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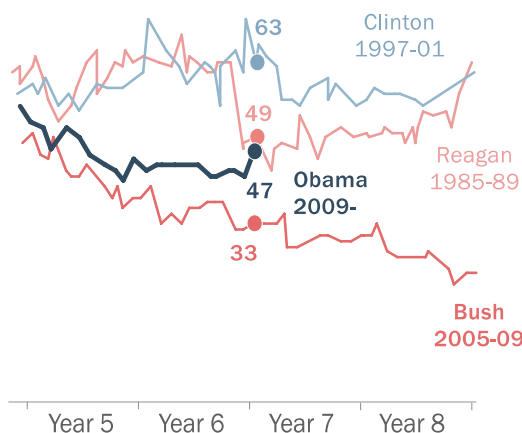
President Obama enters the seventh year of his presidency in a familiar position when compared with his recent predecessors. His 47% job approval rating places him squarely between George W. Bush (33%) and Bill Clinton (63%) at similar points in their second terms. Obama's rating is comparable to Ronald Reagan's in January 1987 (49%), when Reagan was embroiled in the Iran-Contra affair.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted Jan. 7-11 among 1,504 adults, finds that Obama's job approval has risen five points since December (42%). The president's job rating changed very little over the course of 2014.

Obama is being helped by a steady improvement in public views of the nation's economy. Currently, 27% say the economic conditions are excellent or good, up from 16% a year ago. Perhaps more important, almost twice as many expect the economy to be better than worse a year from now (31% vs. 17%).

For the first time in five years, more Americans say Obama's economic policies have made conditions better (38%) than worse (28%); 30% say they have not had much of an effect. And Obama engenders more confidence on the economy than do the leaders of the new Republican majority in Congress.

Obama's Job Rating Higher Than Bush's, Below Clinton's, On Par With Reagan's



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q1. Reagan trend from Gallup.

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But the new survey finds stubborn skepticism about the strength of the economic recovery, and little evidence that people think that their personal financial fortunes have improved. A small but growing share of Americans (16%) say the economy is recovering strongly. However, many more (66%) think the economy is recovering, 'but not so strongly.'

The percentage of Americans who say the economy is doing well has increased by 11 points since Obama's last State of the Union in January 2014. The percentage rating economic conditions as 'poor' has fallen 15 percentage points over the same period. Moreover, 36% say there are plenty of jobs available in their communities, among the highest during Obama's presidency.

Yet there has been no change in perceptions about whether incomes are keeping pace with the cost of living. Currently, 55% say their family's income is 'falling behind' the cost of living; 37% say they are 'staying about even,' while just 6% say their incomes are going up faster than the cost of living. In January 2014, 57% felt as if they were falling behind financially.

Over the Past Year, Views of National Economy Have Improved...

Rating of national economic conditions ...

	Jan 2014	Jan 2015	Change
	%	%	
Excellent/Good	16	27	+11
Only fair	45	48	+3
Poor	39	24	-15
Don't know	<u>1</u>	*	
	100	100	

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q30. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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But Most Continue to Say They Are 'Falling Behind' the Cost of Living

Family income relative to the cost of living ...

	Jan 2014	Jan 2015	Change
	%	%	
Going up faster	7	6	-1
Staying about even	34	37	+3
Falling behind	57	55	-2
Don't know	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
	100	100	

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q36. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Other Findings

Obama Draws More Confidence Than GOP Leaders on Economy.

Overall, about half of Americans (49%) say they have a great deal or fair amount of confidence in Obama to ‘do the right thing’ in dealing with the economy, while 50% have not too much confidence or no confidence at all. That compares with 43% who have at least a fair amount of confidence in Democratic congressional leaders, and 37% who express confidence in GOP leaders on the economy.

Outlook for New Congress: More Partisan Bickering. [As recent Pew Research Center surveys have found](#), the public has very low expectations for

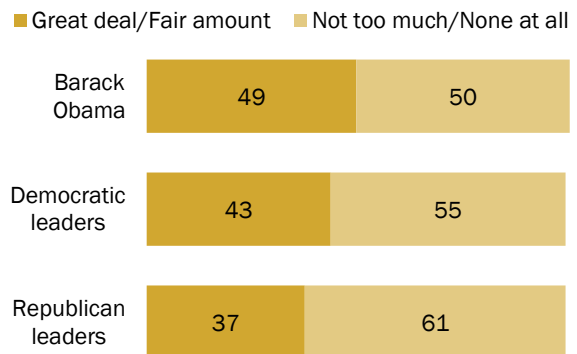
partisan cooperation in the coming year. The new poll finds that 71% think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will ‘bicker and oppose one another more than usual.’ Just 22% say they will work together more. Shortly before Obama took office in 2009, only 39% predicted more partisan bickering.

Nearly Half Disapprove of GOP Leaders’ Plans. Currently, 40% approve of Republican leaders’ plans and policies for the future, while somewhat more (49%) disapprove. Shortly after the midterm elections, when Republicans gained full control of Congress, about as many approved as disapproved of GOP future plans (44% approved vs. 43% disapproved). The public has mixed opinions about whether Republicans will be successful in getting their programs passed into law; 45% say they will be successful, while 46% say they won’t.

Obama Seen as ‘Not Tough Enough’ on Foreign Policy. Most Americans (55%) continue to say that Obama is not tough enough in approaching foreign policy and national security issues. Just 37% say his approach is about right, while 5% say he is too tough. These views are little changed from last August (54% said Obama was not tough enough) and November 2013 (51%).

More Have Confidence in Obama Than GOP Leaders on Economy

Confidence in each to do right thing on economy (%)



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q37.

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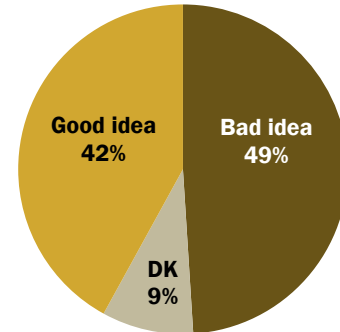
Concerns Over Closing Guantanamo. Obama has long sought the closure of the U.S. prison holding terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. More Americans think closing the prison in the next few years is a bad idea (49%) than say it is a good idea (42%). Republicans overwhelmingly say that closing the prison is a bad idea (80%), while 64% of Democrats think it's a good idea.

Public Divided Over Tougher Economic

Regulation. As the new Congress debates rolling back some provisions of the Dodd-Frank economic regulation law, the public is evenly divided over whether the government has gone too far (45%) or not far enough (47%) in regulating financial institutions and markets. There also is a stark partisan divide in these attitudes – 64% of Republicans say financial regulation has gone too far, while 61% of Democrats say it has not gone far enough.

Good Idea to Close Guantanamo?

Obama wants to close Guantanamo in the next few years. Is this a ...



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Section 1: Views of Obama; Personal Traits; Historical Legacy

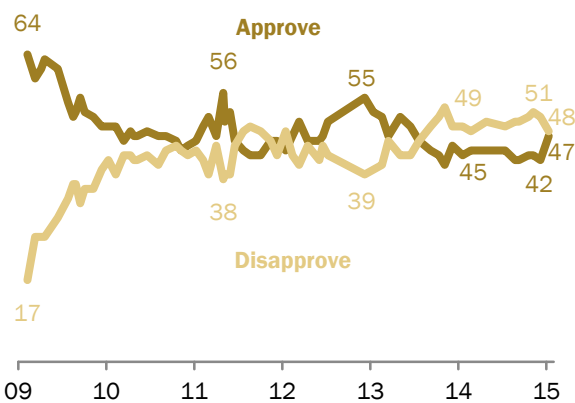
Shortly after Obama's reelection in 2012, 55% approved of his job performance, while 39% disapproved. But his job rating became more negative than positive in the fall of 2013 – and remained in negative territory through the end of last year. Currently, about as many Americans approve (47%) of his overall job performance as disapprove (48%).

Over the last several months, Obama's standing among independents has ticked up: Today, 42% approve of his job performance, up from 35% last July. Obama's job performance continues to be viewed positively by most Democrats: Eight-in-ten (80%) approve, little different from Democratic evaluations over the last few years (though eight points higher than views last month). Among Democrats, 84% of liberals and 77% of conservatives and moderates approve of his job performance.

As has been the case throughout much of Obama's presidency, few Republicans rate him positively: Today, just 10% approve – including just 5% of conservative Republicans.

Obama's Job Rating 2009-2015

% who ___ of way Obama is handling his job

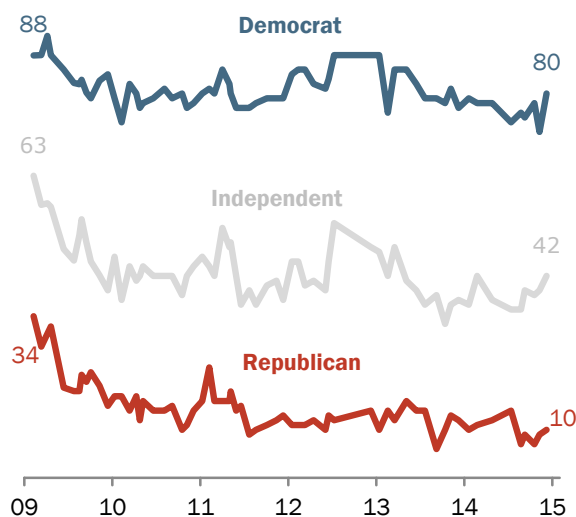


Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q1.

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Independents' Views of Obama Tick Up

% approving of the way Obama is handling his job



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q1.

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Little Change in Views of Obama's Personal Traits

Evaluations of Obama's personal characteristics are little changed over the course of the last year. Obama continues to be seen by clear majorities as someone who stands up for what he believes in (69% say this phrase reflects their impression of him) and as a good communicator (63%).

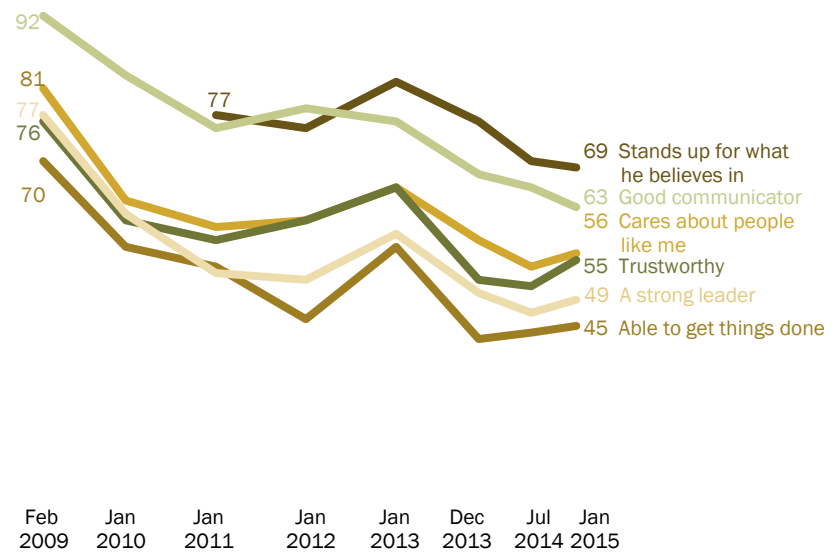
Somewhat fewer view Obama as someone who cares about people like them (56%) or as trustworthy (55%). Obama gets his lowest ratings for leadership and effectiveness. About half (49%) say Obama is a strong leader; an identical percentage (49%) says he is not a strong leader. And while 45% say he is able to get things done, 50% disagree.

Although these impressions are on par with public views of Obama in December 2013 and July 2014, Obama was viewed far more positively on all of these traits earlier in his presidency.

As in the past, partisans differ widely in their impressions of Obama. Some of the largest gaps are in views of Obama's trustworthiness and leadership: 88% of Democrats say Obama is trustworthy, compared with just 16% of

Obama Traits: Lower Marks for Leadership Than for Standing Up for Beliefs, Communication

% saying each describes Obama ...



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q21aF1-Q21gF2.

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Wide Partisan Divide in Views of Obama

% who view Obama as...

	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	R-D diff
Trustworthy	55	16	88	49	-72
A strong leader	49	11	79	43	-68
Someone who cares about people like me	56	26	91	50	-65
In touch w/government	58	26	89	54	-63
Able to get things done	45	17	68	40	-51
A good communicator	63	42	88	58	-46
Someone who stands up for his beliefs	69	56	89	62	-33

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q21aF1-Q21gF2 & Q22F2.

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Republicans. And while 79% of Democrats think Obama is a strong leader, just 11% of Republicans think so.

Obama is viewed positively by Republicans on just one of the seven traits asked about — standing up for his beliefs; 56% of Republicans say this description applies to Obama (89% of Democrats say this). About six-in-ten independents (62%) also view Obama as standing up for what he believes in, and a similar number (58%) say the president is a good communicator. He gets lower marks from independents on leadership and efficacy: 43% view him as a strong leader, while 40% say he is able to get things done.

More See Obama as ‘Liberal’ than ‘Middle of the Road,’ ‘Conservative’

Overall, about half (48%) of Americans say that Obama is liberal, while 37% say he is ‘middle of the road’ ideologically; just 12% describe him as conservative. The balance of opinion in these perceptions has changed little over the last several years.

Partisans see the president’s ideological positioning very differently. Nearly three-quarters of Republicans (74%) say that Obama is liberal. By contrast, only about half as many Democrats (38%) describe Obama as liberal, while 43% say that he is middle of the road; 16% of Democrats view Obama as a conservative. Among Democrats, 56% of liberal Democrats say Obama is a liberal, while 36% say he is middle of the road. Among conservative and moderate Democrats, just 25% say he is liberal and 49% see Obama as middle of the road.

Perceptions of Obama’s Ideology Little Changed

% who say Barack Obama is...

	Liberal	Middle of the road	Conservative	None/DK
	%	%	%	%
Jan 2015	48	37	12	3=100
Dec 2013	48	31	14	8=100
Jan 2012	43	37	13	7=100
May 2011	40	32	16	12=100
Jan 2010	42	36	14	8=100
Sept 2009	44	36	9	11=100
Feb 2009	38	40	13	9=100
<i>Jan 2015</i>				
Republican	74	15	8	3=100
Democrat	38	43	16	3=100
Independent	41	44	12	3=100

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q21hF2.

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Independents’ views of Obama are similar to those of Democrats: 41% say he is liberal and 44% say he is middle of the road, while just 12% say he is conservative.

Obama's Impact on the Economy

Nearly four-in-ten (38%) say Obama's economic policies since taking office have made economic conditions better, while 28% say they have made the economy worse; three-in-ten (30%) think they have not had much of an effect. On balance, this is the most positive rating of Obama's economic impact since December 2009.

Democrats overwhelmingly give Obama's policies credit for improving economic conditions: 64% say they have

made the economy better, 5% say they have made it worse, and 27% say they have not had much of an effect. Republicans largely say Obama's policies have worsened economic conditions (57%), with 10% saying they have improved the economy and 31% saying they have not had much of an effect. Among independents, 36% say Obama's policies have made the economy better, 31% worse, and 32% say the policies have not had much of an effect.

The public's opinions about the issue have improved since a slightly different version of this question was last asked in June 2013, when as many said Obama's policies had made the country's economic conditions better as worse (35% each); in that survey, 27% said his policies had not had an effect so far. The change since then is largely due to improving views among independents since 2013, when a greater share said Obama's policies had made the economy worse (43%) than better (26%).

Impact of Obama's Economic Policies

Since taking office, Obama's economic policies have made conditions ...

	March 2009	Dec 2009	Sept 2010	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	June 2013	Jan 2015
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Better	14	30	27	20	33	35	38
Worse	15	24	32	38	35	35	28
Not much of an effect*	64	39	36	37	27	27	30
Too soon to tell/DK	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Better-Worse difference	-1	+6	-5	-18	-2	0	+10

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q23. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.
* In June 2013 and earlier, "not had much of an effect" response option read "not had an effect so far."

