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As 2014 draws to a close, the public is deeply pessimistic about the prospects for healing the nation's deep political divisions. And most Americans think continued partisan gridlock would wreak significant damage on the country.

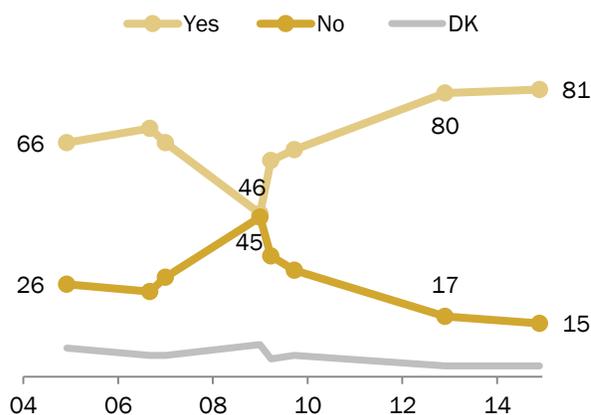
To start, perceptions of the current level of political division continue at record levels: 81% say the country is more politically divided these days than in the past. While that is little changed from two years ago, it is as high a percentage expressing this view as at any point over the past decade.

Looking ahead, few Americans expect the nation's political differences to diminish. Just 17% think the country will be less politically divided five years from now. More than three-quarters (78%) say either the country will be as about divided as is today (41%), or more politically divided (36%).

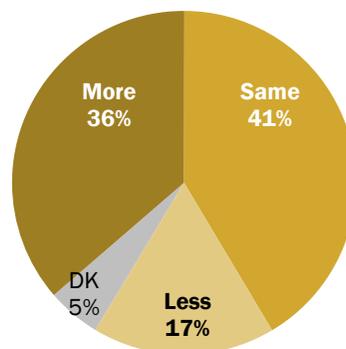
A skeptical public does not expect much cooperation from either Barack Obama or Republicans in Congress over the next two years: 44% expect Barack Obama to cooperate with GOP leaders either a great deal or fair amount. Even fewer (28%) expect Congressional Republicans to cooperate with Obama. A [November Pew Research Center survey](#) found that this may be just fine with some partisans, many of whom expressed a desire for their side to stand up to their political opponents on issues, rather than work together and accept some concessions.

Public Sees Deeper Political Divisions, Most Expect Them to Continue

Country more politically divided than in the past? (%)



Level of political division in five years will be ...



Survey conducted Dec. 3-7, 2014.
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After Democrats won control of Congress in 2006, 48% said Democratic leaders would cooperate at least a fair amount with former President George W. Bush – 20 points higher than the share saying that about Republicans today. And 52% expected Bush to cooperate with the Democrats.

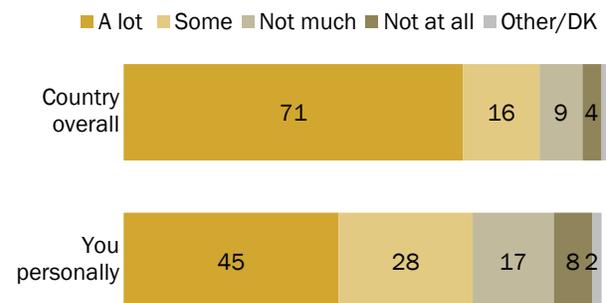
The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center and [USA TODAY](#), conducted Dec. 3-7 among 1,507 adults, finds that the costs and consequences of partisan gridlock are hitting home for many Americans.

Fully 71% say a failure of Republicans and Democrats to work together over the next two years would hurt the nation “a lot” and 16% say it will hurt “some.” While the negative impact of political gridlock is seen as being most acute for the country as a whole, 45% say they would be hurt a lot personally by an absence of partisan cooperation, and 28% would be hurt some. Notably, there are only minimal partisan differences in these opinions.

The public’s unhappiness with Washington also is reflected in their views of the most important problems facing the nation. Despite signs of an improving economy, about a third (34%) cite an economic issue as the top national problem. But just half as many specifically cite unemployment or joblessness as did so at the start of the year (20% then, 10% now). Meanwhile, the share expressing dissatisfaction with government or the president, or who cite partisan gridlock or the divisions in the country has increased from 13% last January to 18% currently.

Many See Potential Harm from Future Gridlock, For the Nation and Personally

If Republicans and Democrats don’t work together on issues over next two years how much would it hurt ...



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Irrespective of the top issue they see facing the nation, few expect Obama and GOP leaders to make progress on that problem. About three-quarters (76%) of those who cited a top national problem – including large majorities of Republicans (78%), Democrats (71%) and independents (80%), say they do not think Obama and Republican leaders will make progress on the problem they mentioned.

The survey finds there has been virtually no change in Obama's job ratings over the past year. Currently, 42% approve of the way he is handling his job as president, while 51% disapprove. Obama's job ratings have not varied by more than two points since January.

Obama's job rating for handling the economy has risen six points – from 39% to 45% – since August. At the same time, the 45% who approve of the way he is handling the threat of terrorism is the lowest mark of his presidency on this issue.

Weeks before the start of the new Congress, the public takes a dim view of Congress and both political parties. Just 22% express a favorable opinion of Congress; positive views of Congress have remained below 30% for more than three years.

There is no sign of a honeymoon for the Republican Party following its midterm victories: Just 37% view the GOP favorably while 57% view it unfavorably, little changed over the past year.

What has changed is the Democratic Party's favorable ratings, which are now nearly as low as the GOP's. Just 41% have a favorable impression of the Democratic Party while 54% have an

Partisans Agree: Little Hope for Progress on Top National Problems

Will Obama, GOP leaders make significant progress on most important national problem?

	Yes, will make progress %	No, will not %	DK %
Total	20	76	3=100
Republican	19	78	3=100
Democrat	27	71	2=100
Independent	17	80	3=100

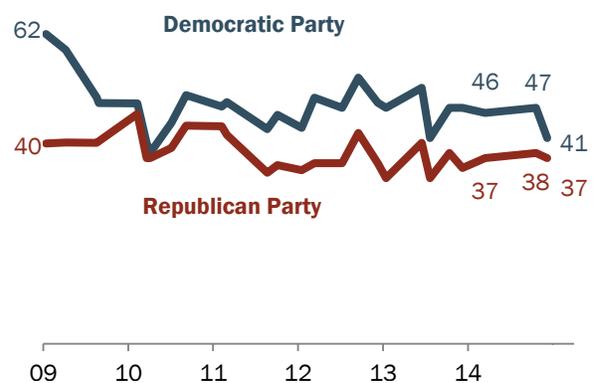
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Democratic Favorability Dips, Narrowing Image Gap Between the Parties

% with a favorable opinion of the...



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unfavorable opinion. That is among the most negative measures of favorability for the Democrats in more than two decades of polling.

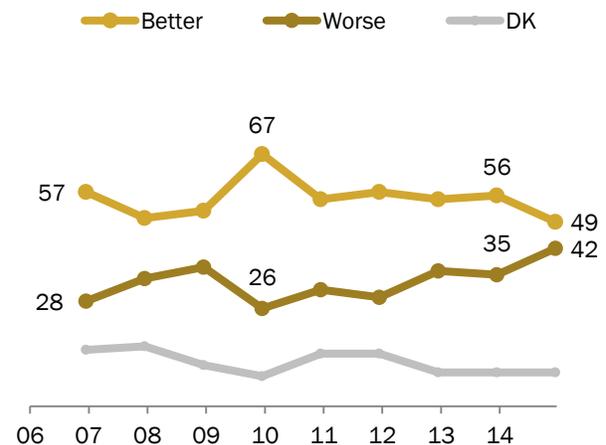
Public's Not-So-Happy New Year

The public remains deeply dissatisfied with the way things are going in the country. Just 26% are satisfied with national conditions, while 71% are dissatisfied. And it has muted expectations for the year to come: 49% say they think 2015 will be a better year than 2014, while 42% think it will be worse. The current ratings are more pessimistic than in recent years, as the public generally takes an optimistic view of the year to come.

A year ago, 56% thought 2014 would be a better year than the last, compared with fewer (35%) who thought it would be worse. The current seven-point gap in expectations for a better (49%) than worse (42%) year is the narrowest margin measured in Pew Research Center surveys dating to 1994.

Just 49% Expect a Better Year Ahead

2015 will be better or worse than 2014? (%)



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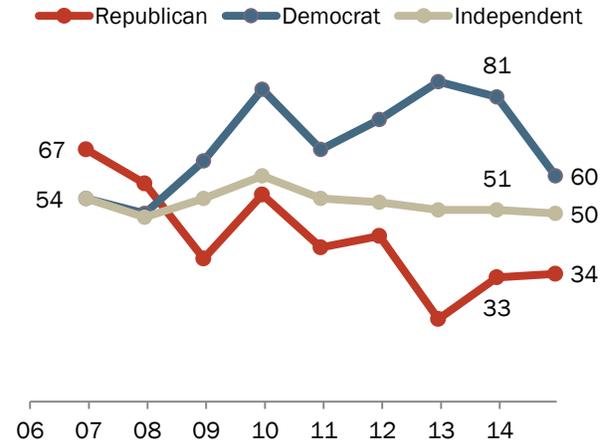
The more negative expectations for 2015 are driven in large part by a shift in views among Democrats. A month after the Republican Party gained full control of Congress, 60% of Democrats expect 2015 to be better than 2014. That is down 21 points from a year ago when 81% thought 2014 would be better than 2013.

Nonetheless, views among Democrats are brighter than those of Republicans: just 34% of Republicans expect the coming year to be better than the last, little changed from prospective views of 2014 (33% better). In December 2012, following Barack Obama's reelection, just 22% of Republicans thought 2013 would be a better year than 2012.

Across age groups, young adults under age 30 are less optimistic about 2015 than they were about 2014. Overall, 54% think 2015 will be better than 2014, compared with two-thirds (67%) who thought 2014 would be better than 2013. Those under 30 are often the most optimistic age group about the coming year. However, in the current survey they are no more likely to say 2015 will be better than 2014 than are those ages 30-49 (56%).

Democrats' Dimmer View of Year Ahead

% saying next year will be 'better' than current year



Survey conducted Dec. 3-7, 2014.

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Young Adults Are Less Optimistic About Coming Year

% saying _____ will be better than previous year

	2014 (Jan 2014) %	2015 (Dec 2013) %	Change
Total	56	49	-7
18-29	67	54	-13
30-49	56	56	0
50-64	51	45	-6
65+	48	37	-11

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Republicans Don't Expect Obama to Cooperate with GOP Leaders

The public's expectations for cooperation between leaders in Washington are highly partisan. Fully 66% of Democrats think Obama will cooperate at least a fair amount with Republican leaders in Congress over the next two years, compared with just 19% of Republicans who say this.

