

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
JANUARY 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JANUARY 4-9, 2017  
N=1,502**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-8, 15-16, 19, 24, 40, 44 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 9-14, 17-18, 20-21, 23, 25, 32-39, 41-43, 45-49**

**QUESTIONS 22, 26-31 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.50 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

**ITEMS a-b HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
c. The United Nations								
Jan 4-9, 2017	62	18	44	31	13	18	1	6
Spring, 2016 <sup>1</sup> (GA)	64	19	45	29	11	18	--	7
Spring, 2013 (GA)	58	13	45	31	14	17	--	10
Spring, 2012 (GA)	58	16	42	29	12	17	--	13
Spring, 2011 (GA)	61	19	42	28	12	16	--	11
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	52	15	37	32	13	18	1	15
Spring, 2009 (GA)	61	18	43	29	13	16	--	10
Spring, 2007 (GA)	48	9	39	39	16	23	--	13
January, 2007	57	14	43	33	14	19	1	9
July, 2006	53	12	41	36	12	24	2	9
Spring, 2006 (GA)	51	15	36	38	19	19	--	11
Late October, 2005	48	9	39	39	15	24	1	12
Late March, 2005	59	14	45	32	11	21	*	9
Spring, 2004 (GA)	55	14	41	35	15	20	--	10
Early September, 2001	77	23	54	18	6	12	1	4
August, 1999	76	19	57	19	5	14	*	5
June, 1999	70	19	51	23	7	16	0	7
Early September, 1998	69	14	55	23	7	16	*	8
September, 1997	64	11	53	28	9	19	*	8
February, 1996	65	19	46	29	9	20	1	5
June, 1995	67	14	53	28	8	20	*	5
February, 1995	62	13	49	26	8	18	*	12
July, 1994	76	21	55	19	5	14	1	4
May, 1993	73	21	52	17	4	13	0	10
May, 1990	70	15	55	19	6	13	1	10

**ITEMS d-e HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>1</sup> In Global Attitudes Spring 2016 and prior surveys, the question was worded, "Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable or somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of the United Nations?"

## Q.50 CONTINUED...

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:</b>									
f.F2	The military								
	Jan 4-9, 2017	90	48	42	8	3	5	*	3
	Apr 23-27, 2014	83	41	43	11	4	7	*	5
	Dec 5-9, 2012	83	41	42	12	3	9	0	5
	April, 2008	84	49	35	11	3	8	*	5
	July, 2007	78	47	31	15	6	9	0	7
	March, 2007	77	43	34	17	6	11	0	6
	January, 2007	84	47	37	11	3	8	*	5
	Late October, 2005	82	44	38	12	4	8	0	6
	Late March, 2005	87	49	38	9	3	6	*	4
	June, 2004	85	48	37	10	3	7	*	5
	Newsweek: May, 2002	93	59	34	5	2	3	--	2
	Newsweek:								
	September, 2001	94	58	36	4	2	2	--	2
	July, 2001	81	29	52	11	4	7	*	8
	January, 2001	82	32	50	12	3	9	0	6
	August, 1999	89	30	59	10	2	8	*	1
	June, 1999	83	36	47	13	2	11	0	4
	Early September, 1998	86	29	57	10	3	7	0	4
	October, 1997	78	22	56	18	5	13	0	4
	May, 1997	80	23	57	16	5	11	0	4

## ASK ALL:

Q.51 And is your overall opinion of [INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE] 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."]

## ITEM a HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ITEM b PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	rate/Ref
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=746]:</b>									
c.F1	Angela Merkel								
	Jan 4-9, 2017	29	7	22	23	7	15	37	11
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:</b>									
d.F2	Benjamin Netanyahu								
	Jan 4-9, 2017	34	11	23	32	13	20	23	11
	Mar 25-29, 2015	31	10	20	28	10	18	28	13
	Feb 18-22, 2015	38	13	24	27	10	17	23	12

## QUESTIONS 52-53 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## NO QUESTIONS 54-57

**ASK ALL:**

Q.58 Now, I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well being of the United States? What about **[INSERT ITEM]? [AS NECESSARY READ THE ANSWER CHOICES AFTER THE FIRST TIME AND READ: "... to the well being of the United States?"]**

	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. China's power and influence				
Jan 4-9, 2017	52	36	9	3
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>China's emergence as a world power</i>				
Apr 12-19, 2016	50	34	12	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	49	34	13	4
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	33	14	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	54	31	11	4
May, 2012 (C)	52	35	9	5
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	53	30	10	7
Jun 10-14, 2009	52	31	11	6
Jan 7-11, 2009	46	36	13	5
September, 2008	48	35	11	6
Late May, 2008	50	31	10	9
February, 2006	47	34	12	7
Late October, 2005	52	31	10	7
May, 2001	51	30	10	9
July, 1999	53	33	10	4
b. Russia's power and influence				
Jan 4-9, 2017	54	36	7	3
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>Tensions with Russia</i>				
Apr 12-19, 2016	42	45	9	4
<i>Growing authoritarianism in Russia</i>				
Dec 8-13, 2015	42	40	9	8
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	32	41	13	14
Late May, 2008	24	46	12	18
February, 2006	22	45	16	17
Late October, 2005	23	44	13	20
<i>Growing tension between Russia and its neighbors</i>				
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	53	35	8	5
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	44	9	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	37	48	8	7
September, 2008	44	41	10	5
<i>Political and economic instability in Russia</i>				
May, 2001	27	46	12	15
July, 1999	40	42	14	4
c. Global climate change				
Jan 4-9, 2017	52	32	14	2
Apr 12-19, 2016	53	30	15	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	49	30	17	4
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	30	20	3
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	45	30	20	4
May, 2012 (C)	45	32	19	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	36	15	5
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>Global environmental problems</i>				
May, 2001	53	32	6	9

**Q.58 CONTINUED...**

		Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	(VOL.) DK/Ref
d.	The Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS				
	Jan 4-9, 2017	79	17	3	1
	Apr 12-19, 2016	80	16	3	2
	Dec 8-13, 2015	83	13	3	2
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	67	21	5	6
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Islamic extremist groups like al Qaeda</i>				
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	71	19	6	3
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	75	18	4	3
	May, 2012 (C)	70	21	4	5
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	76	18	2	3
	June 10-14, 2009	78	14	4	4
	January 7-11, 2009	77	15	4	4
	September, 2008	72	21	3	4
	Late May, 2008	72	18	4	6
e.	Cyberattacks from other countries				
	Jan 4-9, 2017	71	24	3	2
	Apr 12-19, 2016	72	22	3	3
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	70	23	4	4
f.	A large number of refugees leaving countries such as Iraq and Syria				
	Jan 4-9, 2017	46	35	16	3
	Apr 12-19, 2016	55	28	15	2
g.	North Korea's nuclear program				
	Jan 4-9, 2017	64	27	7	2
	Dec 8-13, 2015	59	29	9	3
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	57	30	9	4
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	67	24	6	3
	May, 2012 (C)	69	22	5	5
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	69	23	3	5
	June 10-14, 2009	72	19	5	5
	January 7-11, 2009	53	32	8	7
	September, 2008	55	33	7	5
	Late May, 2008	55	32	7	6
	February, 2006	60	27	6	7
	Late October, 2005	66	24	4	6
h.	The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians				
	Jan 4-9, 2017	43	40	13	4
	Dec 8-13, 2015	43	39	13	5
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	33	13	6
	June, 2009	49	35	9	6
	January, 2009	45	40	9	6

**NO QUESTIONS 59****QUESTION 60 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.61 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Both</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Neither</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 4-9, 2017	51	19	5	13	12
Apr 12-19, 2016	54	19	3	13	10
Jul 8-14, 2014	51	14	3	15	18
Apr 23-27, 2014	53	11	3	16	17
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	12	3	12	24
Dec 5-9, 2012	50	10	4	13	23
May 25-30, 2011	48	11	4	15	21
Apr 21-26, 2010	49	16	4	12	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	12	4	14	19
January 7-11, 2009	49	11	5	15	20
May, 2007	49	11	5	17	18
August, 2006	52	11	5	15	17
July, 2006	44	9	5	20	22
May, 2006	48	13	4	14	20
Late October, 2005	43	17	5	16	19
July, 2005	37	12	5	19	27
July, 2004	40	13	7	18	22
Late February, 2004	46	12	8	15	19
Mid-July, 2003	41	13	8	18	20
June, 2002	46	12	6	19	17
April, 2002	41	13	6	21	19
Mid-October, 2001	47	10	8	18	17
Early September, 2001	40	17	6	23	14
September, 1997	48	13	5	16	18
September, 1993	45	21	3	18	12
Chicago CFR: 1990	34	14	7	26	20
Chicago CFR: 1982	40	17	8	19	16
Chicago CFR: 1978 <sup>2</sup>	45	14	9	18	15

**NO QUESTION 62****ASK ALL:**

Q.63 Do you think a way can be found for Israel and an independent Palestinian state to coexist peacefully with each other, or not?

<u>Jan 4-9</u> <u>2017</u>		<u>Apr 12-19</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Aug 20-24</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Apr 23-27</u> <u>2014</u>	<b>(GA)</b> <u>Spring</u> <u>2013</u>
53	Yes	50	43	46	50
39	No	42	48	44	41
2	It depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	2	2	*
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	7	9	9

<sup>2</sup> In the 1978 Chicago Council on Foreign Relations survey conducted by the Gallup Organization, results are based on respondents who said they had "heard or read about the situation in the Middle East," which represented 87% of the public. As a context note, in both the 1978 and 1982 CCFR/Gallup surveys, this question followed a broader question: "In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with Israel or more with the Arab nations?" and in 1982, a question regarding "U.S. military aid and arms sales to Israel."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** today... Do you think **[ITEM]** is **[READ IN ORDER]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think [ITEM] is READ IN ORDER]**

**ITEM a PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

		<u>An adversary</u>	<u>A serious problem but not an adversary</u>	<u>Not much of a problem</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:</b>					
b.F2	China				
	Jan 4-9, 2017	22	43	31	4
	Oct 20-25, 2016	18	48	28	7
	Apr 12-19, 2016	23	44	29	3
	March 20-23, 2014	22	35	32	10
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	23	43	28	6
	Jan 5-9, 2011	22	43	27	9
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	19	41	30	9
	Mid-September, 2008	19	49	26	6
	October, 2005	16	45	30	9
	July, 2004	14	40	36	10
	February, 2002	17	39	33	11
	Early September, 2001	23	48	23	6
	May, 2001	19	51	22	8
	March, 2000	17	44	26	13
	June, 1999	18	53	22	7
	March, 1999	20	48	25	7
	September, 1997	14	46	32	8

**QUESTIONS 65-67, 70 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 68-69****QUESTIONS 71-73 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

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

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

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

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<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>
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Mar 17-26, 2016	25	31	38	3	*	2	15	20
Jan 7-14, 2016	24	30	38	5	1	2	14	17
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
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	--	--	--	--	--

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

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(C)	Pew Research Global Attitudes/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
(GA)	Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Project