

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
SEPTEMBER 2014 RELIGION & POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
September 2-9, 2014
N=2,002

QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-8, 13 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 9-12

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.14 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	50	42	3	5
Sep 4-8, 2013	51	40	2	7
Sep 12-16, 2012	51	40	4	6
Jan 4-8, 2012	52	39	2	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	41	2	8
Mar 8-14, 2011	50	42	3	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
<i>LA Times/Bloomberg: January 2006</i>	49	38	--	13
<i>LA Times: January 2005</i>	52	36	--	12
<i>ABC/Wash Post: June 2004</i>	50	46	--	4
<i>CBS/NYT: November 2003</i>	45	42	4	9
<i>CBS/NYT: July 2003</i>	48	40	5	7
<i>ABC: November 2002 (Likely voters)</i>	60	35	--	5
<i>Wash Post: September 2002</i>	54	39	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 2002</i>	53	42	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: January 2002</i>	54	41	--	5
<i>CBS/NYT: January 2002</i>	46	40	3	11
<i>LA Times: November 2001</i>	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT: October 2001</i>	48	39	3	11
<i>LA Times: March 2001</i>	59	29	--	12
<i>CBS: January 2001</i>	51	36	5	8
<i>CBS: November 2000</i>	54	31	5	10
<i>CBS: October 2000</i>	57	32	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: October 2000 (RV)</i>	58	32	--	10
<i>ABC/Wash Post: Early October 2000 (RV)</i>	58	33	--	9
<i>LA Times: September 2000 (RV)</i>	59	26	--	15
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 2000</i>	59	34	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post: April 2000</i>	56	38	--	7
<i>CBS: September 1999</i>	46	43	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: August 1998</i>	59	35	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: August 1996</i>	63	32	--	5
<i>LA Times: April 1996</i>	62	28	--	10
<i>CBS/NYT: February 1996</i>	61	30	4	5
<i>LA Times: October 1995</i>	68	23	--	9
<i>LA Times: September 1995</i>	62	27	--	11
<i>LA Times: January 1995</i>	63	27	--	10
<i>LA Times: June 1993</i>	60	29	--	11

Q.14 CONTINUED...

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : February 1993	67	30	--	2
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1992	55	38	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1991	42	43	7	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 1989 ¹	41	48	4	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1988 (<i>Likely voters</i>)	47	37	7	9
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1988	49	45	--	6
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1988	43	44	5	8
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1984	49	43	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : March 1980	54	32	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1978	53	36	--	11
<i>Wash Post</i> : January 1978	40	39	--	21
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 1976	42	45	--	13
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1976 (<i>RV</i>)	49	37	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : September 1976 (<i>RV</i>)	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1976	42	43	--	15
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1976	41	43	--	16
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : April 1976	40	44	--	16

QUESTIONS 15-16 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTION 17**

And thinking about some issues...

RANDOMIZE Q.18 AND Q.19**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 Do you think abortion should be **[READ IN ORDER TO RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, IN REVERSE ORDER TO OTHER HALF OF SAMPLE]**?

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <i>Legal in</i> <u>all/most</u>	NET <i>Illegal in</i> <u>all/most</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	22	34	26	14	5	55	40
Jul 17-21, 2013	20	34	24	15	7	54	40
Oct 24-28, 2012	23	32	25	13	7	55	39
Apr 4-15, 2012	23	31	23	16	7	53	39
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	31	26	17	6	51	43
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	35	25	16	5	54	41
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	18	36	26	16	4	54	42
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	17	33	27	17	7	50	44
August 11-27, 2009	16	31	27	17	8	47	45
April, 2009	18	28	28	16	10	46	44
Late October, 2008	18	35	24	16	7	53	40
Mid-October, 2008	19	38	22	14	7	57	36
August, 2008	17	37	26	15	5	54	41
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6	57	37
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5	51	44
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8	53	39
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5	52	43
<i>AP/Ipsos-Poll</i> : February, 2006	19	32	27	16	6	51	43
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : December, 2005	17	40	27	13	3	57	40
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : April, 2005	20	36	27	14	3	56	41
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : December, 2004	21	34	25	17	3	55	42
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : May, 2004	23	31	23	20	2	54	43
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : January, 2003	23	34	25	17	2	57	42
<i>ABC/WaPo</i> : August, 2001	22	27	28	20	3	49	48

¹ In 1989 and earlier, CBS/NYT question read, "In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services or a bigger government providing more services?"

Q.18 CONTINUED...

