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## Obama Job Approval Holds Steady, Economic Views Improve

In a second term marked by a series of controversies and little legislative success, President Obama's job approval rating has nonetheless remained fairly steady. Currently, 49% approve of the way Obama is handling his job as president while 43% disapprove.

That is little changed from a month ago, before the <u>NSA surveillance controversy</u> and the <u>revelations</u> that the IRS targeted conservative groups for extra scrutiny. In early May, 51% approved of Obama's job performance while 43% disapproved.

In fact, Obama's current job rating has stayed at about 50% all year. He began the year with a 52% job approval mark, which fell to 47% in March, when the public's economic expectations took a sharp turn for the worse.

Approve
52 51 51 49
47 46 43 43
40 41 **Disapprove** 

Through Eventful Year, Obama

Job Rating Is Little Changed

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun
PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 12-16, 2013.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted June 12-16 among 1,512 adults, finds that Obama is likely benefitting from more positive perceptions of the national economy.

The share of Americans saying the economy is in excellent or good shape has doubled over the past year, from 11% to 23%, and is the highest measure since January 2008. Looking ahead, more say the economy will be better (33%) than worse (19%) a year from now. That is a reversal of economic expectations since March, when more said economic conditions would be worse (32%) than better (25%) in a year.

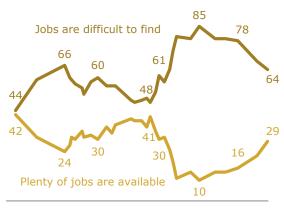
Yet the public's economic views look good only when compared with the dismal attitudes of the past five years. Take evaluations of local job availability: 29% now say that there are plenty of jobs available in their community, the most positive measure since July 2008. Roughly twice as many (64%) say that jobs are difficult to find.

Obama's ratings on the economy, while mixed, also have improved. Currently, 44% approve of his handling of the economy while 50% disapprove. That is among Obama's highest net approval ratings on the economy since his first year in office. Yet it is well below the 60% approval rating Obama received for handling the economy in April 2009.

The public remains divided over whether Obama's policies have made economic conditions better or worse (35% each); 27% say that his policies have had no effect so far. These opinions are little changed over the past year-and-a-half, but in the fall of 2011, nearly twice as many said his policies had made things worse (38%) than better (20%).

## Public's View of Job Situation: Better, Still Not Good

Availability of jobs in your community ...



01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13

PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 12-16, 2013. Q32.

#### Obama Job Rating on Economy Less Negative

Obama handling of	Approve	Dis- approve	Margin
economy	%	%	
June 12-16, 2013	44	50	-6
Feb 13-16, 2013	40	56	-16
All-time high			
April 2009	60	33	+27
All-time low August 2011	34	60	-26

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Opinions about Obama's legacy, like views of the impact of his economic policies, are divided. About a third (34%) say that, in the long run, Obama will be a successful president; similar percentages say he will be unsuccessful (31%) or that is too early to tell (33%). Even as an increasing share has offered a judgment about Obama's legacy, the balance of opinion has changed only modestly.

The survey finds that the one-word impressions people have of Obama have changed a great deal throughout his presidency. Terms like *incompetent* and *liar* now are among the most frequently used words to describe Obama. In April 2009, when his job approval was at 63%, these words were rare.

Some positive descriptions – such as *good* and *honest* – continue to be used often to characterize impressions of

#### **Views of Obama's Legacy Remain Divided**

	Jan 2009	Oct 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2012	Jan 2013	June 2013
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Successful	30	27	24	25	27	33	34
Unsuccessful	4	18	21	26	32	26	31
Too early	65	54	52	47	39	39	33
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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#### **Changing One-Word Impressions of Obama**

April 2009	September 2012	June 2013
# of responses	# of responses	# of responses
30 Intelligent	38 Good/Good man	34 Good/good man
29 Good	30 Trying/Tried/Tries	27 Incompetent
20 Socialist	27 President	18 Honest
17 Liberal	25 Failed/Failure	18 Liar
16 Great	24 Incompetent	17 Excellent
15 Confident	21 Great/Greater	15 Great
13 Inexperienced	17 Honest/Honesty	15 Intelligent
12 Honest	17 Intelligent	15 Socialist
12 Trying	14 Disappointing	14 Fair
11 Smart	14 Liar	11 Leader
10 Change	13 Socialist	11 Smart
10 Competent	12 Leader	10 President
10 Excellent	12 Loser	9 Confident
10 Spend/Spender	11 Like him/Likeable	9 Inept
9 Arrogant	11 OK	8 Disappointing
9 Hope/Hopeful	10 Nice	8 Hardworking
8 Charismatic	8 Arrogant	8 Trying/tries
8 Presidential	8 Excellent	
N= 742	N = 1,008	N=769

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Obama. And the word *socialist* is used about as often today as it was in Obama's first year in office.

#### Obama's Job Rating Higher than Bush's, Lower than Clinton's

Obama's current job rating of 49% is higher than George W. Bush's rating in June 2005 (42%), but lower than Bill Clinton's job measure in June 1997 (54%).

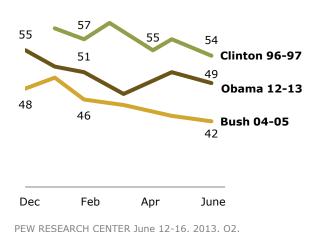
The partisan divide in opinions about Obama's performance is virtually the mirror image of views of Bush at a comparable point in his second term. Currently, 85% of Democrats approve of the way Obama is handling his job as president, compared with just 16% of Republicans. (See the table at the end of this report for a detailed look at Obama job

In June 2005, 85% of Republicans and 14% of Democrats viewed Bush's job performance

(41% vs. 32%).

approval.)

#### **Obama's Job Rating Compared** with Bush's, Clinton's



positively. Obama's rating among independents is higher than Bush's eight years ago

Clinton's job rating in June 1997 was less polarized: 79% of Democrats, 29% of Republicans and a narrow majority of independents (53%) approved of the way he was handling his job as president.

#### **Obama and the Issues**

Despite the public's mixed views of the government's collection of telephone and internet data as part of anti-terrorism efforts, Obama continues to get positive marks from the public for his handling of the threat of terrorism – by a 21-point margin (56% vs. 35%) more approve than disapprove.

Yet Obama receives some of his worst marks for how he is handling privacy and civil liberties: just 42% approve while 51% disapprove.

The gap in these two ratings is particularly wide among independents: just 28% approve of how Obama is handling privacy and civil liberties, compared with 52% who approve of his handling of terrorism. There is a smaller gap among Democrats (68% approve of how Obama is handling civil liberties, 80% terrorism). Republicans offer roughly the same ratings on both issues (28% approve of how Obama is handling civil liberties, 31% terrorism). These are among the strongest ratings Obama receives from Republicans across the eight issues tested.

By a 14-point margin, more Americans say that Obama's terrorism policies have made the country safer from terrorism (36%) not less safe (22%). Another 38% say his policies have not made a difference.

#### **Obama Job Approval on Issues**

	Approve	Dis- approve	Margin
Obama job handling	%	%	
Environment	57	33	+24
Terrorism	56	35	+21
Dealing w/ Iran	45	41	+4
Policy toward Israel	41	39	+2
Dealing w/ China	39	37	+2
Immigration	43	47	-4
Economy	44	50	-6
Privacy & civil liberties	42	51	-9

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## Most Approve of Obama's Job on Terrorism, Disapprove on Privacy

	Privacy and civil liberties	Terror- ism	Diff
Percent approve	%	%	
Total	42	56	+14
Men	39	56	+17
Women	45	56	+11
18-29	43	61	+18
30-49	46	59	+13
50-64	41	54	+13
65+	34	47	+13
College grad+	37	60	+23
Some college	39	53	+14
HS or less	48	55	+7
Republican	28	31	+3
Democrat	68	80	+12
Independent	28	52	+24
Among Reps/ Rep leaners			
Tea Party	8	31	+23
Non-Tea Party	29	36	+7

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#### **More Positive Economic Views**

Only about a quarter of Americans (23%) rate current economic conditions as excellent or good, while 76% say they are only fair or poor. Yet this is the most positive assessment of the nation's economy since January 2008.

While favorable assessments of economic conditions have risen gradually since last summer, the percentage rating the economy as "poor" has fallen more sharply. Currently, 29% say economic conditions are poor, down 11 points since March and 20 points since the start of the year.

The public's economic outlook for the year ahead also has taken a positive turn since

Excellent/Good Only fair Poor

71

56

45

28

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013

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March. At that time, more said the economy would be worse in a year (32%) than better (25%); 41% said it would be just about the same. This marked the first time in Obama's presidency when there was more economic pessimism than optimism.

Currently, 33% anticipate economic conditions being better a year from now, while 19% say they will be worse; about half (47%) expect little or no change. The current measure is more in line with economic expectations in January (33% better in a year, 25% worse, 40% about the same).

Democrats, in particular, have become more optimistic

### **Economic Expectations Rebound From March**

ear from now, Mar 2013		Ju	ıne 201	Change in		
Better	Worse	Same	Better	Worse	Same	
%	%	%	%	%	%	
25	32	41	33	19	47	+8
14	43	43	15	33	50	+1
40	18	39	53	7	40	+13
19	37	44	25	20	53	+6
23	32	43	29	20	50	+6
21	28	50	35	18	46	+14
31	33	34	35	19	44	+4
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about the economy: 53% say they expect conditions to be better a year from now, up from 40% in March. Among independents, about as many say they expect the economy

to improve (25%) as to get worse (20%); in March, about twice as many thought conditions would get worse than improve (37% vs. 19%). Even Republicans' economic outlook is less negative, though the percentage saying they expect the economy to get better is little changed from March (14% then, 15% today).

#### **About the Survey**

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted June 12-16, 2013 among a national sample of 1,512 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (758 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 754 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 394 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. 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 <a href="http://people-press.org/methodology/">http://people-press.org/methodology/</a>

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	1,512	2.9 percentage points
Republicans	388	5.8 percentage points
Democrats	487	5.2 percentage points
Independents	575	4.8 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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#### PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL TABLE

Pew Research Center, June 12-16, 2013
Q2: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handing his job as president?

	Approve %	<u>Disapprove</u> %	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> %	N
TOTAL	49	43	7	1512
Men	46	48	6	749
Women	53	39	8	763
AGE 18-49 50+	54 44	38 50	8 6	599 894
DETAILED AGE 18-29 30-49 50-64 65+	58 51 46 40	33 42 47 55	9 7 6 6	234 365 460 434
Men 18-49	51	43	6	344
Men 50+	40	54	6	397
Women 18-49	58	33	9	255
Women 50+	47	47	6	497
RACE White, non-Hispanic Black, non-Hispanic Hispanic	37	55	8	1094
	87	9	3	156
	71	21	8	146
EDUCATION  College grad+ Some college High school or less	53	40	6	611
	45	48	7	421
	50	42	8	473
\$75,000+	45	51	4	441
\$30,000-\$74,999	47	48	5	501
Less than \$30,000	56	34	10	409
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE Total Protestants White NH evang. Prot. White NH mainline Prot. Total Catholic White NH Cath. Unaffiliated	41	52	7	731
	21	73	6	297
	39	55	6	251
	51	43	6	296
	36	56	8	207
	64	29	7	327
ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES Weekly or more Less than weekly	42	52	6	556
	54	39	8	934
REGION  Northeast  Midwest  South  West	50	41	9	255
	51	43	6	355
	45	49	6	562
	55	37	8	340

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	Approve %	Disapprove %	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> %	<u>N</u>
REGISTERED VOTER	4.0	40	6	1222
Yes, certain Not registered	46 59	48 29	6 12	1223 289
PARTY ID	39	29	12	203
Republican	16	80	4	388
Democrat	85	11	4	487
Independent	41	50	10	575
PARTY WITH LEANERS				
Rep/Lean Rep	15	79	5	636
Dem/Lean Dem	81	13	5	706
IDEOLOGY				
Conservative	30	64	5	579
Moderate	52	40	8	567
Liberal	76	18	6	318
PARTY AND IDEOLOGY			_	0.50
Conservative Republican	12	86	2	252
Mod/Lib Republican	19 80	74	6 5	128 289
Mod/Cons Democrat Liberal Democrat	80 93	15 5	5 2	289 187
AMONG WHITES	93	5	2	107
Men	32	61	6	527
Women	42	50	9	567
18-49	37	54	10	372
50+	37	57	5	710
College grad+	44	49	7	467
Some college or less	34	58	8	624
Male college grad+	39	54	7	231
Female college grad+	49	44	7	236
Male some college or less	29	64	6	295
Female some college or less	39	52	9	329
\$75,000+	38	56	6	358
\$30,000-\$74,999	35	60	5	376
Less than \$30,000	39	51	10	237
Republican	12	84	4	340
Democrat	82 28	13 61	5 10	291 431
Independent Northeast	28 40	51	10 9	201
Midwest	42	51 51	<i>5</i> 7	283
South	29	64	7	376
West	42	50	8	234
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# PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS JUNE 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY FINAL TOPLINE June 12-16, 2013 N=1,512

#### Q.1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE:

#### **ASK ALL:**

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

Jun 12-16, 2013 May 1-5, 2013 Mar 13-17, 2013 Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	Approve 49 51 47 51	Dis- <u>Approve</u> 43 43 46 41	(VOL.) DK/Ref 7 6 8 7	Dec 1-5, 2010 Nov 4-7, 2010 Oct 13-18, 2010 Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	Approve 45 44 46 47	Dis- <u>Approve</u> 43 44 45 44	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> 13 12 9 9
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Feb 2-7, 2011 Jan 5-9, 2011	49 46	42 44	9 10	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

See past presidents' approval trends: George W. Bush, Bill Clinton

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.2=1,2):
Q.2a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

#### **BASED ON TOTAL:**

Jun		Jan	Apr	Jan	Sep 22-	Aug	Feb 22	- Jan	Aug 25-	Jun	Jan	Apr
12-16		9-13	4-15	11-16	Oct 4	17-21	Mar 1	5-9	Sep 6	16-20	6-10	14-21
<u>2013</u>		2013	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	2009
49	Approve	52	46	44	43	43	51	46	47	48	49	63
31	Very strongly	35	30	27	26	26	32	27	28	29	30	45
17	Not so strongly	15	15	15	15	15	18	16	17	17	15	13
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	5
43	Disapprove	40	45	48	48	49	39	44	44	43	42	26
33	Very strongly	31	36	35	34	38	29	30	32	31	30	18
10	Not so strongly	8	8	12	13	11	10	13	11	11	11	8
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	9	8	9	7	10	10	9	9	10	11

#### ASK ALL FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.3F1 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Barack Obama? Just the one word that best describes him. [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE]

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the <u>number of respondents</u> who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

	<u>Jun 12-16, 2013</u>		Aug 31-Sep 3, 2012 <sup>1</sup>
34	Good/Good man	38	Good/Good man/Good job
27	Incompetent	30	Trying/Tried/Tries
18	Honest	27	
18	Liar	25	Failed/Failure
17	Excellent	24	Incompetent
15	Great	21	
15	Intelligent	17	
15	Socialist	17	Intelligent
14	Fair	14	Disappointing
11	Leader	14	Liar
11	Smart	13	Socialist
10	President	12	Leader
9	Confident	12	
9	Inept	11	Like him/Likeable
8	Disappointing	11	OK
8	Hard worker/Hard working	10	Nice
8	Trying/Tries	8	Arrogant
7	Caring	8	Excellent
7	Dishonest	7	Bad
7	Idiot	7	Idiot
6	Arrogant	7	Trustworthy
6	Dedicated	6	Awesome
6	Failure	6	Best
6	Fake	6	Charismatic
6	Liberal	6	Competent
6	OK	6	Fantastic
5	Fantastic	6	Sh**/Horse sh**
5	Inexperienced	6	Sincere
4	Charismatic	5	Alright
4	Competent	5	Capable
4	Integrity	5	Deceitful/Deceiving
4	Interesting	5	Dedicated
4	Mediocre	5	Fair
4	Poor	5	Favorable
4	Puppet	5	Fine
4	Untruthful	5	Inexperienced
760		5	Joke
N=769		5	Presidential
		5	Sorry
		5	Terrible
		4	A**hole/Jacka**
		4 4	Black
		-	Clueless Confident
		4 4	
		4	Courageous Dishonest
		4	טואווטוופאנ

Aug 31-Sep 3, 2012 Ignorant

4 Ineffective/Ineffectual

Inept 4 Interesting Lousy 4 Not good Positive 4 Scary 4 Smart 4 Stinks/Sucks

Wonderful

Selfish/Self-centered/Self-absorbed

N=1,008

4

4 Dislike/Don't like

Full trend not shown; question was also asked in February 2008, April 2008, September 2008, February 2009, and August 2010.

Q3.F1 CONTINUED... Jan 11-16, 2012 24 Good 21 Incompetent 19 Intelligent Socialist 17 16 Honest 16 Trying 15 Disappointing 11 Smart 10 Unqualified 9 Inexperienced 8 Failure 8 Great 8 Leader 7 Hardworking 7 President 7 Sincere 7 Sucks 6 Arrogant 6 Bad 6 Competent 6 Determined 6 Hopeful 6 Inept 6 Weak 5 Brilliant 5 Capable 5 Courageous 5 Excellent 5 Fair 5 Ineffective 5 Fake 4 Awesome 4 Change 4 Confused 4 Mediocre

Jan 5-9, 2011 30 Good 25 Trying 20 Socialist Inexperienced 19 Incompetent 16 14 Great Intelligent 13 13 Leader 12 Liar 11 Strong 11 Smart 10 Determined 10 Liberal 9 Disappointing 9 Honest 9 Idiot 8 President 7 Capable 7 Fair 6 Alright 6 Excellent 6 OK 5 Deceitful/Deceptive 5 5 Unqualified 4 Arrogant 4 Dynamic 4 Hope/Hopeful 4 Naïve

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N=766

Personable

Puppet

Weak

January, 2010 25 Intelligent 21 Inexperienced Trying 21 Good 18 Socialist 15 12 Honest 12 Unqualified 11 Arrogant 11 Fair 11 Incompetent Confident 10 10 Different 10 Strong 8 Change 8 Great 7 OK 7 Smart 6 Capable 6 Disappointing Excellent 6 6 Fake 6 Leader 6 Liar 5 Charismatic 5 Communist 5 Idiot 5 Liberal 5 President 4 Clueless

Competent

Determined

Dedicated

Dishonest

Hopeful

Integrity

Young

Mid-April, 2009 30 Intelligent 29 Good 20 Socialist Liberal 17 Great 16 15 Confident 13 Inexperienced 12 Honest 12 Trying Smart 11 10 Change 10 Competent 10 Excellent 10 Spender/Spending 9 Arrogant 9 Hope/Hopeful 8 Charismatic President/Presidential 8 7 Different 7 Leader 5 Caring/Cares 5

Determined 5 Efficient 5 Strona 5 Young 4 **Ambitious** 4 Awesome 4 Capable 4 **Impressed** 4 Incompetent 4 Integrity 4 Naïve 4 Politician

N = 742

N = 740

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N = 748

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4

OK

Untrustworthy

#### **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=743]:**

Q.4F2 In the long run, do you think Barack Obama will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

	Successful	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	Too early to tell	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Obama				
Jun 12-16, 2013	34	31	33	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	26	39	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	27	32	39	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	25	26	47	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	24	21	52	2 2 3 2 1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	27	18	54	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	30	4	65	1
Bush				
January, 2007	24	45	27	4
January, 2006	27	37	32	4
Early October, 2005	26	41	30	3 2 3 1
January, 2005	36	27	35	2
December, 2003	39	20	38	3
Early October, 2002	40	15	44	1
January, 2001	26	15	58	1
Clinton				
January, 1999	44	24	29	3
Early September, 1998	38	24	35	3
February, 1995	18	34	43	3 3 5 3
October, 1994	14	35	48	
May, 1994	21	26	52	1
January, 1994	21	19	57	3
October, 1993	18	25	56	1
September, 1993	22	22	54	2
August, 1993	13	25	60	2

#### **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.5F1 Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?

				(VOL.)	
			No effect	Too soon/	(VOL.)
	<u>Better</u>	Worse	<u>so far</u>	early to tell	DK/Ref
Jun 12-16, 2013	35	35	27	1	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	33	35	27	1	5
Feb 9-12, 2012	33	35	25	1	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	20	38	37	1	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	27	34	33	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	28	31	35	2	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	27	32	36	2	4
Jun 3-6, 2010	23	29	35	3	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	27	42	3	5
Dec 9-13, 2009	30	24	39	3	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	31	20	42	4	3
Jul 20-26, 2009	24	21	46	3	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	26	16	49	4	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	26	17	47	6	4
Mar 9-12, 2009	14	15	64	4	3

**NO QUESTIONS 6-7** 

#### **ASK ALL:**

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

Q.8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling [INSERT ITEMS;

RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]. How about [NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION

AS NECESSARY]

	ORM 2 ONLY [N=743]:	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F2	The economy			
	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
		33 34	60	6
	Aug 17-21, 2011	_		
	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
	1 60 4-8, 2009	30	24	20
ASK AL	1.			
		aliev		
b.	The nation's immigration po		47	4.4
	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
	,			
NO ITE	M c.			
d.	The nation's policy toward I	[srael		
	Jun 12-16, 2013	41	39	20
	3411 12 10, 2013		33	20
ASK FO	ORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:			
e.F1	The environment			
	Jun 12-16, 2013	57	33	10
	Jan 11-16, 2012	49	36	15
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	51	35	14
£ F1	Dubing an algorithm of the south			
f.F1	Privacy and civil liberties			_
	Jun 12-16, 2013	42	51	7

#### Q.8 CONTINUED...

a F1	Dooling with Iron	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
g.F1	Dealing with Iran Jun 12-16, 2013	45	41	13
	Mar 7-11, 2012	43 47	40	14
	Jan 11-16, 2012	48	41	11
	Jan 6-9, 2012	42	39	19
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	43	19
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	40	17
ASK F	ORM 2 ONLY [N=743]:			
h.F2	The threat of terrorism			
	Jun 12-16, 2013	56	35	9
	Jan 11-16, 2012	65	28	7
	Aug 17-21, 2011	56	33	12
	May 2, 2011	69	21	10
	Jan 6-9, 2011	55	33	12
	Jan 6-10, 2010	51	39	10
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 <sup>2</sup>	52	34	14
	Apr 14-21, 2009	57	26	17
	Feb 4-8, 2009	50	21	29
i.F2	Dealing with China			
	Jun 12-16, 2013	39	37	24
	Jan 6-9, 2011	39	37	24
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	33	34	33

#### **NO QUESTIONS 9-13**

#### **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.14F1 Overall, do you think the policies of the Obama administration have made the United States [READ AND RANDOMIZE WITH "HAVEN'T THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE" LAST]?

Jun 12-16	
<u>2013</u>	
36	Safer from terrorism
22	Less safe from terrorism [OR]
38	Haven't they made a difference
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

#### **QUESTIONS 15-16 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

#### **NO QUESTIONS 17-19**

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In October 28-November 8, 2009 survey, the item was worded "Terrorist threats."

#### **ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.20

Would you say your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b FIRST, FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS c-e] is 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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_	The Development Develop	<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>
a.	The Democratic Party	F-4	1.1	27	4 =	10	26	0	_
	Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	<i>37</i>	45	19	26	0 *	5
	Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28		7
	Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	<i>37</i>	47	23	25	1 *	4
	Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22		7
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
	Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
	Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
	Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
	Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
	July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
	April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
	Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
	Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
	Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	<i>37</i>	43	19	24	*	10
	Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	<i>37</i>	40	16	25	*	10
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
	Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
	Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
	Mid-September, 2008	55	18	<i>37</i>	39	14	25	*	6
	August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
	Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
	July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
	Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
	Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
	July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
	April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
	February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
	Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
	July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
	June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
	December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
	June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
	Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
	June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
	April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
	December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
	July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
	January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
	September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
	August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	23 28	*	4
	February, 1999	58	11	4 <i>7</i>	37	11	26 26	0	<del>-</del> 5
	January, 1999	55	14	47 41	38	12	26 26	0	5 7
	Early December, 1998	59	14 18	41 41	34	12 10	20 24	0	7
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	10 11	41 45	3 <del>4</del> 38	9	24 29	*	6
	Early October, 1998 (RVS) Early September, 1998	60	11 13	43 47	33	8	25 25	*	7
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Jun 12-16, 2013		August, 1997 June, 1997 January, 1997 October, 1995 December, 1994 July, 1994 May, 1993	Total 58 52 61 60 49 50 62 57	Very 15 11 10 13 9 13 13	Mostly 43 41 51 47 40 37 49 43	Total 36 42 33 35 48 44 34	Very 10 10 8 7 11 13 7 9	Mostly 26 32 25 28 37 31 27 25	Never heard of * 0 * * 0 * 0 *	Can't rate/ <u>Ref</u> 6 6 5 3 6 4 9
Early October, 1998 ( <i>RVs</i> ) 52 <i>9 43</i> 42 <i>14 28</i> 0 6	b.	Jun 12-16, 2013 Jan 9-13, 2013 Dec 5-9, 2012 Sep 12-16, 2012 Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 Mar 7-11, 2012 Jan 11-16, 2012 Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 Aug 17-21, 2011 Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 Feb 2-7, 2011 Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 July 1-5, 2010 April 1-5, 2010 Mar 18-21, 2010 Feb 3-9, 2010 Aug 20-27, 2009 Aug 11-17, 2009 Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 Jan 7-11, 2009 Late October, 2008 Mid-September, 2008 August, 2008 Late May, 2008 July, 2007 Early January, 2007 Late October, 2006 July, 2006 April, 2006 February, 2006 Late October, 2005 July, 2005 June, 2005 December, 2004 June, 2004 Early February, 2004 June, 2003 April, 2003 December, 2000 January, 2001 September, 2000 (RVs) August, 1999 February, 1999 January, 1999 February, 1999	33 36 42 36 36 37 37 46 40 40 40 40 40 47 43 39 41 40 44 42 48 48 52 51 52 58 53 53 44 44 46	6 7 12 9 7 7 7 5 9 8 8 10 8 5 5 6 7 7 5 10 11 9 7 7 9 9 10 11 12 13 11 15 12 14 14 18 11 13 11 8 7 10 11	28 28 30 27 30 27 29 32 35 35 29 32 41 34 33 35 30 36 34 32 32 32 30 33 35 37 39 38 44 49 41 37 43 43 43 43 43 43 43 43 43 43	58 59 50 56 58 59 51 49 53 51 46 50 51 55 50 49 53 48 50 50 49 40 42 33 42 40 43 43 51 50 47	27 23 25 28 27 28 27 22 19 21 24 26 20 14 19 18 17 21 23 22 18 20 22 21 24 24 24 18 20 17 14 16 10 10 11 15 13 12 15 15 16 16 17 17 18 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	31 36 28 29 30 28 32 28 29 28 27 31 32 34 34 27 24 31 33 31 27 30 29 26 25 26 25 26 27 31 32 32 31 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32 32	1 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	8 5 8 7 9 7 7 9 8 10 9 5 10 7 7 8 8 10 9 7 10 6 9 9 8 6 9 6 8 10 9 7 4 5 6 7 4 5 6 7 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8 7 8

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		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	heard of	<u>Ref</u>
	Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
	March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
	August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
	June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
	January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
	October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
	December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
	July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
	May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
	July, 1992	46	9	<i>37</i>	48	17	31	*	6
c.	The Tea Party movement								
	Jun 12-16, 2013	37	10	27	45	24	21	7	11
	Aug 17-21, 2011	36	11	25	43	23	20	5	15
	Feb 3-9, 2010	33	10	23	25	10	14	19	23

#### **QUESTION 20 ITEMS d-e HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

#### **NO QUESTIONS 21-23**

## RANDOMIZE Q.24/Q.25 BLOCK WITH Q.26/Q.27 BLOCK ASK ALL:

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.24 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

			Only		(VOL.)
	<u>Excellent</u>	Good	<u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	DK/Ref
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

#### Q.24 CONTINUED...

			Only		(VOL.)
	<u>Excellent</u>	Good	<u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	DK/Ref
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 3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007		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 3 3 3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004		33	43	20	1
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>3</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

## RANDOMIZE Q.24/Q.25 BLOCK WITH Q.26/Q.27 BLOCK ASK ALL:

Q.25 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?

				(VOL.)
	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	DK/Ref
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

<sup>3</sup> Earlier trends available from Gallup.

#### Q.25 CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)
	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	DK/Ref
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 3 2 3 3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3 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
Newsweek: 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
Newsweek: January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

#### RANDOMIZE Q.24/Q.25 BLOCK WITH Q.26/Q.27 BLOCK **ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...
Q.26 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?

			Only		(VOL.)
	<u>Excellent</u>	Good	<u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	DK/Ref
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

#### Q.26 CONTINUED...

			Only		(VOL.)
	<u>Excellent</u>	Good	<u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	DK/Ref
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
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.24/Q.25 BLOCK WITH Q.26/Q.27 BLOCK ASK ALL:

Q.27 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?

					(VOL.)	
	Improve	Improve	Get a	Get a lot	Stay the	(VOL.)
	a lot	some	little worse	worse	same	DK/Ref
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
	12	54	11	4	11	7
Sep 12-16, 2012						
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
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
	11	53	13	3	17	3
February, 1995	10		11	3		3
March, 1994	9	57 51	14	3	16 15	3 8
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	51 50	20	5 5	15 14	5
U.S. News: August, 1992						
U.S. News: May, 1992	8	49 46	22	4	13	4
<i>U.S. News</i> : January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

#### **NO QUESTIONS 28-31**

**ASK ALL:** 

Q.32 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?

			(VOL.)	
	Plenty of	Jobs are	Lots of some jobs,	(VOL.)
	<u>jobs available</u>	difficult to find	few of others	DK/Ref
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 5	4 5
January, 2005	32	58 53		
Mid-September, 2004	31 34	52	6	11
August, 2004		55 57	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57 50	4 5	9 6
Late February, 2004	31 27	59 60	5 6	7
Mid-January, 2004	24	66	5	5
October, 2003	31	59	4	6
June, 2002	42	44	8	6
June, 2001	42 15	76	6	3
U.S. News: August, 1992	16	76 77	4	3
U.S. News: May, 1992 U.S. News: January, 1992	12	77 79	6	3
0.3. News. January, 1992	12	/ 5	U	3

NO QUESTIONS 33-35, 38, 50, 53-54

**QUESTIONS 36-37, 39-43 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED** 

**QUESTIONS 44-49, 51-52, 55-58 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?

				•	(VOL.)			
				No	Other		Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	Independent		party	DK/Ref	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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		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
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Yearly Totals	247	22.6	26.4		_			
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 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.)		Not
			No opinion	Haven't	(VOL.)	heard of/
	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	either way	heard of	Refused	<u>DK</u>
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	

#### **TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)		Not
			No opinion	Ĥaven′t	(VOL.)	heard of/
	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	either way	heard of	Refused	<u>DK</u>
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 <sup>4</sup>	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 <i>(RVs)</i>	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

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

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

(WP) Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls

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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."

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#### **QUESTION PEW.1 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED:**

#### **ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about recent economic news...

PEW.2 Are you hearing mostly good news about the economy these days, mostly bad news about the economy or a mix of both good and bad news?

	Hearing mostly good news	Hearing mostly bad news	A mix of good and bad news	(VOL.) DK/Ref
June 6-9, 2013	9	27	63	1
April 4-7, 2013	8	32	59	2
March 7-10, 2013	7	33	58	1
January 31-February 3, 2013	10	28	59	3
January 3-6, 2013	6	32	59	2
December 6-9, 2012	7	36	54	2
November 1-4, 2012	10	33	55	2
October 4-7, 2012	8	28	62	2
September 7-9, 2012	6	35	58	1
August 2-5, 2012	3	41	53	3
July 5-8, 2012	4	40	55	2
May 31-June 3, 2012	3	37	57	3
May 3-6, 2012	6	32	60	2
April 5-8, 2012	11	30	57	2
March 8-11, 2012	11	24	62	2
February 2-5, 2012	8	30	59	3
January 5-8, 2012	9	30	60	1
December 1-4, 2011	6	36	56	1
November 10-13, 2011	3	48	48	1
October 6-9, 2011	1	58	39	2
September 1-4, 2011	2	61	35	1
August 4-7, 2011	1	67	30	2
July 7-10, 2011	3	49	46	2
June 2-5, 2011	2	46	50	1
May 12-15, 2011	6	35	56	2
March 31-April 3, 2011	5	33	60	2
March 3-6, 2011	7	38	53	2
February 3-6, 2011	6	29	64	1
January 6-9, 2011	7	24	68	1
December 2-5, 2010	4	39	55 53	1
November 11-14, 2010	5	41	53	2
October 7-10, 2010	6	39	53	2
September 2-6, 2010	3	41	54	2
August 5-8, 2010	4	38	55 54	3 1
July 1-5, 2010	3	42	54	
June 10-13, 2010	4 4	30 29	65 66	1 1
May 7-10, 2010	6	29	66	*
April 1-5, 2010 March 5-8, 2010	4	30	66	1
	4	35	61	*
February 5-8, 2010 January 8-11, 2010	5	29	65	1
December 4-7, 2009		33	59	1
	5	31	62	2
October 30-November 2, 2009 October 9-12, 2009	6	27	66	1
September 3-6, 2009	5	27	68	1
August 7-10, 2009	11	29	59	1
July 2-5, 2009	3	41	56	*
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#### PEW.2 CONTINUED...

	Hearing	Hearing	A mix of	
	mostly	mostly	good and	(VOL.)
	good news	bad news	bad news	DK/Ref
June 12-15, 2009	4	37	59	*
May 8-11, 2009	4	31	64	1
April 9-13, 2009	4	39	56	1
March 13-16, 2009	2	51	46	1
February 13-16, 2009	2	60	37	1
January 16-19, 2009	2	67	30	1
December 5-8, 2008	1	80	19	*

#### **ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 Thinking about some specific aspects of the nation's economy... Please tell me if you are hearing mostly good news, mostly bad news or a mix of both good and bad news about each of the following. [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=509]:	Hearing mostly good news	Hearing mostly <u>bad news</u>	A mix of good and bad news	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<del>-</del>	1 5	25	E.C	4
a.F1 The financial markets	15	25	56	4
June 6-9, 2013	15	25	56	4
March 7-10, 2013	23	29	43	5
January 31-February 3, 2013	18	28	44	10
December 6-9, 2012	10	36	47	7
November 1-4, 2012	12	31	48	9
October 4-7, 2012	16	26	50	8
September 7-9, 2012	14	37	41	7
August 2-5, 2012	6	41	44	9
July 5-8, 2012	6	35	50	8
May 31-June 3, 2012	5	47	42	6
March 8-11, 2012	15	29	48	8
November 10-13, 2011	4	50	41	5
August 4-7, 2011	2	69	25	4
June 2-5, 2011	5	40	45	9
May 12-15, 2011	11	33	45	11
March 31-April 3, 2011	13	30	51	6
March 3-6, 2011	12	33	47	8
February 3-6, 2011	17	31	46	6
December 2-5, 2010	13	38	44	4
September 2-6, 2010	9	43	40	8
July 1-5, 2010	4	46	44	6
May 7-10, 2010	6	41	49	3
April 1-5, 2010	15	30	50	6
March 5-8, 2010	11	26	59	4
January 8-11, 2010	16	32	47	6
October 30-November 2, 2009	12	33	48	7
August 7-10, 2009	20	31	43	6
June 12-15, 2009	9	43	45	3
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=495]: a.F2 The stock market				
June 6-9, 2013	24	16	50	11
b. Real estate values June 6-9, 2013	30	21	46	3
March 7-10, 2013	24	23	46	7
January 31-February 3, 2013	25	24	40	10
December 6-9, 2012	25	31	34	11
November 1-4, 2012	22	35	35	8
October 4-7, 2012	23	32	38	7
OCTOBEL 4-7, 2012	23	32	30	,

PEW.3 CONTINUED	Hearing mostly	Hearing mostly	A mix of good and	(VOL.)
September 7-9, 2012 August 2-5, 2012 July 5-8, 2012 May 31-June 3, 2012 March 8-11, 2012 November 10-13, 2011 August 4-7, 2011 June 2-5, 2011 May 12-15, 2011 March 31-April 3, 2011 March 3-6, 2011 February 3-6, 2011 December 2-5, 2010 September 2-6, 2010 July 1-5, 2010 May 7-10, 2010 April 1-5, 2010 March 5-8, 2010 January 8-11, 2010 October 30-November 2, 2009 August 7-10, 2009 June 12-15, 2009	good news 20 11 14 14 9 6 4 7 9 6 8 8 6 9 12 12 8 11 13 11	bad news 43 41 39 43 39 55 63 56 45 48 46 51 62 57 49 41 44 45 43 40 45	bad news 32 36 41 36 42 32 27 28 35 38 36 34 28 32 35 42 40 37 41 40	DK/Ref 5 11 7 6 10 7 6 9 11 8 10 7 4 5 7 5 6 7 3
c. Prices for food and consumer goods     June 6-9, 2013     March 7-10, 2013     January 31-February 3, 2013     December 6-9, 2012     November 1-4, 2012     October 4-7, 2012     September 7-9, 2012     August 2-5, 2012     July 5-8, 2012     May 31-June 3, 2012     March 8-11, 2012     November 10-13, 2011     August 4-7, 2011     June 2-5, 2011     May 12-15, 2011     March 31-April 3, 2011     March 3-6, 2011     February 3-6, 2011     December 2-5, 2010     September 2-6, 2010     July 1-5, 2010     May 7-10, 2010     April 1-5, 2010     March 5-8, 2010     January 8-11, 2010     October 30-November 2, 2009     August 7-10, 2009     June 12-15, 2009	8 6 7 9 9 5 7 7 7 5 4 5 3 3 7 7 16 12 9 8 10 9 12 10 9	44 52 50 48 50 51 58 54 45 46 50 52 62 58 58 59 62 49 41 35 32 37 35 34 37 39 36 39	45 40 38 37 35 40 31 33 40 40 38 36 28 30 32 34 26 39 39 42 48 46 46 50 45 42 46 46	2 3 5 5 5 4 4 5 6 7 6 7 5 6 6 4 4 5 5 5 5 10 10 9 9 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6 7 6
d. The job situation June 6-9, 2013 March 7-10, 2013 January 31-February 3, 2013 December 6-9, 2012 November 1-4, 2012	14 15 12 17 14	38 45 42 47 46	47 40 43 35 37	1 1 3 1 3

PEW.3 CONTINUED	Hearing mostly	Hearing mostly	A mix of good and had news	(VOL.)
October 4-7, 2012 September 7-9, 2012 August 2-5, 2012 July 5-8, 2012 May 31-June 3, 2012 March 8-11, 2012 December 1-4, 2011 November 10-13, 2011 August 4-7, 2011 June 2-5, 2011 May 12-15, 2011 March 31-April 3, 2011 March 3-6, 2011 February 3-6, 2011 December 2-5, 2010 September 2-6, 2010 July 1-5, 2010 May 7-10, 2010	good news 17 12 6 9 8 17 10 5 4 5 9 12 10 9 6 5 5 9	bad news 42 52 55 51 55 38 51 64 74 58 51 43 50 52 66 65 64 52	bad news 40 34 35 38 35 42 37 28 21 34 37 42 37 42 37 28 30 38	DK/Ref 2 2 4 3 2 3 2 2 2 2 3 3 2 1 2
April 1-5, 2010	9	56	33	2
March 5-8, 2010	5	59	35	1
January 8-11, 2010	6	61	31	2
October 30-November 2, 2009	3	68	27	2
August 7-10, 2009	6	61	32	1
June 12-15, 2009	1	71	27	1
e. Gas prices  June 6-9, 2013  March 7-10, 2013  January 31-February 3, 2013  December 6-9, 2012  November 1-4, 2012  October 4-7, 2012  September 7-9, 2012  August 2-5, 2012  July 5-8, 2012  May 31-June 3, 2012  March 8-11, 2012  November 10-13, 2011  August 4-7, 2011  June 2-5, 2011  May 12-15, 2011  March 31-April 3, 2011  March 3-6, 2011  February 3-6, 2011	5	57	34	3
	4	74	20	2
	8	53	32	7
	22	42	30	5
	16	50	30	4
	4	72	21	2
	3	75	19	3
	10	58	28	5
	31	31	35	2
	19	48	31	2
	2	85	12	2
	9	47	36	8
	4	66	26	4
	8	68	23	2
	1	84	14	1
	1	88	10	1
	1	90	7	2
	2	77	18	3

NO QUESTIONS PEW.4-PEW.5, WP.2

PEWWP.1-PEWWP.6, WP.1-WP.4 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED