

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
JULY 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
July 8-14, 2014
N=1,805

QUESTIONS 1-24, 28 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 5-9, 18-22, 25-27****ASK ALL:**

Q.29 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-B FOLLOWED BY C LAST]** 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.) |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <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 |
| a. The Supreme Court | | | | | | | | |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 52 | 8 | 44 | 38 | 14 | 24 | 1 | 9 |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 | 56 | 11 | 44 | 35 | 12 | 23 | * | 9 |
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 48 | 7 | 41 | 38 | 14 | 24 | 1 | 13 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 52 | 7 | 45 | 31 | 10 | 21 | 2 | 15 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 53 | 8 | 45 | 36 | 12 | 24 | 1 | 10 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 51 | 10 | 41 | 37 | 14 | 23 | 1 | 11 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 52 | 11 | 41 | 29 | 10 | 20 | * | 18 |
| July 1-5, 2010 | 58 | 9 | 49 | 25 | 8 | 17 | 1 | 16 |
| Feb 3-9, 2010 | 58 | 8 | 50 | 27 | 8 | 19 | * | 15 |
| Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 | 64 | 8 | 56 | 21 | 6 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| April, 2008 | 65 | 15 | 50 | 25 | 7 | 18 | * | 10 |
| July, 2007 | 57 | 12 | 45 | 29 | 9 | 20 | 0 | 14 |
| January, 2007 | 72 | 18 | 54 | 17 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 9 |
| July, 2006 | 63 | 7 | 56 | 27 | 8 | 19 | 1 | 9 |
| February, 2006 | 60 | 16 | 44 | 28 | 10 | 18 | * | 12 |
| Late October, 2005 | 62 | 12 | 50 | 27 | 10 | 17 | * | 11 |
| July, 2005 | 61 | 12 | 49 | 28 | 10 | 18 | * | 11 |
| June, 2005 | 57 | 8 | 49 | 30 | 8 | 22 | * | 13 |
| July, 2001 | 70 | 15 | 55 | 20 | 6 | 14 | * | 10 |
| March, 2001 | 72 | 15 | 57 | 20 | 5 | 15 | * | 8 |
| January, 2001 | 68 | 18 | 50 | 21 | 8 | 13 | 1 | 10 |
| October, 1997 | 77 | 13 | 64 | 18 | 6 | 12 | * | 5 |
| May, 1997 | 72 | 16 | 56 | 22 | 5 | 17 | 0 | 6 |
| July, 1994 | 80 | 18 | 62 | 16 | 3 | 13 | * | 4 |
| May, 1993 | 73 | 17 | 56 | 18 | 4 | 14 | 0 | 9 |
| November, 1991 | 72 | 18 | 54 | 21 | 5 | 16 | 0 | 7 |
| May, 1990 | 65 | 10 | 55 | 25 | 7 | 18 | 1 | 9 |
| January, 1988 | 79 | 14 | 65 | 13 | 2 | 11 | * | 8 |
| May, 1987 | 76 | 13 | 63 | 17 | 2 | 15 | * | 7 |
| Roper: March 1985 | 64 | 17 | 47 | 28 | 7 | 21 | -- | 8 |

ITEMS b-c PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

Q.30 In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is conservative, middle of the road, or liberal?

| | <u>Conservative</u> | <u>Middle of the Road</u> | <u>Liberal</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 27 | 38 | 26 | 8 |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 | 25 | 35 | 31 | 8 |

Q.30 CONTINUED...

| | <u>Conservative</u> | <u>Middle of the Road</u> | <u>Liberal</u> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 23 | 42 | 26 | 9 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 22 | 40 | 24 | 14 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 24 | 41 | 23 | 12 |
| Jul 1-5, 2010 | 23 | 39 | 23 | 14 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010 | 24 | 36 | 24 | 16 |
| July 2007 | 36 | 35 | 14 | 15 |

NO QUESTIONS 31-36, 39, 41-45, 48-49, 57-58, 62-65, 69-71, 73-82, 86**QUESTIONS 37-38, 40, 46-47, 50-56, 59-61, 66-68, 72, 83, 85 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTION 84 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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.) No preference | (VOL.) Other party | (VOL.) DK/Ref | <u>Lean Rep</u> | <u>Lean Dem</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 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 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 24 | 32 | 38 | 4 | * | 2 | 16 | 14 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

| | | | | (VOL.) | (VOL.) | (VOL.) | Lean | Lean |
|------|------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|------|------|
| | Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference | Other party | DK/Ref | Rep | Dem |
| 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 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

QUESTIONS 87-88 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**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=778]

| | Agree | Disagree | No opinion either way | (VOL.) Haven't heard of | (VOL.) Refused | Not heard of/DK |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 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 | -- |
| 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 | -- |

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

| | <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> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Feb 2-7, 2011 ¹ | 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 |

¹ 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."