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <i>Legal in</i> <u>all/most</u>	NET <i>Illegal in</i> <u>all/most</u>
ABC/BeliefNet: June, 2001	22	31	23	20	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2001	21	38	25	14	1	59	39
ABC/WaPo: September, 2000 (RVs)	20	35	25	16	3	55	41
ABC/WaPo: July, 2000	20	33	26	17	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: September, 1999	20	37	26	15	2	57	41
ABC/WaPo: March, 1999	21	34	27	15	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: July, 1998	19	35	29	13	4	54	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 1996	22	34	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: June, 1996	24	34	25	14	2	58	39
ABC/WaPo: October, 1995	26	35	25	12	3	61	37
ABC: September, 1995	24	36	25	11	4	60	36
ABC/WaPo: July, 1995	27	32	26	14	1	59	40

RANDOMIZE Q.18 AND Q.19**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<i>Strongly</i> <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<i>Strongly</i> <u>oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	
Sep 2-9, 2014	49	24	25	41	20	22	10
Feb 12-26, 2014	54	24	30	39	19	20	7
May 1-5, 2013 ²	51	21	30	42	19	22	8
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	22	27	44	22	21	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	49	22	27	40	19	21	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	48	23	25	44	24	20	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	48	23	25	44	23	21	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	47	22	25	43	22	21	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	--	--	44	--	--	9
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	20	25	46	25	21	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	16	27	47	26	22	10
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	41	17	24	48	24	24	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	39	14	25	53	31	22	8
Mid-April, 2009	35	14	21	54	31	23	11
August, 2008	39	13	26	52	30	22	9
June, 2008	40	15	25	52	31	21	8
Late May, 2008	38	15	23	49	29	20	13
November, 2007	36	12	24	54	29	25	10
August, 2007	36	13	23	55	31	24	9
Early January, 2007	37	13	24	55	33	22	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	10	20	57	31	26	13
July, 2006	35	12	23	56	31	25	9
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12
Mid-March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8
October, 2003	30	9	21	58	33	25	12

² In May 1-5, 2013, Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012, Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, July 21-Aug 5, 2010, Aug 11-17, 2009, August 2008, August 2007, Early January 2007, Early November 2006, March 2006, July 2005, December 2004, Early February 2004, November 2003, Mid-July 2003, March 2001 and June 1996 the question was asked as part of a list of items. In Jun 7-17, 2012, Apr 4-15, 2012, August 2009, April 2009, May 2008 and June 2008, the question read "allowing gay and lesbian couples;" all other instances read "allowing gays and lesbians."

Q.19 CONTINUED...

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<i>Strongly</i>		<u>Total</u>	<i>Strongly</i>		
		<i>favor</i>	<i>Favor</i>		<i>oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8

NO QUESTIONS 20-34**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

- Q.35 In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship **[RANDOMIZE: keep out of political matters; express their views on day-to-day social and political questions]** – or should they **[INSERT OTHER OPTION]**?

	<u>Should keep out</u>	<u>Should express views</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	48	49	3
Mar 7-11, 2012	54	40	6
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	52	43	5
August, 2008	52	45	3
July, 2006	46	51	3
July, 2005	44	51	5
August, 2004	44	51	5
Mid-July, 2003	44	52	4
March, 2001	43	51	6
September, 2000 (RVs) ³	45	51	4
June, 1996	43	54	3
Gallup: February, 1968	53	40	7
Gallup: March, 1957	44	48	8

ASK ALL:

- Q.36 During political elections, should churches and other houses of worship come out in favor of one candidate over another, or shouldn't they do this?

	<u>Should come out in favor of candidates</u>	<u>Should not come out in favor of candidates</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	32	63	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	66	7
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	24	70	6
August, 2008	29	66	5
August, 2007	28	63	9
August, 2004	25	65	10
March, 2002	22	70	8

ASK ALL:

- Q.37 Do you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	30	41	23	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	30	25	7
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	29	37	24	10
August, 2008	29	36	28	7

³ In 2000 and earlier, the question did not include "and other houses of worship."

Q.37 CONTINUED...

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 2007	27	38	26	9
July, 2005	26	39	27	8
August, 2004	27	31	32	10
Mid-July, 2003	21	41	29	9
March, 2002 ⁴	16	24	53	7
Early October, 2001	12	22	60	6

ASK ALL:

Q.38 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

	<u>Increasing Influence</u>	<u>Losing Influence</u>	(VOL.) <u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	22	72	2	4
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	25	66	2	7
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	23	67	3	7
July, 2006	34	59	2	5
Mid-July, 2003	30	56	5	9
March, 2002	37	52	3	8
December, 2001 (Gallup)	71	24	2	3
Mid-November, 2001	78	12	3	7
March, 2001	37	55	4	4
March, 2000 (Gallup)	37	58	0	5
June, 1998 (Gallup)	37	56	4	3
March, 1994 (Gallup)	27	69	2	2
March, 1988 (Gallup)	36	49	6	9
June, 1984 (Gallup)	42	39	14	6
December, 1978 (Gallup)	37	48	10	5
December, 1974 (Gallup)	31	56	8	5
April, 1968 (Gallup)	19	67	8	7
February, 1965 (Gallup)	33	45	13	8
February, 1962 (Gallup)	45	32	17	7
March, 1957 (Gallup)	69	14	10	6

ASK IF GAVE RESPONSE IN Q.38 (Q.38=1,2,3), ASK:

Q.39 All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>		Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>	Jul 21-Aug 5 <u>2010</u>	Jul <u>2006</u>	Mar <u>2002</u>
22	Increasing influence	25	23	34	37
12	Good thing	16	13	21	31
10	Bad thing	8	7	11	4
1	Both/Neither/Depends (VOL.)	1	2	1	1
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1	1	1
72	Losing influence	66	67	59	52
12	Good thing	12	10	6	5
56	Bad thing	49	53	50	44
2	Both/Neither/Depends (VOL.)	3	2	2	2
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	1	1
2	Same (VOL.)	2	3	2	3
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	7	5	8

⁴ In March 2002 the question was worded, "Since September 11th, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?" In Early October 2001 the question was part of a series and began, "As I read from a list, tell me if you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of what I mention."

NO QUESTIONS 40-41**ASK ALL:**

Q.42 How do you feel about this statement: It's important to me that members of Congress have strong religious beliefs. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it?

Sep 2-9 2014		Jul 21-Aug 5 2010
21	Completely agree	21
38	Mostly agree	40
20	Mostly disagree	21
18	Completely disagree	13
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

NO QUESTIONS 43-46**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.47 As I name some groups, please tell me whether you feel each one is generally FRIENDLY toward religion, NEUTRAL toward religion, or UNFRIENDLY toward religion. First, do you feel that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion? How about **[SECOND ITEM]**? Do you feel that **[ITEM]** is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you feel that [ITEM] is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion?]**

	Friendly	Neutral	Unfriendly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. The Democratic Party				
Sep 2-9, 2014	29	39	25	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	36	21	8
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	40	20	11
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	41	19	14
August 20-27, 2009	29	39	22	11
August, 2008	38	37	15	10
August, 2007	30	37	15	18
July, 2006	26	42	20	12
July, 2005	29	38	20	13
August, 2004	40	34	13	13
Mid-July, 2003	42	36	12	10
b. The Republican Party				
Sep 2-9, 2014	47	30	15	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	54	24	13	10
Nov 9-14, 2011	43	26	19	12
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	28	14	15
August 20-27, 2009	48	29	12	12
August, 2008	52	29	9	10
August, 2007	50	23	9	18
July, 2006	47	28	13	12
July, 2005	55	23	9	13
August, 2004	52	24	10	14
Mid-July, 2003	52	27	10	11
c. The Obama administration				
Sep 2-9, 2014	30	37	29	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	32	23	6
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	36	17	10

Q.47 CONTINUED...

	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d. The Supreme Court Sep 2-9, 2014	21	50	22	7

NO QUESTIONS 48-51**ASK ALL:**

Now a different kind of question...

Q.52 If a business provides wedding services, such as catering or flowers, should that business **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** OR, should it **[READ]**?

Sep 2-9

2014

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Be allowed to refuse those services to same-sex couples for religious reasons

Be required to provide those services to same-sex couples as it would to all other

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customers
Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

QUESTIONS 53-54, 59, 61-64 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 55-58, 60, 65-66****ASK ALL:**

Q.67 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? In the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT ONLY AS NECESSARY: In the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against [INSERT], or not?]**

	<u>Yes, there is a lot of discrimination</u>	<u>No, not a lot of discrimination</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Evangelical Christians			
Sep 2-9, 2014	31	62	7
Jun 13-16, 2013	30	57	12
Aug 11-17, 2009	27	56	17
b. Muslims			
Sep 2-9, 2014	59	36	5
Jun 13-16, 2013	47	43	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	58	29	13
c. Jews			
Sep 2-9, 2014	32	64	4
Jun 13-16, 2013	24	68	8
Aug 11-17, 2009	35	54	11
d. Catholics			
Sep 2-9, 2014	19	77	4
Jun 13-16, 2013	17	78	5
e. Atheists, that is, people who don't believe in God			
Sep 2-9, 2014	27	67	6
Jun 13-16, 2013	24	68	8
Aug 11-17, 2009	26	59	14

Q.67 CONTINUED...

	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination	No, not a lot of discrimination	(VOL.) DK/Ref
f. Blacks			
Sep 2-9, 2014	54	43	2
Jun 13-16, 2013	47	50	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	46	5
g. Hispanics			
Sep 2-9, 2014	50	48	3
Jun 13-16, 2013	46	50	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	52	41	7
h. Gays and lesbians			
Sep 2-9, 2014	65	32	3
Jun 13-16, 2013	58	37	5
Aug 11-17, 2009	64	30	6

ASK ALL:

Q.68 Do you think it is a sin, or not, to engage in homosexual behavior?

Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>		May 1-5 <u>2013</u>	Oct <u>2003</u>	<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>Aug 1987</u>
50	Is a sin	45	55	69
43	Is not a sin	45	33	21
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	12	10

**QUESTION 69 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 70-77****ASK ALL:**

Q.78 Do you think of yourself as a member of a minority because of your religious beliefs, or not?

Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>		Aug 11-17 <u>2009</u>	Mar <u>2001</u>
21	Yes	19	19
78	No	78	78
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3

**ASK IF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN AND NOT CATHOLIC (BORN=1 AND (RELIG=1,3,4,13 OR
CHR=1)):**

Q.79 In recent years, has it become more difficult to be an evangelical Christian in the U.S., has it become easier, or hasn't it changed very much?

BASED ON EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS [N=581]:

Sep 2-9 <u>2014</u>	
34	Has become more difficult
8	Has become easier
53	Hasn't changed very much
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):

Q.80 In recent years, has it become more difficult to be a Catholic in the U.S., has it become easier, or hasn't it changed very much?

BASED ON CATHOLICS [N=400]:

Sep 2-9

2014

18	Has become more difficult
8	Has become easier
73	Hasn't changed very much
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

* Undesignated⁵

ASK IF UNAFFILIATED (RELIG=9,10,12):

Q.81 In recent years, has it become more difficult to be a person with no religion in the U.S., has it become easier, or hasn't it changed very much?

BASED ON THOSE UNAFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION [N=409]:

Sep 2-9

2014

8	Has become more difficult
31	Has become easier
60	Hasn't changed very much
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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

Q.82a Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM]**? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]**

ASK Q.83a IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82a IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82a=2):

Q.83a Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to cut government spending] OR is it [not willing enough to cut government spending]? **[RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]**

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:

a. Government spending

Sep 2-9

2014

35	Good job
60	Not a good job
8	Too willing to cut government spending
48	Not willing enough to cut government spending
4	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁵ For some questions asked of a subset of eligible respondents and filtered on previous questions subject to backcoding, the term "undesignated" is used to denote those respondents who did not receive the question even though they should have received it.

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

Q.82b Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.83b IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82b IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82b=2):

Q.83b Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to put restrictions on abortion] OR is it [Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:

b. Abortion

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44	Good job
45	Not a good job
19	Too willing to put restrictions on abortion
24	Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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

Q.82c Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.83c IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82c IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82c=2):

Q.83c Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to accept same-sex marriage] OR is it [not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:

c. Same-sex marriage

Sep 2-9

2014

34	Good job
53	Not a good job
22	Too willing to accept same-sex marriage
28	Not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage
4	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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

Q.82d Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM]**? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]**

ASK Q.83d IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82d IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82d=2):

Q.83d Would you say that the Republican Party is **[too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status]** OR is it **[not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status]**? **[RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]**

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:

d. Illegal immigration

Sep 2-9

2014

37	Good job
56	Not a good job
33	Too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
18	Not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
5	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.84a Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM]**? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]**

ASK Q.85a IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84a IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84a):

Q.85a Would you say that the Democratic Party is **[too willing to cut government spending]** OR is it **[not willing enough to cut government spending]**? **[RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]**

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:

a. Government spending

Sep 2-9

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49	Good job
45	Not a good job
12	Too willing to cut government spending
30	Not willing enough to cut government spending
3	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.84b Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.85b IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84b IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84b):

Q.85b Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to put restrictions on abortion] OR is it [Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:

b. Abortion

Sep 2-9

2014

61	Good job
28	Not a good job
11	Too willing to put restrictions on abortion
16	Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.84c Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.85c IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84c IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84c):

Q.85c Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to accept same-sex marriage] OR is it [not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:

c. Same-sex marriage

Sep 2-9

2014

62	Good job
28	Not a good job
15	Too willing to accept same-sex marriage
12	Not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.84d Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on **[ITEM]**? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]**

ASK Q.85d IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84d IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84d):

Q.85d Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status] OR is it [not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status]? **[RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]**

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:

d. Illegal immigration

Sep 2-9

2014

47	Good job
44	Not a good job
21	Too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
20	Not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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