terrible	
		4 A**hole/Jacka**	
		4 Black	
		4 Clueless	
		4 Confident	
		4 Courageous	
		4 Dishonest	
		4 Dislike/Don't like	

**Q3.F2 CONTINUED...**

<u>Jan 11-16, 2012</u>		<u>Jan 5-9, 2011</u>		<u>January, 2010</u>		<u>Mid-April, 2009<sup>2</sup></u>	
24	Good	30	Good	25	Intelligent	30	Intelligent
21	Incompetent	25	Trying	21	Inexperienced	29	Good
19	Intelligent	20	Socialist	21	Trying	20	Socialist
17	Socialist	19	Inexperienced	18	Good	17	Liberal
16	Honest	16	Incompetent	15	Socialist	16	Great
16	Trying	14	Great	12	Honest	15	Confident
15	Disappointing	13	Intelligent	12	Unqualified	13	Inexperienced
11	Smart	13	Leader	11	Arrogant	12	Honest
10	Unqualified	12	Liar	11	Fair	12	Trying
9	Inexperienced	11	Strong	11	Incompetent	11	Smart
8	Failure	11	Smart	10	Confident	10	Change
8	Great	10	Determined	10	Different	10	Competent
8	Leader	10	Liberal	10	Strong	10	Excellent
7	Hardworking	9	Disappointing	8	Change	10	Spender/Spending
7	President	9	Honest	8	Great	9	Arrogant
7	Sincere	9	Idiot	7	OK	9	Hope/Hopeful
7	Sucks	8	President	7	Smart	8	Charismatic
6	Arrogant	7	Capable	6	Capable	8	President/Presidential
6	Bad	7	Fair	6	Disappointing	7	Different
6	Competent	6	Alright	6	Excellent	7	Leader
6	Determined	6	Excellent	6	Fake	5	Caring/Cares
6	Hopeful	6	OK	6	Leader	5	Determined
6	Inept	5	Deceitful/Deceptive	6	Liar	5	Efficient
6	Weak	5	Talker	5	Charismatic	5	Strong
5	Brilliant	5	Unqualified	5	Communist	5	Young
5	Capable	4	Arrogant	5	Idiot	4	Ambitious
5	Courageous	4	Dynamic	5	Liberal	4	Awesome
5	Excellent	4	Hope/Hopeful	5	President	4	Capable
5	Fair	4	Naïve	4	Clueless	4	Impressed
5	Ineffective	4	Personable	4	Competent	4	Incompetent
5	Fake	4	Puppet	4	Dedicated	4	Integrity
4	Awesome	4	Weak	4	Determined	4	Naïve
4	Change			4	Dishonest	4	Politician
4	Confused		N=766	4	Hopeful		N=742
4	Mediocre			4	Integrity		
4	OK			4	Young		
4	Untrustworthy						
N=748				N=740			

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:**

Q.4F1 In the long run, do you think Barack Obama will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>				
Jan 7-11, 2015	32	38	29	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	28	34	35	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	34	31	33	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	26	39	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	27	32	39	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	25	26	47	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	24	21	52	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	27	18	54	2

<sup>2</sup> Full trend not shown; question was also asked in February 2008, April 2008, September 2008, February 2009 and August 2010.

**Q.4F1 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2009	30	4	65	1
<b>Bush</b>				
January, 2007	24	45	27	4
January, 2006	27	37	32	4
Early October, 2005	26	41	30	3
January, 2005	36	27	35	2
December, 2003	39	20	38	3
Early October, 2002	40	15	44	1
January, 2001	26	15	58	1
<b>Clinton</b>				
January, 1999	44	24	29	3
Early September, 1998	38	24	35	3
February, 1995	18	34	43	5
October, 1994	14	35	48	3
May, 1994	21	26	52	1
January, 1994	21	19	57	3
October, 1993	18	25	56	1
September, 1993	22	22	54	2
August, 1993	13	25	60	2

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:**

Q.5F2 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Obama Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

	<u>Accomplishments will outweigh failures</u>	<u>Failures will outweigh accomplishments</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>			
Jan 7-11, 2015	44	50	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	39	47	14
Jan 9-13, 2013	46	39	15
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	44	12
<b>Bush</b>			
December, 2008	24	64	12
January, 2008	28	59	13
January, 2007	31	53	16
January, 2004	49	36	15
<b>Clinton</b>			
January, 2001	60	27	13
January, 2000	51	37	12
August, 1999	56	38	6
January, 1999	50	34	16
Early September, 1998	52	35	13
<b>Reagan</b>			
<i>Newsweek</i> : May 1987	46	41	13
<i>Newsweek</i> Feb 1987	52	38	10

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 As you may know, Barack Obama will give his annual State of the Union address this month... Do you consider this year's State of the Union address to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

	<u>More important</u>	<u>Less important</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>				
Jan 7-11, 2015	24	19	52	5
Feb 7-10, 2013	32	15	43	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	36	14	46	5

**Q.6 CONTINUED...**

	<u>More important</u>	<u>Less important</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 20-23, 2011 <sup>3</sup>	28	11	53	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	34	11	49	6
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	9	45	7
<b>Bush</b>				
January, 2008	19	27	46	8
January, 2007	32	16	43	9
January, 2006	30	14	47	9
January, 2005	34	9	47	10
Mid-January, 2004	34	9	49	8
January, 2003	52	6	35	7
January, 2002	54	4	36	6
<b>Clinton</b>				
January, 2000	16	22	53	9
January, 1999	27	16	51	6

**ASK ALL:**

Q.7 Right now, which is more important for President Obama to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

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

**NO QUESTIONS 8-9**

<sup>3</sup> In 1999-2007 and 2010-2011, question began "Now thinking about Barack Obama's/George W. Bush's/Bill Clinton's upcoming State of the Union address ...." In 2008, 2012 and 2013 question began "As you may know, George W. Bush/Barack Obama will give his annual State of the Union address in a few weeks ...."

