

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**OCTOBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**October 9-13, 2013**  
**N=1,504**

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**

**ASK ALL:**

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

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	December, 2008	13	83	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	August, 2008	21	74	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	July, 2008	19	74	7
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	June, 2008	19	76	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	March, 2008	22	72	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	October, 2007	28	66	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	February, 2007	30	61	9
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	December, 2006	28	65	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	July, 2006	30	65	5
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	May, 2006*	29	65	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	March, 2006	32	63	5
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	January, 2006	34	61	5
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	July, 2005	35	58	7
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	February, 2005	38	56	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	January, 2005	40	54	6
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	December, 2004	39	54	7
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	July, 2004	38	55	7
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	May, 2004	33	61	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	December, 2003	44	47	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	October, 2003	38	56	6
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	<i>April 8, 2003</i>	50	41	9
Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7	January, 2003	44	50	6
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	May, 2002	44	44	12
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	March, 2002	50	40	10
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
				June, 2001	43	52	5
				March, 2001	47	45	8
				February, 2001	46	43	11
				January, 2001	55	41	4
				October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7

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

**Q.1 CONTINUED...**

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

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2****ASK ALL:**

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

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

**NO QUESTIONS 3-4**

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Jan 5-9, 2011 <sup>2</sup>	34	43	22
Nov 4-7, 2010	41	37	22
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16

<sup>2</sup> Question wording for Nov. 4-7, 2010, and Jan. 5-9, 2011, was: "Do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

**Q.5 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 <sup>3</sup>	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
May 1-5, 2013	32	59	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12

<sup>3</sup> From December, 1994, through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

## Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 <sup>4</sup>	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 <sup>5</sup>	50	21	29
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22
December, 1994	52	28	20

## ASK ALL:

Q.6 Thinking about the Republican Party, who do YOU think of as the leader of the Republican Party these days... **[SINGLE RESPONSE, DO NOT READ OPTIONS. USE PRECODES AS APPROPRIATE; ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE; ACCEPT JOB TITLES. IF "DON'T KNOW" PROBE ONCE: Just anyone who comes to mind ?]**<sup>6</sup>

		(NJ)				
Oct 9-13		Nov 4-7	Sep 9-12	Apr 21-26	Dec 9-13	Mar 9-12
<u>2013</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
24	John Boehner	10	4	1	*	*
6	Ted Cruz	--	--	--	--	--
2	John McCain	2	5	8	9	11
1	Rand Paul	--	--	--	--	--
1	Mitt Romney	1	1	3	1	1
1	Mitch McConnell	2	1	1	1	1
1	Tea Party (general)	--	--	--	--	--
1	Chris Christie	--	--	--	--	--
1	Paul Ryan	--	--	--	--	--
1	Marco Rubio	--	--	--	--	--
1	Rush Limbaugh	1	1	2	3	5

<sup>4</sup> In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

<sup>5</sup> Question wording in November, 2006, and December, 1994, was: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

<sup>6</sup> Dashes in past polls indicate less than 1% (or none) of the general public.

**Q.6 CONTINUED...**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	(NJ) Sep 9-12 <u>2010</u>	Apr 21-26 <u>2010</u>	Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>
1	Ron Paul	--	--	--	--	--
4	Other (<1% each)					
16	Nobody is	14	15	18	22	15
40	Don't know/Refused	51	60	52	55	57

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=655]:**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Jul 17-21 <u>2013</u> <sup>7</sup>	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	(NJ) Sep 9-12 <u>2010</u>	Apr 21-26 <u>2010</u>	Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>
21	John Boehner	9	12	6	1	1	1
9	Ted Cruz	2	--	--	--	--	--
3	John McCain	3	3	6	10	8	12
3	Rand Paul	3	--	--	--	--	--
2	Mitt Romney	3	2	3	5	1	1
*	Mitch McConnell	2	2	1	1	2	1
*	Tea Party (general)	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Chris Christie	2	--	--	--	--	--
1	Paul Ryan	3	--	--	--	--	--
1	Marco Rubio	5	--	--	--	--	--
0	Rush Limbaugh	1	*	1	1	1	4
1	Ron Paul	1	--	--	--	--	--
3	Other						
15	Nobody is	22	13	16	20	26	20
39	Don't know/Refused	37	45	49	46	47	48

**NO QUESTIONS 7-8****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the next congressional elections that will be coming up about a year from now...

