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As the president and Congress struggle over how to deal with the influx of thousands of unaccompanied minors from Central America across the U.S.-Mexican border, a new survey finds that the public favors a shift in U.S. policy to expedite the legal processing of the children.

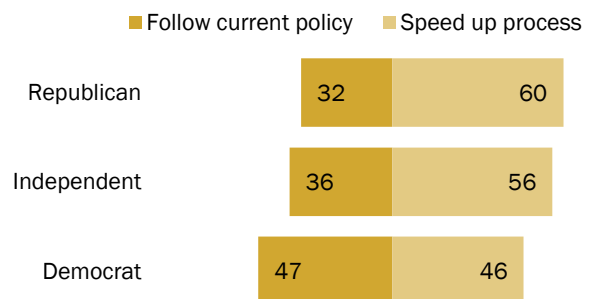
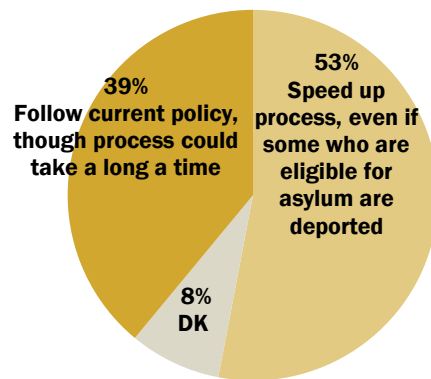
President Obama gets very low ratings for his handling of the issue. Just 28% of the public approves of the way he is handling [the surge of children from Central America](#), while twice as many (56%) disapprove. That is one of the lowest ratings for his handling of any issue since he became president. But Obama's overall job rating is virtually unchanged from April: 44% approve of his job performance while 49% disapprove.

And as was the case in January, neither party has a significant edge when it comes to dealing with immigration; 42% say the Republican Party could do a better job on the issue while 40% say the Democratic Party.

The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted July 8-14 among 1,805 adults, finds that about half (53%) think that the legal process for dealing with Central American children who cross the border illegally should be accelerated, even if that means that some children who are eligible for asylum are deported. Fewer (39%) support staying with the current policy, even though the process could take a long time and the children will stay in the U.S. in the interim.

### How Should the U.S. Deal with Recent Influx of Central American Children?

*With an increasing number of Central American children entering the country illegally, should the U.S. ...*



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Most Republicans (60%) and independents (56%) think legal processing of the children should be sped up even if it means some children who are eligible for asylum are deported. Democrats are divided: 46% favor an expedited legal process, but about as many (47%) favor maintaining the current policy, though that might result in a lengthy legal process and a long stay in the U.S. for the children.

The public remains supportive of a broad revamp of the immigration system to allow people in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status if they meet certain requirements. But overall support for a path to legal status has slipped to 68% from 73% in February. Those who favor providing legal status for undocumented immigrants were asked if they should be able to apply for citizenship or permanent residency. Overall, 40% say they should be able to apply for citizenship, down from 46% in February.

## Republicans Now Less Supportive of Legal Status for Undocumented Immigrants

*Immigrants living in U.S. who meet certain requirements should...*

	February 2014		July 2014		Change in 'allowed to stay legally'
	Be allowed to stay in U.S. legally	Not be allowed to stay legally	Be allowed to stay in U.S. legally	Not be allowed to stay legally	
Total	73	24	68	30	-5
Republican	64	34	54	43	-10
Democrat	81	17	77	20	-4
Independent	74	24	70	28	-4
<i>Among Rep/Rep Lean...</i>					
Tea Party	56	41	41	56	-15
Non-Tea Party	69	29	62	36	-7

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Republicans, who supported a path to legal status for undocumented immigrants by nearly two-to-one in February (64% to 34%), favor it by a much narrower 54%-43% margin today. Notably, more Republicans and Republicans leaners who agree with the Tea Party now say undocumented immigrants should *not* be allowed to stay in the U.S. legally than favor a path to legal status (56% to 41%). In February, the balance of opinion among Tea Party Republicans was exactly the reverse: 56% said undocumented immigrants in the U.S. illegally should be allowed to stay legally while 41% opposed this.

