

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
OCTOBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
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
2013
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."]

---- Favorable ----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref

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.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	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.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
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."