

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
MARCH 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
March 13-17, 2013
N=1,501

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]**

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

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

NO QUESTIONS 2-4**QUESTION 5 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:**

Q.6F1 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the national debt or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are?

Mar 13-17

2013

36	Taking steps to reduce the national debt
53	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are
8	Both equally (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.7F2 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the budget deficit or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are?

	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are	(VOL.) Both Equally	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	32	57	8	3
Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012 (SDT) ¹	32	56	8	5
Aug 16-19, 2012	33	51	11	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	35	58	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	32	60	4	5
February, 1995	24	70	2	4

Q.6F1/7F2 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the (national debt/budget deficit) or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are?

BASED ON TOTAL:

	Taking steps to reduce the national debt/ budget deficit	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are	(VOL.) Both Equally	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013 ²	34	55	8	3

NO QUESTIONS 8-14**QUESTION 15c PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTION 15a,b,e HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 16-17****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

Q.18 How much confidence do you have in [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] to do the right thing when it comes to dealing with the federal budget deficit – 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.F2 Barack Obama					
Mar 13-17, 2013	22	31	16	30	2
Sep 22-25, 2011	18	34	21	25	2
May 25-30, 2011	22	33	22	21	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	19	34	20	24	4
b.F2 Republican leaders in Congress					
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	31	31	28	2
Sep 22-25, 2011	5	30	31	31	4
May 25-30, 2011	7	40	31	20	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	6	34	29	27	4
c.F2 Democratic leaders in Congress					
Mar 13-17, 2013	11	34	27	26	2
Sep 22-25, 2011	10	33	29	24	3
May 25-30, 2011	12	39	28	18	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	9	33	28	24	5

NO QUESTION 19

¹ In Dec 2012 the question began, "Now thinking about some issues that have been in the news lately. In your opinion, what is more important" and rotated the two items.

² In the current survey, a question wording experiment asked form 1 respondents about "taking steps to reduce the national debt" and form two respondents about "the budget deficit" as it was asked in all prior surveys. The results of the experiment showed no statistically significant difference between the two versions. Responses shown here are based on the combined total.

RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.20 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <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.20 CONTINUED...

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

RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:**

Q.21F1 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>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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
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

³ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.21 CONTINUED...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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
Newsweek: January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

Q.21F2 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

	<u>The economy is recovering</u>	<u>The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon</u>	<u>It will be a long time before the economy recovers</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	27	31	40	2
Oct 24-28, 2012	30	31	36	3
Sep 12-16, 2012	25	30	43	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	25	29	44	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	20	24	54	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	33	42	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	17	33	48	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 ⁴	10	37	52	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	13	35	50	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	13	37	48	2

RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.22 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>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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

⁴ In September 2010 and earlier, the first answer choice read "The economy is now recovering."

Q.22 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 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.) <u>Stay the same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

Q.23 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.) DK/Ref
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
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

ASK ALL:

Q.24 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	The job <u>situation</u>	Rising <u>prices</u>	The federal <u>budget deficit</u>	Problems in the financial and housing <u>markets</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) None/not worried <u>about any</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	32	29	27	9	2	*	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	22	25	10	2	*	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	19	27	10	2	1	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	22	24	11	2	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	13	22	12	2	1	2
Sep 1-4, 2011	43	17	22	11	4	2	2
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	15	29	11	3	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	38	20	28	10	2	*	2
Mar 8-14, 2011	34	28	24	10	3	*	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	44	23	19	10	1	1	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	47	15	19	14	1	1	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	15	19	12	2	1	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	41	16	23	13	3	1	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	45	17	22	11	2	*	2

NO QUESTION 25

ASK ALL:

EMPLOY2 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, retired or are you not employed for pay?

Mar 13-17

2013

56	NET Employed
42	Full-time
12	Part-time
2	Own business/self-employed (VOL.)
43	NET Not employed
20	Retired
18	Not employed for pay
3	Disabled (VOL.)
2	Student (VOL.)
1	NET Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
*	Other (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED (EMPLOY2=3,4,6,7,8) [N=713]:

EMPLOY1 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

25	Yes, looking for work
74	No, not looking for work
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED PART-TIME [N=165]:

EMPLOY7 Would you prefer to be working full-time, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

61	Yes,
39	No
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

EMPLOY2 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, retired or are you not employed for pay?

ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED (EMPLOY2=3,4,6,7,8):

EMPLOY1 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

ASK IF EMPLOYED PART-TIME:

EMPLOY7 Would you prefer to be working full-time, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

44	Employed full-time/Self-employed
12	Employed part-time
7	Would prefer full-time
5	Don't prefer full-time
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
44	NET Not employed/Other
11	Currently looking
33	Currently not looking
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED [N=787]:

Q.26 At your current job in the past year, have you been asked to do more work or work extra hours without additional pay, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

29	Yes
70	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.27 For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that happened to you in the past year.... (In the past year) Have you **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS THIS DOES NOT APPLY, CODE AS NO]**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage			
Mar 13-17, 2013	23	76	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	23	76	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	73	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	76	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	16	83	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:⁵			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	13	87	*
b. Been laid off or lost your job			
Mar 13-17, 2013	15	84	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	15	85	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	16	84	*
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	79	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	18	82	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	14	85	1
c. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care			
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	71	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family</i>			
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	25	74	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	70	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	26	74	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	23	77	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	23	76	1
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	21	78	*
d. Gotten a pay raise at your current job or gotten a better job			
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	70	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	25	74	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	74	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	29	70	1
January, 2008 (SDT)	41	57	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	29	69	2

⁵ Trends for comparison for items 27a, 27b, 27d and 27e are from a study conducted by the Washington Post, Kaiser and Harvard from June 30 to August 30, 1999. The introduction to these items was: "For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you and your immediate family during the past year..."

Q.27 CONTINUED...

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
e.	Been able to save money for the future Mar 13-17, 2013	41	58	1
	TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	58	42	*

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Do you have any major credit cards, or not?

		<i>CBS News:</i>	
Mar 13-17		Aug 27-31	Dec 5-9
<u>2013</u>		<u>2009⁶</u>	<u>2007</u>
55	Yes	65	63
44	No	34	35
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2

ASK IF HAVE MAJOR CREDIT CARDS (Q.28=1) [N=942]:

Q.29 Do you now owe more money, less money, or do you owe about the same amount on your credit cards as you did a year ago?

		<i>CBS News:</i>	
Mar 13-17		Aug 27-31	
<u>2013</u>		<u>2009⁷</u>	
16	More	14	
25	Less	28	
49	Same	43	
9	Don't have credit cards/carry a balance (VOL.)	15	
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	

NO QUESTIONS 30-34**ASK ALL:**

OWNRENT Do you own or rent your home?

Mar 13-17		Feb
<u>2013</u>		<u>2009</u>
58	Own	64
36	Rent	31
6	Other arrangement (VOL.)	4
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK IF OWN HOME (OWNRENT=1):

MORTGAGE Do you pay money on a mortgage or other home loan, or is your home paid for?

ASK IF PAY MORTGAGE (MORTGAGE=1):

MORTGAGE2 Some people feel that if they had to sell their home right now it would sell for less than they owe on their mortgage. Does this apply to you, or not?

BASED ON HOMEOWNERS [N=993]:

Mar 13-17		Feb
<u>2013</u>		<u>2009</u>
66	Pay a mortgage	67
22	Yes, it would sell for less than owed	20
43	No, it would not sell for less than owed	44
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3
33	Home is paid for	31
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

⁶ In Aug 2009, the CBS question did not include "or not."⁷ In Aug 2009, the CBS question read, "Compared to a year ago, do you owe more money now on your credit cards, less money on your credit cards, or do you owe about the same amount of money as you did a year ago?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:

Q.35F1 What's your impression about the real estate market in your area? Over the past year, have home prices in your area **[READ]**?

