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With less than two weeks before the midterm elections, the Republican Party holds significant leads on several major issues. Voters say the GOP could do a better job than the Democrats on the economy, and the Republicans hold double-digit advantages on both terrorism and the budget deficit.

However, the Democrats have advantages on a number of qualities and traits – from honesty to empathy and a willingness to compromise. And on some dimensions, the Republican Party is viewed less positively by voters than it was just prior to the 2010 election, when it captured the House.

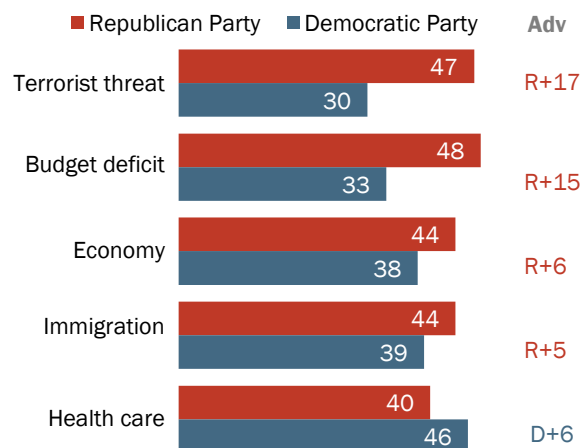
The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted Oct. 15-20 among 2,003 adults, including 1,494 registered voters, finds that neither party is especially popular with voters as they head into the midterms. The GOP's favorable ratings are underwater: 39% of registered voters view the party favorably, while 55% have an unfavorable impression. Favorable ratings for the Democratic Party, while better than the GOP's, are hardly robust: As many voters view the party unfavorably (48%) as favorably (47%).

This year's elections, like the previous two midterms, will take place against a backdrop of deep public dissatisfaction with national

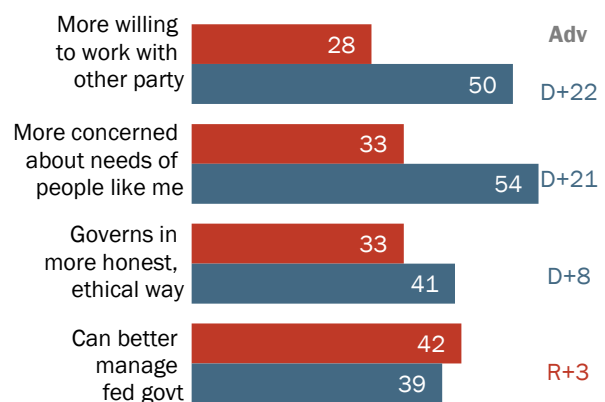
GOP Has Edge on Some Major Issues, But Image Woes Persist

Based on registered voters (%)

Which party could do better job on each issue ...



Which party better described by each phrase ...



Survey conducted Oct. 15-20, 2014.

Based on registered voters.

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conditions. Just 29% of Americans are satisfied with the way things are going in the country; more than twice as many (65%) are dissatisfied. That is on par with levels of dissatisfaction before the 2010 and 2006 midterms. Views of the nation's economy are far less gloomy than they were four years ago; nonetheless, ratings for the economy remain highly negative, with 78% saying conditions are only fair or poor.

Voter frustration with members of Congress is currently even higher than it was 2010 or 2006. Fully 68% of registered voters say they do not want to see most members of Congress reelected – 14 points higher than in 2010 and 19 points higher than in 2006. And roughly a third (35%) say they do not want their own representative reelected, compared with 32% four years ago and 26% eight years ago.

Yet unlike in those elections, when a single party controlled both the House and Senate, anti-incumbent sentiment now crosses party lines. Republican and Democratic voters are about equally likely to oppose the reelection of most representatives and their own member of Congress.

The new survey finds overall voter preferences have changed little over the past month. As was the case in September, Democrats hold a slight edge among all registered voters – currently 48% support the Democrat in their district or lean Democratic, while 42% favor the Republican or lean Republican. When the sample is narrowed to the 1,126 voters most likely to vote, the race is a virtual tie: 47% support the Democratic candidate, while 46% support the Republican. (For a detailed breakdown of congressional vote preferences, [see the detailed table.](#))

Congressional Horserace Remains Even Among Likely Voters

	Registered voters			Likely voters		
	Vote Rep	Vote Dem	Adv	Vote Rep	Vote Dem	Adv
	%	%		%	%	
October	42	48	D+6	46	47	D+1
September	42	47	D+5	47	44	R+3
August	42	47	D+5	--	--	
July	45	47	D+2	--	--	

Survey conducted Oct. 15-20, 2014. Likely voter estimates based on a seven-question turnout scale (see 'about the survey' for details).

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As has been the case [all year](#), Republican voters are substantially more engaged in the election than are Democratic voters. And on several measures, the GOP's advantage is about as great as it was four years ago: Currently, 68% of those who support the Republican candidate in their district have given a lot of thought to the election, compared with 54% who support the Democratic candidate.

More Republican than Democratic voters say they are following news about the election very closely (35% vs. 25%). And, as was the case in October 2010, more Republican voters than Democratic voters say they will definitely vote in the election (77% vs. 70%).

Republican Engagement Advantage on Par With 2010

% of registered voters who say they...

	Among voters who support...			R-D gap
	All voters	Rep candidate	Dem candidate	
	%	%	%	
<i>Have given a lot of thought to election</i>				
2014	59	68	54	R+14
2010	55	64	49	R+15
2006	54	52	58	D+6
<i>Definitely will vote</i>				
2014	71	77	70	R+7
2010	71	76	66	R+10
2006	71	74	70	R+4
<i>Follow news about elections very closely</i>				
2014	29	35	25	R+10
2010	30	34	27	R+7
2006	27	26	29	D+3

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Factors in the Congressional Vote: Obama, Partisan Control of Congress

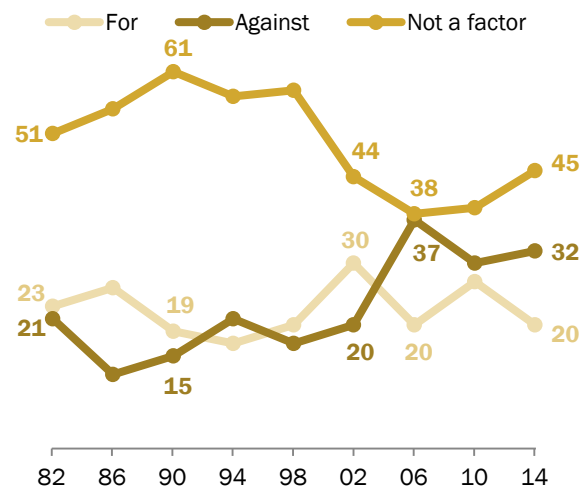
Despite major events over the past few months – including the emerging threat from the [Ebola virus](#) and [the military strikes by the United States](#) against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria, Barack Obama’s job rating among the public has been little changed. Currently, 43% approve of the job Obama is doing as president, while 51% disapprove. Obama had virtually the same job rating in early September (42%) and at the start of the year (43% in January).

Obama continues to be a factor – a negative factor, on balance – for many voters. Currently, 32% of registered voters say they think of their vote for Congress as a vote against Obama, while 20% see it as a vote for Obama; 45% of voters say Obama will not be a factor in their decision.

Obama’s impact was more neutral in the latter stages of the campaign four years ago: in mid-October 2010, 30% thought of their vote as “against” Obama, 27% as “for” him and 39% said Obama was not a factor in their vote.

More Voters See Midterm Ballot as a Vote Against Obama than for Him

Consider midterm vote as for president, against president, or president not a factor in vote? (%)



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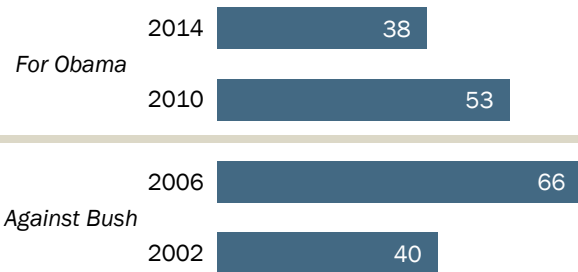
Support for Obama is driving the vote of fewer Democrats today than in 2010. In the current survey, 38% of voters who plan to support the Democratic candidate in their district say they consider their vote as “for” Obama. Four years ago, far more Democratic voters (53%) said this.

By contrast, a much larger share of Republicans say they consider their vote as a vote against Obama, and they are at least as likely to say this as they were in 2010. Fully 61% of Republican voters consider their congressional ballot as a vote against the president, up slightly from 56% in 2010.

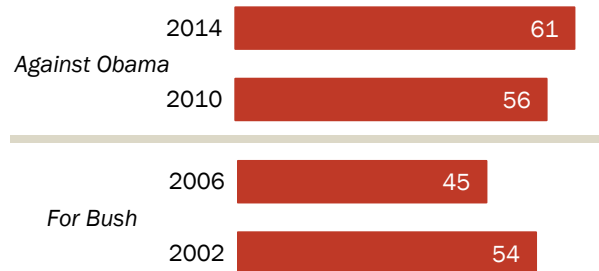
The percentage of Republican voters who consider their vote for Congress as a vote against the president (61%) is comparable to the percentage of Democratic voters in 2006 who considered their vote for Congress as a vote against second-term Republican President George W. Bush (66%).

Fewer Dems Voting ‘For’ Obama than in 2010; Reps Still Voting ‘Against’ Him

Among those planning to vote for the Democratic candidate, % who say their vote is ...



Among those planning to vote for the Republican candidate, % who say their vote is ...



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Both Republican and Democratic voters will head to the polls this November with the balance of power in Congress on their minds. Overall, about equal percentages of those who plan to vote for the Republican candidate in their district and those who plan to vote for the Democratic candidate say the issue of which party controls Congress will be a factor in their vote (67% vs. 64%).

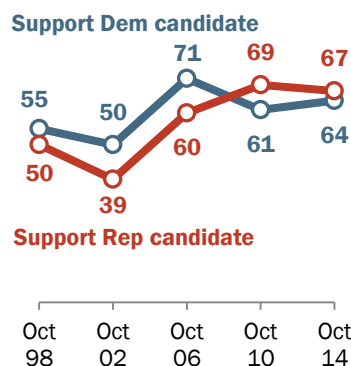
In this regard, 2014 differs from the wave elections of both 2010 and 2006. Four years ago, ahead of the GOP winning a majority in the House of Representatives, more Republican (69%) than Democratic (61%) voters said party control would matter in their midterm vote. In 2006, on the eve of a Democratic takeover of the House, the reverse was true, with more Democratic (71%) than Republican (60%) voters saying party control would be a factor in their decision.

However, while majorities of both Republican and Democratic view partisan control of Congress as a factor, the specifics of which parties control the House and Senate continue to be a mystery for many voters. Overall, 60% of registered voters know that Republicans control the House, while 58% are aware that Democrats control the Senate. Fewer than half of voters (43%) answered both questions correctly. Notably, awareness of which parties have majorities in the House and Senate has not changed since March (45% knew both).

In another sign that Republican voters are more engaged than Democrats in the 2014 election, Republicans (51%) are more likely than Democrats (40%) to know the majority party in both the House and Senate. The partisan gap in awareness is primarily the result of Republicans' greater knowledge that the Democrats have the majority in the Senate: 68% of Republican voters know this, compared with 53% of Democrats. There is no partisan difference in knowledge of GOP control of the House (62% of Republicans and 63% of Democrats).

Control of Congress a Factor for Both Parties

% saying which party controls Congress will be factor in vote ...



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Fewer than Half of Voters Know Which Parties Control the House and Senate

% of registered voters who ...

	March	Oct	Change
	%	%	
Know Reps control House	62	60	-2
Know Dems control Senate	59	58	-1
Answer both correctly	45	43	-2

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Views of Parties' Handling of Issues Similar to 2010

Heading into the 2014 midterms, the GOP has an advantage on several key issues—and the overall landscape looks very similar to the fall of 2010.

As in 2010, voters give the Republican Party a wide advantage over the Democratic Party on who can do a better job of handling the terrorist threat at home (47% say the GOP vs. 30% saying the Democratic Party) and the deficit (48% vs. 33%).

And voters' views of which party could better handle foreign policy, immigration, and health care are also little changed from 2010. Today, neither party has a significant edge on these issues.

Republicans hold a narrow advantage when it comes to the economy, which [continues to be the top issue for voters](#): 44% say the Republican Party can do the better job handling the economy, while 38% say the Democratic Party could do the better job.

On the handling of abortion and contraception policies, more voters say the Democratic Party is better able to handle these issues, giving them a nine point advantage over the GOP (46% vs. 37%).

GOP Leads on Terrorism, Deficit, Economy

% saying each party could do a better job dealing with ...

	Rep Party %	Dem Party %	Both/Neither/DK %	Diff
Terrorist threat at home				
October 2014	47	30	23=100	R+17
October 2010	43	25	32=100	R+18
Federal budget deficit				
October 2014	48	33	18=100	R+15
October 2010	41	28	32=100	R+13
Economy				
October 2014	44	38	18=100	R+6
Foreign policy				
October 2014	43	37	20=100	R+6
April 2010	40	33	26=100	R+7
Immigration				
October 2014	44	39	17=100	R+5
October 2010	37	30	33=100	R+7
Health care				
October 2014	40	46	14=100	D+6
October 2010	36	40	24=100	D+4
Education				
October 2014	38	42	19=100	D+4
Abortion/contraception				
October 2014	37	46	17=100	D+9

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GOP Loses Ground on Several Traits

Since taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives in the 2010 midterms, the Republican Party has lost ground to the Democratic Party on several key traits.

In Oct. 2010, the Democrats held an 11-point lead over the GOP (47% to 36%) as the party “more concerned with needs of people like me.” Today, the Democrats lead 54% to 33%. And four years ago the parties ran about even on who “governs in a more honest and ethical way,” while today Democrats hold an eight point advantage (41% to 33%).

In Oct. 2010, the GOP was seen as the party better able to manage the federal government by an eight point margin, and today the two parties are virtually tied: 42% of voters say the Republican Party, 39% say Democratic Party.

Among negative traits and characteristics, by wide margins, the Republican Party is seen as the party “more influenced by lobbyists and special interests” (46% vs. 32%) and “more extreme in its positions” (52% vs. 36%).

And voters overwhelmingly see the Democratic Party as more willing to work with the other party (50% vs. 28%).

Democrats Hold Edge on Honesty, Increase Advantage on Empathy

% saying each party ...	Rep Party	Dem Party	Both/ Neither/ DK	Diff
	%	%	%	
Positive traits				
Can better manage federal government				
October 2014	42	39	19=100	R+3
October 2010	44	36	20=100	R+8
Governs in a more honest and ethical way				
October 2014	33	41	26=100	D+8
October 2010	36	34	29=100	R+2
Is more concerned with needs of people like me				
October 2014	33	54	14=100	D+21
October 2010	36	47	16=100	D+11
Is more willing to work with other party				
October 2014	28	50	21=100	D+22
Negative traits				
Is more influenced by special interests				
October 2014	46	32	22=100	R+14
February 2010	40	32	27=100	R+8
Is more extreme in its positions				
October 2014	52	36	12=100	R+16

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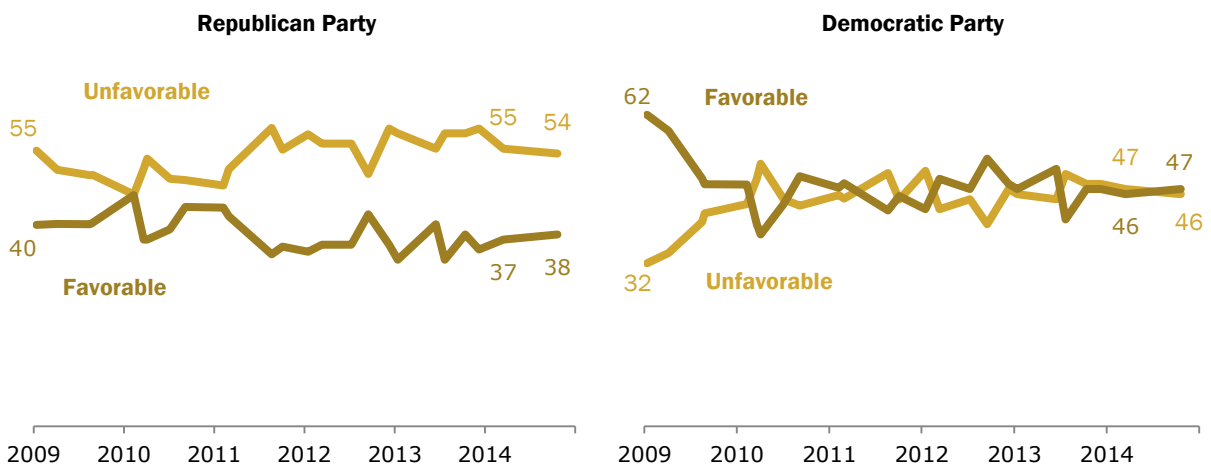
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Parties' Favorable Ratings Little Changed

Only about four-in-ten Americans (38%) say they have a favorable view of the Republican Party, while a 54% majority express an unfavorable view of the GOP. The public remains divided in views of the Democratic Party: 47% have a favorable opinion and 46% have an unfavorable view. Favorable ratings for both parties have changed very little over the past year.