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Obama's Approach to Foreign Policy

Since 2012, there has been a sharp increase in the share of Americans who say Obama's approach to foreign policy and national security issues is 'not tough enough.' In September of that year, during the presidential campaign, 41% said Obama was not tough enough, while about as many (42%) said his approach was about right.

In November 2013, 51% said Obama was not tough enough, up 10 points from a year earlier. And in two polls since then, including the current survey (55%), the share saying Obama is not tough enough has surpassed 50%.

About nine-in-ten Republicans (89%) say Obama is not tough enough in dealing with foreign policy and national security. While this has been the majority view among Republicans throughout Obama's presidency, the share saying this is greater than in the past (77% said this in August).

A 56% majority of Democrats say Obama's approach is about right, but this view is more prevalent among liberal Democrats (64% say this) than among conservatives and moderates in the party (52%).

Independent views largely mirror those of the overall public: 54% say Obama is not tough enough, while 37% think his approach is about right and just 5% say he is too tough.

There is also a substantial age divide in these views of Obama's approach to foreign policy:

Since 2012, More See Obama as 'Not Tough Enough' on Foreign Policy

<i>Is Obama _____ when it comes to foreign policy and national security?</i>	June 2009	April 2010	Sept 2012	Nov 2013	Aug 2014	Jan 2015
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Too tough	2	2	2	5	3	5
Not tough enough	38	47	41	51	54	55
About right	51	41	42	37	36	37
Don't know	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Republicans, Older Adults Say Obama Is Not Tough Enough on Security Issues

% saying Barack Obama is _____ in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues ...

	Too tough	Not tough enough	About right	DK
	%	%	%	%
Total	5	55	37	3=100
18-29	8	43	45	4=100
30-49	6	51	39	3=100
50-64	2	63	32	2=100
65+	2	65	28	5=100
Republican	2	89	6	3=100
Conservative	1	92	5	3=100
Mod/Liberal	6	84	7	4=100
Independent	5	54	37	4=100
Democrat	6	35	56	3=100
Conserv/Mod	7	39	52	1=100
Liberal	4	32	64	0=100

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Those younger than 30 are divided on the question: 45% say his approach is about right, while 43% say he is not tough enough. Older Americans — particularly those 50 and older — are more likely to say Obama’s foreign policy stance is not tough enough

Views of Obama’s Legacy

Heading into his seventh year in office, public views of how Obama’s presidency will be seen in the long run are divided: 32% say he’ll be a successful president, 38% say he’ll be unsuccessful, while 29% say it is too early to tell. These public prognostications are similar to views last January.

Predictions about the long-term success of Obama’s presidency have fluctuated somewhat since he took office. On the eve of his inauguration in January 2009, 30% said he would be successful while just 4% disagreed; 65% said it was too early to tell. Since then, opinions have been more evenly divided.

Compared with prospects for success at a comparable point in their presidencies, Obama fares better than his immediate predecessor George W. Bush, but not as well as Bill Clinton.

Obama’s Long-Term Prospects Seen as Better Than Bush’s, Worse Than Clinton’s

% who say that in the long run...

	Clinton		Bush		Obama					
	Jan 99	Jan 07	Jan 09	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	
<i>President will be...</i>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Successful	44	24	30	24	25	27	33	28	32	
Unsuccessful	24	45	4	21	26	32	26	34	38	
Too early to tell	29	27	65	52	47	39	39	35	29	
Don’t know	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
<i>Administration’s...</i>										
Accomplishments will outweigh failures	50	31	--	--	--	43	46	39	44	
Failures will outweigh accomplishments	34	53	--	--	--	44	39	47	50	
Don’t know	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	--	--	--	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	
	100	100				100	100	100	100	

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q4F1 & Q5F2.

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Though Bush garnered positive ratings on this measure early in his presidency, in January of 2007 just 24% of Americans thought he would be a successful president, while nearly twice as many (45%) said he would be unsuccessful. By contrast, Clinton’s ratings on this measure were far better later in his presidency than earlier, and in January 1999 his ratings were the inverse of Bush’s: 44% said he would be successful, while just 24% said he would be unsuccessful.

A similar pattern is seen in views of the administration’s accomplishments and failures; today the public is divided: 44% say the Obama administration’s accomplishments will outweigh its failures,

while 50% say its failures will outweigh its accomplishments. In January 2007, the balance of opinion in this evaluation of the Bush administration was negative (53% failures outweigh accomplishments, 31% accomplishments outweigh failures), while in January 1999 the balance of opinion in views of the Clinton administration was positive (50% accomplishments outweigh failures, 34% failures outweigh accomplishments).

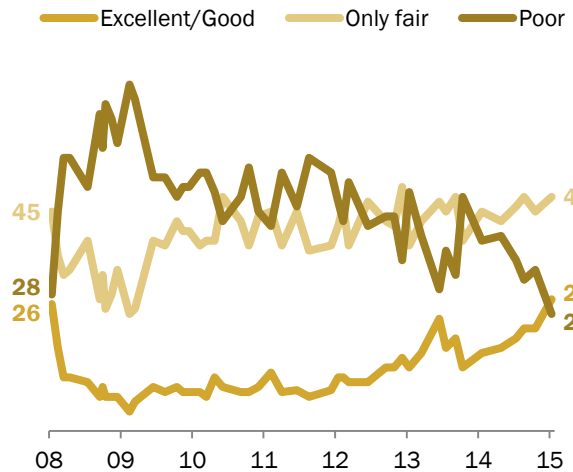
Section 2: Views of the Nation's Economy

Amid accelerating economic growth and falling unemployment, public views of the U.S. economy have improved. Overall, 27% describe economic conditions as either excellent (4%) or good (23%), while 48% say they are only fair, and 24% call them poor. The percent rating economic conditions as poor has declined nine points since October (from 33%). This marks the first time in Obama's presidency that about as many have described the economy as excellent or good (27%) as poor (24%).

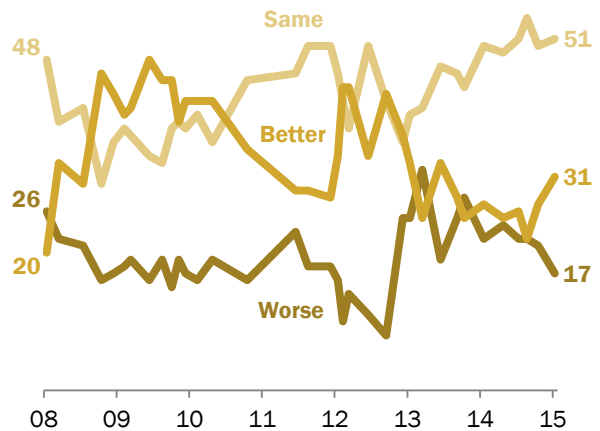
Going forward, expectations for the economy have also improved somewhat. More say they expect the economy will be better in a year (31%) than worse (17%); 51% expect conditions to be about the same as they are now. In October, 27% expected the economy to improve over the next year compared with 21% who thought it would get worse.

Improving Economic Ratings

Economic conditions in country today are ... (%)



A year from now, economic conditions will be ...



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q30 & Q31.

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While views of the economy have improved, economic ratings remain highly partisan. Nearly four-in-ten Democrats (39%) describe economic conditions in the country as excellent or good, compared with just 14% of Republicans; among independents, 27% call the economy excellent or good.

And while Democrats (+9 points) and independents (+7 points) have become more likely to rate the economy as excellent or good since October, there has been no significant shift in views among Republicans (+3 points).

Economic Recovery Seen as Tepid

While overall views of the economy are improving, the strength of the economic recovery continues to be seen as tepid. When asked which statement best describes their views of the economy, 66% say it is recovering but not so strongly, while 16% say it is recovering strongly, and 17% say the economy is not recovering at all.

Attitudes on this question have also moved in a positive direction over recent months. Since October, the share saying the economy is not recovering at all has fallen five points (from 22%), while the share saying the economy is recovery strongly has gone up six points (from 10%); an identical 66% in both October and the current survey described the economy as recovering but not so strongly.

Partisan Divide in Views of the Economy

Rating economy as excellent or good ...

