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From the start, the Republican presidential field for 2016 has been much more crowded than the Democratic field. But voters in each party have similar views of the quality of their party's candidates.

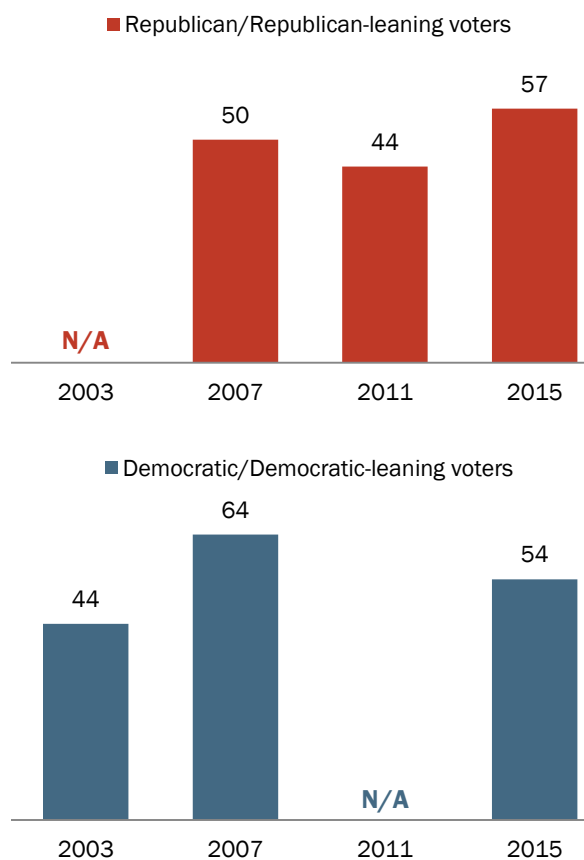
Nearly six-in-ten (57%) Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters say they have an excellent or good impression of their party's presidential candidates. That compares with 54% of Democratic and Democratic-leaning voters who have positive impressions of the Democratic Party's candidates.

Republicans are more positive about the GOP field than they were at nearly comparable points in the past two presidential campaigns. In May 2011, 44% of Republicans viewed the field of GOP candidates as excellent or good. In September 2007, 50% gave the presidential candidates positive marks.

Democrats are less positive about the current group of candidates than they were in September 2007, at a somewhat later point in the 2008 campaign. At that time, 64% said the Democratic candidates as a group were excellent or good. Throughout the fall of 2007 and early 2008, Democrats consistently expressed more positive views about their party's candidates than Republicans did about theirs.

Little Difference in How Republicans, Democrats View Their 2016 Fields

% saying they have excellent/good impression of the candidates running for their party's nomination ...



Survey conducted May 12-18, 2015. Based on registered voters. Each year shows earliest point question was asked.

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In September 2003, just 44% of Democrats and Democratic leaners gave positive ratings to their party's field of candidates. At that time, the Democrats were challenging an incumbent president, as were the Republicans in 2011.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted May 12-18 among 2,002 adults (including 1,497 registered voters), finds increasing interest in the presidential campaign. The share of registered voters who say they are giving at least some thought to the presidential candidates has risen eight points since March, from 58% to 66%. However, just 29% of registered voters say they are giving "a lot" of thought to candidates who may be running for president in 2016.

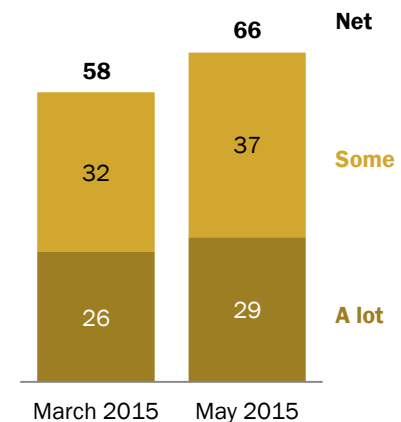
Interest in the presidential candidates has increased among voters in both parties since March. Currently, 69% of Republican and Republican-leaning voters say they are giving at least some thought to the candidates, up from 61% in March. Among Democrats, 65% are giving a lot or some thought to the candidates, compared with 57% in March.

Voter interest is about the same as it was at a comparable point in the 2008 campaign. In June 2007, 68% of registered voters said they were giving a lot of thought (33%) or some thought (35%) to the presidential candidates in 2008.

The survey finds that Republicans have generally positive impressions of six GOP declared or likely candidates. Jeb Bush is the best known of those included in the survey, but he also has the highest unfavorable rating: 52% of Republicans and Republican leaners view Bush favorably, while 35% view him unfavorably.

More Interest in 2016 Presidential Candidates

% of registered voters who have thought about presidential candidates...



Survey conducted May 12-18, 2015.
Based on registered voters.

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Among other candidates, 54% of Republicans view Mike Huckabee favorably, while 23% view him unfavorably. Rand Paul’s favorable ratings are similar (52% favorable, 24% unfavorable).

About half of Republicans (51%) view Marco Rubio favorably, compared with 20% who have an unfavorable impression; 29% are unable to rate the Florida senator. Scott Walker is viewed favorably by 46%, while 17% rate him unfavorably (36% unable to rate). And 45% view Ted Cruz favorably, compared with 25% who view him unfavorably (30% can’t rate).

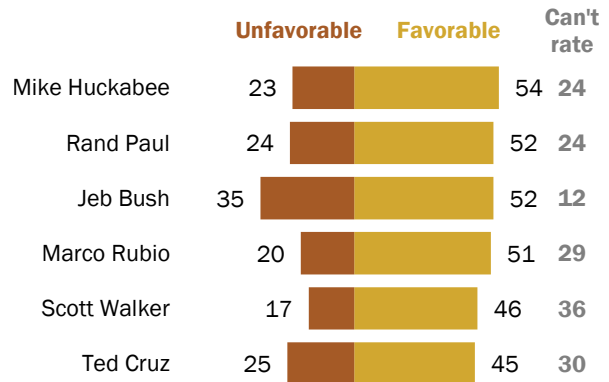
Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton, [the clear front-runner for the Democratic nomination](#), is widely popular with Democrats; 77% of Democrats and Democratic leaners view her favorably.

However, Clinton’s favorable ratings have declined – among the public, as well as Democrats – since last summer. Currently, 49% of the public has a favorable opinion of Clinton, while 47% view her unfavorably. Clinton’s overall favorability rating has fallen nine points from 58% last August. This is Clinton’s lowest favorability mark since the spring of 2008, during her run for the Democratic nomination. (For more on Clinton’s favorable ratings since 1992, see [this interactive](#)).

The decline in Clinton’s favorability since August has come about equally among Democrats and Democratic leaners (from 86%

Republicans’ Views of Potential GOP Contenders

% of Republicans and Republican leaners who have a _____ opinion of ...

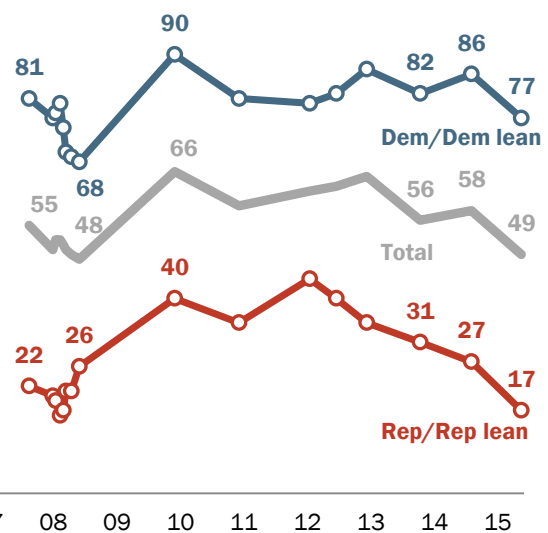


Survey conducted May 12-18, 2015. “Can’t rate” includes never heard of, can’t rate and refused. Based on general public.

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Views of Hillary Clinton, 2007-2015

% who have a favorable opinion of Hillary Clinton



Survey conducted May 12-18, 2015. Based on general public.

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then to 77% today) and Republicans and Republican leaners (from 27% to 17%).

Bill Clinton's favorable rating has fallen 10 points since 2012. Currently, 58% of the public views Bill Clinton favorably, down from 68% in September of that year. Clinton's ratings also are at their lowest point since 2008.

