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## *GOP Continues to Hold Engagement Advantage*

Heading into the final weeks before the midterm elections, Republican and Democratic voters are split not only over their candidate preferences, but also about the importance of key issues in the election.

Foreign policy, the budget deficit and immigration are among the most dominant issues for those planning to vote for Republican candidates; each is named by 70% or more as “very important” to their vote in the fall. But only about half of those who plan to vote Democratic say each of these issues are very important to their vote decisions.

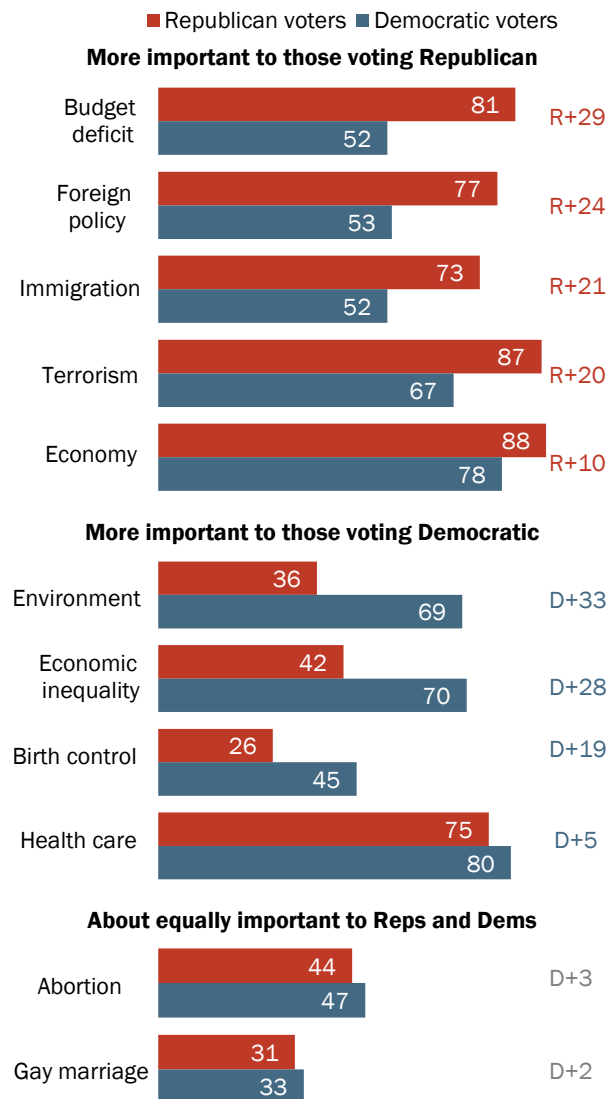
In contrast, both the environment and economic inequality rate as very important to about seven-in-ten Democratic voters—but no more than about four-in-ten Republicans.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted Sept. 2-9 among 2,002 adults (including 1,552 registered voters), finds that terrorism and the economy are top issues for both Republican and Democratic voters, though in both cases they rate as more important for Republicans than Democrats.

Health care also remains a key issue for voters in both parties this fall, with 77% saying it is very important to their vote. Democratic voters are more likely than Republican voters

### Sizable Partisan Gaps over Importance of Deficit, Foreign Policy, Environment

*% saying each is “very important” to their vote for Congress...*



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Based on registered voters

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(80% vs. 75%) to say health care will be very important to their vote in November.

Overall, opinions of the Affordable Care Act have changed little over the past year. Currently, 44% approve of the law, while 52% disapprove.

The survey also finds that [voters who support GOP candidates continue to be more engaged with the midterm election than those who support Democrats](#). Republican voters are 15 points more likely than Democrats to say they've given a lot of thought to the election, and 12 points more likely to say they definitely will vote. GOP voters also express more enthusiasm for voting in the upcoming midterm than their Democratic counterparts.

As a result, while the so-called "generic ballot" slightly favors the Democrats (47% of voters say they plan to vote for the Democratic candidate or lean toward the Democrat, while 42% say they plan to vote for the Republican or lean Republican), the likely electorate is more favorable to Republican candidates than the overall electorate. When the generic ballot is narrowed to a subset of voters most likely to cast votes in November (1,150 likely voters), the result is more divided: 44% support the Democratic candidate, 47% support the Republican candidate.

At a comparable stage in 2010, Republicans held a 50%-43% lead among likely voters. [In the Pew Research Center's final pre-election survey in 2010](#), Republicans held a 48% to 42% advantage.

## GOP Maintains Engagement Advantage

% of registered voters who say they...

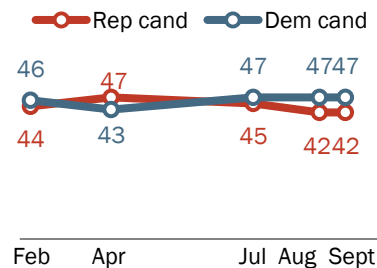
	Have given a lot of thought to the election			Definitely will vote		
	2006	2010	2014	2006	2010	2014
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Rep voters	49	64	60	71	83	81
Dem voters	44	41	45	69	69	69
R-D gap	R+5	R+23	R+15	R+2	R+14	R+12

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## Dems Hold Narrow Edge among Registered Voters...

% of registered voters who intend to vote for...



## But GOP Runs Even among Likely Voters

	Registered voters %	Likely voters %
Rep cand	42	47
Dem cand	47	44
Other/DK	11	8
	100	100
N	1552	1150

Survey conducted September 2-9, 2014. Likely voter estimates based on a seven-question turnout scale.