By contrast, there has been far less change in opinions among Democrats and independents: 77% of Democrats and 70% of independents say there should be a way for people in the U.S. illegally to stay legally if they meet certain requirements, down four points each from February.

## Little Change in Assessments of Obama

In five national surveys this year, Obama's overall job approval has changed very little. Currently, 44% approve of his job performance, virtually unchanged from earlier this year.

While Obama gets mixed ratings, at best, for being trustworthy (51%), a strong leader (47%) and able to get things done (44%), these ratings also are little changed since reaching all-time lows [last December](#), shortly after the government shutdown and the flawed rollout of the health care website.

At the same time, the public's views of the nation's economy and local job availability also have shown little change — and remain very negative despite recent job growth and a declining unemployment rate. Just 19% say economic conditions in the U.S. are excellent or good while 81% rate conditions as only fair or poor. Roughly six-in-ten (62%) say jobs are difficult to find locally while only about half as many (29%) say there are plenty of jobs available. While the share saying jobs are available is much higher than in 2009 or 2010, it has not changed over the past year.

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### Positive Views of Obama Fell in 2013, But Have Changed Little So Far in 2014

	Jan 2013	Dec 2013	July 2014	Dec-July change
Overall job approval	52	45	44	-1
<i>% viewing Obama as ...</i>				
Someone who stands up for his beliefs	82	76	70	-6
A good communicator	76	68	66	-2
In touch w/ government	--	57	57	0
Someone who cares about people like me	66	58	54	-4
Trustworthy	66	52	51	-1
A strong leader	59	50	47	-3
Able to get things done	57	43	44	+1

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Obama's rating for handling the economy remains in negative territory. Currently, 40% approve of the way he is handling the economy while 56% disapprove. His job rating on the economy has been around 40% for most of the past five years.

The Republicans now hold an eight-point advantage as the party better able to deal with the economy (47% to 39%). The GOP had an insignificant 42%-38% edge in January.

When it comes to other issues, the two parties run about even on foreign policy and immigration. The Democrats hold a five-point lead (45% to 40%) as better able to deal with health care and a more substantial 12-point advantage (48% to 36%) as the party better able to deal with policies on abortion and contraception.

There are gender and age differences in views of which party can better handle abortion and contraception policies. On this issue, men favor the Democrats by six points (46% to 40%) while women support the Democrats by 18 points (51% to 33%). Among those younger than 30, the Democrats lead the GOP by 54% to 36%. By contrast, the two parties run even among those 65 and older (39% Democrats, 39% Republicans).

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### **GOP Leads on Economy, Democrats on Abortion/Contraception Policies**

*% saying each party could do a better job on ...*

	<b>Rep Party</b>	<b>Dem Party</b>	<b>Both/ Neither/ DK</b>	<b>R-D diff</b>
	%	%	%	
Dealing w/ economy	47	39	14=100	R+8
Making wise decisions about foreign policy	43	39	18=100	R+4
Dealing w/ immigration	42	40	18=100	R+2
Dealing w/ health care	40	45	14=100	D+5
Dealing w/ policies on abortion & contraception	36	48	15=100	D+12

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## Views of Policy to Deal with Children Crossing Border

Most Americans (89%) have heard at least a little about the large number of Central American children who have crossed the border illegally. Nearly six-in-ten (57%) say they have heard a lot about the recent influx of children.

Respondents were asked about U.S. policy to deal with the influx of children from Central America: Under that policy “children from Central America who enter the U.S. illegally go through a legal process that can take months” before the children are either given asylum or are deported.

Overall, 53% favor speeding up this legal process “even if it means some children eligible for asylum are deported.” About four-in-ten (39%) say the U.S. should follow current policy “even though the process could take a long time while the children remain here.”

By 57% to 38%, people younger than 30 favor sticking with current law even if that means the children may stay in the U.S. for a long time. Majorities in older age groups favor speeding up the legal process for Central American children here illegally even if it results in some children who are eligible for asylum being deported.

Hispanics are divided, with 49% in support of following current U.S. policy and 47% favoring an expedited legal process for the Central American children. Most whites (56%) favor speeding up the legal process, while African Americans, by 53% to 42%, support following current law.