	(VOL.)					(VOL.)
	<u>Gone up a lot</u>	<u>Gone up a little</u>	<u>Gone down a little</u>	<u>Gone down a lot</u>	<u>Stayed about the same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	12	39	17	13	9	10
Jun 15-19, 2011	9	16	29	36	5	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	8	17	34	29	5	8
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	8	13	35	31	6	8
December, 2008	11	11	33	34	5	6
Early October, 2008	19	14	29	25	4	9
July, 2008	20	13	32	24	5	6
Early February, 2008	28	18	23	18	3	10
September, 2007	28	22	25	15	3	7

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:

Q.36F1 And how about over the next few years... Do you think the price of homes in your area will **[READ]**?

	(VOL.)					(VOL.)
	<u>Go up a lot</u>	<u>Go up a little</u>	<u>Go down a little</u>	<u>Go down a lot</u>	<u>Stay about the same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	17	53	16	4	5	5
Jun 15-19, 2011	9	45	28	9	4	5
Dec 1-5, 2010	10	47	25	8	4	7
July, 2008	14	40	29	7	4	6
Early February, 2008	15	40	26	8	4	7
September, 2007	17	36	28	8	5	6
June, 2007	26	36	23	5	4	6

ASK ALL:

INVEST Do you have any money invested in the stock market – including retirement accounts like IRAs or 401ks – or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

45 Yes

53 No

1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK ALL:

Q.37 Do you think now is a very good, good, bad, or very bad time to invest in the stock market?

Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>		Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>	Feb <u>2008</u>	Sept <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Mid-May <u>2005</u>
4	Very good	7	5	3	5	3
38	Good	32	26	37	41	42
35	Bad	38	35	35	27	32
10	Very bad	16	18	7	7	8
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	16	18	20	15

ASK IF HAVE MONEY IN THE STOCK MARKET (INVEST=1) [N=776]:

Q.38 Over the past year, has the value of your stock market investments [READ]?

Mar 13-17

2013

13	Gone up a lot
58	Gone up a little
17	Gone down a little
5	Gone down a lot
4	Stayed about the same (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 39-44, 49-55, 58-60, 64, 66-69, 72, 74-76, 78-84, 93-97**QUESTIONS 45-48, 56-57, 77, 85-92 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****QUESTIONS 61-63, 65, 70-71, 73, 98-102 PREVIOUS 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
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Yearly Totals								
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

PARTY PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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) [N=623]:

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

Mar 13-17 2013		Feb 13-18 2013	Jan 9-13 2013
43	Agree	36	35
7	Disagree	9	10
47	No opinion either way	52	51
1	Haven't heard of (VOL.)	1	2
1	Refused (VOL.)	3	2

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls
(SDT)	Pew Research Center's Social and Demographic Trends project

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
March 14-17, 2013 OMNIBUS
FINAL TOPLINE
N=924

PEW.1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS PEW.2-PEW.5****PEW.6-PEW.7 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL**

Next,

PEW.8 Not all people face the same financial pressures. Please tell me how much each of the following affects your own household's financial situation. First, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** – does this affect your household's financial situation a lot, a little, or not at all? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Does this affect your household's financial situation a lot, a little or not at all?]**

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	The availability of jobs in your area				
	March 14-17, 2013	39	25	34	2
	March 30-April 3, 2011 ⁸	42	26	30	1
b.	How the stock market is doing				
	March 14-17, 2013	23	33	40	4
	March 30-April 3, 2011	24	37	34	5
c.	Real estate values in your area				
	March 14-17, 2013	32	33	32	3
	March 30-April 3, 2011 ⁹	35	28	34	3
d.	Gas prices				
	March 14-17, 2013	64	25	10	1
	March 30-April 3, 2011	69	23	7	1
e.	Prices for food and consumer goods				
	March 14-17, 2013	58	32	9	1
	March 30-April 3, 2011	58	34	7	1
f.	The federal budget deficit				
	March 14-17, 2013	39	36	20	5
	March 30-April 3, 2011	43	34	19	4

PEW.9-PEW.10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

⁸ In 2011, item read "The job situation."

⁹ In 2011, item read "Real estate values."