

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

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JANUARY 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JANUARY 7-11, 2015  
N=1,504**

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

Q.1 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>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	47	48	5	Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	51	6	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
				Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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

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

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	December, 2008	13	83	4
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	August, 2008	21	74	5
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	June, 2008	19	76	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	March, 2008	22	72	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	October, 2007	28	66	6
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	February, 2007	30	61	9
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	December, 2006	28	65	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	July, 2006	30	65	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	March, 2006	32	63	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	January, 2006	34	61	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	January, 2005	40	54	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	July, 2004	38	55	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	May, 2004	33	61	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	December, 2003	44	47	9
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	October, 2003	38	56	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	January, 2003	44	50	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	November, 2002	41	48	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	May, 2002	44	44	12
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
				January, 2001	55	41	4
				October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
				September, 2000	51	41	8
				June, 2000	47	45	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.2 CONTINUED...**

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

**QUESTION 3F2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:**

Q.4F1 In the long run, do you think Barack Obama will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>				
Jan 7-11, 2015	32	38	29	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	28	34	35	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	34	31	33	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	26	39	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	27	32	39	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	25	26	47	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	24	21	52	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	27	18	54	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	30	4	65	1
<b>Bush</b>				
January, 2007	24	45	27	4
January, 2006	27	37	32	4
Early October, 2005	26	41	30	3
January, 2005	36	27	35	2
December, 2003	39	20	38	3
Early October, 2002	40	15	44	1
January, 2001	26	15	58	1
<b>Clinton</b>				
January, 1999	44	24	29	3
Early September, 1998	38	24	35	3
February, 1995	18	34	43	5
October, 1994	14	35	48	3
May, 1994	21	26	52	1
January, 1994	21	19	57	3
October, 1993	18	25	56	1
September, 1993	22	22	54	2
August, 1993	13	25	60	2

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:**

Q.5F2 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Obama Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

	Accomplishments will <u>outweigh failures</u>	Failures will outweigh <u>accomplishments</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>			
Jan 7-11, 2015	44	50	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	39	47	14
Jan 9-13, 2013	46	39	15
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	44	12
<b>Bush</b>			
December, 2008	24	64	12
January, 2008	28	59	13
January, 2007	31	53	16
January, 2004	49	36	15
<b>Clinton</b>			
January, 2001	60	27	13
January, 2000	51	37	12
August, 1999	56	38	6
January, 1999	50	34	16
Early September, 1998	52	35	13
<b>Reagan</b>			
Newsweek: May 1987	46	41	13
Newsweek Feb 1987	52	38	10

**QUESTIONS 6-7 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 8-9****ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is a great deal of difference in what they stand for, a fair amount of difference, or hardly any difference at all?

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Hardly <u>any</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	44	31	21	4
Feb 12-26, 2014	43	30	23	4
Nov 4-7, 2010	38	41	17	4
January, 2007	35	40	20	5
Early October, 2006	38	39	18	5
April, 2006	33	42	21	4
June, 2003	29	49	20	2
February, 1999	33	46	18	3
March 1998	28	45	23	4
June, 1997	25	48	25	2
October, 1995	34	46	18	2
July, 1994	23	51	24	2
May, 1990	24	45	27	4
May, 1987	25	45	25	5

**NO QUESTION 11**

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.12

Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THROUGH b. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS c. THROUGH j.; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. The Republican Party								
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
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

## Q.12 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
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								
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
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

**Q.12 CONTINUED...**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
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

**QUESTIONS 12CF1-12JF2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTION 13****ASK All:**

Q.14 This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?

	Work	Bicker and	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	together more	oppose one another more than usual	Same as in past	DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	22	71	5	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	66	4	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	30	63	3	5
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010 <sup>2</sup>	8	77	4	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	25	53	8	14
Jan 7-11, 2009	50	39	6	5
May, 2005	13	64	8	15
January, 2005	30	59	4	7
June, 2004	21	60	7	12
October, 2003	21	55	10	14
May, 2002	44	31	8	17
January, 2002	53	39	5	3
July, 2001	30	46	10	14
May, 2001	34	41	9	16
January, 2001	41	50	4	5
July, 2000	21	54	10	15
August, 1999	20	68	4	8
August, 1998	27	51	8	14

<sup>2</sup> In surveys that were not conducted in January of a given year the question was worded: "This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?"