Democrats Hold Edge in Favorable Views

% saying their opinion of the Republican/Democratic Party is...



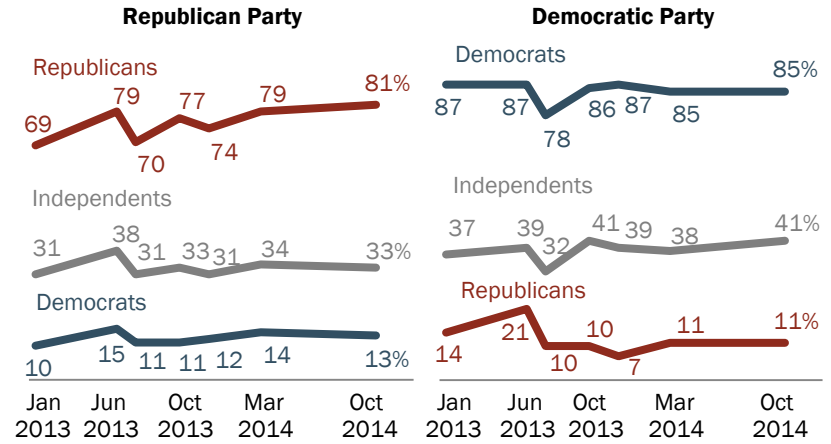
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Comparable percentages of Democrats (85%) and Republicans (81%) view their own party favorably, and members of both parties give very low ratings to the opposing party. More independents have a favorable impression of the Democratic Party (41%) than the Republican Party (33%).

Little Change in Views of the Parties Among Partisans

% who have a favorable opinion of...



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Anti-Incumbent Sentiment Remains at Record Levels

Throughout the 2014 campaign, voters have expressed high levels of anti-incumbent sentiment. Today, about two-thirds (68%) say they do not want most members of Congress reelected this year, while just 23% would like most representatives to win reelection. And roughly a third (35%) say they would not like to see their own representative reelected.

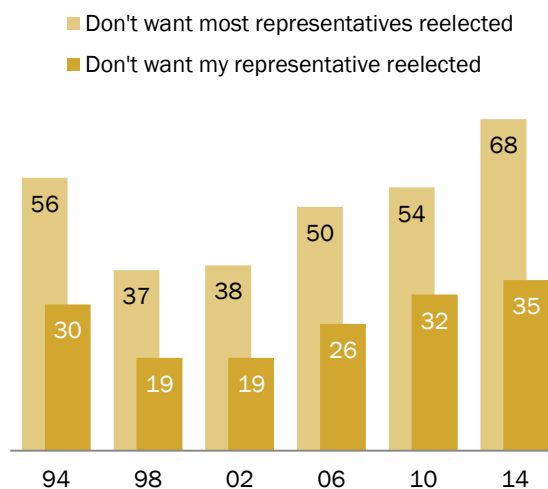
On both measures, levels of anti-incumbent sentiment match or exceed those in the last several midterms. In the 2006 and 2010 midterms, which both resulted in a shift in control of the House, about half of voters said they wanted to see most members of Congress defeated.

In recent elections, those in the “out” party have been significantly more likely to want to see representatives lose their jobs. But today, perhaps reflecting voters’ more generally negative views about Congress, Republican and Democratic voters are about equally likely to want to see representatives lose their jobs.

Seven-in-ten voters who support Republican candidates (70%) and about as many Democratic voters (65%) say they do not want most representatives to win reelection. By contrast, in 2010, about three-quarters (73%) of Republican supporters wanted to see most members of the House ousted, but only 32% of Democratic supporters said the same. And in 2006, on the eve of a Democratic victory that wrested control from the GOP, 65% of Democratic supporters — and just 32% of Republican supporters — wanted to see most representatives defeated.

Anti-Incumbent Sentiment at a Peak

% who say they do not want most representatives/their representative reelected to Congress



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Little Partisan Gap in Anti-Incumbent Sentiment

% of registered voters who say they do not want to see...

	Oct 2006	Oct 2010	Oct 2014
<i>Most representatives reelected</i>	%	%	%
All voters	50	54	68
Support Rep cand	32	73	70
Support Dem cand	65	32	65
R-D diff	D+33	R+41	R+5
<i>Own representative reelected</i>			
All voters	26	32	35
Support Rep cand	18	42	33
Support Dem cand	33	20	36
R-D diff	D+15	R+22	D+3

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A similar pattern can be found for Republican and Democratic voters' opinions about their own representative's reelection. In 2010, Republican voters were much more likely than Democratic voters to want to see their own representative lose reelection; and in 2006, Democratic voters were more likely to say the same. Currently, despite GOP control of the House, Republican voters are as likely as Democratic voters to say they do not want their own representative reelected (33% and 36%, respectively).

Views of Nation's Economy

Just 21% of Americans rate the economy as excellent (2%) or good (19%), with a 45% plurality saying national economic conditions are “only fair.” One-in-three (33%) say the economy is “poor.” These ratings are little changed over the last few months.

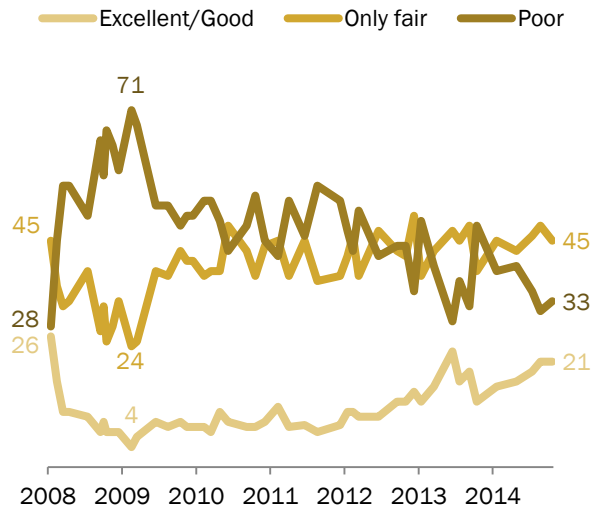
Democrats are more likely to rate economic conditions positively. Three-in-ten (30%) say the economy is excellent or good, while 69% of say it is only fair or poor. Among Republicans, just 11% rate economic conditions positively.

There is some degree of optimism about the economy in the next year: 27% expect conditions to get better, and 50% say they will stay the same, while 21% say the economy will be worse. This sentiment has remained little changed throughout the year.

About one-in-three Democrats (34%) expect the economy to improve over the course of the next year, compared with 27% of independents and 18% of Republicans. Roughly half of all partisan groups expect the economic conditions to be the same in a year. Just 13% of Democrats predict that the economy will be worse, as do 25% of Republicans and 23% of independents.

Little Change in Views of Economy

% saying nation's economic conditions are ...

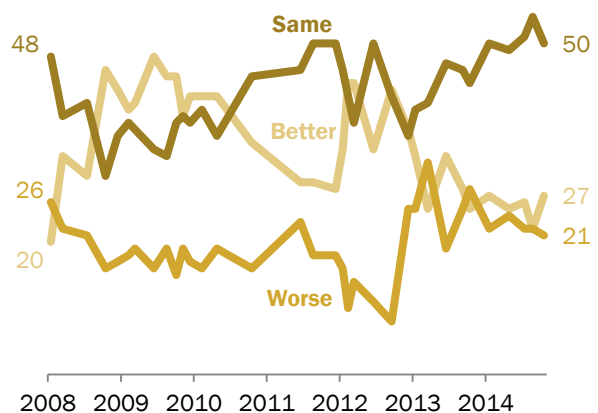


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Half Expect Same Economy in a Year

% saying nation's economic conditions will be ...



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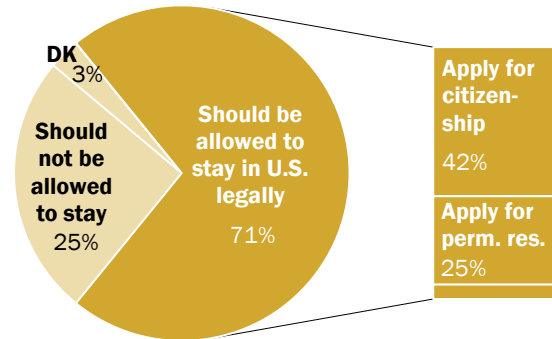
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Other Issues: Immigration, Health Care and Marijuana

When it comes to immigration policy, roughly seven-in-ten (71%) continue to support a way for undocumented immigrants to gain legal status if certain requirements are met. One-in-four (25%) say they should not be allowed to stay.

Most of those who say there should be a pathway to legal status support the ability for undocumented immigrants to apply for citizenship: 42% overall say they should be able to apply for citizenship, while 25% of the public thinks they should be able to apply for permanent residency, but not citizenship.

Undocumented Immigrants in U.S. Who Meet Certain Requirements ...



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Overall support for a legal pathway is little changed from earlier this year. Democrats support allowing undocumented immigrants who meet requirements to stay by a margin of 82% to 16%. Republicans also favor a pathway to legal status, but by a narrower (57% to 39%) margin, and this is down slightly from February.

Majorities of blacks (74%) and whites (67%) continue to say undocumented immigrants should be allowed to stay in the U.S. legally if certain requirements are met. And nearly nine-in-ten (88%) Hispanics continue to support a pathway to legal status; about half (51%) say that undocumented immigrants should be able to apply for citizenship while 32% say they should be limited to permanent residency.

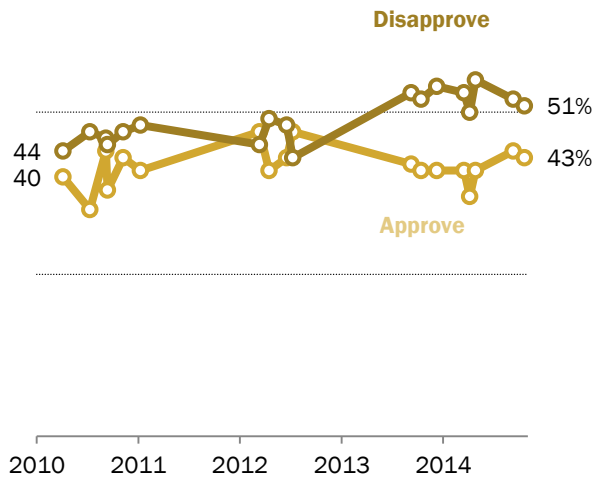
Views of the Affordable Care Act remain generally unchanged over the past year. More continue to disapprove (51%) than approve (43%) of the law.

Republicans remain more unified in their opposition to the law than Democrats are in support of it. Nearly nine-in-ten Republicans (88%) disapprove of the law and just 10% approve of it; among Democrats, 74% approve and 20% disapprove.

Liberal Democrats are especially supportive of the ACA (84% approve and 12% disapprove). Moderate and conservative Democrats approve of the law by a somewhat smaller margin (66% to 28%).

More college graduates approve of the law (51%) than those with only some college experience (43%) or no college (38%).

Views of the Health Care Law Relatively Stable During 2014



Survey conducted Oct. 15-20, 2014.
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On the issue of marijuana policy, more continue to say marijuana use should be legal (52%) than illegal (45%), and public views about marijuana are little changed over the last year.

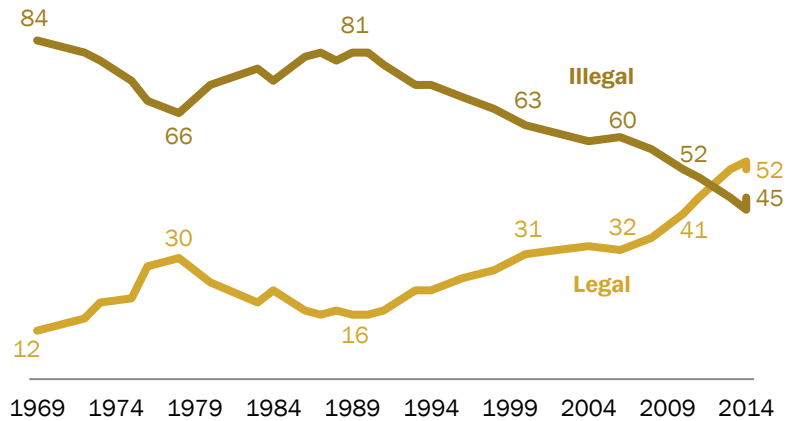
Millennial adults — who are now ages 18-33 — remain more supportive of marijuana legalization than those in older generations: 63% of Millennials say marijuana should be legal, while 35% say it should be illegal. The views of Millennials are not significantly different than earlier this year.

Baby Boomers (51% legal, 46% illegal) and those in Generation X (54% legal, 44% illegal) are about evenly divided over marijuana legalization, while the majority of those in the Silent Generation are opposed (66% illegal, 27% legal).

Democrats continue to support legalization by about two-to-one (64%-34%). But just 31% of Republicans say marijuana should be legal, down 8 points from February.

Slim Majority Supports Marijuana Legalization

% saying the use of marijuana should be ...

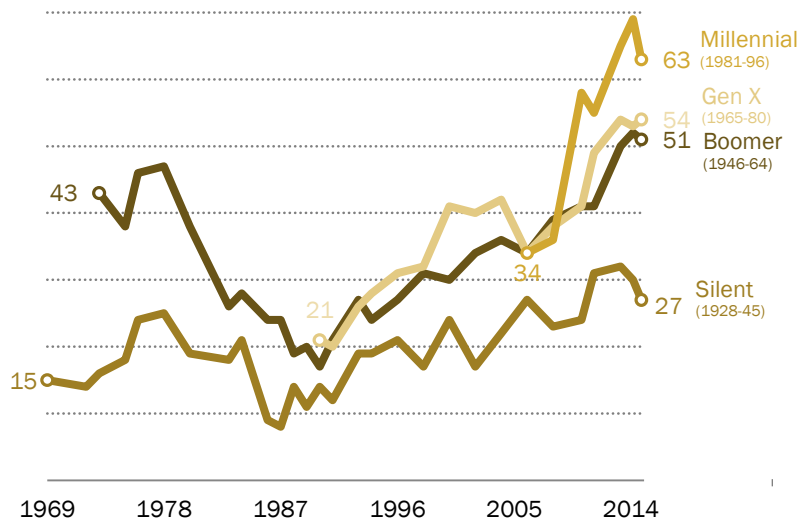


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Support for Legalization of Marijuana by Generation

% saying the use of marijuana should be made legal



Survey conducted Oct. 15-20, 2014. Generational lines shown when significant sample is available. 1973-2008 data from General Social Survey; 1969 and 1972 data from Gallup

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Congressional Trial Heat Table--Based on Likely Voters

GOP Leads among Men, Whites; Lower-Income Voters Favor the Democrats

Vote preference for Congress (based on likely voters)...

	Nov. 1-4, 2006			Oct. 27-30, 2010			Oct. 15-20, 2014			2014 Unweighted N
	Rep cand %	Dem cand %	Adv	Rep cand %	Dem cand %	Adv %	Rep cand %	Dem cand %	Adv %	
All likely voters	43	47	D+4	48	42	R+6	46	47	D+1	1,126
Men	45	46	D+1	53	36	R+17	50	42	R+8	578
Women	41	48	D+7	44	47	D+3	43	51	D+8	549
18-49	44	48	D+4	48	44	R+4	42	52	D+10	323
50-64	44	45	D+1	47	44	R+3	48	47	R+1	402
65+	42	48	D+6	50	38	R+12	49	39	R+10	382
White, non-Hisp.	49	42	R+7	56	36	R+20	55	39	R+16	917
Non-white	21	68	D+47	21	70	D+49	15	77	D+62	191
Post-grad	39	52	D+13	42	52	D+10	37	56	D+19	280
College grad	46	46	Even	52	39	R+13	56	38	R+18	324
Some college	43	45	D+2	49	38	R+11	45	48	D+3	293
HS or less	44	46	D+2	48	43	R+5	45	46	D+1	225
<i>Family income</i>										
\$75,000 or more	50	43	R+7	53	41	R+12	52	44	R+8	449
\$30,000-\$74,999	49	44	R+5	48	43	R+5	47	48	D+1	352
Less than \$30,000	32	62	D+30	39	54	D+15	33	57	D+24	187
Republican	92	4	R+88	96	2	R+94	97	2	R+95	371
Democrat	2	94	D+92	6	91	D+85	3	94	D+91	387
Independent	35	42	D+7	45	32	R+13	47	39	R+8	342
White evang. Prot.	68	24	R+44	75	16	R+59	81	13	R+68	270
White mainline Prot.	45	45	Even	55	36	R+19	51	45	R+6	197
Catholic	43	48	D+5	48	45	R+3	47	46	R+1	233
Unaffiliated	20	71	D+51	31	60	D+29	30	61	D+31	221

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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted October 15-20, 2014 among a national sample of 2,003 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (802 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,201 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 677 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2012 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2013 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	2,003	2.5 percentage points
Registered voters	1,494	2.9 percentage points
Republican RVs	446	5.4 percentage points
Democratic RVs	522	4.9 percentage points
Independent RVs	481	5.2 percentage points
<i>Congressional vote choice</i>		
Support Rep candidate	666	4.4 percentage points
Support Dem candidate	682	4.3 percentage points
Likely voters	1,126	3.4 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

Likely Voters

Likely voter estimates are based on a 7-item turnout scale that includes the following questions: **thought** (thought given to the election), **precinct** (ever voted in your precinct or election district), **Q.3** (follow government and public affairs), **oftvote** (how often vote), **plan1** (likelihood of voting), **pvote12a** (voted in the 2012 presidential election) and **scale10** (chances of voting on 1-10 scale). More details about the Pew Research Center's methodology for estimating likelihood to vote are available at <http://www.people-press.org/methodology/election-polling/identifying-likely-voters/>

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OCTOBER 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
October 15-20, 2014
N=2,003**

ASK ALL:

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

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

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

Q.1 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>
June, 2001	43	52	5	January, 1997	38	58	4
March, 2001	47	45	8	July, 1996	29	67	4
February, 2001	46	43	11	March, 1996	28	70	2
January, 2001	55	41	4	October, 1995	23	73	4
October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7	June, 1995	25	73	2
September, 2000	51	41	8	April, 1995	23	74	3
June, 2000	47	45	8	July, 1994	24	73	3
April, 2000	48	43	9	March, 1994	24	71	5
August, 1999	56	39	5	October, 1993	22	73	5
January, 1999	53	41	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
November, 1998	46	44	10	May, 1993	22	71	7
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	January, 1993	39	50	11
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	January, 1992	28	68	4
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	November, 1991	34	61	5
February, 1998	59	37	4	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
January, 1998	46	50	4	August, 1990	47	48	5
September, 1997	45	49	6	May, 1990	41	54	5
August, 1997	49	46	5	January, 1989	45	50	5
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

ASK ALL:

The Congressional elections will be coming up later this year.

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election					
Oct 15-20, 2014	59	2	34	3	1
Sep 2-9, 2014	51	3	42	3	1
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	49	3	44	3	1
2012 Election					
Oct 24-28, 2012	78	3	15	3	1
Oct 4-7, 2012	73	3	21	2	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	70	4	23	2	1
Jul 16-26, 2012	61	5	28	6	1
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	65	3	29	3	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	67	1	30	2	1
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	61	2	33	3	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	64	2	30	4	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	66	2	30	1	1
2010 Election					
Oct 13-18, 2010	55	4	34	5	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	5	42	3	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	5	44	6	1
2008 Election					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2
2006 Election					
November, 2006	61	5	28	4	1
Late October, 2006	54	6	35	5	1
Early October, 2006	51	4	40	4	2
September, 2006	45	4	48	3	1
2004 Election					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
2002 Election					
Early November, 2002	52	6	35	6	1
Early October, 2002	45	6	45	4	1
Early September, 2002	36	5	54	4	1
2000 Election					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
1998 Election					
Late October, 1998	49	11	35	4	1
Early October, 1998	42	8	43	6	1
1996 Election					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
1994 Election					
November, 1994	56	7	32	4	1
Late October, 1994	45	7	45	2	1
Early October, 1994	44	2	50	3	1
1992 Election					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1
1990 Election					
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990 (GP) ²	43	7	46	4	
1988 Election					
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	73	8	17	2	
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1988	69	9	20	2	
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1988	57	18	23	2	

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

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None/ DK/Ref
<i>Gallup</i> : August, 1988	61	10	27	2
1982 Election				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1982 (GP)	29	22	37	12
1978 Election				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1978 (GP)	23	22	39	17
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1978 (GP)	21	18	44	18

ASK ALL:

REG Which of these statements best describes you? [READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: BE SURE TO CLARIFY WHETHER RESPONDENT IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THEY ARE REGISTERED OR ONLY PROBABLY REGISTERED; IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1]

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69	Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address [OR]
5	Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed [OR]
25	Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

CAMPNII How closely have you followed news about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district? Have you followed it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	(VOL.) DK/Ref
2014 Election					
Oct 15-20, 2014	22	34	21	22	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	14	30	31	24	1
2010 Election					
Oct 27-30, 2010	27	35	17	20	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	24	34	22	19	1
Jun 16-20, 2010	15	33	31	20	*
2006 Election					
Early November, 2006	27	37	18	17	1
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	27	45	17	11	*
Early October, 2006	21	38	25	15	1
Early September, 2006	16	32	28	23	1
August, 2006	20	29	28	22	1
June, 2006	18	30	29	21	2
May, 2006	18	28	30	23	1
2002 Election					
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	27	46	18	9	*
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	28	34	24	13	1
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	21	46	22	10	1
Early September, 2002	17	29	29	24	1
1998 Election					
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	26	45	20	9	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	21	43	24	11	1
Early September, 1998	17	32	28	23	*
Early August, 1998	13	30	28	23	1
June, 1998	9	27	33	30	1
April, 1998	16	33	24	27	*
1994 Election					
November, 1994	18	42	25	15	*

CAMPNII CONTINUED...

	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Late October, 1994	14	38	31	16	1
Early October, 1994	23	34	23	19	1
September, 1994	19	34	29	18	*
1990 Election					
November, 1990	38	34	17	11	*
October, 1990	18	32	28	22	*

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u>	
87	Yes
13	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 2**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs [READ]?

	Most of <u>the time</u>	Some of <u>the time</u>	Only now <u>and then</u>	Hardly <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 15-20, 2014	50	27	12	10	1
Sep 2-9, 2014	51	25	14	9	1
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	48	29	14	9	*
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	69	21	7	3	*
Oct 24-28, 2012	51	27	13	9	1
Oct 4-7, 2012 (RVs)	65	23	8	4	*
Sep 12-16, 2012 (RVs)	60	26	10	4	*
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	28	15	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	50	29	14	6	1
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	56	29	10	5	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	49	28	12	10	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 ³	52	25	13	10	1
January, 2007	53	28	11	7	1
November, 2006 (RVs)	58	26	10	6	*
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	57	30	8	5	*
December, 2005	50	28	14	8	*
December, 2004	45	35	14	5	1
November, 2004 (RVs)	61	27	9	3	*
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	63	26	8	3	*
June, 2004	44	34	15	7	*
August, 2003	48	33	12	6	1
November, 2002	49	27	14	9	1
August, 2002	54	30	11	5	*
March, 2001	49	27	13	10	1
Early November, 2000 (RVs)	51	32	12	5	*
September, 2000 (RVs)	51	34	10	4	1
June, 2000	38	32	19	11	*
Late September, 1999	39	32	20	9	*
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*

³ In the Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 survey, a wording experiment was conducted with one half of respondents asked the question wording shown above, and the other half was asked: "Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...?" No significant differences were found between questions and the combined results are shown above. All surveys prior to Sep 2010 used the longer question wording.

