

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

**QUESTION 1 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2****ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	December, 2008	13	83	4
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	August, 2008	21	74	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	July, 2008	19	74	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	June, 2008	19	76	5
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	March, 2008	22	72	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	October, 2007	28	66	6
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	February, 2007	30	61	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	December, 2006	28	65	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	July, 2006	30	65	5
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	March, 2006	32	63	5
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	January, 2006	34	61	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	July, 2005	35	58	7
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	February, 2005	38	56	6
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	January, 2005	40	54	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	December, 2004	39	54	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	July, 2004	38	55	7
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	May, 2004	33	61	6
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	December, 2003	44	47	9
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	October, 2003	38	56	6
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
				January, 2003	44	50	6

<sup>1</sup> In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you

satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

**Q.2 CONTINUED...**

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 2002	41	48	11	September, 1997	45	49	6
September, 2002	41	55	4	August, 1997	49	46	5
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	January, 1997	38	58	4
May, 2002	44	44	12	July, 1996	29	67	4
March, 2002	50	40	10	March, 1996	28	70	2
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	October, 1995	23	73	4
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
June, 2001	43	52	5	April, 1995	23	74	3
March, 2001	47	45	8	July, 1994	24	73	3
February, 2001	46	43	11	March, 1994	24	71	5
January, 2001	55	41	4	October, 1993	22	73	5
October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7	September, 1993	20	75	5
September, 2000	51	41	8	May, 1993	22	71	7
June, 2000	47	45	8	January, 1993	39	50	11
April, 2000	48	43	9	January, 1992	28	68	4
August, 1999	56	39	5	November, 1991	34	61	5
January, 1999	53	41	6	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
November, 1998	46	44	10	August, 1990	47	48	5
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	May, 1990	41	54	5
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
February, 1998	59	37	4				
January, 1998	46	50	4				

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.3 Thinking about the future of our country, please tell me whether you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about each of the following. First **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: "Do you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about this?]**

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	(VOL.) Uncertain	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. The moral and ethical standards in our country				
August 20-24, 2014	41	55	4	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	42	51	4	3
Pew Social Trends October 1-21, 2010	41	51	3	4
b. The soundness of our economic system over the long run				
August 20-24, 2014	44	51	2	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	44	50	4	2
Pew Social Trends October 1-21, 2010	46	49	3	3
c. Our ability to get along with other countries in the world				
August 20-24, 2014	48	47	3	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	61	33	5	1
Pew Social Trends October 1-21, 2010	56	36	4	4
d. Our system of education				
August 20-24, 2014	47	50	3	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	47	49	3	1
Pew Social Trends October 1-21, 2010	50	43	3	3
e. Our system of government and how well it works				
August 20-24, 2014	40	54	4	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	41	53	4	1

**Q.3 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Optimistic</u>	<u>Pessimistic</u>	<u>(VOL.) Uncertain</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
f. The way our leaders are chosen under our political system				
August 20-24, 2014	46	49	3	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	51	42	4	3
g. Racial and ethnic relations in our country				
August 20-24, 2014	53	43	3	2

**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]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. The economy			
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	39	55	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	56	4
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	31	65	3
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	43	52	5
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	50	5
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	40	56	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	43	53	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
May 2, 2011	40	55	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20

**QUESTIONS 13b-f, 14, THOUGHT, 21-22, 24-25 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTIONS 15-20, 23, 26-29**

**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.30 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1

**Q.30 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1

**Q.30 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 <sup>2</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Q.31 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3

<sup>2</sup> Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**Q.31 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 2001	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.32 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2

**Q.32 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Q.33 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>Stay the same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	10	56	15	5	11	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	8	51	19	8	12	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	10	50	17	6	14	2
Jun 12-16, 2013	12	51	18	7	11	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	52	19	9	10	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4

**Q.33 CONTINUED...**

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
<i>U.S. News</i> : October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
<i>U.S. News</i> : August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
<i>U.S. News</i> : May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
<i>U.S. News</i> : January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

**RANDOMIZE Q.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2****ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>		(U) Apr 23-27 <u>2014</u>
8	The economy is recovering strongly	6
67	The economy is recovering, but not so strongly	66
24	The economy isn't recovering at all	26
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2



**RANDOMIZE Q.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2**  
**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=757]:**

Q.35F1 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	58	4	5
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	62	4	5
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	27	65	4	4
Jun 12-16, 2013	29	64	3	4
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
U.S. News: August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News: May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News: January, 1992	12	79	6	3

**RANDOMIZE Q.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2**  
**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=744]:**

Q.36F2 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of good jobs available or are good jobs difficult to find?

Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>		Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	July <u>2008</u>	June <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>
26	Plenty of GOOD jobs available	10	22	36	28
71	GOOD jobs are difficult to find	84	73	55	64
1	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL.)	2	1	3	3
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	6	5

**NO QUESTION 37**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.38 For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that happened to you in the past year.... (In the past year) Have you **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU f. WITH ITEM g. ALWAYS LAST]**? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS THIS DOES NOT APPLY, CODE AS NO]**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage			
Aug 20-24, 2014	20	80	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	23	76	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	23	76	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	73	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	76	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	16	83	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:<sup>3</sup></b>			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	13	87	*
b. Been laid off or lost your job			
Aug 20-24, 2014	14	85	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	15	84	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	15	85	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	16	84	*
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	79	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	18	82	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	14	85	1
c. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care			
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	75	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	71	*
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
<i>Had trouble getting or paying for medical care</i>			
<i>for yourself or your family</i>			
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	25	74	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	70	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	26	74	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	23	77	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	23	76	1
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	21	78	*
d. Gotten a pay raise at your current job or gotten a better job			
Aug 20-24, 2014	36	62	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	70	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	25	74	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	74	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	29	70	1
January, 2008 (SDT)	41	57	2
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	29	69	2
e. Been able to save money for the future			
Aug 20-24, 2014	44	55	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	41	58	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	58	42	*

<sup>3</sup> Trends for comparison for items 38a, 38c, 38d, 38e and 38f are from a study conducted by the Washington Post, Kaiser and Harvard from June 30 to August 30, 1999. The introduction to these items was: "For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you and your immediate family during the past year..."

**Q.38 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	
f. Had problems with collection or credit agencies				
Aug 20-24, 2014	20	80	*	
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	78	*	
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*	
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	19	80	*	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Laid off</u>

**ASK IF NOT LAID OFF (Q.38b=2,9) [N=1,326]:**

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

g. Had your hours reduced or been asked to take a cut in pay				
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	77	1	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	15	64	1	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	71	*	18

**NO QUESTION 39**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 Do you think your family's income is going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

		(U)			Early			NBC/WSJ
Aug 20-24		Jan 15-19	Oct	July	Feb	Sep	Jan	June
<u>2014</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1996</u>
5	Going up faster	7	5	6	6	10	9	9
37	Staying about even	34	34	28	33	43	41	38
56	Falling behind	57	57	64	58	44	47	50
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	4	2	3	3	3	3

**NO QUESTIONS 41-48, 51, 53, 55-59, 61, 64-65, 67-68, 71-76, 78-84, 87-89  
QUESTIONS 49-50, 52, 54, 60, 62-63, 66, 69-70, 77, 85-86, 90-91 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**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>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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	--	--	--	--	--

**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	--

**TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
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 <sup>4</sup>	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
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	2

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social and Demographic Trends

<sup>4</sup> 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."