

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
FEBRUARY 5-8, 2015 OMNIBUS  
FINAL TOPLINE  
N=1,003**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 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?"]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
February 5-8, 2015	24	32	19	23	2
January 22-25, 2015	26	30	18	24	2
January 8-11, 2015	24	35	17	24	1
December 4-7, 2014	28	31	20	19	1
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
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
<u>SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: <a href="http://www.people-press.org/files/2015/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf">http://www.people-press.org/files/2015/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf</a></u>					
b. The situation involving Russia and Ukraine					
February 5-8, 2015	12	21	26	40	*
September 11-14, 2014	23	30	20	26	1
July 31-August 3, 2014	24	31	20	23	2
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
July 24-27, 2014: <i>The investigation into the downing of a Malaysia Airlines plane in Ukraine</i>	33	35	17	14	1
April 3-6, 2014: <i>The situation involving Russia and Ukraine</i>	26	31	18	23	2
March 20-23, 2014: <i>Russia taking control of Ukraine's Crimea region</i>	30	33	14	21	1
March 6-9, 2014: <i>Russia sending troops into Ukraine's Crimea region in response to a new Ukrainian government</i>	28	31	17	23	1
February 27-March 2, 2014: <i>Political violence and a new government in Ukraine</i>	19	28	21	31	1
c. An outbreak of measles and the debate over childhood vaccines					
February 5-8, 2015	25	33	22	19	1
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
May 15-18, 2014: <i>The lung disease called "MERS" that has spread from the Middle East</i>	13	23	25	38	1

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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	*
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
Mid-October, 2004: <i>A shortage in the supply of flu vaccines available this year</i>	44	27	14	14	1
January, 2004: <i>Reports about a case of mad cow disease in Washington state</i>	29	42	19	9	1
December, 2003: <i>Early outbreaks of the flu and a national shortage of flu vaccinations</i>	41	33	16	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	*
d. Reports about the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS					
February 5-8, 2015	29	31	17	21	1
January 22-25, 2015	25	33	21	21	1
December 4-7, 2014	28	29	21	21	1

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November 20-23, 2014	31	31	17	20	1
October 16-19, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in Iraq and Syria</i>	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

**QUESTIONS PEW.2-3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

On a different subject ...

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.4 Thinking about vaccines for diseases such as measles, mumps, and rubella, do you think these vaccines are safe for healthy children or are they not safe for healthy children?

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83	Safe for healthy children
9	Not safe for healthy children
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF NOT SAFE FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN (PEW.4=2) [N=80]:**

PEW.5 Just in your own words, why do you feel that such vaccines are not safe for healthy children? **[OPEN-END; ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES; PROBE ONCE WITH "ANYTHING ELSE"]**

*PEW.5 results not shown because of insufficient sample size; used for qualitative purposes only.*

**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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>No preference</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Other party</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
February 5-8, 2015	24	26	36	8	1	5	12	15