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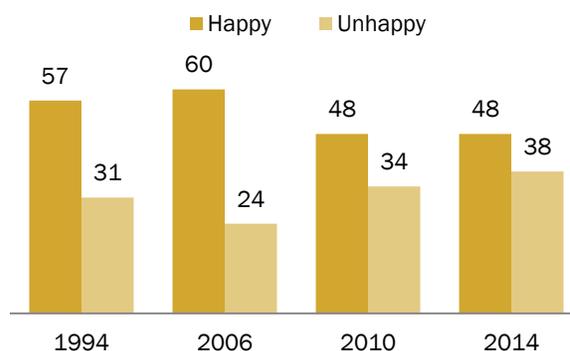
After a sweeping midterm election victory on Nov. 4, the Republican Party retook full control of Congress. But the public has mixed reactions to the GOP's big win – much as it did four years ago, after Republicans gained control of the House though not the Senate.

The post-election survey by the Pew Research Center finds that about half of Americans (48%) are happy the Republican Party won control of the Senate, while 38% are unhappy. That is almost a carbon copy of the public's reactions to the 2010 election: 48% were happy the GOP won control of the House, while 34% were unhappy. There was much greater public enthusiasm after the Democrats gained control of Congress in 2006, and after the GOP swept to victory in both the House and Senate in the 1994 midterm election.

As was the case four years ago, the public is divided over GOP leaders' policy plans. About as many approve (44%) as disapprove (43%) of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future. Following the 2010 election, 41% approved and 37% disapproved of Republican leaders' plans. The public by wide margins approved of Democratic leaders' future plans and policies in 2006 (50% to 21%) and Republican leaders' proposals in 1994 (52% to 28%).

After GOP Sweep, Reactions Are Little Different than Four Years Ago

How do you feel about Republicans winning Senate? (%)



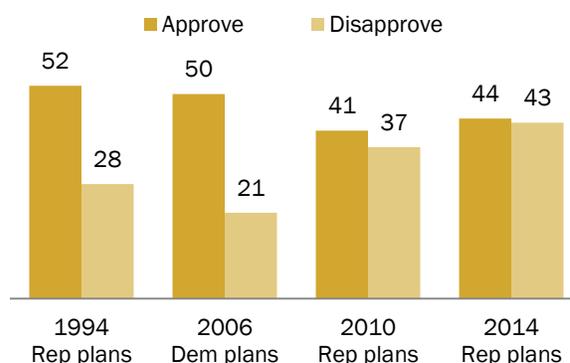
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Question wording from previous years: 2010, Republicans/House; 2006, Democrats/Congress; 1994, Republicans/Congress.

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Public Divided over Republican Leaders' Plans for the Future

View of congressional leaders' plans for the future... (%)



Survey conducted Nov. 6-9, 2014.

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The new national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted Nov. 6-9 among 1,353 adults, finds divided opinions over who should take the lead in solving the nation's problems – 41% say Republican congressional leaders, while 40% say Barack Obama.

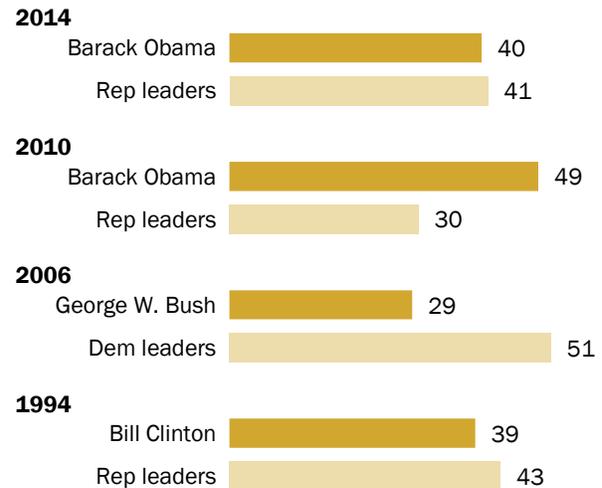
That represents a shift from four years ago, when far more wanted Obama than Republican leaders to take the lead (49% to 30%). It also is a sharp contrast with the public's views after the 2006 election – ahead of President George W. Bush's final two years in office – when by 51% to 29%, more preferred Democratic leaders than President Bush to take the lead in solving the nation's problems.

While victorious Republicans do not engender a great deal of public confidence, neither does President Obama. His overall job rating is virtually unchanged since just prior to the election: 43% approve of his job performance while 52% disapprove.

Obama's job rating is higher than Bush's was following the 2006 midterm election (43% vs. 32%), but there is as much skepticism about Obama's ability to get things done over the remainder of his term as there was about Bush's in 2006. Just 6% think Obama will accomplish a great deal of what he would like to do in the remaining two years of his presidency, while 33% say he will accomplish some of it. Most (59%) say he will be able to accomplish not much or nothing of what he wants to get done. After the 2006 midterm election, 57% thought Bush would get little or nothing done.

As Many Want GOP Leaders as Obama to Take the Lead in Solving Problems

Who should take lead solving nation's problems? (%)

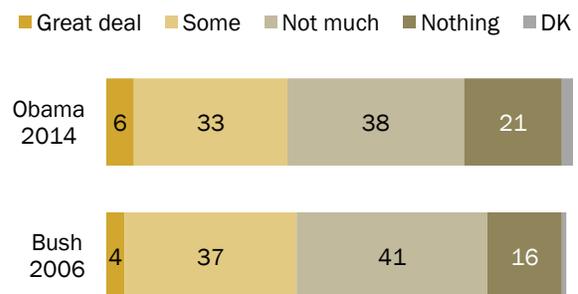


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Most Think Obama Will Get Little Done in His Last Two Years as President

In remaining two years as president, Obama/Bush will accomplish _____ of what he would like to... (%)



Survey conducted Nov. 6-9, 2014.
2006 data from Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg.

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On several specific issues, more prefer the approach offered by congressional Republicans than President Obama, although a sizable share sees little difference between the two sides. On jobs and economic growth, for instance, 35% say Republicans in Congress have a better approach compared with 29% who say Obama's approach is better; but nearly a third (32%) think there will not be much difference. Across nine issues tested, Obama has a clear advantage over congressional Republicans on only one: 35% say he has the better approach on the environment, while just 20% prefer the Republican approach; 41% think there is not much difference between the two.

Other Important Findings

A Negative Campaign, But Not Like 2010. Most voters (62%) say there was more “mud-slinging” or negative campaigning in this year's midterm than in past campaigns. But following the bitter election four years ago, 77% of voters described the election as more negative than previous elections.

Will the Election Change Things? About one-in-five Americans (21%) say Republican control of the Senate will change the way things are going in this country “a lot” and 37% say it will change things “some.” Nearly four-in-ten (38%) expect little or no change as a result of the election. Republicans are about twice as likely as Democrats to think that the GOP winning the Senate will usher in major changes (32% vs. 18%).

ACA Opponents Divided Over Repeal. Views of the 2010 health care law remain little changed: 45% approve of the law while 51% disapprove. Those who disapprove of the law are evenly split over whether Republican leaders should focus their efforts on modifying the law or on “getting rid of the law entirely.”

Keystone Politically Contentious. A majority of Americans (59%) favor building the Keystone XL pipeline; that is little changed from March of this year (61%), but down seven points from March 2013. Currently, 83% of Republicans favor building the pipeline, virtually unchanged from March 2013, but Democratic support has fallen 11 points since then, from 54% to 43%.

What's Ahead? Just 18% Expect Partisan Relations to Improve

The public is not optimistic that the new balance of power in Washington will improve relations between Republicans and Democrats. Overall, just 18% say they think relations between Republicans and Democrats will get better in the coming year, while 26% expect them to get worse; most (55%) expect them to stay about the same.

This public's outlook is little different than it was following the 2010 midterm elections. In November 2006, views were slightly more positive: at that time, 29% thought relations between Republicans and Democrats would improve in the next year, compared with 20% who thought they would get worse; 46% expected them to stay about the same.

In the current survey, Republicans are as likely to expect party relations to get better as worse (24% each), while 51% think they will stay the same. Democrats (28%-15%) and independents (25%-16%) are more likely to expect things to get worse than better, though majorities of both groups expect little change (55% of Democrats, 58% of independents).

Few Expect Improved Relations Between Republicans and Democrats

In coming year, relations between Reps and Dems will ...

	Nov 2006	Nov 2010	Nov 2014
	%	%	%
Get better	29	22	18
Get worse	20	28	26
Stay about the same	46	48	55
Don't know	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100	100

Survey conducted Nov. 6-9, 2014.
Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Partisan Divisions in Willingness to Compromise

A majority of Americans would like to see Barack Obama and Republican leaders work together over the coming year. But Republicans are far more likely than Democrats to favor a confrontational approach toward the political opposition, even if that results in less getting done.

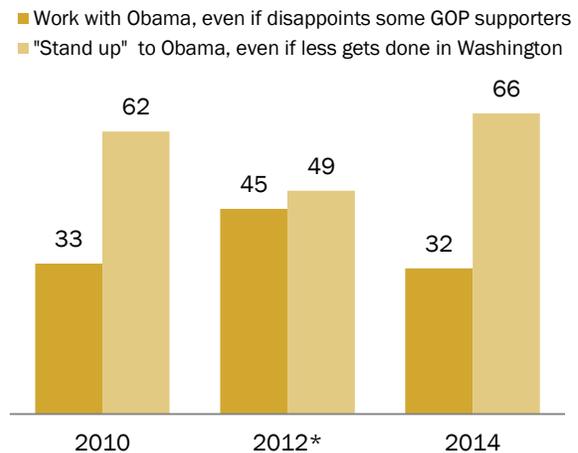
Overall, 57% of the public says Republican leaders in Washington should try as best they can to work with Barack Obama to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Republican supporters, while 40% say they should “stand up” to Obama on issues that are important to Republican supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington. And by about a two-to-one margin (62% to 30%) more say Obama should work with Republicans than say he should stand up to the GOP.

These opinions are little changed from 2010. Following the 2012 presidential election, there was greater support for compromise: 67% of voters in that election said GOP leaders should try to work with Obama, and 72% said Obama should work with them.

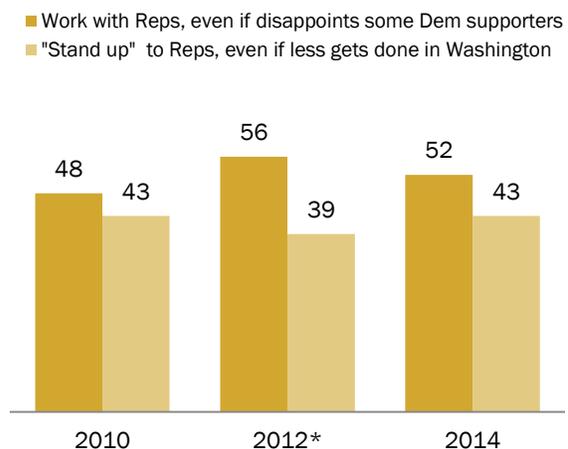
Within the Republican Party, only about a third of Republicans and Republican leaners (32%) want to see the GOP leadership work with Obama if it disappoints some groups of Republican supporters. About twice as many (66%) say GOP leaders should stand up to Obama even if less gets done. This reflects a shift away from wanting to see their leadership work with Obama in the wake of his reelection two

Two-Thirds of Republicans Want GOP Leaders to ‘Stand Up’ to Obama

% of Rep/Rep leaners who say next year Republican leaders should...



% of Dem/Dem leaners who say next year Obama should...



Survey conducted Nov. 6-9, 2014. *2012 based on voters. In 2010 and 2014, differences between the responses of the general public and the subset of those who voted in the election are negligible.

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years ago, but is little different than opinions among Republicans after the party's 2010 midterm victory.

In contrast, about half (52%) of Democrats and Democratic leaning independents say Obama should try as best he can to work with Republican leadership even if it results in some disappointment among Democrats, while 43% say he should stand up on issues important to Democrats at the risk of less productivity in Washington.

Views of Parties' Ideological Directions

By a 57% to 39% margin, more Republicans and Republican leaning independents say their party's leadership should move in a more conservative, rather than more moderate, direction. These views are little changed over the last four years.

And, as in the past, Democrats are more likely to say their party leadership should move in a more moderate direction (52% say this) than a liberal direction (41%). Yet the share saying the party should move in a liberal direction is now higher than it was following the 2010 midterms (41% today, up from 34%).

To some extent these differences between the two parties are the result of compositional differences: While 58% of Republicans and Republican leaners identify as conservative, only about four-in-ten Democrats and Democratic leaners (42%) identify as liberal.

Additionally, while about three-quarters (77%) of conservative Republicans and GOP leaners say they'd like to see the party become more conservative, a smaller majority (60%) of liberal Democrats and Democratic leaners say their party should shift to the left. Still, the share of liberal Democrats and Democratic leaning independents who want to see their party move in a more liberal direction has slightly increased from four years ago, from 50% to 60%.

Most Republicans Want Their Party to Move to the Right

% who say...

<i>Republican leaders should move in a more...</i>	Rep/Rep leaners		
	All	Conserv	Mod/Lib
	%	%	%
Conservative direction	57	77	29
Moderate direction	39	19	69
No change/Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100	100
<i>Democratic leaders should move in a more...</i>	Dem/Dem leaners		
	All	Cons/Mod	Liberal
	%	%	%
Liberal direction	41	27	60
Moderate direction	52	66	35
No change/Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100

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Expectations for Congressional Republicans

About half of Americans (49%) expect that Republican leaders will be successful in getting their programs passed into law, while 40% say they will be unsuccessful. This is a more positive outlook for the GOP than after the 2010 election (43% successful). But in 2006, 59% thought the Democratic leaders would achieve legislative success, and 62% said the same about the victorious Republican leaders in December 1994.

Republicans themselves are not much more confident of their party's chances for success than they were four years ago when they held the House but not the Senate. Currently, 62% of Republicans say GOP leaders will be successful in passing programs into law, little changed from November 2010.

After gaining full control of Congress in 2006, 75% of Democrats thought their party's leaders would achieve legislative success, and 76% of Republicans said their leaders would be successful after their victories in the 1994 election.

Chances for GOP Legislative Success Seen as Better than in '10, Worse than '06, '94

Will be successful in getting programs passed into law?

	1994 Rep leaders	2006 Dem leaders	2010 Rep leaders	2014 Rep leaders
	%	%	%	%
Successful	62	59	43	49
Unsuccessful	24	22	37	40
Mixed/ Don't know	<u>14</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>11</u>
	100	100	100	100

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Republicans Not Much More Confident of Success than After 2010 House Win

% saying winning party will be successful ...

	1994 Rep leaders	2006 Dem leaders	2010 Rep leaders	2014 Rep leaders
	%	%	%	%
Republican	76	45	59	62
Democrat	54	75	36	40
Independent	54	59	40	48

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Concerns about Excessive Investigations

In addition to not expecting Republican majorities in Congress to improve Washington's political climate, many express concern over how the GOP may apply its newly-won power. Overall, 57% say they are either very (27%) or fairly (30%) concerned that Republicans controlling Congress will lead to them spending too much time investigating the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress; 26% are not too concerned about this and 15% are not at all concerned.

Three-quarters of Democrats (75%) and 58% of independents are concerned Republicans will go too far investigating political opponents. Among Republicans, about four-in-ten (38%) express at least some concern over this, while most (62%) say they are not too or not at all concerned that Congressional Republicans will spend too much time investigating Obama and Congressional Democrats.

Concerns about partisan investigations following a change in the balance of power in Congress are not new. In October 2006, 55% said they would be concerned about Democrats spending too much time investigating the Bush administration and Republicans, if they were to take control of Congress in that November's midterm elections.

Democratic Concerns about GOP Investigations a Mirror Image of 2006

How concerned that congressional leaders will spend too much time investigating president, other party?

	Very/ Fairly	Not too/ Not at all	DK
Nov 2014 Republican leaders	%	%	%
Total	57	41	2=100
Republican	38	62	1=100
Democrat	75	24	1=100
Independent	58	41	2=100
Oct 2006 Democratic leaders			
Total	55	43	3=100
Republican	77	21	2=100
Democrat	39	58	3=100
Independent	53	46	2=100

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GOP Favored on Several Issues

On several issues, the public favors congressional Republicans' approach over President Obama's. But substantial shares say there is no difference between the two approaches across a number of topics.

Republicans have advantages when it comes to the budget deficit (+13), taxes (+9), jobs and economic growth (+6), immigration (+6) and foreign policy (+5). Views are split on health care, energy and Social Security, while the environment is the one issue on which Obama has an advantage (+15).

After the 2010 midterms, the divides were almost identical; for example, the public preferred congressional Republicans' approach to the deficit by 11 points and taxes by 12 points. But these differences are smaller than after the 1994 election, when an NBC/Wall Street Journal survey found an overwhelming preference on many issues for the Republicans' approach instead of Bill Clinton's.

On immigration policy, about one-in-three (34%) say congressional Republicans will have the better approach, while 28% prefer Obama's approach and 33% say there won't be much difference.

Nearly two-thirds of Republicans (65%) say the GOP will have a better approach, including 72% of conservative Republicans. About half of moderate and liberal Republicans (51%) agree, but 37% say there won't be much difference. Liberal Democrats are more likely than conservative and moderate Democrats to side

Who Will Have Better Approach To ...

	Reps in Congress %	President Obama %	No diff. %	DK %	Rep adv
The budget deficit	35	22	39	4=100	+13
Taxes	34	25	37	4=100	+9
Jobs and econ. growth	35	29	32	3=100	+6
Immigration	34	28	33	5=100	+6
Foreign policy	31	26	38	5=100	+5
Health care	35	34	29	2=100	+1
Energy	30	29	35	6=100	+1
Social Security	28	27	40	5=100	+1
The environment	20	35	41	4=100	-15

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Many Hispanics See 'No Difference' Between Obama, GOP on Immigration

% saying ___ will have the better immigration approach

	Reps in Congress %	President Obama %	No diff. %	DK %
Total	34	28	33	5=100
White	42	24	30	5=100
Black	17	43	35	6=100
Hispanic	12	36	47	5=100
Republican	65	7	25	3=100
Conservative Rep	72	6	19	3=100
Mod/Lib Rep	51	8	37	3=100
Independent	29	25	42	4=100
Democrat	14	53	30	4=100
Cons/Mod Dem	16	46	35	4=100
Liberal Dem	12	61	24	3=100

Survey conducted Nov. 6-9, 2014. Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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with Obama on his immigration approach (61% vs. 46%).

By a three-to-one margin, Hispanics think Obama will have the better approach to immigration policy (36% vs. 12% for Republicans), but roughly half (47%) say there won't be much difference. Non-Hispanic whites, on the other hand, choose congressional Republicans, 42% to 24%.

When it comes to approaching jobs and economic growth, the public also places more confidence in Republicans in Congress over Obama (35% to 29%, with 32% saying no difference). Within the GOP, fully 72% think congressional Republicans have the best approach, while a smaller majority of Democrats (55%) say the same about Obama.

Obama fares the best on jobs and the economy among college graduates. Equal shares prefer his approach and that of congressional Republicans (38% each). Among adults with less education, more think that Republicans have the better approach.

Those in middle- and upper-income households are more likely to favor Republicans than Obama on this issue. Among those with family incomes of less than \$30,000, just one-in-four (25%) think the Republicans have the best approach, while nearly one-in-three (32%) favor the Democrats and 39% think there is no difference.

72% of Reps Prefer GOP's Approach on Jobs; 55% of Dems Favor Obama's

% saying ___ will have the better approach to jobs and economic growth

	Reps in Congress	President Obama	No diff.	DK
	%	%	%	%
Total	35	29	32	3=100
College grad+	38	38	22	2=100
Some college	36	29	33	2=100
H.S. or less	33	24	38	5=100
<i>Family income</i>				
\$75,000 or more	44	32	23	2=100
\$30,000-\$75,000	39	26	33	2=100
Less than \$30,000	25	32	39	5=100
Republican	72	5	22	1=100
Democrat	11	55	31	3=100
Independent	32	26	40	3=100

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Policy Views: Keystone, Fracking, Limits on Power Plant Emissions

Among the goals of the new GOP majority in Congress is passing legislation to approve construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would transport oil from Canada’s oil sands region through the Midwest to refineries in Texas. By nearly two-to-one, the public favors building the pipeline (59% to 31%); yet overall support is down from March 2013 when 66% favored the project.

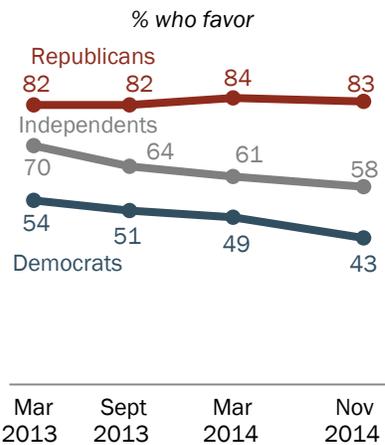
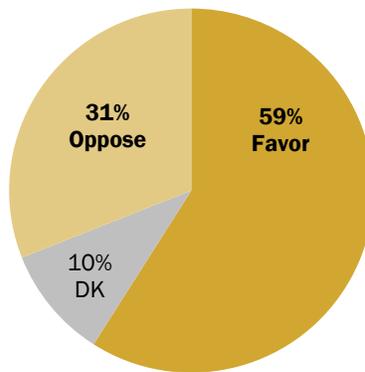
While support among Republicans has held firm in the last year and half, it has declined among both Democrats and independents.

Currently, 83% of Republicans favor building the pipeline, compared with 58% of independents and fewer than half of Democrats (43%).

Since March 2013, support among independents is down 12 points (70% to 58%), and down 11 points among Democrats (54% to 43%). Republicans’ views of the pipeline project are virtually unchanged (82% then, 83% now).

Public Continues to Favor Keystone XL Pipeline; Support Declines among Democrats, Independents

Building the Keystone XL pipeline ...



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While Democratic support for building the pipeline has fallen, Democrats remain internally divided over its construction. Currently, 51% of conservative and moderate Democrats support the project compared with just 32% of liberal Democrats.

By contrast, there continues to be only slight differences in opinions about whether to build the pipeline between conservative Republicans (85% favor) and moderate and liberal Republicans (77% favor).

Aside from political divisions, support for the pipeline also varies across demographic groups. Two-thirds of Americans age 50 or older support the pipeline, compared with about half (51%) of those under 30 years of age. By educational experience, about six-in-ten of those without college degrees favor Keystone, while only 49% of those with post-graduate education support the project.

Geographically, in all four regions of the country majorities support advancing Keystone. For example, in the Midwest, where the pipeline would be built connecting Canada's oil sands with refineries in Texas, 62% favor constructing the pipeline, just 30% oppose.

Democrats Internally Divided over Keystone XL

Favor/oppose building Keystone XL pipeline?

	Favor	Oppose	DK
	%	%	%
Total	59	31	10=100
Men	66	27	7=100
Women	52	34	14=100
18-29	51	39	10=100
30-49	57	33	10=100
50-64	66	25	9=100
65+	64	24	12=100
Post-graduate	49	38	12=100
College grad	55	32	12=100
Some college	61	31	8=100
HS or less	62	27	10=100
Northeast	55	34	12=100
Midwest	62	30	8=100
South	63	26	11=100
West	54	37	10=100
Republican	83	11	6=100
Conservative Rep	85	8	6=100
Moderate/Liberal Rep	77	18	5=100
Independent	58	33	9=100
Democrat	43	45	12=100
Conserv/Mod Dem	51	37	11=100
Liberal Dem	32	56	12=100

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Views on Increased Use of Fracking Tilt Negative

Support for the increased use of fracking to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations has declined since last year. Overall, 41% favor the increased use of fracking while 47% are opposed. In March 2013, there was more support (48%) than opposition (38%) to the drilling technique.

Opposition to increased fracking has grown among a number of demographic groups. Women now oppose the increased use of fracking by a wide margin (54% to 31%). In March 2013 women were divided, with 41% favoring expanded use of the practice and 42% opposed. Support for increased fracking has fallen 10 points among younger adults (those under 50) since then, from 48% to 38%, while holding steady among older Americans (currently 45%).

Balance of Opinion Turns Negative on Increased Use of Fracking

% saying they ____ increased use of fracking ...

	Mar 2013	Sept 2013	Nov 2014	Mar 13- Nov 14 Change
	%	%	%	
Favor	48	44	41	-7
Oppose	38	49	47	+9
Don't know	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	
	100	100	100	

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There has been a particularly dramatic change in views of fracking among those in the Midwest. In March 2013, 55% of

Midwesterners favored expanded fracking while 32% were opposed. Today, 47% oppose more fracking while 39% support it.

The partisan gap over increased fracking remains substantial: 62% of Republicans back the increased use of this process compared with 29% of Democrats. Independents now oppose expanded fracking, 53% to 37%. In March 2013, more independents favored (51%) than opposed (36%) the increased use of fracking.

Support for Expanded Fracking Falls among Women, Younger Adults, Midwesterners

% saying they ____ increased use of fracking ...

