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**JANUARY 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**January 15-19, 2014**

**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]**

Dis- **(VOL.)**

Approve Approve DK/Ref

Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) 43 49 8

Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) 45 49 6

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 41 53 6

Oct 9-13, 2013 43 51 6

Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) 44 49 8

Jul 17-21, 2013 46 46 7

Jun 12-16, 2013 49 43 7

May 1-5, 2013 51 43 6

Mar 13-17, 2013 47 46 8

Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) 51 41 7

Jan 9-13, 2013 52 40 7

Dec 5-9, 2012 55 39 6

Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 50 43 7

Jun 7-17, 2012 47 45 8

May 9-Jun 3, 2012 46 42 11

Apr 4-15, 2012 46 45 9

Mar 7-11, 2012 50 41 9

Feb 8-12, 2012 47 43 10

Jan 11-16, 2012 44 48 8

Dec 7-11, 2011 46 43 11

Nov 9-14, 2011 46 46 8

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 43 48 9

Aug 17-21, 2011 43 49 7

Jul 20-24, 2011 44 48 8

Jun 15-19, 2011 46 45 8

May 25-30, 2011 52 39 10

May 5-8, 2011 50 39 11

May 2, 2011 (WP) 56 38 6

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 47 45 8

Dis- **(VOL.)**

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Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 51 39 10

Feb 2-7, 2011 49 42 9

Jan 5-9, 2011 46 44 10

Dec 1-5, 2010 45 43 13

Nov 4-7, 2010 44 44 12

Oct 13-18, 2010 46 45 9

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 47 44 9

Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 47 41 12

Jun 8-28, 2010 48 41 11

Jun 16-20, 2010 48 43 9

May 6-9, 2010 47 42 11

Apr 21-26, 2010 47 42 11

Apr 8-11, 2010 48 43 9

Mar 10-14, 2010 46 43 12

Feb 3-9, 2010 49 39 12

Jan 6-10, 2010 49 42 10

Dec 9-13, 2009 49 40 11

Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 51 36 13

Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 52 36 12

Sep 10-15, 2009 55 33 13

Aug 20-27, 2009 52 37 12

Aug 11-17, 2009 51 37 11

Jul 22-26, 2009 54 34 12

Jun 10-14, 2009 61 30 9

Apr 14-21, 2009 63 26 11

Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 61 26 13

Mar 9-12, 2009 59 26 15

Feb 4-8, 2009 64 17 19

**See past presidents’ approval trends:** [George W. Bush](http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-questionnaires/483.pdf), [Bill Clinton](http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-questionnaires/18.pdf)

**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- Dis- **(VOL.)**

fied satisfied DK/Ref

Jan 15-19, 2014 26 69 5

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 21 75 3

Oct 9-13, 2013 14 81 5

Jul 17-21, 2013 27 67 6

May 1-5, 2013 30 65 5

Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) 31 64 5

Jan 9-13, 2013 30 66 4

Dec 17-19, 2012 25 68 7

Satis- Dis- **(VOL.)**

fied satisfied DK/Ref

Dec 5-9, 2012 33 62 5

Oct 18-21, 2012 32 61 8

Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 31 64 5

Jun 7-17, 2012 28 68 5

May 9-Jun 3, 2012 29 64 7

Apr 4-15, 2012 24 69 6

Feb 8-12, 2012 28 66 6

Jan 11-16, 2012 21 75 4

**Q.2 CONTINUED…**

Satis- Dis- **(VOL.)**

fied satisfied DK/Ref

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 17 78 5

Aug 17-21, 2011 17 79 4

Jul 20-24, 2011 17 79 4

Jun 15-19, 2011 23 73 4

May 5-8, 2011 30 62 8

May 2, 2011 32 60 8

Mar 8-14, 2011 22 73 5

Feb 2-7, 2011 26 68 5

Jan 5-9, 2011 23 71 6

Dec 1-5, 2010 21 72 7

Nov 4-7, 2010 23 69 8

Sep 23-26, 2010 30 63 7

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 25 71 5

Jun 24-27, 2010 27 64 9

May 13-16, 2010 28 64 7

Apr 21-26, 2010 29 66 5

Apr 1-5, 2010 31 63 6

Mar 11-21, 2010 25 69 5

Mar 10-14, 2010 23 71 7

Feb 3-9, 2010 23 71 6

Jan 6-10, 2010 27 69 4

Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 25 67 7

Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 25 67 7

Sep 10-15, 2009[[1]](#footnote-1) 30 64 7

Aug 20-27, 2009 28 65 7

Aug 11-17, 2009 28 65 7

Jul 22-26, 2009 28 66 6

Jun 10-14, 2009 30 64 5

Apr 28-May 12, 2009 34 58 8

Apr 14-21, 2009 23 70 7

Jan 7-11, 2009 20 73 7

December, 2008 13 83 4

Early October, 2008 11 86 3

Mid-September, 2008 25 69 6

August, 2008 21 74 5

July, 2008 19 74 7

June, 2008 19 76 5

Late May, 2008 18 76 6

March, 2008 22 72 6

Early February, 2008 24 70 6

Late December, 2007 27 66 7

October, 2007 28 66 6

February, 2007 30 61 9

Mid-January, 2007 32 61 7

Early January, 2007 30 63 7

December, 2006 28 65 7

Mid-November, 2006 28 64 8

Early October, 2006 30 63 7

July, 2006 30 65 5

May, 2006\* 29 65 6

March, 2006 32 63 5

January, 2006 34 61 5

Late November, 2005 34 59 7

Early October, 2005 29 65 6

July, 2005 35 58 7

Satis- Dis- **(VOL.)**

fied satisfied DK/Ref

Late May, 2005\* 39 57 4

February, 2005 38 56 6

January, 2005 40 54 6

December, 2004 39 54 7

Mid-October, 2004 36 58 6

July, 2004 38 55 7

May, 2004 33 61 6

Late February, 2004\* 39 55 6

Early January, 2004 45 48 7

December, 2003 44 47 9

October, 2003 38 56 6

August, 2003 40 53 7

*April 8, 2003 50 41 9*

January, 2003 44 50 6

November, 2002 41 48 11

September, 2002 41 55 4

Late August, 2002 47 44 9

May, 2002 44 44 12

March, 2002 50 40 10

Late September, 2001 57 34 9

Early September, 2001 41 53 6

June, 2001 43 52 5

March, 2001 47 45 8

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

April, 2000 48 43 9

August, 1999 56 39 5

January, 1999 53 41 6

November, 1998 46 44 10

Early September, 1998 54 42 4

Late August, 1998 55 41 4

Early August, 1998 50 44 6

February, 1998 59 37 4

January, 1998 46 50 4

September, 1997 45 49 6

August, 1997 49 46 5

January, 1997 38 58 4

July, 1996 29 67 4

March, 1996 28 70 2

October, 1995 23 73 4

June, 1995 25 73 2

April, 1995 23 74 3

July, 1994 24 73 3

March, 1994 24 71 5

October, 1993 22 73 5

September, 1993 20 75 5

May, 1993 22 71 7

January, 1993 39 50 11

January, 1992 28 68 4

November, 1991 34 61 5

*Gallup:* Late Feb, 199166 31 3

August, 1990 47 48 5

May, 1990 41 54 5

January, 1989 45 50 5

September, 1988 *(RVs)* 50 45 5

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Q.3F1 Looking ahead, so far as you are concerned, do you think that 2014 will be better or worse than 2013?

