

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER/USA TODAY  
DECEMBER 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
DECEMBER 3-7, 2014  
N=1,507**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-7 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 8-11****ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues ...

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]?** How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. The nation's immigration policy			
Dec 3-7, 2014	38	56	6
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	31	61	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	32	60	7
Jun 12-16, 2013	43	47	11
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	44	43	13
Nov 9-14, 2011	32	49	20
Jan 6-9, 2011	35	50	16
Jun 16-20, 2010	33	54	12
May 6-9, 2010	25	54	21
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	47	24
Jan 6-10, 2010	30	50	21
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	48	21

**ITEMS b-h.F2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 13-16, 22-23, 25-29, 32-35, 39, 41-44****QUESTIONS 17, 20-21, 30-31, 36-38 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 18-19, 24, 40 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.45 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [They should not be allowed to stay in this country legally] [OR] [There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met]

**ASK IF ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY (Q.45=2) [N=1,052]:**

Q.46 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship] [OR] [Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship]

	<u>Allowed to stay legally</u>	<u>Apply for citizenship</u>	<u>Permanent residency, not citizenship</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Not allowed to stay legally</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	70	43	24	3	27	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	71	42	25	4	25	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	68	40	24	3	30	3
Feb 14-23, 2014	73	46	24	3	24	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	71	--	--	--	27	2
May 1-5, 2013	73	44	25	4	25	3

**Q.45/46 CONTINUED...**

	Allowed to stay <u>legally</u>	<i>Apply for <u>citizenship</u></i>	<i>Permanent residency, not <u>citizenship</u></i>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>	Not allowed to stay <u>legally</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013 <sup>1</sup>	71	43	24	4	27	2

**NO QUESTIONS 47-52, 56-60, 62-65****QUESTIONS 53-55 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTION 61 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.66 As you may know, Barack Obama recently issued an executive action that expands the number of undocumented immigrants who are allowed to stay and work in the country. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this new policy?

**ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.66=1,2) [N=1,458]:**

Q.66a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

(U)	
Dec 3-7	
<u>2014</u>	
46	Approve
30	Very strongly
15	Not so strongly
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
50	Disapprove
39	Very strongly
11	Not so strongly
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 67-69****ASK ALL:**

Q.70 Just in general... how sympathetic would you say you are toward immigrants who are in the United States illegally [**READ; READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE**]?

(U)		(U)		
Dec 3-7		Jun 12-16	Gallup/USA Today	
<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>May 2010<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>May 2006</u>
66	NET Sympathetic	64	64	64
23	Very sympathetic	16	24	17
42	Somewhat sympathetic	47	40	46
32	NET Unsympathetic	34	34	34
15	Somewhat unsympathetic	19	17	18
17	Very unsympathetic	15	17	16
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	1	3

**NO QUESTIONS 71-73, 79-84****QUESTIONS 74-78 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 85-89 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>1</sup> In May 2013 and March 2013, question read "Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?" and the second answer choice read "There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements to stay in the country legally."

<sup>2</sup> In 2010 and 2006, question read, "How sympathetic would you say you are toward illegal immigrants in the United States..."

**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.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	31	39	3	1	2	17	17
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
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
<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
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=660]:**

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Dec 3-7, 2014	34	9	55	2	1	--
Nov 6-9, 2014	31	10	57	1	1	--
Oct 15-20, 2014	32	8	56	2	2	--
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
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, 2013	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 <sup>3</sup>	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--

<sup>3</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."

**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>
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	21

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

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls