

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**JULY 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**July 17-21, 2013**  
**N=1,480**

**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>
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	April 8, 2003	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
December, 2008	13	83	4	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
				September, 2000	51	41	8

<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...**

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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: Late Feb, 1991</i>	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
October, 1995	23	73	4				

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

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 As you may know, a jury found George Zimmerman not guilty in the death of Florida teen Trayvon Martin. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with this verdict?

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2013

39	Satisfied
42	Dissatisfied
19	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTION 4****ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Overall, do you think that [INSERT;RANDOMIZE] or do you think [ITEM]?

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36	This case raises important issues about race that need to be discussed
52	The issue of race is getting more attention in this case than it deserves
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTION 6****ASK ALL:**

Q.7 Would you say your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b IN BLOCK; RANDOMIZE ITEMS c AND d IN BLOCK; RANDOMIZE BLOCKS] 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.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a. The Republican Party								
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

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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>		
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
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

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
c. The Supreme Court								
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

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

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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>
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

**NO QUESTION 8****ASK ALL:**

Q.9 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism?  
[READ]

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	20	47	21	9	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	27	49	16	6	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	15	54	17	10	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	15	50	21	12	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	20	53	14	8	4
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	19	56	15	5	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	22	49	16	6	7
Late February, 2008	21	45	19	12	3
January, 2007	17	37	27	17	2
December, 2006	17	48	21	11	3
August, 2006	22	52	16	8	2
February, 2006	16	52	20	10	2
January, 2006	16	50	20	9	5
Late October, 2005	17	50	22	9	2
July, 2005	17	53	19	8	3
July, 2004	18	53	17	8	4
August, 2003	19	56	16	7	2
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	15	54	19	8	4
June, 2002	16	60	16	4	4
Early November, 2001	35	46	9	5	5
October 15-21, 2001	38	46	9	4	3
October 10-14, 2001	48	40	6	2	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies? [READ AND  
RANDOMIZE]

	Have gone too far in restricting <u>civil liberties</u>	Have not gone far enough <u>to protect country</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ Approve <u>of policies</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	47	35	11	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	47	11	10
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	58	8	8
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	40	13	11
Feb 4-8, 2009 <sup>2</sup>	36	42	9	13
Late February, 2008	36	47	9	8
August, 2006	26	55	11	8
February, 2006	33	50	10	7

<sup>2</sup> In February 4-8, 2009 the question asked whether the policies "go too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties" or "do not go far enough to adequately protect the country."

**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

	Have gone too far in restricting <u>civil liberties</u>	Have not gone far enough <u>to protect county</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ Approve <u>of policies</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2006	33	46	12	9
Late October, 2005	34	48	10	8
July, 2005	31	52	10	7
July, 2004	29	49	11	11

**NO QUESTIONS 11-14****RANDOMIZE Q.15 AND Q.16****ASK ALL:**

Now I have a few questions about the political parties...

[First]

Q.15 The Republican Party. Do you think the Republican Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is too extreme			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	48	46	6
	Feb 13-18, 2013	52	42	5
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>			
	<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following description applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... too extreme</i>			
	<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	56	42	3
b.	Has strong principles			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	60	33	7
	Feb 13-18, 2013	63	30	7
c.	Stands up for individual rights			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	46	48	6
d.	Is tolerant and open to all groups of people			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	33	62	6
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>			
	<i>Please tell me if you think it describes or does not describe the Republican Party ... Is tolerant and open to all groups of people</i>			
	<i>NBC News/Wall Street Journal: August, 1996 (RVs)</i>	31	62	7
e.	Cares about working class Americans			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	42	54	4



**RANDOMIZE Q.15 AND Q.16****ASK ALL:**

[Now thinking about...]

Q.16 The Democratic Party. Do you think the Democratic Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is too extreme			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	41	54	5
	Feb 13-18, 2013	39	56	6
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>			
	<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... too extreme</i>			
	<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	39	57	3
b.	Has strong principles			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	52	42	7
	Feb 13-18, 2013	57	37	6
c.	Stands up for individual rights			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	56	39	5
d.	Is tolerant and open to all groups of people			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	60	35	5
e.	Cares about working class Americans			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	56	40	4

**NO QUESTIONS 17-19****ASK ALL:**

On a different subject,

Q.20 How much, if anything, have you heard about the government collecting information about telephone calls, e-mails and other online communications as part of efforts to monitor terrorist activity? Have you heard ... **[READ IN ORDER]**?

