

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
JULY 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JULY 14-20, 2015
N=2,002**

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK AND Q.2

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	45	7	Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7
May 12-18, 2015	46	48	6	Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8
Mar 25-29, 2015	46	47	7	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Feb 18-22, 2015	48	46	5	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
Jan 7-11, 2015	47	48	5	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	51	6	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9				

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):**

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

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				
	Total	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Total	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	30	17	2	45	35	9	1	7
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?

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	64	4	Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	May 2, 2011	32	60	8
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6				
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4				
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5				
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4				

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

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	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	May, 2002	44	44	12
December, 2008	13	83	4	March, 2002	50	40	10
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
August, 2008	21	74	5	June, 2001	43	52	5
July, 2008	19	74	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
June, 2008	19	76	5	February, 2001	46	43	11
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	January, 2001	55	41	4
March, 2008	22	72	6	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	September, 2000	51	41	8
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
October, 2007	28	66	6	April, 2000	48	43	9
February, 2007	30	61	9	August, 1999	56	39	5
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	January, 1999	53	41	6
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	November, 1998	46	44	10
December, 2006	28	65	7	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
July, 2006	30	65	5	February, 1998	59	37	4
May, 2006*	29	65	6	January, 1998	46	50	4
March, 2006	32	63	5	September, 1997	45	49	6
January, 2006	34	61	5	August, 1997	49	46	5
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	January, 1997	38	58	4
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	July, 1996	29	67	4
July, 2005	35	58	7	March, 1996	28	70	2
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	October, 1995	23	73	4
February, 2005	38	56	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
January, 2005	40	54	6	April, 1995	23	74	3
December, 2004	39	54	7	July, 1994	24	73	3
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	March, 1994	24	71	5
July, 2004	38	55	7	October, 1993	22	73	5
May, 2004	33	61	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	May, 1993	22	71	7
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	January, 1993	39	50	11
December, 2003	44	47	9	January, 1992	28	68	4
October, 2003	38	56	6	November, 1991	34	61	5
August, 2003	40	53	7	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
<i>April 8, 2003</i>	50	41	9	August, 1990	47	48	5
January, 2003	44	50	6	May, 1990	41	54	5
November, 2002	41	48	11	January, 1989	45	50	5
September, 2002	41	55	4	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

NO QUESTIONS 3-8

ASK ALL:

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

Q.9 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>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Race relations			
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	43	9
May 12-18, 2015	48	44	8
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	40	50	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	42	10
b. The economy			
Jul 14-20, 2015	45	51	4
May 12-18, 2015	43	52	4
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
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
c. Health care policy			
Jul 14-20, 2015	46	50	4
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

Q.9 CONTINUED...

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d.	Global climate change			
	Jul 14-20, 2015	41	39	20
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	38	46	17
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	32	24
e.	The nation's foreign policy			
	Jul 14-20, 2015	38	52	10
	May 12-18, 2015	37	53	10
	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

ASK ALL:

Q.10 Do you think Barack Obama is too tough, not tough enough or about right in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

	<u>Too tough</u>	<u>Not tough enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 14-20, 2015	4	53	37	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	5	55	37	3
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	3	54	36	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	5	51	37	6
Sep 13-16, 2012	2	41	42	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	2	47	41	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	3	47	43	7
June 10-14, 2009	2	38	51	8

ASK ALL:

Q.11 Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** 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]**? **[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.) <u>Never heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Can't rate/Ref</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. The Republican Party								
Jul 14-20, 2015	32	7	26	60	28	32	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9

Q.11 CONTINUED...

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

Q.11 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
b. The Democratic Party								
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	12	36	47	22	25	0	5
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
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

Q.11 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>		
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. The Supreme Court								
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	9	39	43	17	26	*	9
Mar 25-29, 2015	50	8	42	39	12	26	1	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	52	8	44	38	14	24	1	9
Apr 23-27, 2014	56	11	44	35	12	23	*	9
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	7	41	38	14	24	1	13
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	7	45	31	10	21	2	15
Dec 5-9, 2012	53	8	45	36	12	24	1	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	10	41	37	14	23	1	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	41	29	10	20	*	18
July 1-5, 2010	58	9	49	25	8	17	1	16
Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
Roper: March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8
d. Congress								
Jul 14-20, 2015	25	5	20	69	31	38	*	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	22	4	18	72	34	38	*	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	22	4	18	71	34	37	*	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	28	5	23	69	28	41	*	4
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	23	5	18	72	35	37	*	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8

Q.11 CONTINUED...