When it comes to Republicans leaders in Congress, Democrats are skeptical that they will cooperate with Obama: just 18% say they expect this to happen. Republicans don't expect their party's congressional leaders to cooperate with Obama either: Just 37% say this compared with 62% who expect them to cooperate not much or not at all with the president.

In part, low expectations for GOP cooperation among rank-and-file Republicans may reflect the fact that 66% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents *want* their leaders to stand up to Obama on issues, even if less gets done, rather than work with him, if it means disappointing some groups of Republican supporters. (For more see: "[*Little Enthusiasm, Familiar Divisions After the GOP's Big Midterm Victory*](#)," released Nov. 12, 2014).

Partisans Expect Little Cooperation From the Other Side

How much will ___ cooperate with ___ in next two years?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Obama w/ Republicans				
Great deal	11	3	15	12
Fair amount	33	16	51	30
Not much	33	39	25	36
Not at all	21	41	6	20
Don't know	2	1	2	2
	100	100	100	100
Rep leaders w/ Obama				
Great deal	5	5	5	5
Fair amount	23	33	13	25
Not much	43	47	43	42
Not at all	27	15	37	27
Don't know	2	1	1	1
	100	100	100	100

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Expectations for compromise between the GOP-led Congress and Obama are lower than they were eight years ago, following the Democratic Party winning control of Congress during George W. Bush's second term.

In November 2006, about half of the public (48%) expected Democratic leaders to cooperate with Bush, including 59% of Democrats. Today, just 28% expect cooperation from Republican leaders, driven in part by relatively low expectations for compromise among Republicans (37%).

Eight years ago, 52% expected Bush to cooperate with Democratic leaders in Congress over the final two years of his presidency, slightly more than the 44% who expect Obama to cooperate with GOP leaders today. In the current survey, Republicans (19%) are much more skeptical about Obama cooperating with GOP leaders than Democrats (37%) were about Bush cooperating with Democratic leaders in November of 2006.

Expectations for Cooperation Lower Than After the 2006 Midterms

% saying ___ will cooperate with ___ a great deal or a fair amount over next two years ...

	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %
Dec 2014: Obama with Republicans	44	19	66	42
Nov 2006: Bush with Democrats	52	72	37	52
Dec 2014: Rep leaders with Obama	28	37	18	30
Nov 2006: Dem leaders with Bush	48	29	59	48

Survey conducted Dec. 3-7, 2014.
Don't know responses not shown.

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Most Important Problem Facing the Nation

The share of Americans citing economic issues as the most important problem facing the nation has declined significantly over the course of 2014. In the current survey, 34% say economic issues are the country's top problem, down from 48% in January of this year.

And as the national unemployment rate has moved lower, the percentage specifically mentioning 'unemployment' as the most important problem facing the nation has declined ten points from 20% to 10%.

Nonetheless, more continue to cite economic issues as the biggest problem facing the country than any other set of issues. Overall, 18% mention dissatisfaction with government, Obama, partisanship or gridlock as the country's top problem, up slightly from 13% earlier this year.

Despite the emergence of the terrorist group known as ISIS – and the U.S.-led military campaign against the group – just 9% say foreign or international issues are the country's top problem, unchanged from January.

Fewer Cite Unemployment as Most Important Problem Facing Nation

Most important problem facing nation ...*

	Jan 2014	Dec 2014	Change
	%	%	
Economy (general)	16	14	-2
Immigration	3	12	+9
Unemployment	20	10	-10
Dissatisfaction with government, Obama	8	10	+2
Political gridlock/Division	4	8	+4
Race relations	2	7	+5
Health care	11	6	-5
Crime/Justice system	2	6	+4
NET: Economic Issues	48	34	-14
NET: Govt and Politics	13	18	+5
NET: Foreign/International	8	9	+1

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* See topline for all mentions and full trend.

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Stable Views of Obama

Today, 42% say they approve of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president, while 51% disapprove. These ratings are little changed over the past year.

Nearly nine-in-ten Republicans (89%) disapprove of Obama's performance, while views among independents are also more negative than positive (55% disapprove, 39% approve). Obama continues to receive positive ratings from a majority of Democrats (72% approve, 19% disapprove).

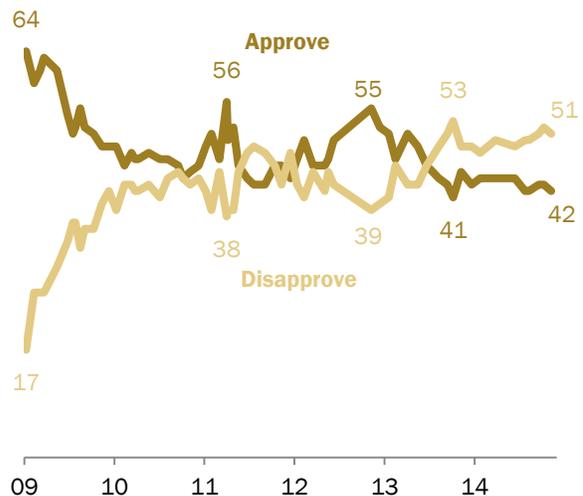
Obama's handling of the economy is currently one of his better ratings: 45% currently approve, up six points (from 39%) in August.

While as many (45%) approve of Obama's handling of the threat of terrorism, this is his lowest ever rating on this issue: As recently as June 2013 a majority of Americans (56%) approved of his handling of terrorist threats.

Tax policy (34% approve) and foreign policy (37%) are among Obama's worst-performing issues. And while just 38% approve of Obama's handling of immigration policy, this reflects an improvement from August of this year when just 31% approved of his handling of immigration ([See the separate report on immigration policy released today for more details.](#))

Obama's Overall Job Rating Stable

View of the way Obama is handling his job (%)



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Obama Gets Better Ratings for Economy than Immigration, Foreign Policy

Job rating for handling...	Approve %	Disapprove %	DK/Ref %
Threat of terrorism	45	49	6=100
Economy	45	51	4=100
Energy policy	41	41	19=100
Race relations	40	50	11=100
Health care policy	39	56	5=100
Immigration policy	38	56	6=100
Foreign policy	37	54	9=100
Tax policy	34	52	15=100

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Perceptions of Democratic Party Grow More Negative

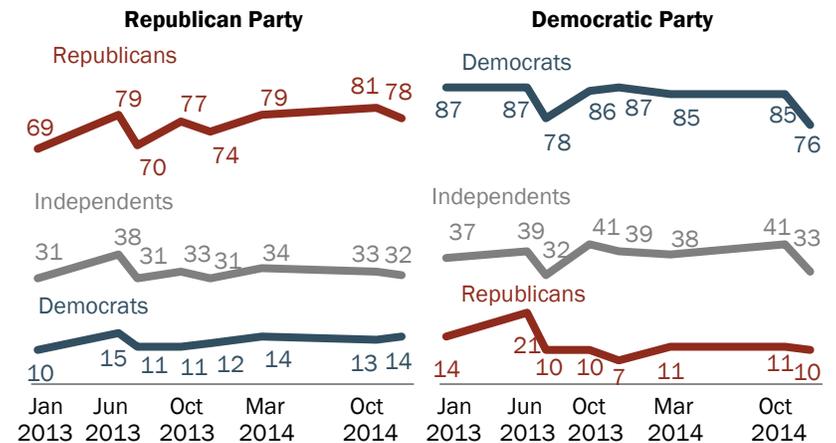
Following the Democratic Party’s losses in the 2014 elections, views of the Democratic Party have taken a hit: Just 41% of Americans have a favorable impression of the party, down from 47% in October—and among the lowest ratings ever for the Democrats.

Though views of the Democratic Party have grown more negative, there is no sign that views of the GOP have improved: Only 37% say they have a favorable view of the Republican Party, a rating that is unchanged over the course of the last year.

Though about three-quarters of both Democrats (76%) and Republicans (78%) view their own party favorably, Democratic ratings of their own party have become less positive in the last few months (in October, 85% of Democrats had a favorable view of their own party). And today independents’ views of the two parties are about the same. About a third have favorable impressions of either the Republican Party (32%) or the Democratic Party (33%); in October, more independents viewed the Democratic Party (41%) positively than the Republican Party (33%).

Democrats Express Less Favorable Views of Their Party

% who have a favorable opinion of...



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Congressional Favorability Remains Near Record Lows

As has been the case for the last several years, Americans view Congress negatively: Just 22% now express a favorable opinion of the institution while 71% say their opinion is unfavorable. The current ratings rival the lowest on record (in July 2013, 21% had a favorable opinion, 70% an unfavorable one); and are down six points since July of this year, though they are on-par with ratings in February.

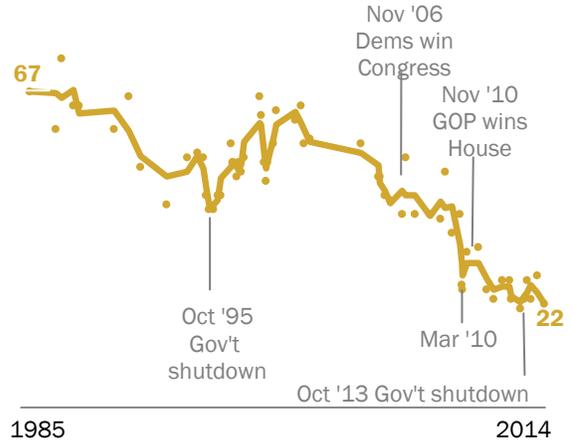
Though negative ratings of Congress cross party lines, Democratic impressions have become more negative over the last several months; today 21% of Democrats view Congress favorably, down from 30% in July.

And as Republicans are poised to take control of both houses of Congress in January, their views of the institution are little changed over the past few years; currently 27% say they have a favorable view.

Independents' views of Congress remain deeply negative; just 20% have a positive impression of Congress.

Views of Congress Still Deeply Negative

% with a favorable view of Congress

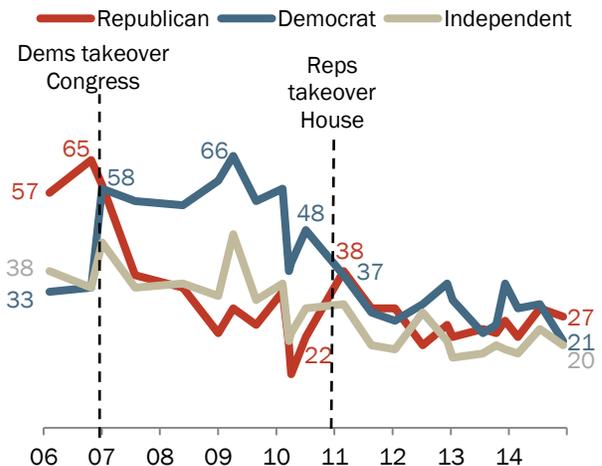


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Republicans and Democrats Share Dislike of Congress

% with a favorable view of Congress



Survey conducted Dec. 3-7, 2014. Individual survey data points shown.

