

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE UPDATE
FINAL TOPLINE
July 1-5, 2010¹
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PEW.1 and PEW.2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
PEW.3 THROUGH PEW.7 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

READ TO ALL: Next I'd like to ask about some things that have been in the news. Please answer as best you can. If you don't know the answer just tell me and we'll move to the next question.

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18

ASK ALL:

PEW.8 Do you happen to know if children born to illegal immigrants in the U.S. are automatically U.S. citizens, or are they NOT automatically U.S. citizens?

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77	Yes they are (<i>Correct</i>)
10	No they are not
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18

ASK ALL:

PEW.9 Can you tell me who the Prime Minister of Great Britain is? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Jul 1-5		Apr 30-Jun 1	
<u>2010</u>		<u>2008</u>	
19	David Cameron (<i>Correct</i>)	28	Gordon Brown (<i>Correct</i>)
2	Angela Merkel	5	Rupert Murdoch
17	Tony Hayward [OR]	4	Robert Gates
4	Richard Branson	5	John Howard
57	DK/Ref (VOL. DO NOT READ)	58	DK/Ref (VOL. DO NOT READ)

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18

ASK ALL:

PEW.10 Do you happen to know who is the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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		<i>Hearst Corporation</i>	
Jul 1-5		Oct 20-Nov 2	
<u>2010</u>		<u>1986²</u>	
28	John Roberts (<i>Correct</i>)	43	William Rehnquist
6	John Paul Stevens	29	Warren Burger
8	Thurgood Marshall [OR]	7	Earl Warren
4	Harry Reid	4	William Brennan, Jr.
53	DK/Ref (VOL. DO NOT READ)	16	DK/No answer

¹ Polling was not conducted on the Independence Day holiday, July 4.

² For October 20-November 2, 1986, the Hearst Corporation question read: "Who is the current Chief Justice of the United States: William Rehnquist, Warren Burger, Earl Warren or William Brennan, Jr.?"

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18**ASK ALL:**

PEW.11 Was the government bailout of banks and financial institutions, also known as TARP, passed and signed into law under... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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34 President George W. Bush (*Correct*) **[OR]**
 47 President Barack Obama
 19 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18**ASK ALL:**

PEW.12 What European country recently received a major bailout from the European Union? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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46 Greece (*Correct*)
 6 France
 5 Germany **[OR]**
 2 Poland
 41 DK/Ref (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

Apr 29-May 2

2010³

49 Greece (*Correct*)
 7 France
 6 Germany
 3 Sweden
 35 DK/Ref (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18**ASK ALL:**

PEW.13 Do you happen to know who is the current military commander of American forces in Afghanistan? Is it...**[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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55 David Petraeus (*Correct*)
 3 Wesley Clark
 5 Stanley McChrystal **[OR]**
 3 Colin Powell
 35 DK/Ref(**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

Aug 24-27 Jun 22-25

2007⁴

2007

39 30 General David Petraeus (*Correct*)
 10 13 General Peter Pace
 11 14 General John Abizaid
 40 43 DK/Ref(**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18**ASK ALL:**

PEW.14 Thinking about the major oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico. About how deep is the water where the leaking well is located? **[READ IN ORDER]**...

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2 50 feet
 10 500 feet
 51 5,000 feet (*Correct*) **[OR]**
 13 50,000 feet
 24 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

³ For April 29-May 2, 2010 the question asked: "Which of the following European countries is facing a financial crisis that might require a bailout from other European countries?"

⁴ For August 24-27, 2007 and June 22-25, 2007 the question asked: "Do you happen to know the name of the U.S. commander in Iraq? Is it..."

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18**ASK ALL:**

PEW.15 Do you happen to know if Congress passed a health care reform bill this year, or not?

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 73 Yes (*Correct*)
 14 No
 13 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18**ASK ALL:**

PEW.16 Do you happen to know if the national unemployment rate as reported by the government is currently closer to **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Jul 1-5		Jan 14-17	Oct 1-4		Mar 26-29
<u>2010</u>		<u>2010⁵</u>	<u>2009</u>		<u>2009</u>
3	5%	2	4		3
54	10% (<i>Correct</i>)	55	53		53
16	15%	15	15		24
10	20%	15	18		18
18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	10		2
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RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18**ASK ALL:**

PEW.17 The World Cup soccer tournament is being held in what country? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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 63 South Africa (*Correct*)
 4 Ghana
 3 Canada **[OR]**
 2 South Korea
 27 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

RANDOMIZE PEW.8-PEW.18**ASK ALL:**

PEW.18 Do you happen to know what Twitter is? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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 85 An information sharing network (*Correct*)
 * A children's cartoon character
 * A rock band **[OR]**
 4 A new cell phone
 10 Don't know/Refused (**VOL. DO NOT READ**)

⁵ For January 14-17, 2010 and before the question did not include the phrase: "... as reported by the government..."

ASK ALL:

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

ASK IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY:

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>	No <u>preference</u>	Other <u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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