

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
2012 VALUES SURVEY
April 4-15, 2012
N=3008

QUESTIONS 1-2, 7-8, 17-21, 35-36 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTIONS 3-4, 9-16, 30, 40-59 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 6, 22-29, 31-14, 37-39

ASK FORM B ONLY [N=1514]:

Q.5 Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH c AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH c AS A BLOCK WITH ITEM d] 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
a.FB The federal government in Washington								
Apr 4-15, 2012	33	7	26	62	25	37	*	5
Feb 2-7, 2011	38	6	32	57	19	37	*	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	43	6	38	50	16	34	*	7
Jul 22-26, 2009	42	4	38	50	18	31	*	8
April, 2008	37	6	31	58	21	37	1	4
January, 2007	45	7	38	46	15	31	1	8
February, 2006	43	6	37	50	16	34	*	7
December, 2005	46	7	39	49	18	31	*	5
Late October, 2005	45	6	39	48	16	32	*	7
February, 2004	59	10	49	36	11	25	*	5
April, 2003	73	14	59	22	5	17	0	5
December, 2002	64	11	53	27	7	20	*	9
Mid-November, 2001	82	17	65	15	3	12	0	3
Late October, 2000 (RVs)	54	7	47	40	10	30	*	6
October, 1997	38	4	34	59	18	41	0	3
b.FB Your STATE government								
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	42	42	15	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	53	10	42	42	14	28	*	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	53	9	44	41	14	27	0	6
Jul 22-26, 2009	50	6	44	44	16	28	*	6
April, 2008	59	9	50	37	16	21	0	4
December, 2005	57	8	49	37	11	26	*	6
December, 2002	62	15	47	31	10	21	1	7
Mid-November, 2001	77	15	62	18	4	14	*	5
October, 1997	66	10	56	29	7	22	*	5
c.FB Your LOCAL government								
Apr 4-15, 2012	61	13	48	31	9	22	*	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	63	15	48	32	10	22	1	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	64	11	53	30	10	20	*	6
Jul 22-26, 2009	60	8	52	32	9	23	0	8
April, 2008	63	11	52	33	12	21	1	3
December, 2005	66	12	54	28	10	18	*	6
December, 2002	67	16	51	25	9	16	*	7
Mid-November, 2001	78	15	63	17	4	13	*	5
October, 1997	68	12	56	25	7	18	*	7

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.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14
Dec 7-11, 2011	23	33	38	3	*	2	12	17
Nov 9-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	1	2	16	15
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	23	33	38	2	1	3	18	16
Aug 17-21, 2011	24	30	40	3	*	3	17	18
Jul 20-24, 2011	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	34	32	4	*	4	13	13
May 25-30, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	15	17
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	25	32	37	3	*	3	17	16
Yearly Totals								
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	--	--	--	--	--

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
APRIL 19-22, 2012 OMNIBUS
FINAL TOPLINE
N=1,004**

ASK OF A RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS; DO NOT SPLIT BY FORM [N=507]:

First, I'd like to ask you about the federal government...

PEW.1 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one better describes the federal government in Washington. First **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**. **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: "Which statement better describes the federal government in Washington: [ITEM]?"]**

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| a. | 24 | Generally efficient OR |
| | 71 | Generally inefficient |
| | 2 | Both/Neither (VOL.) |
| | 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| b. | 54 | Mostly corrupt OR |
| | 31 | Mostly honest |
| | 8 | Both/Neither (VOL.) |
| | 6 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| c. | 17 | Careful with the people's money OR |
| | 79 | Not careful with the people's money |
| | 2 | Both/Neither (VOL.) |
| | 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| d. | 30 | Addresses people's needs OR |
| | 66 | Does not address people's needs |
| | 3 | Both/Neither (VOL.) |
| | 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| e. | 75 | Is too divided along party lines OR |
| | 20 | Can usually work together to get things done |
| | 1 | Both/Neither (VOL.) |
| | 4 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK RESPONDENTS WHO DID NOT GET QUESTION PEW.1; DO NOT SPLIT BY FORM [N=497]:

First, I'd like to ask you about your state government...

PEW.2 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one better describes your state government. First **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**. **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: "Which statement better describes your state government: [ITEM]?"]**

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| a. | 38 | Generally efficient OR |
| | 51 | Generally inefficient |
| | 3 | Both/Neither (VOL.) |
| | 8 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| b. | 37 | Mostly corrupt OR |
| | 49 | Mostly honest |
| | 4 | Both/Neither (VOL.) |
| | 9 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| c. | 33 | Careful with the people's money OR |
| | 56 | Not careful with the people's money |
| | 3 | Both/Neither (VOL.) |
| | 8 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

PEW.2 CONTINUED...

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- d. 42 Addresses people's needs OR
 43 Does not address people's needs
 6 Both/Neither **(VOL.)**
 9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- e. 53 Is too divided along party lines OR
 36 Can usually work together to get things done
 2 Both/Neither **(VOL.)**
 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

PEW.3-PEW.4 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS PEW.5-PEW.6****PEW.7-PEW.10 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**