

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**JULY 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**July 17-21, 2013**  
**N=1,480**

**QUESTIONS 1-3, 5, 7 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTIONS 4, 6, 8**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.9 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism?  
**[READ]**

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not <u>too well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
Jul 17-21, 2013	20	47	21	9	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	27	49	16	6	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	15	54	17	10	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	15	50	21	12	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	20	53	14	8	4
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	19	56	15	5	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	22	49	16	6	7
Late February, 2008	21	45	19	12	3
January, 2007	17	37	27	17	2
December, 2006	17	48	21	11	3
August, 2006	22	52	16	8	2
February, 2006	16	52	20	10	2
January, 2006	16	50	20	9	5
Late October, 2005	17	50	22	9	2
July, 2005	17	53	19	8	3
July, 2004	18	53	17	8	4
August, 2003	19	56	16	7	2
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	15	54	19	8	4
June, 2002	16	60	16	4	4
Early November, 2001	35	46	9	5	5
October 15-21, 2001	38	46	9	4	3
October 10-14, 2001	48	40	6	2	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 What concerns you more about the government's anti-terrorism policies? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	Have gone too far in restricting <u>civil liberties</u>	Have not gone far enough <u>to protect county</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/ Approve <u>of policies</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
Jul 17-21, 2013	47	35	11	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	47	11	10
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	58	8	8
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	40	13	11
Feb 4-8, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	36	42	9	13
Late February, 2008	36	47	9	8
August, 2006	26	55	11	8
February, 2006	33	50	10	7
January, 2006	33	46	12	9
Late October, 2005	34	48	10	8
July, 2005	31	52	10	7
July, 2004	29	49	11	11

<sup>1</sup> In February 4-8, 2009 the question asked whether the policies "go too far in restricting the average person's civil liberties" or "do not go far enough to adequately protect the country."

**NO QUESTIONS 11-14, 17-19**  
**QUESTIONS 15-16 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject,

Q.20 How much, if anything, have you heard about the government collecting information about telephone calls, e-mails and other online communications as part of efforts to monitor terrorist activity? Have you heard ... **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Jul 17-21		(U)	Jun 12-16	
<u>2013</u>			<u>2013</u>	
49	A lot		51	
39	A little, or		35	
12	Nothing at all		14	
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>		1	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the government's collection of telephone and internet data as part of anti-terrorism efforts?

Jul 17-21		(U)	Jun 12-16	
<u>2013</u>			<u>2013</u>	
50	Approve		48	
44	Disapprove		47	
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>		4	

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the data the government collects as part of anti-terrorism efforts ...

Q.22 Do you think federal courts do or do not provide adequate limits on what telephone and internet data the government can collect?

Jul 17-21		
<u>2013</u>		
30	Do provide adequate limits on what government can collect	
56	Do not provide adequate limits on what government can collect	
15	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 Do you think this government data collection effort is only being used to investigate terrorism, or do you think the government uses this data for purposes other than terrorism investigations?

Jul 17-21		
<u>2013</u>		
22	Only being used to investigate terrorism	
70	The government uses this data for purposes other than terrorism investigations	
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	

**ASK IF 'OTHER PURPOSES' IN Q.23 (Q.23=2) [N=978]:**

Q.24 And what other purposes do you think the government is using this data for? [**OPEN-END. ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES**]

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19	To control/spy/be nosy
16	To gather evidence on non-terror crimes
14	General purposes/monitoring
13	Political agenda/targeting
10	Whatever they want
2	Marketing/to sell information
2	For protection/national security
1	Tax purposes
1	Targeting interest and religious groups
2	Other targeting/profiling
3	Other
22	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.*

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 Just your impression, does this government program only collect data such as phone numbers and e-mail addresses, or is it also collecting what's actually being said in the calls and e-mails?

**ASK IF 'ALSO COLLECTING WHAT'S BEING SAID' IN Q.25 (Q.25=2) [N=880]:**

Q.26 Do you think the government has listened to YOUR telephone calls or read YOUR e-mails as part of this data collection program, or not?

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18	Only data such as phone numbers and e-mail addresses
63	Also collecting what is being said
27	Yes, government has listened to own calls or read own e-mails
28	No, government has not listened to own calls or read own e-mails
8	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )
18	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 Do you think the news media should – or should not – report information it obtains about the secret methods the government is using to fight terrorism?

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		<i>Gallup/USA Today</i>
		<u>May 2006</u>
47	Yes, should	47
47	No, should not	49
6	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	4

**NO QUESTIONS 28-32, 35-39, 41-45, 53-54, 56-57****QUESTIONS 33-34 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 40, 46-52, 55 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.58 Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. First, [**INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE**]: do you agree or disagree? How about [**NEXT ITEM**]? [**REPEAT AS NECESSARY**: Do you agree or disagree?]

		<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	The news media reports too much information that can harm the effectiveness of the government's anti-terrorism programs			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	53	43	4

**Q.58 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
b. The government keeps too much information about its anti-terrorism programs secret from the public Jul 17-21, 2013	56	39	4

**NO QUESTIONS 59-60, 62, 65, 67  
QUESTIONS 61, 63-64 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE  
QUESTION 66 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>(VOL.) No preference</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other party</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
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
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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
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	--	--	--	--	--

**QUESTIONS 68-71, 73-79 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE  
NO QUESTIONS 72, 80-82**

**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?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
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 <sup>2</sup>	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

**QUESTION 83 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

<sup>2</sup>

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."