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The internal dynamics of the race are similar to the 2010 campaign. The GOP performs strongest among whites, men, older voters and evangelical Protestants, while Democratic candidates garner more support from non-whites, women, younger voters and the religiously unaffiliated.

## GOP Leads among Whites, Older Voters; Post-Grads Favor the Democrats

*Vote preference for Congress (based on likely voters)...*

	Nov. 1-4, 2006			Oct. 27-30, 2010			Sept. 2-9, 2014			2014 N
	Rep cand %	Dem cand %	Adv	Rep cand %	Dem cand %	Adv	Rep cand %	Dem cand %	Adv	
All likely voters	43	47	D+4	48	42	R+6	47	44	R+3	1150
Men	45	46	D+1	53	36	R+17	52	39	R+13	586
Women	41	48	D+7	44	47	D+3	43	49	D+6	564
18-49	44	48	D+4	48	44	R+4	43	50	D+7	310
50-64	44	45	D+1	47	44	R+3	49	43	R+6	428
65+	42	48	D+6	50	38	R+12	52	39	R+13	393
White, non-Hisp.	49	42	R+7	56	36	R+20	54	38	R+16	927
Non-white	21	68	D+47	21	70	D+49	25	66	D+41	205
Post-grad	39	52	D+13	42	52	D+10	39	58	D+19	263
College grad	46	46	Even	52	39	R+13	51	41	R+10	343
Some college	43	45	D+2	49	38	R+11	48	44	R+4	301
HS or less	44	46	D+2	48	43	R+5	48	40	R+8	238
<i>Family income</i>										
\$75,000 or more	50	43	R+7	53	41	R+12	49	45	R+4	460
\$30,000-\$74,999	49	44	R+5	48	43	R+5	51	41	R+10	386
Less than \$30,000	32	62	D+30	39	54	D+15	35	55	D+20	192
Republican	92	4	R+88	96	2	R+94	95	2	R+93	381
Democrat	2	94	D+92	6	91	D+85	5	92	D+87	363
Independent	35	42	D+7	45	32	R+13	44	38	R+6	368
White evang. Prot.	68	24	R+44	75	16	R+59	74	18	R+56	259
White mainline Prot.	45	45	Even	55	36	R+19	51	43	R+8	219
Catholic	43	48	D+5	48	45	R+3	51	40	R+11	228
Unaffiliated	20	71	D+51	31	60	D+29	30	59	D+29	205

Survey conducted September 2-9, 2014. Likely voter estimates based on a seven-question turnout scale. Whites include only those who are not Hispanic; non-Whites include Hispanics.

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There are also wide differences in vote preferences by education: Those with post-graduate degrees are currently the only educational group to favor Democratic candidates for Congress, and they do so by a 19-point margin (58% vs. 39%). And while Democrats hold a 20-point advantage among low-income voters (55% to 35% among voters with family incomes under \$30,000), the Republicans lead among middle-income voters (\$30,000-\$75,000) by 10 points (51% to 41%).

## Issue Priorities for Voters

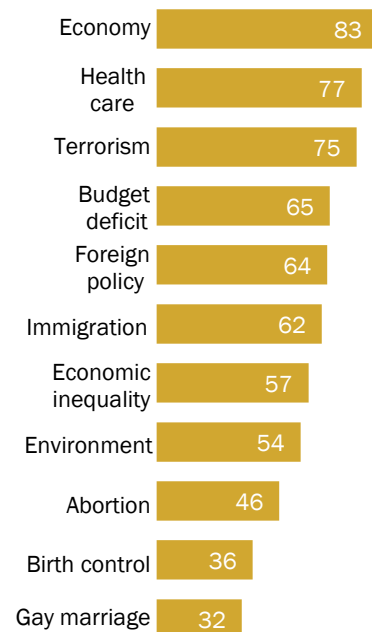
The economy continues to be the top issue for voters, as it has been over the last several election cycles. Today 83% say that the economy will be very important to their vote—in 2010, fully 90% of voters said this. Health care also remains a priority: 77% say it will be very important to their vote, which is identical to the share saying this in [August 2010](#), a few months after the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Three-quarters of voters (75%) say the issue of terrorism will be very important to their vote, little changed from about the same point in the 2010 campaign (71%). In September 2012, shortly before the presidential election, 60% of voters said terrorism would be very important. ([The current survey](#) finds that concerns over Islamic extremism have risen sharply in recent years; it was conducted before President Obama’s Sept. 10 address on expanding U.S. military action against the militant group known as ISIS).

Majorities also view the budget deficit (65%), foreign policy (64%), immigration (62%) and economic inequality (57%) as very important to their vote. Two social issues — gay marriage and birth control — rank lower on the importance list; only about a third of voters say each will be very important to their vote this fall (36% birth control, 32% gay marriage).

### Economy, Health care, Terrorism Top Issues

*% of registered voters saying each is “very important” to their vote for Congress*



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## Age, Gender Differences in Priorities

Foreign policy and immigration rate as much more important issues for older voters than younger voters. About seven-in-ten voters 65 and older (71%) view foreign policy as very important to their vote, as do about as many of those 50 to 64 (70%). Among voters younger than 30, only about half (51%) say this.

Similarly, just 49% of voters under 30 rate immigration as a very important issue. Nearly seven-in-ten (69%) of those 65 and older and 65% of voters 50 to 64 view immigration as very important.

There also are racial and ethnic differences in views of immigration as a voting issue: 70% of Hispanic voters say immigration is very important, compared with 63% of whites and 46% of blacks.

Young voters are much more likely than older voters to consider the environment when casting their ballots: 64% of 18-29 year old voters say this will be very important to their vote, compared with only about half (51%) of voters 50 and older.

