

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
JANUARY 22-25, 2015 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> | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
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| a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy | | | | | |
| January 22-25, 2015 | 26 | 30 | 18 | 24 | 2 |
| January 8-11, 2015 | 24 | 35 | 17 | 24 | 1 |
| December 4-7, 2014 | 28 | 31 | 20 | 19 | 1 |
| November 6-9, 2014 | 31 | 35 | 21 | 12 | 2 |
| October 16-19, 2014 | 26 | 33 | 22 | 18 | 1 |
| September 25-28, 2014 | 25 | 33 | 22 | 19 | 1 |
| July 31-August 3, 2014 | 27 | 29 | 23 | 21 | 1 |
| June 5-8, 2014 | 26 | 28 | 20 | 24 | 1 |
| March 20-23, 2014 | 30 | 34 | 18 | 17 | 2 |
| March 6-9, 2014 | 27 | 31 | 19 | 22 | 1 |
| February 27-March 2, 2014 | 27 | 32 | 16 | 24 | 1 |
| February 6-9, 2014 | 28 | 29 | 20 | 22 | 1 |
| January 30-February 2, 2014 | 29 | 31 | 17 | 23 | * |
| January 9-12, 2014 | 28 | 29 | 19 | 23 | 1 |
| January 2-5, 2014 | 29 | 31 | 17 | 22 | 1 |

SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: <http://www.people-press.org/files/2015/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf>

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| b. Developments in Paris after the terrorist shootings at a magazine office and a supermarket | | | | | |
| January 22-25, 2015 | 25 | 28 | 20 | 26 | 2 |
| TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: | | | | | |
| January 8-11, 2015: <i>The terrorist shootings at a newspaper office in Paris</i> | 29 | 33 | 16 | 20 | 2 |
| January 2-5, 2014: <i>Two terrorist bombings in Russia</i> | 11 | 26 | 21 | 40 | 1 |
| September 25-29, 2013: <i>The terrorist attacks at a shopping mall in Nairobi, Kenya</i> | 25 | 32 | 19 | 24 | * |
| May 23-26, 2013: <i>The murder of a British soldier in London, in a suspected terrorist attack</i> | 18 | 24 | 21 | 35 | 2 |
| July 28-31, 2011: <i>A bombing and shooting attack in Norway that killed more than 70 people</i> | 24 | 33 | 20 | 23 | * |
| July 23-24, 2011: <i>A bombing and shooting attack in Norway that killed over 90 people</i> | 26 | 31 | 17 | 26 | 1 |
| January 27-30, 2011: <i>Suicide bombings at an airport in Russia that killed at least 35 people</i> | 14 | 30 | 24 | 31 | 1 |
| April 1-5, 2010: <i>Suicide bombings in Russia</i> | 10 | 26 | 24 | 40 | * |
| July 17-20, 2009: <i>The bombing of two hotels in Indonesia</i> | 13 | 26 | 23 | 36 | 2 |

PEW.1 CONTINUED...

| | Very closely | Fairly closely | Not too closely | Not at all closely | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
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| December, 2008: <i>The terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India</i> | 29 | 37 | 20 | 14 | * |
| September, 2008: <i>A bombing at a Marriott Hotel in Pakistan that killed over 50 people</i> | 16 | 32 | 23 | 28 | 1 |
| July, 2007: <i>The investigation into who was responsible for car bombs that were discovered in London and a car bomb that went off at an airport in Scotland</i> | 34 | 30 | 19 | 16 | 1 |
| July, 2007: <i>British police finding and defusing a car bomb in London</i> | 34 | 31 | 16 | 18 | 1 |
| August, 2006: <i>British officials stopping a terrorist plot to blow up planes flying to the U.S.</i> | 54 | 26 | 9 | 9 | 2 |
| October, 2005: <i>The recent terrorist bombings in Bali, Indonesia</i> | 13 | 31 | 26 | 29 | 1 |
| July, 2005: <i>The terrorist bombings in London, England</i> | 48 | 37 | 11 | 4 | * |
| September, 2004: <i>The killing of Russian school children by Chechen rebels</i> | 48 | 30 | 11 | 10 | 1 |
| March, 2004: <i>The terrorist bombings in Madrid, Spain</i> | 34 | 35 | 18 | 12 | 1 |
| Late October, 2002: <i>The terrorist bombing of a nightclub in Bali, Indonesia</i> | 20 | 34 | 25 | 20 | 1 |
| c. Barack Obama's State of the Union speech | | | | | |
| January 22-25, 2015 | 20 | 23 | 15 | 41 | 2 |
| January 30-February 2, 2014 | 20 | 19 | 16 | 43 | 1 |
| February 14-17, 2013 | 26 | 20 | 16 | 37 | * |
| January 26-29, 2012 | 29 | 18 | 16 | 37 | 1 |
| January 27-30, 2011 | 28 | 22 | 13 | 36 | 1 |
| January 29-February 1, 2010 | 33 | 22 | 17 | 29 | 1 |
| TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: | | | | | |
| February 27-March 2, 2009: <i>Barack Obama's first address to a joint session of Congress</i> | 37 | 26 | 14 | 23 | * |
| February 1-4, 2008: <i>President Bush's State of the Union address</i> | 18 | 17 | 20 | 45 | * |
| January 26-29, 2007: <i>Reports about George Bush's State of the Union address</i> | 25 | 26 | 20 | 28 | 1 |
| February, 2006: <i>George W. Bush's State of the Union address</i> | 24 | 22 | 19 | 34 | 1 |
| February, 2003 | 36 | 24 | 15 | 24 | 1 |
| January, 1994: <i>Reports about Bill Clinton's State of the Union address</i> | 26 | 25 | 18 | 31 | * |
| February, 1992: <i>President Bush's State of the Union Address</i> | 26 | 26 | 20 | 27 | 1 |
| d. Reports about the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS | | | | | |
| January 22-25, 2015 | 25 | 33 | 21 | 21 | 1 |
| December 4-7, 2014 | 28 | 29 | 21 | 21 | 1 |
| November 20-23, 2014 | 31 | 31 | 17 | 20 | 1 |
| October 16-19, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in Iraq and Syria</i> | 29 | 33 | 19 | 19 | 1 |
| October 2-5, 2014 | 31 | 30 | 21 | 18 | 1 |

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| September 25-28, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in the Middle East</i> | 37 | 32 | 16 | 14 | 1 |
| September 11-14, 2014: <i>Reports about the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS</i> | 37 | 30 | 16 | 17 | * |
| August 14-17, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against an Islamic militant group in Iraq</i> | 23 | 29 | 21 | 26 | 1 |
| June 26-29, 2014: <i>Growing violence and political instability in Iraq</i> | 25 | 29 | 18 | 27 | 1 |

ASK ALL:

PEW.2 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the attack in Paris, France on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo? Have you heard ... **[READ]**

Jan 22-25

2015

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| 44 | A lot |
| 32 | A little [OR] |
| 23 | Nothing at all |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 As you may know, over the past several years this magazine has published cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad, which some people found offensive to their religious beliefs. Do you think publishing these cartoons was okay or not okay?

Jan 22-25

2015

Based on heard
about attack
[N=799]

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| 60 | Okay |
| 28 | Not okay |
| 12 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK IF "OKAY" OR "NOT OKAY" (PEW.3=1,2) [N=857]:

PEW.4 Just in your own words, why do you feel that it was [IF PEW.3=1 okay; IF PEW.3=2 not okay] for them to publish these cartoons? [OPEN-END; ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES; PROBE ONCE WITH "ANYTHING ELSE"]¹

Based on those who heard "a lot" or "a little" about attacks (PEW.2=1,2):

| Jan 22-25, 2015 Said okay to publish [N=503] | | Jan 22-25, 2015 Said not okay to publish [N=207] | |
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| 70 | Freedom of press/speech | 35 | Should respect religious beliefs |
| 8 | All religions get criticized/lampooned | 31 | Offensive/politically incorrect/not appropriate |
| 6 | The cartoons are harmless | 7 | Provoked anger/violence/terrorist |
| 2 | People don't have to read it | 3 | Muslims unfairly singled out |
| 2 | Freedom of religion | 2 | Did not have to publish them |
| 2 | Weren't intended to offend | 2 | Are limits to what should be published |
| 1 | The attacks were not justified | 1 | Did not like cartoons/not funny |
| 1 | Newsworthy/important | 1 | Freedom of religion |
| 1 | General negative religion | 1 | Freedom of speech/press |
| 1 | General negative Muslim | | |
| 1 | General anti-terrorist | 3 | Other |
| | | 16 | Don't know/Refused |
| 2 | Other | | |
| 7 | Don't know/Refused | | |

ASK ALL:

PEW.5 Do you think that the attacks in France will make U.S. news organizations more willing, less willing or have no effect on their willingness to publish or air things that may offend some people's religious beliefs?

| Jan 22-25 2015 Based on heard about attack [N=799] | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 16 | More willing |
| 24 | Less willing |
| 48 | No effect |
| 12 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

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?

| | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) No preference | (VOL.) Other party | (VOL.) DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean Dem |
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| January 22-25, 2015 | 24 | 29 | 34 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 14 |

¹ If respondents volunteered more than one response, Pew Research accepted up to three.