

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
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FINAL TOPLINE
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PEW.1 THROUGH PEW.3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEW. 4 From what you've read and heard about the dispute between Wisconsin's governor and public employee unions over collective bargaining rights, do you side more with **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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31	The governor
42	The public employee unions
9	Neither (VOL.)
18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*How about when you hear of a disagreement between state or local governments and unions that represent government workers, is your first reaction **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?*

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To side with the governments	38
To side with the unions	44
Both/Neither (VOL.)	3
Depends (VOL.)	5
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

PEW.5 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NOTE: PEW.6 asked in conjunction with <i>The Washington Post</i>.
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ASK ALL:

PEW.6 If the federal government shuts down because **[RANDOMIZE: Republicans and the Obama administration]** can't agree on a budget, who do you think would be more to blame: **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS ABOVE: Republicans or the Obama administration]**?

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36	Republicans
35	The Obama administration
17	Both equally (VOL.)
1	Neither (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

There's a possibility the federal government might have to shut down in the next few days because the Clinton Administration and the Republicans in Congress can't agree on a plan to keep it running while they work on a new budget. Whose fault do you think this mainly is—Clinton's or the Republicans' in Congress?

Washington Post/ABC News

Nov 10-13

1995

Clinton	27
Republicans	46
Both (VOL.)	20
Neither (VOL.)	2
No opinion	5

PEW.6 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

As you may know, the federal government has shut down many of its operations because the Clinton Administration and the Republicans in Congress have not agreed on a plan to keep it running while they work on a new budget. Whose fault do you think this mainly is—Clinton's or the Republicans' in Congress?

	<i>ABC News</i> Jan 3 <u>1996</u>	<i>Washington Post/ABC News</i> Nov 19 <u>1995</u>
Clinton	25	24
Republicans	44	51
Both (VOL.)	24	20
Neither (VOL.)	3	1
No opinion	3	4

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

ASK IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY:

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.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
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