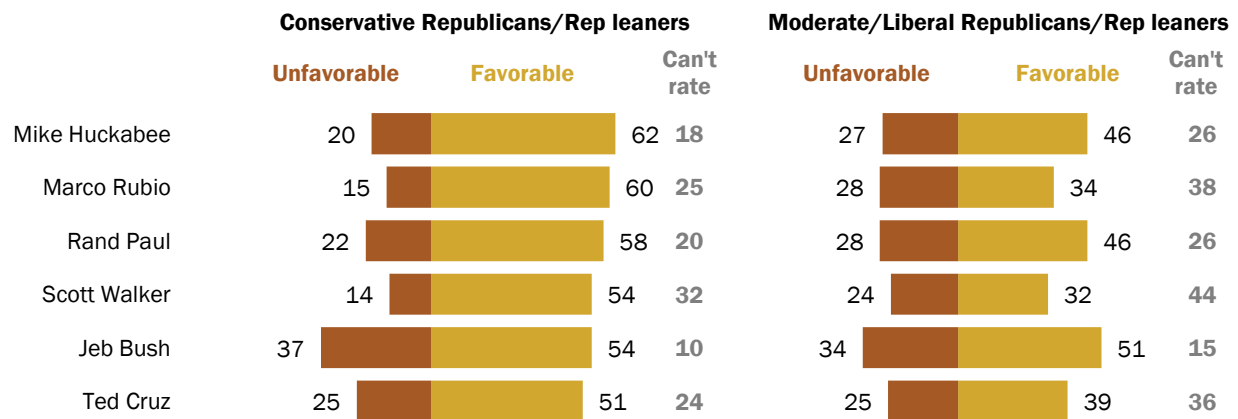
Clinton's favorable ratings continue to be more positive than those of another former president, George W. Bush. Currently, 44% have a favorable opinion of Bush, down seven points from last August, but still higher than his 37% rating shortly before he left office.

Republicans' Views of GOP Candidates

Conservative Republicans are more familiar with the set of six likely Republican candidates than are moderate or liberal Republicans. In addition to being more familiar with the candidates, conservative Republicans generally offer, on balance, more favorable ratings of the candidates than liberal and moderate Republicans, with the notable exception of ratings for Jeb Bush.

Conservative Reps More Favorable Toward Many GOP Figures, Not Jeb Bush

% who have a favorable opinion of ...



Survey conducted May 12-18, 2015. Based on Republican and Republican-leaning independents.

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By a 51% to 34% margin, more moderate and liberal Republicans and Republican leaners say they have a favorable than unfavorable view of Jeb Bush, while 15% do not offer a rating. Among conservative Republicans, the balance of opinion is about the same: 54% view Bush favorably, while 37% view him unfavorable and 10% do not offer a rating.

For the five other declared or likely Republican candidates included in the survey, ratings are more positive among conservative than among moderate and liberal Republicans, and this is particularly pronounced in the ratings of Marco Rubio and Scott Walker. For example, by a 60% to 15% margin, more conservative Republicans hold a favorable than unfavorable view of Marco Rubio; 25% cannot offer a rating. Rubio's ratings among moderate and liberal Republicans are much more mixed (34% favorable, 28% unfavorable), while as many as 38% cannot offer a rating.

Similarly, Scott Walker is viewed much more positively among conservative Republicans (54% favorable, 14% unfavorable, 32% can't rate) than among moderate and liberal Republicans (32% favorable, 24% unfavorable, 44% can't rate).

Demographic Differences Among Republicans in Views of Emerging GOP Field

% of Republicans and Republican leaners who have a favorable opinion of ...

	Mike Huckabee			Rand Paul			Jeb Bush			Marco Rubio			Scott Walker			Ted Cruz			N*
	Fav	Un-fav	Can't rate	Fav	Un-fav	Can't rate	Fav	Un-fav	Can't rate	Fav	Un-fav	Can't rate	Fav	Un-fav	Can't rate	Fav	Un-fav	Can't rate	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
All Rep/Rep lean	54	23	24	52	24	24	52	35	12	51	20	29	46	17	36	45	25	30	415
18-44	55	24	21	50	22	28	45	41	15	39	23	38	34	24	42	44	24	31	123
45-64	54	24	22	58	21	21	56	34	10	50	21	29	48	16	35	50	25	25	160
65+	52	18	31	42	35	22	60	27	13	75	11	14	64	6	29	38	25	37	114
College grad+	58	26	15	54	33	13	61	30	8	68	13	19	53	16	31	53	24	23	112
Some college	60	22	17	60	18	23	52	38	10	46	18	36	42	17	40	47	25	28	111
HS or less	44	21	35	43	24	33	47	36	18	45	26	29	46	18	36	38	24	37	167
<i>Thought about the election...</i>																			
A lot	65	25	10	63	24	13	54	41	5	71	14	15	65	15	20	62	21	17	123
Less	49	22	28	48	25	27	52	33	15	40	23	37	36	19	45	39	26	35	266

Survey conducted May 12-18, 2015.

