

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**  
**April 25-28, 2013, OMNIBUS**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**N=1,003**

**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?"]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a. The investigation into the terrorist bombings at the Boston Marathon April 25-28, 2013	49	33	9	9	1
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
April 18-21, 2013: <i>A terrorist bombing at the Boston Marathon</i>	63	22	10	5	*
November 4-7, 2010: <i>News about recent plots in the United States and Europe</i>	29	31	19	20	*
October 28-November 1, 2010	28	33	17	21	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	*
November 13-16, 2009: <i>The investigations into the shootings at Fort Hood Army post in Texas</i>	35	37	16	11	1
November 6-9, 2009: <i>A shooter killing 13 people at Fort Hood Army post in Texas</i>	44	34	14	8	*
September 25-28, 2009: <i>News about recent terrorist plots in the United States</i>	32	38	17	14	0
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
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	*

**PEW.1 CONTINUED...**

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January, 2000: <i>The recent arrests of suspected terrorists in the U.S.</i>	23	36	23	17	1
b. Debate over immigration policy in the U.S.					
April 25-28, 2013	19	25	24	32	*
April 18-21, 2013	21	22	25	31	1
April 4-7, 2013	23	22	22	32	*
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
January 31-February 3, 2013: <i>Debate in Washington over immigration policy</i>	23	25	22	29	1
June 28-July 1, 2012: <i>The Supreme Court decision on Arizona's immigration law</i>	29	21	19	30	1
April 26-29, 2012: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	21	24	26	27	1
May 12-15, 2011	18	22	27	32	1
September 2-6, 2010	30	31	19	20	1
August 12-15, 2010	27	31	19	21	1
July 29-August 1, 2010: <i>A court ruling that stops most of Arizona's immigration law from going into effect</i>	40	32	17	10	1
July 8-11, 2010: <i>The U.S. Justice Department challenging the legality of Arizona's recent immigration law</i>	30	27	19	23	1
July 1-5, 2010: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	34	30	20	14	1
May 7-10, 2010: <i>A new Arizona law that gives police more authority to question people they suspect might be illegal immigrants</i>	38	27	13	21	1
April 30-May 3, 2010	36	31	13	20	*
October 12-15, 2007: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	23	29	19	29	*
June 29-July 2, 2007: <i>The debate in Congress over new immigration policy</i>	26	30	21	23	*
June 22-25, 2007	24	28	22	26	*
June 15-18, 2007	22	32	21	25	*
June 8-11, 2007	24	29	20	26	1
May 24-27, 2007	27	31	22	19	1
April 12-16, 2007: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	21	29	24	26	*
August, 2006	34	40	16	9	1
June, 2006	36	41	15	7	1
May, 2006	44	33	13	9	1
April, 2006	39	34	16	10	1
December, 1994: <i>Passage of Proposition 187, the California law that bars education, health and welfare benefits from illegal immigrants and their children</i>	26	32	22	20	*
c. Flight delays at airports due to the furlough of air-traffic controllers					
April 25-28, 2013	15	21	24	40	*
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
August 4-7, 2011: <i>The partial shutdown of the Federal Aviation Administration due to disagreements in Congress</i>	17	24	22	36	1

**PEW.1 CONTINUED...**

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d. Charges that Syria has used chemical weapons against anti-government groups April 25-28, 2013	18	25	24	33	1
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
March 28-31, 2013: <i>Political violence in Syria</i>	13	22	25	40	1
December 13-16, 2012	14	26	26	33	1
December 6-9, 2012	19	28	23	29	1
November 29-December 2, 2012	15	23	23	39	1
August 16-19, 2012	12	24	26	37	2
July 19-22, 2012	17	24	23	36	1
June 28-July 1, 2012	13	19	26	42	*
June 14-17, 2012	15	24	21	40	1
May 31-June 3, 2012	12	25	25	37	1
April 12-15, 2012: <i>International efforts to stop political violence in Syria</i>	14	23	25	37	1
April 5-8, 2012	15	21	27	37	1
March 15-28, 2012: <i>Political violence in Syria</i>	16	26	27	30	1
March 8-11, 2012	17	23	23	37	1
February 23-26, 2012	18	24	21	35	1
February 9-12, 2012	17	23	23	36	*
January 12-15, 2012	12	17	26	45	1
August 4-7, 2011: <i>Political violence following uprisings in Syria</i>	10	19	26	44	1
June 2-5, 2011: <i>Anti-government protests and violence in some Middle Eastern countries</i>	18	25	25	32	*
May 5-8, 2011: <i>Political violence following uprisings in Syria</i>	14	27	30	28	1
April 28-May 1, 2011: <i>Anti-government protests and violence in some Middle Eastern countries</i>	18	29	25	27	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	*

**PEW.2, PEW.4 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS PEW.3, PEW.5-PEW.7**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.8 As you may know, a new immigration bill is currently being debated in Congress. From what you've seen and heard so far, do you favor or oppose this immigration bill?

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33	Favor
28	Oppose
38	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**RANDOMIZE ITEMS PEW.9-PEW.10****ASK ALL:**

And just your impression...

PEW.9 Do you think the immigration bill before Congress would **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2]**, or not make much of a difference?

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14	Make the country safer from terrorism
13	Make the country less safe from terrorism
57	Not make much of a difference
16	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**RANDOMIZE ITEMS PEW.9-PEW.10****ASK ALL:**

PEW.10 Do you think the immigration bill before Congress would **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2]**, or not make much of a difference?

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24	Help the U.S. economy
23	Hurt the U.S. economy
35	Not make much of a difference
17	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.11 Do you happen to know whether the immigration bill before Congress was introduced by **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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7	A group of Republican senators
9	A group of Democratic senators [OR]
37	A mix of Republican and Democratic senators
47	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.12 Do you happen to know whether the immigration bill **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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46	Allows unauthorized immigrants to stay in the country while applying for citizenship [OR] Requires unauthorized immigrants to return to their home country before applying for citizenship
16	citizenship
37	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.13 As Congress debates the new immigration bill, do you think last week's terrorist attack in Boston should be an important factor in the debate, or are these mostly separate issues?

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36	Should be important factor in the debate
58	Mostly separate issues
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>