		(U)
Jul 17-21		Jun 12-16
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>
49	A lot	51
39	A little, or	35
12	Nothing at all	14
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the government's collection of telephone and internet data as part of anti-terrorism efforts?

		(U)
Jul 17-21		Jun 12-16
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>
50	Approve	48
44	Disapprove	47
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the data the government collects as part of anti-terrorism efforts ...

Q.22 Do you think federal courts do or do not provide adequate limits on what telephone and internet data the government can collect?

Jul 17-21

2013

- 30 Do provide adequate limits on what government can collect
- 56 Do not provide adequate limits on what government can collect
- 15 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 Do you think this government data collection effort is only being used to investigate terrorism, or do you think the government uses this data for purposes other than terrorism investigations?

Jul 17-21

2013

- 22 Only being used to investigate terrorism
- 70 The government uses this data for purposes other than terrorism investigations
- 7 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF 'OTHER PURPOSES' IN Q.23 (Q.23=2) [N=978]:**

Q.24 And what other purposes do you think the government is using this data for? **[OPEN-END. ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES]**

Jul 17-21

2013

- 19 To control/spy/be nosy
- 16 To gather evidence on non-terror crimes
- 14 General purposes/monitoring
- 13 Political agenda/targeting
- 10 Whatever they want
- 2 Marketing/to sell information
- 2 For protection/national security
- 1 Tax purposes
- 1 Targeting interest and religious groups
- 2 Other targeting/profiling
- 3 Other
- 22 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.*

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 Just your impression, does this government program only collect data such as phone numbers and e-mail addresses, or is it also collecting what's actually being said in the calls and e-mails?

**ASK IF 'ALSO COLLECTING WHAT'S BEING SAID' IN Q.25 (Q.25=2) [N=]:**

Q.26 Do you think the government has listened to YOUR telephone calls or read YOUR e-mails as part of this data collection program, or not?

Jul 17-21

2013

- 18 Only data such as phone numbers and e-mail addresses
- 63 Also collecting what is being said
- 27 Yes, government has listened to own calls or read own e-mails
- 28 No, government has not listened to own calls or read own e-mails
- 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- 18 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 Do you think the news media should – or should not – report information it obtains about the secret methods the government is using to fight terrorism?

Jul 17-21 2013		Gallup/USA Today May 2006
47	Yes, should	47
47	No, should not	49
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4

**NO QUESTIONS 28-32****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.33 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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

**Q.33 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 <sup>3</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

	<u>The economy is recovering</u>	<u>The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon</u>	<u>It will be a long time before the economy recovers</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	28	26	44	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	27	31	40	2
Oct 24-28, 2012	30	31	36	3
Sep 12-16, 2012	25	30	43	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	25	29	44	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	20	24	54	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	33	42	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	17	33	48	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 <sup>4</sup>	10	37	52	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	13	35	50	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	13	37	48	2

**NO QUESTIONS 35-39****ASK ALL:**

On a different subject ...

Q.40 Do you think abortion should be **[READ] [PLEASE READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>NET Legal in all/most</u>	<u>NET Illegal in all/most</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	20	34	24	15	7	54	40
Oct 24-28, 2012	23	32	25	13	7	55	39
Apr 4-15, 2012	23	31	23	16	7	53	39
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	31	26	17	6	51	43
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	35	25	16	5	54	41
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	18	36	26	16	4	54	42
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	17	33	27	17	7	50	44
August 11-27, 2009	16	31	27	17	8	47	45
April, 2009	18	28	28	16	10	46	44

<sup>3</sup> Earlier trends available from Gallup.

<sup>4</sup> In September 2010 and earlier, the first answer choice read "The economy is now recovering."