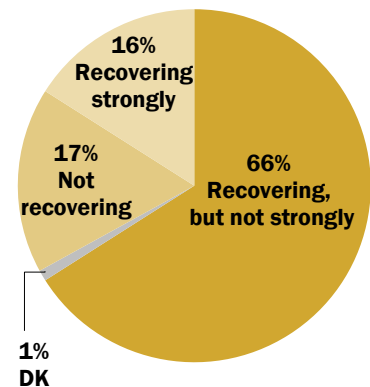
	Oct 2014	Jan 2015	Change
	%	%	
Total	21	27	+6
Republican	11	14	+3
Democrat	30	39	+9
Independent	20	27	+7

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Just 16% See Robust Economic Recovery

Economy is ...



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q34.

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Views of Jobs Improving, but Most Still Say ‘Difficult to Find’

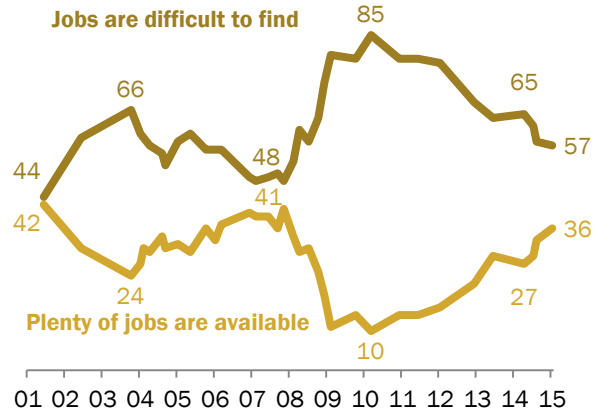
When it comes to job opportunities, 57% say that jobs are difficult to find in their community, while 36% say that there are plenty of jobs available. Views of job availability have edged higher over the past several years as the unemployment rate has declined. The percentage saying that there are plenty of jobs available in their community has not been higher since November 2007, before the start of the Great Recession.

Views of job availability differ significantly across demographic groups. People under 50 (41%) are more likely to say that jobs are available in their area than are those 50 and older (31%).

Across socioeconomic lines, those with higher levels of education and income are more likely to say that there are plenty of jobs available than are those with less education and income. For example, 44% of college graduates say that jobs are available in their community, compared with just 31% of those with no college experience.

The partisan divide in views of job availability is relatively modest: 40% of Democrats say that there are plenty of job opportunities, compared with slightly fewer Republicans (32%). Among independents, 35% say jobs are available in their community.

Job Opportunities in Local Area



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Education, Income Gaps in Job Views

Job opportunities where you live ...

	Plenty available %	Difficult to find %	Other/ DK %
Total	36	57	7=100
18-29	42	53	5=100
30-49	40	57	4=100
50-64	32	60	8=100
65+	29	60	11=100
College grad+	44	49	7=100
Some college	35	58	7=100
HS or less	31	63	6=100
<i>Family income</i>			
\$75,000 or more	49	42	9=100
\$30,000-\$75,000	34	59	6=100
Less than \$30,000	29	67	5=100

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Most Still Say ‘Falling Behind’ Cost of Living

Despite improving views of the economy and job situation, most Americans continue to say that they are falling behind the cost of living. Overall, 55% say their family’s income is falling behind the cost of living, while 37% say it’s staying about even; only 6% think their family income is going up faster than the cost of living. Views on this question have shown no improvement over the course of the last year; in August 2014, 56% said they felt they were falling behind the cost of living.

While the sense of falling behind is widely held, there are differences in this view across demographic groups. Among those with family incomes of less than \$30,000, more than twice as many (65%) say their incomes are failing to keep pace with living costs. Yet even among those at the top of the income scale, relatively few say their income is increasing faster than the cost of living. Just 19% of those earning \$100,000 a year or more say their income is going up faster than the cost of living; 48% say it’s staying about even, and 31% say it is falling behind.

Nearly two-thirds (65%) of those with no college experience say their income is falling behind the cost of living, compared with 53% of those with some college experience and 42% of college graduates.

And adults under age 30 are about as likely to say their income is staying about even (44%) as falling behind (47%) the cost of living. Among older adults, larger percentages say they are falling behind than staying even.

Nearly Two-Thirds of Low-Income Adults Say They Are ‘Falling Behind’ Financially

	Going up faster	Staying even	Falling behind	DK
	%	%	%	%
Total	6	37	55	1=100
Men	9	39	52	1=100
Women	4	36	58	2=100
White	6	37	56	1=100
Black	8	38	53	1=100
Hispanic	8	40	51	1=100
18-29	8	44	47	2=100
30-49	8	39	52	1=100
50-64	6	32	62	1=100
65+	3	36	59	1=100
College grad+	11	46	42	1=100
Some college	5	41	53	2=100
HS or less	5	29	65	1=100
<i>Family income</i>				
\$100,000 or more	19	48	31	2=100
\$75,000-\$99,999	5	51	44	0=100
\$30,000-\$75,000	4	37	59	*=100
Less than \$30,000	4	29	65	1=100
Republican	5	31	63	1=100
Democrat	9	43	47	1=100
Independent	6	36	57	1=100

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q36.

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Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic;

Hispanics are of any race.

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Confidence in Obama, Congressional Leaders on Economy

When it comes to political leaders in Washington and the economy, more express confidence in Obama to do the right thing than in Democratic or Republican congressional leaders.

About half of the public (49%) expresses either a great deal or a fair amount of confidence in Obama to do the right thing on the economy, while about as many (50%) say they have not too much or no confidence at all in Obama on this issue.

By comparison, just 37% say they have a great deal or a fair amount of confidence in Republican leaders in Congress; about six-in-ten (61%) say they have not too much or no confidence at all in GOP leaders.

Democratic congressional leaders are viewed slightly better than their Republican counterparts: 43% express confidence in their ability to do the right thing on the economy, while 55% have little or no confidence.

Confidence in Obama and Congressional leaders on the economy is little changed from views in December 2013 prior to the Republican Party winning control of the Senate in the 2014 midterm elections.

More Have Confidence in Obama on Economy Than in Rep or Dem Leaders

Great deal/fair amount of confidence in each to do the right thing on the economy ...

	Dec 2013	Jan 2015	Change
	%	%	
Barack Obama	47	49	+2
Democratic leaders	42	43	+1
Republican leaders	36	37	+1

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q37a-c.

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Public Divided on Financial Regulation

Overall, as many say the government has gone too far regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow (45%) as say it hasn't gone far enough regulating financial institutions and markets, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis (47%). Views on this question are little changed from September of 2013.

There are stark differences in views on this question across political and ideological lines. Fully 64% of Republicans – and 71% of conservative Republicans – say the government has gone too far regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow.

By contrast, 61% of Democrats – and 72% of liberal Democrats – say the government has not gone far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis.

Independents are evenly split on this question: 47% say government has not gone far enough regulating financial institutions and markets, while 46% say it has gone too far.

Wide Ideological Differences on Government Regulation of Markets

Thinking about financial regulation, gov't has gone ...

	Too far	Not far enough	DK
	%	%	%
Total	45	47	8=100
College grad+	38	55	7=100
Some college	49	44	7=100
HS or less	46	45	9=100
Republican	64	30	6=100
Conservative	71	23	6=100
Moderate/Liberal	51	43	6=100
Democrat	30	61	10=100
Liberal	21	72	6=100
Moderate/Conservative	36	55	9=100
Independent	46	47	6=100

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q63.

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Views of Personal Finances

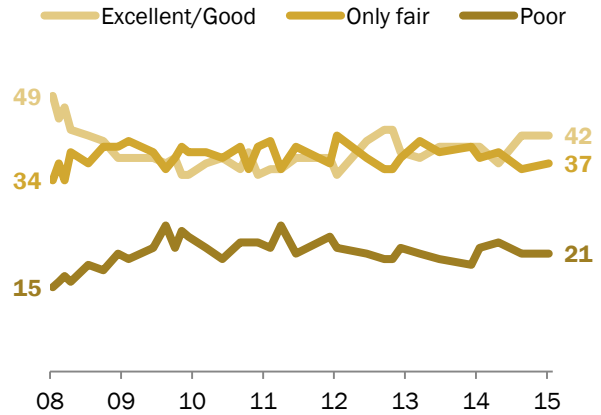
Ratings of people’s personal financial situation tend to be much more stable than assessments of the national economic picture.

In the current survey, 42% say they are in excellent or good shape financially, while 37% say they are in only fair shape, and 21% say they are in poor shape. These ratings are unchanged from last August and are similar to assessments of personal finances over the past several years.

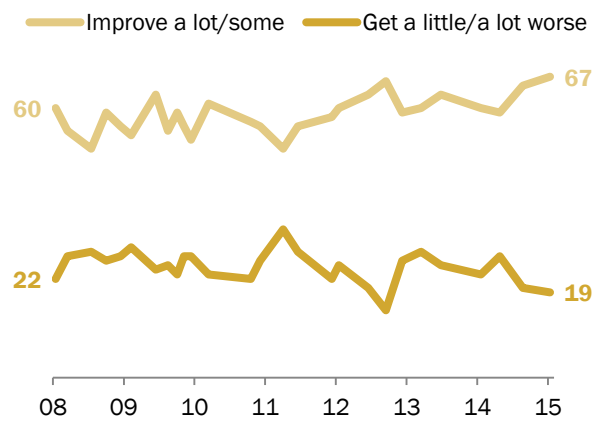
Looking ahead, 67% expect their own financial situation to improve ‘a lot’ or ‘some’ over the course of the next year; far fewer (19%) think it will get a little or a lot worse. While not a sea-change in sentiment, this is as high as personal financial optimism has been over the course of the past seven years.

Personal Financial Assessments

Personal financial situation ... (%)



Over next year, personal financial situation will ... (%)



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q32 & Q33.

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Section 3: The Parties and Congress in 2015

With the new Republican-led Congress in session, overall views of both parties have shifted in a more favorable direction over the last month, but the public sees few prospects for partisan cooperation on the horizon and a record-high gulf between what the Republican and Democratic parties stand for. Against this backdrop, Americans are divided in their views of GOP policies and plans and their likelihood of legislative success.

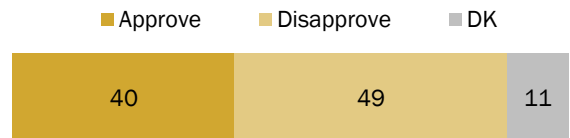
GOP Plans and Policies for Future

Overall, 49% say they disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future; slightly fewer (40%) say they approve. Views of GOP policies have ticked lower since immediately after the midterm elections, when 44% said they approved of Republican plans and 43% said they disapproved.

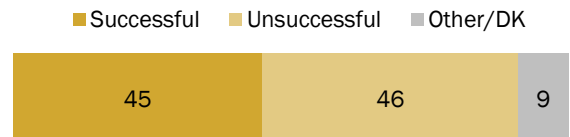
Expectations for Republican legislative achievement in the new Congress are limited. About as many say they think Republican leaders will be unsuccessful (46%) as successful (45%) in getting their programs passed into law. These views also have become slightly more negative since early November; at that time, 49% thought GOP leaders would be successful passing their programs into law, while 40% thought they would be unsuccessful.

Mixed Views of GOP Agenda

GOP congressional leaders' policies and plans ... (%)



% who say GOP leaders in Congress will be _____ getting programs passed into law ...



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q61 & Q62. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Not surprisingly, views of congressional Republicans' plans and policies are highly partisan. By a wide 74%-19% margin, rank-and-file Republicans approve of their congressional leaders' plans for the future. Support is higher among conservative Republicans (78% approve) than among moderate and liberal Republicans (66% approve).

By contrast, seven-in-ten Democrats (70%), including 79% of liberal Democrats, disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future.

Among independents, somewhat more say they disapprove (50%) than approve (38%) of GOP congressional leaders' plans.

Partisan Divides in Views of Republican Leaders' Plans for the Future

GOP congressional leaders' policies and plans ...

	Approve	Disapprove	DK
	%	%	%
Total	40	49	11=100
Republican	74	19	7=100
Conservative Rep	78	15	6=100
Mod/Lib Rep	66	26	8=100
Independent	38	50	12=100
Democrat	21	70	9=100
Cons/Mod Dem	23	65	11=100
Liberal Dem	17	79	4=100

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Public Expects More Partisan Bickering in 2015

About seven-in-ten (71%) Americans say they expect Republicans and Democrats will bicker and oppose one another more than usual this year while just 22% say Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more in the coming year to solve problems.

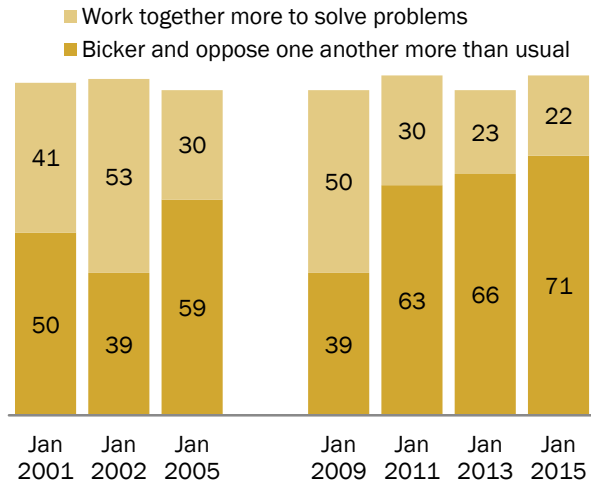
The public has had low expectations for cooperation in Washington at the outset of the last several congressional terms. However, expectations today are even more pessimistic than in January 2013 (when 66% said bickering and opposition would be greater than usual) and January 2011 (when 61% said this). That contrasts with public views on the eve of Obama's first inauguration when Americans were far more optimistic: In January 2009, just 39% expected more bickering and opposition, while 50% thought the parties would work together more.

Optimism is in short supply across the board, but Republicans, having regained control of both chambers of Congress, are now somewhat more likely (27%) than Democrats or independents (both 20%) to say they expect the parties to work together more than in the past.

By comparison, in January 2013 following Obama's re-election, Democrats were more optimistic than Republicans (33% vs. 17%).

Increased Expectation for Bickering in Coming Year

% who say that this coming year Republicans and Democrats in Washington will...



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q14. Same (vol.)/DK responses not shown.

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Optimism for Bipartisan Cooperation Up Among Republicans, Down Among Democrats

% saying parties will work together more to solve problems

	Jan 2001	Jan 2002	Jan 2005	Jan 2009	Jan 2011	Jan 2013	Jan 2015
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Total	41	53	30	50	30	23	22
Republican	51	56	32	40	30	17	27
Democrat	34	56	30	59	28	33	20
Independent	39	48	28	49	30	20	20
R-D diff	R+17	even	R+2	D+19	R+2	D+16	R+7

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q14.

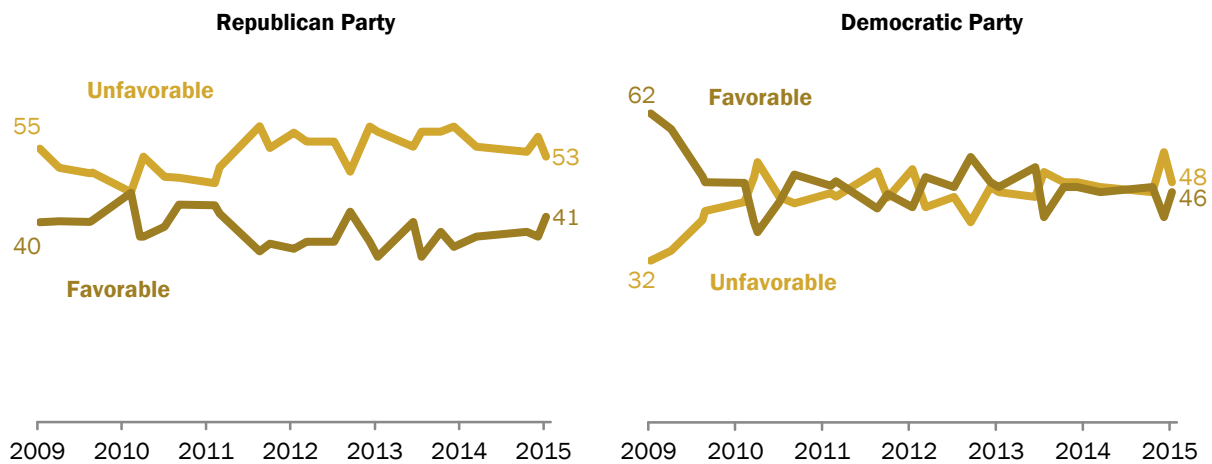
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Views of the Parties

While the Democratic Party continues to be viewed somewhat more favorably than the Republican Party, both parties have seen an uptick in their favorability since last month. Currently 46% rate the Democratic Party favorably (a rebound from last month when just 41% viewed it favorably, but on par with views throughout 2014) and 41% have a favorable opinion of the GOP (up four points since December).

Both Parties' Favorability Ratings Improve; Democrats Hold Narrow Edge

% saying their opinion of the Republican/Democratic Party is...



Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q.12a, b.

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Fully 86% of Republicans rate the GOP favorably, an eight-point improvement from December. The GOP's rating among Republicans hasn't been higher since before the 2012 election.

And 84% of Democrats view their party favorably. This is eight points better than last month and similar to their views of the party before the midterm elections.

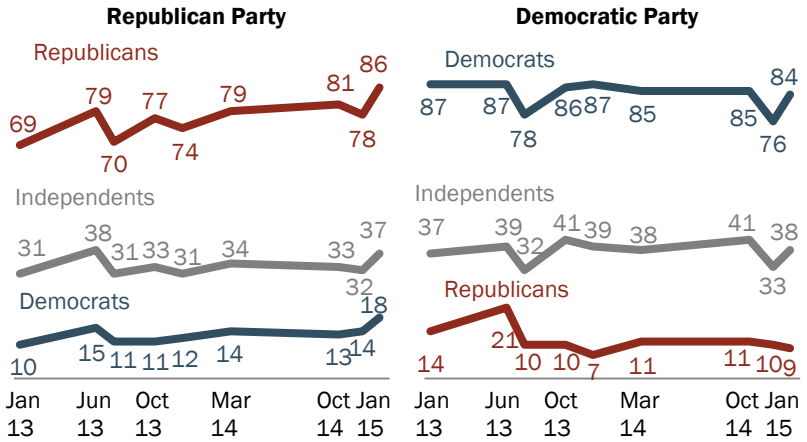
More Democrats than Republicans feel very

strongly about their own party: About three-in-ten Democrats (29%) have a 'very' favorable opinion of their party, while 18% of Republicans feel very favorably about the GOP.

Across the aisle, nearly all Republicans have negative views of the Democratic Party: 90% say their opinion of the Democratic Party is unfavorable (including 40% who say it is 'very' unfavorable), and just 9% rate them favorably. Among Democrats, 18% are favorable toward the GOP and 79% are unfavorable (44% very unfavorable).

Partisans on Both Sides Rate Own Parties Better

% who have a favorable opinion of...



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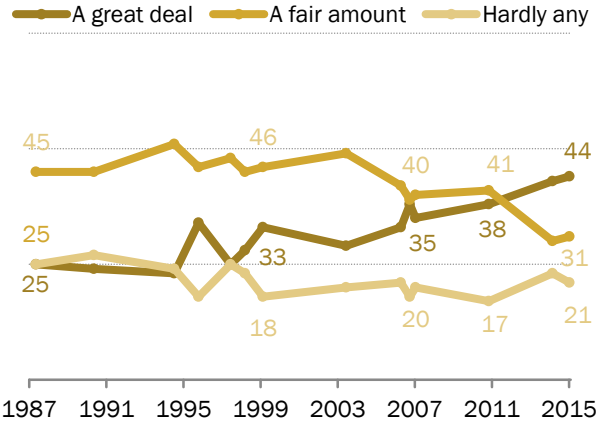
Increasingly, the public thinks there are large differences between the Republican and the Democratic parties. Fully 44% now say there is ‘a great deal’ of difference between the parties. Though these views are little changed since last February, the proportion saying this has increased six points since 2010, and is at its highest point since the Pew Research Center first asked this question in 1987.

Democrats are especially likely to see a great deal of difference between the two parties (58%), while 26% of Democrats say there is a fair amount of difference and 13% say hardly any. About half of Republicans (48%) say there is a great deal of difference; 37% see a fair amount and 12% say hardly any.

Independents are the least likely to see big gaps between the two parties: About one-third (34%) see a great deal of difference, 31% say there is a fair amount and 30% say there is hardly any difference. More Democratic-leaning independents (42%) than Republican-leaning independents (31%) see a great deal of difference between the parties.

Plurality Says ‘Great Deal’ of Difference Between Two Major Parties

% saying there is ... difference in what the Republican and Democratic parties stand for



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Democrats See Large Distinctions Between Parties

% saying there is ... difference in what the Republican and Democratic parties stand for

	A great deal	A fair amount	Hardly any	DK
	%	%	%	%
Total	44	31	21	4=100
Republican	48	37	12	3=100
Democrat	58	26	13	3=100
Independent	34	31	30	5=100

Survey conducted Jan. 7-11, 2015. Q10. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Republicans Critical of Their Party

Fully 72% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents say the GOP is doing only a fair or poor job ‘standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values.’ Just 27% say the party is doing an excellent or good job in advocating for these traditional positions.

The proportion of Republicans and GOP leaners giving the party positive ratings is little changed over the past few years.

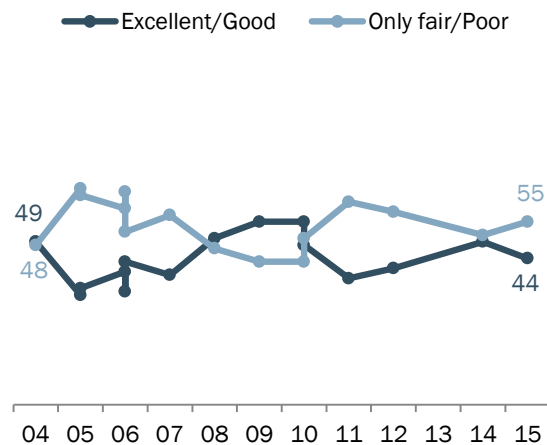
Democrats remain less likely than Republicans to criticize their party’s performance in standing up for its traditional positions (55% vs. 72%). Still, more Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents say their party is doing an only fair or poor job (55%) than think their party is doing an excellent or good job (44%) of standing up for its traditional positions, such as ‘protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy and representing working people.’

Republicans Remain Critical of Party’s Performance on ‘Traditional Positions’

% of Rep/Rep leaners rating job Republican Party is doing standing up for traditional positions



% of Dem/Dem leaners rating job Democratic Party is doing standing up for traditional positions



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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted January 7-11, 2015 among a national sample of 1,504 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (528 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 976 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 563 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 2013 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 2014 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	1,504	2.9 percentage points
Republican	336	6.2 percentage points
Democrat	458	5.3 percentage points
Independent	647	4.4 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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N=1,504**

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>
Jan 7-11, 2015	47	48	5	Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	42	51	6	Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8
Nov 6-9, 2014	43	52	5	May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10
Oct 15-20, 2014	43	51	6	May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	50	8	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	50	8	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
				Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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

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

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
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	April 8, 2003	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
				January, 2001	55	41	4
				October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
				September, 2000	51	41	8
				June, 2000	47	45	8

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- <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>
April, 2000	48	43	9	June, 1995	25	73	2
August, 1999	56	39	5	April, 1995	23	74	3
January, 1999	53	41	6	July, 1994	24	73	3
November, 1998	46	44	10	March, 1994	24	71	5
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	October, 1993	22	73	5
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	September, 1993	20	75	5
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	May, 1993	22	71	7
February, 1998	59	37	4	January, 1993	39	50	11
January, 1998	46	50	4	January, 1992	28	68	4
September, 1997	45	49	6	November, 1991	34	61	5
August, 1997	49	46	5	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
January, 1997	38	58	4	August, 1990	47	48	5
July, 1996	29	67	4	May, 1990	41	54	5
March, 1996	28	70	2	January, 1989	45	50	5
October, 1995	23	73	4	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

