

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**OCTOBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**October 9-13, 2013**  
**N=1,504**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 5, 6, 9-11, 18-21, 25-28, 32-33, 35-37, 44-46, 51-52 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 7-8, 17, 22-24, 29-31, 34, 38-43, 47-50, 53-55**  
**QUESTIONS 12-16 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.56 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on Earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

**ASK IF EARTH IS GETTING WARMER (Q.56=1):**

Q.57 Do you believe that the Earth is getting warmer **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

**ASK IF EARTH IS NOT GETTING WARMER (Q.56=2):**

Q.58 Do you think that we just don't know enough yet about whether the Earth is getting warmer or do you think it's just not happening?

		Mar 13-17	Oct 4-7	Nov 9-14	Feb 22-Mar 1	Oct 13-18	Sep 30-Oct 4	Apr	Jan	Aug	Jul	Jun
		<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>
Oct 9-13	67 Yes	69	67	63	58	59	57	71	77	77	79	70
	Mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels,	42	42	38	36	34	36	47	47	47	50	41
	[OR]											
	Mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment	23	19	18	18	18	16	18	20	20	23	21
	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	6	5	6	6	6	10	10	6	8
26 No	27	26	28	34	32	33	21	16	17	17	20	20
12	Just don't know enough yet	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
13	Just not happening	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Mixed/some evidence (VOL.)	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	1
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	8	5	8	8	5	6	5	3	9

**IF (Q.56=1,3,9) OR (Q.58=1,9):**

Q.59 Do you think it is possible to reduce the effects of global warming, or not?

**ASK IF "POSSIBLE" (Q.59=1):**

Q.60 To reduce the effects of global warming will we have to make major sacrifices, or can technology solve the problem without requiring major sacrifices?

**BASED ON ALL EXCEPT "IT'S JUST NOT HAPPENING" [N=1,288]:**

Oct 9-13	
<u>2013</u>	
67	Yes, possible
38	Have to make major sacrifices
24	Technology can solve the problem without major sacrifices
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
28	No, not possible
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**Q.59/Q.60 CONTINUED...****BASED ON SOLID EVIDENCE OF EARTH GETTING WARMER [N=987]:**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		April <u>2008</u>	June <u>2006</u>
74	Yes, possible	74	67
44	Have to make major sacrifices	47	39
26	Technology can solve the problem without major sacrifices	23	23
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	5
23	No, not possible	19	22
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7	11

**NO QUESTION 61****ASK ALL:**

Q.62 From what you've heard or read, do scientists generally agree that the Earth is getting warmer because of human activity, or do they not generally agree about this?

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>	Oct- 13-18 <u>2010</u>	Apr 28- May 12 <u>2009</u>	<b><i>Trend for Comparison July 2006<sup>1</sup></i></b>
54	Yes, scientists generally agree that the Earth is getting warmer because of human activity	45	44	56	59
37	No, scientists do not generally agree that the Earth is getting warmer because of human activity	43	44	35	29
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	12	9	12

**NO QUESTIONS 63-68, 80****QUESTION 69-79, 81 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

<sup>1</sup> In July 2006, question was worded: "From what you've heard or read, is there general agreement among scientists that the earth is getting warmer because of human activity, or not?"

**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
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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	--	--	--	--	--

**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>
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	--
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>2</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

<sup>2</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."