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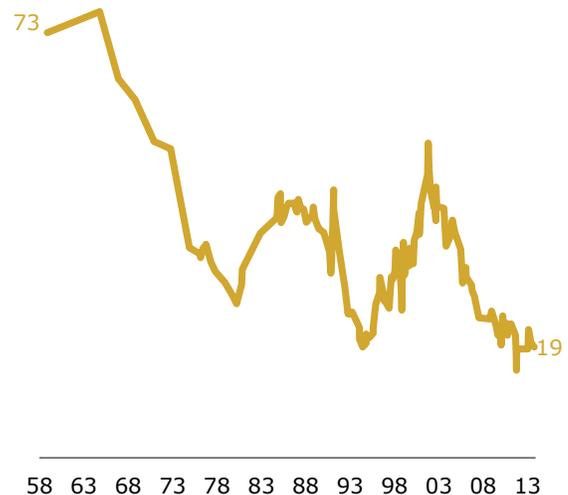
Public trust in the government, already quite low, has edged even lower in a survey conducted just before the Oct. 16 agreement to end the government shutdown and raise the debt ceiling.

Just 19% say that they trust the government in Washington to do what is right just about always or most of the time, down seven points since January. The current measure matches the level reached in [August 2011](#), following the last battle over the debt ceiling. Explore a Pew Research interactive on [Public Trust in Government: 1958-2013](#).

The share of the public saying they are angry at the federal government, which equaled an all-time high in [late September \(26%\)](#), has ticked up to 30%. Another 55% say they are frustrated with the government. Just 12% say they are basically content with the federal government.

Trust in Government Again Near All-Time Low

% saying they trust federal gov't to do what is right just about always/most of the time



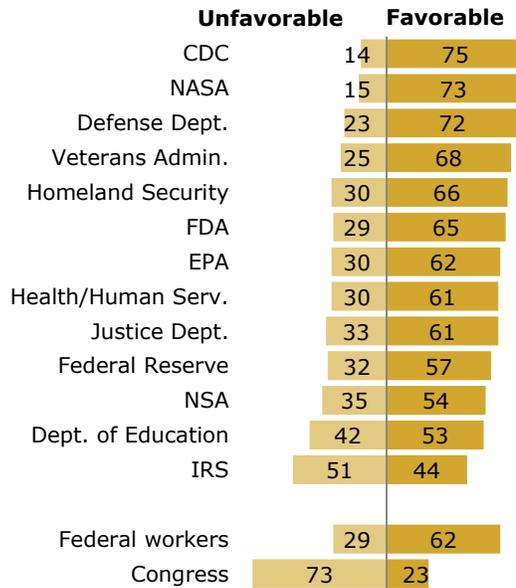
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Despite highly negative views of the federal government overall, the public has favorable views of many of its agencies and departments, which were closed by the shutdown. Majorities have favorable opinions of 12 of 13 agencies tested – with the IRS the lone exception (44% favorable).

Federal workers, hundreds of thousands of whom were furloughed during the shutdown, also are viewed positively: By about two-to-one (62% to 29%), more have a favorable than unfavorable opinion of federal government workers.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted Oct. 9-13 among 1,504 adults, finds that just 23% have a favorable opinion of Congress, while 73% have an unfavorable view. Dissatisfaction with Congress also is seen in [record anti-incumbent sentiment](#).

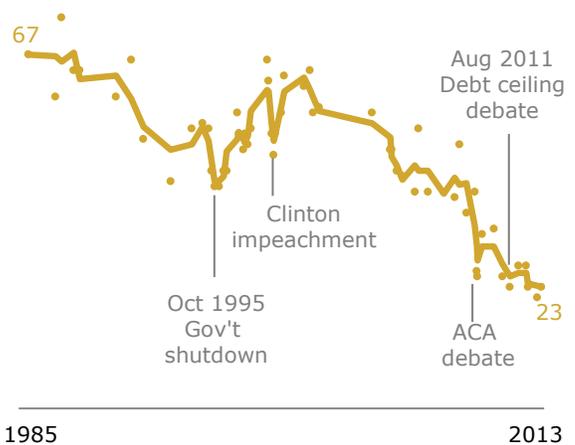
Positive Views of Most Agencies, Federal Workers



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Views of Congress Remain Overwhelmingly Negative

% saying they have a favorable view of Congress

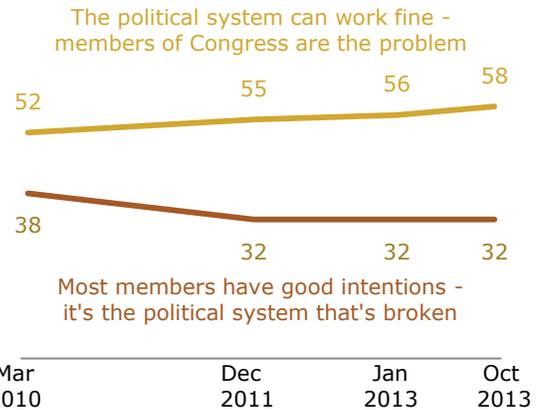


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In general, the public continues to blame lawmakers themselves – rather than the political system more generally – for the problems in Congress. Nearly six-in-ten (58%) say “the political system can work fine, it’s the members of Congress that are the problem.” Just 32% say “most members of Congress have good intentions, it’s the political system that is broken.”

Since 2010, more have consistently placed more blame on members of Congress than the political system. Notably, majorities of Democrats (64%), Republicans (57%) and independents (55%) say it is members of Congress, rather than the political system, that are more to blame.

More Blame Members of Congress than the Political System



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Broad Distrust of Federal Government

While distrust in the federal government is widespread, there are differences in these opinions. About three-in-ten Democrats (28%) say they can trust the government just about always or most of the time, compared with 10% of Republicans.

Among Republicans and Republican leaners who agree with the Tea Party, just 3% trust the federal government always or most of the time, 76% say they can trust it only some of the time, while 20% volunteer that they can never trust the government.

Young people remain more positive in views about the government than older people: 29% of those younger than 30 say they trust the government always or most of the time, nearly double the percentage among older age groups (16%).

Though there is little difference between whites, blacks and Hispanics overall, there is some variance among whites. Among whites, more female college graduates (26%) express trust in government than male college graduates (15%). Among those who have not completed college, women and men express similarly low levels of trust (15% and 14%, respectively).

Nearly All Tea Party Republicans Distrust the Federal Government

<i>Trust gov't in Washington to do what is right</i>	Always/ Most of the time %	Only some of the time/ Never (Vol.) %	DK %
Total	19	80	1=100
Men	17	82	1=100
Women	21	78	1=100
White	17	82	1=100
Black	24	72	4=100
Hispanic	21	79	1=100
18-29	29	70	1=100
30-49	17	82	1=100
50-64	16	83	1=100
65+	15	82	4=100
College grad +	21	79	1=100
Some college	17	82	*=100
HS or less	19	79	2=100
Republican	10	90	1=100
Conservative	8	91	1=100
Mod/Lib	11	89	0=100
Independent	17	82	*=100
Democrat	28	70	2=100
Conserv/Mod	27	71	1=100
Liberal	28	68	4=100
<i>Among Rep/Rep leaners</i>			
Tea Party Rep	3	96	1=100
Non-Tea Party	16	84	*=100

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As trust in the federal government has declined since the start of the year, anger has risen. Currently, 30% say they are angry at the government, up 11 points since January. The share saying they are basically content with government has fallen by eight points, while frustration has held about steady.

Anger at the federal government is most pronounced among Tea Party Republicans. Fully 55% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents who agree with the Tea Party say they are angry with the federal government – about double the percentage among non-Tea Party Republicans (27%) and Democrats and Democratic leaners (25%).

Anger, Frustration with the Federal Government

	Angry	Frustrated	Basically content
Oct 2013	30	55	12
Sept 2013	26	51	17
Jan 2013	19	58	20
Aug 2011	26	60	11
Mar 2011	14	59	22
Sept 2010	23	52	21
Mar 2010	21	56	19
Oct 2006	20	54	21
Mar 2004	13	52	32
Nov 2001	8	34	53
Feb 2000	10	54	33
Oct 1997	12	56	29

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Views of Federal Agencies

Nine of the 13 federal agencies and institutions included in the survey are viewed favorably by 60% or more of the public. The agencies with the strongest ratings include: The Centers for Disease Control or CDC (75% favorable), NASA (73%), the Defense Department (72%), the Veterans Administration (68%) and the Department of Homeland Security (66%).

About six-in-ten (61%) have a favorable view of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which is responsible for implementing the 2010 Affordable Care Act. And 54% have a favorable opinion of the National Security Agency (NSA). Earlier this year, the NSA was embroiled in controversy when leaked classified documents exposed the agency's phone and internet surveillance programs. In [June](#), public opinion was evenly divided over these programs. As many said they approved (48%) as disapproved (47%) of the NSA collecting phone and internet data as part of anti-terrorism efforts.

The IRS is rated less favorably than any of the other agencies and departments tested; 44% have a favorable opinion of the tax agency while 51% view it unfavorably.

Most Federal Agencies Viewed Favorably

	Oct 2013
<i>% favorable</i>	<i>%</i>
CDC	75
NASA	73
Defense Department	72
Veterans Administration	68
Homeland Security	66
FDA	65
EPA	62
Health/Human Services	61
Justice Department	61
Federal Reserve	57
NSA	54
Department of Education	53
IRS	44
Federal gov't workers	62
Congress	23

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Republicans have less positive views than Democrats of several of the agencies and departments included in the survey. The biggest difference is in opinions of the IRS: 65% of Democrats have a favorable opinion of the IRS compared with 40% of independents and just 23% of Republicans.

Republicans also are far less likely than Democrats to have favorable opinions of HHS (by 33 points), the EPA (30 points) and the Department of Education (28 points).

And federal government workers are viewed far more favorably among Democrats (79% favorable) and independents (60%) than among Republicans (46%).

Still, large majorities of Republicans, Democrats and independents view several agencies favorably, including the Defense Department, NASA, the FDA, the Veteran's Administration, the CDC and the Department of Homeland Security.

Partisan Differences in Views of Federal Agencies, Gov't Workers

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	R-D gap
<i>% favorable</i>	%	%	%	%	
IRS	44	23	65	40	-42
HHS	61	45	78	56	-33
EPA	62	47	77	58	-30
Dept of Education	53	43	71	48	-28
Justice Dept	61	54	71	57	-17
Federal Reserve	57	54	71	49	-17
Homeland Security	66	62	76	60	-14
CDC	75	70	80	78	-10
NSA	54	55	64	46	-9
VA	68	66	74	65	-8
FDA	65	66	73	61	-7
NASA	73	76	74	74	+2
Defense Dept	72	77	77	67	0
Federal workers	62	46	79	60	-33
Congress	23	23	25	20	-2

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Tea Party Republicans Highly Critical of the IRS

Republicans and Democrats once held similar views of the IRS, but opinions of the agency now divide sharply along partisan lines.

Currently, about two-thirds (65%) of Democrats have a favorable view of the Internal Revenue Service, 31% have an unfavorable view. Among Republicans, 74% view the IRS unfavorably, 23% favorably.

Increasingly Partisan Views of the IRS

Is your overall opinion of the IRS ...

	Oct 1997		Mar 2010		Oct 2013		Change in fav 10-13
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Total	38	60	47	40	44	51	-3
Republican	37	61	47	45	23	74	-24
Democrat	41	57	52	36	65	31	+13
Independent	37	62	46	40	40	54	-6
<i>Among Reps/ Rep leaners</i>							
Tea Party	--	--	--	--	15	82	
Non-Tea Party	--	--	--	--	32	65	

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In 2010, about half of both Democrats (52%) and Republicans (47%) held positive views of the IRS. In 1997, when overall views of the IRS were more negative, there also were only slight partisan differences in opinions of the agency: 61% of Republicans had an unfavorable opinion, as did 57% of Democrats.

In the current survey, large majorities of both Tea Party Republicans (82%) and non-Tea Party Republicans (65%) have unfavorable opinions of the IRS. About four-in-ten Tea Party Republicans (42%) have a *very* unfavorable view of the tax agency, compared with 23% of Republicans and leaners who do not agree with the Tea Party.

In [May](#), the IRS faced controversy over reports that the agency targeted some conservative organizations seeking tax-exempt status. At that time, just 12% of Republicans thought that the decision to target conservative groups was made by employees of the IRS, while 69% said the Obama administration was also involved. About half of Democrats (54%) said that IRS employees made the decision to target conservative groups.

About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted October 9-13, 2013 among a national sample of 1,504 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (752 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 752 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 407 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by Abt SRBI. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2011 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status and relative usage of landline and cell phones (for those with both), based on extrapolations from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting. The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus...
Total sample	1,504	2.9 percentage points
Form 1	752	4.2 percentage points
Form 2	752	4.2 percentage points
Republican	405	5.7 percentage points
Democrat	475	5.2 percentage points
Independent	550	4.9 percentage points
<i>Among Rep/Rep Lean</i>		
Tea Party	304	6.5 percentage points
Non-Tea Party	334	6.2 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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FINAL TOPLINE
October 9-13, 2013
N=1,504

QUESTIONS 1-2, 5, 6, 9-11 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 7-8, 17
QUESTIONS 12-16 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Thinking more generally ...

Q.18 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	<u>Basically content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 9-13, 2013	12	55	30	3
Sep 25-29, 2013	17	51	26	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	20	58	19	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	58	21	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	11	60	26	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	22	59	14	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early January, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early October, 2006	21	54	20	5
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid November, 2001	53	34	8	5
June, 2000	28	53	13	6
February, 2000	33	54	10	3
October, 1997	29	56	12	3

ASK ALL:

Q.19 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Only some of the time</u>	(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 9-13, 2013	3	16	68	12	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	3	23	67	6	2
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	3	17	72	7	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	16	72	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	4	25	65	4	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1
November, 1998 ¹	4	22	61	11	2
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

¹ The November, 1998 survey was conducted Oct. 26-Dec. 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

ASK IF ANY TRUST IN GOV'T (Q.19=1-3):

Q.20 When you say that you trust the government [INSERT ANSWER TO Q.19] are you mostly thinking about Congress and the president or are you thinking about the federal government as a whole?

ASK IF NEVER/DON'T TRUST GOV'T (Q.19=4):

Q.21 When you say that you don't trust the government are you mostly thinking about Congress and the president or are you thinking about the federal government as a whole?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Oct 9-13	
<u>2013</u>	
27	Congress and the president
69	Federal government as a whole
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTIONS 22-24, 29-31
QUESTIONS 25-28, 32a-hF2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

ASK ALL:

Q.32 Now I'd like your views on some people. Would you say your overall opinion of [INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-H WITH ITEM I ALWAYS LAST; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] 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

ASK ALL:

i. Federal government workers								
Oct 9-13, 2013	62	14	48	29	7	22	1	7
TREND FOR COMPARISON:								
<i>Government workers</i>								
October, 1997	69	7	62	28	5	23	*	3
LA Times: April, 1981	55	6	49	38	10	28	5 ²	2

**QUESTIONS 33, 35-37 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 34, 38-43**

ASK ALL:

Q.44 Now I would like to ask you about some parts of the government. Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ITEM p. ALWAYS LAST; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."] How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=752]:

a.F1 The Defense Department								
Oct 9-13, 2013	72	21	50	23	9	14	1	5
Mar 18-21, 2010	67	21	46	21	8	13	*	12
Late October, 2005	56	14	42	32	13	19	1	11
October, 1997	76	18	58	19	4	15	*	5

² The April, 1981 Los Angeles Times response option was "Not sure."

Q.44 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Roper, April 1987	57	16	41	36	14	22		7
Roper, April 1986	66	22	44	29	10	19		5
Roper, April 1985	54	15	39	37	15	22		9
Roper, April 1984	54	15	39	39	15	24		7
Roper, April 1983	54	14	40	38	15	23		8
b.F1 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC								
Oct 9-13, 2013	75	27	47	14	5	8	2	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	67	15	52	16	5	10	2	15
February, 1998	79	20	59	11	2	9	1	9
c.F1 The Food and Drug Administration, the FDA								
Oct 9-13, 2013	65	15	50	29	14	15	1	6
Mar 18-21, 2010	58	10	48	30	10	20	1	11
October, 1997	75	12	63	22	4	18	*	3
Roper, August 1987	74	23	51	20	4	16		6
Roper, August 1986	75	25	50	18	3	15		7
Roper, August 1985	74	27	47	19	5	14		7
Roper, August 1984	78	32	46	17	4	13		5
Roper, August 1983	73	31	42	20	5	15		7
d.F1 The National Security Agency, the NSA								
Oct 9-13, 2013	54	12	42	35	13	22	2	8
e.F1 The Department of Education								
Oct 9-13, 2013	53	16	37	42	16	27	*	4
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	53	22	31	6	8
October, 1997	61	12	49	37	11	26	0	2
Roper, April 1987	60	14	46	35	11	24		5
Roper, April 1986	63	16	47	32	10	22		5
Roper, April 1985	61	14	47	34	11	23		5
Roper, April 1984	56	14	42	38	13	25		6
Roper, April 1983	49	10	39	45	18	27		6
f.F1 The Internal Revenue Service, the IRS								
Oct 9-13, 2013	44	9	35	51	23	28	*	5
Mar 18-21, 2010	47	6	41	40	17	23	10	13
October, 1997	38	5	33	60	25	35	*	2
Roper, August 1987	49	10	39	46	19	27		5
Roper, August 1986	51	10	41	45	19	26		4
Roper, August 1985	48	8	40	47	19	28		5
Roper, August 1984	60	13	47	34	11	23		6
Roper, August 1983	50	12	38	44	16	28		6

NO ITEMS g-h.**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

i.F2 The Veterans Administration, the VA								
Oct 9-13, 2013	68	24	44	25	7	18	*	7
Mar 18-21, 2010	57	19	38	22	5	17	2	20
February, 1998	59	15	44	26	7	19	1	14
Roper, August 1986	75	30	45	15	4	11		9

Q.44 CONTINUED...

		----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
	Roper, August 1985	68	26	42	22	6	16		10
	Roper, August 1984	77	37	40	15	4	11		9
j.F2	The Department of Health and Human Services, the HHS Oct 9-13, 2013	61	14	47	30	12	19	2	7
k.F2	The Department of Homeland Security Oct 9-13, 2013	66	12	54	30	12	18	1	3
l.F2	The Justice Department Oct 9-13, 2013	61	9	52	33	14	19	1	5
	Mar 18-21, 2010	51	6	44	33	11	23	1	15
	February, 1998	56	7	49	39	12	27	0	5
	Roper, April 1987	53	10	43	39	15	24		8
	Roper, April 1986	52	10	42	39	15	24		8
	Roper, April 1985	53	10	43	39	17	22		9
m.F2	The Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA Oct 9-13, 2013	62	15	47	30	12	19	2	6
	Mar 18-21, 2010	57	11	46	32	12	20	1	10
	October, 1997	69	14	55	27	7	20	1	3
	Roper, August 1987	62	19	43	30	7	23		8
	Roper, August 1986	59	18	41	31	7	24		10
	Roper, August 1985	58	19	39	31	11	20		11
	Roper, August 1984	68	27	41	26	9	17		6
	Roper, August 1983	56	21	35	34	12	22		10
n.F2	The National Aeronautic and Space Administration, NASA Oct 9-13, 2013	73	22	51	15	3	12	*	12
	Mar 18-21, 2010	61	19	41	17	5	12	1	21
	February, 1998	73	23	50	20	5	15	1	6
	Roper, August 1987	66	23	43	24	5	19		10
	Roper, March 1986	61	23	38	30	11	19		9
ASK ALL:									
o.	The Federal Reserve Oct 9-13, 2013	57	12	45	32	12	20	1	10
p.	Congress Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
	Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
	Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
	Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
	Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
	Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
	July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
	April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
	Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
	Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
	Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
	Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8

Q.44 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
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Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7

**45-46 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 47-50**

ASK ALL:Q.51 Which comes closer to your view of Congress these days? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Jan 9-13 <u>2013</u>	Dec 7-11 <u>2011</u>	Mar 11-21 <u>2010</u>
32	Most members of Congress have good intentions, it's the political system that is broken	32	32	38
58	The political system can work fine, it's the members of Congress that are the problem	56	55	52
5	Both (VOL.)	4	6	3
1	Neither (VOL.)	1	1	1
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	7	6

QUESTIONS 52, 81 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 53-55, 61, 63-68, 80****QUESTIONS 56-60, 62, 69-79 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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
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
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Yearly Totals								
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

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

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

				(VOL.) No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
	Agree	Disagree					
Oct 9-13, 2013	19	32		46	2	2	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	18	25		52	4	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29		46	2	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	17	20		56	3	4	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26		52	2	1	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29		50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29		47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25		52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26		53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27		54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27		49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25		52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25		54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26		50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29		48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25		53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24		52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25		52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27		50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27		51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27		51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27		50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24		53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26		50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23		54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29		47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25		54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25		52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ³	22	22		53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22		50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26		49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22		49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25		32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24		30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26		32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18		37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18		30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18		31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14		29	--	1	31

³ 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."