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Negative Ratings for Republican and Democratic Leaders

Public views of congressional leaders—on both sides of the aisle—continue to be more negative than positive. By wide margins, more have unfavorable than favorable impressions of House Speaker John Boehner (46% unfavorable, 24% favorable), incoming Senate majority (and current minority) leader Mitch McConnell (37% vs. 21%), House minority leader Nancy Pelosi (47% vs. 27%) and outgoing Senate majority leader Harry Reid (41% vs. 20%).

Overall, these ratings are little changed from before the midterm election. However, favorable views of Harry Reid in the wake Democrats losing control of the Senate are lower than they were in October 2013. At that time, 27% had a favorable opinion of him, while 39% viewed him unfavorably.

In particular, views of Reid have become more negative among Democrats. Nearly half of Democrats (47%) had a positive impression of him in October 2013, while just 18% viewed him unfavorably; today, Democratic opinions of Reid are about evenly divided (28% favorable, 26% unfavorable).

The three other leaders continue to be viewed more positively than negatively by those in their own party, while opinions of those in the opposing party are largely negative.

Members of the congressional leadership are not well-known by the public. In particular, as Mitch McConnell prepares to become majority leader of the Senate, fully 42% of Americans do not know enough about him to rate him (including 24% who have never heard of the Kentucky senator).

Congressional Leaders of Both Parties Viewed More Negatively Than Positively

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't rate/DK
	%	%	%
John Boehner			
Total	24	46	31=100
Republican	41	30	28=100
Democrat	13	57	30=100
Independent	23	47	30=100
Mitch McConnell			
Total	21	37	42=100
Republican	37	25	38=100
Democrat	13	44	43=100
Independent	19	40	41=100
Nancy Pelosi			
Total	27	47	26=100
Republican	11	74	15=100
Democrat	46	22	32=100
Independent	23	52	25=100
Harry Reid			
Total	20	41	39=100
Republican	13	58	29=100
Democrat	28	26	45=100
Independent	18	44	38=100

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Notably, Nancy Pelosi continues to be a more visible figure than the other leaders – just 26% fail to offer an opinion of Pelosi.

Michelle Obama Remains Popular

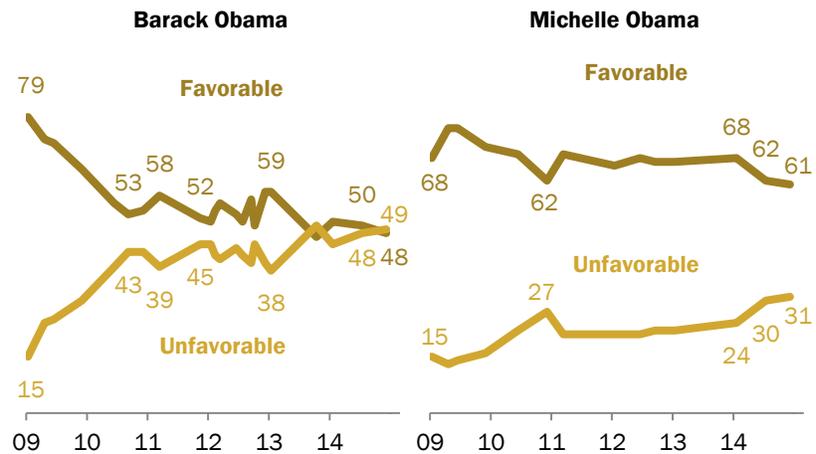
Overall, nearly half of Americans (48%) have a favorable view of Barack Obama, while about as many (49%) say their opinion of the president is unfavorable.

The first lady’s public image is more positive: 61% have a favorable opinion of Michelle Obama, while just 31% say their opinion is unfavorable.

Public views of both the president and first lady are little changed since July.

First Lady Remains Popular

% who say their view is...



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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted December 3-7, 2014 among a national sample of 1,507 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (605 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 902 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 513 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://people-press.org/methodology/>

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 2012 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 2013 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. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

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	1,507	2.9 percentage points
Republican	408	5.6 percentage points
Democrat	445	5.4 percentage points
Independent	574	4.7 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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RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK 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]**

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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	44Q	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
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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
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK AND Q.2**ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.1=1,2) [N=1,427]:**

Q.1a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Total	Very <i>strongly</i>	Not so <i>strongly</i>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Total	Very <i>strongly</i>	Not so <i>strongly</i>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	24	16	2	51	40	10	1	6
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	26	17	1	49	38	11	1	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	26	16	3	49	39	9	1	6
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	31	17	2	43	33	10	*	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	35	15	2	40	31	8	1	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	30	15	2	45	36	8	1	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	27	15	2	48	35	12	1	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	26	15	2	48	34	13	1	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	26	15	2	49	38	11	1	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	32	18	2	39	29	10	1	10
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	27	16	2	44	30	13	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	28	17	2	44	32	11	1	9
Jun 16-20, 2010	48	29	17	2	43	31	11	1	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	30	15	3	42	30	11	1	10
Apr 14-21, 2009	63	45	13	5	26	18	8	*	11

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK 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- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71		3	Dec 1-5, 2010	21
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	December, 2008	13	83	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	August, 2008	21	74	5
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	June, 2008	19	76	5
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8				
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5				
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5				
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6				

