

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER/WASHINGTON POST  
MAY 26-29, 2011 OMNIBUS  
FINAL TOPLINE  
N=1,000**

**PEW.1 THROUGH PEW.3 RELEASED SEPARATELY**

Now a different kind of question ...

PEWWP.1 Thinking about the candidates running for the Republican presidential nomination, if you had to use one single word to describe your overall impression of this group of candidates, what would that one word be? **[IF "DON'T KNOW" PROBE ONCE: Even if you haven't thought much about this yet, just your first impression or the first word that comes to mind...]** **[OPEN END: RECORD FIRST MENTION ONLY]**<sup>1</sup>

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

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42	Not impressed/unimpressed	7	Qualified/Highly qualified
21	Disappointed/Disappointing	6	Competent
21	Weak	6	Diverse
18	Good	6	Impressed/Impressive
17	Incompetent/Incapable	6	Sad
16	Pathetic	5	Inadequate
14	Not interested	5	Lousy
14	Unqualified/Not qualified	5	Stupid
13	Idiots	5	Untrustworthy
12	Poor	4	Bad
11	Confused/Confusing/Confusion	4	Blah/Bland
10	Hopeful	4	Capable
10	Interesting	4	Crazy
10	Mediocre	4	Dishonest
9	Not good	4	Dislike/Don't like/Unlikeable
8	Fair	4	Disorganized/Unorganized
8	Liars	4	Greedy
8	Pitiful	4	Honesty
8	Ridiculous	4	Republican
8	Unknown	4	Terrible
7	Boring	4	Undecided
7	Conservative	4	Unelectable
7	Disgusting	4	Waiting/Wait and see
7	Joke	328	Other
7	Lacking/Lackluster	15	Don't know
7	Losers	230	No answer/Refused

**PEW.4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>1</sup> PEWWP.1 asked in conjunction with *The Washington Post*.

## About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted May 26-29, 2011, among a national sample of 1,000 adults 18 years of age or older living in the continental United States (670 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 330 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 125 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. 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/detailed>.

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin, region, and population density to parameters from the March 2010 Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status, based on extrapolations from the 2010 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 within the landline sample. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting. The following table shows the sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Sample Size</b>	<b>Plus or minus ...</b>
Total sample	1,000	4.0 percentage points
Republicans	263	7.5 percentage points
Democrats	320	7.0 percentage points
Independents	330	6.5 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.