

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
DECEMBER 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
DECEMBER 3-7, 2014
N=1,507**

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	51	6	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

See past presidents' approval trends: [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK AND Q.2**ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.1=1,2) [N=1,427]:**

Q.1a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	24	16	2	51	40	10	1	6
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	26	17	1	49	38	11	1	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	26	16	3	49	39	9	1	6
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	31	17	2	43	33	10	*	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	35	15	2	40	31	8	1	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	30	15	2	45	36	8	1	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	27	15	2	48	35	12	1	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	26	15	2	48	34	13	1	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	26	15	2	49	38	11	1	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	32	18	2	39	29	10	1	10
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	27	16	2	44	30	13	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	28	17	2	44	32	11	1	9
Jun 16-20, 2010	48	29	17	2	43	31	11	1	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	30	15	3	42	30	11	1	10
Apr 14-21, 2009	63	45	13	5	26	18	8	*	11

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>		<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	December, 2008	13	83	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	August, 2008	21	74	5
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	June, 2008	19	76	5
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8				
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5				
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5				
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6				

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

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
March, 2008	22	72	6	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	June, 2001	43	52	5
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
October, 2007	28	66	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
February, 2007	30	61	9	January, 2001	55	41	4
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
December, 2006	28	65	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	April, 2000	48	43	9
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	August, 1999	56	39	5
July, 2006	30	65	5	January, 1999	53	41	6
May, 2006*	29	65	6	November, 1998	46	44	10
March, 2006	32	63	5	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
January, 2006	34	61	5	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
July, 2005	35	58	7	January, 1998	46	50	4
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	September, 1997	45	49	6
February, 2005	38	56	6	August, 1997	49	46	5
January, 2005	40	54	6	January, 1997	38	58	4
December, 2004	39	54	7	July, 1996	29	67	4
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
July, 2004	38	55	7	October, 1995	23	73	4
May, 2004	33	61	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	April, 1995	23	74	3
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	July, 1994	24	73	3
December, 2003	44	47	9	March, 1994	24	71	5
October, 2003	38	56	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
August, 2003	40	53	7	September, 1993	20	75	5
April 8, 2003	50	41	9	May, 1993	22	71	7
January, 2003	44	50	6	January, 1993	39	50	11
November, 2002	41	48	11	January, 1992	28	68	4
September, 2002	41	55	4	November, 1991	34	61	5
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
May, 2002	44	44	12	August, 1990	47	48	5
March, 2002	50	40	10	May, 1990	41	54	5
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	January, 1989	45	50	5
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

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

Q.5 Looking ahead, so far as you are concerned, do you think that 2015 will be better or worse than 2014?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	49	42	9
Jan 15-19, 2014	56	35	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	36	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	57	29	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	55	31	14
Jan 6-10, 2010	67	26	8
Jan 7-11, 2009	52	37	11
December, 2007	50	34	16
December, 2006	57	28	15
December, 1999	66	19	15
December, 1998	59	25	16
December, 1994	59	28	13

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Gallup:December, 1993</i>	64	20	16
<i>Gallup:December, 1992</i>	61	11	28
<i>Gallup:December, 1991</i>	61	31	8
<i>Gallup:December, 1990</i>	48	42	10
<i>Gallup:December, 1986</i>	53	25	22
<i>Gallup:December, 1985</i>	64	20	17
<i>Gallup:December, 1984</i>	61	20	19
<i>Gallup:December, 1982</i>	50	32	18
<i>Gallup:December, 1981</i>	41	44	15

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=728]:

Q.6F2 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? **[RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

(U)												
Dec												
3-7												
<u>2014</u>		Jan	Dec	Oct	Mar	Dec	May	Jan	Aug	Feb	Aug	Feb
		<u>2014</u> ²	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>09</u>
14	Economy (general)	16	18	25	24	19	28	27	35	24	27	53
12	Immigration	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
10	Unemployment/Lack of jobs	20	12	25	31	21	26	35	27	31	19	31
	Dissatisfaction with gov't/politics/											
10	Corruption/Obama	8	8	9	4	10	4	9	9	5	5	5
8	Parties/Gridlock/Divisions in country	4	5	3	3	4	--	--	--	--	--	--
7	Race relations/Racism	2	1	1	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	--
	Health care/costs/accessibility/											
6	Affordable Care Act/Obamacare	11	4	5	5	4	6	9	4	13	20	3
6	Crime/Violence/Justice system	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	--	1	1	1
4	Morality/Ethics/Family values	1	5	3	1	2	1	2	4	3	3	1
	Deficit/National debt/Balanced											
3	budget/Gov't spending	7	10	8	8	9	10	11	3	11	6	4
3	International/foreign affairs (assorted)	--	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--
3	Social/domestic issues (assorted)	2	--	1	--	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
3	Finances/money	3	3	2	3	2	5	2	2	--	--	--
2	Homelessness	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
2	Lack of leadership	1	1	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Inflation/Prices/Cost of living/Wages	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	--	--	2
2	Poverty/Hunger/Starvation	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
2	Defense/national security	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	--	1	1	1
2	War/War in Iraq/War in Afghanistan	3	1	2	3	4	5	3	3	4	5	3
2	Distribution of wealth/inequality	3	1	1	1	2	--	1	--	--	--	--
1	Education/Schools/Affording educ.	4	2	3	1	3	2	3	1	1	2	1
	Too much foreign aid/Lack of attention to											
1	problems at home	2	--	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
1	Terrorism	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Lack of humanity/On wrong track	3	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Environment/global warming	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Too much regulation	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Foreign policy (general)	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Taxes	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	--	--
1	Energy costs/Rising gas/heating prices	--	--	1	8	1	7	2	--	--	--	--
1	Jobs moving overseas/trade	1	1	--	1	1	1	1	--	2	1	1
1	Social Security/Financial help for											
	the elderly	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Many things/everything	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
9	Other											
1	Don't know/No answer	4	5	6	8	6	7	5	7	6	5	3
34	(NET) ECONOMIC	48	47	58	66	55	68	62	65	65	55	80
	(NET) FOREIGN ISSUES/											
9	INTERNATIONAL	8	3	6	5	6	9	6	4	11	10	7

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

² Complete trend not shown; trends available to 1987.

ASK IF ANSWER GIVEN (Q.6F2=1) [N=697]:

Q.7F2 And do you think President Obama and Republican leaders in Congress will make significant progress addressing the problem you just mentioned over the next year, or don't you think so?

(U)
Dec 3-7
2014
20 Yes, will make progress
76 No, will not make progress
3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTIONS 8-11**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues ...

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]?** How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The nation's immigration policy			
Dec 3-7, 2014	38	56	6
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	31	61	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	32	60	7
Jun 12-16, 2013	43	47	11
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	44	43	13
Nov 9-14, 2011	32	49	20
Jan 6-9, 2011	35	50	16
Jun 16-20, 2010	33	54	12
May 6-9, 2010	25	54	21
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	47	24
Jan 6-10, 2010	30	50	21
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	48	21
b. Race relations			
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	40	50	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	42	10

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=779]:

c.F1 Health care policy			
Dec 3-7, 2014	39	56	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	40	55	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	37	59	3
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	41	53	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	45	47	8
Jun 16-20, 2010	42	50	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	40	51	9
Mar 10-14, 2010	39	52	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	38	52	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	47	10
July 22-26, 2009	42	43	14
April 14-21, 2009	51	26	23
d.F1 The economy			
Dec 3-7, 2014	45	51	4
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	39	55	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	56	4
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	31	65	3
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	43	52	5
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	50	5

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	40	56	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	43	53	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
May 2, 2011	40	55	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20
e.F1 The threat of terrorism			
Obama			
Dec 3-7, 2014	45	49	6
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	51	44	5
Jun 12-16, 2013	56	35	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	65	28	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	56	33	12
May 2, 2011	69	21	10
Jan 6-9, 2011	55	33	12
May 6-9, 2010 ³	49	37	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	51	39	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	52	34	14
April 14-21, 2009	57	26	17
February 4-8, 2009	50	21	29
G.W. Bush			
April, 2007	46	43	11
December, 2006	48	44	8
August, 2006	50	39	11
June, 2006	47	41	12
March, 2006	42	49	9
February, 2006	53	40	7
December, 2005	49	44	7
Late October, 2005	52	40	8
Early September, 2005	49	41	10
July, 2005	49	40	11
Mid-May, 2005	57	35	8
February, 2005	59	34	7
January, 2005	62	33	5
Mid-October, 2004	49	40	11
Early September, 2004	62	32	6
August, 2004	58	37	5
July, 2004	54	40	6
June, 2004	56	35	9
Late April, 2004	55	36	9
Early April, 2004	53	38	9
Gallup: December, 2003	65	33	2
September, 2003	64	28	8
February, 2003	67	25	8

³ In May 6-9, 2010, Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009, April, 2007 and earlier, the item was worded "terrorist threats."

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2003	69	23	8
Early October, 2002	71	22	7
June, 2002	74	18	8
Mid-September, 2001 ⁴	85	6	9
Clinton			
Early September, 1998	72	20	8

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=728]:

f.F2	Energy policy			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	41	41	19
	Sep 4-8, 2013	44	38	18
	Mar 7-11, 2012	42	45	13
	Jan 11-16, 2012	36	46	18
	Nov 9-14, 2011	44	38	18
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	44	16
	Jan 6-9, 2011	46	37	18
	Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
	Apr 21-26, 2010	43	34	23
	Jan 6-10, 2010	45	35	20
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	50	34	16
	Jul 22-26, 2009	46	31	22
g.F2	Tax policy			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	34	52	15
	Jan 6-9, 2011	42	46	12
	Jul 22-26, 2009	39	42	18
	Apr 14-21, 2009	50	33	17
h.F2	The nation's foreign policy			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	37	54	9
	Jul 8-14, 2014	36	55	9
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	34	56	10
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	33	57	11
	Jan 11-16, 2012	46	45	10
	Nov 9-14, 2011	46	40	13
	Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
	Mar 10-14, 2010	42	40	18
	Jan 6-10, 2010	44	40	16
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	38	18
	July 22-26, 2009	47	32	21
	June 10-14, 2009	57	31	12
	April 14-21, 2009	61	22	17
	Feb 4-8, 2009	52	17	31

NO QUESTIONS 13-16⁴

In Mid-September, 2001 the question was worded: "...dealing with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington." In Early September 1998 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?"

ASK ALL:

Q.17 Thinking about police officers around the country, do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for more police officers to wear body cameras that would record their interactions?

(U)

Dec 3-7

2014

87	Good idea
10	Bad idea
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.18 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

	Developing alternative sources such as, wind, solar and hydrogen <u>technology</u>	Expanding exploration and production of oil, <u>coal and natural gas</u>	(VOL.) Both should be given equal <u>priority</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-7, 2014	60	30	5	4
Feb 12-26, 2014	65	28	5	2
Sep 4-8, 2013	58	34	6	3
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	54	34	7	4
Oct 24-28, 2012	47	39	9	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	52	39	5	4
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	63	29	6	2

ASK ALL:

Q.19 From what you've read and heard, has the amount of energy produced in the United States been increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same in recent years?

Dec 3-7

2014

54	Increasing
10	Decreasing
27	Staying about the same
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Sep 4-8

2013

48
12
31
10

ASK ALL:

Q.20 What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

(U)

Dec 3-7

2014

81	Yes, more politically divided
15	No, not more divided
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Dec 5-9

2012

80
17
3

Sep 30-Oct 4

2009

64
30
6

Mar 31-Apr 6

2009

61
34
5

Jan 7-11

2009

46
45
9

Jan 2007

2006

66
28
6

Sep 2006

2004

70
24
6

Dec 2004

2004

66
26
8

ASK ALL:

Q.21 And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will be **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2 WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]**?

(U)

Dec 3-7

2014

36 More politically divided
 17 Less politically divided
 41 About as politically divided as it is now
 5 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTIONS 22-23**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject,

Q.24 Thinking about holiday displays on government property, which comes closest to your view?
[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]

Dec 3-7

2014

20 No religious symbols, like Christian nativity scenes, should be allowed
 on government property, [OR]
 Religious symbols like Christian nativity scenes should be allowed
 on government property, but ONLY if accompanied by symbols from
 28 other faiths such as Hanukkah **[PRONOUNCED: "HAH-nuh-kuh"]** candles, [OR]
 Christian symbols like nativity scenes should be allowed on government property
 44 whether or not they are accompanied by symbols from other faiths, [OR]
 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTIONS 25-29**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.30 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a. The Republican Party								
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9

Q.30 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
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
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								
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
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
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
c. Congress								
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	22	4	18	71	34	37	*	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	28	5	23	69	28	41	*	4
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	23	5	18	72	35	37	*	5

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10

Q.30 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7

ASK ALL:

Q.31 And is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of **[NAME]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
a. Barack Obama								
Dec 3-7, 2014	48	19	29	49	28	20	0	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	50	19	32	48	30	18	0	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	51	19	32	45	24	22	*	4
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	17	31	50	32	18	*	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	28	31	38	20	18	*	3
Dec 5-9, 2012	59	26	33	40	24	16	*	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	50	24	26	45	26	19	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	57	27	30	40	23	17	*	4
Jul 16-26, 2012	51	24	26	42	27	15	0	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	53	20	33	44	22	21	0	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	56	24	32	41	25	16	*	3
Feb 8-12, 2012	54	22	32	42	26	16	*	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	51	23	28	45	24	21	0	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	52	21	31	45	24	21	*	3
Mar 8-14, 2011	58	22	36	39	20	19	*	3
Dec 2-5, 2010	54	26	29	43	25	18	*	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	21	32	43	23	20	*	5
Jun 10-13, 2010	56	27	30	39	20	19	0	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	65	33	32	30	16	14	*	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	72	37	35	25	11	14	*	3
Apr 14-21, 2009	73	38	35	24	10	14	*	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6
Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6
Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5
Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4
Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9
April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13
b. John Boehner								
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	5	19	46	20	25	18	13
Oct 9-13, 2013	27	4	23	50	23	27	13	11
Jan 9-13, 2013	26	6	21	40	17	23	20	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	28	5	23	40	17	23	22	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	5	16	40	16	24	22	17
Mar 8-14, 2011	26	7	19	27	11	16	32	16
Dec 2-5, 2010	28	8	20	25	12	14	34	12
Jun 10-13, 2010	12	3	9	22	8	15	54	12
Rep/Lean only:								
Jul 17-21, 2013	43	9	34	28	9	19	15	14

Q.31 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
c. Nancy Pelosi								
Dec 3-7, 2014	27	6	20	47	29	18	15	11
Oct 9-13, 2013	34	7	28	49	29	20	9	8
Dec 2-5, 2010	29	10	20	55	35	19	9	6
Jun 10-13, 2010	27	5	22	50	28	23	14	8
Jun 10-14, 2009	35	8	28	41	25	16	15	8
December, 2007	25	6	19	38	19	19	20	17
December, 2006	32	9	23	27	13	14	26	15
d. Mitch McConnell								
Dec 3-7, 2014	21	5	16	37	15	22	24	18
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	2	20	37	14	23	23	17
Jan 9-13, 2013	21	2	18	28	11	17	32	20
Dec 2-5, 2010	22	5	18	27	11	16	35	15
Rep/Lean only: Jul 17-21, 2013	36	7	29	24	5	19	21	19
e. Harry Reid								
Dec 3-7, 2014	20	4	16	41	20	21	25	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	27	4	23	39	20	19	21	13
Jan 9-13, 2013	21	5	16	34	16	19	28	17
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	3	20	37	17	20	27	12
Jan 11-16, 2012	18	4	15	38	20	18	28	16
Dec 2-5, 2010	23	5	18	39	21	18	26	12
December, 2006	17	3	14	20	7	13	45	18
f. Michelle Obama								
Dec 3-7, 2014	61	28	32	31	15	15	*	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	62	29	33	30	14	16	*	8
Jan 15-19, 2014	68	29	39	24	11	13	1	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	67	37	30	22	11	11	1	11
Sep 12-16, 2012	67	39	28	22	11	11	*	10
Jun 7-17, 2012	68	33	35	21	11	10	1	10
Jan 11-16, 2012	66	33	34	21	10	12	*	12
Mar 8-14, 2011	69	30	39	21	9	12	1	9
Dec 2-5, 2010	62	30	31	27	15	12	1	10
Jun 10-13, 2010	69	31	38	22	9	12	1	9
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	71	33	38	16	8	8	1	11
Jun 10-14, 2009	76	36	39	14	5	9	1	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	76	36	40	13	4	9	1	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	68	28	40	15	4	11	2	15
Mid-September, 2008	56	23	33	25	11	14	2	17
Late May, 2008	43	14	29	21	8	13	4	32

NO QUESTIONS 32-35

RANDOMIZE Q.36 AND Q.37**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 How much do you think Barack Obama will cooperate with the Republican leaders in Congress over the next two years – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

(U)

Dec 3-7

2014

11	A great deal
33	A fair amount
33	Not much
21	Not at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How much do you think George W. Bush will cooperate with the Democratic leaders in Congress over the next two years--a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

Gallup/USA Today

Nov 2006

6	A great deal
46	Fair amount
37	Not much
10	Not at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE Q.36 AND Q.37**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 How much do you think Republican leaders in Congress will cooperate with Barack Obama over the next two years – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

(U)

Dec 3-7

2014

5	A great deal
23	A fair amount
43	Not much
27	Not at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How much do you think the Democrats in Congress will cooperate with George W. Bush over the next two years--a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

Gallup/USA Today

Nov 2006

4	A great deal
44	Fair amount
41	Not much
10	Not at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.38 If Republicans and Democrats in Washington don't work together to address major issues over the next two years, how much, if at all, do you think it would hurt **[INSERT ITEM a; READ RESPONSE OPTIONS IN ORDER]**? And how much do you think it would hurt **[INSERT ITEM b]**? **[IF NECESSARY: If Republicans and Democrats in Washington don't work together to address major issues over the next two years, would it hurt you personally a lot, some, not much, or not at all?]**

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends/</u> <u>Will help</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
a.	The way things are going in the country Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	71	16	9	4	*	1
b.	You personally Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	45	28	17	8	*	2

NO QUESTION 39**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about some issues ...

Q.40 From what you have seen and heard, have gasoline prices **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]** over the past month?

<u>Dec 3-7</u> <u>2014</u>		<u>May 24-27</u> <u>2012</u>
4	Gone up a lot	22
4	Gone up a little	17
39	Gone down a little	44
50	Gone down a lot	7
1	Stayed about the same (VOL.)	3
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7

NO QUESTIONS 41-44**ASK ALL:**

Q.45 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.45=2) [N=1,052]:

Q.46 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]

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

NO QUESTIONS 47-52

⁵ In May 2013 and March 2013, question read "Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?" and the second answer choice read "There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements to stay in the country legally."

ASK ALL:

Q.53 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

IF OPINION GIVEN (Q.53=1,2), ASK [N=1,466]:

Q.54 Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

	Protect the right of -----Americans to own guns-----				-----Control gun ownership-----				
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-7, 2014	52	47	4	*	46	37	8	1	3
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	49	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	3
May 1-5, 2013	48	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	46	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	45	39	5	*	51	41	9	*	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	37	4	*	49	42	6	2	9
July 26-29, 2012	46	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	49	--	--	--	45	--	--	--	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	--	--	--	49	--	--	--	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	--	--	--	46	--	--	--	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	--	--	--	46	--	--	--	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	--	--	--	49	--	--	--	6
April, 2008	37	--	--	--	58	--	--	--	5
November, 2007	42	--	--	--	55	--	--	--	3
April, 2007	32	--	--	--	60	--	--	--	8
February, 2004	37	31	6	*	58	46	11	1	5
June, 2003	42	--	--	--	54	--	--	--	4
May, 2000	38	--	--	--	57	--	--	--	5
April, 2000	37	--	--	--	55	--	--	--	8
March, 2000	29	--	--	--	66	--	--	--	5
June, 1999	33	--	--	--	62	--	--	--	5
May, 1999	30	--	--	--	65	--	--	--	5
December, 1993	34	--	--	--	57	--	--	--	9

ASK ALL:

Q.55 Do you think that gun ownership in this country does more to **[INSERT OPTION; RANDOMIZE]** or does more to **[NEXT OPTION]**?