**(VOL.)**

Better Worse DK/Ref

Jan 15-19, 2014 56 35 9

Dec 5-9, 2012 55 36 9

Jan 11-16, 2012 57 29 14

Dec 1-5, 2010 55 31 14

Jan 6-10, 2010 67 26 8

Jan 7-11, 2009 52 37 11

December, 2007 50 34 16

December, 2006 57 28 15

December, 1999 66 19 15

December, 1998 59 25 16

December, 1994 59 28 13

*Gallup:*December, 1993 64 20 16

*Gallup:*December, 1992 61 11 28

*Gallup:*December, 1991 61 31 8

*Gallup:*December, 1990 48 42 10

*Gallup:*December, 1986 53 25 22

*Gallup:*December, 1985 64 20 17

*Gallup:*December, 1984 61 20 19

*Gallup:*December, 1982 50 32 18

*Gallup:*December, 1981 41 44 15

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.4F2 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? **[RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

Jan Early

15-19 Dec Oct Mar Dec May Jan Aug Feb Aug Feb Oct Jul Jan

2014 2012[[2]](#footnote-2) 12 12 11 11 11 10 10 09 09 08 08 08

20 Unemployment/Lack of jobs 12 25 31 21 26 35 27 31 19 31 9 5 5

16 Economy (general) 18 25 24 19 28 27 35 24 27 53 55 39 20

Health care/costs/accessibility/

11 Affordable Care Act/Obamacare 4 5 5 4 6 9 4 13 20 3 4 3 10

Dissatisfaction with gov’t/politics/

8 Obama 8 9 4 10 4 9 9 5 5 5 4 3 6

Deficit/National debt/Balanced

7 budget/Gov’t spending 10 8 8 9 10 11 3 11 6 4 1 1 2

4 Partisanship/Parties/Gridlock 5 3 3 4 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

4 Education/Schools/Affording educ. 2 3 1 3 2 3 1 1 2 1 -- 4 4

4 Poverty/Hunger/Starvation 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 3

3 Finances/money 3 2 3 2 5 2 2 -- -- -- 4 -- --

3 War/War in Iraq/War in Afghanistan 1 2 3 4 5 3 3 4 5 3 11 17 27

3 Immigration 1 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 6

3 Distribution of wealth/inequality 1 1 1 2 -- 1 -- -- -- -- 1 1 --

3 Lack of humanity/On wrong track 3 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

2 Crime/Violence 7 1 1 1 1 1 -- 1 1 1 -- 1 1

2 Welfare abuse/Gov’t dependency 1 1 1 -- -- -- 1 -- -- -- -- -- --

2 Loss of liberty/Heading to socialism 1 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

Lack of attention to problems at

2 home/Too much foreign aid -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

2 Race relations/Racism 1 1 1 1 -- -- 1 -- -- -- -- 1 1

1 Morality/Ethics/Family values 5 3 1 2 1 2 4 3 3 1 1 3 2

1 Inflation/Prices/Cost of living 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 -- -- 2 5 6 3

1 Defense/national security 1 1 2 1 1 1 -- 1 1 1 1 3 3

1 Foreign policy (general) -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

1 Environment/global warming -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

1 Taxes 3 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 -- -- 1 -- 2

1 Greed -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

Social Security/Financial help for

1 the elderly -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

1 Lack of leadership 1 1 -- 2 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

1 Gun control/too many guns 8 -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

1 Terrorism -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --

1 Jobs moving overseas/trade 1 -- 1 1 1 1 -- 2 1 1 1 1 1

10 Other

4 Don't know/No answer 5 6 8 6 7 5 7 6 5 3 4 4 5

**48 (NET) ECONOMIC 47 58 66 55 68 62 65 65 55 80 75 61 34**

**(NET) FOREIGN ISSUES/**

**8 INTERNATIONAL 3 6 5 6 9 6 4 11 10 7 18 25 36**

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.*

**NO QUESTIONS 5-8**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Q.9F1 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?

Too early **(VOL.)**

Successful Unsuccessful to tell DK/Ref

**Obama**

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

Jan 7-11, 2009 30 4 65 1

**Bush**

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

**Clinton**

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=739]:**

Q.10F2 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Obama Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

Accomplishments will Failures will outweigh **(VOL.)**

outweigh failures accomplishments DK/Ref

**Obama**

Jan 15-19, 2014 39 47 14

Jan 9-13, 2013 46 39 15

Jan 11-16, 2012 43 44 12

**Bush**

December, 2008 24 64 12

January, 2008 28 59 13

January, 2007 31 53 16

January, 2004 49 36 15

**Clinton**

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

**Reagan**

*Newsweek:* May 1987 46 41 13

*Newsweek* Feb 1987 52 38 10

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.11F2 Right now, which is more important for President Obama to focus on… domestic policy or foreign policy?

Domestic Foreign **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

policy policy Neither Both DK/Ref

**Obama**

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 73 121 10 3

January 7-11, 2009[[3]](#footnote-3) 71 11 \* 14 4

**Next President**

September, 2008[[4]](#footnote-4) 60 21 \* 15 4

May, 2008 61 22 \* 15 4

**G.W. Bush**

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

**Clinton**

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

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Q.12F1 Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

*Voters*  *Voters*

Jan 15-19 Nov 8-11 Nov 4-7 Nov Jan Nov

2014 2012 2010 2008 2007 2006

15 Get better 31 22 37 28 29

22 Get worse 14 28 18 19 20

59 Stay about the same 52 48 42 49 46

4 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 33 345

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Next,

Q.13F2 How much, if anything, should the government do to reduce poverty? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

53 A lot

29 Some

8 Not much

6 Nothing at all

4 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Next,

Q.14F1 How much, if anything, should the government do to reduce the gap between the rich and everyone else? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

43 A lot

26 Some

9 Not much

17 Nothing at all

4 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.15F2 How much do you think government policies and programs can do to reduce poverty in this country? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

40 A lot

37 Some

14 Not much

5 Nothing at all

4 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Q.16F1 How much do you think government policies and programs can do to reduce the gap between the rich and everyone else in this country? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

38 A lot

29 Some

18 Not much

12 Nothing at all

3 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 17**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 Now I’d like your opinion of some people in the news. (First,) would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]?** **[IF NECESSARY:** Just in general, is your overall opinion of **[NAME]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

**(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

-------Favorable------- ------Unfavorable------ Never Can’t

Total *Very* *Mostly* Total *Very* *Mostly* heard of rate/Ref

a. Barack Obama

Jan 15-19, 2014 51 *19 32* 45 *24 22* \* 4

Oct 9-13, 2013 47 *17 31* 50 *32 18* \* 3

Jan 9-13, 2013 59 *28 31* 38 *20 18* \* 3

Dec 5-9, 2012 59 *26 33* 40 *24 16* \* 2

Oct 4-7, 2012 50 *24 26* 45 26 19 \* 5

Sep 12-16, 2012 57 *27 30* 40 *23 17* \* 4

Jul 16-26, 2012 51 *24* *26* 42 *27 15* 0 8

Jun 7-17, 2012 53 *20 33* 44 *22 21* 0 4

**Q.18 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

-------Favorable------- ------Unfavorable------ Never Can’t

Total *Very* *Mostly* Total *Very* *Mostly* heard of rate/Ref

Mar 7-11, 2012 56 *24 32* 41 *25 16* \* 3

Feb 8-12, 2012 54 *22 32* 42 *26 16* \* 5

Jan 11-16, 2012 51 *23 28* 45 *24 21* 0 4

Nov 9-14, 2011 52 *21 31* 45 *24 21* \* 3

Mar 8-14, 2011 58 *22 36* 39 *20 19* \* 3

Dec 2-5, 2010 54 *26 29* 43 *25 18* \* 2

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 53 *21 32* 43 *23 20* \* 5

Jun 10-13, 2010 56 *27 30* 39 *20 19* 0 4

Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 65 *33 32* 30 *16 14* \* 5

Jun 10-14, 2009 72 *37 35* 25 *11 14* \* 3

Apr 14-21, 2009 73 *38 35* 24 *10 14* \* 3

Jan 7-11, 2009 79 *40 39* 15 *4 11* 0 6

Mid-October, 2008 66 *33* *33* 28 *13* *15* \* 6

Late September, 2008 65 *33 32* 30 *11 19* \* 5

Mid-September, 2008 62 *28* *34* 34 *15* *19* \* 4

Late May, 2008 51 *23 28* 40 *21 19* \* 9

April, 2008 52 *21 31* 42 *21 21* \* 6

March, 2008 56 *21 35* 34 *18 16* 1 9

Late February, 2008 57 *24 33* 34 *16 18* 1 8

Early February, 2008 58 *19 39* 30 *13 17* 2 10

January, 2008 56 *20 36* 33 *13 20* 3 8

Late December, 2007 54 *16 38* 30 *12 18* 5 11

August, 2007 48 *14 34* 26 *10 16* 13 13

b. Michelle Obama

Jan 15-19, 2014 68 *29 39* 24 *11 13* 1 7

Jan 9-13, 2013 67 *37 30* 22 *11 11* 1 11

Sep 12-16, 2012 67 *39 28* 22 *11 11* \* 10

Jun 7-17, 2012 68 *33 35* 21 *11 10* 1 10

Jan 11-16, 2012 66 *33 34* 21 *10 12* \* 12

Mar 8-14, 2011 69 *30 39* 21 *9 12* 1 9

Dec 2-5, 2010 62 *30 31* 27 *15 12* 1 10

Jun 10-13, 2010 69 *31 38* 22 *9 12* 1 9

Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 71 *33 38* 16 *8 8* 1 11

Jun 10-14, 2009 76 *36 39* 14 *5 9* 1 9

Apr 14-21, 2009 76 *36 40* 13 *4 9* 1 10

Jan 7-11, 2009 68 *28 40* 15 *4 11* 2 15

Mid-September, 2008 56 *23 33* 25 *11 14* 2 17

Late May, 2008 43 *14 29* 21 *8 13* 4 32

c. Elizabeth Warren

Jan 15-19, 2014 27 *8 19* 17 *6 11* 41 15

d. Chris Christie

Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) 38 *8 30* 34 *10 24* 16 12

Jan 9-13, 2013 40 *10 30* 17 *7 11* 26 16

**NO QUESTION 19**

**RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21 BLOCK WITH Q.23/Q.24/Q.25 BLOCK**

**ASK ALL:**  
Thinking about the nation’s economy…

Q.20 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today… as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Only **(VOL.)**

Excellent Good fair Poor DK/Ref

Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) 1 15 45 39 1

Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) 1 14 48 36 1

Oct 9-13, 2013 1 12 39 48 \*

Sep 4-8, 2013 2 17 48 32 \*

Jul 17-21, 2013 2 15 45 37 1

Jun 12-16, 2013 2 21 47 29 \*

Mar 13-17, 2013 1 15 43 40 1

Jan 9-13, 2013 2 11 38 49 1

Dec 5-9, 2012 1 14 50 35 1

Oct 24-28, 2012 1 12 42 44 1

Sep 12-16, 2012 1 12 43 44 1

Jun 7-17, 2012 1 9 47 42 1

Mar 7-11, 2012 1 9 38 51 1

Feb 8-12, 2012 1 10 46 43 1

Jan 11-16, 2012 2 9 42 47 1

Dec 7-11, 2011 \* 8 38 53 1

Aug 17-21, 2011 1 6 37 56 1

Jun 15-19, 2011 \* 8 45 46 1

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 1 7 38 53 1

Feb 2-7, 2011 1 11 45 42 1

Dec 1-5, 2010 1 8 44 45 1

Oct 13-18, 2010 1 7 38 54 1

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 1 7 43 48 1

Jun 3-6, 2010 1 8 48 43 1

Apr 21-26, 2010 \* 11 39 49 1

Mar 10-14, 2010 1 6 39 53 1

Feb 3-9, 2010 1 7 38 53 1

Dec 9-13, 2009 1 7 41 50 1

Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 \* 8 41 50 1

Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 1 8 43 48 1

Aug 11-17, 2009 \* 8 38 52 2

Jun 10-14, 2009 1 8 39 52 1

Mar 9-12, 2009 \* 6 25 68 1

Feb 4-8, 2009 \* 4 24 71 1

December, 2008 \* 7 33 59 1

November, 2008 1 6 28 64 1

Late October, 2008 \* 7 25 67 1

Early October, 2008 1 8 32 58 1

Late September, 2008 \* 7 27 65 1

July, 2008 1 9 39 50 1

April, 2008 1 10 33 56 \*

March, 2008 1 10 32 56 1

Early February, 2008 1 16 36 45 2

January, 2008 3 23 45 28 1

November, 2007 3 20 44 32 1

September, 2007 3 23 43 29 2

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

**Q.20 CONTINUED…**

Only **(VOL.)**

Excellent Good fair Poor DK/Ref

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[[5]](#footnote-5) 2 29 42 26 1

**RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21 BLOCK WITH Q.23/Q.24/Q.25 BLOCK**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 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?

**(VOL.)**

Better Worse Same DK/Ref

Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) 27 22 50 1

Oct 9-13, 2013 25 28 44 3

Sep 4-8, 2013 28 25 46 1

Jun 12-16, 2013 33 19 47 1

Mar 13-17, 2013 25 32 41 1

Jan 9-13, 2013 33 25 40 2

Dec 5-9, 2012 37 25 36 2

Sep 12-16, 2012 43 8 42 8

Jun 7-17, 2012 34 11 50 5

Mar 7-11, 2012 44 14 38 4

Feb 8-12, 2012 44 10 42 3

Jan 11-16, 2012 34 16 46 3

Dec 7-11, 2011 28 18 50 4

Aug 17-21, 2011 29 18 50 2

Jun 15-19, 2011 29 23 46 2

Oct 13-18, 2010 35 16 45 4

Apr 21-26, 2010 42 19 36 3

Feb 3-9, 2010 42 16 40 3

Dec 9-13, 2009 42 17 38 3

Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 39 19 39 2

Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 45 15 38 3

Aug 11-17, 2009 45 19 33 3

Jun 10-14, 2009 48 16 34 2

Mar 9-12, 2009 41 19 37 3

Feb 4-8, 2009 40 18 38 4

December, 2008 43 17 36 4

Early October, 2008 46 16 30 8

July, 2008 30 21 41 8

March, 2008 33 22 39 6

January, 2008 20 26 48 6

September, 2007 19 23 53 5

June, 2007 16 24 55 5

February, 2007 17 20 58 5

December, 2006 22 18 56 4

September, 2006 16 25 55 4

January, 2006 20 22 55 3

Early October, 2005 20 32 45 3

Mid-September, 2005 18 37 43 2

**Q.21 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)**

Better Worse Same DK/Ref

Mid-May, 2005 18 24 55 3

January, 2005 27 18 52 3

August, 2004 36 9 47 8

Late February, 2004 39 12 41 8

September, 2003 37 17 43 3

May, 2003 43 19 35 3

Late March, 2003 33 23 37 7

January, 2003 30 20 44 6

January, 2002 44 17 36 3

*Newsweek:* January, 2001 18 33 44 5

June, 2000 15 24 55 6

Early October, 1998 *(RVs)* 16 22 57 5

Early September, 1998 18 17 61 4

May, 1990 18 31 45 6

February, 1989 25 22 49 4

September, 1988 *(RVs)* 24 16 51 9

May, 1988 24 20 46 10

January, 1988 22 26 45 7

*Newsweek:* January, 1984 *(RVs)* 35 13 49 3

**NO QUESTION 22**

**RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21 BLOCK WITH Q.23/Q.24/Q.25 BLOCK**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.23 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?

Only **(VOL.)**

Excellent Good fair Poor DK/Ref

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

**Q.23 CONTINUED…**

Only **(VOL.)**

Excellent Good fair Poor DK/Ref

Early February, 2008 9 36 37 16 2

January, 2008 10 39 34 15 2

November, 2007 9 41 34 15 1

September, 2007 10 38 34 16 2

February, 2007 8 41 36 14 1

December, 2006 8 40 35 16 1

Late October, 2006 9 40 33 16 2

March, 2006 9 39 36 15 1

January, 2006 7 39 37 15 2

Mid-May, 2005 7 37 39 16 1

January, 2005 10 41 34 14 1

August, 2004 9 42 34 14 1

September, 2003 10 38 36 15 1

Late March, 2003 10 43 31 12 4

January, 2003 7 38 39 15 1

Early October, 2002 7 39 37 16 1

June, 2002 5 40 37 16 2

Late September, 2001 7 40 37 14 2

June, 2001 6 38 39 16 1

June, 2000 9 43 35 11 2

August, 1999 6 43 41 9 1

May, 1997 7 43 38 11 1

September, 1996 *(RVs)* 8 47 34 10 1

February, 1995 8 39 38 14 1

March, 1994 5 41 40 13 1

December, 1993 5 34 45 15 1

*U.S. News:* January, 1993 4 33 46 16 1

*U.S. News:* October, 1992 6 34 40 19 1

*U.S. News:* August, 1992 5 30 47 17 1

*U.S. News:* May, 1992 4 35 45 15 1

*U.S. News:* January, 1992 4 32 45 18 1

**RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21 BLOCK WITH Q.23/Q.24/Q.25 BLOCK**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 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?

**(VOL.)**

Improve Improve Get a Get a lot Stay the **(VOL.)**

a lot some little worse worse same DK/Ref

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

**Q.24 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)**

Improve Improve Get a Get a lot Stay the **(VOL.)**

a lot some little worse worse same DK/Ref

December, 2008 7 49 21 6 13 4

Early October, 2008 8 51 20 6 9 6

July, 2008 7 44 21 7 14 7

March, 2008 10 45 20 7 13 5

January, 2008 11 49 16 6 14 4

September, 2007 10 52 14 4 16 4

February, 2007 11 52 12 3 19 3

December, 2006 10 57 13 3 14 3

January, 2006 10 51 14 5 16 4

Mid-May, 2005 10 51 15 5 15 4

January, 2005 10 54 14 4 15 3

August, 2004 13 57 9 3 12 6

September, 2003 11 53 15 4 14 3

Late March, 2003 12 51 15 4 11 7

January, 2003 9 51 18 5 13 4

Early October, 2002 10 54 13 5 12 6

June, 2002 11 55 15 4 11 4

January, 2002 12 53 15 5 11 4

Late September, 2001 9 46 16 4 17 8

June, 2001 11 52 15 4 14 4

January, 2001 11 46 18 9 12 4

January, 1999 17 55 7 3 14 4

May, 1997 12 56 10 2 17 3

February, 1995 11 53 13 3 17 3

March, 1994 10 57 11 3 16 3

*U.S. News*: October, 1992 9 51 14 3 15 8

*U.S. News*: August, 1992 6 50 20 5 14 5

*U.S. News*: May, 1992 8 49 22 4 13 4

*U.S. News*: January, 1992 9 46 19 5 16 5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 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) Early *NBC/WSJ*

Jan 15-19 Oct July Feb Sep Jan June

2014 2008 2008 2008 2007 2006 1996

7 Going up faster 5 6 6 10 9 9

34 Staying about even 34 28 33 43 41 38

57 Falling behind 57 64 58 44 47 50

2 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 4 2 3 3 3 3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 In your view, what would do more to reduce poverty? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

Raising taxes on wealthy people and corporations in

54 order to expand programs for the poor [OR]

Lowering taxes on wealthy people and corporations in

35 order to encourage more investment and economic growth

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

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject…

Q.27 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the government’s collection of telephone and internet data as part of anti-terrorism efforts?

(U) (U)

Jan 15-19 Jul 17-21 Jun 12-16

2014 2013 2013

40 Approve 50 48

53 Disapprove 44 47

6 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 64

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the data the government collects as part of anti-terrorism efforts …

Q.28 Do you think there are adequate limits on what telephone and internet data the government can collect, or not?

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

41 Yes, there are adequate limits on what government can collect

48 No, there are not adequate limits on what government can collect

11 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Thinking about the data the government collects as part of anti-terrorism efforts …*

*Do you think federal courts do or do not provide adequate limits on what telephone and internet data the government can collect?*

Jul 17-21

2013

30 Do provide adequate limits on what government can collect

56 Do not provide adequate limits on what government can collect

15 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Q.29F1 Do you think Edward Snowden’s leak of classified information about the U.S. government’s phone and internet surveillance programs has served the public interest or harmed the public interest?

(U) Oct 30-

Jan 15-19 Nov 6

2014 2013[[6]](#footnote-6)

45 Has served the public interest 34

43 Has harmed the public interest 55

11 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 11

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*As you may know, news organizations found out about this [the government’s collection of telephone and internet data] program through the leak of classified information. Do you think the release of this classified information* ***[READ AND RANDOMIZE]***

(U)

Jun 12-16

2013

49 Has served the public interest

44 Has harmed the public interest

3 Neither/Both **(VOL.)**

5 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**Q.29F1 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED…**

*From what you’ve read and heard, do you think the release of classified documents about U.S. diplomatic relations by WikiLeaks* ***[READ AND RANDOMIZE]:***

Dec 2-5

2010

29 Has served the public interest

53 Has harmed the public interest

7 Neither/Both **(VOL.)**

11 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.30F2 Do you think the government should or should not pursue a criminal case against Edward Snowden, who leaked the classified information about the U.S. government’s phone and internet surveillance program?

(U) (U)

Jan 15-19 Jun 12-16

2014 2013[[7]](#footnote-7)

56 Should pursue criminal case 54

32 Should not pursue criminal case 38

12 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 8

**ASK JANUARY 17-19, 2014 ONLY [N=800]:**

Q.31 As you may know, on Friday, Barack Obama gave a speech outlining proposed changes to the government’s phone and internet surveillance program. How much, if anything, have you heard about these proposed changes? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)

Jan 17-19

2014

8 A lot

41 A little

50 Nothing at all

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

**ASK JANUARY 17-19, 2014 ONLY AND IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.31=1,2) [N=436]:**

Q.31b Do you think these proposed changes will increase protections on people’s privacy or will they not make much of a difference?

(U)

Jan 17-19

2014

21 Will increase protections on privacy

73 Will not make much of a difference

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

**ASK JANUARY 17-19, 2014 ONLY AND IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.31=1,2) [N=436]:**

Q.31c Do you think these proposed changes will make it more difficult for the government to fight terrorism or will they not make much of a difference?

(U)

Jan 17-19

2014

13 Will make it more difficult to fight terrorism

79 Will not make much of a difference

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.32 How much, if anything, have you heard about New Jersey Governor Chris Christie’s aides ordering the closure of highway lanes last year that caused major traffic jams? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

45 A lot

28 A little

27 Nothing at all

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

**ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.32=1,2):**

Q.33 Do you believe Chris Christie when he says he didn’t have any knowledge of his aides’ involvement in this incident until it became public, or do you not believe him?

**BASED ON THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE [N=1,171]:**

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

32 Yes, believe Christie

58 No, do not believe Christie

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

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.34In the last ten years, do you think the gap between the rich and everyone else in the U.S. has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

65 Increased

8 Decreased

25 Stayed the same

2 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF “INCREASED” (Q.34=1) [N=1,045]:**

Q.34b Just from your own perspective, what do you think is the main reason why the gap between the rich and everyone else has increased? **[RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. RECORD UP TO THREE RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION; IF RESPONDENT SAYS “BECAUSE THE RICH ARE GETTING RICHER,” PROBE WITH:** What do you think is causing the gap to grow?**]**

Jan 15-19

2014

20 Tax system/Loopholes

10 Congress/Government policies (gen.)

9 Jobs/Unemployment

6 Corporations/Executives

5 Greed

5 Wages/Wage gap

4 Rich have power/opportunity

4 Recession/General economy

4 Work ethic of poor/Government assistance programs

4 Inflation/Cost of living

3 Stock market/Investments

3 Education system

2 Regulation/Oversight policies

2 Outsourcing/Globalization

2 Obama/Democrats

1 Selfishness

1 Fraud/Corruption

1 Capitalism

1 Technology

1 Banks/Housing market/Loans

1 Rich’s work ethic

1 Bush/Republicans

1 Lobbyists

1 Cuts to programs

1 Weaker unions

1 Health care

1 Immigration

1 Rich not spending

11 Other

17 Don’t know/No answer

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Thinking about Iraq…

Q.35F1 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Iraq?

Right Wrong **(VOL.)**

decision decision DK/Ref

Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) 38 50 12

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 49 45 6

Mar 14-17, 2013 41 44 14

Nov 9-14, 2011 48 46 6

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 41 51 7

January, 2009 43 49 8

November, 2008 39 50 11

Late October, 2008 38 56 6

Mid-October, 2008 40 54 6

Mid-September, 2008 43 50 7

June, 2008 39 55 6

April, 2008 37 57 6

Late February, 2008 38 54 8

Late December, 2007 36 56 8

October, 2007 39 54 7

September, 2007 42 50 8

**Q.35F1 CONTINUED…**

Right Wrong **(VOL.)**

decision decision DK/Ref

July, 2007 41 53 6

June, 2007 40 51 9

April, 2007 45 47 8

March, 2007 43 49 8

February, 2007 40 54 6

Mid-January, 2007 40 51 9

Early January, 2007 40 53 7

December, 2006 42 51 7

Mid-November, 2006 41 51 8

Early November, 2006 (*RVs*) 45 48 7

Late October, 2006 43 47 10

Early October, 2006 45 47 8

Early September, 2006 49 43 8

August, 2006 45 46 9

July, 2006 44 50 6

June, 2006 49 44 7

April, 2006 47 46 7

March, 2006 45 49 6

February, 2006 51 44 5

January, 2006 45 47 8

December, 2005 47 48 5

Late October, 2005 48 45 7

Early October, 2005 44 50 6

Mid-September, 2005 49 44 7

July, 2005 49 44 7

June, 2005 47 45 8

February, 2005 47 47 6

January, 2005 51 44 5

December, 2004 49 44 7

November, 2004 (*RVs*) 48 41 11

Mid-October, 2004 46 42 12

Early October, 2004 50 39 11

September, 2004 53 39 8

August, 2004 53 41 6

July, 2004 52 43 5

June, 2004 55 38 7

May, 2004 51 42 7

Late April, 2004 54 37 9

Early April, 2004 57 35 8

Mid-March, 2004 55 39 6

Late February, 2004 60 32 8

Early February, 2004 56 39 5

Mid-January, 2004 65 30 5

Early January, 2004 62 28 10

December, 2003 67 26 7

October, 2003 60 33 7

September, 2003 63 31 6

August, 2003 63 30 7

Early July, 2003 67 24 9

May, 2003 74 20 6

April 10-16, 2003 *74 19 7*

April 8-9, 2003 *74 19 7*

April 2-7, 2003 *72 20 8*

March 28-April 1, 2003 *69 25 6*

March 25-27, 2003 *74 21 5*

March 23-24, 2003 *74 21 5*

March 20-22, 2003 *71 22 7*

Late January, 199177 15 8

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Q.36F1 Overall, do you think the United States has mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Iraq?

(U)

Jan 15-19 March 14-17 Nov 9-14

2014 2013 2011

37 Mostly succeeded 46 56

52 Mostly failed 43 33

11 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 11 10

**Q.36F1 TREND FOR COMPARISON…**

*Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?[[8]](#footnote-8)*

Definitely/ Definitely/ **(VOL.)**

Probably succeed Probably fail DK/Ref

Jun 16-20, 2010 58 35 7

Mar 10-14, 2010 59 30 10

Dec 9-13, 2009 63 29 8

Jan, 2009 61 29 10

September, 2008 58 34 8

June, 2008 50 42 8

April, 2008 47 46 7

Late February, 2008 53 39 8

Late December, 2007 45 45 10

November, 2007 48 46 6

October, 2007 46 44 10

September, 2007 42 47 11

July, 2007 43 49 8

April, 2007 45 46 9

February, 2007 47 46 7

November, 2006 53 41 6

Mid-September, 2006 57 35 8

August, 2006 54 40 6

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Thinking about Afghanistan…

Q.37F2 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan?

RightWrong **(VOL.)**

decision decision DK/Ref

Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) 51 41 8

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 56 37 8

Jun 15-19, 2011 57 35 8

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 52 38 10

Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009[[9]](#footnote-9) 56 34 10

Jan 7-11, 2009 64 25 11

Feb, 2008 65 24 11

Dec, 2006 61 29 10

Jan, 2006 69 20 11

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Q.38F2 Overall, do you think the United States has mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

38 Mostly succeeded

52 Mostly failed

10 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**Q.38F2 TREND FOR COMPARISON…**

*Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Afghanistan, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?[[10]](#footnote-10)*

Definitely/ Definitely/ **(VOL.)**

Probably succeed Probably fail DK/Ref

Jun 15-19, 2011 58 34 8

May 5-8, 2011 62 24 13

May 2, 2011 63 26 10

Dec 1-5, 2010 49 39 11

Jun 16-20, 2010 59 33 8

Mar 10-14, 2010 58 29 12

Dec 9-13, 2009 59 32 10

Jan 7-11, 2009 62 29 9

**NO QUESTIONS 39-41**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.42 Now thinking about the positions of the parties these days … would you say **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** “Would you say **[ITEM]** is very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?”**]**

Very Very **(VOL.)**

conservative Conservative Moderate Liberal liberal DK/Ref

a. The Republican Party

Jan 15-19, 2014 23 32 20 9 7 9

Jan 9-13, 2013 23 32 22 8 6 9

Aug 17-21, 2011 20 35 22 8 6 9

Jun 16-20, 2010 17 37 26 9 5 7

b. The Democratic Party

Jan 15-19, 2014 3 12 26 27 24 8

Jan 9-13, 2013 2 11 27 31 22 7

Aug 17-21, 2011 4 13 26 30 19 8

Jun 16-20, 2010 3 10 28 31 23 6

**NO QUESTION 43**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.44 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR].** The next pair is **[NEXT PAIR]**…

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| a. | Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard |  | Hard work and determination  are no guarantee of success  for most people | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 60 |  | 38 | 3 |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 58 |  | 40 | 3 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 62 |  | 34 | 4 |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 *(RVs)* | 64 |  | 33 | 3 |
| March, 2006 | 64 |  | 33 | 3 |
| December, 2005 | 64 |  | 33 | 3 |
| December, 2004 | 68 |  | 28 | 4 |
| September, 2000 | 73 |  | 24 | 3 |
| August, 1999 | 74 |  | 23 | 3 |
| July, 1994 | 68 |  | 30 | 2 |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| b. | The economic system in  this country unfairly  favors the wealthy |  | The economic system in this country is generally fair  to most Americans | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 60 |  | 36 | 4 |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 61 |  | 36 | 3 |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| c. | Government aid to the poor does more harm than good by making people too dependent on government assistance |  | Government aid to the poor does more good than harm because people can’t get out of poverty until their basic needs are met | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 44 |  | 49 | 7 |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| d. | Americans need to be willing to give up privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism |  | Americans shouldn’t have to give up privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism | **(VOL.)**  Neither/DK |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 26 |  | 70 | 4 |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 26 |  | 68 | 6 |
| December, 2004[[11]](#footnote-11) | 35 |  | 60 | 5 |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| e. | I like elected officials who make compromises with people they disagree with |  | I like elected officials who stick to their positions | **(VOL.)**  Neither/DK |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 | 49 |  | 48 | 3 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013[[12]](#footnote-12) | 50 |  | 44 | 6 |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 40 |  | 54 | 7 |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 *(RVs)* | 40 |  | 55 | 5 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.45 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?**]**

Important

Top but lower Not too Should not **(VOL.)**

SUMMARY TABLE priority priority important be done DK/Ref

n.F2 Strengthening the nation’s economy 80 15 2 2 1

a.F1 Improving the job situation 74 21 1 2 1

h.F1 Defending the country from future terrorist attacks 73 23 3 1 \*

o.F2 Improving the educational system 69 24 3 2 1

p.F2 Taking steps to make the Social Security system

financially sound 66 28 4 1 1

b.F1 Reducing the budget deficit 63 27 5 1 4

q.F2 Taking steps to make the Medicare system

financially sound 61 30 6 2 2

f.F1 Reducing health care costs 59 31 4 6 1

d.F1 Reforming the nation’s tax system 55 33 6 2 4

c.F1 Reducing crime 55 35 7 2 1

r.F2 Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people 49 39 8 2 2

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interest groups in Washington 42 30 17 5 6

k.F1 Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration 41 36 16 4 3

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s.F2 Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country 39 32 14 11 4

m.F2 Improving the country’s roads, bridges, and public

transportation systems 39 46 13 1 1

v.F2 Dealing with global warming 29 31 20 15 5

i.F1 Dealing with global trade issues 28 50 15 3 5

FULL TREND: Important

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priority priority important be done DK/Ref

**ASK ITEMS a THRU k OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

a.F1 Improving the job situation

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

**Q.45 CONTINUED…** Important

Top but lower Not too Should not **(VOL.)**

priority priority important be done DK/Ref

December, 1994 64 27 5 2 2

b.F1 Reducing the budget deficit

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

c.F1 Reducing crime

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 15-19, 2014 55 33 6 2 4

Jan 9-13, 2013 52 32 7 3 6

e.F1 Protecting the environment

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

**Q.45 CONTINUED…** Important

Top but lower Not too Should not **(VOL.)**

priority priority important be done DK/Ref

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 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

January, 2008 69 24 3 3 1

January, 2007 68 24 4 3 1

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Regulating health maintenance organizations*

*(HMOs) and managed health care plans*

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

**NO ITEM g**

h.F1 Defending the country from future terrorist attacks

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

i.F1 Dealing with global trade issues

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

**Q.45 CONTINUED…** Important

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priority priority important be done DK/Ref

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

j.F1 Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special

interest groups in Washington

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

Jan 7-11, 2009 36 34 18 5 7

January, 2008 39 32 16 4 9

January, 2007 35 30 23 4 8

k.F1 Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration

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

**ASK ITEMS l THRU v OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

l.F2 Dealing with the issue of immigration

Jan 15-19, 2014 40 40 14 5 2

m.F2 Improving the country’s roads, bridges, and

public transportation systems

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

n.F2 Strengthening the nation’s economy

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

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[[13]](#footnote-13) 80 18 1 \* 1

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priority priority important be done DK/Ref

January, 2001 81 15 2 1 1

January, 2000 70 25 3 1 1

o.F2 Improving the educational system

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 \*

p.F2 Taking steps to make the Social Security

system financially sound

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

q.F2 Taking steps to make the Medicare system

financially sound

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

January, 2007 63 31 3 1 2

January, 2006 62 30 4 2 2

**Q.45 CONTINUED…** Important

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priority priority important be done DK/Ref

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

r.F2 Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people

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

s.F2 Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country

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

t.F2 Strengthening the U.S. military

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

**Q.45 CONTINUED…** Important

Top but lower Not too Should not **(VOL.)**

priority priority important be done DK/Ref

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

January, 2002 52 37 7 2 2

January, 2001 48 37 8 5 2

u.F2 Dealing with the nation’s energy problem

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[[14]](#footnote-14) 46 41 6 2 5

v.F2 Dealing with global warming

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.46 Thinking about some government policies, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose?**]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | --------- FAVOR --------- | | | --------- OPPOSE --------- | | |  |
|  | Net | *Strongly favor* | *Favor* | Net | *Strongly oppose* | *Oppose* | **(VOL.)**  DK/Ref |
| a. An increase in the minimum wage from $7.25 to $10.10 an hour |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 73 | *40* | *33* | 25 | *9* | *16* | 3 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013[[15]](#footnote-15) (U) | 71 | *36* | *34* | 26 | *10* | *16* | 3 |
| January, 2007 | 84 | *48* | *36* | 14 | *6* | *8* | 2 |
| March, 2006 | 86 | *49* | *37* | 11 | *3* | *8* | 3 |
| December, 2004 | 86 | *53* | *33* | 12 | *4* | *8* | 2 |
| June, 2001 | 87 | *49* | *38* | 12 | *4* | *8* | 1 |
| **Q.46 CONTINUED…** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October, 1999 | 82 | *48* | *34* | 16 | *4* | *12* | 2 |
| February, 1998 | 80 | *48* | *32* | 19 | *5* | *14* | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. A one-year extension of federal unemployment benefits for people who have been out of work for a long time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 63 | *24* | *38* | 34 | *12* | *22* | 3 |

**ASK ALL:**Thinking about the political parties …

Q.47 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders. (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase… **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** Which party **[NEXT ITEM]**?

**(VOL.)**

Republican Democratic Both **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

Party Party equally Neither DK/Ref

a. Is more extreme in its positions

Jan 15-19, 2014 54 35 5 2 5

Oct 9-13, 2013 55 34 5 1 5

Dec 5-9, 2012 53 33 4 1 9

Mar 7-11, 2012 50 35 5 1 9

Dec 7-11, 2011 53 33 4 1 9

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 50 38 3 1 7

Jul 20-24, 2011 50 35 4 2 9

b. Is more willing to work with political

leaders from the other party

Jan 15-19, 2014 27 52 1 13 7

Oct 9-13, 2013 32 50 2 11 6

Dec 5-9, 2012 27 53 2 10 8

Dec 7-11, 2011 25 51 3 12 10

Jul 20-24, 2011 26 51 1 12 9

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 32 49 2 10 6

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

c.F1 Can better manage the federal

government

Jan 15-19, 2014 40 41 2 11 6

Oct 9-13, 2013 42 39 3 10 6

Dec 5-9, 2012 36 45 2 10 7

Mar 7-11, 2012 39 42 1 9 9

Dec 7-11, 2011 35 41 3 13 9

Jul 20-24, 2011 40 38 2 14 7

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 41 39 2 8 9

Oct 13-18, 2010 43 36 2 11 8

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 41 41 3 8 7

Jun 16-20, 2010 41 37 3 12 7

Feb 3-9, 2010 40 40 4 9 8

Aug 27-30, 2009 34 38 4 14 10

October, 2007 32 44 5 9 10

March, 2007 31 47 3 8 11

Early October, 2006 34 44 3 9 10

April, 2006[[16]](#footnote-16) 35 39 3 15 8

January, 2006 34 40 4 12 10

Early October, 2005 35 41 3 13 8

July, 2004 37 40 4 9 10

Early September, 1998 37 32 8 12 11

**Q.47 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)**

Republican Democratic Both **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

Party Party equally Neither DK/Ref

August, 1997 39 33 4 16 8

July, 1996 45 32 4 12 7

April, 1995 49 30 3 13 5

July, 1994 43 31 4 17 5

May, 1993 36 32 2 17 13

July, 1992 30 36 1 23 10

May, 1990 28 20 12 31 9

May, 1988 33 30 10 17 10

January, 1988 30 28 12 20 10

May, 1987 24 25 13 28 10

d.F1 Is more influenced by lobbyists

and special interests

Jan 15-19, 2014 47 30 11 2 10

Dec 5-9, 2012 41 35 12 1 12

Jul 20-24, 2011 39 37 12 1 11

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 44 34 11 2 9

Feb 3-9, 2010 40 32 14 2 11

Aug 27-30, 2009 37 31 17 3 12

March, 2007 40 30 15 1 14

Early October, 2006 41 27 16 2 14

April, 2006 45 28 14 2 11

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

e.F2 Is more concerned with the needs

of people like me

Jan 15-19, 2014 32 52 3 9 5

Oct 9-13, 2013 34 54 1 7 4

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 35 51 1 6 7

Jul 20-24, 2011 30 51 2 11 6

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 32 54 2 5 8

Oct 13-18, 2010 36 46 2 8 9

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 33 53 2 7 5

Jun 16-20, 2010 34 50 2 9 5

Feb 3-9, 2010 31 51 3 8 7

Aug 27-30, 2009 27 51 4 10 7

October, 2007 25 54 4 8 9

March, 2007 26 55 2 7 10

Early October, 2006 27 55 3 8 7

April, 2006[[17]](#footnote-17) 28 52 3 10 7

Early October, 2005 30 52 5 7 6

July, 2004 30 50 5 8 7

Early September, 1998 31 46 5 9 9

March, 1998 30 51 4 8 7

August, 1997 31 49 3 10 7

July, 1996 35 50 2 7 6

April, 1995 39 49 2 7 3

July, 1994 35 49 4 8 4

May, 1990 21 42 12 18 7

May, 1988 23 51 8 11 7

January, 1988 22 47 11 13 7

f.F2 Governs in a more honest and ethical way

Jan 15-19, 2014 31 41 3 19 7

Dec 7-11, 2011 28 45 2 16 9

Jul 20-24, 2011 30 42 2 20 7

**Q.47 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)**

Republican Democratic Both **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

