

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
JANUARY 2016 RELIGION AND POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 7-14, 2016
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QUESTIONS 1-3F1, 8F1-9F2, 19F1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 4-7, 10-18

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the 2016 Presidential election ...

Q.20 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016

[READ IN ORDER]

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-14, 2016	47	30	14	9	1
Dec 8-13, 2015	48	26	12	12	1
Sep 22-27, 2015	39	26	17	17	1
May 12-18, 2015	25	33	21	20	1
Mar 25-29, 2015	22	28	26	23	1

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

2012 Presidential Election

Feb 8-12, 2012 ¹	44	25	16	13	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	27	19	16	1
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	30	18	19	1
Nov 9-14, 2011	36	26	21	15	1
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	29	29	22	19	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	27	30	23	18	1
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	29	27	23	1
May 25-30, 2011	23	30	27	19	1

2008 Presidential Election

February, 2008	48	29	10	11	2
January, 2008	44	32	11	11	2
December, 2007	35	33	13	18	1
November, 2007	34	35	16	14	1
October, 2007	30	37	17	14	2
September, 2007	27	33	21	17	2
July, 2007	30	38	16	15	1
June, 2007	29	34	20	16	1
April, 2007	26	34	21	17	2
March, 2007	24	36	20	18	2
February, 2007	24	34	22	18	2
December, 2006	23	36	20	20	1

¹ In 2011 and 2012, question read: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2012?" In 2006, 2007 and 2008, question read "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2008?"

ASK ALL:

Q.21 Thinking ahead to the presidential election that will take place in November 2016, regardless of who the nominees from each party are, do you think you will **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**?

Jan 7-14

2016

22 Definitely vote for the Republican
 15 Probably vote for the Republican [OR]
 17 Probably vote for the Democrat [OR]
 25 Definitely vote for the Democrat
 8 Other/Neither **(VOL.)**
 6 Too early to say/Need to know the nominees **(VOL.)**
 7 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK ALL:

A year from now, a new president will be inaugurated...

Q.22 Regardless of who you currently support, I'd like to know what kind of president you think each of the following would be if elected in November 2016? First, **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE]**. If **[INSERT NAME]** were to become president do you think (he/she) would be a great, good, average, poor, or terrible president? How about if **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** were to become president? **[IF NECESSARY: do you think he/she would be a great, good, average, poor, or terrible president? [PROGRAMMING NOTE: For item e. program "she"]**

		Great <u>president</u>	Good <u>president</u>	Average <u>president</u>	Poor <u>president</u>	Terrible <u>president</u>	(VOL.) Never heard of/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Ben Carson Jan 7-14, 2016	5	18	29	18	14	16
b.	Bernie Sanders Jan 7-14, 2016	9	21	24	17	15	15
c.	Chris Christie Jan 7-14, 2016	2	15	34	20	13	16
d.	Donald Trump Jan 7-14, 2016	10	19	13	15	39	5
e.	Hillary Clinton Jan 7-14, 2016	12	26	20	15	25	3
	TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>Gallup: Dec 2007²</i>	19	29	18	14	18	1
f.	Jeb Bush Jan 7-14, 2016	3	15	35	22	18	7
g.	John Kasich Jan 7-14, 2016	1	10	33	16	7	33
h.	Marco Rubio Jan 7-14, 2016	4	20	33	18	9	17
i.	Ted Cruz Jan 7-14, 2016	6	18	30	16	13	16

NO QUESTIONS 23-24

² In December 2007, question was asked in a list of Republican and Democratic candidates then running for president.

QUESTIONS 25-28, 31-32, 34-38, 43, 63, 72, 74-76a HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 29-30, 33, 39-42, 44-62, 64-71, 73****ASK ALL:**

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

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

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

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Jan 7-14, 2016	24	30	38	5	1	2	14	17
Dec 8-13, 2015	26	31	37	4	*	2	16	15
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	24	29	41	4	*	2	17	17
Sep 22-27, 2015	26	30	40	2	*	2	15	16
Jul 14-20, 2015	22	32	41	4	*	1	15	19
May 12-18, 2015	24	32	38	3	1	2	15	18
Mar 25-29, 2015	25	30	39	4	*	2	15	17
Feb 18-22, 2015	24	31	38	4	1	1	18	17
Jan 7-11, 2015	21	30	44	3	1	1	19	18
Yearly Totals								
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
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
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	--	--	--	--	--

QUESTIONS 77-78 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE