

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
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**ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref		<u>fied</u>	<u>satisfied</u>	DK/Ref
				Late November, 2005	34	59	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	July, 2005	35	58	7
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	February, 2005	38	56	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	January, 2005	40	54	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	December, 2004	39	54	7
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	July, 2004	38	55	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	May, 2004	33	61	6
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	December, 2003	44	47	9
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	October, 2003	38	56	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	August, 2003	40	53	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	<i>April 8, 2003</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>9</i>
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	January, 2003	44	50	6
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	November, 2002	41	48	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7	May, 2002	44	44	12
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	June, 2001	43	52	5
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	March, 2001	47	45	8
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	February, 2001	46	43	11
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	January, 2001	55	41	4
December, 2008	13	83	4	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	September, 2000	51	41	8
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	June, 2000	47	45	8
August, 2008	21	74	5	April, 2000	48	43	9
July, 2008	19	74	7	August, 1999	56	39	5
June, 2008	19	76	5	January, 1999	53	41	6
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	November, 1998	46	44	10
March, 2008	22	72	6	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
October, 2007	28	66	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
February, 2007	30	61	9	January, 1998	46	50	4
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	September, 1997	45	49	6
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	August, 1997	49	46	5
December, 2006	28	65	7	January, 1997	38	58	4
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	July, 1996	29	67	4
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	March, 1996	28	70	2
July, 2006	30	65	5	October, 1995	23	73	4
May, 2006*	29	65	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
March, 2006	32	63	5	April, 1995	23	74	3
January, 2006	34	61	5	July, 1994	24	73	3
	Satis-	Dis-	(VOL.)	March, 1994	24	71	5
				October, 1993	22	73	5

<sup>1</sup> In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

**PEW.1 CONTINUED...**

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
September, 1993	20	75	5	<i>Gallup: Late Feb, 1991</i>	66	31	3
May, 1993	22	71	7	August, 1990	47	48	5
January, 1993	39	50	11	May, 1990	41	54	5
January, 1992	28	68	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
November, 1991	34	61	5	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.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?**

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

**PEW.3-PEW.4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS PEW.5-PEW.7****ASK ALL:**

PEW.8 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Afghanistan, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

	Definitely <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>fail</u>	Definitely <u>fail</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 5-8, 2011	19	43	18	6	13
May 2, 2011	19	44	20	6	10
Dec 1-5, 2010	9	40	30	9	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	14	45	26	7	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	12	46	22	7	12
Dec 9-13, 2009	11	48	25	7	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	13	49	23	6	9

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.9 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should remove troops as soon as possible?

	Keep troops <u>in Afghanistan</u>	Remove <u>troops</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 5-8, 2011	43	49	8
May 2, 2011	47	48	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 <sup>2</sup>	44	50	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	44	47	8
Jul 8-11, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	40	6
Apr 15-May 5, 2010 (GAP)	48	45	7
Sep 10-15, 2009 (GAP)	50	43	7
June, 2009 (GAP)	57	38	5
Mid-Sept, 2008	61	33	6
April, 2008 (GAP)	50	44	6
Late Feb, 2008	61	32	7
May, 2007 (GAP)	50	42	7

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.10 Is your impression that the government of Pakistan [RANDOMIZE: mostly helped, OR mostly hurt] U.S. efforts to find Osama bin Laden, or don't you know enough to say?

May 5-8 <u>2011</u>		May 2 <u>2011</u>
6	Mostly helped	8
39	Mostly hurt	34
52	Don't know enough to say	54
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

**PEW.11-PEW.12, PEW.15-PEW.18 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS PEW.13-PEW.14**

<sup>2</sup> In surveys conducted March 30-April 3, 2011 and before, the question was worded "Do you think the U.S. and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible?"