* Unweighted sample size; minimum sample size across two forms of survey shown.

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There also are demographic differences in Republicans' views of these six GOP contenders. Older Republicans and Republican leaners – those 65 and older – give especially positive ratings to Marco Rubio and Scott Walker. By an overwhelming 64%-6% margin, older Republicans hold a favorable view of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker; 29% cannot offer a rating. And Florida Senator Marco Rubio is viewed positively by three-quarters of Republicans 65 and older (75%), while just 11% view him negatively (14% do not offer a rating). Older Republicans also express

positive views of Mike Huckabee (52% favorable, 18% unfavorable) and Bush (60% vs. 27%). By contrast, Republicans age 65 and over hold more mixed views of Rand Paul (42% favorable, 35% unfavorable) and Ted Cruz (38% favorable, 25% unfavorable).

Younger Republicans, those under the age of 45, hold mixed views of Jeb Bush: about as many view him favorably (45%) as unfavorably (41%), while 15% cannot offer a rating. On balance, younger Republicans view the five other Republicans included in the survey more favorably than unfavorably.

Ratings of Jeb Bush also lag those of other GOP candidates among Republicans who say they have given a lot of thought to the 2016 election. By two-to-one or more, Republicans and Republican leaners who have thought a lot about 2016 hold more favorable than unfavorable views of Marco Rubio (71%-14%), Scott Walker (65%-15%), Ted Cruz (62%-21%), Rand Paul (63%-24%), and Mike Huckabee (65%-25%). By contrast, views of Jeb Bush are more narrowly positive: 54% view him favorably, while 41% view him unfavorably.

Democrats' Views of Clinton

Hillary Clinton remains an overwhelmingly popular figure with Democrats. Currently, 77% of Democrats and Democratic leaners view her favorably; that is down slightly from August 2007 (81%), at a somewhat later point in her last presidential race.

Though wide majorities of Democrats across all demographic groups view Clinton positively, her favorability rating is lower among younger Millennials (ages 18-25), who were too young to vote in Clinton's 2008 race. About two-thirds (65%) of younger Millennial Democrats view Clinton favorably. That compares with 79% of older Millennial Democrats (those ages 26-34). Among older Democratic age cohorts, 82% of Gen Xers, 76% of Boomers and 79% of Silents view Clinton favorably.

As was the case in August 2007, liberal Democrats view Clinton more favorably (81%) than do conservative and moderate Democrats (74%). Unlike eight years ago, there are virtually no gender differences in views of Clinton among Democrats: 78% of Democratic women and 75% of Democratic men view her favorably.

Clinton Viewed Less Positively Among Younger Democrats

% of Democrats and Democratic leaners who view Hillary Clinton favorably...

	Aug 2007	Aug 2014	May 2015	07-15 change	N
	%	%	%		
All Dem/Dem lean	81	86	77	-4	975
Men	76	85	75	-1	477
Women	85	87	78	-7	498
Millennial	87	83	72	-15	239
<i>Young Millennials</i> <i>(under 18 in '07)</i>	--	82	65	<i>n/a</i>	110
<i>Older Millennials</i> <i>(18+ in 2007)</i>	87	83	79	-8	129
Generation X	80	87	82	+2	239
Boomer	80	88	76	-4	329
Silent	79	88	79	0	147
White	78	85	75	-3	595
Black	92	90	87	-5	143
Hispanic	79	81	74	-5	149
Cons/Moderate	78	86	74	-4	536
Liberal	89	86	81	-8	415
College grad+	85	89	83	-2	433
Some college	83	86	76	-7	230
HS or less	78	84	74	-4	309
<i>Family income</i>					
\$75,000+	86	87	81	-5	317
\$30,000-\$74,999	80	87	76	-4	304
<\$30,000	80	84	74	-6	282

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Biden Viewed Less Favorably

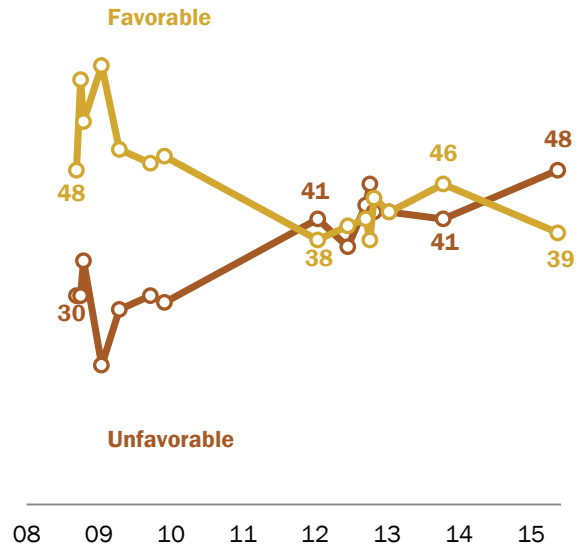
Joe Biden’s favorability ratings are now seven points lower than they were in October 2013, with more Americans now saying they have an unfavorable opinion of the vice president (48%) than saying they have a favorable opinion of him (39%); in October 2013, 46% viewed him positively, while 41% viewed him negatively.

While Biden remains considerably more popular among Democrats than Republicans, Republican views of Biden are relatively unchanged over the last few years, while Democratic opinions have become less positive.

Today, 58% of Democrats and Democratic leaners view Biden favorably, down 15 points from October 2013, when nearly three-quarters (73%) did so. Just 17% of Republicans and Republican leaners have a favorable opinion of Biden, a figure that is little changed over the last several years.

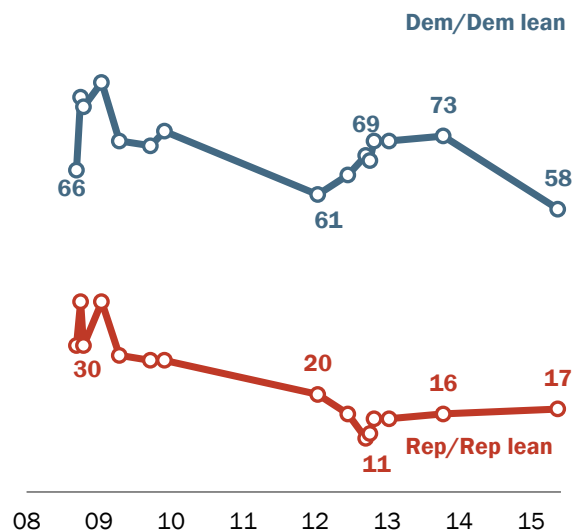
Views of Biden Grow More Negative

% who say their view of Joe Biden is...



Biden’s Ratings Drop Among Democrats

% who view Joe Biden favorably...



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Opinion of Past Presidents: Bill Clinton and George W. Bush

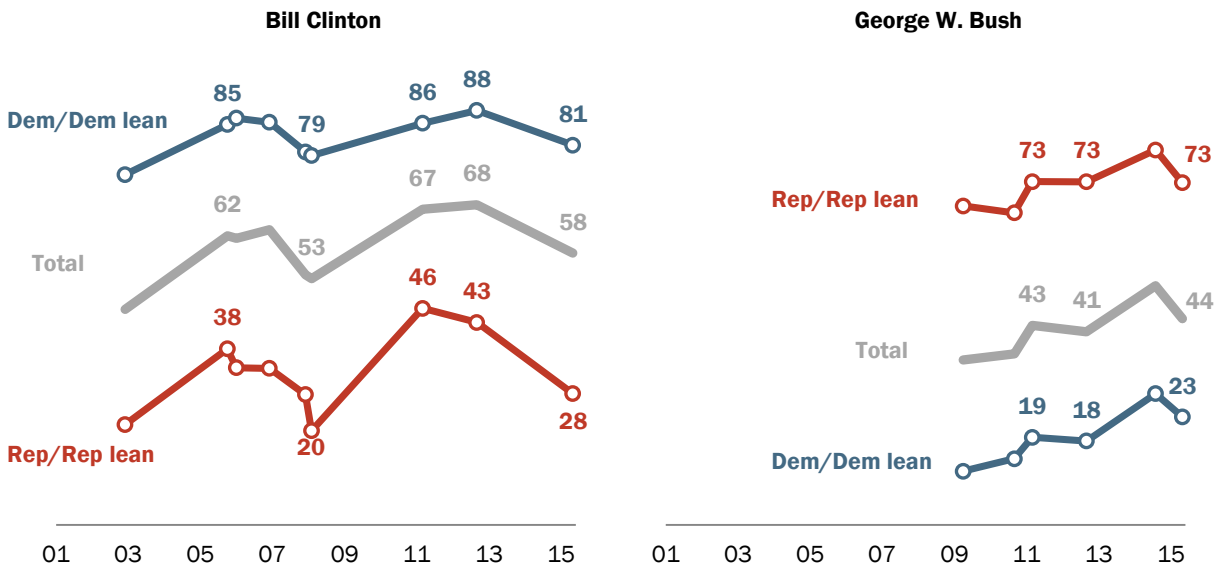
Of the two most recent past presidents, Bill Clinton remains a more popular figure than George W. Bush. Today, 58% of Americans view Clinton favorably, while 38% have an unfavorable opinion. George W. Bush, by contrast, is viewed more negatively than positively (44% favorable, 52% unfavorable).

Though views of Bill Clinton remain in positive territory, they have declined 10 points since 2012. In particular, Clinton is now viewed far less favorably by Republicans and Republican leaners than he was in September 2012 (just 28% view him favorably today, down from 43%). And while about eight-in-ten (81%) Democrats and Democratic leaners view the former Democratic president favorably today, his ratings among Democrats were slightly better (88% favorable) in September 2012.

George W. Bush's ratings have been relatively stable since early 2011. Currently, nearly three-quarters (73%) of Republicans and Republican leaners, along with just 23% of Democrats and Democratic leaners have positive opinions of the former GOP president.

Bill Clinton's Favorability Drops, Remains Higher Than George W. Bush's

% who have a favorable opinion of ...



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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted May 12-18, 2015 among a national sample of 2,002 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (700 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,302 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 750 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2013 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2014 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	2,002	2.5 percentage points
Registered voters	1,497	2.9 percentage points
Republican	506	5.0 percentage points
Republican RVs	423	5.5 percentage points
Democrat	636	4.5 percentage points
Democratic RVs	495	5.1 percentage points
Independent	758	4.1 percentage points
Independent RVs	521	4.9 percentage points
Form 1	992	3.6 percentage points
Form 2	1,010	3.5 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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MAY 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
MAY 12-18, 2015
N=2,002**

QUESTIONS 1-3, 10-15 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 4-9****ASK ALL:**

Q.16 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?
[READ]

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May 12-18, 2015	25	33	21	20	1
Mar 25-29, 2015	22	28	26	23	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
2012 Presidential Election					
Feb 8-12, 2012 ¹	44	25	16	13	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	27	19	16	1
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	30	18	19	1
Nov 9-14, 2011	36	26	21	15	1
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	29	29	22	19	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	27	30	23	18	1
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	29	27	23	1
May 25-30, 2011	23	30	27	19	1
2008 Presidential Election					
February, 2008	48	29	10	11	2
January, 2008	44	32	11	11	2
December, 2007	35	33	13	18	1
November, 2007	34	35	16	14	1
October, 2007	30	37	17	14	2
September, 2007	27	33	21	17	2
July, 2007	30	38	16	15	1
June, 2007	29	34	20	16	1
April, 2007	26	34	21	17	2
March, 2007	24	36	20	18	2
February, 2007	24	34	22	18	2
December, 2006	23	36	20	20	1

RANDOMIZE Q.17 AND Q.18**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Overall, what's your impression of the possible candidates running for the REPUBLICAN presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,497]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
2016 Election					
May 12-18, 2015	5	26	36	27	5
2012 Election					
Mar 7-11, 2012	4	25	34	34	3
Jan 26-29, 2012	4	21	37	34	5
Jan 4-8, 2012	3	27	35	27	7

¹ In 2011 and 2012, question read: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2012?" In 2006, 2007 and 2008, question read "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2008?"