**Q.14 CONTINUED...**

	Work <u>together more</u>	Bicker and oppose one another <u>more than usual</u>	(VOL.) Same as in past	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 1997	38	45	7	10
August, 1997	43	46	3	8
June, 1997	34	49	6	11
October, 1995	21	72	3	4
August, 1993	20	57	13	10

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Over the past few months, how much, if anything, have you read or heard about developments regarding the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay ... **[READ]**

Jan 7-11

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21	A lot
50	Some
29	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 As you may know, the Obama administration wants to close the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay within the next few years. All in all, do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea? **[IF NECESSARY: "To close the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay"]**

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42	Good idea
49	Bad idea
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 17-19****QUESTION 20 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.21 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Barack Obama. First, does Barack Obama impress you as...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** Next, **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: "Does Barack Obama impress you as ..."]?**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:**

a.F1	<u>A strong leader</u>	Not a strong leader	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	49	49	1	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	47	50	1	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	50	48	1	1
May 1-5, 2013	56	40	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	37	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	52	45	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	49	47	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	58	37	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	53	41	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	42	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	62	32	2	3
Sep 10-15, 2009	65	29	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	77	13	1	9



**Q.21 CONTINUED...**

	Stands up for what he <u>believes in</u>	Doesn't stand up for what he <u>believes in</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
b.F1				
Jan 7-11, 2015	69	25	1	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	70	25	2	3
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	76	19	2	3
May 1-5, 2013	76	19	1	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	82	14	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	75	19	1	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	71	22	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	75	18	1	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	77	16	1	5
			(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c.F1	<u>Trustworthy</u>	Not <u>trustworthy</u>		
Jan 7-11, 2015	55	43	1	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	51	47	1	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	52	45	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	30	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	36	*	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	59	37	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	62	31	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	58	36	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	37	1	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	61	31	2	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	64	30	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	76	15	1	8
			(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d.F1	<u>Able to get things done</u>	Not able to get <u>things done</u>		
Jan 7-11, 2015	45	50	3	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	53	2	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	43	51	3	3
May 1-5, 2013	49	46	2	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	57	37	1	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	46	50	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	50	2	4
May 25-30, 2011	55	38	3	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	54	38	3	5
June 16-20, 2010	55	39	2	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	57	35	3	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	58	31	3	8
Feb 4-8, 2009	70	15	2	13

**NO ITEM e.**

**Q.21 CONTINUED...**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:**

f.F2	<u>A good communicator</u>	<u>Not a good communicator</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Neither particularly</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	63	35	1	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	66	32	1	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	68	28	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	76	21	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	78	20	*	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	75	22	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	75	20	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	75	21	1	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	77	20	2	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	2
Sep 10-15, 2009	83	13	1	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	92	6	*	2

g.F2	<u>Someone who cares about people like me</u>	<u>Someone who doesn't care about people like me</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Neither particularly</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	56	41	1	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	54	42	2	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	58	38	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	31	*	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	35	1	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	63	31	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	64	30	*	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	60	34	1	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	60	35	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	64	30	1	4
Sep 10-15, 2009	68	25	1	6
Feb 4-8, 2009	81	14	1	4

h.F2	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>Middle of the road</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>None particularly</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	48	37	12	1	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	48	31	14	2	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	37	13	1	6
May 25-30, 2011	40	32	16	3	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	36	14	1	7
Sep 10-15, 2009	44	36	9	2	9
Feb 4-8, 2009	38	40	13	2	7

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:**

Q.22F2 Would you describe Barack Obama as being in touch or as being out of touch with what is going on in the government?

Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>		Jul 8-14 <u>2014</u>	(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	<b>G. W. Bush</b> <u>Mar 2006</u>	<b>Reagan</b> <i>ABC News/Wash Post</i> <u>Aug 1987</u>
58	In touch	57	57	36	51
40	Out of touch	41	41	56	47
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	2	8	3

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about some issues ...