Party Party equally Neither DK/Ref

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 33 42 3 14 8

Oct 13-18, 2010 35 35 4 16 9

Jun 16-20, 2010 31 41 4 18 6

August 27-30, 2009 26 42 4 20 9

October, 2007 26 40 6 19 9

March, 2007 25 43 4 18 10

Early October, 2006 27 41 4 18 10

April, 2006[[18]](#footnote-18) 28 36 4 23 9

January, 2006 30 37 4 19 10

Early October, 2005 30 40 6 18 6

July, 2004 34 37 5 15 9

Early September, 1998 31 28 6 23 12

March, 1998 28 32 7 24 9

August, 1997 28 33 5 26 8

July, 1996 38 37 2 18 5

April, 1995 35 36 4 19 6

July, 1994 32 35 6 21 6

**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 And which party could do a better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** Which party could do a better job of **ITEM**?**]**

**(VOL.)**

Republican Democratic Both **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

Party Party equallyNeither DK/Ref

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

a.F1 Dealing with the federal budget deficit

Jan 15-19, 2014 45 35 6 6 8

Sep 4-8, 2013 43 35 7 9 5

Jan 9-13, 2013 40 39 7 8 6

Dec 5-9, 2012 43 38 4 7 9

Mar 7-11, 2012 42 41 2 7 7

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 46 37 4 6 7

Jul 22-24, 2011 43 37 5 6 8

May 25-30, 2011[[19]](#footnote-19) 41 38 4 9 8

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 46 34 8 6 7

Oct 13-18, 2010 35 28 7 16 14

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 43 36 5 9 7

May 20-23, 2010 33 30 8 16 12

Apr 21-26, 2010 38 35 6 11 10

Feb 3-9, 2010 42 36 6 8 7

Aug 27-30, 2009 35 36 6 13 10

September, 2006 27 47 4 8 14

February, 2006 33 45 6 9 7

Early October, 2005 29 47 6 10 8

June, 1999 37 41 5 8 9

July, 1994 42 36 2 13 7

December, 1993 31 36 -- 18 15

b.F1 Dealing with taxes

Jan 15-19, 2014 41 41 4 6 7

Jan 9-13, 2013 38 44 5 6 6

Dec 5-9, 2012 37 45 6 4 7

**Q.48 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)**

Republican Democratic Both **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

Party Party equallyNeither DK/Ref

Jul 20-24, 2011 43 40 4 6 8

Oct 13-18, 2010 36 35 7 9 12

Sep 16-19, 2010 40 34 8 8 9

Aug 27-30, 2009 38 37 4 11 11

February, 2008 37 49 2 5 7

October, 2006 32 40 5 7 16

September, 2006 30 45 4 9 12

February, 2006 35 46 5 6 8

May, 2001 37 40 8 6 9

June, 1999 38 38 5 7 12

September, 1998 41 37 7 5 10

March, 1998 39 40 6 7 8

October, 1994 43 34 5 9 9

c.F1 Dealing with health care

Jan 15-19, 2014 37 45 3 6 8

Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) 40 39 6 9 5

Dec 5-9, 2012 38 48 4 4 6

Mar 7-11, 2012 35 49 1 7 8

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 38 49 3 4 6

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 40 42 6 5 7

Oct 13-18, 2010 32 39 5 11 13

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 36 46 5 7 6

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON***:*

*Reforming the U.S. health care system*

Feb 3-9, 2010 32 45 6 10 7

Aug 27-30, 2009 27 46 4 14 9

February, 2008 26 56 3 8 7

October, 2006 25 46 4 8 17

September, 2006 24 48 5 10 13

February, 2006 27 49 6 9 9

Mid-September, 2005 28 51 4 10 7

July, 2004 23 50 4 10 13

Early July, 2003 31 38 6 10 15

*Regulating health maintenance*

*organizations (HMOs) and*

*managed health care plans*

January, 2002 20 45 -- 6 29

January, 2001 30 47 -- 7 16

January, 1999 25 46 -- 7 22

*Reforming the U.S. health care system*

Early September, 1998 31 43 7 7 12

March, 1998 25 53 6 8 8

October, 1994 34 41 5 10 10

July, 1994 34 48 2 8 8

*Reforming health care*

December, 1993 25 47 -- 10 18

*Improving health care in the U.S.*

January, 1992 21 56 -- 8 15

May, 1990 20 50 -- 16 14

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

d.F2 Dealing with the economy

Jan 15-19, 2014 42 38 10 7 3

Oct 9-13, 2013 44 37 5 9 5

May 1-5, 2013 42 38 6 8 6

May 25-30, 2011 38 40 5 8 8

**Q.48 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)**

Republican Democratic Both **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

Party Party equallyNeither DK/Ref

Sep 16-19, 2010 38 37 8 10 8

May 20-23, 2010 33 34 9 14 10

Feb 3-9, 2010 38 41 7 6 7

Aug 27-30, 2009 32 42 6 12 9

February, 2008 34 53 2 5 6

October, 2006 32 45 4 5 14

September, 2006 32 46 5 5 12

February, 2006 36 46 5 5 8

Mid-September, 2005 38 44 5 7 6

July, 2004 34 46 5 5 10

Late October, 2002 *(RVs)* 37 40 5 6 12

Early October, 2002 *(RVs)* 37 41 4 5 13

Early September, 2002 36 36 9 6 13

January, 2002 43 34 -- 5 18

May, 2001[[20]](#footnote-20) 33 44 8 5 10

June, 1999 37 43 8 3 9

March, 1999 39 44 5 3 9

Early September, 1998 40 38 8 4 10

March, 1998 40 40 12 3 5

October, 1994 45 33 5 7 10

*Gallup*: October, 1992*(RVs)* 36 45 10 -- 9

*Gallup*: October, 1990 37 35 -- -- 28

e.F2 Dealing with poverty

Jan 15-19, 2014 33 46 8 7 5

f.F2 Dealing with immigration

Jan 15-19, 2014 38 39 8 8 7

Oct 9-13, 2013 40 39 4 8 9

May 1-5, 2013 38 38 7 8 9

Dec 5-9, 2012 35 44 5 6 10

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 45 37 3 6 9

May 25-30, 2011 39 37 4 9 11

Oct 13-18, 2010 35 28 9 12 16

May 20-23, 2010 35 27 10 14 14

Apr 21-26, 2010 36 35 7 11 12

Aug 27-30, 2009 31 36 6 13 13

February, 2008 38 43 4 6 9

October, 2006 35 33 6 8 18

September, 2006 32 37 5 10 16

April, 2006 27 43 6 11 13

February, 2006 34 38 8 9 11

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Q.49F1 In your opinion, which is generally more often to blame if a person is poor? Lack of effort on his or her own part, or circumstances beyond his or her control?

Lack of Circumstances **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

effort beyond control Both DK/Ref

Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) 35 50 11 4

Apr 4-15, 2012 38 46 11 5

Mar 11-21, 2010 32 49 14 5

October, 1997 39 44 14 3

*CBS/NYT:* 1995 35 42 18 4

*CBS/NYT:* 1994 44 34 18 4

*LAT:* 1992 27 52 18 3

**Q.49F1 CONTINUED…**

Lack of Circumstances **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

effort beyond control Both DK/Ref

*NYT:* December, 1990 30 48 20 2

*Gallup:* May*,* 1990 35 45 17 3

*Gallup:* 1989 38 42 17 3

*Gallup:* 1988 40 37 17 6

*Gallup:* 1984 33 34 31 2

*CBS/NYT:* 1982 37 39 17 7

*Gallup:* 1967 42 19 36 3

*Gallup:* 1965 40 29 28 3

*Gallup:* November, 1964 31 31 34 5

*Gallup:* September, 1964 34 25 38 3

*Gallup:* March, 1964 34 29 32 6

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:**

Next,

Q.50F2 In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

(U)

Jan 15-19

2014

38 Because he or she worked harder than most other people

51 Because he or she had more advantages in life than most other people

7 Both **(VOL.)**

4 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 51**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.52 If you were asked to use one of these commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in? The upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, lower-middle class, or lower class?