## Q.40 CONTINUED...

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <i>Legal in</i> <u>all/most</u>	NET <i>Illegal in</i> <u>all/most</u>
Late October, 2008	18	35	24	16	7	53	40
Mid-October, 2008	19	38	22	14	7	57	36
August, 2008	17	37	26	15	5	54	41
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6	57	37
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5	51	44
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8	53	39
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5	52	43
AP/Ipsos-Poll: February, 2006	19	32	27	16	6	51	43
ABC/WaPo: December, 2005	17	40	27	13	3	57	40
ABC/WaPo: April, 2005	20	36	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: December, 2004	21	34	25	17	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: May, 2004	23	31	23	20	2	54	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2003	23	34	25	17	2	57	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 2001	22	27	28	20	3	49	48
ABC/BeliefNet: June, 2001	22	31	23	20	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2001	21	38	25	14	1	59	39
ABC/WaPo: September, 2000 (RVs)	20	35	25	16	3	55	41
ABC/WaPo: July, 2000	20	33	26	17	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: September, 1999	20	37	26	15	2	57	41
ABC/WaPo: March, 1999	21	34	27	15	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: July, 1998	19	35	29	13	4	54	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 1996	22	34	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: June, 1996	24	34	25	14	2	58	39
ABC/WaPo: October, 1995	26	35	25	12	3	61	37
ABC: September, 1995	24	36	25	11	4	60	36
ABC/WaPo: July, 1995	27	32	26	14	1	59	40

## NO QUESTIONS 41-45

## ASK ALL:

Q.46 How do you get most of your news about national and international issues? From **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE ONCE FOR ADDITIONAL: "Any others?"]**

	Tele- <u>vision</u>	News- <u>papers</u>	Radio	Maga- <u>zines</u>	Internet	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	69	28	23	4	50	2	1
Jul 20-24, 2011	66	31	19	3	43	4	*
<b>May 5-8, 2011 (Killing of bin Laden)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>74</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Dec 1-5, 2010	66	31	16	3	41	1	1
Jul 8-11, 2010	68	24	17	3	41	2	1
<b>Jan 14-17, 2010 (Haiti earthquake)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Dec 9-13, 2009	70	32	17	3	35	1	1
Jul 22-26, 2009	71	33	21	3	42	1	1
December, 2008	70	35	18	5	40	2	1
September, 2007	74	34	13	2	24	2	1
Late September, 2006	74	37	16	4	21	3	1
August, 2006	72	36	14	4	24	2	1
November, 2005	73	36	16	2	20	2	*
<b>Early Sept, 2005 (Hurricane Katrina)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>*</b>
June, 2005	74	44	22	5	24	2	1
December, 2004	74	46	21	4	24	2	3

<sup>5</sup> For May 5-8, 2011, the question asked about how people had been getting news about "the killing of Osama bin Laden." For Jan. 14-17, 2010, the question asked about "the earthquake in Haiti." In Early September 2005, the question asked about "news about the impact of Hurricane Katrina." In March 2003, the question asked about "news about the war in Iraq." In Mid-September 2001, the question asked about "news about the terrorist attacks." In September 1995, question wording did not include "international." In early January 1991, the question asked about "the latest developments in the Persian Gulf."

## Q.46 CONTINUED...

	Tele- vision	News- papers	Radio	Maga- zines	Internet	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref
October, 2003	80	50	18	4	20	2	1
August, 2003	79	46	15	3	18	2	1
Early July, 2003	79	45	16	5	19	1	*
<b>March, 2003 (War in Iraq)</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>*</b>
February, 2003	83	42	19	4	15	3	*
January, 2003	81	44	22	4	17	2	1
January, 2002	82	42	21	3	14	2	*
<b>Mid-September, 2001 (Terror Attacks)</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Early September, 2001	74	45	18	6	13	1	*
February, 2001	76	40	16	4	10	2	1
October, 1999	80	48	19	5	11	2	*
January, 1999	82	42	18	4	6	2	*
January, 1996	88	61	25	8	--	2	*
September, 1995	82	63	20	10	--	1	1
January, 1994	83	51	15	10	--	5	1
September, 1993	83	60	17	9	--	3	*
January, 1993	83	52	17	5	--	1	1
<b>Early January, 1991 (Persian Gulf)</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

IF TELEVISION (1) AS EITHER 1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> RESPONSE IN Q.46 ASK:

Q.47 On television, do you get most of your news about national and international issues from [READ, RANDOMIZE ITEMS 2 THRU 4 AND 5 THRU 7 SEPARATELY, AND RANDOMIZE SETS OF ITEMS (LOCAL; NETWORK; CABLE). ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

## BASED ON TOTAL:

	Local	ABC	CBS	NBC	CNN	MSNBC	Fox News Channel	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	TV not a main source
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	11	9	11	19	6	19	5	1	(31)
Jul 20-24, 2011	16	8	7	10	15	6	19	4	2	(34)
Dec 1-5, 2010	16	10	7	9	16	7	16	3	2	(34)
Jul 8-11, 2010	17	9	8	8	17	5	19	4	2	(32)
Dec 9-13, 2009	16	12	8	10	19	6	19	3	2	(30)
Jul 22-26, 2009	18	11	10	13	22	6	19	3	1	(29)
December, 2008	15	12	9	10	23	8	17	4	2	(30)
September, 2007	18	11	8	13	22	7	16	3	2	(26)
August, 2006	13	10	9	12	24	6	20	6	1	(28)
November, 2005	16	14	12	15	24	8	22	5	3	(27)
<b>Early Sept, 2005<sup>6</sup> (Hurricane Katrina)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(11)</b>
June, 2005	13	12	9	12	18	5	16	2	4	(26)
December, 2004	15	11	9	14	20	6	19	3	3	(26)
October, 2003	17	12	8	13	20	6	17	--	4	(20)
August, 2003	17	12	10	15	26	7	18	3	4	(21)
Early July, 2003	17	12	11	14	27	9	22	3	3	(21)
January, 2002	16	11	11	15	28	8	16	4	2	(18)

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

<sup>6</sup> In early September 2005, the question was worded: "Have you been getting most of your news about the disaster from ..."

**ASK IF Q.46 DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERNET (5) IN EITHER RESPONSE:**

Q.48 Do you ever get news online, or not?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Jul 17-21 <u>2013</u>		Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>
20	Yes	20
30	No	37
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	0
50	<i>Reported getting news online in Q.46</i>	43
70	<i>NET: Ever gets news online</i>	63

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.49 Some people think that by criticizing leaders, news organizations keep political leaders from doing their job. Others think that such criticism is worth it because it keeps political leaders from doing things that should not be done. Which position is closer to your opinion?

	<u>Keeps leaders from doing their job</u>	<u>Keeps leaders from doing things that shouldn't be done</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	68	10
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	58	17
July, 2009	22	62	16
July, 2007	27	58	15
November, 2005	22	62	16
June, 2005	28	60	12
Early July, 2003	29	54	17
July, 2002	26	59	15
Mid-November, 2001	32	54	14
Early September, 2001	25	60	15
February, 1999	31	58	11
Early February, 1998	39	55	6
February, 1997	32	56	12
Late January, 1994	24	66	10
Early January, 1994	18	69	13
August, 1989	23	68	9
December, 1986	26	60	14
July, 1985	17	67	16

**ASK ALL:**

Q.50 In general, do you think news organizations get the facts straight, or do you think that their stories and reports are often inaccurate?

	<u>Get the facts straight</u>	<u>Stories often inaccurate</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	26	67	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	9
July, 2009	29	63	8
July, 2007	39	53	8
June, 2005	36	56	8
Early July, 2003	36	56	8
July, 2002	35	56	9
Mid-November, 2001	46	45	9
Early September, 2001	35	57	8
February, 1999	37	58	5
Early August, 1998	33	58	9
Early February, 1998	34	63	3
February, 1997	37	56	7
January, 1992	49	44	7

**Q.50 CONTINUED...**

	Get the <u>facts straight</u>	Stories often <u>inaccurate</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 1989	54	44	2
August, 1988	40	50	10
May, 1988	48	43	9
January, 1988	44	48	8
July, 1985	55	34	11

**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations deal fairly with all sides, or do they tend to favor one side?

	Deal fairly <u>with all sides</u>	Tend to favor <u>one side</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	76	5
Jul 20-24, 2011	16	77	7
July, 2009	18	74	8
July, 2007	26	66	8
June, 2005	21	72	7
Early July, 2003	26	66	8
Early September, 2001	26	67	7
February, 1997	27	67	6
January, 1992	31	63	6
August, 1989	28	68	4
August, 1988	36	57	7
May, 1988	34	56	10
January, 1988	30	59	11
December, 1986	39	54	7
July, 1986	37	57	6
July, 1985	34	53	13

**ASK ALL:**

Q.52 In general, do you think news organizations are pretty independent, or are they often influenced by powerful people and organizations?

	Pretty <u>independent</u>	Often influenced by <u>powerful people and organizations</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	20	75	5
Jul 20-24, 2011	15	80	5
July, 2009	20	74	6
July, 2007	23	69	8
June, 2005	21	73	6
Early July, 2003	23	70	7
Early September, 2001	23	71	6
January, 1994	28	63	9
January, 1992	35	58	7
August, 1989	33	62	5
January, 1988	40	49	11
July, 1986	37	53	10
July, 1985	37	53	10

**NO QUESTIONS 53-54**



**ASK ALL:**

Q.55 I'm going to read you some pairs of opposite phrases. After I read each pair, tell me which ONE phrase you feel better describes news organizations generally. If you think that NEITHER phrase applies, please say so. First, would you say news organizations (are)...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF THE ITEM PAIRS; DO NOT RANDOMIZE ORDER WITHIN PAIRS; NOTE FORM SPLITS]**. How about **[NEXT ITEM PAIR]? [IF NECESSARY: would you say news organizations (are)]**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:**

						Early		Mid-Early							
Jul 17-21		Jul	Jul	Jul	Jun	Jul	Jul	Jul	Nov	Sep	Feb	Aug	Jan	Jul	Jul
<u>2013</u>		<u>11</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>85</u>
a.F1	Care about the people														
31	they report on, OR	26	32	35	28	31	30	47	23	21	--	41	--	35	
59	Don't care about the people														
6	they report on	63	55	53	58	56	55	38	64	67	--	45	--	48	
4	Neither applies	6	8	7	9	9	10	11	10	9	--	9	--	10	
	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	5	5	4	5	4	3	3	--	5	--	7	
b.F1	Willing to admit their mistakes, OR	18	21	29	28	27	23	35	24	26	--	--	--	34	
71	Try to cover up their mistakes	72	70	63	62	62	67	52	67	66	--	--	--	55	
4	Neither applies	4	4	4	6	5	6	9	5	6	--	--	--	4	
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	5	4	4	6	4	4	4	2	--	--	--	7	
c.F1	Focus on the stories that are														
28	important to the country, OR	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
65	Spend too much time on														
5	unimportant stories	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
	Neither applies	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
d.F1	Protect democracy, OR	42	46	44	47	52	50	60	46	45	55	52	58	54	
35	Hurt democracy	42	37	36	33	28	29	19	32	38	19	27	18	23	
11	Neither applies	11	10	13	12	13	14	14	15	13	20	13	17	13	
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	7	7	8	7	7	7	7	4	6	8	7	10	

**NO ITEM e****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:**

f.F2															
	67	Care about how good a job they do, OR	62	67	69	65	68	65	78	69	69	--	--	77	79
	26	Don't care about how good a job they do	31	23	23	25	22	23	14	22	22	--	--	16	11
	5	Neither applies	5	5	6	6	7	8	6	7	6	--	--	5	4
	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	2	4	3	4	2	2	3	--	--	2	6
g.F2	60	Highly professional, OR	57	59	66	59	62	49	73	54	52	--	--	71	72
	29	Not professional	32	27	22	25	24	31	12	27	32	--	--	13	11
	8	Neither applies	8	10	9	12	9	15	12	15	13	--	--	12	9
	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	3	4	5	5	3	4	3	--	--	4	8
h.F2															
	58	Politically biased in their reporting, OR	63	60	55	60	53	59	47	59	56	--	47	42	45
	30	Careful that their reporting is NOT politically biased	25	26	31	28	29	26	35	26	31	--	39	41	36
	8	Neither applies	5	7	7	6	9	10	11	8	8	--	7	9	7
	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	7	7	6	9	5	7	7	5	--	7	8	12
i.F2	46	Liberal, OR	47	50	52	50	51	--	--	--	--	--	54	--	41
	26	Conservative	25	22	25	26	26	--	--	--	--	--	26	--	19
	19	Neither applies	18	17	14	16	14	--	--	--	--	--	12	--	20
	9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	10	9	8	9	--	--	--	--	--	8	--	20

**NO QUESTIONS 56-57****ASK ALL:**

Q.58 Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. First, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**: do you agree or disagree? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you agree or disagree?]**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The news media reports too much information that can harm the effectiveness of the government's anti-terrorism programs Jul 17-21, 2013	53	43	4
b. The government keeps too much information about its anti-terrorism programs secret from the public Jul 17-21, 2013	56	39	4

**NO QUESTIONS 59-60****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:**

Q.61F1 Just your impression, do you think the job of being a journalist today is **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**?

Jul 17-21

2013

28	Easier than it used to be
65	Harder than it used to be
3	About the same as it used to be <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTION 62****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:**

Q.63F2 Do you think it takes a special set of skills and training to be a journalist, or don't you think so?

Jul 17-21

2013

79	Takes a special set of skills and training to be a journalist
19	Doesn't take a special set of skills
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 With the amount of news and information these days, do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?

Jul 17-21

2013

54	Journalists are more important than in the past because they help make sense of all the information that is available
38	Journalists are less important than in the past because people can get information without the help of journalists
4	About as important as they used to be <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTION 65**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.66 Thinking about the Supreme Court...In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is conservative, middle of the road, or liberal?

Jul 17-21 2013		Mar 13-17 2013	Jun 28-Jul 9 2012	Jul 1-5 2010	Apr 21-26 2010	July 2007
23	Conservative	22	24	23	24	36
42	Middle of the road	40	41	39	36	35
26	Liberal	24	23	23	24	14
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	14	12	14	16	15

**NO QUESTION 67****ASK ALL:**

Next,

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

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

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

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party			
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
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
<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

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party			
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.68 Would you like to see Republican leaders in Washington move in a more conservative direction or a more moderate direction?

		Voters Nov 8-11 2012	Voters Nov 4-7 2010	Voters Jun 16-20 2010	Voters Jan 6-10 2010	Voters Nov 2008
Jul 17-21 2013						
54	More conservative	57	56	57	51	60
41	More moderate	35	38	37	42	35
2	No change (VOL.)	3	2	2	2	1
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	5	5	5	4

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=716]:**

Q.69 Would you like to see Democratic leaders in Washington move in a more liberal direction or a more moderate direction?

		Voters Nov 8-11 2012	Voters Nov 4-7 2010	Voters Jun 16-20 2010	Voters Jan 6-10 2010	Voters Nov 2008
Jul 17-21 2013						
36	More liberal	33	34	34	35	33
57	More moderate	57	54	54	53	57
2	No change (VOL.)	4	3	4	2	2
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	10	8	9	8

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.70 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?]**

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

<sup>7</sup> "Other" includes anybody less than 1% in the current poll. Individuals with at least 1% in past polls but not in current poll not shown. Dashes in past polls indicate less than 1% (or none) of the general public.

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.71 And is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** 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-----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a.	John Boehner								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	43	9	34	28	9	19	15	14
	Jan 9-13, 2013	39	8	31	34	9	25	11	16
	Dec 5-9, 2012	41	7	34	29	8	21	18	11
	Jan 11-16, 2012	32	8	25	34	9	25	18	16
	Mar 8-14, 2011	41	13	28	17	5	11	25	18
	Dec 2-5, 2010	41	13	28	16	3	13	28	15
	Jun 10-13, 2010 (NJ)	19	6	13	15	4	10	50	16
b.	Mitch McConnell								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	36	7	29	24	5	19	21	19
	Jan 9-13, 2013	30	5	25	23	6	17	27	21
	Dec 2-5, 2010	31	7	24	19	4	15	30	20
c.	Chris Christie								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	46	9	37	28	6	22	15	11
	Jan 9-13, 2013	49	13	35	19	6	13	16	17
d.	Marco Rubio								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	48	14	34	21	3	17	19	12
	Feb 14-17, 2013	48	22	26	17	8	9	23	12
e.	Ted Cruz								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	33	9	24	14	2	11	34	19
f.	Rand Paul								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	52	17	35	19	4	15	14	14
g.	Paul Ryan								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	61	20	41	16	4	12	13	10
	Oct 24-28, 2012	77	41	36	13	6	8	4	5
	Oct 4-7, 2012	74	37	38	12	5	7	2	11
	Sep 12-16, 2012	68	35	33	16	7	9	5	12

**NO QUESTION 72****ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.73 Looking forward to future presidential elections, do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or do you think **[INSERT ITEM]**?

Jul 17-21

2013

32 The Republican Party just needs to make minor changes to do better than in 2012  
 There are major problems the Republican Party needs to address in order to do better than  
 65 in 2012  
 3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.74 To perform better in presidential elections, do you think the Republican Party mainly needs to make a stronger case for its current policy positions or does it also need to reconsider some of its policy positions? **[CODE "BOTH" AS 2]**

Jul 17-21

2013

36	Mainly needs to make a stronger case for its current policy positions
59	Also needs to reconsider some of its positions
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF "ALSO NEEDS TO RECONSIDER SOME POSITIONS" IN Q.74 (Q.74=2) [N=337]:**

Q.74a What policy positions do you think the Republican Party needs to reconsider? **[OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES.] [IF NECESSARY: "Just any policies that come to mind that you think the Republican Party may need to change?"]?**

*Based on Republicans and Republican leaners who say "also reconsider positions":*

Jul 17-21

2013

17	Immigration
16	Abortion
9	Gay marriage/other homosexual issues
9	Jobs/Economy
6	Health care
5	Taxes
4	Guns
4	Minority/Hispanic voters (gen.)
2	Foreign policy
2	Social Security/Medicare
2	Social issues (gen.)
2	Poverty/Working class
2	National Security/Defense
2	Education
1	Debt/Deficit
1	Religion/Morality
1	Candidate selection
1	Constitution/Rights
1	Less infighting
1	Budget
1	More conservative positions (gen.)
1	More moderate positions/Compromise (gen.)
1	Women's issues
1	Environment
3	All of them
8	Other
34	Don't know/Refused

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.*

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.75 In dealing with Democrats in Congress these days, do you think Republicans in Congress: **[READ; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FOLLOWED BY OPTION 3]**

Jul 17-21

2013

32	Have compromised too much
29	Have not compromised enough [OR]
33	Have they handled this about right
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=716]:**

Q.76 In dealing with Republicans in Congress these days, do you think Democrats in Congress: **[READ; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FOLLOWED BY OPTION 3]**

Jul 17-21

2013

- 31 Have compromised too much
- 32 Have not compromised enough [OR]
- 34 Have they handled this about right
- 3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.77 AND Q.78****ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.77 Do you think nominating more women to run for office would help the Republican Party perform better in national elections, or not?

Jul 17-21

2013

- 52 Yes, help
- 41 No, not help
- 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.77 AND Q.78****ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.78 Do you think nominating more racial and ethnic minorities to run for office would help the Republican Party perform better in national elections, or not?

Jul 17-21

2013

- 55 Yes, help
- 37 No, not help
- 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.79 Thinking about the Republican Party's position on some issues, do you think the Republican Party is **[RANDOMIZE: too conservative/not conservative enough]**, or about right when it comes to **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about on **[ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is too conservative, not conservative enough, or about right when it comes to [ITEM]?**

		Too <u>conservative</u>	Not conservative <u>enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Government spending Jul 17-21, 2013	11	46	40	3
b.	Abortion Jul 17-21, 2013	26	26	39	9
c.	Gay marriage Jul 17-21, 2013	30	28	31	10
d.	Immigration Jul 17-21, 2013	18	35	39	9
e.	Gun policy Jul 17-21, 2013	14	23	57	6

**NO QUESTIONS 80-82**

**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?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
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 (RVs)	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>8</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
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

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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."



**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) [N=1,183]:**

Q.83 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]**?

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46	Always
23	Nearly always
13	Part of the time
14	Seldom
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

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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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