

PEW RESEARCH CENTER/USA TODAY
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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.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The release of captive U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl from Afghanistan, in exchange for five Taliban prisoners from Guantanamo Bay June 5-8, 2014	34	25	21	18	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON: July 24-27, 2009: <i>News that a U.S. soldier had been captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan</i>	29	35	18	17	1
b. A plan by the Environmental Protection Agency to limit carbon emissions from power plants June 5-8, 2014	16	18	20	44	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: December 18-21, 2009: <i>The international meeting about climate change in Copenhagen</i>	16	23	25	35	*
December 11-14, 2009	17	24	23	36	*
June 6-9, 2008: <i>The debate in Congress over legislation to combat global warming</i>	13	22	27	37	1
April 5-9, 2007: <i>Recent reports about global warming research and policies</i>	26	29	23	21	1
February 2-5, 2007: <i>Recent reports about the causes of global warming</i>	26	37	21	16	0
December, 1997: <i>The conference on global warming taking place in Kyoto, Japan</i>	11	19	24	43	3
November, 1997: <i>The debate over U.S. policy concerning global warming</i>	9	24	33	33	1
c. News about this year's congressional elections June 5-8, 2014	14	23	23	38	1
May 15-18, 2014	13	24	25	38	1
March 20-23, 2014	15	22	22	39	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: October 28-November 1, 2010	29	30	17	23	1
October 27-30, 2010: <i>News about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district</i>	27	35	17	20	1
October 21-24, 2010: <i>News about this year's congressional elections</i>	30	28	18	23	1
October 13-18, 2010: <i>News about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district</i>	24	34	22	19	1

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October 14-17, 2010: <i>News about this year's congressional elections</i>	33	25	19	23	*
October 7-10, 2010	23	27	19	30	1
September 30-October 3, 2010	25	34	19	21	1
September 23-26, 2010	25	33	23	18	1
September 16-19, 2010	23	26	23	27	1
September 9-12, 2010	22	23	21	34	1
September 2-6, 2010	26	24	23	26	1
August 26-29, 2010	20	27	23	28	1
August 19-22, 2010	19	23	24	33	1
August 12-15, 2010	20	22	19	38	1
July 29-August 1, 2010	29	34	22	14	*
July 15-18, 2010	17	23	26	33	1
June 16-20, 2010: <i>News about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district</i>	15	33	31	20	*
June 10-13, 2010: <i>News about this year's congressional elections</i>	20	29	24	27	1
Early October, 2006	21	38	25	15	1
Early September, 2006	16	32	28	23	1
August, 2006	20	29	28	22	1
June, 2006	18	30	29	21	2
May, 2006	18	28	30	23	1
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	27	46	18	9	*
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	28	34	24	13	1
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	21	46	22	10	1
Early September, 2002	17	29	29	24	1
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	26	45	20	9	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	21	43	24	11	1
Early September, 1998	17	32	28	23	*
Early August, 1998	13	30	28	23	1
June, 1998	9	27	33	30	1
April, 1998 ¹	16	33	24	27	*
November, 1994	18	42	25	15	*
Late October, 1994	14	38	31	16	1
Early October, 1994	23	34	23	19	1
September, 1994	19	34	29	18	*
November, 1990	38	34	17	11	*
October, 1990	18	32	28	22	*
d. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
June 5-8, 2014	26	28	20	24	1
March 20-23, 2014	30	34	18	17	2
March 6-9, 2014	27	31	19	22	1
February 27-March 2, 2014	27	32	16	24	1
February 6-9, 2014	28	29	20	22	1
January 30-February 2, 2014	29	31	17	23	*
January 9-12, 2014	28	29	19	23	1
January 2-5, 2014	29	31	17	22	1
December 12-15, 2013	26	27	21	24	1
November 14-17, 2013	32	32	17	19	*
October 31-November 3, 2013	31	37	16	15	*
October 17-20, 2013	41	31	16	12	*
October 3-6, 2013	34	30	19	16	1

¹ In April 1998, September 1994 and October 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and election campaigns in your state." In November 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and elections in your state."

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September 25-29, 2013	35	30	16	18	*
September 19-22, 2013	28	33	20	19	1
September 12-15, 2013	28	34	17	20	*
August 1-4, 2013	28	35	19	17	1
July 18-21, 2013	28	29	20	23	1
June 20-23, 2013	28	30	19	22	1
June 13-16, 2013	30	32	15	22	*
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

SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: <http://www.people-press.org/files/2014/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf>

- e. Reports about problems with care at veterans hospitals around the country

June 5-8, 2014	34	27	16	22	1
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TREND FOR COMPARISON:

March 23-26, 2007: *Reports about Walter Reed Army Medical Center and medical care for wounded soldiers returning from Iraq*

27	33	18	22	*
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March 16-19, 2007

31	30	20	19	*
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March 9-12, 2007: *Conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where many soldiers are treated after returning from Iraq*

31	31	19	19	*
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February 23-26, 2007

19	24	24	32	1
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NO QUESTION 2**ASK ALL:**

- Q.3 Do you think it was the right thing or the wrong thing for the Obama administration to exchange five Taliban prisoners for captive U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl?

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34	Right thing
43	Wrong thing
23	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

- Q.4 Which better describes how you feel about Bowe Bergdahl? Are you **[RANDOMIZE: sympathetic toward him/angry with him]**, **[RANDOMIZE: sympathetic toward him/angry with him]**, or neither in particular?

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15	Sympathetic toward him
15	Angry with him
59	Neither in particular
*	Both (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 5

ASK ALL:

Q.6 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**?

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 Jun 5-8
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 29 Because soldier Bowe Bergdahl left his post, the U.S. was not obligated to do all it could to secure his release
 56 The U.S. has a responsibility to do all it can to return an American captive soldier, no matter what the circumstances
 15 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK ALL:

Q.7 Which comes closer to your view about the decision to exchange prisoners for Bowe Bergdahl **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**?

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2014
 30 The president should have the flexibility to make decisions like these without informing Congress in advance
 64 The president should be required to inform Congress in advance of decisions like these
 6 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

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>	<u>(VOL.)</u> No preference	<u>(VOL.)</u> Other party	<u>(VOL.)</u> DK/Ref	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
June 5-8, 2014	24	28	39	5	1	3	15	14

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