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

**ASK 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.)**

No Other **(VOL.)** Lean Lean

Republican Democrat Independent preference party DK/Ref Rep Dem

Jan 15-19, 2014 21 31 41 3 1 2 18 16

Dec 3-8, 2013 24 34 37 3 \* 2 17 15

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 24 32 38 4 \* 2 16 14

Oct 9-13, 2013 25 32 37 3 1 3 16 18

Sep 4-8, 2013 26 32 38 3 1 1 17 15

Jul 17-21, 2013 19 29 46 3 \* 2 19 18

Jun 12-16, 2013 23 33 39 3 \* 2 17 15

May 1-5, 2013 25 32 37 2 1 3 14 16

Mar 13-17, 2013 26 33 34 3 1 3 14 15

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.) (VOL.)**

No Other **(VOL.)** Lean Lean

Republican Democrat Independent preference party DK/Ref Rep Dem

Feb 13-18, 2013 22 32 41 2 \* 2 15 19

Jan 9-13, 2013 25 32 38 2 \* 2 15 16

***Yearly Totals***

2013 23.9 32.1 38.3 2.9 .5 2.2 16.0 16.0

2012 24.7 32.6 36.4 3.1 .5 2.7 14.4 16.1

2011 24.3 32.3 37.4 3.1 .4 2.5 15.7 15.6

2010 25.2 32.7 35.2 3.6 .4 2.8 14.5 14.1

2009 23.9 34.4 35.1 3.4 .4 2.8 13.1 15.7

200825.7 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=624]:**

**(VOL.)**

Excellent Good Only fair Poor DK/Ref

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

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

**REPJOB CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)**

Excellent Good Only fair Poor DK/Ref

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=705]:**

**(VOL.)**

Excellent Good Only fair Poor DK/Ref

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 REGISTERED VOTERS IN FORM 1 (REG=1 AND FORM 1) [N=584]:**

Q.53F1 Do you happen to know if your member of Congress is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

Jan 15-19

2014

37 A Republican

37 A Democrat

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

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN FORM 2 (REG=1 AND FORM 2) [N=575]:**

Q.54F2 As you may know, in the months before general elections there are primary elections, where parties select their nominees to run in general elections. Thinking about the primary elections for Congress this year, do you happen to know in what month your state’s primary will be held? **[OPEN END; SINGLE PUNCH; DO NOT READ, USE PRECODES, IF RESPONDENT IS NOT SURE, DO NOT PROBE, ENTER AS DON’T KNOW]**

Jan 15-19

2014

10 Correct month given

23 Incorrect month given

66 Don’t know/Refused

1 *Lives in Louisiana[[21]](#footnote-21)*

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) [N=1,159]:**

Q.55 And how often would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections – that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Jan 15-19 Oct 9-13 Sep 4-8 Jul 17-21

2014 2013[[22]](#footnote-22) 2013 2013

42 Always 52 50 46

22 Nearly always 18 24 23

16 Part of the time 16 13 13

18 Seldom or never 11 11 14

2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)** 324

**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=624]:**

**(VOL.)** Not

No opinion Haven’t **(VOL.)** heard of/

Agree Disagree either way heard of Refused DK

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, 2013 39 7 52 1 1 --

Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 40 9 47 2 1 --

Jun 7-17, 2012 42 8 48 1 1 --

May 9-Jun 3, 2012 36 9 53 1 2 --

Apr 4-15, 2012 42 8 48 1 1 --

Mar 7-11, 2012 38 10 49 2 1 --

Feb 8-12, 2012 40 7 51 1 1 --

Jan 11-16, 2012 42 8 47 1 1 --

Jan 4-8, 2012 37 8 52 1 1 --

Dec 7-11, 2011 40 9 48 2 1 --

Nov 9-14, 2011 41 9 49 \* 1 --

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 37 11 51 1 1 --

Aug 17-21, 2011 43 7 49 \* 1 --

Jul 20-24, 2011 40 7 51 \* 1 --

Jun 15-19, 2011 42 9 47 1 1 --

May 25-30, 2011 37 7 52 1 3 --

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 45 9 46 \* 1 --

Mar 8-14, 2011 37 7 54 1 \* --

Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 41 9 48 1 1 --

Feb 2-7, 2011[[23]](#footnote-23) 43 8 47 1 1 --

**TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)** Not

No opinion Haven’t **(VOL.)** heard of/

Agree Disagree either way heard of Refused DK

Jan 5-9, 2011 45 6 47 1 1 --

Dec 1-5, 2010 48 5 45 1 1 --

Nov 4-7, 2010 51 5 42 1 1 --

Oct 27-30, 2010 *(RVs)* 58 5 27 -- 1 9

Oct 13-18, 2010 *(RVs)* 54 5 30 -- 1 10

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 *(RVs)* 56 6 29 -- \* 9

Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 46 5 36 -- 1 13

Jun 16-20, 2010 46 5 30 -- \* 19

May 20-23, 2010 53 4 25 -- 1 16

Mar 11-21, 2010 48 4 26 -- 1 21

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| **Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:** | |
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| (U) | Pew Research Center/USA Today polls |
| (WP) | Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls |
| (SDT) | Pew Research Social and Demographic Trends |

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?” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Complete trend not shown; trends available to 1987. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. January 7-11, 2009, survey asked about “president-elect Obama.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. September and May 2008 surveys asked about priorities for the “next president.” [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Earlier trends available from Gallup. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. In November 2013, question was asked in a different context, following a battery of questions about foreign policy and terrorism. For more, see [“Public Sees U.S. Power Declining as Support for Global Engagement Slips.”](http://www.people-press.org/2013/12/03/public-sees-u-s-power-declining-as-support-for-global-engagement-slips/) [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. In June 2013, question asked whether the government should pursue a criminal case against the “person responsible” for leaking the classified information. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Trend for comparison only shows the net of answers “Definitely succeed” and “Probably succeed” and the net of answers “Definitely fail” and “Probably fail.” See June 2010 [topline](http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-questionnaires/627.pdf) for full trend. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. In October 2009, the question was worded: “Do you think the United States’ initial decision to use force in Afghanistan was the right decision or the wrong decision?” [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Trend for comparison shows the net of answers “Definitely succeed” and “Probably succeed” and the net of answers “Definitely fail” and “Probably fail.” See June 2011 [topline](http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-questionnaires/Afghan%20topline%20for%20release.pdf) for full trend. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. In 2004, both answer choices read “…to give up more privacy and freedom…”. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. In January 2013, question asked as a stand alone. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded: “Keeping the economy strong.” [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. In Early September 2001 the item was worded: “Passing a comprehensive energy plan.” [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. In February 2013, the question was worded “An increase in the minimum wage, from $7.25 to $9.00 an hour.” In January 2007, the question was worded, “An increase in the minimum wage, from $5.15 an hour to $7.25 an hour.” In March 2006, December 2004, June 2011 and October 2009, the question was worded: “An increase in the minimum wage, from $5.15 an hour to $6.45 an hour.” In February 1998, the question was worded: “An increase in the minimum wage, from $5.15 an hour to $6.15 an hour.” [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: “Able to manage the federal government well.” [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: “Is concerned with the needs of people like me.” [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: “Governs in an honest and ethical way.” [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. From February 2006 to May 2011 item read “Reducing the federal budget deficit;” an experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a standalone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: “Keeping the federal budget balanced.” In December 1993 the item was worded: “Reducing the budget deficit.” [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: “... keeping the country prosperous.” [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. In Louisiana, a congressional primary election is not held. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. In October 2013 and earlier, the fourth answer choice was “Seldom” not “Seldom or never. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. 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.” [↑](#footnote-ref-23)