

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**September 4-8, 2013**  
**N=1,506**

**QUESTIONS 1, 3a-b PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTION 2**

**ASK ALL:**

Now, thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues...

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**. How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. Energy policy			
Sep 4-8, 2013	44	38	18
Mar 7-11, 2012	42	45	13
Jan 11-16, 2012	36	46	18
Nov 9-14, 2011	44	38	18
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	44	16
Jan 6-9, 2011	46	37	18
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	43	34	23
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	35	20
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	50	34	16
Jul 22-26, 2009	46	31	22

**NO QUESTIONS 3d-e, 3g-h, 9, 11-14**  
**QUESTIONS 3f, 3i, 4-8, 10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

<u>Sep 4-8</u> <u>2013</u>		<sup>(U)</sup> <u>Feb 13-18</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Oct 24-28</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Mar 7-11</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Feb 22-Mar 1</u> <u>2011</u>
58	Developing alternative sources, such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology	54	47	52	63
34	Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas	34	39	39	29
6	Both should be given equal priority <b>(VOL.)</b>	7	9	5	6
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	5	4	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 From what you've read and heard, has the amount of energy produced in the United States been increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same in recent years?

**ASK IF 'INCREASING' (Q.16=1) [N=736]:**

Q.16a And has this increased energy production come mostly from sources such as wind and solar, or mostly from sources such as oil, coal and natural gas?

Sep 4-8

2013

48	Increasing
9	Increases mostly from sources such as wind and solar
34	Increases mostly from sources such as oil, coal and natural gas
2	Increases from both equally <b>(VOL.)</b>
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
12	Decreasing
31	Staying about the same
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**QUESTIONS 17a-d, 29a-b PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTIONS 18-28**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.29 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do the better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do the better job of ITEM?]**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Neither</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. Dealing with the nation's energy situation					
Sep 4-8, 2013	36	40	7	8	8
Dec 5-9, 2012 <sup>1</sup>	35	47	4	4	11
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	46	2	6	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	37	42	7	5	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	28	38	8	11	15
May 20-23, 2010	28	35	10	12	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	32	40	8	9	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	44	8	6	10
Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	7	9	12
February, 2008	23	57	5	5	10
September, 2006	27	47	4	7	15
February, 2006	32	45	6	7	10
Mid-September, 2005	31	44	6	8	11
May, 2001	36	34	10	7	13
October, 2006	28	44	5	6	17

**QUESTIONS 29d, 35-39, 41, 44, 45 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTIONS 30-34, 40, 42, 43, 46-54**

<sup>1</sup> Question wording from October 2006 to December 2012 was "Dealing with the nation's energy problems."

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.55 As I read some possible government policies to address America's energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? Would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

		<b>(VOL.)</b>		
		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	58	40	2
	Mar 7-11, 2012	65	31	4
	Nov 3-6, 2011	58	35	7
	Mar 17-20, 2011	57	37	6
	Oct 13-18, 2010	51	41	7
	Jun 16-20, 2010	44	52	4
	May 6-9, 2010	54	38	8
	Feb 3-9, 2010	63	31	6
	Apr 14-21, 2009	68	27	5
	September, 2008	67	28	5
b.	Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	73	25	2
	Mar 7-11, 2012	69	26	5
	Nov 3-6, 2011	68	26	6
	Mar 17-20, 2011	74	21	5
	Oct 13-18, 2010	74	21	6
	Jun 16-20, 2010	75	21	3
	May 6-9, 2010	73	22	5
	Feb 3-9, 2010	78	17	5
	Apr 14-21, 2009	82	15	3
	September, 2008	82	14	4
	Late February, 2008	81	14	5
	February, 2006	82	14	4
c.	Promoting the increased use of nuclear power			
	Sep 4-8, 2013	38	58	4
	Mar 7-11, 2012	44	49	7
	Nov 3-6, 2011	39	53	8
	Mar 17-20, 2011	39	52	8
	Oct 13-18, 2010	45	44	11
	Jun 16-20, 2010	47	47	6
	May 6-9, 2010	45	44	11
	Feb 3-9, 2010	52	41	7
	Apr 14-21, 2009	45	48	7
	September, 2008	50	43	7
	Late February, 2008	44	48	8
	February, 2006	44	49	7
	Mid-September, 2005	39	53	8

**NO ITEM d.****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=744]:**

e.F1 Requiring better fuel efficiency for cars, trucks and SUVs

Sep 4-8, 2013	73	25	3
Mar 7-11, 2012	78	19	3
Oct 13-18, 2010	79	17	4
September, 2008	88	10	2
February, 2008	90	8	2
February, 2006	86	12	2

**Q.55 CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Mid-September, 2005	86	12	2
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=762]:</b>			
f.F2 Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems			
Sep 4-8, 2013	67	29	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	65	31	4
Mar 17-20, 2011	61	34	6
Oct 13-18, 2010	63	29	8
Jun 16-20, 2010	64	31	5
May 6-9, 2010	65	28	7
Feb 3-9, 2010	70	25	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	70	25	5
Late-February, 2008	72	23	5
February, 2006	68	26	6
Mid-September, 2005	68	27	5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 Do you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b FIRST WITH ITEM c ALWAYS LAST]**?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Increased use of fracking, a drilling method that uses high-pressure water and chemicals to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations			
Sep 4-8, 2013	44	49	7
Mar 13-17, 2013	48	38	14
b. Building the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport oil from Canada's oil sands region through the Midwest to refineries in Texas			
Sep 4-8, 2013	65	30	5
Mar 13-17, 2013	66	23	11
c. Setting stricter emission limits on power plants in order to address climate change			
Sep 4-8, 2013	65	30	5
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	62	28	10

**NO QUESTIONS 57-59, 62, 68, 70-77****QUESTIONS 60-61, 63-67, 69, 78-84 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) [N=1,201]:**

Q.85 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]**?

<u>Sep 4-8 2013</u>		<u>July 17-21 2013</u>
50	Always	46
24	Nearly always	23
13	Part of the time	13
11	Seldom	14
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4

**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?

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

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=657]:**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/DK</u>
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--

## TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	<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>
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>2</sup>	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

<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."