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### Older Voters More Likely to Prioritize Foreign Policy, Immigration

*% of registered voters saying each is "very important" to their vote for Congress*

	<b>18-29</b>	<b>30-49</b>	<b>50-64</b>	<b>65+</b>	<b>Young-old diff</b>
	%	%	%	%	
Foreign policy	51	60	70	71	-20
Immigration	49	58	65	69	-20
Terrorism	68	70	79	82	-14
Health care	69	78	78	79	-10
Economy	75	84	85	83	-8
Federal budget deficit	62	63	66	70	-8
Abortion	50	44	44	50	0
Gay marriage	38	35	30	30	+8
Birth control	44	36	32	37	+7
Economic inequality	68	57	53	55	+13
Environment	64	55	52	48	+16

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Women are more likely than men to rate several issues as very important, particularly issues of health care and reproduction. For example, while more than half of women voters (55%) say abortion will be very important in their decision this fall, just 37% of men voters say this. And although birth control is not a dominant issue for either men or women, women are much more likely to say it is very important: 44% say this, compared with 27% of men.

More generally, health care is also more likely to be seen as important by women: 84% of women voters say health care will be very important to their vote this fall, 70% of men voters say the same.

Women also are more likely to view economic inequality as an important contributor to their vote choice: 64% say it is very important, compared with 49% of men.

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## Gender Gap on Importance of Abortion, Birth Control, Inequality, Environment

*% of registered voters saying each is “very important” to their vote for Congress*

	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>M-W</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>diff</b>
Abortion	37	55	-18
Birth control	27	44	-17
Economic inequality	49	64	-15
Health care	70	84	-14
Environment	47	59	-12
Gay marriage	27	38	-11
Terrorism	72	78	-6
Economy	81	84	-3
Immigration	61	62	-1
Federal budget deficit	66	64	+2
Foreign policy	66	63	+3

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## ACA Remains Unpopular; More See Law's Impact on Country

Among the public overall, opinions about the 2010 health care law have changed little over the past year. Currently, 52% disapprove of the health care law while 44% approve of the measure.

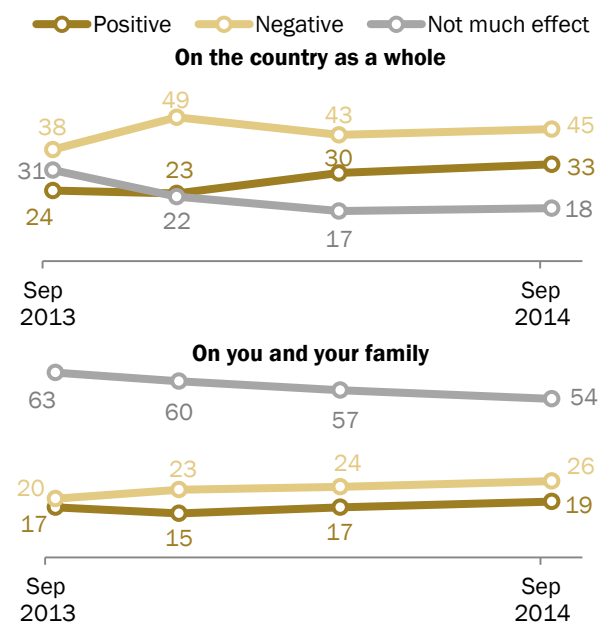
More people say the law has had an impact on the country than did so a year ago. On balance, the law's effects continue to be seen as more negative than positive. Today, 45% say the law has had a mostly negative effect on the country, while 33% think its impact has been mostly positive; 18% say it has not had much of an effect. Last September, 38% said the law's impact on the country was mostly negative, 24% said it was positive; 31% said it had not much of an impact.

A majority (54%) continues to say the health care law has not had much of an effect on themselves or their families, though somewhat fewer say this than did so a year ago (63%). Currently, about one-in-four (26%) see the health care law's personal effect as mostly negative, while 19% say it has been mostly positive.

The public also continues to express more negative than positive views about the law's future impact – both personally and on the country. Currently, 46% say that over the coming years the impact of the law on the country will be mostly negative, 37% anticipate a mostly positive effect and 13% do not think that the law will have much impact going forward. In terms of the law's future personal impact, 38% expect it will be mostly negative, 27% mostly positive, while a third (33%) say it will not have much of an effect.

### More Are Seeing the Health Care Law's Impact; Negatives Outweigh Positives

% saying impact of health care law \_\_\_ has been ...



Survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014.  
Don't know responses not shown.

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More Democrats have a positive view of the health care law's impact on the country than did so a year ago. Currently, 56% say the law has had a positive effect, up 15 points from last September. The share saying the law has had a negative effect has held fairly steady (at 22%), while fewer Democrats say it has not had much of an effect.

College graduates also view the law's impact more positively. Today, about as many college graduates view the law's effect on the country as mostly positive (41%) as mostly negative (42%). A year ago, the balance of opinion among college graduates was more negative than positive (38% mostly negative, 23% mostly positive).

Among many other groups, however, there has been no improvement in opinions about the law's impact on the country. For instance, those who have only some college experience still view its effects more negatively than positively (48% mostly negative vs. 30% mostly positive) as do those with no more than a high school education (30% vs. 44%).

## College Grads, Democrats More Likely to See Positive Impact of Health Care Law on Country

*% saying impact of ACA on the country has been...*

	September 2013			September 2014		
	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Not much effect	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Not much effect
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total	24	38	31	33	45	18
18-29	30	32	30	36	37	23
30-49	22	42	31	33	43	19
50-64	23	41	29	33	49	14
65+	21	35	34	29	49	15
College grad+	23	38	34	41	42	14
Some college	26	39	29	30	48	18
HS or less	22	38	31	30	44	20
<i>Family income</i>						
\$75,000 or more	20	42	34	37	45	16
\$30,000-\$74,999	23	40	32	31	50	17
Less than \$30,000	28	34	28	35	39	20
Republican	8	59	29	12	73	13
Democrat	41	20	31	56	22	17
Independent	21	40	32	28	46	21

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## Familiar Divisions in Views of ACA

The health care law continues to draw more support from non-whites than from whites, and from more young adults than older people.

While 61% of non-Hispanic whites disapprove of the law, majorities of non-Hispanic blacks (73%) and Hispanics (60%) approve of it. Among people under 30, more approve (55%) than disapprove (41%) of the law; among older age groups, there is more opposition than support.

Democrats continue to approve of the law by a wide margin (72%-23%), but Republicans oppose it by an even larger margin (88%-11%). These partisan differences carry over into midterm vote preferences: 90% of registered voters who support the Republican in their district disapprove of the health care law, while 73% of those who plan to vote Democratic approve of it.

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### GOP Voters Disapprove of ACA by Wider Margin than Democrats Approve of It

	Approve %	Disapprove %	DK %
Total	44	52	4=100
Men	43	54	3=100
Women	45	50	5=100
White	34	61	5=100
Black	73	19	7=100
Hispanic	60	38	2=100
18-29	55	41	4=100
30-49	42	54	4=100
50-64	43	55	3=100
65+	36	56	8=100
College grad+	53	46	2=100
Some college	39	55	6=100
HS or less	41	54	5=100
Republican	11	88	2=100
Democrat	72	23	6=100
Independent	41	55	4=100
<i>2014 vote among RVs</i>			
Vote Republican	9	90	1=100
Vote Democratic	73	21	6=100

Survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding. Blacks and whites are non-Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race.

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## About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted September 2-9, 2014 among a national sample of 2,002 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (801 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,201 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 673 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 and Spanish. 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/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2012 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2013 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 among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted 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>Unweighted sample size</b>	<b>Plus or minus ...</b>
Total sample	2,002	2.5 percentage points
Republican	540	4.9 percentage points
Democrat	637	4.5 percentage points
Independent	733	4.2 percentage points
Registered voters	1,552	2.9 percentage points
Republican RVs	463	5.3 percentage points
Democratic RVs	512	5.0 percentage points
Independent RVs	516	5.0 percentage points
<i>House vote choice</i>		
Support Rep candidate	701	4.3 percentage points
Support Dem candidate	702	4.3 percentage points
Likely voters	1,150	3.3 percentage points
Republican LVs	381	5.8 percentage points
Democratic LVs	363	5.9 percentage points
Independent LVs	368	5.9 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.

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**September 2-9, 2014**  
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**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2****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]**

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Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10				

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**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2****ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	December, 2008	13	83	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	August, 2008	21	74	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	July, 2008	19	74	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	June, 2008	19	76	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	March, 2008	22	72	6
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	October, 2007	28	66	6
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	February, 2007	30	61	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	December, 2006	28	65	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	July, 2006	30	65	5
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	March, 2006	32	63	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	January, 2006	34	61	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	January, 2005	40	54	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	July, 2004	38	55	7
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	May, 2004	33	61	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	December, 2003	44	47	9
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	October, 2003	38	56	6
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	January, 2003	44	50	6
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	September, 2002	41	55	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	May, 2002	44	44	12
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	March, 2001	47	45	8
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	February, 2001	46	43	11
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	January, 2001	55	41	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
				September, 2000	51	41	8
				June, 2000	47	45	8
				April, 2000	48	43	9
				August, 1999	56	39	5
				January, 1999	53	41	6

<sup>1</sup> In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

**Q.2 CONTINUED...**

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 1998	46	44	10	July, 1994	24	73	3
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	March, 1994	24	71	5
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	October, 1993	22	73	5
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
February, 1998	59	37	4	May, 1993	22	71	7
January, 1998	46	50	4	January, 1993	39	50	11
September, 1997	45	49	6	January, 1992	28	68	4
August, 1997	49	46	5	November, 1991	34	61	5
January, 1997	38	58	4	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
July, 1996	29	67	4	August, 1990	47	48	5
March, 1996	28	70	2	May, 1990	41	54	5
October, 1995	23	73	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
June, 1995	25	73	2	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
April, 1995	23	74	3				

**NO QUESTIONS 3-4****ASK ALL:**

The Congressional elections will be coming up later this year.

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming November election... Quite a lot or only a little?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]:**

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<b>2014 Election</b>					
Sep 2-9, 2014	51	3	42	3	1
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	49	3	44	3	1
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Oct 24-28, 2012	78	3	15	3	1
Oct 4-7, 2012	73	3	21	2	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	70	4	23	2	1
Jul 16-26, 2012	61	5	28	6	1
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	65	3	29	3	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	67	1	30	2	1
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	61	2	33	3	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	64	2	30	4	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	66	2	30	1	1
<b>2010 Election</b>					
Oct 13-18, 2010	55	4	34	5	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	5	42	3	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	5	44	6	1
<b>2008 Election</b>					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2

## THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<b>2006 Election</b>					
November, 2006	61	5	28	4	1
Late October, 2006	54	6	35	5	1
Early October, 2006	51	4	40	4	2
September, 2006	45	4	48	3	1
<b>2004 Election</b>					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
<b>2002 Election</b>					
Early November, 2002	52	6	35	6	1
Early October, 2002	45	6	45	4	1
Early September, 2002	36	5	54	4	1
<b>2000 Election</b>					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
<b>1998 Election</b>					
Late October, 1998	49	11	35	4	1
Early October, 1998	42	8	43	6	1
<b>1996 Election</b>					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
<b>1994 Election</b>					
November, 1994	56	7	32	4	1
Late October, 1994	45	7	45	2	1
Early October, 1994	44	2	50	3	1
<b>1992 Election</b>					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1
<b>1990 Election</b>					
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990 (GP) <sup>2</sup>	43	7	46	4	
<b>1988 Election</b>					
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	73	8	17	2	
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1988	69	9	20	2	
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1988	57	18	23	2	
<i>Gallup</i> : August, 1988	61	10	27	2	

<sup>2</sup> Gallup trends for 1990, 1982 and 1978 are based on general public.



**THOUGHT CONTINUED...**

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None/ DK/Ref
<b>1982 Election</b>				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1982 (GP)	29	22	37	12
<b>1978 Election</b>				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1978 (GP)	23	22	39	17
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1978 (GP)	21	18	44	18

**ASK ALL:**

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]:**

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91	Yes
8	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs [READ]?

	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 2-9, 2014	51	25	14	9	1
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	48	29	14	9	*
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	69	21	7	3	*
Oct 24-28, 2012	51	27	13	9	1
Oct 4-7, 2012 (RVs)	65	23	8	4	*
Sep 12-16, 2012 (RVs)	60	26	10	4	*
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	28	15	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	50	29	14	6	1
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	56	29	10	5	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	49	28	12	10	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 <sup>3</sup>	52	25	13	10	1
January, 2007	53	28	11	7	1
November, 2006 (RVs)	58	26	10	6	*
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	57	30	8	5	*
December, 2005	50	28	14	8	*
December, 2004	45	35	14	5	1
November, 2004 (RVs)	61	27	9	3	*
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	63	26	8	3	*
June, 2004	44	34	15	7	*
August, 2003	48	33	12	6	1
November, 2002	49	27	14	9	1
August, 2002	54	30	11	5	*
March, 2001	49	27	13	10	1
Early November, 2000 (RVs)	51	32	12	5	*
September, 2000 (RVs)	51	34	10	4	1
June, 2000	38	32	19	11	*
Late September, 1999	39	32	20	9	*
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	57	29	10	4	*

<sup>3</sup>

In the Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 survey, a wording experiment was conducted with one half of respondents asked the question wording shown above, and the other half was asked: "Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...?" No significant differences were found between questions and the combined results are shown above. All surveys prior to Sep 2010 used the longer question wording.

**Q.5 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	51	33	11	5	*
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1
October, 1988 (RVs)	52	33	12	3	*
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1

**ASK ALL:**OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... **[READ]****BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]**

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<b>(VOL.) Never vote</b>	<b>(VOL.) Other</b>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Sep 2-9, 2014	58	27	10	4	2	*	*
Jul 8-14, 2014	58	25	10	4	2	*	*
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	61	24	8	5	1	*	*
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	62	23	7	5	2	1	*
Oct 24-28, 2012	59	24	8	5	3	1	*
Oct 4-7, 2012	67	20	6	4	1	1	0
Sep 12-16, 2012	64	22	7	4	2	1	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	64	24	6	4	1	*	*
Apr 4-15, 2012	57	29	8	4	1	*	*
Jan 4-8, 2012	60	24	8	6	1	1	*
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	62	24	8	4	1	*	*
Oct 27-30, 2010	58	24	11	5	2	1	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	57	27	10	4	2	1	*
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	59	26	9	4	1	*	*
June 16-20, 2010	52	31	11	5	1	1	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	62	23	7	5	1	1	1
November, 2008	60	23	8	5	2	2	*
Late October, 2008	57	26	8	5	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2008	57	27	7	5	3	1	*
Early October, 2008	53	27	9	6	3	1	1
Late September, 2008	55	27	9	6	2	1	*
Mid-September, 2008	54	28	10	5	2	1	*
August, 2008	55	29	9	4	2	1	*
July, 2008	53	30	10	4	1	1	1
January, 2007	58	29	9	3	1	*	*
November, 2006	58	26	8	5	2	1	*
Late October, 2006	58	27	9	4	1	1	*
Early October, 2006	47	36	10	3	2	1	1

## OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>(VOL.) Never vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
September, 2006	56	28	9	6	1	*	*
May, 2006	60	26	8	4	1	*	1
December, 2005	60	24	9	4	2	1	1
December, 2004	64	22	8	4	1	*	1
November, 2004	62	21	7	6	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2004	63	22	7	5	2	1	*
Early October, 2004	58	25	9	4	2	1	1
September, 2004	58	27	9	5	2	1	1
August, 2004	56	28	9	5	2	*	1
July, 2004	54	31	9	4	1	*	*
June, 2004	57	29	7	5	1	1	1
May, 2004	56	27	10	4	2	1	1
April, 2004	55	29	9	5	1	1	1
Late March, 2004	50	31	11	6	1	*	1
Mid-March, 2004	55	30	9	5	1	*	*
February, 2004	55	29	12	3	*	*	*
January, 2004	54	30	10	4	2	1	*
August, 2003	53	30	10	5	1	*	*
June, 2003	48	36	11	3	1	*	0
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*
May, 2002	53	31	9	5	1	*	1
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	1	2	0
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	*	3	*
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*
July, 2000	48	30	13	6	2	1	*
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*
May, 2000	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
April, 2000	50	30	12	6	2	1	*
March, 2000	49	34	12	4	1	1	0
February, 2000	53	32	10	4	1	0	*
January, 2000	50	34	12	4	1	*	*
October, 1999	39	47	9	2	1	*	*
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*
Late August, 1998	48	35	13	4	*	0	*
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0
May, 1998	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
November, 1997	42	44	10	3	1	*	*
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*
June, 1997	54	30	10	4	1	*	*
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*
Early September, 1996	53	29	12	4	1	*	*
July, 1996	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*
Late April, 1996	44	37	11	5	1	1	1
Early April, 1996	49	35	10	5	1	*	*
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*

**OFTVOTE CONTINUED...**

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Never vote</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Other</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*
May, 1993	57	31	7	4	1	1	*
Early October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*
Early May, 1992	49	35	10	4	1	*	*
March, 1992	47	36	11	6	*	*	*
February, 1992	50	36	9	4	*	--	2
January 1992 (GP) <sup>4</sup>	40	35	11	11	4	--	*
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	*	*
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*
January, 1989 (GP)	45	30	10	8	6	1	*
Gallup: November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*
October, 1988	51	37	8	3	1	*	*
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*
September, 1988	51	40	6	2	*	1	*
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district?

**ASK IF 'OTHER' 'DON'T KNOW/REFUSED' (Q.6=3,9):**

Q.7 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.6; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]**?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]:**

	<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
<b>2014 Election</b>			
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	47	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	47	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	45	47	9
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	47	43	9
Feb 12-26, 2014	44	46	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	44	48	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	49	8
<b>2012 Election</b>			
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	47	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	48	8
<b>2010 Election</b>			
Oct 27-30, 2010	43	44	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	42	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	45	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	45	10
Mar 11-21, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13

<sup>4</sup> Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

## Q.6/7 CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
<b>2008 Election</b>			
June, 2008	37	52	11
<b>2006 Election</b>			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9
June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
<b>2004 Election</b>			
June, 2004	41	48	11
<b>2002 Election</b>			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12
<b>2000 Election</b>			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
<b>1998 Election</b>			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
<b>1996 Election</b>			
November, 1996	41	48	11
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
<b>1994 Election</b>			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6

**Q.6/7 CONTINUED...**

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 1994	45	47	8

**ASK ALL:**

PLANTO1 Thinking ahead to November, do you yourself plan to vote in the Congressional election this November, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]:**

	Yes, plan <u>to vote</u>	No, don't <u>plan to</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2014 Election</b>			
Sep 2-9, 2014	91	6	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	93	6	1
<b>2012 Election</b>			
Oct 4-7, 2012 <sup>5</sup>	96	3	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	97	2	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	97	2	1
<b>2010 Election</b>			
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	94	4	3
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 <sup>6</sup>	91	7	2
Jun 16-20, 2010	90	8	2
Mar 11-21, 2010	91	6	3
<b>2008 Election</b>			
Mid-October, 2008	97	2	1
Early October, 2008	97	2	1
Late September, 2008	97	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	97	2	1
August, 2008	97	2	1
July, 2008	97	2	1
June, 2008	95	2	3
<b>2006 Election</b>			
November, 2006	90	8	2
Late October, 2006	94	3	3
Early October, 2006	93	4	3
Early September, 2006	92	5	3
<b>2004 Election</b>			
November, 2004	97	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	98	1	1
Early October, 2004	98	1	1
September, 2004	98	1	1
August, 2004	98	2	*
June, 2004	96	2	2
<b>2002 Election</b>			
Early November, 2002	90	8	2
Early October, 2002	95	3	2
<b>2000 Election</b>			
Early November, 2000	96	3	1
Late October, 2000	97	2	1
Mid-October, 2000	96	2	2
Early October, 2000	97	2	1
September, 2000	95	3	2

<sup>5</sup> In October 2012, Mid-October 2008 and from Mid-October 2004 to November 2006 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted. In November 2006, Early November 2002, Early November, 2000, Late October 1998, November 1996 and November 1994 the question was worded: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?"

<sup>6</sup> Surveys from March to August 2010 asked specifically about voting in the "Congressional" election this November and began with "Thinking ahead to November... ."

**PLANTO1 CONTINUED...**

	Yes, plan <u>to vote</u>	No, don't <u>plan to</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2000	95	2	3
<b>1998 Election</b>			
Late October, 1998	91	6	3
Early October, 1998	92	4	4
Early September, 1998	95	2	3
Late August, 1998	93	3	4
June, 1998	95	3	2
<b>1996 Election</b>			
November, 1996	96	2	2
October, 1996	98	1	1
Late September, 1996	98	1	1
Early September, 1996	96	2	2
July, 1996	95	3	2
June, 1996	96	2	2
<b>1994 Election</b>			
November, 1994	93	5	2
October, 1994	95	3	2
<b>1992 Election</b>			
October, 1992	98	1	1
September, 1992	98	1	1
August, 1992	97	1	2
June, 1992	97	1	2
<b>1988 Election</b>			
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	97	2	1
October, 1988	98	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.8 Compared to previous congressional elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]:**

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	(VOL.) <u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2014 Election</b>				
Sep 2-9, 2014	40	41	15	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	45	13	3
<b>2010 Election</b>				
Oct 27-30, 2010	47	34	15	3
Oct 13-18, 2010	47	31	19	3
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	36	16	2
<b>2006 Election</b>				
November, 2006	44	35	19	2
Late October, 2006	41	34	23	2
Early October, 2006	39	36	21	4
September, 2006	37	40	20	3
June, 2006	38	40	18	4
<b>2002 Election</b>				
June, 2002	41	33	23	3
<b>1998 Election</b>				
June, 1998	38	45	15	2
<b>1994 Election</b>				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1994 <sup>7</sup>	34	44	20	2

**NO QUESTIONS 9-12**

<sup>7</sup> In October, 1994 Gallup asked "Compared to previous elections..." and did not specify congressional elections.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 As you think about the elections for Congress this November, how important are each of the following issues to you. Is the issue of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? How about **[SECOND ITEM]**? As you think about the elections for Congress this November, is the issue of **[SECOND ITEM]** very, somewhat, not too, or not at all important to you? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: As you think about the elections for Congress this November, is the issue of [ITEM] very, somewhat, not too, or not at all important to you?]** **[INTERVIEWER: PLEASE RE-READ RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NECESSARY TO REMIND RESPONDENTS OF OPTIONS. IF RESPONDENT VOICES THEIR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO AN ISSUE, CLARIFY: "this question is not about your position on each issue, just how important each issue will be to your vote."]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]:**

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	The economy					
	Sep 2-9, 2014	83	15	1	1	*
	Sep 12-16, 2012 <sup>8</sup>	87	11	1	1	*
	Apr 4-15, 2012	86	11	1	1	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	90	9	1	*	*
	Mid-October, 2008	91	7	2	*	*
	August, 2008	87	12	1	*	*
	Late May, 2008	88	9	1	1	1
	October, 2007	79	18	1	1	1
	June, 2007	74	22	2	1	1
	Mid-October, 2004	78	18	3	1	*
	August, 2004	76	22	1	1	*
b.	Health care					
	Sep 2-9, 2014	77	18	3	2	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012	74	20	3	2	1
	Apr 4-15, 2012	74	19	5	2	*
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	78	17	3	1	*
	Mid-October, 2008	77	19	2	1	1
	August, 2008	73	21	5	1	*
	Late May, 2008	78	17	3	2	*
	October, 2007	76	18	4	1	1
	June, 2007	71	23	4	2	*
	Mid-October, 2004	73	22	4	1	*
	August, 2004	72	21	5	2	*
c.	Immigration					
	Sep 2-9, 2014	62	28	5	5	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012	41	37	13	6	2
	Apr 4-15, 2012	42	35	15	6	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	58	29	8	4	1
	Mid-October, 2008	49	32	13	5	1
	August, 2008	52	33	10	4	1
	Late May, 2008	54	32	9	3	2
	October, 2007	56	31	7	4	2
	June, 2007	54	34	7	3	2
d.	The environment					
	Sep 2-9, 2014	54	32	9	5	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	57	33	7	3	1
	Mid-October, 2008	57	31	8	3	1
	August, 2008	59	31	6	3	1

8 In all 2004 trends and the June 2007 trend, question began: "In making your decision about who to vote for." In all 2008 and 2012 trends, question began: "In making your decision about who to vote for this fall." In the October 2007 trend, question began: "In making your decision about who to vote for in next year's election."



**Q.13 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Late May, 2008	62	27	8	3	*
October, 2007	58	31	8	2	1
June, 2007	55	36	6	3	*
Mid-October, 2004	53	37	7	2	1
August, 2004	55	35	7	3	*
<b>e. Gay marriage</b>					
Sep 2-9, 2014	32	22	14	28	3
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	29	20	16	32	2
Mid-October, 2008	28	21	21	27	3
August, 2008	28	20	18	32	2
Late May, 2008	28	21	19	29	3
October, 2007	22	21	21	32	4
Mid-October, 2004	32	22	19	24	3
August, 2004	34	19	15	30	2
<b>f. Abortion</b>					
Sep 2-9, 2014	46	24	11	16	3
Sep 12-16, 2012	46	24	13	14	3
Apr 4-15, 2012	39	25	14	18	4
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	24	13	17	3
Mid-October, 2008	41	29	16	12	2
August, 2008	39	26	17	15	3
Late May, 2008	40	27	15	15	3
October, 2007	39	26	17	13	5
June, 2007	40	30	13	14	3
Mid-October, 2004	47	27	12	11	3
August, 2004	45	25	13	14	3
<b>g. Terrorism</b>					
Sep 2-9, 2014	75	17	4	3	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	60	27	7	4	2
Apr 4-15, 2012	59	25	9	5	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	71	18	6	3	1
Mid-October, 2008	69	20	7	3	1
August, 2008	72	20	5	2	1
Late May, 2008	68	23	6	2	1
October, 2007	69	22	5	3	1
June, 2007	69	24	4	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	77	17	3	2	1
August, 2004	75	19	3	2	1
<b>h. The federal budget deficit</b>					
Sep 2-9, 2014	65	25	5	3	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	68	23	6	2	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	74	19	4	2	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	69	22	5	2	2
Late May, 2008	69	21	4	3	3
October, 2007	61	28	8	1	2
Mid-October, 2004	57	32	7	3	1
August, 2004	55	35	7	3	*
<b>i. Foreign policy</b>					
Sep 2-9, 2014	64	26	4	4	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	60	31	5	2	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	38	6	2	2

**Q.13 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
j.	Birth control					
	Sep 2-9, 2014	36	25	17	19	3
	Apr 4-15, 2012	34	23	18	22	3
k.	Economic inequality					
	Sep 2-9, 2014	57	27	8	6	2

**QUESTIONS 14, 18-19, 35-39, 42, 47, 52 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****QUESTIONS 15-16, 53-54 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 17, 20-34, 40-41, 43-46, 48-51, 55-58****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.59 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	44	52	4
Apr 23-27, 2014	41	55	4
Apr 3-6, 2014 (U)	37	50	12
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	41	53	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	41	54	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	52	7
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 <sup>9</sup>	47	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	48	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	49	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	41	48	11
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	47	10
Sep 9-12, 2010	38	45	17
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	46	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	35	47	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	44	16

**NO QUESTION 60****ASK ALL:**

Q.61 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on you and your family?