	March 2013		Nov 2014		Change in favor
	Favor	Oppose	Favor	Oppose	
	%	%	%	%	
Total	48	38	41	47	-7
Men	55	34	52	40	-3
Women	41	42	31	54	-10
18-29	49	41	39	53	-10
30-49	48	41	38	50	-10
50-64	49	36	47	43	-2
65+	44	34	42	40	-2
College grad+	45	41	38	49	-7
Some college	52	35	40	49	-12
HS or less	47	38	44	45	
Northeast	37	46	37	48	0
Midwest	55	32	39	47	-16
South	52	34	45	42	-7
West	43	44	38	54	-5
Republican	66	24	62	25	-4
Conservative	69	18	68	20	-1
Moderate/Liberal	61	35	52	36	-9
Independent	51	36	37	53	-14
Democrat	33	52	29	59	-4
Conserv/Mod	36	47	33	54	-3
Liberal	25	64	25	67	0

Survey conducted Nov. 6-9, 2014. Don't know responses not shown.

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Broad Support for Stricter Emissions Limits

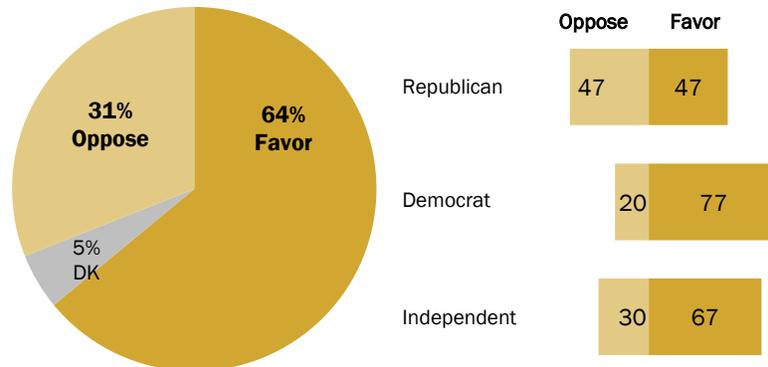
About two-thirds (64%) of the American public favors stricter limits on power plant emissions to mitigate climate change, while a 31% minority oppose stricter limits on emissions.

As with Keystone and fracking policies, views on regulating emissions are divided along partisan lines. Democrats are far more supportive than Republicans of stricter emission limits on power plants to address climate change. Nearly eight-in-ten Democrats (77%) favor these measures compared with 67% of independents.

Among Republicans, as many say they oppose as say they favor these efforts (47% each).

Most Favor Stricter Emissions Limits on Power Plants

Setting stricter limits on power plants in order to address climate change (%)



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Policy Views: Republicans Spilt Over Repealing ACA

More than four years after it was passed by a Democratic-controlled Congress, the Affordable Care Act remains unpopular with the public. Overall, 51% disapprove of the health care law while 45% approve; views of the law are little changed over the past year.

Republicans remain deeply opposed to the health care law: 88% say they disapprove of the ACA, while just 10% approve. Independents also disapprove of the law by a 53%-42% margin. Most Democrats, by contrast, express support (78% approve, 18% disapprove).

There is no consensus among those who disapprove of the law about how the new GOP-controlled Congress should deal with it going forward. Among the 51% who disapprove of the health care law, about as many say Republican leaders in Congress should focus on getting rid of the law entirely (24% of the public) as say they should focus on making modifications to the law (25% of the public).

Among Republicans, 47% disapprove of the law and want their congressional leaders to focus on repealing it, while almost as many (41%) disapprove of the law and say they want leaders to focus on modifying the existing law.

Differences within the GOP along ideological lines are relatively modest.

Conservative Republicans are only somewhat more supportive of repeal (51%-40%) than are moderate and liberal Republicans (40%-41%).

Views of the 2010 Health Care Law

Approve/disapprove of health care law passed in 2010?

	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Among Republicans		
					Cons %	Mod/ Lib %	
Approve	45	10	78	42	7	16	
Disapprove	51	88	18	53	91	83	
<i>Rep leaders in Congress should*</i>							
Focus on getting rid of law entirely	24	47	+	23	51	40	
Focus on modifying the law	25	41	+	28	40	41	
Don't know	2	*	+	2	0	1	
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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* Asked of those who disapprove of health care law, based on total.

+ Figures for Democrats not shown due to insufficient sample size (N=72).

Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Views of Campaign '14: More Saw Reduced Focus on Issues

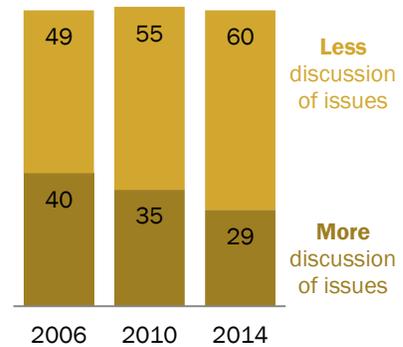
Voters report less discussion of issues during the 2014 campaign than in recent midterm elections. Six-in-ten (60%) say that there was less discussion of issues this year compared to past elections; about three-in-ten (29%) say that there was more discussion of issues than past years. This is the lowest percentage saying there was more discussion of issues than in any election since the 1998 midterm.

As is often the case, members of the winning party – in this case, Republicans -- have more positive views of the campaign. Nearly twice as many Republican as Democratic voters say there was more discussion of issues than in past elections (42% vs. 22%). In 2006, opinions were reversed: about half of Democratic voters (52%) said there had been more discussion of issues compared with just 32% of Republicans.

Similarly, [in both of Obama's election victories](#), more Democrats than Republicans said the election had been more focused on issues. The gap was particularly striking in 2008: 76% of Democratic voters said there had been more discussion of issues than in prior campaigns, while 40% of Republican voters agreed.

Most Say Campaign Focused Less on Issues

% of voters who say that, compared to past elections, there was...



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GOP Voters More Likely than Democrats to See an Issue-Oriented Campaign

% of voters saying...

	2006	2010	2014	10-14 Change
<i>More discussion of issues than past elections</i>	%	%	%	
All voters	40	35	29	-6
Republican	32	50	42	-8
Democrat	52	28	22	-6
Independent	32	28	24	-4
R-D diff	D+20	R+22	R+20	

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As voters look back on the campaign, most say the tone was negative. In fact, 62% say there was more “mud-slinging” or negative campaigning than in past elections. But that was down 15 points from 2010, when 77% said there had been more negative campaigning.

In most recent elections, including presidential elections, majorities said the campaign had been more negative than prior elections. After the 2012 election, 68% expressed that view, but fewer (54%) did so after Obama was first elected.

More Democratic voters (69%) than Republican voters (56%) say this year’s election was more negative than past elections.

About two-thirds of voters (68%) say they learned enough about the candidates and issues to make an informed choice, little different than in 2010. Though majorities of Republican,

Democratic and independent voters say they learned enough, fully 80% of Republicans say this, compared to smaller majorities of Democrats (65%) and independents (58%)

Fewer Voters Saw Increased ‘Mud-Slinging’ than in 2010

% of voters saying...

	2006	2010	2014	10-14 Change
<i>More mud-slinging this year than past elections</i>				
All voters	69	77	62	-15
Republican	75	70	56	-14
Democrat	67	79	69	-10
Independent	68	81	58	-23
<i>Learned enough to make informed vote choice</i>				
All voters	72	64	68	+4
Republican	77	75	80	+5
Democrat	71	58	65	+7
Independent	68	59	58	-1

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Voters Confident Their Votes Were Counted Accurately

As in past elections, most voters have a great deal of confidence that their own vote was counted accurately this year, but they are less confident that votes nationwide were counted accurately.

Nearly seven-in-ten voters (68%) say they are *very* confident that their vote was counted accurately, while just 35% say the same about votes across the country.

Nonetheless, most voters are at least *somewhat* confident about the vote count nationally: 77% say they are very or somewhat confident votes across the country were counted accurately while 20% are not too confident or not at all confident in the accuracy of the vote count.

Partisan Split on Confidence in the Vote Tracks Election Outcomes

% of voters who say...

	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014
<i>Very confident <u>your vote</u> was accurately counted</i>	%	%	%	%	%	%
All voters	68	70	73	64	68	68
Republican	81	79	74	69	69	78
Democrat	57	67	75	62	73	67
Independent	66	64	70	61	63	59
R-D diff	R+24	R+12	D+1	R+7	D+4	R+11
<i>Very confident <u>votes across the country</u> were accurately counted</i>						
All voters	48	39	43	33	31	35
Republican	75	47	33	34	24	43
Democrat	21	37	54	27	40	31
Independent	43	34	41	26	29	32
R-D diff	R+54	R+10	D+21	R+7	D+16	R+12

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Republican voters express more confidence in this year's voting process than Democrats and independents: 43% of Republican voters say they are very confident votes across the country were accurately counted, compared with about three-in-ten Democratic (31%) and independent (32%) voters. GOP voters are also more likely to say they are confident their own votes were counted correctly.

Early Voting On the Rise

The share voting before Election Day has increased in recent years: 29% of voters say they cast their ballot prior to Election Day this year, up from 20% in 2006 and 15% in 2002. Still, early voting is more prevalent in years when there is a presidential election: In 2012, fully 37% of voters said they voted prior to Election Day.

Voters ages 65 and older continue to be more likely than others to vote before Election Day: 40% say they did so, compared with about one-in-four of those under 65.

Early voting was most prevalent in the West, a region that includes the only three states (Colorado, Oregon and Washington) that conduct all of their elections by mail. About half (51%) of western voters reported casting their ballots early, compared with 33% of southern voters and just 19% of voters in the Midwest and 8% in the Northeast.

Among those who voted in person (either early or on Election Day), most (77%) did not have to wait to cast their ballot. Just 23% of in-person voters waited in line, with just 3% saying they waited 30 minutes or more to vote.

Who Voted Early?

% of voters who say they voted...

	Before Election Day	On Election Day
	%	%
Total	29	71
18-49	24	76
50-64	26	74
65+	40	59
Northeast	8	92
Midwest	19	81
South	33	67
West	51	48

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Based on those who voted in the election.
Don't know responses not shown.

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Why Some Didn't Vote

Voter turnout is [consistently lower](#) in midterm elections than in presidential contests. But turnout was especially low in 2014 – [preliminary estimates](#) indicate fewer than 40% of those eligible to vote actually cast ballots, either by mail or in person.

Among those who were registered to vote but chose not to, two-thirds (67%) gave reasons related to lack of time: 35% had work or school conflicts and 34% were too busy, ill, out of town or simply forgot. Two-in-ten (20%) registered non-voters say they either didn't like the candidate choices or issues on the ballot, didn't care about this election or didn't have any or enough information to vote. And 10% of non-voters reported having a technical reason for not voting, either having missed the registration deadline, recently moving, or not have transportation to the polls.

Why Non-Voters Didn't Vote

Among non-voters, % who say they did not vote because...

	%
Time	67
<i>Work/school conflicts</i>	35
<i>Too busy/illness/ out of town/forgot</i>	34
Didn't like vote choices/didn't care/ didn't know enough	20
Missed registration deadline or recently moved/no transportation	10

Survey conducted November 6-9, 2014.
Based on registered voters who did not vote.
Open-ended question, see topline for all
responses.

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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted November 6-9 among a national sample of 1,353 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (541 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 812 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 449 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:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1,353	3.1 percentage points
Registered voters	1,026	3.5 percentage points
2014 voters	845	3.9 percentage points
Republican	397	5.7 percentage points
Democrat	426	5.5 percentage points
Independent	475	5.2 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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NOVEMBER 2014 POST-ELECTION SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
NOVEMBER 6-9, 2014
N=1,353**

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]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
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
				Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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

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

¹ 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
January, 1999	53	41	6	April, 1995	23	74	3
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: Late Feb, 1991</i>	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

ASK ALL:

Q.NII As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]**

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in Iraq and Syria					
November 6-9, 2014	27	35	21	16	1
October 16-19, 2014	29	33	19	19	1
October 2-5, 2014	31	30	21	18	1
September 25-28, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in the Middle East</i>	37	32	16	14	1
September 11-14, 2014: <i>Reports about the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS</i>	37	30	16	17	*
August 14-17, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against an Islamic militant group in Iraq</i>	23	29	21	26	1
June 26-29, 2014: <i>Growing violence and political instability in Iraq</i>	25	29	18	27	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
December 15-18, 2011: <i>The complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq</i>	34	32	18	14	2
October 21-23, 2011: <i>President Obama announcing a complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq by the end of 2011</i>	30	30	19	20	1
December 16-19, 2010: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	19	30	27	24	*
September 2-6, 2010: <i>The withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq</i>	36	37	15	11	*
August 26-29, 2010: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	25	36	24	15	1
August 19-22, 2010: <i>The withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq</i>	31	33	19	17	1
August 5-8, 2010: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	23	35	22	18	1
May 13-16, 2010	31	34	21	13	2
March 12-15, 2010	22	36	28	14	*
March 5-8, 2010	26	34	20	20	*
January 29-February 1, 2010	23	33	27	17	*
January 15-18, 2010	20	35	28	17	*

Q.NII CONTINUED...

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
October 16-19, 2009	23	30	24	23	*
September 11-14, 2009	21	33	30	16	*
August 21-24, 2009	25	35	22	18	1
August 14-17, 2009	19	38	23	18	*
July 2-5, 2009: <i>U.S. troops withdrawing from Iraqi cities</i>	25	34	20	21	0
April 24-27, 2009: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	21	35	25	19	*
March 20-23, 2009	25	37	21	17	*
February 27-March 2, 2009: <i>Barack Obama's plan to withdraw most U.S. troops from Iraq by August 2010</i>	40	37	13	9	1
December 12-15, 2008: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	24	35	25	16	*
November 21-24, 2008	32	31	24	13	0
November 14-17, 2008	24	33	27	16	*
October 31-November 3, 2008	30	35	22	12	1
October 24-27, 2008	29	35	25	11	*
October 10-13, 2008	23	34	30	13	*
October 3-6, 2008	29	33	28	10	*
September 5-8, 2008	24	37	26	13	*
August 29-31, 2008	22	32	29	16	1
August 22-25, 2008	26	31	27	15	1
August 1-4, 2008	27	40	23	10	*
July 25-28, 2008	28	33	22	17	*
July 18-21, 2008	33	35	20	12	*
July 11-14, 2008	24	35	24	16	1
July 3-7, 2008	25	35	25	15	*
June 20-23, 2008	25	36	24	15	*
May 9-12, 2008	29	35	21	14	1
May 2-5, 2008	26	35	25	13	1
April 25-28, 2008	29	35	23	12	1
April 18-21, 2008	29	39	20	11	1
April 11-14, 2008	25	39	20	15	1
April 4-7, 2008	25	37	23	15	*
March 28-31, 2008	29	40	19	11	1
March 20-24, 2008	30	38	19	13	*
March 14-17, 2008	29	38	23	10	*
March 7-10, 2008	28	39	18	15	*
February 29-March 3, 2008	28	40	19	13	*
February 8-11, 2008	24	35	25	16	*
February 1-4, 2008	28	39	22	11	*
January 25-28, 2008	23	35	26	16	*
January 18-21, 2008	31	33	20	15	1
January 11-14, 2008	25	38	21	16	*
January 4-7, 2008	27	38	20	15	*
December 14-17, 2007	26	32	24	18	*
December 7-10, 2007	28	37	21	14	*
November 23-26, 2007	25	37	21	16	1
November 16-19, 2007	31	37	19	12	1
November 9-12, 2007	29	38	19	13	1
November 2-5, 2007	31	35	18	15	1
October 26-29, 2007	28	37	21	13	1
October 19-22, 2007	28	37	20	15	*
October 12-15, 2007	26	36	18	19	1
October 5-8, 2007	29	33	22	16	*
September 28-October 1, 2007	30	41	18	11	*
September 21-24, 2007	32	38	17	13	*
September 14-17, 2007	31	36	18	15	0

Q.NII CONTINUED...

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
September 7-10, 2007	32	34	20	14	*
August 30-September 2, 2007	31	34	18	16	1
August 24-27, 2007	34	36	18	12	*
August 17-20, 2007	33	34	18	15	*
August 10-13, 2007	36	37	14	13	*
August 3-6, 2007	29	40	19	12	*
July 27-30, 2007	28	36	19	16	1
July 20-23, 2007	28	34	21	16	1
July 13-16, 2007	25	41	17	16	1
July 6-9, 2007	36	34	18	12	*
June 29-July 2, 2007	32	35	19	13	1
June 22-25, 2007	30	36	18	15	1
June 15-18, 2007	30	37	20	13	*
June 8-11, 2007	32	38	15	14	1
June 1-4, 2007	30	36	20	13	1
May 24-27, 2007	33	36	18	12	1
May 18-21, 2007	36	34	15	14	1
May 11-14, 2007	30	34	18	17	1
May 4-7, 2007	38	37	15	10	*
April 27-30, 2007	27	35	21	16	1
April 20-23, 2007	28	35	22	15	*
April 12-16, 2007	34	33	20	13	*
April 5-9, 2007	33	39	16	11	1
March 30-April 2, 2007	34	37	16	13	*
March 23-March 26, 2007: <i>News about the current situation in Iraq</i>	31	38	18	12	1
March 16-19, 2007	34	34	17	15	*
March 9-12, 2007	34	37	16	13	*
March 2-5, 2007	37	37	16	9	1
February 23-26, 2007	36	36	15	13	*
February 16-19, 2007	30	36	19	14	1
February 9-12, 2007	37	34	18	11	*
February 2-5, 2007	38	38	17	7	*
January 26-29, 2007	36	38	15	11	*
January 19-22, 2007	37	34	18	10	1
January 12-15, 2007	38	36	17	8	1
January, 2007	46	40	8	5	1
January 5-8, 2007	40	32	16	12	0
December, 2006	42	39	12	7	*
November 30-December 3, 2006	40	36	13	11	*
Mid-November, 2006	44	38	12	6	*
September, 2006	33	43	14	8	2
August, 2006	41	39	12	7	1
June, 2006	37	43	13	6	1
May, 2006	42	35	15	7	1
April, 2006	43	36	13	7	1
March, 2006	43	38	12	6	1
February, 2006	39	42	12	6	1
January, 2006	40	40	12	7	1
December, 2005	45	38	11	5	1
Early November, 2005	41	40	13	6	*
Early October, 2005	43	36	15	6	*
Early September, 2005	32	40	20	7	1
July, 2005	43	37	13	6	1
Mid-May, 2005	42	42	11	5	*
Mid-March, 2005	40	39	14	5	2
February, 2005	38	45	13	4	*
January, 2005	48	37	11	4	*
December, 2004	34	44	15	6	1

Q.NII CONTINUED...

	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1
Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1
August, 2004	39	42	12	6	1
July, 2004	43	40	11	6	*
June, 2004	39	42	12	6	1
April, 2004	54	33	8	5	*
Mid-March, 2004	47	36	12	4	1
Early February, 2004	47	38	10	4	1
Mid-January, 2004	48	39	9	4	*
December, 2003	44	38	11	6	1
November, 2003	52	33	9	5	1
September, 2003	50	33	10	6	1
Mid-August, 2003	45	39	10	5	1
Early July, 2003	37	41	13	8	1
June, 2003	46	35	13	6	*
May, 2003	63	29	6	2	*
April 11-16, 2003: <i>News about the war in Iraq</i>	47	40	10	2	1
April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1
March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1
March 13-16, 2003: <i>Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq</i>	62	27	6	4	1
February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1
January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2
December, 2002	51	32	10	6	1
Late October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1
Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1
Early September, 2002: <i>Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq</i>	48	29	15	6	2
b. News about the current outbreak of the Ebola virus					
November 6-9, 2014	40	36	15	7	1
October 16-19, 2014	49	32	13	6	1
October 2-5, 2014	36	33	20	10	1
September 25-28, 2014: <i>An outbreak of the Ebola virus in Africa</i>	27	35	21	17	1
August 14-17, 2014	25	33	22	19	1
July 31-August 3, 2014	26	27	19	26	2
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
May 15-18, 2014: <i>The lung disease called "MERS" that has spread from the Middle East</i>	13	23	25	38	1
December 18-21, 2009: <i>Reports about swine flu and the vaccine</i>	25	32	24	18	0
November 20-23, 2009	29	33	21	17	*
November 13-16, 2009	34	31	21	15	*
November 6-9, 2009	32	35	24	10	*
October 30-November 2, 2009	33	33	22	12	*
October 23-26, 2009	43	30	17	9	*
October 16-19, 2009	32	35	18	14	0
October 9-12, 2009	38	35	16	11	*
September 18-21, 2009: <i>Reports about swine flu and the availability of a vaccine</i>	34	31	25	9	*
September 11-14, 2009	30	36	21	12	*
September 3-6, 2009	26	32	25	17	0
August 28-31, 2009	26	33	22	18	*

Q.NII CONTINUED...

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May 21-24, 2009: <i>Reports about swine flu in the U.S. and elsewhere</i>	30	39	21	11	*
May 8-11, 2009	34	36	19	11	*
May 1-4, 2009: <i>The outbreak of swine flu in different parts of the world</i>	43	37	15	4	1
April 25-27, 2009: <i>Reports of swine flu in Mexico and the U.S.</i>	25	30	19	26	*
October 19-22, 2007: <i>The growing danger of a drug-resistant staph infection in the U.S.</i>	26	31	19	24	0
June 1-4, 2007: <i>An Atlanta man with a dangerous form of tuberculosis who traveled to Europe against the advice of government health officials</i>	24	34	21	19	2
March, 2006: <i>Outbreaks of bird flu in different parts of the world</i>	21	36	24	19	*
November, 2005: <i>The outbreak of bird flu in Asia and Europe</i>	22	37	25	15	1
Late October, 2005	22	33	24	20	1
January, 2004: <i>Reports about a case of mad cow disease in Washington state</i>	29	42	19	9	1
June, 2003: <i>The lung disease called "SARS" that has spread from Asia</i>	28	44	19	8	1
May, 2003	39	39	15	6	1
September, 2002: <i>Cases of West Nile virus spread by mosquitoes</i>	34	36	21	8	1
Early September, 2001: <i>The spread of mad cow disease in Europe</i>	18	34	27	20	1
March 2001: <i>The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among livestock in Europe</i>	22	33	22	22	1
January, 1998: <i>The outbreak of an Asian flu spread by birds or chickens</i>	19	36	25	20	*
c. News about the outcome of the elections					
November 6-9, 2014	39	27	17	16	1
November 4-7, 2010	47	25	14	14	*
November, 2006	46	33	11	10	*
November, 1998	42	31	14	12	1
December, 1994	41	36	13	10	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
October 16-19, 2014: <i>News about this year's congressional elections</i>	16	26	24	34	*
October 2-5, 2014	15	22	25	39	*
September 25-28, 2014	16	23	28	32	1
September 11-14, 2014	14	23	26	36	1
July 24-27, 2014	14	19	29	38	*
June 26-29, 2014	16	23	20	41	1
June 5-8, 2014	14	23	23	38	1
May 15-18, 2014	13	24	25	38	1
March 20-23, 2014	15	22	22	39	1
d. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
November 6-9, 2014	31	35	21	12	2
October 16-19, 2014	26	33	22	18	1
September 25-28, 2014	25	33	22	19	1
July 31-August 3, 2014	27	29	23	21	1
June 5-8, 2014	26	28	20	24	1
March 20-23, 2014	30	34	18	17	2

Q.NII CONTINUED...

	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
March 6-9, 2014	27	31	19	22	1
February 27-March 2, 2014	27	32	16	24	1
February 6-9, 2014	28	29	20	22	1
January 30-February 2, 2014	29	31	17	23	*
January 9-12, 2014	28	29	19	23	1
January 2-5, 2014	29	31	17	22	1
December 12-15, 2013	26	27	21	24	1
November 14-17, 2013	32	32	17	19	*
October 31-November 3, 2013	31	37	16	15	*
October 17-20, 2013	41	31	16	12	*
October 3-6, 2013	34	30	19	16	1
September 25-29, 2013	35	30	16	18	*
September 19-22, 2013	28	33	20	19	1
September 12-15, 2013	28	34	17	20	*
August 1-4, 2013	28	35	19	17	1
July 18-21, 2013	28	29	20	23	1
June 20-23, 2013	28	30	19	22	1
June 13-16, 2013	30	32	15	22	*
June 6-9, 2013	33	31	15	21	*
May 16-19, 2013	30	31	20	19	*
May 9-12, 2013	28	30	21	20	1
March 28-31, 2013	30	30	17	22	1
March 7-10, 2013	35	30	16	19	*
January 31-February 3, 2013	33	33	16	16	1
January 17-20, 2013	36	32	15	16	*
January 3-6, 2013	34	32	18	16	1

SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: <http://www.people-press.org/files/2014/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf>

ASK ALL:

REG Which of these statements best describes you? **[READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: BE SURE TO CLARIFY WHETHER RESPONDENT IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THEY ARE REGISTERED OR ONLY PROBABLY REGISTERED; IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1]**

Nov 6-9

2014

71	Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address
5	Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed
24	Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.3 Many people did not have the time or opportunity to vote in this Tuesday's election. Were you able to vote in the election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,026]

Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2002</u>	Nov <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1990</u>
77	Yes, voted	81	80	75	85	82
23	No, did not vote	19	20	25	15	18
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	0	0

ASK IF DIDN'T VOTE (Q.3=2,9):

Q.4 There are many different reasons why people were unable to vote in Tuesday's election. For you personally, what was the main reason why you didn't vote in the election? **[OPEN END. ACCEPT UP TO THREE REASONS; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO DID NOT VOTE [N=181]

Nov 6-9

2014²

67	Time
35	Work/School conflicts
34	Too busy/Illness/Out of town/Forgot
20	Didn't like candidates or issues/Didn't care/Didn't know enough
10	Missed registration deadline or recently moved/No transportation
2	Not eligible to vote (e.g., has felony)
1	Don't know/Refused

ASK IF NOT REGISTERED OR DIDN'T VOTE (REG=2,3,9) OR (Q.3=2,9):

Q.5 If you had voted in Tuesday's election, would you have voted for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in the race for Congress in your district?

BASED ON ALL NON-VOTERS [N=508]

Nov 6-9

2014

33	Republican candidate	Nov <u>2010</u> 27
46	Democratic candidate	37
21	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	35

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.3=1):

Q.6 In the race for Congress in your district, did you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]

Nov 6-9

2014

		Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2006</u> ³	Nov <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1990</u>
45	Republican	47	36	41	39
45	Democrat	40	50	43	47
2	Other candidate (VOL.)	4	2	5	3
1	Did not vote for Congress (VOL.)	1	1	2	2
1	Don't know/Don't remember (VOL.)	2	2	1	9
6	Refused (VOL.)	7	9	8	--

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.3=1):

Q.7 Did you vote ON Election Day or BEFORE Election DAY?

ASK IF VOTED BEFORE ELECTION DAY (Q.7=2):

Q.8 Did you vote in person or did you mail your ballot in?

Nov 6-9

2014

		Nov <u>2012</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2002</u>
71	On Election Day	63	66	80	80	85
29	Before Election Day	37	34	20	20	15
12	Voted in person	19	19	n/a	n/a	n/a
16	Mailed in ballot	17	14	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	Other way/DK/Ref (VOL.)	*	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	*	*	*	*

² Percentages exceed 100% because of multiple responses.

³ For November 2006 and November 1998, "Don't know" and "Refused" responses are shown combined under "refused" response option.

ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY (Q.8=1) OR ON ELECTION DAY (Q.7=1):

Q.9 Did you have to wait in line to vote, or not?

ASK IF YES, WAITED IN LINE (Q.9=1)Q.10 How long did you wait to vote? **[OPEN END]**

	Yes, <u>waited</u>	<15 <u>mins</u>	15-29 <u>mins</u>	30-59 <u>mins</u>	1-2 <u>hrs</u>	2+ <u>hrs</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	No, <u>didn't wait</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014									
All in-person voters	23	13	5	1	2	1	1	77	0
Early voters	22	16	4	0	3	0	0	78	0
Election Day voters	23	13	5	1	1	1	1	77	0
Nov 8-11, 2012									
All in-person voters	38	14	8	9	6	2	0	62	0
Early voters	43	15	7	10	7	4	0	57	0
Election Day voters	37	13	8	9	5	1	0	63	0
Nov 6-9, 2008⁴									
All in-person voters	36	11	8	7	6	4	*	64	*
Early voters	48	12	15	8	8	5	0	52	0
Election Day voters	33	11	5	7	6	4	*	67	*
November, 2006⁵									
Election Day voters	28	14	7	3	2	1	1	72	0
November, 2004									
Election Day voters	42	13	11	10	6	2	0	58	0

NO QUESTIONS 11-13**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 As you may know, the Republican Party won control of the Senate as a result of the midterm elections. Do you think Republican control of the Senate will change the way things are going in this country **[READ]**?

Nov 6-9

2014

21	A lot
37	Some
19	Not much
20	Not at all
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 15-19, 22-23**QUESTION 20-21 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

⁴ In 2008 and earlier, question read "Did you have to wait in line at your polling place, or not?"

⁵ In 2006 and 2004, only asked of Election Day voters.

ASK ALL:

Q.24 How much do you think that Barack Obama will be able to accomplish in the remaining two years of his presidency? Do you think he will be able to accomplish a great deal of what he would like to do over the next two years, some of it, not much, or do you think he will not be able to accomplish anything at all?

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

		<i>LA Times/Bloomberg: George W. Bush</i>	<i>ABC News/Washington Post: Reagan administration</i>
Nov 6-9		Dec	Jan
<u>2014</u>		<u>2006</u>	<u>1987</u> ⁶
6	A great deal	4	7
33	Some	37	46
38	Not much	41	37
21	Nothing at all	16	8
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

NO QUESTIONS 25-35**RANDOMIZE Q.36 AND Q.37****ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.3=1):**

Q.36 How confident are you that your vote was accurately counted? **[READ]**

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]

		<i>Based on registered voters prior to an election</i>								
Nov 6-9		Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Mid	Early	Early	Mid
<u>2014</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	Oct	Nov	Oct	Oct
68	Very confident	68	64	73	70	68	<u>2008</u> ⁷	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>
21	Somewhat confident	22	26	22	23	24	31	28	29	26
5	Not too confident	5	4	3	3	4	6	8	9	7
4	Not at all confident	3	3	2	2	3	4	4	3	4
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	3	*	2	1	2	3	1	1

RANDOMIZE Q.36 AND Q.37**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 How confident are you that the votes across the country were accurately counted? **[READ]**

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]

Nov 6-9		Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov
<u>2014</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>
35	Very confident	31	33	43	39	48
42	Somewhat confident	44	45	41	46	37
14	Not too confident	15	12	10	7	7
6	Not at all confident	6	5	5	3	7
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	5	1	5	1

⁶ In January 1987, question was worded: "In general, how much do you think the Reagan administration will accomplish between now and the end of its term: a great deal, some, not much or nothing at all?"

⁷ In Mid-October 2008, Early November 2006, Early October 2006, and Mid-October 2004 the question was worded: "How confident are you that your vote will be accurately counted in the upcoming election?"

ASK ALL:

And thinking about the government ...

Q.38 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

	<u>Government should do more to solve problems</u>	<u>Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither/DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	49	46	6
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	45	51	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	44	49	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	48	9
Jun 8-28, 2010	43	47	10
Jan 14-27, 2010 (SDT)	45	47	8

NO QUESTIONS 39-41**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.42 During this campaign, did you feel you learned enough about the candidates and the issues to make an informed choice between the candidates, OR did you find it difficult to choose because you felt you did not learn enough from the campaign?

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]

	<u>Learned enough to make an informed choice</u>	<u>Did not learn enough</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	68	30	3
November, 2012 ⁸	87	11	2
November, 2010	64	34	3
November, 2008	85	14	1
November, 2006	72	24	4
November, 2004	86	13	1
November, 2000	83	15	2
November, 1998	63	35	2
November, 1996	75	23	2
December, 1994 (RVs)	48	50	2
November, 1992	77	20	3
November, 1990	60	38	2
November, 1988	59	39	2

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.43 Compared to past elections, would you say there was more discussion of issues in this campaign or less discussion of issues?

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]:

Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		<u>Nov 2012⁹</u>	<u>Nov 2010</u>	<u>Nov 2008</u>	<u>Nov 2006</u>	<u>Nov 2004</u>	<u>Nov 2000</u>	<u>Nov 1998</u>	<u>Nov 1996</u>	<u>Nov 1992</u>
29	More	38	35	57	40	47	46	30	25	59
60	Less	51	55	34	49	42	36	61	65	34
6	Same (VOL.)	6	5	6	7	7	13	7	6	4
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	3	4	4	5	2	4	3

⁸ In November 2012, 2008, and 2004, question was asked of those who voted between the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates.

⁹ In November 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000, 1996 and 1992, question was asked about "past presidential elections."

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.44 Compared to past elections, would you say there was MORE mud-slinging or negative campaigning or LESS mud-slinging or negative campaigning?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,026]:

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	(VOL.) <u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	60	26	10	4
November, 2012 ¹⁰	68	19	11	2
November, 2010	75	13	8	3
Late October, 2010	67	13	14	5
November, 2008	54	27	16	3
November, 2006	65	14	16	5
November, 2004	72	14	12	2
Early November, 2002	51	24	20	5
November, 2000	34	46	16	4
Late October, 1998	52	23	20	5
November, 1996	49	36	12	3
November, 1992	68	16	14	2

ASK ALL:

On a different subject,

Q.45 Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Senate?

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	48	38	13

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Among all			
November, 2010 ("Reps won control of House")	48	34	18
November, 2006 ("Dems won control of Congress")	60	24	16
December, 2002 ("Reps won control of Senate")	48	34	18
November, 1998 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	47	32	21
December, 1994 ("Reps won control of Congress")	57	31	12
Among voters			
November, 2012 ("Reps maintained control of House")	52	42	6
November, 2012 ("Dems maintained control of Senate")	56	40	4
November, 2008 ("Dems maintained control of Congress")	53	41	6
November, 2004 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	51	44	5
November, 2000 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	48	39	13
November, 1996 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	65	27	8

NO QUESTIONS 46-47**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems — President Obama, or the Republican congressional leaders?

	<u>President Obama</u>	<u>Rep leaders</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither/ Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	40	41	16	3
November, 2010	49	30	16	5

¹⁰ Presidential trends, from 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000 and 1996, are based only on those who voted, not all registered voters. Question in these years was asked about "past presidential elections."

Q.48 CONTINUED...

	President <u>Bush</u>	Dem <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2006	29	51	14	6
	President <u>Clinton</u>	Rep <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 1998	49	26	16	9
September, 1998	47	32	12	9
February, 1997	48	29	14	9
November, 1996	45	30	19	6
March, 1996	47	36	9	8
April, 1995	48	36	12	4
March, 1995	40	40	10	10
February, 1995	40	38	16	6
December, 1994	39	43	10	8

ASK ALL:

Q.49 As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?

		<i>Dem leaders</i>		
Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
44	Approve	41	50	52
43	Disapprove	37	21	28
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	22	29	20

ASK ALL:

Q.50 Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

		<i>Dem leaders</i>		
Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
49	Successful	43	59	62
40	Unsuccessful	37	22	24
5	Mixed/Get some passed (VOL.)	5	6	4
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	15	13	10

NO QUESTIONS 51-53

ASK ALL FORM 1 [N=670]:

Q.54F1 Next year should the Republican leaders in Washington... [READ IN ORDER]

		<i>Voters</i>			<i>Voters</i>	
Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2012</u>	Jan <u>2012</u> ¹¹	Jan <u>2011</u>	Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2008</u> ¹²
57	Try as best they can to work with Barack Obama to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Republican supporters?	67	58	61	55	66
	[OR]					
40	Should they stand up to Barack Obama on issues that are important to Republican supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	26	35	33	38	28
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	8	6	8	6

¹¹ In Jan 2011 and Jan 2012, the question began "This year..."

¹² November 2008 question was rotated and figures are based only on those who received the question first in the rotation.

Q.54F1 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**TREND FOR COMPARISON:***This year should the Democratic leaders in Washington... [READ]*

	Jan 2007 ¹³	Nov 2006
Try as best they can to work with George W. Bush to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters?	52	54
[OR]		
Should they stand up to George W. Bush on issues that are important to Democratic supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	43	36
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	11

ASK ALL FORM 2 [N=683]:

Q.55F2 Next year should Barack Obama... [READ IN ORDER]

Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Voters Nov <u>2012</u>	Jan <u>2012</u> ¹⁴	Jan <u>2011</u>	Nov <u>2010</u>
62	Try as best he can to work with Republican leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters?	72	59	65	62
	[OR]				
30	Should he stand up to the Republicans on issues that are important to Democratic supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	21	28	28	27
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	13	7	11

ASK ALL:

Q.56 Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Jan <u>2014</u>	Voters Nov <u>2012</u>	Nov <u>2010</u>	Voters Nov <u>2008</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>
18	Get better	15	31	22	37	28	29
26	Get worse	22	14	28	18	19	20
55	Stay about the same	59	52	48	42	49	46
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	3	3	3	4	5

NO QUESTIONS 57-59**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.60 Who do you think will have the better approach to [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] President Obama or the Republicans in Congress, or do you think there won't be much difference? How about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [READ AT LEAST ONCE DURING LIST AND IF NECESSARY: Who do you think will have the better approach to [ITEM] President Obama or the Republicans in Congress, or do you think there won't be much difference?]

	President <u>Obama</u>	Republicans <u>in Congress</u>	Not much <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Jobs and economic growth				
Nov 6-9, 2014	29	35	32	3
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	37	30	6

¹³ In January 2007 and November 2006 the question was rotated. Figures are based only on those who received this question first in the rotation.¹⁴ In Jan 2011 and Jan 2012, the question began "This year..."

Q.60 CONTINUED...

	President <u>Obama</u>	Republicans <u>in Congress</u>	Not much <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	44	28	22	6
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	32	29	27	12
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	36	34	25	5
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	30	44	22	4
b.	The budget deficit				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	22	35	39	4
	Nov 4-7, 2010	24	35	33	8
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	29	31	34	6
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	28	34	29	9
	NBC/WSJ: Oct 1995	25	40	27	8
	NBC/WSJ: Sep 1995	30	35	25	10
	NBC/WSJ: Jul 1995	27	39	24	10
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	25	37	29	9
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	23	46	27	4
c.	Foreign policy				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	26	31	38	5
	Nov 4-7, 2010	32	26	34	8
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	31	25	29	15
	NBC/WSJ: Oct 1995	30	36	25	9
	NBC/WSJ: Sep 1995	26	38	23	13
	NBC/WSJ: Jul 1995	27	34	26	13
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs) ¹⁵	36	37	22	5
d.	Health care				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	34	35	29	2
	Nov 4-7, 2010	35	36	24	5
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	42	27	23	8
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	36	39	20	5
e.	Taxes				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	25	34	37	4
	Nov 4-7, 2010	25	37	31	7
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	34	39	20	7
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	34	31	25	10
	NBC/WSJ: Oct 1995	34	36	23	7
	NBC/WSJ: Jul 1995	24	35	30	11
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	24	37	30	9
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	17	55	23	5
f.	Social Security				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	27	28	40	5
	Nov 4-7, 2010	27	29	35	9

¹⁵ Item was worded "foreign affairs."

Q.60 CONTINUED...

	President <u>Obama</u>	Republicans <u>in Congress</u>	Not much <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	38	27	25	10
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs) ¹⁶	29	42	24	5
g.	Immigration policy Nov 6-9, 2014	28	34	33	5
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	28	33	20	19
h.	Energy policy Nov 6-9, 2014	29	30	35	6
i.	The environment Nov 6-9, 2014	35	20	41	4
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	46	19	25	10

NO QUESTIONS 61-66**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about some issues,

Q.67 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

ASK IF DISAPPROVE (Q.67=2):Q.68 When it comes to the health care law, would you like to see Republican leaders in Congress [**READ; RANDOMIZE**]:?

Nov 6-9

2014

45	Approve
51	Disapprove
24	Focus their efforts on getting rid of the law entirely
25	Focus their efforts on making modifications to the law
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	5
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 ¹⁷	47	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	48	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	49	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	47	10

¹⁶ In November 1994 item asked about "Social Security and Medicare."¹⁷ 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."

Q.67 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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

ASK ALL:

Q.69 Do you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b FIRST WITH ITEM c ALWAYS LAST]**?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Increased use of fracking, a drilling method that uses high-pressure water and chemicals to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations			
Nov 6-9, 2014	41	47	12
Sep 4-8, 2013	44	49	7
Mar 13-17, 2013	48	38	14
b. Building the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport oil from Canada's oil sands region through the Midwest to refineries in Texas			
Nov 6-9, 2014	59	31	10
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 ¹⁸	61	27	12
Sep 4-8, 2013	65	30	5
Mar 13-17, 2013	66	23	11
c. Setting stricter emission limits on power plants in order to address climate change			
Nov 6-9, 2014	64	31	5
Sep 4-8, 2013	65	30	5
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	62	28	10

ASK ALL:

Q.70 How concerned are you, if at all, that Republicans controlling Congress will lead to them spending too much time investigating the Obama administration and the Democrats in Congress? **[READ]**

Nov 6-9

2014

27	Very concerned
30	Fairly concerned
26	Not too concerned
15	Not at all concerned
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *How concerned are you, if at all, that if the Democrats take control of the Congress this fall they will spend too much time investigating the Bush administration and the Republicans in Congress?*

Oct

2006

26	Very concerned
26	Fairly concerned
26	Not too concerned
18	Not at all concerned
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 71-87

¹⁸ In March 2014, question was asked as stand-alone.

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	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
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
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
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 (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=604]:

Q.88 Would you like to see Republican leaders in Washington move in a more conservative direction or a more moderate direction?

Nov 6-9 2014		Voters					Voters	
		Jul 8-14 2014	Jul 17-21 2013	Nov 8-11 2012	Nov 4-7 2010	Jun 16-20 2010	Jan 6-10 2010	Nov 2008
57	More conservative	53	54	57	56	57	51	60
39	More moderate	42	41	35	38	37	42	35
1	No change (VOL.)	1	2	3	2	2	2	1
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	5	5	5	5	4

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=623]:

Q.89 Would you like to see Democratic leaders in Washington move in a more liberal direction or a more moderate direction?

Nov 6-9 2014		Voters						Nov 2008
		Jul 8-14 2014	Jul 17-21 2013	Nov 8-11 2012	Nov 4-7 2010	Jun 16-20 2010	Jan 6-10 2010	
41	More liberal	37	36	33	34	34	35	33
52	More moderate	53	57	57	54	54	53	57
2	No change (VOL.)	3	2	4	3	4	2	2
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	5	7	10	8	9	8

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=604]:

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Nov 6-9, 2014	31	10	57	1	1	--
Oct 15-20, 2014	32	8	56	2	2	--
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	--

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>
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 ¹⁹	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

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 Social and Demographic Trends

¹⁹ 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."

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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]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
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
				Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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

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

¹ 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
January, 1999	53	41	6	April, 1995	23	74	3
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	Gallup: 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

ASK ALL:

Q.NII As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]**

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in Iraq and Syria					
November 6-9, 2014	27	35	21	16	1
October 16-19, 2014	29	33	19	19	1
October 2-5, 2014	31	30	21	18	1
September 25-28, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in the Middle East</i>	37	32	16	14	1
September 11-14, 2014: <i>Reports about the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS</i>	37	30	16	17	*
August 14-17, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against an Islamic militant group in Iraq</i>	23	29	21	26	1
June 26-29, 2014: <i>Growing violence and political instability in Iraq</i>	25	29	18	27	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
December 15-18, 2011: <i>The complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq</i>	34	32	18	14	2
October 21-23, 2011: <i>President Obama announcing a complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq by the end of 2011</i>	30	30	19	20	1
December 16-19, 2010: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	19	30	27	24	*
September 2-6, 2010: <i>The withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq</i>	36	37	15	11	*
August 26-29, 2010: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	25	36	24	15	1
August 19-22, 2010: <i>The withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq</i>	31	33	19	17	1
August 5-8, 2010: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	23	35	22	18	1
May 13-16, 2010	31	34	21	13	2
March 12-15, 2010	22	36	28	14	*
March 5-8, 2010	26	34	20	20	*
January 29-February 1, 2010	23	33	27	17	*
January 15-18, 2010	20	35	28	17	*

Q.NII CONTINUED...

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
October 16-19, 2009	23	30	24	23	*
September 11-14, 2009	21	33	30	16	*
August 21-24, 2009	25	35	22	18	1
August 14-17, 2009	19	38	23	18	*
July 2-5, 2009: <i>U.S. troops withdrawing from Iraqi cities</i>	25	34	20	21	0
April 24-27, 2009: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	21	35	25	19	*
March 20-23, 2009	25	37	21	17	*
February 27-March 2, 2009: <i>Barack Obama's plan to withdraw most U.S. troops from Iraq by August 2010</i>	40	37	13	9	1
December 12-15, 2008: <i>The current situation and events in Iraq</i>	24	35	25	16	*
November 21-24, 2008	32	31	24	13	0
November 14-17, 2008	24	33	27	16	*
October 31-November 3, 2008	30	35	22	12	1
October 24-27, 2008	29	35	25	11	*
October 10-13, 2008	23	34	30	13	*
October 3-6, 2008	29	33	28	10	*
September 5-8, 2008	24	37	26	13	*
August 29-31, 2008	22	32	29	16	1
August 22-25, 2008	26	31	27	15	1
August 1-4, 2008	27	40	23	10	*
July 25-28, 2008	28	33	22	17	*
July 18-21, 2008	33	35	20	12	*
July 11-14, 2008	24	35	24	16	1
July 3-7, 2008	25	35	25	15	*
June 20-23, 2008	25	36	24	15	*
May 9-12, 2008	29	35	21	14	1
May 2-5, 2008	26	35	25	13	1
April 25-28, 2008	29	35	23	12	1
April 18-21, 2008	29	39	20	11	1
April 11-14, 2008	25	39	20	15	1
April 4-7, 2008	25	37	23	15	*
March 28-31, 2008	29	40	19	11	1
March 20-24, 2008	30	38	19	13	*
March 14-17, 2008	29	38	23	10	*
March 7-10, 2008	28	39	18	15	*
February 29-March 3, 2008	28	40	19	13	*
February 8-11, 2008	24	35	25	16	*
February 1-4, 2008	28	39	22	11	*
January 25-28, 2008	23	35	26	16	*
January 18-21, 2008	31	33	20	15	1
January 11-14, 2008	25	38	21	16	*
January 4-7, 2008	27	38	20	15	*
December 14-17, 2007	26	32	24	18	*
December 7-10, 2007	28	37	21	14	*
November 23-26, 2007	25	37	21	16	1
November 16-19, 2007	31	37	19	12	1
November 9-12, 2007	29	38	19	13	1
November 2-5, 2007	31	35	18	15	1
October 26-29, 2007	28	37	21	13	1
October 19-22, 2007	28	37	20	15	*
October 12-15, 2007	26	36	18	19	1
October 5-8, 2007	29	33	22	16	*
September 28-October 1, 2007	30	41	18	11	*
September 21-24, 2007	32	38	17	13	*
September 14-17, 2007	31	36	18	15	0

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	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
September 7-10, 2007	32	34	20	14	*
August 30-September 2, 2007	31	34	18	16	1
August 24-27, 2007	34	36	18	12	*
August 17-20, 2007	33	34	18	15	*
August 10-13, 2007	36	37	14	13	*
August 3-6, 2007	29	40	19	12	*
July 27-30, 2007	28	36	19	16	1
July 20-23, 2007	28	34	21	16	1
July 13-16, 2007	25	41	17	16	1
July 6-9, 2007	36	34	18	12	*
June 29-July 2, 2007	32	35	19	13	1
June 22-25, 2007	30	36	18	15	1
June 15-18, 2007	30	37	20	13	*
June 8-11, 2007	32	38	15	14	1
June 1-4, 2007	30	36	20	13	1
May 24-27, 2007	33	36	18	12	1
May 18-21, 2007	36	34	15	14	1
May 11-14, 2007	30	34	18	17	1
May 4-7, 2007	38	37	15	10	*
April 27-30, 2007	27	35	21	16	1
April 20-23, 2007	28	35	22	15	*
April 12-16, 2007	34	33	20	13	*
April 5-9, 2007	33	39	16	11	1
March 30-April 2, 2007	34	37	16	13	*
March 23-March 26, 2007: <i>News about the current situation in Iraq</i>	31	38	18	12	1
March 16-19, 2007	34	34	17	15	*
March 9-12, 2007	34	37	16	13	*
March 2-5, 2007	37	37	16	9	1
February 23-26, 2007	36	36	15	13	*
February 16-19, 2007	30	36	19	14	1
February 9-12, 2007	37	34	18	11	*
February 2-5, 2007	38	38	17	7	*
January 26-29, 2007	36	38	15	11	*
January 19-22, 2007	37	34	18	10	1
January 12-15, 2007	38	36	17	8	1
January, 2007	46	40	8	5	1
January 5-8, 2007	40	32	16	12	0
December, 2006	42	39	12	7	*
November 30-December 3, 2006	40	36	13	11	*
Mid-November, 2006	44	38	12	6	*
September, 2006	33	43	14	8	2
August, 2006	41	39	12	7	1
June, 2006	37	43	13	6	1
May, 2006	42	35	15	7	1
April, 2006	43	36	13	7	1
March, 2006	43	38	12	6	1
February, 2006	39	42	12	6	1
January, 2006	40	40	12	7	1
December, 2005	45	38	11	5	1
Early November, 2005	41	40	13	6	*
Early October, 2005	43	36	15	6	*
Early September, 2005	32	40	20	7	1
July, 2005	43	37	13	6	1
Mid-May, 2005	42	42	11	5	*
Mid-March, 2005	40	39	14	5	2
February, 2005	38	45	13	4	*
January, 2005	48	37	11	4	*
December, 2004	34	44	15	6	1

Q.NII CONTINUED...

	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mid-October, 2004	42	38	11	8	1
Early September, 2004	47	37	9	6	1
August, 2004	39	42	12	6	1
July, 2004	43	40	11	6	*
June, 2004	39	42	12	6	1
April, 2004	54	33	8	5	*
Mid-March, 2004	47	36	12	4	1
Early February, 2004	47	38	10	4	1
Mid-January, 2004	48	39	9	4	*
December, 2003	44	38	11	6	1
November, 2003	52	33	9	5	1
September, 2003	50	33	10	6	1
Mid-August, 2003	45	39	10	5	1
Early July, 2003	37	41	13	8	1
June, 2003	46	35	13	6	*
May, 2003	63	29	6	2	*
April 11-16, 2003: <i>News about the war in Iraq</i>	47	40	10	2	1
April 2-7, 2003	54	34	9	2	1
March 20-24, 2003	57	33	7	2	1
March 13-16, 2003: <i>Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq</i>	62	27	6	4	1
February, 2003	62	25	8	4	1
January, 2003	55	29	10	4	2
December, 2002	51	32	10	6	1
Late October, 2002	53	33	8	5	1
Early October, 2002	60	28	6	5	1
Early September, 2002: <i>Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq</i>	48	29	15	6	2
b. News about the current outbreak of the Ebola virus					
November 6-9, 2014	40	36	15	7	1
October 16-19, 2014	49	32	13	6	1
October 2-5, 2014	36	33	20	10	1
September 25-28, 2014: <i>An outbreak of the Ebola virus in Africa</i>	27	35	21	17	1
August 14-17, 2014	25	33	22	19	1
July 31-August 3, 2014	26	27	19	26	2
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
May 15-18, 2014: <i>The lung disease called "MERS" that has spread from the Middle East</i>	13	23	25	38	1
December 18-21, 2009: <i>Reports about swine flu and the vaccine</i>	25	32	24	18	0
November 20-23, 2009	29	33	21	17	*
November 13-16, 2009	34	31	21	15	*
November 6-9, 2009	32	35	24	10	*
October 30-November 2, 2009	33	33	22	12	*
October 23-26, 2009	43	30	17	9	*
October 16-19, 2009	32	35	18	14	0
October 9-12, 2009	38	35	16	11	*
September 18-21, 2009: <i>Reports about swine flu and the availability of a vaccine</i>	34	31	25	9	*
September 11-14, 2009	30	36	21	12	*
September 3-6, 2009	26	32	25	17	0
August 28-31, 2009	26	33	22	18	*

Q.NII CONTINUED...

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 21-24, 2009: <i>Reports about swine flu in the U.S. and elsewhere</i>	30	39	21	11	*
May 8-11, 2009	34	36	19	11	*
May 1-4, 2009: <i>The outbreak of swine flu in different parts of the world</i>	43	37	15	4	1
April 25-27, 2009: <i>Reports of swine flu in Mexico and the U.S.</i>	25	30	19	26	*
October 19-22, 2007: <i>The growing danger of a drug-resistant staph infection in the U.S.</i>	26	31	19	24	0
June 1-4, 2007: <i>An Atlanta man with a dangerous form of tuberculosis who traveled to Europe against the advice of government health officials</i>	24	34	21	19	2
March, 2006: <i>Outbreaks of bird flu in different parts of the world</i>	21	36	24	19	*
November, 2005: <i>The outbreak of bird flu in Asia and Europe</i>	22	37	25	15	1
Late October, 2005	22	33	24	20	1
January, 2004: <i>Reports about a case of mad cow disease in Washington state</i>	29	42	19	9	1
June, 2003: <i>The lung disease called "SARS" that has spread from Asia</i>	28	44	19	8	1
May, 2003	39	39	15	6	1
September, 2002: <i>Cases of West Nile virus spread by mosquitoes</i>	34	36	21	8	1
Early September, 2001: <i>The spread of mad cow disease in Europe</i>	18	34	27	20	1
March 2001: <i>The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among livestock in Europe</i>	22	33	22	22	1
January, 1998: <i>The outbreak of an Asian flu spread by birds or chickens</i>	19	36	25	20	*
c. News about the outcome of the elections					
November 6-9, 2014	39	27	17	16	1
November 4-7, 2010	47	25	14	14	*
November, 2006	46	33	11	10	*
November, 1998	42	31	14	12	1
December, 1994	41	36	13	10	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
October 16-19, 2014: <i>News about this year's congressional elections</i>	16	26	24	34	*
October 2-5, 2014	15	22	25	39	*
September 25-28, 2014	16	23	28	32	1
September 11-14, 2014	14	23	26	36	1
July 24-27, 2014	14	19	29	38	*
June 26-29, 2014	16	23	20	41	1
June 5-8, 2014	14	23	23	38	1
May 15-18, 2014	13	24	25	38	1
March 20-23, 2014	15	22	22	39	1
d. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
November 6-9, 2014	31	35	21	12	2
October 16-19, 2014	26	33	22	18	1
September 25-28, 2014	25	33	22	19	1
July 31-August 3, 2014	27	29	23	21	1
June 5-8, 2014	26	28	20	24	1
March 20-23, 2014	30	34	18	17	2

Q.NII CONTINUED...

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March 6-9, 2014	27	31	19	22	1
February 27-March 2, 2014	27	32	16	24	1
February 6-9, 2014	28	29	20	22	1
January 30-February 2, 2014	29	31	17	23	*
January 9-12, 2014	28	29	19	23	1
January 2-5, 2014	29	31	17	22	1
December 12-15, 2013	26	27	21	24	1
November 14-17, 2013	32	32	17	19	*
October 31-November 3, 2013	31	37	16	15	*
October 17-20, 2013	41	31	16	12	*
October 3-6, 2013	34	30	19	16	1
September 25-29, 2013	35	30	16	18	*
September 19-22, 2013	28	33	20	19	1
September 12-15, 2013	28	34	17	20	*
August 1-4, 2013	28	35	19	17	1
July 18-21, 2013	28	29	20	23	1
June 20-23, 2013	28	30	19	22	1
June 13-16, 2013	30	32	15	22	*
June 6-9, 2013	33	31	15	21	*
May 16-19, 2013	30	31	20	19	*
May 9-12, 2013	28	30	21	20	1
March 28-31, 2013	30	30	17	22	1
March 7-10, 2013	35	30	16	19	*
January 31-February 3, 2013	33	33	16	16	1
January 17-20, 2013	36	32	15	16	*
January 3-6, 2013	34	32	18	16	1

SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: <http://www.people-press.org/files/2014/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf>

ASK ALL:

REG Which of these statements best describes you? **[READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: BE SURE TO CLARIFY WHETHER RESPONDENT IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THEY ARE REGISTERED OR ONLY PROBABLY REGISTERED; IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1]**

Nov 6-9

2014

71	Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address
5	Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed
24	Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.3 Many people did not have the time or opportunity to vote in this Tuesday's election. Were you able to vote in the election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,026]

Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2002</u>	Nov <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1990</u>
77	Yes, voted	81	80	75	85	82
23	No, did not vote	19	20	25	15	18
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	0	0

ASK IF DIDN'T VOTE (Q.3=2,9):

Q.4 There are many different reasons why people were unable to vote in Tuesday's election. For you personally, what was the main reason why you didn't vote in the election? **[OPEN END. ACCEPT UP TO THREE REASONS; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO DID NOT VOTE [N=181]

Nov 6-9

2014²

67	Time
35	Work/School conflicts
34	Too busy/Illness/Out of town/Forgot
20	Didn't like candidates or issues/Didn't care/Didn't know enough
10	Missed registration deadline or recently moved/No transportation
2	Not eligible to vote (e.g., has felony)
1	Don't know/Refused

ASK IF NOT REGISTERED OR DIDN'T VOTE (REG=2,3,9) OR (Q.3=2,9):

Q.5 If you had voted in Tuesday's election, would you have voted for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in the race for Congress in your district?

BASED ON ALL NON-VOTERS [N=508]

Nov 6-9

2014

33	Republican candidate	Nov <u>2010</u> 27
46	Democratic candidate	37
21	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	35

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.3=1):

Q.6 In the race for Congress in your district, did you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]

Nov 6-9

2014

		Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2006</u> ³	Nov <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1990</u>
45	Republican	47	36	41	39
45	Democrat	40	50	43	47
2	Other candidate (VOL.)	4	2	5	3
1	Did not vote for Congress (VOL.)	1	1	2	2
1	Don't know/Don't remember (VOL.)	2	2	1	9
6	Refused (VOL.)	7	9	8	--

ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.3=1):

Q.7 Did you vote ON Election Day or BEFORE Election DAY?

ASK IF VOTED BEFORE ELECTION DAY (Q.7=2):

Q.8 Did you vote in person or did you mail your ballot in?

Nov 6-9

2014

		Nov <u>2012</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2002</u>
71	On Election Day	63	66	80	80	85
29	Before Election Day	37	34	20	20	15
12	Voted in person	19	19	n/a	n/a	n/a
16	Mailed in ballot	17	14	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	Other way/DK/Ref (VOL.)	*	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	*	*	*	*

² Percentages exceed 100% because of multiple responses.

³ For November 2006 and November 1998, "Don't know" and "Refused" responses are shown combined under "refused" response option.

ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY (Q.8=1) OR ON ELECTION DAY (Q.7=1):

Q.9 Did you have to wait in line to vote, or not?

ASK IF YES, WAITED IN LINE (Q.9=1)Q.10 How long did you wait to vote? **[OPEN END]**

	Yes, <u>waited</u>	<15 <u>mins</u>	15-29 <u>mins</u>	30-59 <u>mins</u>	1-2 <u>hrs</u>	2+ <u>hrs</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	No, <u>didn't wait</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014									
All in-person voters	23	13	5	1	2	1	1	77	0
Early voters	22	16	4	0	3	0	0	78	0
Election Day voters	23	13	5	1	1	1	1	77	0
Nov 8-11, 2012									
All in-person voters	38	14	8	9	6	2	0	62	0
Early voters	43	15	7	10	7	4	0	57	0
Election Day voters	37	13	8	9	5	1	0	63	0
Nov 6-9, 2008⁴									
All in-person voters	36	11	8	7	6	4	*	64	*
Early voters	48	12	15	8	8	5	0	52	0
Election Day voters	33	11	5	7	6	4	*	67	*
November, 2006⁵									
Election Day voters	28	14	7	3	2	1	1	72	0
November, 2004									
Election Day voters	42	13	11	10	6	2	0	58	0

NO QUESTIONS 11-13**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 As you may know, the Republican Party won control of the Senate as a result of the midterm elections. Do you think Republican control of the Senate will change the way things are going in this country **[READ]**?

Nov 6-9

2014

21	A lot
37	Some
19	Not much
20	Not at all
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 15-19, 22-23**QUESTION 20-21 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

⁴ In 2008 and earlier, question read "Did you have to wait in line at your polling place, or not?"

⁵ In 2006 and 2004, only asked of Election Day voters.

ASK ALL:

Q.24 How much do you think that Barack Obama will be able to accomplish in the remaining two years of his presidency? Do you think he will be able to accomplish a great deal of what he would like to do over the next two years, some of it, not much, or do you think he will not be able to accomplish anything at all?

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

		<i>LA Times/Bloomberg: George W. Bush</i>	<i>ABC News/Washington Post: Reagan administration</i>
Nov 6-9		Dec	Jan
<u>2014</u>		<u>2006</u>	<u>1987</u> ⁶
6	A great deal	4	7
33	Some	37	46
38	Not much	41	37
21	Nothing at all	16	8
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

NO QUESTIONS 25-35**RANDOMIZE Q.36 AND Q.37****ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.3=1):**

Q.36 How confident are you that your vote was accurately counted? **[READ]**

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]

		<i>Based on registered voters prior to an election</i>								
Nov 6-9		Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Mid	Early	Early	Mid
<u>2014</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2008</u> ⁷	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>
68	Very confident	68	64	73	70	68	57	57	58	62
21	Somewhat confident	22	26	22	23	24	31	28	29	26
5	Not too confident	5	4	3	3	4	6	8	9	7
4	Not at all confident	3	3	2	2	3	4	4	3	4
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	3	*	2	1	2	3	1	1

RANDOMIZE Q.36 AND Q.37**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 How confident are you that the votes across the country were accurately counted? **[READ]**

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]

Nov 6-9		Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov	Nov
<u>2014</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>
35	Very confident	31	33	43	39	48
42	Somewhat confident	44	45	41	46	37
14	Not too confident	15	12	10	7	7
6	Not at all confident	6	5	5	3	7
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	5	1	5	1

⁶ In January 1987, question was worded: "In general, how much do you think the Reagan administration will accomplish between now and the end of its term: a great deal, some, not much or nothing at all?"

⁷ In Mid-October 2008, Early November 2006, Early October 2006, and Mid-October 2004 the question was worded: "How confident are you that your vote will be accurately counted in the upcoming election?"

ASK ALL:

And thinking about the government ...

Q.38 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

	<u>Government should do more to solve problems</u>	<u>Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither/DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	49	46	6
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	45	51	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	44	49	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	48	9
Jun 8-28, 2010	43	47	10
Jan 14-27, 2010 (SDT)	45	47	8

NO QUESTIONS 39-41**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.42 During this campaign, did you feel you learned enough about the candidates and the issues to make an informed choice between the candidates, OR did you find it difficult to choose because you felt you did not learn enough from the campaign?

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]

	<u>Learned enough to make an informed choice</u>	<u>Did not learn enough</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	68	30	3
November, 2012 ⁸	87	11	2
November, 2010	64	34	3
November, 2008	85	14	1
November, 2006	72	24	4
November, 2004	86	13	1
November, 2000	83	15	2
November, 1998	63	35	2
November, 1996	75	23	2
December, 1994 (RVs)	48	50	2
November, 1992	77	20	3
November, 1990	60	38	2
November, 1988	59	39	2

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.43 Compared to past elections, would you say there was more discussion of issues in this campaign or less discussion of issues?

BASED ON VOTERS [N=845]:

Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		<u>Nov 2012⁹</u>	<u>Nov 2010</u>	<u>Nov 2008</u>	<u>Nov 2006</u>	<u>Nov 2004</u>	<u>Nov 2000</u>	<u>Nov 1998</u>	<u>Nov 1996</u>	<u>Nov 1992</u>
29	More	38	35	57	40	47	46	30	25	59
60	Less	51	55	34	49	42	36	61	65	34
6	Same (VOL.)	6	5	6	7	7	13	7	6	4
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	3	4	4	5	2	4	3

⁸ In November 2012, 2008, and 2004, question was asked of those who voted between the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates.

⁹ In November 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000, 1996 and 1992, question was asked about "past presidential elections."

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.44 Compared to past elections, would you say there was MORE mud-slinging or negative campaigning or LESS mud-slinging or negative campaigning?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,026]:

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	(VOL.) <u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	60	26	10	4
November, 2012 ¹⁰	68	19	11	2
November, 2010	75	13	8	3
Late October, 2010	67	13	14	5
November, 2008	54	27	16	3
November, 2006	65	14	16	5
November, 2004	72	14	12	2
Early November, 2002	51	24	20	5
November, 2000	34	46	16	4
Late October, 1998	52	23	20	5
November, 1996	49	36	12	3
November, 1992	68	16	14	2

ASK ALL:

On a different subject,

Q.45 Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Senate?

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	48	38	13

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Among all			
November, 2010 ("Reps won control of House")	48	34	18
November, 2006 ("Dems won control of Congress")	60	24	16
December, 2002 ("Reps won control of Senate")	48	34	18
November, 1998 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	47	32	21
December, 1994 ("Reps won control of Congress")	57	31	12
Among voters			
November, 2012 ("Reps maintained control of House")	52	42	6
November, 2012 ("Dems maintained control of Senate")	56	40	4
November, 2008 ("Dems maintained control of Congress")	53	41	6
November, 2004 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	51	44	5
November, 2000 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	48	39	13
November, 1996 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	65	27	8

NO QUESTIONS 46-47**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems — President Obama, or the Republican congressional leaders?

	<u>President Obama</u>	<u>Rep leaders</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither/ Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	40	41	16	3
November, 2010	49	30	16	5

¹⁰ Presidential trends, from 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000 and 1996, are based only on those who voted, not all registered voters. Question in these years was asked about "past presidential elections."

Q.48 CONTINUED...

	President <u>Bush</u>	Dem <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2006	29	51	14	6
	President <u>Clinton</u>	Rep <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 1998	49	26	16	9
September, 1998	47	32	12	9
February, 1997	48	29	14	9
November, 1996	45	30	19	6
March, 1996	47	36	9	8
April, 1995	48	36	12	4
March, 1995	40	40	10	10
February, 1995	40	38	16	6
December, 1994	39	43	10	8

ASK ALL:

Q.49 As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?

		<i>Dem leaders</i>		
Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
44	Approve	41	50	52
43	Disapprove	37	21	28
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	22	29	20

ASK ALL:

Q.50 Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

		<i>Dem leaders</i>		
Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
49	Successful	43	59	62
40	Unsuccessful	37	22	24
5	Mixed/Get some passed (VOL.)	5	6	4
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	15	13	10

NO QUESTIONS 51-53**ASK ALL FORM 1 [N=670]:**

Q.54F1 Next year should the Republican leaders in Washington... **[READ IN ORDER]**

		<i>Voters</i>			<i>Voters</i>	
Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2012</u>	Jan <u>2012</u> ¹¹	Jan <u>2011</u>	Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2008</u> ¹²
57	Try as best they can to work with Barack Obama to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Republican supporters?	67	58	61	55	66
	[OR]					
40	Should they stand up to Barack Obama on issues that are important to Republican supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	26	35	33	38	28
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	8	6	8	6

¹¹ In Jan 2011 and Jan 2012, the question began "This year..."

¹² November 2008 question was rotated and figures are based only on those who received the question first in the rotation.

Q.54F1 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**TREND FOR COMPARISON:***This year should the Democratic leaders in Washington... [READ]*

	Jan 2007 ¹³	Nov 2006
Try as best they can to work with George W. Bush to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters?	52	54
[OR]		
Should they stand up to George W. Bush on issues that are important to Democratic supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	43	36
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	11

ASK ALL FORM 2 [N=683]:

Q.55F2 Next year should Barack Obama... [READ IN ORDER]

Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Voters Nov <u>2012</u>	Jan <u>2012</u> ¹⁴	Jan <u>2011</u>	Nov <u>2010</u>
62	Try as best he can to work with Republican leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters?	72	59	65	62
	[OR]				
30	Should he stand up to the Republicans on issues that are important to Democratic supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	21	28	28	27
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	13	7	11

ASK ALL:

Q.56 Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

Nov 6-9 <u>2014</u>		Jan <u>2014</u>	Voters Nov <u>2012</u>	Voters Nov <u>2010</u>	Voters Nov <u>2008</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>
18	Get better	15	31	22	37	28	29
26	Get worse	22	14	28	18	19	20
55	Stay about the same	59	52	48	42	49	46
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	3	3	3	4	5

NO QUESTIONS 57-59**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.60 Who do you think will have the better approach to [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] President Obama or the Republicans in Congress, or do you think there won't be much difference? How about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [READ AT LEAST ONCE DURING LIST AND IF NECESSARY: Who do you think will have the better approach to [ITEM] President Obama or the Republicans in Congress, or do you think there won't be much difference?]

	President <u>Obama</u>	Republicans <u>in Congress</u>	Not much <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Jobs and economic growth				
Nov 6-9, 2014	29	35	32	3
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	37	30	6

¹³ In January 2007 and November 2006 the question was rotated. Figures are based only on those who received this question first in the rotation.¹⁴ In Jan 2011 and Jan 2012, the question began "This year..."

Q.60 CONTINUED...

	President <u>Obama</u>	Republicans <u>in Congress</u>	Not much <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	44	28	22	6
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	32	29	27	12
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	36	34	25	5
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	30	44	22	4
b.	The budget deficit				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	22	35	39	4
	Nov 4-7, 2010	24	35	33	8
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	29	31	34	6
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	28	34	29	9
	NBC/WSJ: Oct 1995	25	40	27	8
	NBC/WSJ: Sep 1995	30	35	25	10
	NBC/WSJ: Jul 1995	27	39	24	10
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	25	37	29	9
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	23	46	27	4
c.	Foreign policy				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	26	31	38	5
	Nov 4-7, 2010	32	26	34	8
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	31	25	29	15
	NBC/WSJ: Oct 1995	30	36	25	9
	NBC/WSJ: Sep 1995	26	38	23	13
	NBC/WSJ: Jul 1995	27	34	26	13
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs) ¹⁵	36	37	22	5
d.	Health care				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	34	35	29	2
	Nov 4-7, 2010	35	36	24	5
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	42	27	23	8
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	36	39	20	5
e.	Taxes				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	25	34	37	4
	Nov 4-7, 2010	25	37	31	7
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	34	39	20	7
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	34	31	25	10
	NBC/WSJ: Oct 1995	34	36	23	7
	NBC/WSJ: Jul 1995	24	35	30	11
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	24	37	30	9
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	17	55	23	5
f.	Social Security				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	27	28	40	5
	Nov 4-7, 2010	27	29	35	9

¹⁵ Item was worded "foreign affairs."

Q.60 CONTINUED...

	President <u>Obama</u>	Republicans <u>in Congress</u>	Not much <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	38	27	25	10
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs) ¹⁶	29	42	24	5
g.	Immigration policy Nov 6-9, 2014	28	34	33	5
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	28	33	20	19
h.	Energy policy Nov 6-9, 2014	29	30	35	6
i.	The environment Nov 6-9, 2014	35	20	41	4
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>President Clinton</i>					
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	46	19	25	10

NO QUESTIONS 61-66**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about some issues,

Q.67 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

ASK IF DISAPPROVE (Q.67=2):Q.68 When it comes to the health care law, would you like to see Republican leaders in Congress [**READ; RANDOMIZE**]?:

Nov 6-9

2014

45	Approve
51	Disapprove
24	Focus their efforts on getting rid of the law entirely
25	Focus their efforts on making modifications to the law
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	5
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 ¹⁷	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

¹⁶ In November 1994 item asked about "Social Security and Medicare."¹⁷ 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."

Q.67 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

ASK ALL:

Q.69 Do you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b FIRST WITH ITEM c ALWAYS LAST]**?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Increased use of fracking, a drilling method that uses high-pressure water and chemicals to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations			
Nov 6-9, 2014	41	47	12
Sep 4-8, 2013	44	49	7
Mar 13-17, 2013	48	38	14
b. Building the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport oil from Canada's oil sands region through the Midwest to refineries in Texas			
Nov 6-9, 2014	59	31	10
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 ¹⁸	61	27	12
Sep 4-8, 2013	65	30	5
Mar 13-17, 2013	66	23	11
c. Setting stricter emission limits on power plants in order to address climate change			
Nov 6-9, 2014	64	31	5
Sep 4-8, 2013	65	30	5
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	62	28	10

ASK ALL:

Q.70 How concerned are you, if at all, that Republicans controlling Congress will lead to them spending too much time investigating the Obama administration and the Democrats in Congress? **[READ]**

Nov 6-9

2014

27	Very concerned
30	Fairly concerned
26	Not too concerned
15	Not at all concerned
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *How concerned are you, if at all, that if the Democrats take control of the Congress this fall they will spend too much time investigating the Bush administration and the Republicans in Congress?*

Oct

2006

26	Very concerned
26	Fairly concerned
26	Not too concerned
18	Not at all concerned
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 71-87

¹⁸ In March 2014, question was asked as stand-alone.

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	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
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
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
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 (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=604]:

Q.88 Would you like to see Republican leaders in Washington move in a more conservative direction or a more moderate direction?

Nov 6-9 2014		Voters				Voters		
		Jul 8-14 2014	Jul 17-21 2013	Nov 8-11 2012	Nov 4-7 2010	Jun 16-20 2010	Jan 6-10 2010	Nov 2008
57	More conservative	53	54	57	56	57	51	60
39	More moderate	42	41	35	38	37	42	35
1	No change (VOL.)	1	2	3	2	2	2	1
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	5	5	5	5	4

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=623]:

Q.89 Would you like to see Democratic leaders in Washington move in a more liberal direction or a more moderate direction?

Nov 6-9 2014		Voters					Voters	
		Jul 8-14 2014	Jul 17-21 2013	Nov 8-11 2012	Nov 4-7 2010	Jun 16-20 2010	Jan 6-10 2010	Nov 2008
41	More liberal	37	36	33	34	34	35	33
52	More moderate	53	57	57	54	54	53	57
2	No change (VOL.)	3	2	4	3	4	2	2
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	5	7	10	8	9	8

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=604]:

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Nov 6-9, 2014	31	10	57	1	1	--
Oct 15-20, 2014	32	8	56	2	2	--
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, 2012	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	--

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>
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 ¹⁹	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

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 Social and Demographic Trends

¹⁹ 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."