

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS/USA TODAY
AUGUST 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
August 20-24, 2014
N=1,501**

**QUESTIONS 1-3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 4-12**

ASK ALL:

Thinking about some issues..

Q.13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

ITEMS A,B,D-F HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c.	Race relations Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	42	10

**QUESTIONS 14-22 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 15-20, 23**

ASK ALL:

Q.24 We're interested in how good a job you think police departments around the country are doing in some different areas. First, when it comes to **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are police departments nationwide doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: when it comes to [ITEM] are police departments nationwide doing an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job?]**

		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Holding officers accountable when misconduct occurs Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	7	23	29	36	5
b.	Using the right amount of force for each situation Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	7	28	31	30	4
c.	Treating racial and ethnic groups equally Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	8	24	32	33	4
d.	Respecting people's privacy Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	7	30	31	27	4
e.	Protecting people from crime Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	10	39	34	15	3

ASK ALL:

Q.25 As you may know, many police departments around the country have military equipment and weapons. Overall, how much confidence do you have in police departments to use this type of equipment appropriately? **[READ IN ORDER]:**

(U)	
Aug	
20-24	
<u>2014</u>	
18	A great deal
36	A fair amount
27	Not too much
17	None at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 26-29, 37, 39, 41-48, 51, 53, 55-59, 61, 64-65, 67-68, 71-76, 78-84
QUESTIONS 30-36, 38, 40, 49-50, 52, 54, 60, 62-63, 66, 69-70, 77 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Now I have some questions about how some groups in our society get along ...

Q.85 In general, how well do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** get along with each other these days – would you say very well, pretty well, not too well, or not at all well? What about how well **[NEXT ITEM]** get along? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, do [ITEM] get along very well, pretty well, not too well, or not at all well these days?]**

		<u>Very</u> <u>well</u>	<u>Pretty</u> <u>well</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>too well</u>	<u>Not at</u> <u>all well</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Whites and Hispanics					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	14	62	18	3	4
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Aug 1-4, 2013	13	61	18	2	6
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	11	56	22	3	8
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	15	53	19	3	10
b.	Blacks and Hispanics					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	12	48	22	6	13
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Aug 1-4, 2013	10	44	25	5	16
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	9	39	24	6	22
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	11	33	23	8	25
c.	Blacks and whites					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	12	57	23	5	3
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Aug 1-4, 2013	13	63	17	3	4
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	13	63	16	3	5
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	18	57	18	2	5

ASK ALL:

Q.86 How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community **[INSERT ITEM; READ IN ORDER]**--a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence? **[READ IF NECESSARY: How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community [INSERT ITEM; READ IN ORDER] -- a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?**

		Great <u>deal</u>	Fair <u>amount</u>	Just <u>some</u>	Very <u>little</u>	(VOL.) None/ DK/Ref
a.	To do a good job enforcing the law					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	39	36	12	11	1
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	41	30	16	10	2
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	42	31	13	11	3
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	<i>NBC/Wall Street Journal:</i> October 1995 ¹	36	37	12	12	1
b.	To not use excessive force on suspects					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	31	33	15	18	4
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	33	30	18	13	6
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	37	29	12	14	8
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	<i>NBC/Wall Street Journal:</i> October 1995	28	31	15	16	8
c.	To treat blacks and whites equally					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	30	32	15	20	3
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	33	28	18	14	7
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Sep 5-Oct 6, 2007	37	29	11	14	9
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	<i>NBC/Wall Street Journal:</i> October 1995	25	33	12	17	11
d.	To treat Hispanics and whites equally					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	30	34	15	17	4
	<i>Pew Social Trends</i> Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	29	28	20	15	7
e.	To gain the trust of local residents					
	Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	33	36	16	14	2

NO QUESTIONS 87-89

¹ Trends for comparison for items 86a, 86b, and 86c are from a poll conducted by NBC News and the Wall Street Journal in October 1995. The question read: "How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community in terms of..." and included a voluntary "None" response in its report.

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
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
				preference	party			
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
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Yearly Totals								
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 90-91 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=608]

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	12	50	2	1	--
Apr 23-27, 2014	33	11	54	1	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	11	50	1	1	--
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ²	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10

² 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."

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