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	57	29	10	4	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	51	33	11	5	*
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1
October, 1988 (RVs)	52	33	12	3	*
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... [READ]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	Always	Nearly always	Part of the time	Seldom	(VOL.) Never vote	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 15-20, 2014	58	25	9	6	2	*	*
Sep 2-9, 2014	58	27	10	4	2	*	*
Jul 8-14, 2014	58	25	10	4	2	*	*
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	61	24	8	5	1	*	*
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	62	23	7	5	2	1	*
Oct 24-28, 2012	59	24	8	5	3	1	*
Oct 4-7, 2012	67	20	6	4	1	1	0
Sep 12-16, 2012	64	22	7	4	2	1	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	64	24	6	4	1	*	*
Apr 4-15, 2012	57	29	8	4	1	*	*
Jan 4-8, 2012	60	24	8	6	1	1	*
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	62	24	8	4	1	*	*
Oct 27-30, 2010	58	24	11	5	2	1	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	57	27	10	4	2	1	*
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	59	26	9	4	1	*	*
June 16-20, 2010	52	31	11	5	1	1	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	62	23	7	5	1	1	1
November, 2008	60	23	8	5	2	2	*
Late October, 2008	57	26	8	5	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2008	57	27	7	5	3	1	*
Early October, 2008	53	27	9	6	3	1	1
Late September, 2008	55	27	9	6	2	1	*
Mid-September, 2008	54	28	10	5	2	1	*
August, 2008	55	29	9	4	2	1	*
July, 2008	53	30	10	4	1	1	1
January, 2007	58	29	9	3	1	*	*
November, 2006	58	26	8	5	2	1	*

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 2006	58	27	9	4	1	1	*
Early October, 2006	47	36	10	3	2	1	1
September, 2006	56	28	9	6	1	*	*
May, 2006	60	26	8	4	1	*	1
December, 2005	60	24	9	4	2	1	1
December, 2004	64	22	8	4	1	*	1
November, 2004	62	21	7	6	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2004	63	22	7	5	2	1	*
Early October, 2004	58	25	9	4	2	1	1
September, 2004	58	27	9	5	2	1	1
August, 2004	56	28	9	5	2	*	1
July, 2004	54	31	9	4	1	*	*
June, 2004	57	29	7	5	1	1	1
May, 2004	56	27	10	4	2	1	1
April, 2004	55	29	9	5	1	1	1
Late March, 2004	50	31	11	6	1	*	1
Mid-March, 2004	55	30	9	5	1	*	*
February, 2004	55	29	12	3	*	*	*
January, 2004	54	30	10	4	2	1	*
August, 2003	53	30	10	5	1	*	*
June, 2003	48	36	11	3	1	*	0
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*
May, 2002	53	31	9	5	1	*	1
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	1	2	0
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	*	3	*
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*
July, 2000	48	30	13	6	2	1	*
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*
May, 2000	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
April, 2000	50	30	12	6	2	1	*
March, 2000	49	34	12	4	1	1	0
February, 2000	53	32	10	4	1	0	*
January, 2000	50	34	12	4	1	*	*
October, 1999	39	47	9	2	1	*	*
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*
Late August, 1998	48	35	13	4	*	0	*
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0
May, 1998	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
November, 1997	42	44	10	3	1	*	*
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*
June, 1997	54	30	10	4	1	*	*
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*
Early September, 1996	53	29	12	4	1	*	*
July, 1996	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*
Late April, 1996	44	37	11	5	1	1	1

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early April, 1996	49	35	10	5	1	*	*
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*
May, 1993	57	31	7	4	1	1	*
Early October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*
Early May, 1992	49	35	10	4	1	*	*
March, 1992	47	36	11	6	*	*	*
February, 1992	50	36	9	4	*	--	2
January 1992 (GP) ⁴	40	35	11	11	4	--	*
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	*	*
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*
January, 1989 (GP)	45	30	10	8	6	1	*
Gallup: November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*
October, 1988	51	37	8	3	1	*	*
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*
September, 1988	51	40	6	2	*	1	*
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.4 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"] for Congress in your district?

ASK IF 'OTHER' 'DON'T KNOW/REFUSED' (Q.4=3,9):

Q.5 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.6; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election			
Oct 15-20, 2014	42	48	10
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	47	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	47	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	45	47	9
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	47	43	9
Feb 12-26, 2014	44	46	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	44	48	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	49	8
2012 Election			
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	47	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	48	8
2010 Election			
Oct 27-30, 2010	43	44	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	42	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	45	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	45	10

⁴ Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

Q.4/5 CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ DK/Ref
Mar 11-21, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
2008 Election			
June, 2008	37	52	11
2006 Election			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9
June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
2004 Election			
June, 2004	41	48	11
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
1996 Election			
November, 1996	41	48	11
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9

Q.4/5 CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

PLAN1 Do you plan to vote in the elections, have you ALREADY voted, or don't you plan to vote?

ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (PLAN1=1):

PLAN2 Do you plan to cast your vote BEFORE Election Day or ON Election Day?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	Plan <u>to vote</u>	<i>Already</i> <u>voted</u>	<i>Before</i> <u>election day</u>	<i>On</i> <u>election day</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Don't plan <u>to vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election							
Oct 15-20, 2014	87	5	24	61	2	6	2
2010 Election							
Oct 27-30, 2010	91	17	10	63	1	8	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	94	4	23	65	2	4	1
2008 Election							
November, 2008	98	26	9	62	1	1	1
Late October, 2008	96	15	16	64	1	3	1
2006 Election							
November, 2006 ⁵	90	12	6	71	*	8	2
Late October, 2006	94	3	15	74	1	3	3
Early October, 2006 ⁶	93	*	14	77	2	4	3
2004 Election							
November, 2004 ⁷	97	12	9	75	1	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	98	3	16	78	1	1	1
Early September, 2004	98	*	13	84	1	1	1

NO QUESTIONS 6-9**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.10 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) Congressman <u>not running</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election				
Oct 15-20, 2014	48	35	2	15
Jul 8-14, 2014	48	36	1	15
Oct 9-13, 2013	48	38	1	14

5 In November 2006 and earlier, initial question asked: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election...?" and respondents who said they planned to vote were asked "Do you plan to vote BEFORE Election Day, OR will you probably vote at your polling place ON Election Day OR have you already cast your vote?" Respondents who volunteered that they had already voted were asked: "Just to be sure I understand - are you saying you have ALREADY mailed in your vote or cast your vote early at your local election office, or do you mean that you PLAN TO do so?"

6 In Early October 2006 the follow up question was worded: "...do you plan to vote BEFORE Election Day, that is through the mail or with an absentee ballot, OR will you probably vote at your polling place ON Election Day?"

7 In November 2004, and Mid-October, the follow up question was worded: "Do you plan to vote BEFORE Election Day, that is through the mail or with an absentee ballot, or will you probably vote at your polling place ON Election Day, OR have you already cast your vote?" In September 2004 "have you already cast your vote" was a volunteered option.

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) Congressman <u>not running</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2012 Election				
Dec 7-11, 2011	50	33	1	16
2010 Election				
Oct 27-30, 2010	49	32	2	18
Oct 13-18, 2010	47	32	1	20
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	33	1	17
Jun 16-20, 2010	49	34	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	43	32	1	24
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	31	*	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	52	29	1	18
2008 Election				
Late February, 2008	60	22	1	17
2006 Election				
November, 2006	55	25	1	19
Late October, 2006	55	26	1	18
Early October, 2006	50	27	1	22
September, 2006	53	27	1	19
August, 2006	51	30	*	19
June, 2006	51	32	1	16
April, 2006	57	28	1	14
February, 2006	59	28	1	12
September, 2005	57	25	1	17
2002 Election				
Early October, 2002	58	19	2	21
June, 2002	58	23	1	18
2000 Election				
Early November, 2000	59	16	2	23
October, 2000	60	17	1	22
July, 1999	66	23	*	11
1998 Election				
Late October, 1998	64	19	1	16
Early October, 1998	58	20	2	20
Early September, 1998	63	20	1	16
March, 1998	63	21	1	15
January, 1998	66	23	0	11
August, 1997	66	22	0	12
1996 Election				
Early November, 1996	60	16	3	21
October, 1996	62	19	2	17
Late September, 1996	55	17	2	26
Early September, 1996	62	19	2	17
1994 Election				
November, 1994	58	25	1	16
Late October, 1994	55	30	2	13
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20
1990 Election				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	62	22	2	14

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.11 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election			
Oct 15-20, 2014	23	68	9

Q.11 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 8-14, 2014	24	69	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	18	74	8
2012 Election			
Dec 7-11, 2011	20	67	13
2010 Election			
Oct 27-30, 2010	35	51	13
Oct 13-18, 2010	33	54	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	33	56	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	56	13
Mar 11-21, 2010	27	57	15
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	53	15
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	34	53	13
2008 Election			
Late February, 2008	36	49	15
2006 Election			
November, 2006	37	46	17
Late October, 2006	34	50	17
Early October, 2006	32	48	20
September, 2006	35	49	16
August, 2006	36	49	15
June, 2006	29	57	14
April, 2006	34	53	13
February, 2006	36	49	15
September, 2005	36	48	16
2002 Election			
Early October, 2002	39	38	23
June, 2002	45	37	18
2000 Election			
October, 2000	40	34	26
July, 1999	41	47	12
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	41	37	22
Early October, 1998	39	39	22
Early September, 1998	46	37	17
March, 1998	45	41	14
January, 1998	44	43	13
August, 1997	45	42	13
1996 Election			
Early September, 1996	43	43	14
1994 Election			
November, 1994	31	51	18
Late October, 1994	31	56	13
Early October, 1994	28	56	16

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.12 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	<u>Yes, will be</u> <u>a factor</u>	<u>No,</u> <u>will not</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election			
Oct 15-20, 2014	62	34	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	58	39	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	53	43	4
2012 Election			
Jun 7-17, 2012	49	48	3
2010 Election			

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	Yes, will be <u>a factor</u>	No, <u>will not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 27-30, 2010	62	34	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	61	36	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	56	41	3
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	39	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	45	6
2008 Election			
June, 2008	44	51	5
2006 Election			
November, 2006	61	36	3
Late October, 2006	61	36	3
Early October, 2006	57	40	3
September, 2006	55	41	4
June, 2006	58	39	3
April, 2006	56	39	5
2004 Election			
June, 2004	43	51	6
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	48	49	3
Early October, 2002	42	55	3
Early September, 2002	44	51	5
June, 2002	47	50	3
February, 2002	46	49	5
2000 Election			
Early October, 2000	46	50	4
July, 2000	46	49	5
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	46	50	4
Early October, 1998	47	49	4
Early September, 1998	41	56	3
Early August, 1998	44	53	3
June, 1998	45	51	4

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.13 Do you think of your vote for Congress as a vote FOR Barack Obama, as a vote AGAINST Barack Obama, or isn't Barack Obama much of a factor in your vote?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Not a factor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election (Obama)				
Oct 15-20, 2014	20	32	45	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	19	29	49	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	16	26	54	4
2010 Election (Obama)				
Oct 27-30, 2010	26	28	42	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	27	30	39	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	30	42	3
Jun 16-20, 2010	23	28	47	2
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	20	51	5
2006 Election (Bush)				
November, 2006	21	35	41	3
Late October, 2006	20	37	38	5
Early October, 2006	18	39	40	3
September, 2006	20	36	40	4
August, 2006	17	35	43	5
June, 2006	15	38	44	3
April, 2006	17	34	46	3
February, 2006	18	31	47	4

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	For	Against	Not a factor	(VOL.) DK/Ref
2002 Election (Bush)				
Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6
Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6
Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5
February, 2002	34	9	50	7
1998 Election (Clinton)				
Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5
Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6
Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3
Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2
Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4
June, 1998	20	18	57	5
March, 1998	21	15	59	5
1996 Election (Clinton)				
Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7
1994 Election (Clinton)				
November, 1994	17	21	55	7
Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5
Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6
1990 Election (GHW Bush)				
CBS/NYT: October 28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6
1986 Election (Reagan)				
CBS/NYT: October 24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7
CBS/NYT: Sep 28-Oct 1, 1986	26	16	51	7
1982 Election (Reagan)				
CBS/NYT: October 23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5

NO QUESTIONS 14-19, 22-24, 28-33, 36, 40-42

QUESTIONS 20-21, 25-27, 34-35, 37-39 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.43 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref				
				Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8
				May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9

Q.43 CONTINUED...

	Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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NO QUESTION 44

ASK ALL:

Q.45 Would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is 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]**?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a. The Republican Party								
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
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

Q.45 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
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								
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

Q.45 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/ Ref
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 ALL:

Just as far as you know...

Q.46 Which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just as far as you know]** **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: DO NOT PROBE, PUNCH 9 IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW]**

	The Republican <u>Party</u>	The Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 20-14, 2014	53	31	16
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	58	30	12
May 9-Jun 3, 2012 ⁸	54	22	24
Jun 8-28, 2010	12	70	19
Oct 1-4, 2009	13	75	12
Jun 18-21, 2009	12	76	12
Mar 26-29, 2009	12	86	2
Dec 4-7, 2008	11	82	7
Feb 28-Mar 2, 2008	26	70	4
Aug 16-19, 2007	19	78	3
February, 2007	10	76	14
TREND FOR COMPARISON⁹:			
May, 2008	15	53	32
Late October, 2006	58	4	38
April, 2006	64	6	30
April, 2004	56	8	36
June, 2001	31	34	35
August, 1999	55	8	37
December, 1998	56	11	33
June, 1997	50	6	44
April, 1996	70	8	22
June, 1995	73	5	22
July, 1994	18	60	22
February, 1994	42	58	n/a
September, 1992	9	46	45
June, 1992	12	44	44
May, 1992	12	49	39
May, 1989	16	68	16

Correct answers in bold.

⁸ In June 2012 and earlier, question read: "Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? **[RANDOMIZE: Democrats or Republicans]**"

⁹ In May 2008 and from May 1992 through Late October 2006, this was asked as an open-ended question, without offering response options. In May 1989 the question was worded: "As a result of the election last year, which party now has the most members in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington?"

ASK ALL:

Q.47 Which political party, has a majority in the U.S. Senate **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?
[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: DO NOT PROBE, PUNCH 9 IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW]

	The Republican <u>Party</u>	The Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 15-20, 2014	28	51	20
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	30	54	16
TREND FOR COMPARISON¹⁰:			
June, 2003	63	10	27
June, 2001	12	56	32
September, 1992	10	57	33
June, 1992	17	52	31
May, 1992	17	55	28

Correct answers in bold.

NO QUESTIONS 48-53**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.54 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>
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
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

¹⁰ In June 2003 and earlier, question read: "Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. Senate?" The question was asked as an open-ended question, without offering response options.

Q.54 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ¹¹	2	29	42	26	1

ASK ALL:

Q.55 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 15-20, 2014	27	21	50	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5

¹¹ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.55 CONTINUED...

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

ASK ALL:

Q.56 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

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

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

	The job situation	Rising prices	The federal budget deficit	The condition of the financial and housing markets	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) None/not worried about any	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 15-20, 2014	37	22	25	11	2	1	2
Sep 4-8, 2013	40	22	24	10	2	1	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	22	25	10	2	*	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	19	27	10	2	1	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	22	24	11	2	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	13	22	12	2	1	2
Sep 1-4, 2011	43	17	22	11	4	2	2
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	15	29	11	3	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	38	20	28	10	2	*	2
Mar 8-14, 2011	34	28	24	10	3	*	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	44	23	19	10	1	1	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	47	15	19	14	1	1	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	15	19	12	2	1	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	41	16	23	13	3	1	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	45	17	22	11	2	*	2

NO QUESTIONS 58-63**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the political parties ...

Q.64 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; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** Which party **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Is more extreme in its positions					
Oct 15-20, 2014	51	35	5	2	7
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					
Oct 15-20, 2014	28	51	2	13	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	27	52	1	13	7

Q.64 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
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=992]:						
c.F1	Can better manage the federal government					
	Oct 15-20, 2014	38	40	2	12	8
	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 ¹²	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
	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					
	Oct 15-20, 2014	45	32	13	1	9
	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

¹²

In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Able to manage the federal government well."

Q.64 CONTINUED...

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Party	Party	equally	Neither	DK/Ref
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,011]:						
e.F2	Is more concerned with the needs of people like me					
	Oct 15-20, 2014	31	53	2	9	5
	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 ¹³	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					
	Oct 15-20, 2014	31	42	3	16	8
	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
	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 ¹⁴	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

¹³ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Is concerned with the needs of people like me."

¹⁴ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Governs in an honest and ethical way."

ASK ALL:

Q.65 And which party could do a better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Dealing with the economy					
Oct 15-20, 2014	41	39	6	8	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	47	39	4	6	4
Jan 15-19, 2014	42	38	10	7	3
Oct 9-13, 2013	44	37	5	9	5
May 1-5, 2013	42	38	6	8	6
May 25-30, 2011	38	40	5	8	8
Sep 16-19, 2010	38	37	8	10	8
May 20-23, 2010	33	34	9	14	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	41	7	6	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	32	42	6	12	9
February, 2008	34	53	2	5	6
October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14
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 ¹⁵	33	44	8	5	10
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28
b. Dealing with immigration					
Oct 15-20, 2014	41	40	5	7	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	42	40	4	7	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	38	39	8	8	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	40	39	4	8	9
May 1-5, 2013	38	38	7	8	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11

¹⁵

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

Q.65 CONTINUED...

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Party	Party	equally	Neither	DK/Ref
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=992]:						
c.F1	Making wise decisions about foreign policy					
	Oct 15-20, 2014	40	39	6	9	7
	Jul 8-14, 2014	43	39	5	7	6
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	38	10	4	7
	Apr 21-26, 2010	39	34	8	8	11
	August 27-30, 2009	31	44	7	8	9
	February, 2008	40	45	4	4	7
	July, 2004	38	40	4	4	14
	Early September, 2002	40	30	10	6	14
	May, 2001	39	34	11	3	13
	June, 1999	37	36	7	6	14
	March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11
	Early September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13
	March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10
	October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11
	July, 1994 ¹⁶	51	31	4	6	8
	December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
	May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16
NO ITEM d.						
e.F1	Dealing with the federal budget deficit					
	Oct 15-20, 2014	42	36	4	10	8
	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 ¹⁷	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
f.F1.	Dealing with health care					
	Oct 15-20, 2014	38	46	3	7	6
	Jul 8-14, 2014	40	45	4	6	5
	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

¹⁶ In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."
¹⁷ 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."

Q.65 CONTINUED...

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	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
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
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
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
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
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,011]:

g.F2	Dealing with the terrorist threat at home				
	Oct 15-20, 2014	46	30	9	7
	Oct 13-18, 2010	38	26	13	9
	May 20-23, 2010	38	27	12	10
	Feb 3-9, 2010	46	29	10	5
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	32	10	9
	February, 2008	45	38	6	4
	October, 2006	39	33	7	6
	September, 2006	41	32	7	6
	February, 2006	46	30	8	7
	Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6
	July, 2004	45	30	6	6
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	44	27	11	6
	Early October, 2002 (RVs)	44	28	7	5
	Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6
	January, 2002	48	18	--	6
h.F2	Dealing with policies on abortion and contraception				
	Oct 15-20, 2014	35	45	4	5
	Jul 8-14, 2014	36	48	3	6
i.F2	Dealing with education policy				
	Oct 15-20, 2014	37	42	8	6

Q.65 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Improving the education system</i>					
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	53	4	6	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	46	7	6	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	29	48	8	8	8
Aug 27-30, 2009	22	47	8	12	10
February, 2008	26	55	6	6	7
October, 2006	27	45	5	6	17
September, 2006	28	46	7	6	13
February, 2006	33	44	8	7	8
Mid-September, 2005	35	44	6	7	8
July, 2004	29	45	7	7	12
January, 2002	37	34	--	6	23
May, 2001	36	38	11	6	9
January, 2001	40	41	--	7	12
June, 1999	29	52	7	5	7
March, 1999	33	46	6	5	10
January, 1999	26	46	--	7	21
Early September, 1998	34	42	10	4	10
March, 1998	29	49	10	5	7
July, 1994	37	46	4	5	8
January, 1992	28	48	--	10	14
May, 1990	30	42	--	14	14

NO QUESTIONS 66-69

ASK ALL:

Q.70 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [They should not be allowed to stay in this country legally] [OR] [There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met]

ASK IF ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY (Q.70=2) [N=1,407]:

Q.71 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship] [OR] [Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship]

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

¹⁸

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

RANDOMIZE Q.72/Q.73**ASK ALL:**

Q.72 Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 15-20, 2014	52	45	3
Feb 12-26, 2014	54	42	3
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	45	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Gallup			
October, 2012	48	50	1
October, 2011	50	46	3
October, 2010	46	50	4
October, 2009	44	54	2
October 2005	36	60	4
November, 2003	34	64	2
August, 2001	34	62	4
August, 2000	31	64	5
August, 1995	25	73	2
May, 1985	23	73	4
June, 1980	25	70	5
May, 1979	25	70	5
April, 1977	28	66	6
January, 1973	16	78	6
March, 1972	15	81	4
October, 1969	12	84	4
General Social Survey			
2012	43	49	8
2010	44	47	9
2008	35	57	8
2006	32	60	7
2004	33	59	9
2002	32	61	6
2000	31	63	6
1998	27	67	6
1996	25	70	5
1994	22	73	5
1993	22	73	5
1991	17	78	5
1990	16	81	3
1989	16	81	3
1988	17	79	4
1987	16	81	3
1986	17	80	2
1984	22	74	4
1983	19	77	3
1980	24	73	3
1978	30	66	4
1976	28	69	3
1975	20	74	5
1973	19	79	2

RANDOMIZE Q.72/Q.73**ASK ALL:**

Q.73 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	5
Sep 2-9, 2014	44	52	4
Apr 23-27, 2014	41	55	4
Apr 3-6, 2014 (U)	37	50	12
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	41	53	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	41	54	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	52	7
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ¹⁹	47	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	48	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	49	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	47	10
Sep 9-12, 2010	38	45	17
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	46	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	35	47	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	44	16

NO QUESTIONS 74, 81-82, 88-89**QUESTIONS 75-80, 83-87 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****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?

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

¹⁹

Prior to September 2013, the question asked about "the health care legislation." In addition, the reference to when the law was passed has changed over time: January 2011 referenced the legislation passed "last year," November 2010 used "earlier this year," September through July, 2010 used "in March," and April 2010 used "last month."

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

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

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

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=810]:

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

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ²⁰	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

[IF RESPONDENT HAS ALREADY VOTED (PLAN1=2), CODE AS "10"]

SCALE10 I'd like you to rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 10 to 1. If TEN represents a person who definitely will vote and ONE represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,494]:

	Definitely will vote								Definitely will not vote		(VOL.)
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	DK/Ref
2014 Election											
Oct 15-20, 2014	71	6	6	4	2	5	1	1	1	3	1
Sep 2-9, 2014	71	7	8	3	2	4	1	1	*	2	2
2012 Election											
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 ²¹	88	3	2	1	1	2	*	*	*	1	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	84	4	4	2	1	2	*	*	*	2	*
Oct 4-7, 2012	85	4	3	2	1	1	*	1	*	2	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	84	5	4	2	1	2	*	*	*	1	1
2010 Election											
Oct 27-30, 2010	72	6	5	4	1	4	*	1	1	3	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	71	8	7	3	2	2	1	1	*	4	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	71	9	7	3	2	4	1	1	*	2	1

²⁰ 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."

²¹ In Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012, Oct 24-28, 2012, Oct 4-7, 2012, Oct 27-30, 2010, Oct 13-18, 2010, Late October, Mid-October and November 2008, November 2006, November 2004 and Early November 2002, the "10 - definitely will vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

SCALE10 CONTINUED...

	Definitely will vote								Definitely will not vote		(VOL.) DK/Ref
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
2008 Election											
November, 2008	86	5	3	1	*	2	*	*	*	2	1
Late October, 2008	86	5	2	1	*	2	*	*	*	3	1
Mid-October, 2008	86	5	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	84	6	3	1	1	2	0	*	1	1	1
August, 2008	80	6	5	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1
July, 2008	80	7	4	2	1	3	*	1	*	2	0
2006 Election											
November, 2006	72	7	5	3	2	4	*	1	1	4	1
Late October, 2006	71	8	9	4	2	3	*	1	*	1	1
Early October, 2006	68	10	9	4	1	4	*	1	*	2	1
September, 2006	67	9	9	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	1
2004 Election											
November, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
2002 Election											
Early November, 2002	66	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	1
Early October, 2002	64	10	10	4	3	4	1	*	*	2	2
2000 Election											
Early November, 2000	80	6	5	2	1	3	*	*	*	3	1
Late October, 2000	83	5	5	1	1	2	*	1	1	1	*
Mid-October, 2000	80	7	4	3	1	3	1	*	*	1	1
Early October, 2000	78	7	5	2	2	2	*	1	1	1	1
1998 Election											
Late October, 1998	70	6	7	4	1	4	1	1	1	4	1
Early October, 1998	64	9	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	2	1
1996 Election											
November, 1996	77	7	7	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1
October, 1996	77	9	7	2	2	2	*	*	*	1	*
Late September, 1996	78	10	6	2	1	1	*	*	*	1	1
1994 Election											
November, 1994	67	9	8	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	2
Late October, 1994	66	10	9	4	2	4	1	1	*	2	1
1992 Election											
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1992	77	5	4	3	2	4	*	1	*	4	*
1988 Election											
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	77	7	6	2	1	3	*	*	*	2	2
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1988	73	8	7	3	2	3	1	*	*	1	2

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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