<sup>4</sup> The April 23-27, 2014 survey randomized response options by form.

<sup>5</sup> January 7-11, 2009, survey asked about "president-elect Obama."

<sup>6</sup> September and May 2008 surveys asked about priorities for the "next president."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is a great deal of difference in what they stand for, a fair amount of difference, or hardly any difference at all?

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Hardly <u>any</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	44	31	21	4
Feb 12-26, 2014	43	30	23	4
Nov 4-7, 2010	38	41	17	4
January, 2007	35	40	20	5
Early October, 2006	38	39	18	5
April, 2006	33	42	21	4
June, 2003	29	49	20	2
February, 1999	33	46	18	3
March 1998	28	45	23	4
June, 1997	25	48	25	2
October, 1995	34	46	18	2
July, 1994	23	51	24	2
May, 1990	24	45	27	4
May, 1987	25	45	25	5

**NO QUESTION 11****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.12 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THROUGH b. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS c. THROUGH j.; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] 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 <u>heard of</u>	(VOL.) Can't rate/ <u>Ref</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. The Republican Party								
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10



**Q.12 CONTINUED...**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
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Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6

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Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

c.F1 The Defense Department

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

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<i>Roper</i> , April 1984		54	15	39	39	15	24	--	7
<i>Roper</i> , April 1983		54	14	40	38	15	23	--	8
d.F1	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC								
	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
e.F1	The National Security Agency, the NSA								
	Jan 7-11, 2015	51	14	37	37	15	22	3	8
	Oct 9-13, 2013	54	12	42	35	13	22	2	8
f.F1	The Internal Revenue Service, the IRS								
	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
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:</b>									
g.F2	The Veterans Administration, the VA								
	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
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1986	75	30	45	15	4	11	--	9
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1985	68	26	42	22	6	16	--	10
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1984	77	37	40	15	4	11	--	9
h.F2	The Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA								
	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
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1987	62	19	43	30	7	23	--	8
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1986	59	18	41	31	7	24	--	10
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1985	58	19	39	31	11	20	--	11
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1984	68	27	41	26	9	17	--	6
	<i>Roper</i> , August 1983	56	21	35	34	12	22	--	10
i.F2	The National Aeronautic and Space Administration, NASA								
	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

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<i>Roper</i> , August 1987	66	23	43	24	5	19	--	10
<i>Roper</i> , March 1986	61	23	38	30	11	19	--	9
j.F2 The Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA								
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

**NO QUESTION 13****ASK All:**

Q.14 This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?

	Work	Bicker and	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>together more</u>	<u>oppose one another more than usual</u>	<u>Same as in past</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	22	71	5	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	66	4	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	30	63	3	5
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010 <sup>7</sup>	8	77	4	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	25	53	8	14
Jan 7-11, 2009	50	39	6	5
May, 2005	13	64	8	15
January, 2005	30	59	4	7
June, 2004	21	60	7	12
October, 2003	21	55	10	14
May, 2002	44	31	8	17
January, 2002	53	39	5	3
July, 2001	30	46	10	14
May, 2001	34	41	9	16
January, 2001	41	50	4	5
July, 2000	21	54	10	15
August, 1999	20	68	4	8
August, 1998	27	51	8	14
November, 1997	38	45	7	10
August, 1997	43	46	3	8
June, 1997	34	49	6	11
October, 1995	21	72	3	4
August, 1993	20	57	13	10

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In surveys that were not conducted in January of a given year the question was worded: "This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Over the past few months, how much, if anything, have you read or heard about developments regarding the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay ... **[READ]**

Jan 7-11

2015

21	A lot
50	Some
29	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 As you may know, the Obama administration wants to close the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay within the next few years. All in all, do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea? **[IF NECESSARY: "To close the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay"]**

Jan 7-11

2015

42	Good idea
49	Bad idea
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

Analyst note (not for release): In Q20a.F1, the legacy Spanish translation read "reducing unemployment." We changed translation to match "improving job situation." If change among Hispanics look at trend and current results by language of interview.

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

Q.20 I'd like to ask you about priorities for President Obama and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think each should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done. (First,) should **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about... **[INSERT ITEM?]** **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY TO BE SURE RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS SCALE: should this be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?]**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
<u>SUMMARY TABLE</u>						
g.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	76	19	4	1	*
q.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	75	22	1	1	1
a.F1	Improving the job situation	67	28	3	1	1
r.F2	Improving the educational system	67	27	3	3	1
s.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	66	27	4	1	1
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	64	28	4	1	3
f.F1	Reducing health care costs	64	26	4	5	1
z.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	61	33	3	2	1
c.F1	Reducing crime	57	32	8	2	2
t.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	55	35	7	2	1
v.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	52	31	9	6	1
o.F2	Dealing with the issue of immigration	52	34	8	4	2
e.F1	Protecting the environment	51	37	9	2	1
l.F1	Addressing race relations in this country	49	33	10	6	2
u.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	48	28	12	8	3
d.F1	Reforming the nation's tax system	48	37	9	3	3
w.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	46	41	9	3	1
i.F1	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington	43	37	12	4	5
p.F2	Improving the country's roads, bridges, and public transportation systems	42	47	9	1	1
y.F2	Dealing with the role of money in politics	42	37	11	5	5
n.F1	Supporting scientific research	41	44	10	2	2

**Q.20 SUMMARY TABLE CONTINUED...**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
x.F2	Dealing with global warming	38	29	17	14	2
k.F1	Dealing with global climate change	34	33	17	13	3
h.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	30	50	12	3	4

**FULL TREND:**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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**ASK ITEMS a THRU n OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:**

a.F1	Improving the job situation					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	67	28	3	1	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	74	21	1	2	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	79	16	2	3	1
	Jan 11-16, 2012	82	14	1	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	84	13	*	1	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	81	15	1	1	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	82	15	1	1	1
	January, 2008	61	31	4	2	2
	January, 2007	57	30	10	1	2
	January, 2006	65	28	4	1	2
	January, 2005	68	28	2	1	1
	January, 2004	67	28	3	1	1
	January, 2003	62	32	4	1	1
	January, 2002	67	27	4	1	1
	January, 2001	60	30	6	2	2
	January, 2000	41	35	16	4	4
	July, 1999	54	30	10	3	3
	January, 1999	50	34	10	2	4
	January, 1998	54	32	10	3	1
	January, 1997	66	26	5	2	1
	December, 1994	64	27	5	2	2
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	64	28	4	1	3
	Jan 15-19, 2014	63	27	5	1	4
	Jan 9-13, 2013	72	20	3	2	3
	Jan 11-16, 2012	69	21	5	2	3
	Jan 5-9, 2011	64	27	3	2	4
	Jan 6-10, 2010	60	29	5	2	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	53	33	7	2	4
	January, 2008	58	33	5	1	3
	January, 2007	53	34	7	2	4
	January, 2006	55	35	5	1	4
	January, 2005	56	34	5	2	3
	January, 2004	51	38	6	3	2
	January, 2003	40	44	11	2	3
	January, 2002	35	44	13	3	5
	January, 1997	60	30	5	2	3
	December, 1994	65	26	5	1	3

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:***Paying off the national debt*

January, 2001	54	32	8	2	4
January, 2000	44	38	11	3	4
July, 1999	45	41	10	2	2
January, 1999	42	43	10	1	4
January, 1998	46	40	9	3	2

**Q.20 CONTINUED...**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
c.F1	Reducing crime					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	57	32	8	2	2
	Jan 15-19, 2014	55	35	7	2	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	55	33	9	2	1
	Jan 11-16, 2012	48	37	11	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	44	43	10	2	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	39	8	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	46	41	9	2	2
	January, 2008	54	36	7	1	2
	January, 2007	62	31	5	1	1
	January, 2006	62	29	6	1	2
	January, 2005	53	39	5	2	1
	January, 2004	53	34	9	2	2
	January, 2003	47	42	8	2	2
	January, 2002	53	39	6	*	2
	January, 2001	76	19	3	2	*
	January, 2000	69	24	4	1	2
	July, 1999	76	20	2	1	1
	January, 1999	70	24	3	1	2
	January, 1998	71	25	2	1	1
	January, 1997	70	25	3	2	*
	December, 1994	78	17	2	1	2
d.F1	Reforming the nation's tax system					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	48	37	9	3	3
	Jan 15-19, 2014	55	33	6	2	4
	Jan 9-13, 2013	52	32	7	3	6
e.F1	Protecting the environment					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	51	37	9	2	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	49	40	7	3	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	52	33	10	3	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	43	39	15	3	*
	Jan 5-9, 2011	40	44	12	3	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	44	42	11	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	41	42	12	3	2
	January, 2008	56	34	8	1	1
	January, 2007	57	32	9	1	1
	January, 2006	57	35	6	1	1
	January, 2005	49	42	8	1	*
	January, 2004	49	40	10	1	*
	January, 2003	39	50	9	1	1
	January, 2002	44	42	12	1	1
	January, 2001	63	30	3	3	1
	January, 2000	54	37	6	2	1
	July, 1999	59	32	7	1	1
	January, 1999	52	39	7	1	1
	January, 1998	53	37	8	1	1
	January, 1997	54	35	8	2	1
f.F1	Reducing health care costs					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	64	26	4	5	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	59	31	4	6	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	63	26	4	5	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	60	30	4	5	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	61	28	4	4	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	57	31	5	4	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	59	30	5	4	2

## Q.20 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	January, 2008	69	24	3	3	1
	January, 2007	68	24	4	3	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>						
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>						
	January, 2006	60	28	6	3	3
	January, 2005	54	33	7	4	2
	January, 2004	50	35	8	4	3
	January, 2003	48	38	7	3	4
	January, 2002	50	37	7	4	2
	Early September, 2001	54	34	5	5	2
	January, 2001	66	22	4	5	3
	January, 2000	56	30	7	3	4
	July, 1999	57	29	7	4	3
g.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	76	19	4	1	*
	Jan 15-19, 2014	73	23	3	1	*
	Jan 9-13, 2013	71	22	5	1	1
	Jan 11-16, 2012	69	25	5	1	*
	Jan 5-9, 2011	73	22	3	1	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	80	17	2	*	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	76	18	3	1	2
	January, 2008	74	22	2	*	2
	January, 2007	80	16	2	1	1
	January, 2006	80	18	1	*	1
	January, 2005	75	21	2	1	1
	January, 2004	78	18	2	1	1
	January, 2003	81	16	2	1	0
	January, 2002	83	15	1	*	1
h.F1	Dealing with global trade issues					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	30	50	12	3	4
	Jan 15-19, 2014	28	50	15	3	5
	Jan 9-13, 2013	31	47	15	2	6
	Jan 11-16, 2012	38	40	14	4	4
	Jan 5-9, 2011	34	44	13	3	5
	Jan 6-10, 2010	32	46	12	4	7
	Jan 7-11, 2009	31	49	11	2	7
	January, 2008	37	45	11	2	5
	January, 2007	34	46	12	2	6
	January, 2006	30	46	11	5	8
	January, 2005	32	47	13	2	6
	January, 2004	32	47	14	3	4
	January, 2002	25	55	13	2	5
	January, 2001	37	46	8	3	6
	January, 2000	30	48	14	1	7
i.F1	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	43	37	12	4	5
	Jan 15-19, 2014	42	30	17	5	6
	Jan 9-13, 2013	44	29	18	4	6
	Jan 11-16, 2012	40	31	18	5	6
	Jan 5-9, 2011	37	31	19	6	7
	Jan 6-10, 2010	36	34	18	7	6



**Q.20 CONTINUED...**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Jan 7-11, 2009	36	34	18	5	7
	January, 2008	39	32	16	4	9
	January, 2007	35	30	23	4	8
<b>NO ITEM j.</b>						
k.F1	Dealing with global climate change Jan 7-11, 2015	34	33	17	13	3
l.F1	Addressing race relations in this country Jan 7-11, 2015	49	33	10	6	2
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b> <i>Working to reduce racial tensions</i>					
	January, 2003	33	43	18	4	2
	January, 2001	52	35	7	3	3
	January, 2000	46	40	10	2	2
	July, 1999	49	37	8	4	2
	January, 1999	49	35	11	3	2
	January, 1998	41	38	13	7	1
	January, 1997	50	34	9	5	2
<b>NO ITEM m.</b>						
n.F1	Supporting scientific research Jan 7-11, 2015	41	44	10	2	2
<b>ASK ITEMS o THRU z OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:</b>						
o.F2	Dealing with the issue of immigration Jan 7-11, 2015	52	34	8	4	2
	Jan 15-19, 2014	40	40	14	5	2
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b> <i>Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration</i>					
	Jan 15-19, 2014	41	36	16	4	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	39	40	13	4	3
	Jan 11-16, 2012	39	38	17	4	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	38	12	3	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	40	41	14	2	3
	Jan 7-11, 2009	41	36	18	3	2
	January, 2008	51	32	11	3	3
	January, 2007	55	29	11	3	2
p.F2	Improving the country's roads, bridges, and public transportation systems Jan 7-11, 2015	42	47	9	1	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	39	46	13	1	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	30	51	16	2	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	30	52	15	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	33	48	16	2	2
q.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy Jan 7-11, 2015	75	22	1	1	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	80	15	2	2	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	86	11	1	1	1
	Jan 11-16, 2012	86	11	1	1	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	87	11	1	1	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	1	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	85	12	*	1	1
	January, 2008	75	20	2	1	2

**Q.20 CONTINUED...**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	January, 2007	68	25	4	2	1
	January, 2006	66	26	5	1	2
	January, 2005	75	22	2	*	1
	January, 2004	79	16	2	1	2
	January, 2003	73	23	2	1	1
	January, 2002	71	26	2	*	1
	Early September, 2001 <sup>8</sup>	80	18	1	*	1
	January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1
	January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1
r.F2	Improving the educational system					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	67	27	3	3	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	69	24	3	2	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	70	22	4	2	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	65	27	4	3	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	66	26	5	2	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	65	28	4	2	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	61	30	5	2	2
	January, 2008	66	26	4	2	2
	January, 2007	69	25	4	1	1
	January, 2006	67	26	4	2	1
	January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1
	Mid-January, 2004	71	23	4	1	1
	January, 2003	62	31	4	1	2
	January, 2002	66	27	4	1	2
	Early September, 2001	76	19	3	1	1
	January, 2001	78	17	1	3	1
	January, 2000	77	18	3	1	1
	July, 1999	74	19	4	1	2
	January, 1999	74	22	2	1	1
	January, 1998	78	17	3	2	*
	January, 1997	75	20	3	2	*
s.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound					
	Jan 7-11, 2014	66	27	4	1	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	66	28	4	1	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	70	24	2	1	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	68	26	2	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	66	26	4	1	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	66	28	3	2	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	63	31	3	1	2
	January, 2008	64	28	4	2	2
	January, 2007	64	28	5	2	1
	January, 2006	64	28	4	2	2
	January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1
	January, 2004	65	28	4	2	1
	January, 2003	59	34	4	1	2
	January, 2002	62	32	3	1	2
	Early September, 2001	74	22	2	1	1
	January, 2001	74	21	1	2	2
	January, 2000	69	27	2	1	1
	July, 1999	73	23	3	*	1
	January, 1999	71	24	3	1	1
	January, 1998	71	24	4	1	*
	January, 1997	75	20	2	2	1

<sup>8</sup> In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded: "Keeping the economy strong."

**Q.20 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Top</u> <u>priority</u>	<u>Important</u> <u>but lower</u> <u>priority</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>important</u>	<u>Should not</u> <u>be done</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
t.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	55	35	7	2	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	49	39	8	2	2
	Jan 9-13, 2013	57	32	6	3	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	52	36	8	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	52	36	8	2	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	53	38	6	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	50	39	6	3	2
	January, 2008	51	37	7	2	3
	January, 2007	55	36	6	2	1
	January, 2006	55	36	6	1	2
	January, 2005	59	34	5	1	1
	January, 2004	50	42	6	1	1
	January, 2003	48	45	5	1	1
	January, 2002	44	46	7	2	1
	January, 2001	63	28	6	1	2
	January, 2000	55	38	4	1	2
	July, 1999	60	33	5	1	1
	January, 1999	57	37	4	1	1
	January, 1998	57	34	6	2	1
	January, 1997	57	35	6	2	2
u.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	48	28	12	8	3
	Jan 15-19, 2014	39	32	14	11	4
	Jan 9-13, 2013	40	30	12	11	6
	Jan 11-16, 2012	44	30	11	10	5
	Jan 5-9, 2011	43	30	12	9	6
	Jan 6-10, 2010	45	31	13	7	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	45	29	16	6	4
	January, 2008	43	31	13	8	5
	January, 2007	47	30	12	8	3
	January, 2006	47	26	14	9	4
	January, 2005	41	32	14	10	3
	January, 2004	45	31	13	9	2
	January, 2003	39	34	16	7	4
	January, 2002	45	32	12	7	4
	January, 2001	51	27	10	7	5
	January, 2000	48	34	9	6	3
	July, 1999	55	28	8	5	4
	January, 1999	50	31	10	5	4
	January, 1998	48	31	13	6	2
	January, 1997	52	29	10	6	3
v.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	52	31	9	6	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	43	36	14	6	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	41	36	14	7	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	39	36	15	8	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	43	35	14	6	3
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	35	10	5	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	44	39	8	4	5
	January, 2008	42	38	12	5	3
	January, 2007	46	35	10	5	4
	January, 2006	42	36	13	6	3
	January, 2005	52	35	8	3	2
	January, 2004	48	31	15	5	1
	January, 2003	48	34	11	4	3

**Q.20 CONTINUED...**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	January, 2002	52	37	7	2	2
	January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2
w.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	46	41	9	3	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	45	41	10	2	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	45	41	9	2	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	52	38	6	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	50	39	7	2	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	39	7	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	60	32	5	1	2
	January, 2008	59	32	6	1	2
	January, 2007	57	35	6	1	1
	January, 2006	58	33	6	1	2
	January, 2005	47	42	7	1	3
	January, 2004	46	41	10	1	2
	January, 2003	40	46	10	1	3
	January, 2002	42	46	7	2	3
	Early September, 2001 <sup>9</sup>	46	41	6	2	5
x.F2	Dealing with global warming					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	38	29	17	14	2
	Jan 15-19, 2014	29	31	20	15	5
	Jan 9-13, 2013	28	36	18	14	4
	Jan 11-16, 2012	25	35	20	16	4
	Jan 5-9, 2011	26	35	21	14	4
	Jan 6-10, 2010	28	36	20	14	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	30	37	19	10	4
	January, 2008	35	38	15	7	5
	January, 2007	38	34	16	8	4
y.F2	Dealing with the role of money in politics					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	42	37	11	5	5
z.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	61	33	3	2	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	61	30	6	2	2
	Jan 9-13, 2013	65	29	3	2	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	61	31	5	1	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	61	31	4	2	3
	Jan 6-10, 2010	63	30	4	1	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	60	32	5	1	2
	January, 2008	60	33	4	1	2

<sup>9</sup>

In Early September 2001 the item was worded: "Passing a comprehensive energy plan."