Q.9 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

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

Q.9a As of TODAY, would you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,259]:**

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

<sup>7</sup> In Jul 17-21, 2013, the question was asked only of Republicans and Republican leaning independents.

## Q.9/9a CONTINUED...

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

**Q.9/9a CONTINUED...**

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 1994	45	47	8

**ASK ALL:**

And,

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

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,259]**

			(VOL.) Congressman <u>not running</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
<b>2014 Election</b>				
Oct 9-13, 2013	48	38	1	14
<b>2012 Election</b>				
Dec 7-11, 2011	50	33	1	16
<b>2010 Election</b>				
Oct 27-30, 2010	49	32	2	18
Oct 13-18, 2010	47	32	1	20
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	33	1	17
Jun 16-20, 2010	49	34	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	43	32	1	24
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	31	*	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	52	29	1	18
<b>2008 Election</b>				
Late February, 2008	60	22	1	17
<b>2006 Election</b>				
November, 2006	55	25	1	19
Late October, 2006	55	26	1	18
Early October, 2006	50	27	1	22
September, 2006	53	27	1	19
August, 2006	51	30	*	19
June, 2006	51	32	1	16
April, 2006	57	28	1	14
February, 2006	59	28	1	12
September, 2005	57	25	1	17
<b>2002 Election</b>				
Early October, 2002	58	19	2	21
June, 2002	58	23	1	18
<b>2000 Election</b>				
Early November, 2000	59	16	2	23
October, 2000	60	17	1	22
July, 1999	66	23	*	11
<b>1998 Election</b>				
Late October, 1998	64	19	1	16
Early October, 1998	58	20	2	20
Early September, 1998	63	20	1	16
March, 1998	63	21	1	15
January, 1998	66	23	0	11
August, 1997	66	22	0	12
<b>1996 Election</b>				
Early November, 1996	60	16	3	21
October, 1996	62	19	2	17
Late September, 1996	55	17	2	26
Early September, 1996	62	19	2	17
<b>1994 Election</b>				
November, 1994	58	25	1	16
Late October, 1994	55	30	2	13



**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

			(VOL.) Congressman <u>not running</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20
<b>1990 Election</b>				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	62	22	2	14

**ASK ALL:**

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

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,259]:**

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12 How often do you talk about politics or government with your family and friends? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		<i>CIRCLE</i> <sup>8</sup> <u>Nov 2002</u>
45	Very often	28
31	Sometimes	40
17	Rarely [OR]	22
7	Never	9
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	*

**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 Which of the following statements best describes you **[READ IN ORDER]**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		<i>CIRCLE</i> <u>Nov 2002</u>
42	Most of my close friends share my views on social and political issues [OR]	26
35	Some of my close friends share my views but many do not [OR]	40
23	I don't really know what most of my close friends think about social and political issues	32
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 And how much do you ENJOY talking about politics with friends and family **[READ IN ORDER]**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>	
21	A lot
35	Some
27	Not much [OR]
16	Not at all
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you disagree with, do you generally find it to be **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>	
53	Interesting and informative [OR]
42	Stressful and frustrating
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 And in your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you disagree with, do you usually find that **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>	
41	You have more in common politically than you thought [OR]
50	You have less in common politically than you thought
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTION 17**

<sup>8</sup> November 2002 survey by the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE).

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking more generally ...

Q.18 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	Basically <u>content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 9-13, 2013	12	55	30	3
Sep 25-29, 2013	17	51	26	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	20	58	19	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	58	21	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	11	60	26	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	22	59	14	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early January, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early October, 2006	21	54	20	5
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid November, 2001	53	34	8	5
June, 2000	28	53	13	6
February, 2000	33	54	10	3
October, 1997	29	56	12	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only some <u>of the time</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 9-13, 2013	3	16	68	12	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	3	23	67	6	2
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	3	17	72	7	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	16	72	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	4	25	65	4	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1
November, 1998 <sup>9</sup>	4	22	61	11	2
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

<sup>9</sup> The November, 1998 survey was conducted Oct. 26-Dec. 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

**ASK IF ANY TRUST IN GOV'T (Q.19=1-3):**

Q.20 When you say that you trust the government **[INSERT ANSWER TO Q.19]** are you mostly thinking about Congress and the president or are you thinking about the federal government as a whole?

**ASK IF NEVER/DON'T TRUST GOV'T (Q.19=4):**

Q.21 When you say that you don't trust the government are you mostly thinking about Congress and the president or are you thinking about the federal government as a whole?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

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2013

27	Congress and the president
69	Federal government as a whole
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

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

Next,

Q.25 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-b IN BLOCK; ITEMS e. ALWAYS LAST]** 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
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. The Republican Party								
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
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

## Q.25 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>
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
Oct 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

## Q.25 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>
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

## NO ITEMS c-d

e. The Tea Party movement

Oct 9-13, 2013	30	9	21	49	30	19	6	15
Jun 12-16, 2013	37	10	27	45	24	21	7	11
Aug 17-21, 2011	36	11	25	43	23	20	5	15
Feb 3-9, 2010	33	10	23	25	10	14	19	23

## ASK ALL:

Q.26 Do you think of the Tea Party movement as [INSERT; RANDOMIZE] OR as [NEXT]?

				Registered Voters who have heard of the Tea Party		
Oct 9-13 2013		Mar 30-Apr 3 2011		Nov 4-7 2010	NBC/WSJ Aug 2010	
38	A part of the Republican Party	36		38	45	
47	A separate and independent movement from the Republican Party	50		47	45	
2	Depends (VOL.)	1		1	1	
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	13		15	8	

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.27 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1

**Q.27 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 ( <i>RVs</i> )	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 <sup>10</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.28 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3

<sup>10</sup>

Earlier trends available from Gallup.



**Q.28 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 2001	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
Early October, 1998 ( <i>RVs</i> )	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 ( <i>RVs</i> )	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 ( <i>RVs</i> )	35	13	49	3

**NO QUESTIONS 29-31****ASK ALL:**

Q.32 Now I'd like your views on some people. Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-H WITH ITEM I ALWAYS LAST; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Never</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Can't</u>
	<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								
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

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	<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>
b. John Boehner								
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
c. Nancy Pelosi								
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								
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								
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. Ted Cruz								
Oct 9-13, 2013	26	8	19	33	18	16	25	16
Rep/Lean only:								
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	9	24	14	2	11	34	19

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=752]:**

g.F1 Hillary Clinton								
Oct 9-13, 2013	56	23	32	39	19	20	0	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	65	30	35	29	15	15	1	5
Jun 7-17, 2012	63	24	39	28	11	17	1	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	62	26	36	31	16	15	1	6
Dec 2-5, 2010	59	24	35	34	15	20	2	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	66	26	40	28	11	17	1	6
Late May, 2008	48	17	31	44	22	22	*	8
April, 2008	49	16	33	47	23	24	0	4
March, 2008	50	16	34	44	23	21	*	6
Late February, 2008	51	19	32	44	23	21	0	5
Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	24	18	*	6
January, 2008	52	20	32	44	25	19	*	4
Late December, 2007	50	21	29	44	26	18	*	6
August, 2007	55	21	34	39	21	18	2	4
December, 2006	56	22	34	39	21	18	*	5
April, 2006	54	20	34	42	21	21	1	3

