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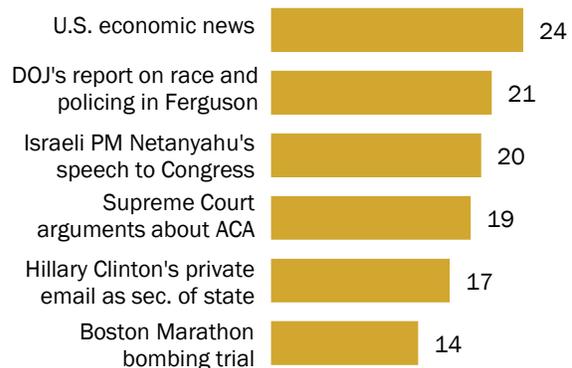
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From news about the economy to controversy over Hillary Clinton's emails and the trial of the Boston marathon bomber, no single story dominated the public's news interest last week.

Two stories drew far more interest from Republicans than Democrats: 34% of Republicans followed reports about Hillary Clinton's use of a private email address as secretary of state very closely, compared with just 16% of Democrats. Similarly, about twice as many Republicans (34%) as Democrats (18%) closely followed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to Congress last Tuesday.

The Week's Top Stories

% following each story very closely



Survey conducted March 5-8, 2015.

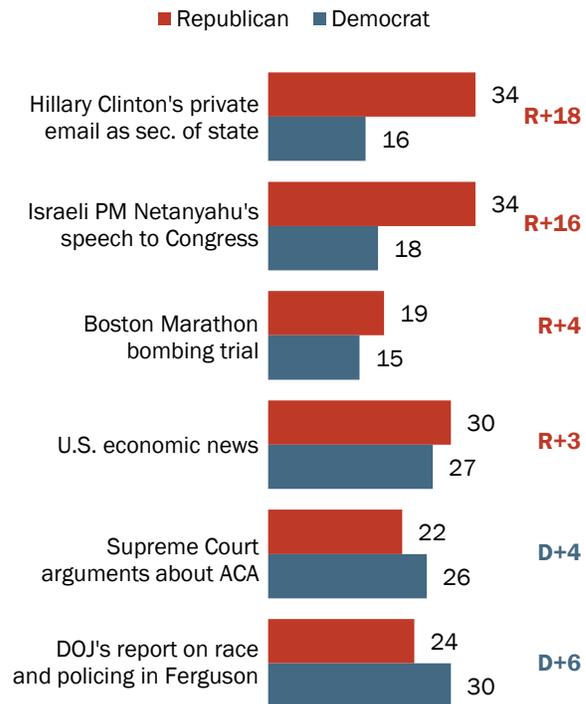
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There are smaller partisan differences in interest in the week's other stories. For instance, comparable percentages of Democrats (26%) and Republicans (22%) paid very close attention to arguments at the Supreme Court over the Affordable Care Act; 30% of Democrats and 24% of Republicans very closely followed news about the Department of Justice report on race and policing in Ferguson, Mo.

The new national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted March 5-8 among 1,000 adults, finds wide racial and ideological differences in interest in the Ferguson report. Roughly four-in-ten blacks (42%) followed news about the report very closely, compared with 18% of whites and 13% of Hispanics. Nearly half of liberal Democrats (46%) paid very close attention to the Ferguson report, making it the top story of the week for liberal Democrats.

Partisan Differences in Interest in Clinton Emails, Netanyahu

% following each story very closely



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By contrast, 29% of conservative Republicans followed the Justice Department report on Ferguson very closely. The top stories of the week for conservative Republicans are news about Clinton's emails (44% following very closely) and Netanyahu's speech to Congress (43%).

As is typically the case, there are substantial age differences in news interest, with adults 50 and older paying more attention than those under 30 to the week's stories. But young people expressed especially low interest in stories about Netanyahu and Clinton's emails: Just 3% followed news about Netanyahu's address to Congress very closely, while just 4% said the same regarding news about Clinton's emails as secretary of state. Among those 50 and older, 29% followed news on Netanyahu's speech very closely and 22% tracked Clinton's emails very closely.

Liberal Democrats, Blacks Track News on Ferguson Report Very Closely

% following each story very closely

	Ferguson %	Netanyahu %	Court %	Clinton %	N
Total	21	20	19	17	1,000
White	18	23	19	20	717
Black	42	15	29	16	91
Hispanic	13	9	12	11	124
18-29	16	3	9	4	130
30-49	19	17	20	12	232
50-64	21	27	20	21	279
65+	27	32	26	31	301
Republican	24	34	22	34	228
Cons. Rep	29	43	28	44	146
Independent	16	15	13	11	378
Democrat	30	18	26	16	270
Lib. Dem	46	22	28	22	106

Survey conducted March 5-8, 2015. Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race.

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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted March 5-8, 2015 among a national sample of 1,000 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in the continental United States (500 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 500 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 298 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Survey Sampling International, LLC 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://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin 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. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

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	1,000	3.6 percentage points
Republican	228	7.5 percentage points
Democrat	270	6.9 percentage points
Independent	378	5.8 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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MARCH 5-8, 2015 OMNIBUS
FINAL TOPLINE
N=1,000**

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>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
March 5-8, 2015	24	31	16	29	1
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
SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: http://www.people-press.org/files/2015/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf					
b. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivering a speech to Congress					
March 5-8, 2015	20	21	13	45	2
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
January 3-7, 2001: <i>Renewed efforts at reaching a peace agreement in the Middle East</i>	21	32	29	17	1
July 19-23, 2000: <i>The Middle East peace summit at Camp David</i>	15	30	24	31	*
November, 1998: <i>The latest Mideast peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians</i>	18	33	28	19	2
Early October, 1998 ¹ : <i>Renewed efforts at reaching a peace agreement in the Middle East</i>	21	40	27	12	*
September, 1995	11	32	29	27	1
Mid-September, 1993: <i>Talks between Israel and the PLO about Arab self-rule for Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho</i>	19	31	23	26	1
September, 1993: <i>The peace accords between Israel and the PLO</i>	23	33	24	19	1

¹ Based on registered voters.

PEW.1 CONTINUED...

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. Reports that Hillary Clinton used a private email address while she was secretary of state					
March 5-8, 2015	17	22	14	45	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
January 24-27, 2013: <i>Hillary Clinton testifying about the attack on the U.S. embassy in Benghazi, Libya</i>	21	25	21	31	1
January 3-6, 2013: <i>Hillary Clinton's recent health problems</i>	17	24	23	34	2
August 14-17, 2009: <i>Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's trip to Africa</i>	9	22	28	40	1
July 24-27, 2009: <i>Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's trip to India and Southeast Asia</i>	10	20	25	45	1
March 27-30, 2009: <i>Hillary Clinton's recent trip to Mexico to discuss drug violence near the border</i>	14	24	23	39	*
April 19-May 12, 2002: <i>The secretary of state's recent visit to the Middle East</i>	25	32	20	22	1
January 23-26, 2009: <i>Hillary Clinton becoming secretary of state</i>	24	30	24	22	*
d. Supreme Court arguments about the 2010 health care law					
March 5-8, 2015	19	22	19	39	2
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
June 26-29, 2014: <i>Recent Supreme Court rulings and cases before the court</i>	15	20	21	43	1
June 28-July 1, 2012: <i>The Supreme Court decision on the 2010 health care law</i>	45	21	14	19	*
March 29-April 1, 2012: <i>Supreme Court hearings about the 2010 health care reform law</i>	29	27	17	27	*
November 17-20, 2011: <i>The U.S. Supreme Court agreeing to hear legal challenges to last year's health care reform law</i>	18	24	24	33	1
e. The Justice Department's report on race and policing in Ferguson, Missouri					
March 5-8, 2015	21	25	15	38	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
December 4-7, 2014: <i>Reactions following a grand jury decision not to charge a police officer in the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri</i>	41	31	14	14	1
November 20-23, 2014: <i>Developments in Ferguson, Missouri in the shooting death of Michael Brown</i>	25	29	20	25	2
August 14-17, 2014: <i>The police shooting of an African American teen and protests in Ferguson, Missouri</i>	27	30	18	23	2
July 11-14, 2013: <i>The trial of George Zimmerman for the shooting death of Florida teen Trayvon Martin</i>	26	28	24	21	1
June 27-30, 2013	22	29	23	25	1
June 13-16, 2013	15	26	24	35	1

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April 26-29, 2012: <i>Developments in the case against George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin</i>	24	28	22	25	1
April 20-22, 2012	27	29	21	21	1
April 12-15, 2012: <i>George Zimmerman being charged with second-degree murder in the death of Trayvon Martin</i>	35	31	16	17	1
April 5-8, 2012: <i>Controversy over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, an African American teen in Florida</i>	34	30	18	18	*
March 29-April 1, 2012	30	35	15	20	*
March 22-25, 2012	35	24	15	26	1
July 31-August 3, 2009: <i>Reports about the arrest of Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates and President Obama's response to the incident</i>	25	26	22	25	2
July 24-27, 2009: <i>The arrest of Henry Louis Gates, a black Harvard professor, at his home after a dispute with a police officer</i>	30	31	17	21	1
April 25-28, 2008: <i>The acquittal of three New York City police officers in the shooting of an unarmed man on his wedding day</i>	13	24	24	38	1
September 21-24, 2007: <i>Demonstrations in Jena, Louisiana, about six black teenagers involved in a schoolyard fight</i>	18	27	25	30	*
April 2001: <i>Rioting in Cincinnati after an unarmed black man was shot by police</i>	24	32	23	20	1
July 2000: <i>The video showing Philadelphia police kicking and beating a carjacking suspect</i>	22	32	22	23	1
March 2000: <i>The acquittal of four New York policemen who shot and killed Amadou Diallo, an African immigrant</i>	28	35	20	17	0
February 1999: <i>The Texas murder trial of a man accused of dragging a black man behind a pickup truck</i>	24	41	20	14	1
May 1993: <i>The Rodney King trial and verdict in Los Angeles</i>	47	34	13	6	*
May 1992: <i>The verdict in the Rodney King case and the riots and disturbances that followed</i>	70	22	5	2	1
March 1991: <i>The videotaped beating by Los Angeles police of a suspect they apprehended in an auto chase</i>	46	30	13	10	1
f. The trial of a Boston Marathon bombing suspect					
March 5-8, 2015	14	29	20	36	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
July 18-21, 2013: <i>Controversy over the cover of Rolling Stone magazine showing the Boston bombing suspect</i>	12	19	23	45	1

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April 25-28, 2013: <i>The investigation into the terrorist bombings at the Boston Marathon</i>	49	33	9	9	1
April 18-21, 2013: <i>A terrorist bombing at the Boston Marathon</i>	63	22	10	5	*

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
March 5-8, 2015	20	27	41	8	1	3	13	18