¹ 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>
March, 2008	22	72	6	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	June, 2001	43	52	5
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
October, 2007	28	66	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
February, 2007	30	61	9	January, 2001	55	41	4
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
December, 2006	28	65	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	April, 2000	48	43	9
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	August, 1999	56	39	5
July, 2006	30	65	5	January, 1999	53	41	6
May, 2006*	29	65	6	November, 1998	46	44	10
March, 2006	32	63	5	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
January, 2006	34	61	5	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
July, 2005	35	58	7	January, 1998	46	50	4
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	September, 1997	45	49	6
February, 2005	38	56	6	August, 1997	49	46	5
January, 2005	40	54	6	January, 1997	38	58	4
December, 2004	39	54	7	July, 1996	29	67	4
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
July, 2004	38	55	7	October, 1995	23	73	4
May, 2004	33	61	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	April, 1995	23	74	3
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	July, 1994	24	73	3
December, 2003	44	47	9	March, 1994	24	71	5
October, 2003	38	56	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
August, 2003	40	53	7	September, 1993	20	75	5
April 8, 2003	50	41	9	May, 1993	22	71	7
January, 2003	44	50	6	January, 1993	39	50	11
November, 2002	41	48	11	January, 1992	28	68	4
September, 2002	41	55	4	November, 1991	34	61	5
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
May, 2002	44	44	12	August, 1990	47	48	5
March, 2002	50	40	10	May, 1990	41	54	5
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	January, 1989	45	50	5
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

NO QUESTIONS 3-4**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Looking ahead, so far as you are concerned, do you think that 2015 will be better or worse than 2014?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	49	42	9
Jan 15-19, 2014	56	35	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	36	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	57	29	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	55	31	14
Jan 6-10, 2010	67	26	8
Jan 7-11, 2009	52	37	11
December, 2007	50	34	16
December, 2006	57	28	15
December, 1999	66	19	15
December, 1998	59	25	16
December, 1994	59	28	13

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Gallup:December, 1993</i>	64	20	16
<i>Gallup:December, 1992</i>	61	11	28
<i>Gallup:December, 1991</i>	61	31	8
<i>Gallup:December, 1990</i>	48	42	10
<i>Gallup:December, 1986</i>	53	25	22
<i>Gallup:December, 1985</i>	64	20	17
<i>Gallup:December, 1984</i>	61	20	19
<i>Gallup:December, 1982</i>	50	32	18
<i>Gallup:December, 1981</i>	41	44	15

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=728]:

Q.6F2 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? **[RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

(U)		Jan	Dec	Oct	Mar	Dec	May	Jan	Aug	Feb	Aug	Feb
Dec												
3-7												
<u>2014</u>		<u>2014</u> ²	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>09</u>
14	Economy (general)	16	18	25	24	19	28	27	35	24	27	53
12	Immigration	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1
10	Unemployment/Lack of jobs	20	12	25	31	21	26	35	27	31	19	31
	Dissatisfaction with gov't/politics/											
10	Corruption/Obama	8	8	9	4	10	4	9	9	5	5	5
8	Parties/Gridlock/Divisions in country	4	5	3	3	4	--	--	--	--	--	--
7	Race relations/Racism	2	1	1	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	--
	Health care/costs/accessibility/											
6	Affordable Care Act/Obamacare	11	4	5	5	4	6	9	4	13	20	3
6	Crime/Violence/Justice system	2	7	1	1	1	1	1	--	1	1	1
4	Morality/Ethics/Family values	1	5	3	1	2	1	2	4	3	3	1
	Deficit/National debt/Balanced											
3	budget/Gov't spending	7	10	8	8	9	10	11	3	11	6	4
3	International/foreign affairs (assorted)	--	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	1	--	--
3	Social/domestic issues (assorted)	2	--	1	--	1	1	--	1	--	--	--
3	Finances/money	3	3	2	3	2	5	2	2	--	--	--
2	Homelessness	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
2	Lack of leadership	1	1	1	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Inflation/Prices/Cost of living/Wages	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	--	--	2
2	Poverty/Hunger/Starvation	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
2	Defense/national security	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	--	1	1	1
2	War/War in Iraq/War in Afghanistan	3	1	2	3	4	5	3	3	4	5	3
2	Distribution of wealth/inequality	3	1	1	1	2	--	1	--	--	--	--
1	Education/Schools/Affording educ.	4	2	3	1	3	2	3	1	1	2	1
	Too much foreign aid/Lack of attention to											
1	problems at home	2	--	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--
1	Terrorism	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Lack of humanity/On wrong track	3	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Environment/global warming	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Too much regulation	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Foreign policy (general)	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Taxes	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	--	--
1	Energy costs/Rising gas/heating prices	--	--	1	8	1	7	2	--	--	--	--
1	Jobs moving overseas/trade	1	1	--	1	1	1	1	--	2	1	1
1	Social Security/Financial help for											
	the elderly	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Many things/everything	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
9	Other											
1	Don't know/No answer	4	5	6	8	6	7	5	7	6	5	3
34	(NET) ECONOMIC	48	47	58	66	55	68	62	65	65	55	80
	(NET) FOREIGN ISSUES/											
9	INTERNATIONAL	8	3	6	5	6	9	6	4	11	10	7

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

² Complete trend not shown; trends available to 1987.

ASK IF ANSWER GIVEN (Q.6F2=1) [N=697]:

Q.7F2 And do you think President Obama and Republican leaders in Congress will make significant progress addressing the problem you just mentioned over the next year, or don't you think so?

(U)	
Dec 3-7	
<u>2014</u>	
20	Yes, will make progress
76	No, will not make progress
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 8-11**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues ...