**Q.20 CONTINUED...**

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
January, 2007	63	31	3	1	2
January, 2006	62	30	4	2	2
January, 2005	67	29	3	1	*
January, 2004	62	32	4	1	1
January, 2003	56	39	4	*	1
January, 2002	55	38	5	1	1
January, 2001	71	24	2	1	2
January, 2000	64	30	3	1	2
July, 1999	71	24	3	1	1
January, 1999	62	33	2	1	2
January, 1998	64	31	3	1	1
January, 1997	64	31	3	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.21 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Barack Obama. First, does Barack Obama impress you as...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** Next, **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: "Does Barack Obama impress you as ..."]?**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:**

	<u>A strong leader</u>	Not a strong leader	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F1				
Jan 7-11, 2015	49	49	1	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	47	50	1	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	50	48	1	1
May 1-5, 2013	56	40	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	37	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	52	45	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	49	47	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	58	37	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	53	41	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	42	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	62	32	2	3
Sep 10-15, 2009	65	29	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	77	13	1	9
b.F1	<u>Stands up for what he believes in</u>	<u>Doesn't stand up for what he believes in</u>	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	69	25	1	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	70	25	2	3
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	76	19	2	3
May 1-5, 2013	76	19	1	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	82	14	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	75	19	1	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	71	22	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	75	18	1	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	77	16	1	5

**Q.21 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Trustworthy</u>	Not <u>trustworthy</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c.F1				
Jan 7-11, 2015	55	43	1	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	51	47	1	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	52	45	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	30	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	36	*	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	59	37	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	62	31	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	58	36	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	37	1	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	61	31	2	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	64	30	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	76	15	1	8

	<u>Able to get things done</u>	Not able to get <u>things done</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d.F1				
Jan 7-11, 2015	45	50	3	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	53	2	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	43	51	3	3
May 1-5, 2013	49	46	2	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	57	37	1	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	46	50	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	50	2	4
May 25-30, 2011	55	38	3	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	54	38	3	5
June 16-20, 2010	55	39	2	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	57	35	3	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	58	31	3	8
Feb 4-8, 2009	70	15	2	13

**NO ITEM e.****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:**

	<u>A good communicator</u>	Not a good <u>communicator</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
f.F2				
Jan 7-11, 2015	63	35	1	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	66	32	1	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	68	28	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	76	21	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	78	20	*	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	75	22	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	75	20	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	75	21	1	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	77	20	2	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	2
Sep 10-15, 2009	83	13	1	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	92	6	*	2

**Q.21 CONTINUED ...**

	Someone who cares about people like me	Someone who doesn't care about people like me	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
g.F2				
Jan 7-11, 2015	56	41	1	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	54	42	2	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	58	38	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	31	*	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	35	1	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	63	31	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	64	30	*	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	60	34	1	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	60	35	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	64	30	1	4
Sep 10-15, 2009	68	25	1	6
Feb 4-8, 2009	81	14	1	4

  

	Liberal	Middle of the road	Conservative	(VOL.) None particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
h.F2					
Jan 7-11, 2015	48	37	12	1	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	48	31	14	2	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	37	13	1	6
May 25-30, 2011	40	32	16	3	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	36	14	1	7
Sep 10-15, 2009	44	36	9	2	9
Feb 4-8, 2009	38	40	13	2	7

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:**

Q.22F2 Would you describe Barack Obama as being in touch or as being out of touch with what is going on in the government?

Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>		Jul 8-14 <u>2014</u>	(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	<b>G. W. Bush</b> <u>Mar 2006</u>	<b>Reagan</b> ABC News/Wash Post <u>Aug 1987</u>
58	In touch	57	57	36	51
40	Out of touch	41	41	56	47
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	2	8	3

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about some issues ...

Q.23 Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had much of an effect?

	Better	Worse	Not much of an effect	(VOL.) Too soon/ early to tell	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	38	28	30	1	2
Jun 12-16, 2013 <sup>10</sup>	35	35	27	1	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	33	35	27	1	5
Feb 9-12, 2012	33	35	25	1	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	20	38	37	1	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	27	34	33	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	28	31	35	2	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	27	32	36	2	4
Jun 3-6, 2010	23	29	35	3	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	27	42	3	5
Dec 9-13, 2009	30	24	39	3	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	31	20	42	4	3

<sup>10</sup>

In June 2013 and earlier surveys, this question read: "Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?" In this poll, the last response option was changed to "not much of an effect".

**Q.23 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	Not much of <u>an effect</u>	(VOL.) <u>Too soon/ early to tell</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 20-26, 2009	24	21	46	3	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	26	16	49	4	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	26	17	47	6	4
Mar 9-12, 2009	14	15	64	4	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 Do you think Barack Obama is too tough, not tough enough or about right in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

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

**NO QUESTIONS 25-29****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>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	4	23	48	24	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	2	19	45	33	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1



**Q.30 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 <sup>11</sup>	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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	17	51	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	27	21	50	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1

<sup>11</sup>

Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**Q.31 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
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 fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	7	35	37	21	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
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

**Q.32 CONTINUED...**

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

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

**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
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 AND Q.35****ASK ALL:**

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

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

**RANDOMIZE Q.34 AND Q.35****ASK ALL:**

Q.35 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.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	36	57	3	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	58	4	5
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	62	4	5
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	27	65	4	4
Jun 12-16, 2013	29	64	3	4
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4

**Q.35 CONTINUED...**

	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>
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
U.S. News: August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News: May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News: January, 1992	12	79	6	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 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) Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>	Jan 15-19 <u>2014</u>	Oct <u>2008</u>	July <u>2008</u>	Early Feb <u>2008</u>	Sep <u>2007</u>	NBC/WSJ Jan <u>2006</u>	June <u>1996</u>
Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>									
6	Going up faster	5	7	5	6	6	10	9	9
37	Staying about even	37	34	34	28	33	43	41	38
55	Falling behind	56	57	57	64	58	44	47	50
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to dealing with the economy – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	No confidence <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Barack Obama					
Jan 7-11, 2015	18	31	23	27	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	17	30	20	31	1
Sep 12-16, 2012 <sup>12</sup>	22	32	16	27	2
Dec 9-13, 2009 <sup>13</sup>	20	32	17	27	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	21	38	18	21	2
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	32	38	13	13	4
Jan 7-11, 2009	33	42	14	7	4
b. Republican leaders in Congress					
Jan 7-11, 2015	6	31	34	27	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	5	31	34	29	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	7	31	33	24	5
c. Democratic leaders in Congress					
Jan 7-11, 2015	8	35	30	26	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	8	34	31	26	2
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	17	38	21	19	5

<sup>12</sup> Sep 12-16, 2012 item was asked about confidence in Obama and in Mitt Romney. In Sep 12-16, 2012 and earlier, item asked about confidence "when it comes to fixing the economy."

<sup>13</sup> In December, September and January of 2009, economy was asked in a list of issues.

**ASK ALL:**

Now a different kind of question.

Q.38 How worried are you that there will soon be another terrorist attack in the United States? **[READ]**

	<u>Very worried</u>	<u>Somewhat worried</u>	<u>Not too worried</u>	<u>Not at all worried</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	25	39	23	12	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	24	35	27	13	1
April 18-21, 2013	23	35	27	14	1
Nov 4-7, 2010	21	38	24	14	3
July, 2007	20	42	25	11	2
August, 2006	23	44	21	10	2
July, 2005	26	42	19	12	1
Mid-October, 2004	17	43	27	12	1
August, 2004	20	44	25	10	1
July, 2004	17	41	26	15	1
June, 2004	25	42	20	12	1
Mid-March, 2004	20	42	25	12	1
Early February, 2004	13	42	28	16	1
Mid-January, 2004	20	45	24	10	1
August, 2003	13	45	29	12	1
March, 2003	22	42	20	14	2
February, 2003	34	41	17	7	1
January, 2003	18	50	23	8	1
December, 2002	31	42	18	8	1
Early October, 2002	20	46	22	11	1
Late August, 2002	16	46	25	12	1
June, 2002	32	44	17	7	*
January, 2002	20	42	28	9	1
December, 2001	13	39	27	19	2
October 15-21, 2001	29	42	18	10	1
October 10-14, 2001	27	40	19	12	2
Early October, 2001	28	45	15	11	1

**NO QUESTIONS 39-49****ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

Q.50 How much, if anything, have you heard about the U.S. re-establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba? **[READ]**

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34	A lot
46	A little [OR]
20	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 All in all, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. re-establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba?

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63	Approve
28	Disapprove
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Do you favor or oppose re-establishing U.S. diplomatic relations with Cuba?<sup>14</sup>*

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2009 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	60	30	11
Mar 9-12, 2009	52	33	15
February, 2008 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	61	29	10
December, 2006 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	67	27	6
March, 2004 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	55	38	7
May, 2002 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	55	37	8
October, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	56	35	9
May, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	57	36	7
May, 1999 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	71	25	4
March, 1999 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	67	27	6
April, 1996 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	40	49	11
March, 1977 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	53	32	15
October, 1974 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	63	37	0

**NO QUESTIONS 52-53****ASK ALL:**

Q.54 And, would you favor or oppose the U.S. ending its trade embargo against Cuba, which would allow U.S. companies to do business in Cuba and Cuban companies to do business in the U.S.?

Jan 7-11

2015

66	Favor
28	Oppose
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Apart from their diplomatic relations, do you favor or oppose the United States government ending its trade embargo against Cuba?*

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 20-21, 2009 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	51	36	13
May 20-22, 2002 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	50	38	12
May 5-7, 2000 ( <i>Gallup</i> ) <sup>15</sup>	48	42	10
May 7-9, 1999 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	51	42	7
Mar 19-21, 1999 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	51	39	10

<sup>14</sup> In March 2009 the question was asked as a list item: "All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose re-establishing U.S. diplomatic relations with Cuba?" In Oct. 2000, May 2000, May 1999 and April 1996 question was worded: "Suppose that on election day this year you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Please tell me whether you would vote for or against each one of the following propositions. Would you vote – for or against re-establishing U.S. diplomatic relations with Cuba?" In March 1977, question was worded: "Do you think diplomatic relations with Cuba should or should not be re-established?" In October 1974 question was worded: "Suppose that on election day, Nov. 5, you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Please tell me how you would vote on each of these 14 propositions. Diplomatic relations with Cuba should or should not be re-established?"

<sup>15</sup> In May 2000, May 1999 and March 1999 question was worded: "Suppose that on election day this year you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Please tell me whether you would vote for or against each one of the following propositions. Would you vote – for or against ending the U.S. trade embargo with Cuba?"



