

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
June 6-9, 2013 OMNIBUS
FINAL TOPLINE
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ASK ALL:

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
June 6-9, 2013	33	31	15	21	*
May 16-19, 2013	30	31	20	19	*
May 9-12, 2013	28	30	21	20	1
March 28-31, 2013	30	30	17	22	1
March 7-10, 2013	35	30	16	19	*
January 31-February 3, 2013	33	33	16	16	1
January 17-20, 2013	36	32	15	16	*
January 3-6, 2013	34	32	18	16	1
December 6-9, 2012	38	30	16	14	1
November 8-11, 2012	41	31	15	12	1
November 1-4, 2012	38	30	16	14	1
October 25-28, 2012	44	30	14	11	1
October 18-21, 2012	39	36	12	12	1
October 12-14, 2012	42	28	14	15	1
October 4-7, 2012	40	29	13	17	*
September 27-30, 2012	34	37	13	15	1
September 20-23, 2012	36	32	17	15	*
September 13-16, 2012	38	32	17	12	1
September 7-9, 2012	36	31	17	15	2
August 31-September 3, 2012	33	31	20	16	1
August 23-26, 2012	38	30	15	16	1
August 16-19, 2012	33	32	16	19	*
August 9-12, 2012	30	31	20	18	1
August 2-5, 2012	33	29	20	17	1
July 26-29, 2012	32	30	20	19	*
July 19-22, 2012	39	29	16	16	*
July 12-15, 2012	32	33	18	17	1
July 5-8, 2012	34	28	18	19	1
June 28-July 1, 2012	38	28	15	18	1
June 21-24, 2012	33	32	17	17	*
June 14-17, 2012	39	28	15	17	*
June 7-10, 2012	35	32	15	18	*
May 31-June 3, 2012	37	34	13	14	1
May 24-27, 2012	33	31	19	16	1
May 17-20, 2012	35	30	16	19	*
May 10-13, 2012	40	26	16	17	*
May 3-6, 2012	38	29	13	20	*
April 26-29, 2012	34	32	17	16	1
April 19-22, 2012	35	35	13	14	2
April 12-15, 2012	39	28	16	17	1
April 5-8, 2012	37	31	16	16	1
March 29-April 1, 2012	34	33	15	18	1
March 22-25, 2012	36	29	16	18	1
March 15-18, 2012	40	35	11	14	1
March 8-11, 2012	37	32	14	17	*
March 1-4, 2012	41	27	15	17	1
February 23-26, 2012	37	33	14	15	1

PEW.1 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
February 16-20, 2012	33	32	16	17	1
February 9-12, 2012	42	30	14	13	1
February 2-5, 2012	38	32	16	13	1
January 26-29, 2012	35	31	16	19	*
January 19-22, 2012	35	30	16	19	1
January 12-15, 2012	33	32	14	20	1
January 5-8, 2012	39	31	15	15	*

SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: <http://www.people-press.org/files/2013/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf>

b. Debate over immigration policy in the U.S.

June 6-9, 2013	21	28	21	30	1
May 23-26, 2013	17	23	23	37	1
May 9-12, 2013	20	24	25	30	1
April 25-28, 2013	19	25	24	32	*
April 18-21, 2013	21	22	25	31	1
April 4-7, 2013	23	22	22	32	*

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

January 31-February 3, 2013: <i>Debate in Washington over immigration policy</i>	23	25	22	29	1
June 28-July 1, 2012: <i>The Supreme Court decision on Arizona's immigration law</i>	29	21	19	30	1
April 26-29, 2012: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	21	24	26	27	1
May 12-15, 2011	18	22	27	32	1
September 2-6, 2010	30	31	19	20	1
August 12-15, 2010	27	31	19	21	1
July 29-August 1, 2010: <i>A court ruling that stops most of Arizona's immigration law from going into effect</i>	40	32	17	10	1
July 8-11, 2010: <i>The U.S. Justice Department challenging the legality of Arizona's recent immigration law</i>	30	27	19	23	1
July 1-5, 2010: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	34	30	20	14	1
May 7-10, 2010: <i>A new Arizona law that gives police more authority to question people they suspect might be illegal immigrants</i>	38	27	13	21	1
April 30-May 3, 2010	36	31	13	20	*
October 12-15, 2007: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	23	29	19	29	*
June 29-July 2, 2007: <i>The debate in Congress over new immigration policy</i>	26	30	21	23	*
June 22-25, 2007	24	28	22	26	*
June 15-18, 2007	22	32	21	25	*
June 8-11, 2007	24	29	20	26	1
May 24-27, 2007	27	31	22	19	1
April 12-16, 2007: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	21	29	24	26	*
August, 2006	34	40	16	9	1
June, 2006	36	41	15	7	1
May, 2006	44	33	13	9	1
April, 2006	39	34	16	10	1
December, 1994: <i>Passage of Proposition 187, the California law that bars education, health and welfare benefits from illegal immigrants and their children</i>	26	32	22	20	*