		(U) Apr 3-6 <u>2014</u>	(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>				
19	Mostly positive	17	15	17
26	Mostly negative	24	23	20
54	Not much of an effect	57	60	63
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	2	1

<sup>9</sup> Prior to September 2013, the question asked about "the health care legislation." In addition, the reference to when the law was passed has changed over time: January 2011 referenced the legislation passed "last year," November 2010 used "earlier this year," September through July, 2010 used "in March," and April 2010 used "last month."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on you and your family over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect you much either way?

		(U) Apr 3-6	(U) Dec 3-8	(U) Sep 4-8
Sep 2-9				
<u>2014</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
27	Mostly positive	29	26	25
38	Mostly negative	35	38	41
33	Not much of an effect	30	32	31
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	4	4

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the effect of the 2010 health care law on the country as a whole...

Q.63 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on the country as a whole?

		(U) Apr 3-6	(U) Dec 3-8	(U) Sep 4-8
Sep 2-9				
<u>2014</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
33	Mostly positive	30	23	24
45	Mostly negative	43	49	38
18	Not much of an effect	17	22	31
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	10	6	7

**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on the country as a whole over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect the country much either way?

		(U) Apr 3-6	(U) Dec 3-8	(U) Sep 4-8
Sep 2-9				
<u>2014</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
37	Mostly positive	38	39	35
46	Mostly negative	44	45	47
13	Not much of an effect	12	11	14
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	4	4

**NO QUESTIONS 65-66, 70-77**

**QUESTIONS 67-68, 78-81 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**QUESTIONS 69 PREVIOUSLY 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
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
				preference	party			
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
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
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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
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):**

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=863]**

	<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>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
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	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>10</sup>	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

<sup>10</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."

**TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
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

**QUESTIONS 82-87 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

PVOTE12A In the 2012 presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]:**

<u>Sep 2-9 2014</u>		<u>July 17-21 2013</u>
88	Voted	87
11	Did not vote (includes too young to vote)	12
1	Don't remember if voted/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	*

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

SCALE10 I'd like you to rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 10 to 1. If TEN represents a person who definitely will vote and ONE represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,552]:**

	<u>Definitely will vote</u>								<u>Definitely will not vote</u>		<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
<b>2014 Election</b>											
Sep 2-9, 2014	71	7	8	3	2	4	1	1	*	2	2
<b>2012 Election</b>											
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 <sup>11</sup>	88	3	2	1	1	2	*	*	*	1	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	84	4	4	2	1	2	*	*	*	2	*
Oct 4-7, 2012	85	4	3	2	1	1	*	1	*	2	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	84	5	4	2	1	2	*	*	*	1	1
<b>2010 Election</b>											
Oct 27-30, 2010	72	6	5	4	1	4	*	1	1	3	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	71	8	7	3	2	2	1	1	*	4	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	71	9	7	3	2	4	1	1	*	2	1
<b>2008 Election</b>											
November, 2008	86	5	3	1	*	2	*	*	*	2	1
Late October, 2008	86	5	2	1	*	2	*	*	*	3	1
Mid-October, 2008	86	5	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	84	6	3	1	1	2	0	*	1	1	1
August, 2008	80	6	5	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1
July, 2008	80	7	4	2	1	3	*	1	*	2	0
<b>2006 Election</b>											
November, 2006	72	7	5	3	2	4	*	1	1	4	1
Late October, 2006	71	8	9	4	2	3	*	1	*	1	1
Early October, 2006	68	10	9	4	1	4	*	1	*	2	1
September, 2006	67	9	9	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	1

<sup>11</sup> In Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012, Oct 24-28, 2012, Oct 4-7, 2012, Oct 27-30, 2010, Oct 13-18, 2010, Late October, Mid-October and November 2008, November 2006, November 2004 and Early November 2002, the "10 - definitely will vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

## SCALE10 CONTINUED...

	Definitely will vote								Definitely will not vote		(VOL.) DK/Ref
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
<b>2004 Election</b>											
November, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
<b>2002 Election</b>											
Early November, 2002	66	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	1
Early October, 2002	64	10	10	4	3	4	1	*	*	2	2
<b>2000 Election</b>											
Early November, 2000	80	6	5	2	1	3	*	*	*	3	1
Late October, 2000	83	5	5	1	1	2	*	1	1	1	*
Mid-October, 2000	80	7	4	3	1	3	1	*	*	1	1
Early October, 2000	78	7	5	2	2	2	*	1	1	1	1
<b>1998 Election</b>											
Late October, 1998	70	6	7	4	1	4	1	1	1	4	1
Early October, 1998	64	9	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	2	1
<b>1996 Election</b>											
November, 1996	77	7	7	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1
October, 1996	77	9	7	2	2	2	*	*	*	1	*
Late September, 1996	78	10	6	2	1	1	*	*	*	1	1
<b>1994 Election</b>											
November, 1994	67	9	8	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	2
Late October, 1994	66	10	9	4	2	4	1	1	*	2	1
<b>1992 Election</b>											
Gallup: September, 1992	77	5	4	3	2	4	*	1	*	4	*
<b>1988 Election</b>											
Gallup: November, 1988	77	7	6	2	1	3	*	*	*	2	2
Gallup: October, 1988	73	8	7	3	2	3	1	*	*	1	2

## Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls