

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
MARCH 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
MARCH 25-29, 2015
N=1,500**

QUESTIONS 1-2, 14a-d, 15, 16b-d HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 3-13, 16a****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.16 Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE ITEMS b-d WITH ITEM e ALWAYS LAST]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
e. Benjamin Netanyahu								
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	10	20	28	10	18	28	13
Feb 18-22, 2015	38	13	24	27	10	17	23	12

NO QUESTIONS 17-19, 23-24, 28-29, 31, 34-39, 42, 46, 51-56**QUESTIONS 20-22, 25-27, 30, 32-33, 40-41, 43-45, 47-50 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.57 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, how much do you sympathize with **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? A lot, some, not much, or not at all? And how much do you sympathize with **[NEXT ITEM]**? A lot, some, not much, or not at all?

						(VOL.)
		A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/Ref
a.	Israel					
	Mar 25-29, 2015	31	34	11	18	6
	Aug 20-24, 2014	34	32	15	12	7
b.	The Palestinians					
	Mar 25-29, 2015	11	35	17	29	8
	Aug 20-24, 2014	11	35	20	27	7

NO QUESTIONS 58-59, 63-69**QUESTIONS 60-62 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.70 How much, if anything, have you heard about negotiations between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**

Mar 25-29 2015		(U) Dec 3-8 2013 ¹	Oct 30-Nov 6 2013 ²
27	A lot	24	24
49	A little	48	49
24	Nothing at all	28	26
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

¹ In December 2013, question referred to "the recent agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program."

² In November 2013, question referred to "recent international talks regarding Iran's nuclear enrichment program."

QUESTION 70 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program?
Have you heard...*

Mar 7-11 <u>2012</u>		Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>	Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u> ³	Sept 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Sep <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>
41	A lot	38	42	41	41	32
38	A little	39	41	41	44	46
21	Nothing at all	23	15	18	14	21
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	2	*	1	1

ASK ALL:

Q.71 From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*The agreement between the United States
and Iran on Iran's nuclear program*

Mar 25-29 <u>2015</u>		Sept 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Sep <u>2006</u> ⁴	(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>
49	Approve	63	54	32
40	Disapprove	28	32	43
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	14	25

NO QUESTIONS 72-73**ASK ALL:**

Q.74 Do you think Iranian leaders are serious about addressing international concerns about their country's nuclear enrichment program, or not?

BASED ON THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE [N=1,204]:

Mar 25-29 <u>2015</u>		(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	Oct 30-Nov 6 <u>2013</u>
27	Serious	29	33
63	Not serious	62	60
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	7

ASK ALL:

Q.75 In your view, who should have the final authority for approving any nuclear agreement between the United States and Iran [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]?

Mar 25-29 <u>2015</u>	
62	Congress
29	President Obama
4	Depends (VOL.)
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

³ In January 11-16, 2012, the question read: "...recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf." In February 2006, question read: "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this?"

⁴ In September 2006, question read: "From what you know, would you favor or oppose the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?"

QUESTION 75 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:***Deciding whether the U.S. should conduct military strikes against Syria...*

Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>	
61	Congress
30	President Obama
2	Depends (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Deciding whether the U.S. should invade Iraq with ground troops...

Gallup/CNN/USA Today:

October	
<u>2002</u>	
54	Congress
40	President Bush
2	Depends (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Deciding whether the U.S. should send ground troops to serve in a combat situation in Yugoslavia...

Gallup/CNN/USA Today:

May	
<u>1999</u>	
64	Congress
31	President Clinton
1	Depends (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 76-79**QUESTIONS 80-81 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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
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
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
Yearly Totals								
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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=627]:

	<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>
Mar 25-29, 2015	35	11	52	1	1	--
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	9	54	*	*	--
Jan 7-11, 2015	34	9	54	1	2	--
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	--

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>
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	--
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 ⁵	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	21

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

⁵ 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."