QUESTION 3F2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:**

Q.4F1 In the long run, do you think Barack Obama will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Obama				
Jan 7-11, 2015	32	38	29	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	28	34	35	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	34	31	33	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	26	39	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	27	32	39	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	25	26	47	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	24	21	52	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	27	18	54	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	30	4	65	1
Bush				
January, 2007	24	45	27	4
January, 2006	27	37	32	4
Early October, 2005	26	41	30	3
January, 2005	36	27	35	2
December, 2003	39	20	38	3
Early October, 2002	40	15	44	1
January, 2001	26	15	58	1
Clinton				
January, 1999	44	24	29	3
Early September, 1998	38	24	35	3
February, 1995	18	34	43	5
October, 1994	14	35	48	3
May, 1994	21	26	52	1
January, 1994	21	19	57	3
October, 1993	18	25	56	1
September, 1993	22	22	54	2
August, 1993	13	25	60	2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:

Q.5F2 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Obama Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

	Accomplishments will <u>outweigh failures</u>	Failures will outweigh <u>accomplishments</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Obama			
Jan 7-11, 2015	44	50	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	39	47	14
Jan 9-13, 2013	46	39	15
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	44	12
Bush			
December, 2008	24	64	12
January, 2008	28	59	13
January, 2007	31	53	16
January, 2004	49	36	15
Clinton			
January, 2001	60	27	13
January, 2000	51	37	12
August, 1999	56	38	6
January, 1999	50	34	16
Early September, 1998	52	35	13
Reagan			
Newsweek: May 1987	46	41	13
Newsweek Feb 1987	52	38	10

QUESTIONS 6-7 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 8-9****ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is a great deal of difference in what they stand for, a fair amount of difference, or hardly any difference at all?

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Hardly <u>any</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	44	31	21	4
Feb 12-26, 2014	43	30	23	4
Nov 4-7, 2010	38	41	17	4
January, 2007	35	40	20	5
Early October, 2006	38	39	18	5
April, 2006	33	42	21	4
June, 2003	29	49	20	2
February, 1999	33	46	18	3
March 1998	28	45	23	4
June, 1997	25	48	25	2
October, 1995	34	46	18	2
July, 1994	23	51	24	2
May, 1990	24	45	27	4
May, 1987	25	45	25	5

NO QUESTION 11

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.12

Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THROUGH b. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS c. THROUGH j.; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. The Republican Party								
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6

QUESTIONS 12CF1-12JF2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTION 13

ASK ALL:

Q.14 This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?

	Work	Bicker and	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	together more	oppose one another more than usual	Same as in past	DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	22	71	5	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	66	4	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	30	63	3	5
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010 ²	8	77	4	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	25	53	8	14
Jan 7-11, 2009	50	39	6	5
May, 2005	13	64	8	15
January, 2005	30	59	4	7
June, 2004	21	60	7	12
October, 2003	21	55	10	14
May, 2002	44	31	8	17
January, 2002	53	39	5	3
July, 2001	30	46	10	14
May, 2001	34	41	9	16
January, 2001	41	50	4	5
July, 2000	21	54	10	15
August, 1999	20	68	4	8
August, 1998	27	51	8	14

² In surveys that were not conducted in January of a given year the question was worded: "This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?"

Q.14 CONTINUED...

	Work <u>together more</u>	Bicker and oppose one another <u>more than usual</u>	(VOL.) Same as in past	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 1997	38	45	7	10
August, 1997	43	46	3	8
June, 1997	34	49	6	11
October, 1995	21	72	3	4
August, 1993	20	57	13	10

ASK ALL:

Q.15 Over the past few months, how much, if anything, have you read or heard about developments regarding the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay ... **[READ]**

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21	A lot
50	Some
29	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.16 As you may know, the Obama administration wants to close the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay within the next few years. All in all, do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea? **[IF NECESSARY: "To close the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay"]**

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42	Good idea
49	Bad idea
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 17-19**QUESTION 20 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.21 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Barack Obama. First, does Barack Obama impress you as...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** Next, **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: "Does Barack Obama impress you as ..."]?**

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=758]:

a.F1	<u>A strong leader</u>	Not a strong leader	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	49	49	1	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	47	50	1	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	50	48	1	1
May 1-5, 2013	56	40	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	37	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	52	45	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	49	47	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	58	37	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	53	41	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	42	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	62	32	2	3
Sep 10-15, 2009	65	29	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	77	13	1	9

Q.21 CONTINUED...

	Stands up for what he <u>believes in</u>	Doesn't stand up for what he <u>believes in</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
b.F1				
Jan 7-11, 2015	69	25	1	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	70	25	2	3
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	76	19	2	3
May 1-5, 2013	76	19	1	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	82	14	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	75	19	1	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	71	22	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	75	18	1	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	77	16	1	5
			(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c.F1	<u>Trustworthy</u>	Not <u>trustworthy</u>		
Jan 7-11, 2015	55	43	1	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	51	47	1	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	52	45	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	30	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	36	*	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	59	37	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	62	31	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	58	36	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	37	1	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	61	31	2	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	64	30	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	76	15	1	8
			(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d.F1	<u>Able to get things done</u>	Not able to get <u>things done</u>		
Jan 7-11, 2015	45	50	3	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	53	2	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	43	51	3	3
May 1-5, 2013	49	46	2	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	57	37	1	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	46	50	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	50	2	4
May 25-30, 2011	55	38	3	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	54	38	3	5
June 16-20, 2010	55	39	2	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	57	35	3	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	58	31	3	8
Feb 4-8, 2009	70	15	2	13

NO ITEM e.

Q.21 CONTINUED...

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:

	A good <u>communicator</u>	Not a good <u>communicator</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
f.F2					
Jan 7-11, 2015	63	35	1	1	
Jul 8-14, 2014	66	32	1	1	
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	68	28	2	2	
Jan 9-13, 2013	76	21	1	2	
Jan 11-16, 2012	78	20	*	2	
Aug 17-21, 2011	75	22	1	2	
May 25-30, 2011	75	20	1	3	
Jan 5-9, 2011	75	21	1	4	
Jun 16-20, 2010	77	20	2	1	
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	2	
Sep 10-15, 2009	83	13	1	3	
Feb 4-8, 2009	92	6	*	2	
	Someone who cares about <u>people like me</u>	Someone who doesn't care about people <u>like me</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
g.F2					
Jan 7-11, 2015	56	41	1	2	
Jul 8-14, 2014	54	42	2	2	
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	58	38	2	2	
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	31	*	3	
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	35	1	3	
Aug 17-21, 2011	63	31	1	5	
May 25-30, 2011	64	30	*	5	
Jan 5-9, 2011	60	34	1	5	
Jun 16-20, 2010	60	35	2	3	
Jan 6-10, 2010	64	30	1	4	
Sep 10-15, 2009	68	25	1	6	
Feb 4-8, 2009	81	14	1	4	
	<u>Liberal</u>	Middle of <u>the road</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	(VOL.) None <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
h.F2					
Jan 7-11, 2015	48	37	12	1	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	48	31	14	2	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	37	13	1	6
May 25-30, 2011	40	32	16	3	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	36	14	1	7
Sep 10-15, 2009	44	36	9	2	9
Feb 4-8, 2009	38	40	13	2	7

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:

Q.22F2 Would you describe Barack Obama as being in touch or as being out of touch with what is going on in the government?

		(U)		<i>Reagan</i>
		Jul 8-14	Dec 3-8	<i>ABC News/Wash Post</i>
		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Aug 1987</u>
Jan 7-11				
<u>2015</u>			<i>G. W. Bush</i>	
58	In touch	57	<u>Mar 2006</u>	
40	Out of touch	41		
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3		

ASK ALL:

Thinking about some issues ...

Q.23 Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had much of an effect?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Not much of an effect</u>	<u>(VOL.) Too soon/ early to tell</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	38	28	30	1	2
Jun 12-16, 2013 ³	35	35	27	1	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	33	35	27	1	5
Feb 9-12, 2012	33	35	25	1	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	20	38	37	1	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	27	34	33	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	28	31	35	2	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	27	32	36	2	4
Jun 3-6, 2010	23	29	35	3	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	27	42	3	5
Dec 9-13, 2009	30	24	39	3	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	31	20	42	4	3
Jul 20-26, 2009	24	21	46	3	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	26	16	49	4	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	26	17	47	6	4
Mar 9-12, 2009	14	15	64	4	3

ASK ALL:

Q.24 Do you think Barack Obama is too tough, not tough enough or about right in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

	<u>Too tough</u>	<u>Not tough enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	5	55	37	3
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	3	54	36	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	5	51	37	6
Sep 13-16, 2012	2	41	42	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	2	47	41	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	3	47	43	7
June 10-14, 2009	2	38	51	8

NO QUESTIONS 25-29**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.30 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	4	23	48	24	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	2	19	45	33	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*

³ In June 2013 and earlier surveys, this question read: "Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?" In this poll, the last response option was changed to "not much of an effect".

Q.30 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2

Q.30 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ⁴	2	29	42	26	1

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.31 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	17	51	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	27	21	50	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8

⁴ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.31 CONTINUED...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	(VOL.)
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8	
September, 2003	37	17	43	3	
May, 2003	43	19	35	3	
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7	
January, 2003	30	20	44	6	
January, 2002	44	17	36	3	
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 2001	18	33	44	5	
June, 2000	15	24	55	6	
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5	
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4	
May, 1990	18	31	45	6	
February, 1989	25	22	49	4	
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9	
May, 1988	24	20	46	10	
January, 1988	22	26	45	7	
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3	

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.32 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	(VOL.)
Jan 7-11, 2015	7	35	37	21	1	
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1	
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1	
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1	
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1	
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1	
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1	
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1	
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1	
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1	
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1	
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1	
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1	
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1	
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2	
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1	
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2	
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1	
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1	
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4	
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2	
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2	
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1	
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1	
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2	
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1	
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1	
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1	
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1	
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2	
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2	
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2	
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2	
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2	

Q.32 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	11	56	14	5	12	2
Aug 20-24, 2014	10	56	15	5	11	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	8	51	19	8	12	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	10	50	17	6	14	2
Jun 12-16, 2013	12	51	18	7	11	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	52	19	9	10	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
U.S. News: October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
U.S. News: August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
U.S. News: May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
U.S. News: January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

RANDOMIZE Q.34 AND Q.35

ASK ALL:

Q.34 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

		Oct 15-20 <u>2014</u>	Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>	(U) Apr 23-27 <u>2014</u>
Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>				
16	The economy is recovering strongly	10	8	6
66	The economy is recovering, but not so strongly	66	67	66
17	The economy isn't recovering at all	22	24	26
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1	2

RANDOMIZE Q.34 AND Q.35

ASK ALL:

Q.35 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	36	57	3	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	58	4	5
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	62	4	5
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	27	65	4	4
Jun 12-16, 2013	29	64	3	4
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5

Q.35 CONTINUED...

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
U.S. News: August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News: May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News: January, 1992	12	79	6	3

ASK ALL:

Q.36 Do you think your family's income is going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

Jan 7-11 <u>2015</u>		Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>	(U) Jan 15-19 <u>2014</u>	Oct <u>2008</u>	July <u>2008</u>	Early Feb <u>2008</u>	Sep <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	NBC/WSJ June <u>1996</u>
6	Going up faster	5	7	5	6	6	10	9	9
37	Staying about even	37	34	34	28	33	43	41	38
55	Falling behind	56	57	57	64	58	44	47	50
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	4	2	3	3	3	3

ASK ALL:

Q.37 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to dealing with the economy – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	No confidence at all	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Barack Obama					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	18	31	23	27	1
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	17	30	20	31	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012 ⁵	22	32	16	27	2
	Dec 9-13, 2009 ⁶	20	32	17	27	4
	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	21	38	18	21	2
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	32	38	13	13	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	33	42	14	7	4
b.	Republican leaders in Congress					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	6	31	34	27	2
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	5	31	34	29	1
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	7	31	33	24	5
c.	Democratic leaders in Congress					
	Jan 7-11, 2015	8	35	30	26	2
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	8	34	31	26	2
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	17	38	21	19	5

QUESTION 38 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 39-49, 52-53, 56-60

QUESTIONS 50-51,54-55 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Thinking again about Congress ...

Q.61 As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders’ policies and plans for the future?

		<i>Dem leaders</i>			
Jan 7-11		Nov 6-9	Nov	Nov	Dec
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1994</u>
40	Approve	44	41	50	52
49	Disapprove	43	37	21	28
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	13	22	29	20

ASK ALL:

Q.62 Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

		-----Dem leaders-----									
Jan 7-11		Nov 6-9	Nov	July	Mar	Jan	Nov	Sept	Apr	Feb	Dec
<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1995</u> ⁷	<u>1995</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
45	Successful	49	43	43	54	57	59	54	63	61	62
46	Unsuccessful	40	37	42	32	25	22	31	28	20	24
3	Mixed/Get some passed (VOL.)	5	5	6	4	5	6	--	3	5	4
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	15	9	10	13	13	15	6	14	10

⁵ Sep 12-16, 2012 item was asked about confidence in Obama and in Mitt Romney. In Sep 12-16, 2012 and earlier, item asked about confidence "when it comes to fixing the economy."

⁶ In December, September and January of 2009, economy was asked in a list of issues.

⁷ In September, 1995 the question asked, "In general, would you say the Republican leaders in Congress have been successful or unsuccessful so far this year in getting their programs passed into law?"

ASK ALL:Q.63 Thinking about financial regulation, which comes closer to your view [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]:

Jan 7-11 2015		Sep 4-8 2013
45	The government has gone too far regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow	43
47	The government has not gone far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis	49
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In 2010, the President and Congress passed a law that more strictly regulates financial institutions and markets. What worries you more on this issue?

Feb 8-12 2012		May 13-16 2010 ⁸
42	These regulations go too far, making it harder for the economy to grow	46
42	These regulations do not go far enough, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis	44
16	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11

QUESTIONS 64-66 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 67-68****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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Jan 7-11, 2015	21	30	44	3	1	1	19	18
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	31	39	3	1	2	17	17
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
Yearly Totals								
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
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

⁸ For May 13-16, 2010 the question read: "Thinking about financial regulation, what worries you more...". The response options read "That the government will go too far in regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow," or "That the government will not go far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis."

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

REPJOB How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — In general, would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=616]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	2	25	55	17	1
Jan 15-19, 2014	4	24	50	19	2
Apr 4-15, 2012	4	24	55	16	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	36	49	10	2
Nov 4-7, 2010	8	32	40	12	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	3	31	49	14	3
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	3	18	54	23	2
Mid-September, 2008	4	31	44	19	2
October, 2007	5	31	49	13	2
Late November, 2006	7	35	41	15	2
June, 2006	6	36	44	10	4
April, 2006	6	41	41	10	2
Mid-September, 2005	4	44	41	8	3
Late March, 2005	8	43	36	9	4
July, 2004	12	49	33	4	2
August, 2003	6	51	37	5	1
May, 2002	6	49	38	5	2
May, 2001	10	50	32	5	3
September, 2000 (RVs)	6	43	44	5	2

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

DEMJOB How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — In general, would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=715]:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	8	36	46	9	1
Jan 15-19, 2014	5	44	44	7	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	6	35	49	9	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	6	32	47	14	1
Nov 4-7, 2010	10	38	35	15	2
Feb 3-9, 2010	8	47	36	7	1
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	10	45	39	4	2
Mid-September, 2008	9	41	36	11	3
October, 2007	4	35	48	9	4
Late November, 2006	6	37	45	7	5
June, 2006	4	30	51	13	2
April, 2006	5	35	48	11	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	32	49	14	2
Late March, 2005	3	30	51	14	2
July, 2004	6	43	40	8	3
August, 2003	5	33	51	9	2
May, 2002	5	39	43	10	3
May, 2001	8	39	40	7	6
September, 2000 (RVs)	11	52	32	4	1

ASK ALL:

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Jan 7-11, 2015	17	27	52	2	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	18	28	51	1	2	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	19	32	46	2	2	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	18	25	52	4	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29	46	2	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--

TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ⁹	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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

⁹ 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."