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	-----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>		
Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1	5
Late March, 2005	57	22	35	36	17	19	*	7
December, 2002	47	15	32	44	23	21	1	8
July, 2001	53	20	33	42	23	19	1	4
January, 2001	60	25	35	35	16	19	*	5
May, 2000	49	15	34	42	22	20	1	8
Early December, 1998	66	32	34	31	15	16	*	3
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	58	24	34	36	18	18	*	6
Early September, 1998	64	24	40	31	13	18	0	5
Late August, 1998	63	25	38	34	13	21	*	3
March, 1998	65	26	39	31	14	17	*	4
January, 1997	57	17	40	40	17	23	*	3
June, 1996	53	13	40	43	17	26	*	4
April, 1996	49	12	37	46	19	27	0	5
February, 1996	42	14	28	54	27	27	0	4
January, 1996	42	10	32	54	26	28	0	4
October, 1995	58	14	44	38	14	24	--	4
August, 1995	49	16	33	47	22	25	*	4
December, 1994	50	17	33	45	20	25	1	4
July, 1994	57	19	38	40	18	22	1	2
May, 1993	60	19	41	29	11	18	1	10

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

h.F2 Joe Biden

Oct 9-13, 2013	46	9	37	41	17	23	3	10
Jan 9-13, 2013	42	14	28	42	20	21	8	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	44	17	27	42	26	16	5	10
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	13	24	46	26	21	5	11
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	15	26	43	22	21	4	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	40	10	30	37	18	19	6	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	10	28	41	18	22	9	12
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	50	13	36	29	13	16	8	13
Mid-Apr 2009	51	14	37	28	10	18	8	13
Jan 2009	63	22	41	20	7	13	6	11
Mid-October, 2008	55	20	34	35	10	19	6	10
Early Oct, 2008 (callback)	61	20	41	30	10	20	1	8
Late September, 2008	49	15	34	30	10	20	8	13
Mid-September, 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14
April, 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14
Late October, 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16
September, 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38

## ASK ALL:

i. Federal government workers

Oct 9-13, 2013	62	14	48	29	7	22	1	7
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## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*Government workers*

October, 1997	69	7	62	28	5	23	*	3
LA Times: April, 1981	55	6	49	38	10	28	5 <sup>11</sup>	2

<sup>11</sup> The April, 1981 *Los Angeles Times* response option was "Not sure."

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.33 Who do you think is more to blame for the deadlock in Washington over the government shutdown and the debt limit. -- **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or **[ITEM]**?

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Oct 3-6 <u>2013</u> <sup>12</sup>	Sep 19-22 <u>2013</u> <sup>13</sup>
46	Republicans	38	39
37	The Obama administration	30	36
13	Both equally <b>(VOL.)</b>	19	17
1	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	2
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11	6

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*Monday night, the federal government was partially shut down when President Clinton and the Republican leaders in Congress could not agree on a resolution to keep the government running while they debated the federal budget. Who do you blame more for the partial government shutdown -- the Republicans in Congress or Bill Clinton?*

<i>CBS News</i>	
Nov 19	
<u>1995</u>	
51	Republicans in Congress
28	Clinton
15	Both equally <b>(VOL.)</b>
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

*Overall, who do you blame more for the recent shutdown of the federal government – President Clinton or the Republican leaders in Congress?*

<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today</i>	
Nov 17-18	
<u>1995</u>	
25	Clinton
47	Republican leaders
21	Both equally <b>(VOL.)</b>
1	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTION 34****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the government shutdown that started on October 1<sup>st</sup>...

Q.35 How concerned, if at all, are you about the government shutdown's effect on the U.S. economy? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Oct 3-6 <u>2013</u>
57	Very concerned	48
26	Somewhat concerned	29
10	Not too concerned	14
6	Not at all concerned	9
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1

<sup>12</sup> In Oct 3-6, 2013 the question asked who was "more to blame for the federal government shutdown."

<sup>13</sup> In Sep 19-22, 2013 the question was worded: "If the federal government shuts down because Republicans and the Obama administration can't agree on a budget, who do you think would be more to blame?" It was asked on the same survey as the National Journal's Congressional Connection poll, also released Sept. 23, 2013.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 As you may know, the deadline to raise the nation's debt limit is approaching, as soon as October 17th. From what you've read and heard, do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, or do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

**ASK IF 'NO' (Q.36=2):**

Q.36a And do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, or do you think **[INSERT;RANDOMIZE]**?

Oct 9-13 2013		Oct 3-6 2013	Jul 15-17 2011 <sup>14</sup>
51	It is absolutely essential that the federal debt limit be raised to avoid an economic crisis [OR]	47	40
36	The country can go past the deadline for raising the debt limit without major economic problems	39	39
23	The debt limit does not need to be raised at all	--	--
11	The debt limit will have to be raised, but not for several weeks	--	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	--	--
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	15	21

**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 Just your best guess, do you think Barack Obama and the Republicans will or will not resolve the debt limit issue before the deadline?

Oct 9-13 2013		Jul 20-24 2011 <sup>15</sup>	Jul 14-17 2011 <sup>16</sup>
52	Will	56	54
44	Will not	38	43
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	3

ABC/Wash Post

**NO QUESTIONS 38-43****ASK ALL:**

Q.44 Now I would like to ask you about some parts of the government. Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ITEM p. ALWAYS LAST; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** 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		
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=752]:</b>								
a.F1 The Defense Department								
Oct 9-13, 2013	72	21	50	23	9	14	1	5
Mar 18-21, 2010	67	21	46	21	8	13	*	12
Late October, 2005	56	14	42	32	13	19	1	11
October, 1997	76	18	58	19	4	15	*	5
Roper, April 1987	57	16	41	36	14	22		7
Roper, April 1986	66	22	44	29	10	19		5
Roper, April 1985	54	15	39	37	15	22		9
Roper, April 1984	54	15	39	39	15	24		7
Roper, April 1983	54	14	40	38	15	23		8

<sup>14</sup> In July 2011, the question was worded "From what you've read and heard, do you think it is absolutely essential that the federal debt limit be raised by August 2<sup>nd</sup> to avoid an economic crisis, or do you think the country can go past the August 2<sup>nd</sup> date for when the government reaches its debt limit without major economic problems?"

<sup>15</sup> Jul 20-24, 2011 survey asked if they would resolve the issue "before the August second deadline."

<sup>16</sup> Jul 14-17, 2011 ABC News/The Washington Post question read "Just your best guess, do you think Obama and the Republicans will or will not resolve this issue before the August second deadline the administration has set for raising the debt limit?"

**Q.44 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>
b.F1	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	75	27	47	14	5	8	2	9
	Mar 18-21, 2010	67	15	52	16	5	10	2	15
	February, 1998	79	20	59	11	2	9	1	9
c.F1	The Food and Drug Administration, the FDA								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	65	15	50	29	14	15	1	6
	Mar 18-21, 2010	58	10	48	30	10	20	1	11
	October, 1997	75	12	63	22	4	18	*	3
	Roper, August 1987	74	23	51	20	4	16		6
	Roper, August 1986	75	25	50	18	3	15		7
	Roper, August 1985	74	27	47	19	5	14		7
	Roper, August 1984	78	32	46	17	4	13		5
	Roper, August 1983	73	31	42	20	5	15		7
d.F1	The National Security Agency, the NSA								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	54	12	42	35	13	22	2	8
e.F1	The Department of Education								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	53	16	37	42	16	27	*	4
	Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	53	22	31	6	8
	October, 1997	61	12	49	37	11	26	0	2
	Roper, April 1987	60	14	46	35	11	24		5
	Roper, April 1986	63	16	47	32	10	22		5
	Roper, April 1985	61	14	47	34	11	23		5
	Roper, April 1984	56	14	42	38	13	25		6
	Roper, April 1983	49	10	39	45	18	27		6
f.F1	The Internal Revenue Service, the IRS								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	44	9	35	51	23	28	*	5
	Mar 18-21, 2010	47	6	41	40	17	23	10	13
	October, 1997	38	5	33	60	25	35	*	2
	Roper, August 1987	49	10	39	46	19	27		5
	Roper, August 1986	51	10	41	45	19	26		4
	Roper, August 1985	48	8	40	47	19	28		5
	Roper, August 1984	60	13	47	34	11	23		6
	Roper, August 1983	50	12	38	44	16	28		6

**NO ITEMS g-h.****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

i.F2	The Veterans Administration, the VA								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	68	24	44	25	7	18	*	7
	Mar 18-21, 2010	57	19	38	22	5	17	2	20
	February, 1998	59	15	44	26	7	19	1	14
	Roper, August 1986	75	30	45	15	4	11		9
	Roper, August 1985	68	26	42	22	6	16		10
	Roper, August 1984	77	37	40	15	4	11		9
j.F2	The Department of Health and Human Services, the HHS								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	61	14	47	30	12	19	2	7

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		<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>
k.F2	The Department of Homeland Security								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	66	12	54	30	12	18	1	3
I.F2	The Justice Department								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	61	9	52	33	14	19	1	5
	Mar 18-21, 2010	51	6	44	33	11	23	1	15
	February, 1998	56	7	49	39	12	27	0	5
	Roper, April 1987	53	10	43	39	15	24		8
	Roper, April 1986	52	10	42	39	15	24		8
	Roper, April 1985	53	10	43	39	17	22		9
m.F2	The Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	62	15	47	30	12	19	2	6
	Mar 18-21, 2010	57	11	46	32	12	20	1	10
	October, 1997	69	14	55	27	7	20	1	3
	Roper, August 1987	62	19	43	30	7	23		8
	Roper, August 1986	59	18	41	31	7	24		10
	Roper, August 1985	58	19	39	31	11	20		11
	Roper, August 1984	68	27	41	26	9	17		6
	Roper, August 1983	56	21	35	34	12	22		10
n.F2	The National Aeronautic and Space Administration, NASA								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	73	22	51	15	3	12	*	12
	Mar 18-21, 2010	61	19	41	17	5	12	1	21
	February, 1998	73	23	50	20	5	15	1	6
	Roper, August 1987	66	23	43	24	5	19		10
	Roper, March 1986	61	23	38	30	11	19		9
<b>ASK ALL:</b>									
o.	The Federal Reserve								
	Oct 9-13, 2013	57	12	45	32	12	20	1	10
p.	Congress								
	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

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	----- 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>
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:

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]?

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.					
Is more extreme in its positions					
Oct 9-13, 2013	55	34	5	1	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	53	33	4	1	9
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	35	5	1	9
Dec 7-11, 2011	53	33	4	1	9
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	50	38	3	1	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	50	35	4	2	9
b.					
Is more willing to work with political leaders from the other party					
Oct 9-13, 2013	32	50	2	11	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	53	2	10	8



**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>
Dec 7-11, 2011	25	51	3	12	10
Jul 20-24, 2011	26	51	1	12	9
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	49	2	10	6

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:**

c.F1 Can better manage the federal government

Oct 9-13, 2013	42	39	3	10	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	45	2	10	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	42	1	9	9
Dec 7-11, 2011	35	41	3	13	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	38	2	14	7
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	41	39	2	8	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	43	36	2	11	8
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	41	3	8	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	41	37	3	12	7
Feb 3-9, 2010	40	40	4	9	8
Aug 27-30, 2009	34	38	4	14	10
October, 2007	32	44	5	9	10
March, 2007	31	47	3	8	11
Early October, 2006	34	44	3	9	10
April, 2006 <sup>17</sup>	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

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

d.F2 Is more concerned with the needs of people like me

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 <sup>18</sup>	28	52	3	10	7
Early October, 2005	30	52	5	7	6
July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7

<sup>17</sup> In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Able to manage the federal government well."  
<sup>18</sup> 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 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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.46 And which party could do a better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Dealing with the economy					
Oct 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 <sup>19</sup>	33	44	8	5	10
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28
b. Dealing with immigration					
Oct 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

<sup>19</sup> In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

**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>
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11

**NO QUESTIONS 47-50****ASK ALL:**

Q.51 Which comes closer to your view of Congress these days? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Jan 9-13 <u>2013</u>	Dec 7-11 <u>2011</u>	Mar 11-21 <u>2010</u>
32	Most members of Congress have good intentions, it's the political system that is broken	32	32	38
58	The political system can work fine, it's the members of Congress that are the problem	56	55	52
5	Both <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	6	3
1	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1	1
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	7	6

**ASK ALL:**

Q.52 If a member of Congress thinks a bill is in the best interest of the country, but a majority of the people he or she represents are against it, should the member of Congress vote for the bill or vote against it?

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		<i>CBS/NYT</i> <u>May 1987</u>
38	Vote for it	34
55	Vote against it	59
3	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	3
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4

**NO QUESTIONS 53-55**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.56 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on Earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

**ASK IF EARTH IS GETTING WARMER (Q.56=1):**

Q.57 Do you believe that the Earth is getting warmer [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

**ASK IF EARTH IS NOT GETTING WARMER (Q.56=2):**

Q.58 Do you think that we just don't know enough yet about whether the Earth is getting warmer or do you think it's just not happening?

Oct 9-13 2013	Mar 13-17 2013	Oct 4-7 2012	Nov 9-14 2011	Feb 22- Mar 1 2011	Oct 13-18 2010	Sep 30- Oct 4 2009	Apr 2008	Jan 2007	Aug 2006	Jul 2006	Jun 2006
67 Yes	69	67	63	58	59	57	71	77	77	79	70
44 Mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels, [OR] Mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment	42	42	38	36	34	36	47	47	47	50	41
18 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	23	19	18	18	18	16	18	20	20	23	21
4	4	6	6	5	6	6	6	10	10	6	8
26 No	27	26	28	34	32	33	21	16	17	17	20
12 Just don't know enough yet	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
13 Just not happening	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2 Mixed/some evidence (VOL.)	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	1
5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	8	5	8	8	5	6	5	3	9

**IF (Q.56=1,3,9) OR (Q.58=1,9):**

Q.59 Do you think it is possible to reduce the effects of global warming, or not?

**ASK IF "POSSIBLE" (Q.59=1):**

Q.60 To reduce the effects of global warming will we have to make major sacrifices, or can technology solve the problem without requiring major sacrifices?

**BASED ON ALL EXCEPT "IT'S JUST NOT HAPPENING" [N=1,288]:**

Oct 9-13 2013	
67	Yes, possible
38	Have to make major sacrifices
24	Technology can solve the problem without major sacrifices
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
28	No, not possible
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**BASED ON SOLID EVIDENCE OF EARTH GETTING WARMER [N=987]:**

Oct 9-13 2013		April 2008	June 2006
74	Yes, possible	74	67
44	Have to make major sacrifices	47	39
26	Technology can solve the problem without major sacrifices	23	23
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	5
23	No, not possible	19	22
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	11

**NO QUESTION 61****ASK ALL:**

Q.62 From what you've heard or read, do scientists generally agree that the Earth is getting warmer because of human activity, or do they not generally agree about this?

Oct 9-13 2013		Oct 4-7 2012	Oct- 13-18 2010	Apr 28- May 12 2009	<b>Trend for Comparison</b> July 2006 <sup>20</sup>
54	Yes, scientists generally agree that the Earth is getting warmer because of human activity	45	44	56	59
37	No, scientists do not generally agree that the Earth is getting warmer because of human activity	43	44	35	29
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	12	9	12

**NO QUESTIONS 63-68****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.69 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	52	7
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 <sup>21</sup>	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

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?<sup>22</sup>

	<u>Generally favor</u>	<u>Generally oppose</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 11-21, 2010	40	47	13
Mar 10-14, 2010	38	48	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	50	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	48	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	35	48	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	39	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	47	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	47	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	44	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	46	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	44	18

<sup>20</sup> In July 2006, question was worded: "From what you've heard or read, is there general agreement among scientists that the earth is getting warmer because of human activity, or not?"

<sup>21</sup> 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."

<sup>22</sup> From December 9-13, 2009 and earlier, questions asked about "health care proposals" rather than "health care bills."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.70 Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or are you not covered at this time? **[READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid]**

**ASK IF COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE (Q.70=1):**

Q.71 What is your main source of health coverage? **[PAUSE]** Do you have a plan through an employer, a plan you purchased yourself, are you covered by Medicare or Medicaid, some other government program, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: DO NOT NEED TO READ FULL LIST IF R VOLUNTEERS, BUT READ RESPONSE CATEGORY TO VERIFY IF LANGUAGE IS DIFFERENT]**

		(U)						
Oct 9-13 2013		Sep 4-8 2013	Jan 6-10 2010	Dec 9-13 2009	Oct 28-Nov 8 2009	Sep 30-Oct 4 2009	Jul 22-26 2009	Jun 10-14 2009
81	Covered by health insurance	81	83	83	80	80	81	81
41	Plan through an employer	--	46	--	--	48	45	--
8	Plan you purchased yourself	--	9	--	--	8	9	--
15	Medicare	--	16	--	--	13	14	--
4	Medicaid	--	4	--	--	4	3	--
5	Other government program	--	5	--	--	4	4	--
6	Somewhere else	--	3	--	--	3	4	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	--	1	--	--	1	1	--
18	Not covered by health insurance	19	17	16	20	20	19	18
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

**ASK IF UNINSURED (Q.70=2):**

Q.72 In the next six months, do you plan to get health insurance for yourself, or not?

**ASK IF UNINSURED AND PLAN TO GET INSURANCE (Q.72=1):**

Q.73 And do you plan to get health insurance in the next six months because of the new health care law, or is this something you were planning to get anyway? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE?]**

**BASED ON UNINSURED [N=181]:**

		(U)	
Oct 9-13 2013		Sep 4-8 2013	
65	Yes, plan to get health insurance	63	
26	Planning to get health insurance because of law	26	
38	Was planning to get health insurance anyway	33	
1	Other (VOL.)	3	
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	
24	No, do not	32	
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.74 As you may know, as part of the 2010 health care law the government has set up health insurance exchanges around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard is there a health insurance exchange available to people in your state, or not?

		(U)	
Oct 9-13 2013		Sep 4-8 2013 <sup>23</sup>	
65	Yes, there will be an exchange	51	
12	No, there won't be an exchange	16	
23	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	34	

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In Sep 4-8, 2013 survey, question asked: "As you may know, health insurance exchanges are being set up around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard will one of these health insurance exchanges be available to people in your state, or not?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.75 Just your impression, how well have the online health insurance exchanges been working?

Oct 9-13

2013

- 7 Very well
- 22 Fairly well
- 23 Not too well
- 24 Not at all well
- 25 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.76 Have you visited any of these online health insurance exchanges, such as healthcare.gov, or haven't you done this?

**ASK IF 'VISITED' (Q.76=1):**

Q.78 Did you go to the exchanges to look at health insurance options for you and your family or just to learn about the exchanges?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Oct 9-13

2013

- 14 Yes
  - 4 To look at options for you and your family
  - 8 Just to learn about the exchanges
  - 1 Both **(VOL.)**
  - \* Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- 84 No
  - 1 Tried to but could not access **(VOL.)**
  - 1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF 'NO', 'TRIED' OR 'DON'T KNOW' (Q.76=2,3,9):**

Q.77 Do you think you will visit one of these online exchanges in the next few months, or not?

**ASK IF 'YES' (Q.77=1):**

Q.77A And, will this be to look at health insurance options for you and your family, or just to learn about the exchanges?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Oct 9-13

2013

- 23 Yes, will
  - 10 To look at health insurance options for you and your family
  - 13 Just to learn about the exchanges
  - 1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- 59 No, will not visit
  - 4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- 14 *Already visited exchanges (Q.76=1)*

**ASK IF 'VISITED' (Q.76=1) [N=195]:**

Q.79 Did you find the online exchange website to be **[READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR ½ SAMPLE]**?

Oct 9-13

2013

- 17 Very easy to use
- 39 Fairly easy [OR]
- 19 Fairly difficult [OR]
- 20 Very difficult to use
- 4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 80**

**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
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) [N=1,259]:**

Q.81 And how often would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections – that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections  
[READ IN ORDER]?

Oct 9-13 2013		Sep 4-8 2013	July 17-21 2013
52	Always	50	46
18	Nearly always	24	23
16	Part of the time	13	13
11	Seldom	11	14
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	4

**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
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 <sup>24</sup>	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

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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."

**TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

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**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

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

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