

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
August 15-18, 2013 OMNIBUS
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ASK ALL:

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]**

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a. Political violence in Egypt					
August 15-18, 2013	22	29	19	29	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
July 11-14, 2013: <i>Egypt's military removing elected President Mohamed Morsi and installing an interim government</i>	15	25	22	37	1
November 29-December 2, 2012: <i>Political turmoil and protests in Egypt</i>	14	26	23	37	*
June 14-17, 2012: <i>The political situation in Egypt</i>	13	20	24	42	*
May 24-27, 2012: <i>The presidential election in Egypt</i>	4	15	22	57	1
December 1-4, 2011: <i>The recent elections in Egypt</i>	7	16	28	48	*
February 17-20, 2011: <i>News about the situation in Egypt</i>	34	32	17	16	1
February 10-13, 2011: <i>Anti-government protests in Egypt and the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak</i>	39	31	14	15	1
February 3-6, 2011: <i>Anti-government protests in Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries</i>	32	35	16	18	*
January 27-30, 2011	17	26	21	35	*
b. Attorney General Eric Holder announcing policy changes intended to reduce prison sentences for certain non-violent drug crimes					
August 15-18, 2013	17	21	17	45	*
c. Reports about the U.S. stock market					
August 15-18, 2013	10	18	21	52	*
March 7-10, 2013	14	22	24	39	*
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
September 15-18, 2011: <i>Recent ups and downs in the stock market</i>	24	27	18	30	1
August 11-14, 2011	32	28	16	24	1
July 28-31, 2011	18	23	20	39	1
January 27-30, 2011: <i>Recent gains in the stock market</i>	13	17	20	49	1
August 12-15, 2010: <i>Recent ups and downs in the stock market</i>	17	21	20	42	1
March 26-29, 2010	13	23	23	40	1
October 16-19, 2009: <i>Recent gains in the stock market</i>	15	23	19	43	*
July 24-27, 2009	23	25	24	28	*
March 13-16, 2009	38	31	14	17	0
March 6-9, 2009: <i>Recent major drops in the U.S. stock market</i>	35	31	15	19	*
February 20-23, 2009	31	32	20	17	*

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	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November 21-24, 2008	50	23	15	12	*
October 17-20, 2008: <i>Recent major ups and downs in the U.S. stock market</i>	54	31	9	6	*
October 10-13, 2008: <i>Recent major drops in the U.S. stock market</i>	59	26	9	6	*
July 3-7, 2008: <i>Recent major ups and downs in the U.S. stock market</i>	22	29	23	26	*
March 14-17, 2008	25	31	23	21	*
January 25-28, 2008	29	28	19	23	1
August 17-20, 2007	21	24	22	33	*
July 27-30, 2007	15	26	21	37	1
March 2-5, 2007: <i>The recent drop in the U.S. stock market</i>	21	28	25	26	*
Early September, 2002: <i>Recent major ups and downs in the U.S. stock market</i>	27	30	20	22	1
Late July, 2002	33	33	15	18	1
March, 2001	27	27	18	27	1
Mid-October, 2000	20	26	23	31	1
April, 2000	18	28	23	31	*
Early April, 2000	19	29	20	32	*
March, 2000	23	29	21	26	1
March, 1999	18	29	22	31	*
January, 1999	24	28	19	28	1
Early September, 1998	32	31	20	17	*
Mid-August, 1998	17	23	21	39	*
January, 1998	21	25	23	31	*
Mid-November, 1997	25	36	18	20	1
Early November, 1997: <i>Thinking about last Monday when the stock market dropped, how closely did you follow what was happening?</i>	16	29	22	33	*
September, 1997: <i>Recent major ups and downs in the stock market</i>	14	22	23	40	1
April, 1997	17	21	22	40	*
February, 1996	12	20	25	42	1
d. The Department of Justice suing to block the merger of American Airlines and US Airways August 15-18, 2013	7	20	22	51	*
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
April 12-15, 2012: <i>The U.S. Justice Department suing Apple and five book publishers for alleged price fixing of e-books</i>	7	13	23	55	1
September 1-4, 2011: <i>The Justice Department moving to block the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile</i>	8	16	24	50	1
October 31-November 3, 2008: <i>The possible merger of automakers General Motors and Chrysler</i>	16	28	24	31	1
June, 2000: <i>A federal judge's ruling that the computer company Microsoft should be broken into two separate businesses because it engages in unfair business practices</i>	28	37	17	17	1

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May, 2000: <i>The government's recommendation that the computer software company Microsoft should be broken up into two separate companies because it engaged in unfair business practices</i>	16	33	26	25	*
April, 2000: <i>The court ruling that the computer software company Microsoft was guilty of unfair business practices</i>	13	33	24	29	1
January, 2000: <i>The merger of America Online and Time Warner</i>	17	28	27	26	2
December, 1999: <i>The antitrust trial against the computer software company Microsoft</i>	11	31	29	28	1
December, 1998: <i>The merger of Exxon and Mobil</i>	8	26	27	38	1
November, 1998: <i>The antitrust trial against the computer software company Microsoft</i>	12	20	31	36	1
June, 1998: <i>The merger of the Chrysler Corporation and Daimler Benz</i>	12	22	27	38	1
October, 1995: <i>The merger between Time Warner and Turner Broadcasting</i>	6	23	32	37	2

ASK ALL:

PEW.2 In your opinion, has Barack Obama been too tough or not tough enough toward the Egyptian military in response to the violence against anti-government protestors?

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6	Too tough
50	Not tough enough
12	About right (VOL.)
32	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 In your view, what is better **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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51	For the U.S. to cut off military aid to Egypt in order to put pressure on the government [OR] For the U.S. to continue to give military aid to Egypt in order to have influence on what happens there
26	
23	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:PEW.4 Who would do the better job providing leadership for Egypt **[RANDOMIZE]**?

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11	The Muslim Brotherhood
45	The military
19	Neither (VOL.)
25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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NO QUESTIONS PEW.4-PEW.5

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PEW.6 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]**

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a. The sale of The Washington Post to Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon.com August 8-11, 2013	6	16	21	56	*
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: August 3-6, 2007: <i>Rupert Murdoch's purchase of Wall Street Journal publisher Dow Jones and Company</i>	7	17	22	54	*
b. Major League Baseball suspending Alex Rodriguez and 12 other players for suspected use of performance-enhancing drugs August 8-11, 2013	18	23	25	33	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: February 15-18, 2008: <i>Roger Clemens testifying before congress about steroid use</i>	13	20	24	42	1
December 14-17, 2007: <i>A report on steroid and performance-enhancing drug use in Major League Baseball (Mitchell Report)</i>	16	24	29	31	*
November 16-19, 2007: <i>Barry Bonds being indicted for lying about his use of steroids</i>	11	21	28	39	1
March, 2005: <i>Recent reports of steroid use by some Major League Baseball players</i>	18	34	24	23	1
December, 2004	22	28	23	27	0
c. The U.S. government closing several American embassies in Africa and the Middle East due to heightened concerns over terrorist attacks August 8-11, 2013	28	33	18	21	*
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: November 4-7, 2010: <i>News about recent terrorist plots in the United States and Europe</i>	29	31	19	20	*
October 28-November 1, 2010	28	33	17	21	1
September 30-October 3, 2010: <i>Reports about Al Qaeda planning terror attacks in Western Europe</i>	18	31	24	25	1
June 24-27, 2010: <i>The man who attempted to bomb Times Square pleading guilty</i>	18	28	26	27	1
May 7-10, 2010: <i>The investigation and arrests following an attempted car bombing in Times Square in New York</i>	37	32	16	15	*
January 8-11, 2010: <i>The government's response to an attempted terrorist attack on a Detroit-bound plane on Christmas</i>	37	36	14	12	*

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December 11-14, 2009: <i>The arrest of five Muslim American men in Pakistan with suspected ties to terrorists</i>	21	28	24	27	*
September 25-28, 2009: <i>News about recent terrorist plots in the United States</i>	32	38	17	14	0
September, 2007: <i>German officials stopping a terrorist plot to bomb several locations including a U.S. military base in Germany</i>	20	27	23	28	2
July 20-23, 2007: <i>Reports that the terrorist network Al Qaeda is gaining strength</i>	26	30	22	21	1
July 13-16, 2007	21	36	18	24	1
May 11-14, 2007: <i>The arrest of six men charged with plotting an attack on the Fort Dix Army base</i>	19	29	20	31	1
August, 2006: <i>British officials stopping a terrorist plot to blow up planes flying to the U.S.</i>	54	26	9	9	2
August, 2004: <i>The recent 'code orange' alert about the increased risk of a terrorist attack</i>	34	36	18	11	1
January, 2004	35	38	16	10	1
February, 2003	39	35	16	9	1
Early September, 2002: <i>The Homeland Security office issuing a 'code orange' alert about the increased risk of a terrorist attack</i>	39	29	16	15	1
July, 2002: <i>Defending against terrorist attacks in the U.S.</i>	51	33	9	6	1
June, 2002: <i>The arrest of a man for planning a "dirty bomb" attack on the U.S.</i>	30	30	24	15	1
June, 2002: <i>Defending against terrorist attacks in the U.S.</i>	45	35	12	7	1
April, 2002	46	36	10	7	1
Early April, 2002	49	35	10	5	1
January 2002: <i>Reports on the failed suicide bombing of an American Airlines jet coming from Paris</i>	20	34	22	23	1
December, 2001: <i>Terrorism attacks on the United States</i>	60	29	7	3	1
Mid-November, 2001	66	25	6	2	1
Early November, 2001	63	26	6	3	2
Mid-October, 2001	78	16	4	1	1
Early October, 2001: <i>News about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington</i>	73	22	4	1	*
Mid-September, 2001	74	22	3	1	*
January, 2000: <i>The recent arrests of suspected terrorists in the U.S.</i>	23	36	23	17	1
September, 1998: <i>Reports about activities to prevent terrorism both here and abroad</i>	33	38	19	10	*
d. Scientists creating the first laboratory grown hamburger					
August 8-11, 2013	5	15	24	56	1

