

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER NEWS INTEREST INDEX  
JANUARY 20-23, 2011 OMNIBUS  
FINAL TOPLINE  
N=1001**

**PEW.1 AND PEW.2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**PEW.3a AND PEW.3b HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 How much, if anything, have you heard about each of the following **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
c. A proposal that Republicans and Democrats sit together at this year's State of the Union address, rather than on separate sides of the room				
January 20-23, 2011	15	34	50	1

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.4 Now thinking about Barack Obama's upcoming State of the Union address... Do you consider this year's State of the Union address to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

	<u>More important</u>	<u>Less important</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>				
January 20-23, 2011	28	11	53	8
January 5-9, 2011	34	11	49	6
January 6-10, 2010	39	9	45	7
<b>Bush</b>				
January, 2008 <sup>1</sup>	19	27	46	8
January, 2007	32	16	43	9
January, 2006	30	14	47	9
January, 2005	34	9	47	10
Mid-January, 2004	34	9	49	8
January, 2003	52	6	35	7
January, 2002	54	4	36	6
<b>Clinton</b>				
January, 2000	16	22	53	9
January, 1999	27	16	51	6

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.5 Do you plan to watch this year's State of the Union Address on television, watch it on the internet, or don't you think you'll watch it?

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

Jan 20-23 <u>2011</u>		Jan <u>2007<sup>2</sup></u>	
54	Watch on television	59	Yes, watch
7	Watch on the internet	37	No, not watch
35	Don't think will watch	4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
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<sup>1</sup> In 2008, question began "As you may know, George W. Bush will give his annual State of the Union address in a few weeks..."

<sup>2</sup> In January 2007, this item asked about George W. Bush's State of the Union address and did not ask where respondents plan to watch.