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

ASK ALL:

Q.12 In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is conservative, middle of the road, or liberal?

	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Middle of the road</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 14-20, 2015	18	39	36	6
Mar 25-29, 2015	28	38	26	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	27	38	26	8
Apr 23-27, 2014	25	35	31	8
Jul 17-21, 2013	23	42	26	9
Mar 13-17, 2013	22	40	24	14
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	41	23	12
Jul 1-5, 2010	23	39	23	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	24	36	24	16
July, 2007	36	35	14	15

ASK ALL:

Q.13 Thinking about how the Supreme Court justices decide cases. Which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR].** Next **[NEXT ITEM]**. **[IF NECESSARY, READ:** Which comes closer to your view about how the Supreme Court justices decide cases?]

	<u>They should consider what most Americans think</u>	<u>They should not be influenced by what most Americans think</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends/Neither/ both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
a. Jul 14-20, 2015	56	39	3	3
	<u>They are often influenced by their own political views</u>	<u>They generally put their political views aside</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends/Neither/ both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
b. Jul 14-20, 2015	70	24	2	4

ASK ALL:

Q.14 Do you think the U.S. Supreme Court has **[RANDOMIZE: too much power, too little power]** or the right amount of power?

Jul 14-20 2015	
36	Too much power
7	Too little power
54	Right amount of power
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 15-20

ASK ALL:

Next,

- Q.21 Which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR]** **[IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"]**

NO ITEM a.

	Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with	Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights	(VOL.) Both/Neither/
	<u>whites</u>	<u>with whites</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
b.			
Jul 14-20, 2015	32	59	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	49	46	5
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	49	45	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	48	45	8
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	47	43	10
	The best way to ensure peace is through military	Good diplomacy is the	(VOL.) Both/Neither/
	<u>strength</u>	<u>best way to ensure peace</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
c.			
Jul 14-20, 2015	30	58	12
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	30	62	8
Dec 3-8, 2013	31	57	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	31	58	11
October, 2006	28	57	15
December, 2004	30	55	15
August, 1999	33	55	12
October, 1996	36	53	11
October, 1995	36	59	5
April, 1995	35	58	7
October, 1994	40	52	8
July, 1994	36	58	6

NO QUESTIONS 22-24**ASK ALL:**

- Q.25 How big a problem is racism in our society today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

		Kaiser/ Wash Post	ABC/ Wash Post		Kaiser/ Harvard/Washington Post		
Jul 14-20		Nov	Apr	Jan	Early July	Mid-July	Oct
<u>2015</u>		<u>2011</u> ²	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
50	Big problem	28	33	26	54	53	48
33	Somewhat of a problem	48	42	48	35	35	36
11	Small problem	16	19	22	8	8	9
4	Not a problem	8	5	4	3	3	6
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	*	1	2	1

NO QUESTIONS 26-33

² In November 2011 and September 1995 the question was asked following a series of items on race and racial attitudes. In both July 1996 polls the question was asked in a list with other potential societal problems (E.g., violence, poverty, drug abuse, etc.). These surveys are shown in grayscale because the context of this question is different.

ASK ALL:

On another subject ...

Q.34 How much, if anything, have you heard about a recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**

Jul 14-20

2015

35	A lot
44	A little
21	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *How much, if anything, have you heard about negotiations between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard ...*

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Don't know/Refused</u>
Mar 25-29, 2015	27	49	24	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 U.S.-Iran Pact (U) ³	24	48	28	1
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	49	26	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	41	38	21	*
Feb 8-12, 2012	38	39	23	*
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	41	15	2
Sept 30-Oct 4, 2009	41	41	18	*
Sep 2006	41	44	14	1
Feb 2006	32	46	21	1

ASK ALL:

Q.35 From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of this agreement? **[IF NECESSARY:** The recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations]

BASED ON TOTAL [N=2,002]: **BASED ON HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT [N=1,672]:**

