

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, 9-10, PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 4, 6, 8, 11-14

RANDOMIZE Q.15 AND Q.16

ASK ALL:

Now I have a few questions about the political parties...

[First]

Q.15 The Republican Party. Do you think the Republican Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is too extreme			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	48	46	6
	Feb 13-18, 2013	52	42	5
	TREND FOR COMPARISON			
	<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following description applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... too extreme</i>			
	<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	56	42	3
b.	Has strong principles			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	60	33	7
	Feb 13-18, 2013	63	30	7
c.	Stands up for individual rights			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	46	48	6
d.	Is tolerant and open to all groups of people			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	33	62	6
	TREND FOR COMPARISON			
	<i>Please tell me if you think it describes or does not describe the Republican Party ... Is tolerant and open to all groups of people</i>			
	<i>NBC News/Wall Street Journal: August, 1996 (RVs)</i>	31	62	7
e.	Cares about working class Americans			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	42	54	4

RANDOMIZE Q.15 AND Q.16

ASK ALL:

[Now thinking about...]

Q.16 The Democratic Party. Do you think the Democratic Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is too extreme			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	41	54	5
	Feb 13-18, 2013	39	56	6
	TREND FOR COMPARISON			
	<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... too extreme</i>			
	<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	39	57	3

Q.16 CONTINUED...

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
b.	Has strong principles			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	52	42	7
	Feb 13-18, 2013	57	37	6
c.	Stands up for individual rights			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	56	39	5
d.	Is tolerant and open to all groups of people			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	60	35	5
e.	Cares about working class Americans			
	Jul 17-21, 2013	56	40	4

NO QUESTIONS 17-19, 28-32, 35-39, 41-45, 53-54, 56-57, 59-60, 62, 65, 67
QUESTIONS 20-27, 33-34, 40, 58, 66 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
QUESTIONS 46-52, 55, 61, 63-64 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>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
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:

Q.68 Would you like to see Republican leaders in Washington move in a more conservative direction or a more moderate direction?

		Voters			Voters	
Jul 17-21		Nov 8-11	Nov 4-7	Jun 16-20	Jan 6-10	Nov
<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>
54	More conservative	57	56	57	51	60
41	More moderate	35	38	37	42	35
2	No change (VOL.)	3	2	2	2	1
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	5	5	5	4

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=716]:

Q.69 Would you like to see Democratic leaders in Washington move in a more liberal direction or a more moderate direction?

		Voters			Voters	
Jul 17-21		Nov 8-11	Nov 4-7	Jun 16-20	Jan 6-10	Nov
<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>
36	More liberal	33	34	34	35	33
57	More moderate	57	54	54	53	57
2	No change (VOL.)	4	3	4	2	2
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	10	8	9	8

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:

Q.70 Thinking about the Republican Party, who do YOU think of as the leader of the Republican Party these days... **[SINGLE RESPONSE, DO NOT READ OPTIONS. USE PRECODES AS APPROPRIATE; ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE; ACCEPT JOB TITLES. IF "DON'T KNOW" PROBE ONCE: Just anyone who comes to mind?]**

			(NJ)			
Jul 17-21		Nov 4-7	Sep 9-12	Apr 21-26	Dec 9-13	Mar 9-12
<u>2013</u>		<u>2010¹</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
9	John Boehner	12	6	1	1	1
5	Marco Rubio	--	--	--	--	--
3	John McCain	3	6	10	8	12
3	Paul Ryan	--	--	--	--	--
3	Rand Paul	--	--	--	--	--
3	Mitt Romney	2	3	5	1	1
2	Ted Cruz	--	--	--	--	--
2	Chris Christie	--	--	--	--	--
2	Mitch McConnell	2	1	1	2	1
1	Ron Paul	--	--	--	--	--
1	Mike Huckabee	1	*	1	1	1
1	Sarah Palin	7	6	4	5	1
1	Rush Limbaugh	*	1	1	1	4

¹ "Other" includes anybody less than 1% in the current poll. Individuals with at least 1% in past polls but not in current poll not shown. Dashes in past polls indicate less than 1% (or none) of the general public.

Q.70 CONTINUED...

Jul 17-21 <u>2013</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u> ²	(NJ) Sep 9-12 <u>2010</u>	Apr 21-26 <u>2010</u>	Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>
8	Other					
22	Nobody is	13	16	20	26	20
37	Don't know/Refused	45	49	46	47	48

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:

Q.71 And is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** 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.)
	<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
a. John Boehner								
Jul 17-21, 2013	43	9	34	28	9	19	15	14
Jan 9-13, 2013	39	8	31	34	9	25	11	16
Dec 5-9, 2012	41	7	34	29	8	21	18	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	32	8	25	34	9	25	18	16
Mar 8-14, 2011	41	13	28	17	5	11	25	18
Dec 2-5, 2010	41	13	28	16	3	13	28	15
Jun 10-13, 2010 (NJ)	19	6	13	15	4	10	50	16
b. Mitch McConnell								
Jul 17-21, 2013	36	7	29	24	5	19	21	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	5	25	23	6	17	27	21
Dec 2-5, 2010	31	7	24	19	4	15	30	20
c. Chris Christie								
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	9	37	28	6	22	15	11
Jan 9-13, 2013	49	13	35	19	6	13	16	17
d. Marco Rubio								
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	14	34	21	3	17	19	12
Feb 14-17, 2013	48	22	26	17	8	9	23	12
e. Ted Cruz								
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	9	24	14	2	11	34	19
f. Rand Paul								
Jul 17-21, 2013	52	17	35	19	4	15	14	14
g. Paul Ryan								
Jul 17-21, 2013	61	20	41	16	4	12	13	10
Oct 24-28, 2012	77	41	36	13	6	8	4	5
Oct 4-7, 2012	74	37	38	12	5	7	2	11
Sep 12-16, 2012	68	35	33	16	7	9	5	12

NO QUESTION 72

² "Other" includes anybody less than 1% in the current poll. Individuals with at least 1% in past polls but not in current poll not shown. Dashes in past polls indicate less than 1% (or none) of the general public.

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:

Q.73 Looking forward to future presidential elections, do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or do you think **[INSERT ITEM]**?

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32	The Republican Party just needs to make minor changes to do better than in 2012
65	There are major problems the Republican Party needs to address in order to do better than in 2012
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:

Q.74 To perform better in presidential elections, do you think the Republican Party mainly needs to make a stronger case for its current policy positions or does it also need to reconsider some of its policy positions? **[CODE "BOTH" AS 2]**

Jul 17-21

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36	Mainly needs to make a stronger case for its current policy positions
59	Also needs to reconsider some of its positions
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF "ALSO NEEDS TO RECONSIDER SOME POSITIONS" IN Q.74 (Q.74=2) [N=337]:

Q.74a What policy positions do you think the Republican Party needs to reconsider? **[OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES.] [IF NECESSARY: "Just any policies that come to mind that you think the Republican Party may need to change?"]?**

Based on Republicans and Republican leaners who say "also reconsider positions":

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17	Immigration
16	Abortion
9	Gay marriage/other homosexual issues
9	Jobs/Economy
6	Health care
5	Taxes
4	Guns
4	Minority/Hispanic voters (gen.)
2	Foreign policy
2	Social Security/Medicare
2	Social issues (gen.)
2	Poverty/Working class
2	National Security/Defense
2	Education
1	Debt/Deficit
1	Religion/Morality
1	Candidate selection
1	Constitution/Rights
1	Less infighting
1	Budget
1	More conservative positions (gen.)
1	More moderate positions/Compromise (gen.)
1	Women's issues
1	Environment
3	All of them
8	Other
34	Don't know/Refused

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:

Q.75 In dealing with Democrats in Congress these days, do you think Republicans in Congress: **[READ; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FOLLOWED BY OPTION 3]**

Jul 17-21

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- 32 Have compromised too much
 29 Have not compromised enough [OR]
 33 Have they handled this about right
 6 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=716]:

Q.76 In dealing with Republicans in Congress these days, do you think Democrats in Congress: **[READ; RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FOLLOWED BY OPTION 3]**

Jul 17-21

2013

- 31 Have compromised too much
 32 Have not compromised enough [OR]
 34 Have they handled this about right
 3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

RANDOMIZE Q.77 AND Q.78**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.77 Do you think nominating more women to run for office would help the Republican Party perform better in national elections, or not?

Jul 17-21

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- 52 Yes, help
 41 No, not help
 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

RANDOMIZE Q.77 AND Q.78**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:**

Q.78 Do you think nominating more racial and ethnic minorities to run for office would help the Republican Party perform better in national elections, or not?

Jul 17-21

2013

- 55 Yes, help
 37 No, not help
 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=578]:

Q.79 Thinking about the Republican Party's position on some issues, do you think the Republican Party is **[RANDOMIZE: too conservative/not conservative enough]**, or about right when it comes to **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about on **[ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is too conservative, not conservative enough, or about right when it comes to [ITEM]?**

		Too <u>conservative</u>	Not conservative <u>enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Government spending Jul 17-21, 2013	11	46	40	3
b.	Abortion Jul 17-21, 2013	26	26	39	9
c.	Gay marriage Jul 17-21, 2013	30	28	31	10

Q.79 CONTINUED...

		<u>Too conservative</u>	<u>Not conservative enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
d.	Immigration Jul 17-21, 2013	18	35	39	9
e.	Gun policy Jul 17-21, 2013	14	23	57	6

NO QUESTIONS 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>	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	<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 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

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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."

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) [N=1,183]:

Q.83 And how often would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections – that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections **[READ IN ORDER]**?

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46	Always
23	Nearly always
13	Part of the time
14	Seldom
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(NJ) Pew Research Center/National Journal polls