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]?** How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The nation's immigration policy			
Dec 3-7, 2014	38	56	6
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	31	61	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	32	60	7
Jun 12-16, 2013	43	47	11
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	44	43	13
Nov 9-14, 2011	32	49	20
Jan 6-9, 2011	35	50	16
Jun 16-20, 2010	33	54	12
May 6-9, 2010	25	54	21
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	47	24
Jan 6-10, 2010	30	50	21
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	48	21
b. Race relations			
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	40	50	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	42	10

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=779]:

c.F1 Health care policy			
Dec 3-7, 2014	39	56	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	40	55	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	37	59	3
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	41	53	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	45	47	8
Jun 16-20, 2010	42	50	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	40	51	9
Mar 10-14, 2010	39	52	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	38	52	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	47	10
July 22-26, 2009	42	43	14
April 14-21, 2009	51	26	23
d.F1 The economy			
Dec 3-7, 2014	45	51	4
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	39	55	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	56	4
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	31	65	3
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	43	52	5
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	50	5

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	40	56	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	43	53	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
May 2, 2011	40	55	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20
e.F1 The threat of terrorism			
Obama			
Dec 3-7, 2014	45	49	6
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	51	44	5
Jun 12-16, 2013	56	35	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	65	28	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	56	33	12
May 2, 2011	69	21	10
Jan 6-9, 2011	55	33	12
May 6-9, 2010 ³	49	37	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	51	39	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	52	34	14
April 14-21, 2009	57	26	17
February 4-8, 2009	50	21	29
G.W. Bush			
April, 2007	46	43	11
December, 2006	48	44	8
August, 2006	50	39	11
June, 2006	47	41	12
March, 2006	42	49	9
February, 2006	53	40	7
December, 2005	49	44	7
Late October, 2005	52	40	8
Early September, 2005	49	41	10
July, 2005	49	40	11
Mid-May, 2005	57	35	8
February, 2005	59	34	7
January, 2005	62	33	5
Mid-October, 2004	49	40	11
Early September, 2004	62	32	6
August, 2004	58	37	5
July, 2004	54	40	6
June, 2004	56	35	9
Late April, 2004	55	36	9
Early April, 2004	53	38	9
Gallup: December, 2003	65	33	2
September, 2003	64	28	8
February, 2003	67	25	8

³ In May 6-9, 2010, Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009, April, 2007 and earlier, the item was worded "terrorist threats."

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2003	69	23	8
Early October, 2002	71	22	7
June, 2002	74	18	8
Mid-September, 2001 ⁴	85	6	9
Clinton			
Early September, 1998	72	20	8

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=728]:

f.F2	Energy policy			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	41	41	19
	Sep 4-8, 2013	44	38	18
	Mar 7-11, 2012	42	45	13
	Jan 11-16, 2012	36	46	18
	Nov 9-14, 2011	44	38	18
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	44	16
	Jan 6-9, 2011	46	37	18
	Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
	Apr 21-26, 2010	43	34	23
	Jan 6-10, 2010	45	35	20
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	50	34	16
	Jul 22-26, 2009	46	31	22
g.F2	Tax policy			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	34	52	15
	Jan 6-9, 2011	42	46	12
	Jul 22-26, 2009	39	42	18
	Apr 14-21, 2009	50	33	17
h.F2	The nation's foreign policy			
	Dec 3-7, 2014	37	54	9
	Jul 8-14, 2014	36	55	9
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	34	56	10
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	33	57	11
	Jan 11-16, 2012	46	45	10
	Nov 9-14, 2011	46	40	13
	Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
	Mar 10-14, 2010	42	40	18
	Jan 6-10, 2010	44	40	16
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	38	18
	July 22-26, 2009	47	32	21
	June 10-14, 2009	57	31	12
	April 14-21, 2009	61	22	17
	Feb 4-8, 2009	52	17	31

NO QUESTIONS 13-16**QUESTION 17 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 18-19 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

⁴ In Mid-September, 2001 the question was worded: "...dealing with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington." In Early September 1998 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?"

ASK ALL:

Q.20 What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

(U)		Dec 5-9	Sep 30-Oct 4	Mar 31-Apr 6	Jan 7-11	Jan	Sep	Dec
Dec 3-7		2012	2009	2009	2009	2007	2006	2004
<u>2014</u>								
81	Yes, more politically divided	80	64	61	46	66	70	66
15	No, not more divided	17	30	34	45	28	24	26
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	6	5	9	6	6	8

ASK ALL:

Q.21 And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will be [RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2 WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]?

(U)	
Dec 3-7	
<u>2014</u>	
36	More politically divided
17	Less politically divided
41	About as politically divided as it is now
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 22-23, 25-29

QUESTION 24 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.30 Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] 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								
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

Q.30 CONTINUED...

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

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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
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
c. Congress								
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	22	4	18	71	34	37	*	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	28	5	23	69	28	41	*	4
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	23	5	18	72	35	37	*	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6

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Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7

ASK ALL:

Q.31 And is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** 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**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. Barack Obama								
Dec 3-7, 2014	48	19	29	49	28	20	0	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	50	19	32	48	30	18	0	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	51	19	32	45	24	22	*	4
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	17	31	50	32	18	*	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	28	31	38	20	18	*	3
Dec 5-9, 2012	59	26	33	40	24	16	*	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	50	24	26	45	26	19	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	57	27	30	40	23	17	*	4
Jul 16-26, 2012	51	24	26	42	27	15	0	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	53	20	33	44	22	21	0	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	56	24	32	41	25	16	*	3
Feb 8-12, 2012	54	22	32	42	26	16	*	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	51	23	28	45	24	21	0	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	52	21	31	45	24	21	*	3
Mar 8-14, 2011	58	22	36	39	20	19	*	3
Dec 2-5, 2010	54	26	29	43	25	18	*	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	21	32	43	23	20	*	5
Jun 10-13, 2010	56	27	30	39	20	19	0	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	65	33	32	30	16	14	*	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	72	37	35	25	11	14	*	3
Apr 14-21, 2009	73	38	35	24	10	14	*	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6
Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6
Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5
Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4
Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9
April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13
b. John Boehner								
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	5	19	46	20	25	18	13
Oct 9-13, 2013	27	4	23	50	23	27	13	11
Jan 9-13, 2013	26	6	21	40	17	23	20	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	28	5	23	40	17	23	22	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	5	16	40	16	24	22	17
Mar 8-14, 2011	26	7	19	27	11	16	32	16
Dec 2-5, 2010	28	8	20	25	12	14	34	12
Jun 10-13, 2010	12	3	9	22	8	15	54	12
Rep/Lean only:								
Jul 17-21, 2013	43	9	34	28	9	19	15	14

Q.31 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
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c. Nancy Pelosi								
Dec 3-7, 2014	27	6	20	47	29	18	15	11
Oct 9-13, 2013	34	7	28	49	29	20	9	8
Dec 2-5, 2010	29	10	20	55	35	19	9	6
Jun 10-13, 2010	27	5	22	50	28	23	14	8
Jun 10-14, 2009	35	8	28	41	25	16	15	8
December, 2007	25	6	19	38	19	19	20	17
December, 2006	32	9	23	27	13	14	26	15
d. Mitch McConnell								
Dec 3-7, 2014	21	5	16	37	15	22	24	18
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	2	20	37	14	23	23	17
Jan 9-13, 2013	21	2	18	28	11	17	32	20
Dec 2-5, 2010	22	5	18	27	11	16	35	15
Rep/Lean only: Jul 17-21, 2013	36	7	29	24	5	19	21	19
e. Harry Reid								
Dec 3-7, 2014	20	4	16	41	20	21	25	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	27	4	23	39	20	19	21	13
Jan 9-13, 2013	21	5	16	34	16	19	28	17
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	3	20	37	17	20	27	12
Jan 11-16, 2012	18	4	15	38	20	18	28	16
Dec 2-5, 2010	23	5	18	39	21	18	26	12
December, 2006	17	3	14	20	7	13	45	18
f. Michelle Obama								
Dec 3-7, 2014	61	28	32	31	15	15	*	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	62	29	33	30	14	16	*	8
Jan 15-19, 2014	68	29	39	24	11	13	1	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	67	37	30	22	11	11	1	11
Sep 12-16, 2012	67	39	28	22	11	11	*	10
Jun 7-17, 2012	68	33	35	21	11	10	1	10
Jan 11-16, 2012	66	33	34	21	10	12	*	12
Mar 8-14, 2011	69	30	39	21	9	12	1	9
Dec 2-5, 2010	62	30	31	27	15	12	1	10
Jun 10-13, 2010	69	31	38	22	9	12	1	9
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	71	33	38	16	8	8	1	11
Jun 10-14, 2009	76	36	39	14	5	9	1	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	76	36	40	13	4	9	1	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	68	28	40	15	4	11	2	15
Mid-September, 2008	56	23	33	25	11	14	2	17
Late May, 2008	43	14	29	21	8	13	4	32

NO QUESTIONS 32-35

RANDOMIZE Q.36 AND Q.37**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 How much do you think Barack Obama will cooperate with the Republican leaders in Congress over the next two years – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

(U)

Dec 3-7

2014

11	A great deal
33	A fair amount
33	Not much
21	Not at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How much do you think George W. Bush will cooperate with the Democratic leaders in Congress over the next two years--a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

Gallup/USA Today

Nov 2006

6	A great deal
46	Fair amount
37	Not much
10	Not at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE Q.36 AND Q.37**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 How much do you think Republican leaders in Congress will cooperate with Barack Obama over the next two years – a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

(U)

Dec 3-7

2014

5	A great deal
23	A fair amount
43	Not much
27	Not at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How much do you think the Democrats in Congress will cooperate with George W. Bush over the next two years--a great deal, a fair amount, not much, or not at all?

Gallup/USA Today

Nov 2006

4	A great deal
44	Fair amount
41	Not much
10	Not at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.38 If Republicans and Democrats in Washington don't work together to address major issues over the next two years, how much, if at all, do you think it would hurt **[INSERT ITEM a; READ RESPONSE OPTIONS IN ORDER]**? And how much do you think it would hurt **[INSERT ITEM b]**? **[IF NECESSARY: If Republicans and Democrats in Washington don't work together to address major issues over the next two years, would it hurt you personally a lot, some, not much, or not at all?]**

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends/</u> <u>Will help</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
a.	The way things are going in the country Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	71	16	9	4	*	1
b.	You personally Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	45	28	17	8	*	2

NO QUESTIONS 39, 41-44, 47-52, 56-60, 62-65, 67-69, 71-73, 79-84

QUESTIONS 40, 45-46, 61, 66-66a, 70, 85-89 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUESTIONS 53-55, 74-78 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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
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
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Yearly Totals								
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

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>
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=660]:

	<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>
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	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--

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	<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 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
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

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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

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."