Q.23 Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had much of an effect?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Not much of an effect</u>	<u>(VOL.) Too soon/ early to tell</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	38	28	30	1	2
Jun 12-16, 2013 <sup>3</sup>	35	35	27	1	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	33	35	27	1	5
Feb 9-12, 2012	33	35	25	1	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	20	38	37	1	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	27	34	33	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	28	31	35	2	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	27	32	36	2	4
Jun 3-6, 2010	23	29	35	3	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	27	42	3	5
Dec 9-13, 2009	30	24	39	3	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	31	20	42	4	3
Jul 20-26, 2009	24	21	46	3	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	26	16	49	4	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	26	17	47	6	4
Mar 9-12, 2009	14	15	64	4	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 Do you think Barack Obama is too tough, not tough enough or about right in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

	<u>Too tough</u>	<u>Not tough enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	5	55	37	3
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	3	54	36	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	5	51	37	6
Sep 13-16, 2012	2	41	42	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	2	47	41	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	3	47	43	7
June 10-14, 2009	2	38	51	8

**NO QUESTIONS 25-29****RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.30 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	4	23	48	24	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	2	19	45	33	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*

<sup>3</sup> In June 2013 and earlier surveys, this question read: "Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?" In this poll, the last response option was changed to "not much of an effect".

## Q.30 CONTINUED...

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

**Q.30 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 <sup>4</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Q.31 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	17	51	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	27	21	50	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8

<sup>4</sup> Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**Q.31 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b>
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8	
September, 2003	37	17	43	3	
May, 2003	43	19	35	3	
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7	
January, 2003	30	20	44	6	
January, 2002	44	17	36	3	
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 2001	18	33	44	5	
June, 2000	15	24	55	6	
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5	
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4	
May, 1990	18	31	45	6	
February, 1989	25	22	49	4	
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9	
May, 1988	24	20	46	10	
January, 1988	22	26	45	7	
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3	

**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.32 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b>
Jan 7-11, 2015	7	35	37	21	1	
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1	
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1	
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1	
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1	
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1	
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1	
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1	
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1	
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1	
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1	
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1	
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1	
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1	
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2	
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1	
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2	
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1	
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1	
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4	
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2	
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2	
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1	
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1	
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2	
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1	
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1	
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1	
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1	
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2	
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2	
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2	
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2	
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2	

**Q.32 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Q.33 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	11	56	14	5	12	2
Aug 20-24, 2014	10	56	15	5	11	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	8	51	19	8	12	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	10	50	17	6	14	2
Jun 12-16, 2013	12	51	18	7	11	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	52	19	9	10	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4

## Q.33 CONTINUED...

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
U.S. News: October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
U.S. News: August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
U.S. News: May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
U.S. News: January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

## RANDOMIZE Q.34 AND Q.35

## ASK ALL:

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

		Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u>	Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>	(U) Apr 23-27 <u>2014</u>
Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>				
16	The economy is recovering strongly	10	8	6
66	The economy is recovering, but not so strongly	66	67	66
17	The economy isn't recovering at all	22	24	26
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	1	2

## RANDOMIZE Q.34 AND Q.35

## ASK ALL:

Q.35 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	36	57	3	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	58	4	5
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	62	4	5
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	27	65	4	4
Jun 12-16, 2013	29	64	3	4
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5



## Q.35 CONTINUED...

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
U.S. News: August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News: May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News: January, 1992	12	79	6	3

## ASK ALL:

Q.36 Do you think your family's income is going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>		Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>	(U)	Oct <u>2008</u>	July <u>2008</u>	Early	Sep <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	NBC/WSJ
			Jan 15-19 <u>2014</u>			Feb <u>2008</u>			June <u>1996</u>
6	Going up faster	5	7	5	6	6	10	9	9
37	Staying about even	37	34	34	28	33	43	41	38
55	Falling behind	56	57	57	64	58	44	47	50
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to dealing with the economy – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	No confidence at all	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Barack Obama					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	18	31	23	27	1
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	17	30	20	31	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012 <sup>5</sup>	22	32	16	27	2
	Dec 9-13, 2009 <sup>6</sup>	20	32	17	27	4
	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	21	38	18	21	2
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	32	38	13	13	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	33	42	14	7	4
b.	Republican leaders in Congress					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	6	31	34	27	2
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	5	31	34	29	1
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	7	31	33	24	5
c.	Democratic leaders in Congress					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	8	35	30	26	2
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	8	34	31	26	2
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	17	38	21	19	5

**QUESTION 38 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 39-49, 52-53, 56-60****QUESTIONS 50-51,54-55 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Thinking again about Congress ...

Q.61 As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?

			<i>Dem leaders</i>		
Jan 7-11		Nov 6-9	Nov	Nov	Dec
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1994</u>
40	Approve	44	41	50	52
49	Disapprove	43	37	21	28
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	13	22	29	20

**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

		-----Dem leaders-----									
Jan 7-11		Nov 6-9	Nov	July	Mar	Jan	Nov	Sept	Apr	Feb	Dec
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1995</u> <sup>7</sup>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
45	Successful	49	43	43	54	57	59	54	63	61	62
46	Unsuccessful	40	37	42	32	25	22	31	28	20	24
3	Mixed/Get some passed (VOL.)	5	5	6	4	5	6	--	3	5	4
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	15	9	10	13	13	15	6	14	10

<sup>5</sup> Sep 12-16, 2012 item was asked about confidence in Obama and in Mitt Romney. In Sep 12-16, 2012 and earlier, item asked about confidence "when it comes to fixing the economy."

<sup>6</sup> In December, September and January of 2009, economy was asked in a list of issues.

<sup>7</sup> In September, 1995 the question asked, "In general, would you say the Republican leaders in Congress have been successful or unsuccessful so far this year in getting their programs passed into law?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.63 Thinking about financial regulation, which comes closer to your view **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]:**

Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>		Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
45	The government has gone too far regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow	43
47	The government has not gone far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis	49
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	8

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*In 2010, the President and Congress passed a law that more strictly regulates financial institutions and markets. What worries you more on this issue?*

Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>		May 13-16 <u>2010</u> <sup>8</sup>
42	These regulations go too far, making it harder for the economy to grow	46
42	These regulations do not go far enough, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis	44
16	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11

**QUESTIONS 64-66 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 67-68**

**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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference <b>(VOL.)</b>	Other party <b>(VOL.)</b>	DK/Ref <b>(VOL.)</b>	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
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
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	22	31	41	3	1	2	17	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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

<sup>8</sup> For May 13-16, 2010 the question read: "Thinking about financial regulation, what worries you more...". The response options read "That the government will go too far in regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow," or "That the government will not go far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis."

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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):**

REPJOB How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — In general, would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=616]:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	2	25	55	17	1
Jan 15-19, 2014	4	24	50	19	2
Apr 4-15, 2012	4	24	55	16	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	36	49	10	2
Nov 4-7, 2010	8	32	40	12	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	3	31	49	14	3
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	3	18	54	23	2
Mid-September, 2008	4	31	44	19	2
October, 2007	5	31	49	13	2
Late November, 2006	7	35	41	15	2
June, 2006	6	36	44	10	4
April, 2006	6	41	41	10	2
Mid-September, 2005	4	44	41	8	3
Late March, 2005	8	43	36	9	4
July, 2004	12	49	33	4	2
August, 2003	6	51	37	5	1
May, 2002	6	49	38	5	2
May, 2001	10	50	32	5	3
September, 2000 (RVs)	6	43	44	5	2

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):**

DEMJOB How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — In general, would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=715]:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	8	36	46	9	1
Jan 15-19, 2014	5	44	44	7	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	6	35	49	9	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	6	32	47	14	1
Nov 4-7, 2010	10	38	35	15	2
Feb 3-9, 2010	8	47	36	7	1
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	10	45	39	4	2
Mid-September, 2008	9	41	36	11	3
October, 2007	4	35	48	9	4
Late November, 2006	6	37	45	7	5
June, 2006	4	30	51	13	2
April, 2006	5	35	48	11	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	32	49	14	2
Late March, 2005	3	30	51	14	2
July, 2004	6	43	40	8	3
August, 2003	5	33	51	9	2
May, 2002	5	39	43	10	3
May, 2001	8	39	40	7	6
September, 2000 (RVs)	11	52	32	4	1

**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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Jan 7-11, 2015	17	27	52	2	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	18	28	51	1	2	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	19	32	46	2	2	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	18	25	52	4	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29	46	2	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--

## TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>9</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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**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

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

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<sup>9</sup> 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."