**NO QUESTIONS PEW.7, PEW.10-PEW.11
PEW.8-PEW.9, PEW.12-PEW.14 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

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a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
August 1-4, 2013	28	35	19	17	1
July 18-21, 2013	28	29	20	23	1
June 20-23, 2013	28	30	19	22	1
June 13-16, 2013	30	32	15	22	*
June 6-9, 2013	33	31	15	21	*
May 16-19, 2013	30	31	20	19	*
May 9-12, 2013	28	30	21	20	1
March 28-31, 2013	30	30	17	22	1
March 7-10, 2013	35	30	16	19	*
January 31-February 3, 2013	33	33	16	16	1
January 17-20, 2013	36	32	15	16	*
January 3-6, 2013	34	32	18	16	1
December 6-9, 2012	38	30	16	14	1
November 8-11, 2012	41	31	15	12	1
November 1-4, 2012	38	30	16	14	1
October 25-28, 2012	44	30	14	11	1
October 18-21, 2012	39	36	12	12	1
October 12-14, 2012	42	28	14	15	1
October 4-7, 2012	40	29	13	17	*
September 27-30, 2012	34	37	13	15	1
September 20-23, 2012	36	32	17	15	*
September 13-16, 2012	38	32	17	12	1
September 7-9, 2012	36	31	17	15	2
August 31-September 3, 2012	33	31	20	16	1
August 23-26, 2012	38	30	15	16	1
August 16-19, 2012	33	32	16	19	*
August 9-12, 2012	30	31	20	18	1
August 2-5, 2012	33	29	20	17	1
July 26-29, 2012	32	30	20	19	*
July 19-22, 2012	39	29	16	16	*
July 12-15, 2012	32	33	18	17	1
July 5-8, 2012	34	28	18	19	1
June 28-July 1, 2012	38	28	15	18	1
June 21-24, 2012	33	32	17	17	*
June 14-17, 2012	39	28	15	17	*
June 7-10, 2012	35	32	15	18	*
May 31-June 3, 2012	37	34	13	14	1
May 24-27, 2012	33	31	19	16	1
May 17-20, 2012	35	30	16	19	*
May 10-13, 2012	40	26	16	17	*
May 3-6, 2012	38	29	13	20	*
April 26-29, 2012	34	32	17	16	1
April 19-22, 2012	35	35	13	14	2
April 12-15, 2012	39	28	16	17	1

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April 5-8, 2012	37	31	16	16	1
March 29-April 1, 2012	34	33	15	18	1
March 22-25, 2012	36	29	16	18	1
March 15-18, 2012	40	35	11	14	1
March 8-11, 2012	37	32	14	17	*
March 1-4, 2012	41	27	15	17	1
February 23-26, 2012	37	33	14	15	1
February 16-20, 2012	33	32	16	17	1
February 9-12, 2012	42	30	14	13	1
February 2-5, 2012	38	32	16	13	1
January 26-29, 2012	35	31	16	19	*
January 19-22, 2012	35	30	16	19	1
January 12-15, 2012	33	32	14	20	1
January 5-8, 2012	39	31	15	15	*

SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: <http://www.people-press.org/files/2013/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf>

- b. A train crash in Spain that killed over 75 people

August 1-4, 2013	16	33	27	24	1
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TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

June 26-29, 2009: <i>A train crash in Washington, D.C., that killed nine people</i>	18	31	25	26	1
March, 1999: <i>The derailment of an Amtrak train in Illinois</i>	29	39	19	12	1
February, 1996: <i>Recent train crashes in Maryland, Colorado and New Jersey</i>	24	40	24	11	1
September, 1993: <i>The Amtrak train wreck in Alabama</i>	40	37	15	7	1

- c. Comments by Pope Francis about gay priests serving in the Catholic Church

August 1-4, 2013	13	24	22	39	1
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TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

March 14-17, 2013: <i>The selection of the new Pope</i>	21	28	21	28	1
March 7-10, 2013: <i>Catholic cardinals meeting in Rome to select a new pope</i>	14	23	26	36	*
February 14-17, 2013: <i>Pope Benedict announcing that he would step down as head of the Catholic Church</i>	18	26	27	29	1
March 29-April 1, 2012: <i>Pope Benedict's visit to Cuba and Mexico</i>	5	15	23	57	*
September 16-19, 2010: <i>Pope Benedict's visit to Great Britain and his comments on the Catholic Church's handling of sex-abuse scandals</i>	10	16	26	47	1
April 23-26, 2010: <i>Reports about the Vatican's handling of sex-abuse scandals in the Catholic church</i>	14	28	29	29	*
March 26-29, 2010	17	24	28	30	*
March 19-22, 2010	8	18	31	42	1
April 18-21, 2008: <i>Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the U.S.</i>	13	32	27	27	1
May, 2005: <i>The selection of the new Pope</i>	22	33	23	20	2
June, 2002: <i>Reports of sexual abuse by Catholic priests</i>	38	36	17	8	1
May, 2002: <i>The Pope and American cardinals meeting in Rome about sexual abuse by Catholic priests</i>	27	33	21	18	1

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April, 2002: <i>Reports of sexual abuse by Catholic priests</i>	27	34	25	13	1
March, 2000: <i>Pope John Paul asking for God's forgiveness for sins committed by the Roman Catholic Church</i>	16	27	25	31	1
December 1993: <i>Reports of sexual abuse by Catholic priests</i>	18	32	31	18	1
d. The verdict in the military trial of Bradley Manning, who released classified documents to the website WikiLeaks August 1-4, 2013	13	28	27	32	*
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
December 9-12, 2010: <i>News about Wikileaks and the arrest of its founder</i>	18	24	19	38	1
December 2-5, 2010: <i>The release of classified documents about U.S. diplomatic relations by the Wikileaks website</i>	30	23	20	25	2
e. Controversy over New York mayoral candidate Anthony Weiner sending sexually suggestive photos to women online August 1-4, 2013	16	27	22	35	*
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
June 16-19, 2011: <i>Anthony Weiner resigning from Congress amid controversy over sexually suggestive photos he sent to several women online</i>	20	27	24	28	*
June 9-12, 2011: <i>Controversy about Congressman Anthony Weiner admitting that he sent sexually suggestive photos of himself to several women in online messages</i>	15	27	23	34	1
March 12-15, 2010: <i>The resignation of Congressman Eric Massa amid allegations of improper conduct with staff members</i>	7	17	28	47	*
June 26-29, 2009: <i>South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford admitting he had an affair</i>	16	25	28	30	1
August 15-18, 2008: <i>John Edwards' admission that he had an affair</i>	13	26	30	30	1
March 14-17, 2008: <i>The governor of New York, Eliot Spitzer, resigning because of his involvement with a prostitution ring</i>	26	35	24	15	*
September 7-10, 2007: <i>Reports about Idaho Senator Larry Craig's political future following his arrest for disorderly conduct in a men's restroom</i>	16	27	27	29	1
August 30-September 2, 2007: <i>Idaho Senator Larry Craig's arrest for disorderly conduct in a men's restroom in the Minneapolis airport</i>	19	29	22	29	1
October 17-22, 2006: <i>The resignation of Congressman Mark Foley, who sent inappropriate messages to young people</i>	26	32	23	18	1
September 5-8, 1996: <i>The resignation of (Bill) Clinton advisor Dick Morris over charges of sexual misconduct</i>	17	29	33	21	*

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October 5-8, 1989: <i>The scandal involving Congressman Barney Frank and a male prostitute</i>	6	19	26	48	1
September 1-15, 1987: <i>The end of Gary Hart's candidacy and the Donna Rice allegations</i>	28	35	27	10	*

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about recent economic news...

PEW.7 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 <u>good news</u>	Hearing mostly <u>bad news</u>	A mix of good and <u>bad news</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August 1-4, 2013	9	26	63	3
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	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	3
July 1-5, 2010	3	42	54	1
June 10-13, 2010	4	30	65	1
May 7-10, 2010	4	29	66	1
April 1-5, 2010	6	28	66	*
March 5-8, 2010	4	30	66	1
February 5-8, 2010	4	35	61	*
January 8-11, 2010	5	29	65	1
December 4-7, 2009	7	33	59	1
October 30-November 2, 2009	5	31	62	2
October 9-12, 2009	6	27	66	1

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	Hearing mostly <u>good news</u>	Hearing mostly <u>bad news</u>	A mix of good and <u>bad news</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
September 3-6, 2009	5	27	68	1
August 7-10, 2009	11	29	59	1
July 2-5, 2009	3	41	56	*
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	*

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