PEW.1 CONTINUED...	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	(VOL.) DK/Ref
c. Reports about sexual assaults in the military June 6-9, 2013	18	28	19	35	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
March 25-29, 1998: <i>The trial of Army Sergeant Major Gene McKinney on charges of sexual misconduct and obstruction of justice</i>	10	27	36	27	*
May 15-18, 1997: <i>Sexual harassment charges against Army Sergeants</i>	18	43	24	14	1
d. Political protests and rioting in Turkey June 6-9, 2013	9	15	23	53	*
e. Political violence in Syria June 6-9, 2013	13	23	22	42	*
May 9-12, 2013	17	24	25	33	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
April 25-28, 2013: <i>Charges that Syria has used chemical weapons against anti- government groups</i>	18	25	24	33	1
March 28-31, 2013: <i>Political violence in Syria</i>	13	22	25	40	1
December 13-16, 2012	14	26	26	33	1
December 6-9, 2012	19	28	23	29	1
November 29-December 2, 2012	15	23	23	39	1
August 16-19, 2012	12	24	26	37	2
July 19-22, 2012	17	24	23	36	1
June 28-July 1, 2012	13	19	26	42	*
June 14-17, 2012	15	24	21	40	1
May 31-June 3, 2012	12	25	25	37	1
April 12-15, 2012: <i>International efforts to stop political violence in Syria</i>	14	23	25	37	1
April 5-8, 2012	15	21	27	37	1
March 15-18, 2012: <i>Political violence in Syria</i>	16	26	27	30	1
March 8-11, 2012	17	23	23	37	1
February 23-26, 2012	18	24	21	35	1
February 9-12, 2012	17	23	23	36	*
January 12-15, 2012	12	17	26	45	1
August 4-7, 2011: <i>Political violence following uprisings in Syria</i>	10	19	26	44	1
June 2-5, 2011: <i>Anti-government protests and violence in some Middle Eastern countries</i>	18	25	25	32	*
May 5-8, 2011: <i>Political violence following uprisings in Syria</i>	14	27	30	28	1
April 28-May 1, 2011: <i>Anti-government protests and violence in some Middle Eastern countries</i>	18	29	25	27	1
February 3-6, 2011: <i>Anti-government protests in Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries</i>	32	35	16	18	*
January 27-30, 2011	17	26	21	35	*
f. The government collecting records about Verizon phone calls for national security purposes June 6-9, 2013	27	21	17	35	*

PEW.1 CONTINUED...**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

April 27-May 22, 2006: *Reports that the National Security Agency has been collecting telephone records of millions of American citizens*

Very closely Fairly closely Not too closely Not at all closely **(VOL.)**
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ASKED JUNE 7-9, 2013 ONLY [N=743]:

g. The government collecting emails and other online activities directly from large internet companies to track foreign suspects in terror investigations

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PEW.2-PEW.3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO PEW.4-PEW.5****PEWWP.1-PEWWP.6 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

WP.1

What do you think is more important right now **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** – For the federal government to investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy **[OR]** For the federal government not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats?

	Investigate possible terrorist threats, even if that intrudes on personal privacy	Not to intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its ability to investigate possible terrorist threats	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June 6-9, 2013	62	34	4

TREND FROM ABC/WP:

Nov 21, 2010	68	26	6
Jan 12-15, 2010	75	23	2
Dec 7-11, 2006	63	34	3
September 2006	65	32	3
May 15, 2006	67	30	3
May 11, 2006	65	31	4
January, 2006	65	32	3
September 2003 ¹	73	21	5
September 2002	78	18	4
June 2002	79	18	3

NO QUESTION WP.2

¹ ABC/WP trends for September 2003 and earlier asked about "FBI" rather than "Federal government."

ASK ALL:

WP.3

As you may know, it has been reported that the National Security Agency has been getting secret court orders to track telephone call records of MILLIONS of Americans in an effort to investigate terrorism. Would you consider this access to telephone call records an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism?

[PROBE: Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?]

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56	Acceptable
30	Strongly
26	Somewhat
41	Unacceptable
27	Strongly
14	Somewhat
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ABC/WP TREND FOR COMPARISON:

On another subject: as you may know, the National Security Agency has been investigating people suspected of involvement with terrorism by secretly listening in on telephone calls and reading e-mails between some people in the United States and other countries, without first getting court approval to do so. Would you consider this wiretapping of telephone calls and e-mails without court approval as an acceptable or unacceptable way for the federal government to investigate terrorism? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	-----Acceptable-----			-----Unacceptable-----			
	<u>NET</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Mar 2006	54	39	15	46	13	32	*
Late Jan 2006	56	38	17	43	10	33	1
Early Jan 2006	51	35	15	47	14	33	2

ASKED JUNE 7-9, 2013 ONLY [N=743]:

WP.4

Do you think the U.S. government should be able to monitor everyone's email and other online activities if officials say this might prevent future terrorist attacks?

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45	Yes, should monitor
52	No, should not monitor
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life project