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>	Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>	
33	38	Approve
45	48	Disapprove
22	14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON [BASED ON TOTAL]: *From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of ...*

Agreement between U.S. and Iran on Iran's nuclear program
(U)

U.S. negotiating directly with Iran over its nuclear program

Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		Mar 25-29 <u>2015</u>	Sept 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Sep <u>2006</u> ⁴
32	Approve	49	63	54
43	Disapprove	40	28	32
25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11	9	14

³ In December 2013, question referred to "the recent agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program." In November 2013, question referred to "recent international talks regarding Iran's nuclear enrichment program." From September 2006 to March 2012, question read: "How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard..." In January 11-16, 2012, the question read: "...recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf." In February 2006, question read: "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this?"

⁴ In September 2006, question read: "From what you know, would you favor or oppose the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?"

ASK ALL:

Q.36 If this agreement is implemented, do you think the relationship between the U.S. and Iran will improve, get worse or stay about the same?

BASED ON TOTAL [N=2,002]: **BASED ON HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT [N=1,672]:**

Jul 14-20	Jul 14-20	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	
23	25	Improve
28	28	Get worse
40	42	Stay about the same
9	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE Q.37 AND Q.38**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 How much confidence do you have that Iran's leaders will uphold their side of the agreement [READ IN ORDER]?

BASED ON TOTAL [N=2,002]: **BASED ON HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT [N=1,672]:**

Jul 14-20	Jul 14-20	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	
3	3	A great deal of confidence
22	23	A fair amount of confidence
34	35	Not too much confidence
37	38	No confidence at all
4	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE Q.37 AND Q.38**ASK ALL:**

Q.38 How much confidence do you have in the U.S. and international agencies' ability to monitor Iran's compliance with the agreement [READ IN ORDER]?

BASED ON TOTAL [N=2,002]: **BASED ON HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT [N=1,672]:**

Jul 14-20	Jul 14-20	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	
12	11	A great deal of confidence
34	34	A fair amount of confidence
32	33	Not too much confidence
20	21	No confidence at all
3	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 39-44**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the political parties ...

Q.45 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders. (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] Which party [NEXT ITEM]?

			(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Republican Party	Democratic Party	Both equally	Neither	DK/Ref
a. Is more extreme in its positions					
Jul 14-20, 2015	52	35	5	2	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	51	35	5	2	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	54	35	5	2	5

Q.45 CONTINUED...

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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 concerned with the needs of people like me					
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	53	2	10	4
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 ⁵	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
c. Can better manage the federal government					
Jul 14-20, 2015	40	41	3	12	5
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

⁵ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Is concerned with the needs of people like me."

Q.45 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	34	44	3	9	10
April, 2006 ⁶	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. Governs in a more honest and ethical way					
Jul 14-20, 2015	29	45	3	19	5
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 ⁷	28	36	4	23	9
January, 2006	30	37	4	19	10
Early October, 2005	30	40	6	18	6
July, 2004	34	37	5	15	9
Early September, 1998	31	28	6	23	12
March, 1998	28	32	7	24	9
August, 1997	28	33	5	26	8
July, 1996	38	37	2	18	5
April, 1995	35	36	4	19	6
July, 1994	32	35	6	21	6

ASK ALL:

Q.46 And which party could do a better job of **[INSERT 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 immigration					
Jul 14-20, 2015	40	42	4	9	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	43	45	4	4	3
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

⁶ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Able to manage the federal government well."

⁷ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Governs in an honest and ethical way."

Q.46 CONTINUED...

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 9-13, 2013	40	39	4	8	9
May 1-5, 2013	38	38	7	8	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=976]:**b.F1 Dealing with the economy**

Jul 14-20, 2015	41	44	4	8	4
Feb 18-22, 2015	44	41	7	6	3
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 ⁸	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

c.F1 Dealing with the terrorist threat at home

Jul 14-20, 2015	44	34	8	9	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	51	31	10	5	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	46	30	9	7	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	38	26	13	9	14
May 20-23, 2010	38	27	12	10	13

⁸ In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

Q.46 CONTINUED...

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Party	Party	Both	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
				equally	Neither	DK/Ref
	Feb 3-9, 2010	46	29	10	5	10
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	32	10	9	12
	February, 2008	45	38	6	4	7
	October, 2006	39	33	7	6	15
	September, 2006	41	32	7	6	14
	February, 2006	46	30	8	7	9
	Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6	8
	July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	44	27	11	6	12
	Early October, 2002 (RVs)	44	28	7	5	16
	Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14
	January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28
d.F1	Dealing with the environment					
	Jul 14-20, 2015	27	53	5	9	6
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	<i>Protecting the environment</i>					
	Feb 20-24, 2008	21	65	3	5	6
	September, 2006	19	57	5	6	13
	February, 2006	24	56	6	5	9
	Mid-September, 2005	28	51	5	7	9
	July, 2004	24	51	5	6	14
	Early September, 2002	25	46	9	6	14
	May, 2001	25	51	7	4	13
	June, 1999	27	45	7	5	16
	Early September, 1998	25	51	8	4	12
	March, 1998	22	56	8	5	9
	July, 1994	28	56	4	4	8
	December, 1993	22	46	--	12	20
	May, 1990	24	40	--	19	17
e.F1	Dealing with policies on abortion and contraception					
	Jul 14-20, 2015	31	50	4	8	7
	Feb 18-22, 2015	40	43	3	7	7
	Oct 15-20, 2014	35	45	4	5	11
	Jul 8-14, 2014	36	48	3	6	7
f.F1	Dealing with taxes					
	Jul 14-20, 2015	42	41	4	8	5
	Feb 18-22, 2015	47	36	6	6	6
	Jan 15-19, 2014	41	41	4	6	7
	Jan 9-13, 2013	38	44	5	6	6
	Dec 5-9, 2012	37	45	6	4	7
	Jul 20-24, 2011	43	40	4	6	8
	Oct 13-18, 2010	36	35	7	9	12
	Sep 16-19, 2010	40	34	8	8	9
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	37	4	11	11
	February, 2008	37	49	2	5	7
	October, 2006	32	40	5	7	16
	September, 2006	30	45	4	9	12
	February, 2006	35	46	5	6	8
	May, 2001	37	40	8	6	9
	June, 1999	38	38	5	7	12
	September, 1998	41	37	7	5	10
	March, 1998	39	40	6	7	8
	October, 1994	43	34	5	9	9

Q.46 CONTINUED...

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,026]:						
g.F2	Making wise decisions about foreign policy					
	Jul 14-20, 2015	38	41	5	8	8
	Feb 18-22, 2015	48	35	6	6	5
	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 ⁹	51	31	4	6	8
	December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
	May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16
h.F2	Dealing with health care					
	Jul 14-20, 2015	36	46	4	9	5
	Feb 18-22, 2015	40	47	4	7	2
	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
	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

⁹ In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

Q.46 CONTINUED...

		Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	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
i.F2	Dealing with education policy					
	Jul 14-20, 2015	34	46	6	8	6
	Oct 15-20, 2014	37	42	8	6	7
	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
j.F2	Dealing with the federal budget deficit					
	Jul 14-20, 2015	41	37	5	12	5
	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 ¹⁰	41	38	4	9	8
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	46	34	8	6	7

¹⁰

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.46 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
k.F2 Reflecting your views about gun control					
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	36	3	6	7
May 1-5, 2013	42	39	4	6	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	38	40	5	6	11
Dec 17-19, 2012 ¹¹	27	28	12	15	18
July, 2004	34	36	3	6	21
Late October, 2002 (RV)	36	38	5	5	16
April, 2000	30	36	4	7	23
June, 1999	34	42	4	8	12
December, 1993	32	42	--	8	18

ASK FORM 1 [N=976]:

Next,

Q.47F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed in 2010, also referred to as **[RANDOMIZE: the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare]** or **[RANDOMIZE: Obamacare/ the Affordable Care Act]**?

Jul 14-20

2015

51 Approve
46 Disapprove
3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 2 [N=1,026]:

Next,

Q.48F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	49	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	45	53	3
Nov 6-9, 2014	45	51	4
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

¹¹

In Dec 2012, July 2004, and April 2000 the question was not part of a list.

Q.48F2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ¹²	47	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	48	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	49	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	41	48	11
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

ASK ALL:

Q.49 Regardless of your opinion of the health care law, do you think the major provisions of the law are probably here to stay, or do you think they will probably be eliminated? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: If necessary, probe to clarify that this is what respondent *thinks* will happen, not what they *want* to see happen]**

		(U) Feb 18-22	Apr 23-27
<u>2015</u>		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
51	Probably here to stay	50	49
43	Will probably be eliminated	45	43
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	8

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.50 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.)
	<i>Strongly</i>			<i>Strongly</i>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u><i>favor</i></u>	<u><i>Favor</i></u>	<u>Total</u>	<u><i>oppose</i></u>	<u><i>Oppose</i></u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 14-20, 2015	54	28	26	39	18	20	7
May 12-18, 2015	57	28	28	39	21	18	5
Sep 2-9, 2014	49	24	25	41	20	22	10
Feb 12-26, 2014	54	24	30	39	19	20	7
May 1-5, 2013 ¹³	51	21	30	42	19	22	8
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	22	27	44	22	21	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	49	22	27	40	19	21	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	48	23	25	44	24	20	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	48	23	25	44	23	21	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	47	22	25	43	22	21	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	--	--	44	--	--	9
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	20	25	46	25	21	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	16	27	47	26	22	10
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	41	17	24	48	24	24	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	39	14	25	53	31	22	8
Mid-April, 2009	35	14	21	54	31	23	11
August, 2008	39	13	26	52	30	22	9
June, 2008	40	15	25	52	31	21	8
Late May, 2008	38	15	23	49	29	20	13

¹² 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."

¹³ In May 1-5, 2013, Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012, Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, July 21-Aug 5, 2010, Aug 11-17, 2009, August 2008, August 2007, Early January 2007, Early November 2006, March 2006, July 2005, December 2004, Early February 2004, November 2003, Mid-July 2003, March 2001 and June 1996 the question was asked as part of a list of items. In Jun 7-17, 2012, Apr 4-15, 2012, August 2009, April 2009, May 2008 and June 2008, the question read "allowing gay and lesbian couples;" all other instances read "allowing gays and lesbians."

Q.50 CONTINUED...

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.)
	<i>Strongly</i>			<i>Strongly</i>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2007	36	12	24	54	29	25	10
August, 2007	36	13	23	55	31	24	9
Early January, 2007	37	13	24	55	33	22	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	10	20	57	31	26	13
July, 2006	35	12	23	56	31	25	9
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12
Mid-March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8
October, 2003	30	9	21	58	33	25	12
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8

NO QUESTIONS 51-53**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject ...

Q.54 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.54=1,2), ASK:

Q.55 Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

	Protect the right of -----Americans to own guns-----				-----Control gun ownership-----				(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	
Jul 14-20, 2015	47	42	5	*	50	40	10	*	3
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

Q.54/55 CONTINUED

	Protect the right of -----Americans to own guns-----				-----Control gun ownership-----				(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<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>	
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.56 Do you think that gun ownership in this country does more to **[INSERT OPTION; RANDOMIZE]** or does more to **[NEXT OPTION]**

Jul 14-20 2015		Dec 3-7 2014	Dec 17-19 2012
54	Protect people from becoming victims of crime	57	48
40	Put people's safety at risk	38	37
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	16

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Please tell me if you would favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose [ITEM]?**

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
NO ITEM a.				
b.	Laws to prevent people with mental illness from purchasing guns			
	Jul 14-20, 2015	79	19	2
	Jan 9-13, 2013	80	16	4
c.	Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks			
	Jul 14-20, 2015	85	13	2
	May 1-5, 2013	81	17	3
	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	83	15	2
	Jan 9-13, 2013	85	12	3
d.	A ban on assault style weapons			
	Jul 14-20, 2015	57	40	3
	May 1-5, 2013	54	42	4
	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	56	41	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	55	40	5
e.	Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales			
	Jul 14-20, 2015	70	28	2
	May 1-5, 2013	66	31	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	67	30	3

ASK ALL:

Q.58 Do you think the National Rifle Association has too much influence, too little influence or the right amount of influence over gun control laws in this country?

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>	ABC/WP Jan 10-13 <u>2013</u>	Dec 17-19 <u>2012</u>	Apr <u>2000</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>	Time/CNN Aug <u>1993</u>
40	Too much	39	38	36	42	45	39
17	Too little	18	24	19	17	15	15
36	Right amount	35	30	28	28	27	33
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	8	17	13	13	13

ASK ALL:

Q.59 Do you, or does anyone in your household, own a gun, rifle or pistol? **[IF YES: Is that you or someone else in your household?]**

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>	Feb 13-18 <u>2013</u>
18	Yes, respondent	18	17
12	Yes, someone else	14	13
9	Yes, both/multiple (VOL.)	8	8
58	No, nobody in household owns a gun	54	57
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	6
26	NET: Respondent owns gun	27	24
39	NET: Gun in household	41	37

NO QUESTION 60**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.61 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>		Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u>	Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u>	Sep 11-14 <u>2014</u> ¹⁴	(U) Aug 14-17 <u>2014</u> ¹⁵
63	Approve	63	57	53	54
26	Disapprove	30	33	29	31
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	10	19	15

ASK ALL:

Q.62 How well is the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>		Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u>	Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u>
7	Very well	7	5
23	Fairly well	30	29
42	Not too well	38	38
20	Not at all well	20	21
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	8

¹⁴ In the September 11-14, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "As you may know, Barack Obama has announced a plan for a military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria, involving U.S. airstrikes and U.S. military training for opposition groups. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this plan?"

¹⁵ In the August 14-17, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. airstrikes against militants in Iraq in response to violence against civilians?"

ASK ALL:

Q.63 What concerns you more about the U.S. military action in Iraq and Syria? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

	That the US will go too far in getting involved in the situation	That the US will not go far enough in stopping the Islamic militants	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jul 14-20, 2015	43	48	1	2	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	46	49	1	1	4
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	43	1	2	7
Sep 11-14, 2014	41	41	3	6	9

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*What concerns you more
about the U.S. military
action in Iraq?*

Aug 14-17, 2014	51	32	2	5	9
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ASK ALL:

Q.64 Would you favor or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops to fight Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

Jul 14-20 2015		Feb 18-22 2015	Oct 15-20 2014
44	Favor	47	39
49	Oppose	49	55
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6

ASK ALL:

Q.65 Overall, do you think the United States and its allies will **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]** in their military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

Jul 14-20 2015		Feb 18-22 2015
13	Definitely succeed	15
42	Probably succeed	45
29	Probably fail	28
7	Definitely fail	5
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6

NO QUESTIONS 66-74**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.75 All in all, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. re-establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba?

Jul 14-20 2015		Jan 7-11 2015
73	Approve	63
20	Disapprove	28
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9

Q.75 CONTINUED...**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Do you favor or oppose re-establishing U.S. diplomatic relations with Cuba?*¹⁶

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

ASK ALL:

Q.76 And, would you favor or oppose the U.S. ending its trade embargo against Cuba, which would allow U.S. companies to do business in Cuba and Cuban companies to do business in the U.S.?

<u>Jul 14-20</u> <u>2015</u>		<u>Jan 7-11</u> <u>2015</u>
72	Favor	66
24	Oppose	28
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

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

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 20-21, 2009 (<i>Gallup</i>)	51	36	13
May 20-22, 2002 (<i>Gallup</i>)	50	38	12
May 5-7, 2000 (<i>Gallup</i>) ¹⁷	48	42	10
May 7-9, 1999 (<i>Gallup</i>)	51	42	7
Mar 19-21, 1999 (<i>Gallup</i>)	51	39	10

¹⁶ In March 2009 the question was asked as a list item: "All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose re-establishing U.S. diplomatic relations with Cuba?" In Oct. 2000, May 2000, May 1999 and April 1996 question was worded: "Suppose that on election day this year you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Please tell me whether you would vote for or against each one of the following propositions. Would you vote – for or against re-establishing U.S. diplomatic relations with Cuba?" In March 1977, question was worded: "Do you think diplomatic relations with Cuba should or should not be re-established?" In October 1974 question was worded: "Suppose that on election day, Nov. 5, you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Please tell me how you would vote on each of these 14 propositions. Diplomatic relations with Cuba should or should not be re-established?"