**ASK ALL:**

Q.55 Over the next several years, do you think Cuba will become more democratic, less democratic, or will it be about the same as it is now?

Jan 7-11

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32	More democratic
3	Less democratic
60	About the same as it is now
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 56-60****ASK ALL:**

Thinking again about Congress ...

Q.61 As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?

		<i>Dem leaders</i>				
Jan 7-11		Nov 6-9	Nov	Nov	Dec	
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1994</u>	
40	Approve	44	41	50	52	
49	Disapprove	43	37	21	28	
11	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	13	22	29	20	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

		-----Dem leaders-----									
Jan 7-11		Nov 6-9	Nov	July	Mar	Jan	Nov	Sept	Apr	Feb	Dec
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1995<sup>16</sup></u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
45	Successful	49	43	43	54	57	59	54	63	61	62
46	Unsuccessful	40	37	42	32	25	22	31	28	20	24
3	Mixed/Get some passed <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	5	6	4	5	6	--	3	5	4
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	15	9	10	13	13	15	6	14	10

<sup>16</sup>

In September, 1995 the question asked, "In general, would you say the Republican leaders in Congress have been successful or unsuccessful so far this year in getting their programs passed into law?"

**ASK ALL:**Q.63 Thinking about financial regulation, which comes closer to your view **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]:**

Jan 7-11 2015		Sep 4-8 2013
45	The government has gone too far regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow	43
47	The government has not gone far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis	49
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	8

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

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

Feb 8-12 2012		May 13-16 2010 <sup>17</sup>
42	These regulations go too far, making it harder for the economy to grow	46
42	These regulations do not go far enough, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis	44
16	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.64 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism?  
**[READ]**

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

<sup>17</sup>

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.65 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

	They have gone too far in restricting the average <u>person's civil liberties</u>	They have not gone far enough to adequately <u>protect the country</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Approve</u> <u>of policies</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	37	49	8	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	35	50	9	6
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	44	39	9	7
Jul 17-21, 2013	47	35	11	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	47	11	10
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	58	8	8
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	40	13	11
Feb 4-8, 2009 <sup>18</sup>	36	42	9	13
Late February, 2008	36	47	9	8
August, 2006	26	55	11	8
February, 2006	33	50	10	7
January, 2006	33	46	12	9
Late October, 2005	34	48	10	8
July, 2005	31	52	10	7
July, 2004	29	49	11	11

**ASK ALL:**

Q.66 Do you think the use of torture against suspected terrorists in order to gain important information can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

	Often <u>justified</u>	Sometimes <u>justified</u>	Rarely <u>justified</u>	Never <u>justified</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	20	31	20	27	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	19	34	18	24	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	19	35	16	25	5
Apr 14-21, 2009	15	34	22	25	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	16	28	20	31	5
Late February, 2008	17	31	20	30	2
November, 2007	18	30	21	27	4
January, 2007	12	31	25	29	3
Early October, 2006	18	28	19	32	3
Late October 2005	15	31	17	32	5
Late March, 2005	15	30	24	27	4
July, 2004	15	28	21	32	4

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

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	21	30	44	3	1	1	19	18
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	31	39	3	1	2	17	17
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16

<sup>18</sup> In February 4-8, 2009, the question asked whether the policies "go too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties" or "do not go far enough to adequately protect the country."

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
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
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
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):**

REPJOB How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — In general, would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=616]:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	2	25	55	17	1
Jan 15-19, 2014	4	24	50	19	2
Apr 4-15, 2012	4	24	55	16	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	36	49	10	2
Nov 4-7, 2010	8	32	40	12	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	3	31	49	14	3
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	3	18	54	23	2
Mid-September, 2008	4	31	44	19	2
October, 2007	5	31	49	13	2
Late November, 2006	7	35	41	15	2
June, 2006	6	36	44	10	4
April, 2006	6	41	41	10	2

**REPJOB CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-September, 2005	4	44	41	8	3
Late March, 2005	8	43	36	9	4
July, 2004	12	49	33	4	2
August, 2003	6	51	37	5	1
May, 2002	6	49	38	5	2
May, 2001	10	50	32	5	3
September, 2000 (RVs)	6	43	44	5	2

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

DEMJOB How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — In general, would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=715]:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	8	36	46	9	1
Jan 15-19, 2014	5	44	44	7	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	6	35	49	9	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	6	32	47	14	1
Nov 4-7, 2010	10	38	35	15	2
Feb 3-9, 2010	8	47	36	7	1
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	10	45	39	4	2
Mid-September, 2008	9	41	36	11	3
October, 2007	4	35	48	9	4
Late November, 2006	6	37	45	7	5
June, 2006	4	30	51	13	2
April, 2006	5	35	48	11	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	32	49	14	2
Late March, 2005	3	30	51	14	2
July, 2004	6	43	40	8	3
August, 2003	5	33	51	9	2
May, 2002	5	39	43	10	3
May, 2001	8	39	40	7	6
September, 2000 (RVs)	11	52	32	4	1

**ASK ALL:**

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Jan 7-11, 2015	17	27	52	2	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	18	28	51	1	2	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	19	32	46	2	2	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	18	25	52	4	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29	46	2	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--

## TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	<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>
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>19</sup>	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

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

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

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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."