Dec 3-7

2014

57 Protect people from becoming victims of crime
38 Put people's safety at risk
5 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

Dec 17-19

2012

48
37
16

NO QUESTIONS 56-60

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.61 As I read some possible government policies to address America's energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	56	40	4
	Sep 4-8, 2013	58	40	2
	Mar 7-11, 2012	65	31	4
	Nov 3-6, 2011	58	35	7
	Mar 17-20, 2011	57	37	6
	Oct 13-18, 2010	51	41	7
	Jun 16-20, 2010	44	52	4
	May 6-9, 2010	54	38	8
	Feb 3-9, 2010	63	31	6
	Apr 14-21, 2009	68	27	5
	September, 2008	67	28	5
NO ITEM b.				
c.	Promoting the increased use of nuclear power			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	41	53	6
	Sep 4-8, 2013	38	58	4
	Mar 7-11, 2012	44	49	7
	Nov 3-6, 2011	39	53	8
	Mar 17-20, 2011	39	52	8
	Oct 13-18, 2010	45	44	11
	Jun 16-20, 2010	47	47	6
	May 6-9, 2010	45	44	11
	Feb 3-9, 2010	52	41	7
	Apr 14-21, 2009	45	48	7
	September, 2008	50	43	7
	Late February, 2008	44	48	8
	February, 2006	44	49	7
	Mid-September, 2005	39	53	8
d.	Allowing more mining and drilling on federally owned land			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	58	37	5
	November 3-6, 2011	58	34	7
e.	Requiring better fuel efficiency for cars, trucks and SUVs			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	81	15	4
	Sep 4-8, 2013	73	25	3
	Mar 7-11, 2012	78	19	3
	Oct 13-18, 2010	79	17	4
	September, 2008	88	10	2
	February, 2008	90	8	2
	February, 2006	86	12	2
	Mid-September, 2005	86	12	2

NO QUESTIONS 62-65

ASK ALL:

Q.66 As you may know, Barack Obama recently issued an executive action that expands the number of undocumented immigrants who are allowed to stay and work in the country. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this new policy?

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.66=1,2) [N=1,458]:

Q.66a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

(U)	
Dec 3-7	
<u>2014</u>	
46	Approve
30	Very strongly
15	Not so strongly
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
50	Disapprove
39	Very strongly
11	Not so strongly
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 67-69**ASK ALL:**

Q.70 Just in general... how sympathetic would you say you are toward immigrants who are in the United States illegally [READ; READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE]?

(U)		(U)		Gallup/USA Today	
Dec 3-7		Jun 12-16			
<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>May 2010⁶</u>	<u>May 2006</u>
66	NET Sympathetic	64		64	64
23	Very sympathetic	16		24	17
42	Somewhat sympathetic	47		40	46
32	NET Unsympathetic	34		34	34
15	Somewhat unsympathetic	19		17	18
17	Very unsympathetic	15		17	16
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3		1	3

NO QUESTIONS 71-73**RANDOMIZE Q.74-Q.76 BLOCK WITH Q.77a-Q.77c BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Q.74 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the decision by a grand jury not to charge Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Ferguson, Missouri teen Michael Brown? Have you heard ... [READ]

(U)	
Dec 3-7	
<u>2014</u>	
75	A lot
19	A little
6	Nothing at all
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁶ In 2010 and 2006, question read, "How sympathetic would you say you are toward illegal immigrants in the United States..."

RANDOMIZE Q.74-Q.76 BLOCK WITH Q.77a-Q.77c BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.75 All things considered, do you think the grand jury made the right decision or the wrong decision not to charge Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown?

(U)
Dec 3-7
2014
50 Right decision
37 Wrong decision
13 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

RANDOMIZE Q.74-Q.76 BLOCK WITH Q.77a-Q.77c BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.76 Do you think that race was a major factor, a minor factor or not a factor at all in the decision not to charge Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown?

(U)
Dec 3-7
2014
27 Major factor
16 Minor factor
48 Not a factor at all
9 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

RANDOMIZE Q.74-Q.76 BLOCK WITH Q.77a-Q.77c BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.77a How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the decision by a grand jury not to charge a police officer in the choking death of New York City man Eric Garner? Have you heard ... [**READ**]

(U)
Dec 4-7
2014⁷
52 A lot
33 A little
15 Nothing at all
1 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

RANDOMIZE Q.74-Q.76 BLOCK WITH Q.77a-Q.77c BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.77b All things considered, do you think the grand jury made the right decision or the wrong decision not to charge a police officer in the death of Eric Garner?

(U)
Dec 4-7
2014
22 Right decision
57 Wrong decision
20 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

⁷ Questions 77a-c asked December 4-7, N=1,114.

RANDOMIZE Q.74-Q.76 BLOCK WITH Q.77a-Q.77c BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.77c Do you think that race was a major factor, a minor factor or not a factor at all in the decision not to charge a police officer in the death of Eric Garner?

(U)
Dec 4-7
2014
28 Major factor
16 Minor factor
39 Not a factor at all
17 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK ALL:

Q.78 Over the course of the next year, do you think relations between local police forces and minorities in communities around the country will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

(U)
Dec 3-7
2014
21 Get better
35 Get worse
42 Stay about the same
2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTIONS 79-84**ASK ALL:**

Q.85 Now, thinking about the holiday season, tell me how much, if at all, you look forward to each of the following. First do you look forward to **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** a lot, some, not much, or not at all? And do you look forward to **[ITEM]** a lot, some, not much, or not at all? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Do you look forward to [ITEM] a lot, some, not much, or not at all?]**

					(VOL.) Not planning to do this	(VOL.) DK/ Ref
	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all		
a.						
Visiting with family and friends						
Dec 3-7, 2014	75	16	4	4	1	1
b.						
Attending religious services						
Dec 3-7, 2014	44	23	11	20	1	1
c.						
Eating holiday foods						
Dec 3-7, 2014	60	26	9	4	*	1
d.						
Decorating your home for the holidays						
Dec 3-7, 2014	44	26	13	15	2	1
e.						
The playing of Christmas music						
in stores and public places						
Dec 3-7, 2014	48	25	12	14	*	1
f.						
Giving and receiving gifts						
Dec 3-7, 2014	45	32	13	8	1	1

Q.86 When you think about buying and receiving holiday gifts, does it make you feel **[INSERT, RANDOMIZE]**, or not? Does it make you feel **[INSERT NEXT]**, or not? **[IF NECESSARY: When you think about buying and receiving holiday gifts, does it make you feel [INSERT ITEM], or not?]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Joyful Dec 3-7, 2014	83	16	1
b.	Stressed out Dec 3-7, 2014	36	63	1
c.	Wasteful Dec 3-7, 2014	23	75	2
d.	Generous Dec 3-7, 2014	78	21	1
e.	Stretched thin financially Dec 3-7, 2014	46	53	1

Dec 3-7		Dec 3-8
<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
73	Yes, believe	73
20	No, don't believe	19
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7

Dec 3-7	
<u>2014</u>	
27	NET Don't believe/Don't know if Jesus Christ was born to a virgin
20	Yes
5	No
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

	Yes, believe this event actually <u>occurred</u>	No, don't believe	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>NET Don't believe in Jesus</i>
a. An angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds to announce the birth of Jesus Dec 3-7, 2014	74	15	3	7

Q.89 CONTINUED...

		Yes, believe this event actually <u>occurred</u>	No, don't <u>believe</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	NET Don't believe in <u>Jesus</u>
b.	Wise men were guided by a star and brought Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh Dec 3-7, 2014	75	14	4	7
c.	The newborn baby Jesus was laid in a manger Dec 3-7, 2014	81	9	3	7

ASK ALL:

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

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

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

				(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent					
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	31	39	3	1	2	17	17
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
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
Yearly Totals								
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS 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=660]:

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Dec 3-7, 2014	34	9	55	2	1	--
Nov 6-9, 2014	31	10	57	1	1	--
Oct 15-20, 2014	32	8	56	2	2	--
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	12	50	2	1	--
Apr 23-27, 2014	33	11	54	1	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	11	50	1	1	--
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ⁸	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--

⁸ In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	<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>
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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