Q.17 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 9-14, 2011	5	23	36	28	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	4	22	38	26	9
May 25-30, 2011	3	22	36	23	15

Q.17 FULL TREND:

Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the REPUBLICAN presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=671]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	11	46	32	8	3
Mar 7-11, 2012	6	43	39	9	2
Jan 26-29, 2012	8	38	40	12	2
Jan 4-8, 2012	5	46	34	10	6
Nov 9-14, 2011	10	38	39	7	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	9	40	38	6	7
May 25-30, 2011	5	39	36	7	13
February, 2008	10	50	31	7	2
January, 2008	11	57	28	3	1
November, 2007	9	47	34	7	3
October, 2007 ²	5	46	36	7	6
September, 2007	8	41	36	8	6
October, 1995	5	46	40	6	3
January, 1988 (GP)	6	50	35	4	5

RANDOMIZE Q.17 AND Q.18**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 Overall, what's your impression of the possible candidates running for the DEMOCRATIC presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,497]:

May 12-18	
<u>2015</u>	
7	Excellent
27	Good
30	Only fair
30	Poor
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

² Before October 2007, answer choice read "Fair" not "Only fair." In October 2007 the question was asked both ways and no difference was found. As a result, October 2007 numbers combine both versions of the question. In 1988, 1991 and 1993 question asked about "men running for the [party] presidential nomination."

Q.18 FULL TREND CONTINUED...

Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the DEMOCRATIC presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=720]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	12	42	33	8	5
February, 2008	30	50	16	2	2
January, 2008	28	50	18	2	2
November, 2007	16	51	28	2	3
October, 2007 ³	16	48	26	5	5
September, 2007	15	49	29	2	5
January, 2004	8	39	41	6	8
December, 2003	5	40	39	7	9
September, 2003	4	40	39	5	12
February, 1992	6	39	47	4	5
October, 1991	3	24	38	11	23
January, 1988 (GP)	4	33	45	11	7

NO QUESTIONS 19-23, 25-27**QUESTIONS 24, 28-38c HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.39 Now I'd like your views on some people. Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITH c.F1 AND h.F2 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.) Never heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. Hillary Clinton								
May 12-18, 2015	49	21	29	47	29	18	1	3
Jul 7-Aug 4, 2014 (ATP)	58	22	36	41	19	22	*	1
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
Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1	5

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Q.39 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
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
b. Jeb Bush								
May 12-18, 2015	34	7	27	51	24	27	8	7

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=992]:

c.F1 Bill Clinton								
May 12-18, 2015	58	25	32	38	20	17	3	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	68	34	34	26	11	15	*	5
Mar 8-14, 2011	67	27	40	29	10	18	1	3
Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	22	20	*	6
Late December, 2007	54	22	32	40	20	20	0	6
December, 2006	63	29	34	33	16	17	1	3
April, 2006	61	27	34	36	18	18	0	3
Late October, 2005	62	26	36	34	18	16	*	4
Late March, 2005	64	24	40	32	13	19	0	4
December, 2002	46	17	29	49	27	22	*	5
July, 2001	50	20	30	46	27	19	0	4
January, 2001	64	23	41	34	17	17	0	2
May, 2000	48	17	31	47	28	19	*	5
March, 1999	55	21	34	42	23	19	*	3
December, 1998	55	23	32	43	24	19	0	2
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	15	37	44	24	20	0	4
Early September, 1998	57	18	39	41	23	18	0	2
Late August, 1998	54	18	36	44	24	20	0	2
March, 1998	62	22	40	35	16	19	*	3
November, 1997	63	19	44	35	14	21	0	2
October, 1997	62	15	47	36	16	20	*	2
September, 1997	62	18	44	35	14	21	0	3
August, 1997	61	16	45	38	17	21	0	1
April, 1997	61	17	44	37	16	21	*	2
January, 1997	66	17	49	32	14	18	*	2
October, 1996 (RVs)	57	12	45	41	19	22	0	2
June, 1996	61	16	45	37	14	23	*	2
April, 1996	57	16	41	40	16	24	0	3
February, 1996	55	20	35	43	21	22	0	2
January, 1996	56	13	43	42	15	27	0	2
August, 1995	49	13	36	49	20	29	0	2

Q.39 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
February, 1995	55	14	41	42	17	25	0	3
December, 1994	51	17	34	46	22	24	0	3
July, 1994	58	15	43	41	16	25	*	1
May, 1993	60	18	42	35	12	23	0	5
July, 1992	59	17	42	34	9	25	0	7
June, 1992	46	10	36	47	14	33	1	6
May, 1992	53	11	42	42	10	32	*	5
March, 1992	53	10	43	40	11	29	1	6
February, 1992	59	15	44	31	7	24	2	8
January, 1992	37	9	28	15	4	11	27	21
November, 1991	30	5	25	10	2	8	39	21
d.F1 Ted Cruz								
May 12-18, 2015	28	6	21	41	23	18	21	10
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
e.F1 Mike Huckabee								
May 12-18, 2015	33	9	23	39	17	22	16	12
Early February, 2008	33	8	25	37	14	23	9	21
January, 2008	34	8	26	37	13	24	10	19
Late December, 2007	27	7	20	32	11	21	19	22
f.F1 Rand Paul								
May 12-18, 2015	32	8	24	42	16	26	16	10
Rep/Lean only:								
Jul 17-21, 2013	52	17	35	19	4	15	14	14
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,010]:								
g.F2 Joe Biden								
May 12-18, 2015	39	8	31	48	23	24	6	7
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
h.F2 George W. Bush								
May 12-18, 2015	44	17	27	52	29	23	1	3
Jul 7-Aug 4, 2014 (ATP)	51	13	39	47	21	26	*	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	14	27	53	29	24	*	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	42	12	31	54	27	27	*	4

Q.39 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	37	10	27	57	34	24	*	6
Mid-April, 2009	35	9	26	60	33	27	*	5
January, 2009	37	9	28	60	35	25	0	3
April, 2008	31	9	22	65	42	23	*	4
March, 2008	34	8	26	61	37	24	0	5
Late February, 2008	35	10	25	60	39	21	0	5
Early February, 2008	34	9	25	61	39	22	*	5
January, 2008	36	11	25	60	37	23	0	4
Late December, 2007	33	10	23	63	41	22	0	4
August, 2007	40	12	28	57	34	23	*	3
December, 2006	39	12	27	57	34	23	*	4
April, 2006	40	15	25	57	35	22	*	3
Late October, 2005	46	17	29	51	29	22	*	3
July, 2005	51	22	29	46	25	21	0	3
Late March, 2005	53	23	30	45	27	18	0	2
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	26	30	42	23	19	*	2
Early October, 2004 (RVs)	57	27	30	40	20	20	0	3
September, 2004	52	25	27	43	24	19	*	5
August, 2004	58	27	31	39	22	17	0	3
June, 2004	52	19	33	45	22	23	*	3
Early February, 2004	53	21	32	44	25	19	0	3
Gallup: Jan 29-Feb 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jan 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*
Gallup: Oct 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jun 9-10, 2003	66	--	--	33	--	--	--	1
April, 2003	72	37	35	25	11	14	0	3
January, 2003	70	28	42	28	10	18	0	2
December, 2002	68	35	33	27	11	16	0	5
July, 2001	61	22	39	35	14	21	*	4
January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7
May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10
March, 1999 ⁴	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14
November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19
i.F2 Marco Rubio								
May 12-18, 2015	31	9	22	35	15	20	21	14
Feb 14-17, 2013	26	10	16	29	15	14	31	15
Rep/Lean only:								
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	14	34	21	3	17	19	12
j.F2 Scott Walker								
May 12-18, 2015	26	9	16	29	13	15	35	11

QUESTIONS 40-42F1, 44-53, 61F2-64F2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 43, 54-60, 65-69

⁴ In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."

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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
May 12-18, 2015	24	32	38	3	1	2	15	18
Mar 25-29, 2015	25	30	39	4	*	2	15	17
Feb 18-22, 2015	24	31	38	4	1	1	18	17
Jan 7-11, 2015	21	30	44	3	1	1	19	18
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	31	39	3	1	2	17	17
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
Jul 8-14, 2014	25	34	37	2	1	1	16	15
Apr 23-27, 2014	24	30	41	2	1	2	18	17
Yearly Totals								
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=835]:

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	No opinion <u>either way</u>	(VOL.) Haven't <u>heard of</u>	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
May 12-18, 2015	34	13	51	1	*	--
Mar 25-29, 2015	35	11	52	1	1	--

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	9	54	*	*	--
Jan 7-11, 2015	34	9	54	1	2	--
Dec 3-7, 2014	34	9	55	2	1	--
Nov 6-9, 2014	31	10	57	1	1	--
Oct 15-20, 2014	32	8	56	2	2	--
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	12	50	2	1	--
Apr 23-27, 2014	33	11	54	1	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	11	50	1	1	--
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ⁵	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10

⁵ In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

QUESTIONS 70, 72 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 71, 73**

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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Pew Research Center American Trends Panel, phone survey