¹⁷ In May 2000, May 1999 and March 1999 question was worded: "Suppose that on election day this year you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Please tell me whether you would vote for or against each one of the following propositions. Would you vote – for or against ending the U.S. trade embargo with Cuba?"

ASK ALL:

Q.77 Over the next several years, do you think Cuba will become more democratic, less democratic, or will it be about the same as it is now?

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>		Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>
43	More democratic	32
3	Less democratic	3
49	About the same as it is now	60
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

NO QUESTIONS 78-80**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject ...

Q.81 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about recent debates over the Confederate flag around the country? Have you heard [**READ IN ORDER**]

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>	
64	A lot
25	A little
10	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.82 When you see the Confederate flag displayed, do you have [**RANDOMIZE:** a positive reaction, a negative reaction] or neither?

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>		Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u>
13	Positive reaction	9
28	Negative reaction	30
56	Neither	58
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK ALL:

Q.83 As you may know, the South Carolina state government recently voted to take down the Confederate flag from statehouse grounds. In your view, was this the [**READ**]?¹⁸

Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>	
57	Right decision
34	Wrong decision
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹⁸

On the first night of interviewing, wording for Q.83 was: "the Confederate flag that flew over the state capitol".

ASK IF RIGHT DECISION OR WRONG DECISION (Q.83=1,2):

Q.84 Just in your own words, why do you say that? **[IF NECESSARY, READ: Why do you say that taking down the Confederate flag was the (IF Q.83=1, READ: right; IF Q.83=2, READ: wrong) decision?]** **[OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES. PROBE ONCE FOR ADDITIONAL WITH "ANY OTHER REASONS?"]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAY "RIGHT DECISION" [N=1,228]:

Jul 14-20

2015

36	NET Represents racism/slavery
29	Racism/hatred
9	Slavery
20	NET Offensive/divisive
13	Flag is offensive/upsetting
7	Flag caused fuss, disturbance, conflict
16	NET Patriotic/anti-Confederacy
10	Confederacy lost the war, flag of traitors
7	Only US or state flag should be flown
12	NET Move on/move forward
10	Time to move on from history
2	Sign of progress, moving forward
11	NET Generic negative comments
10	Flag is negative/wrong, taking it down was right thing to do
1	Flag serves no purpose, is useless
8	Doesn't belong on government property
5	Charleston/current events
4	South Carolina's decision to make
2	Should never have been flown/should have been taken down before
5	Other
4	Don't know/No answer

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAY "WRONG DECISION" [N=615]:

Jul 14-20

2015

54	NET History and pride
49	History/heritage/can't erase past/people died for the flag/battle flag
7	Flag is a positive symbol/symbol of freedom
27	NET Flag misunderstood/Does not represent racism/hatred/slavery
20	Flag is not a symbol of hatred/racism/slavery
7	General misunderstanding of the flag's meaning
17	NET Taking the flag down is trivial
9	Flag is harmless/just a flag
3	Unnecessary to take down the flag
2	Pointless act/taking the flag down does not fix the issue
1	Not a priority/more important issues to deal with
1	Debate has caused more trouble/wedge between North and South
15	NET Overreaction
8	Overreaction to current events/Charleston/not fair to take down due to actions of one person
7	General overreaction/state adopted views of a minority/emotional debate/wrong time
1	Sensationalized by media
12	NET Concerns about rights
9	Protection of rights/freedom of speech/right to have a flag
4	Government overreach/slippery slope/what will gov't take next?/political correctness
9	Other
4	Don't know/No answer

ASK ALL:

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

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

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

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
Jul 14-20, 2015	22	32	41	4	*	1	15	19
May 12-18, 2015	24	32	38	3	1	2	15	18
Mar 25-29, 2015	25	30	39	4	*	2	15	17
Feb 18-22, 2015	24	31	38	4	1	1	18	17
Jan 7-11, 2015	21	30	44	3	1	1	19	18
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	31	39	3	1	2	17	17
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
Jul 8-14, 2014	25	34	37	2	1	1	16	15
Yearly Totals								
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK ALL:

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

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Jul 14-20, 2015	15	27	55	2	1	--
Jan 7-11, 2015	17	27	52	2	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	18	28	51	1	2	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	19	32	46	2	2	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	18	25	52	4	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29	46	2	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ¹⁹	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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

¹⁹ 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."