### Hispanics Divided over How to Deal with Children in the U.S. Illegally

*With an increasing number of Central American children entering the country illegally, should the U.S. ...*

	Follow current policy %	Speed up legal process %	DK %
Total	39	53	8=100
Men	36	57	7=100
Women	42	49	9=100
White	35	56	9=100
Black	53	42	5=100
Hispanic	49	47	4=100
18-29	57	38	5=100
30-49	38	56	6=100
50-64	35	58	8=100
65+	25	60	15=100
Republican	32	60	8=100
Conserv Rep	25	65	10=100
Mod/Lib Rep	46	51	3=100
Independent	36	56	8=100
Democrat	47	46	7=100
Cons/Mod Dem	43	51	6=100
Liberal Dem	54	40	6=100
<i>Among Rep/Rep Leaners</i>			
Tea Party	18	76	7=100
Non-Tea Party	38	56	6=100

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Among ideological groups, conservative Republicans are most likely to favor speeding up the legal process to deal with the Central American children here illegally (65% favor). By contrast, liberal Democrats are the only group in which a majority (54%) supports following current U.S. policy in dealing with the children.

## Passage of Immigration Legislation Viewed as More Important

A growing share of Americans views the passage of immigration legislation as an important priority. In February, as Congress considered comprehensive immigration legislation, 49% said it was extremely or very important that Congress and the president pass “significant new immigration legislation.”

Today, with prospects for comprehensive legislation diminished and Congress addressing ways to deal with the increasing number of Central American children crossing the border illegally, 61% say passage of a new immigration bill is extremely or very important.

About six-in-ten Republicans and independents (61% each) say passage of new immigration legislation is highly important up from 46% and 44%, respectively, in February. Among

Democrats, there has been virtually no change in opinion about the importance of passing a new immigration bill (63% extremely/very important today, 60% in February).

Whites and blacks are far more likely to view passage of new immigration legislation as very important than did so five months ago, but there has been almost no change in opinions among Hispanics.

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### More Say It is Important to Pass ‘Significant’ Immigration Legislation

*% saying passage of significant new immigration legislation is extremely/very important ...*

	<b>Feb 2014</b>	<b>July 2014</b>	<b>Change</b>
	%	%	
Total	49	61	+12
Republican	46	61	+15
Democrat	60	63	+3
Independent	44	61	+17
White	44	58	+14
Black	49	64	+15
Hispanic	72	75	+3

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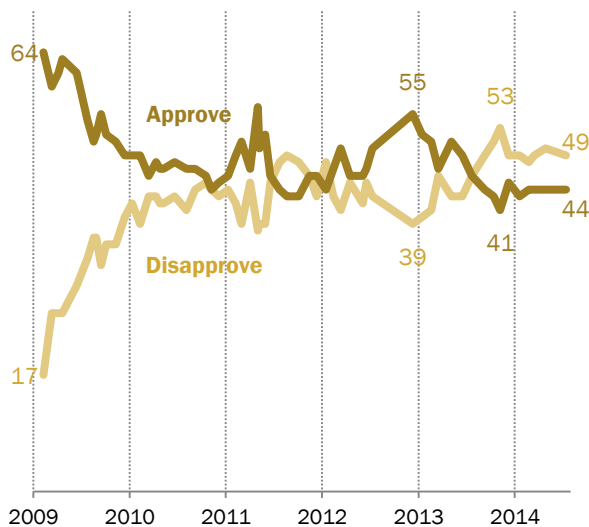
## Views of Obama Little Changed

Overall, 49% disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president, while 44% say they approve. Obama's job rating has shown no change in recent months. In fact, views of Obama's job performance have been steady reaching back to December of last year.

On several current issues, Obama's ratings are considerably more negative than his overall rating. By two-to-one (56%-28%), more disapprove than approve of the way Obama is handling the situation involving the large number of children from Central America who have entered the country illegally. Even among Democrats, just 47% approve of his handling of the situation at the border; 37% disapprove and 16% do not offer a response.

Ratings are not much better for how Obama is handling the situation in Iraq. With Sunni militants in control of large swaths of the country, 35% approve of how Obama is dealing with Iraq, while 54% disapprove.

### Barack Obama Job Approval



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### Obama Gets Low Marks for Handling of Border Crossing Situation

View of Obama's handling of ...

	Approve %	Disapprove %	DK %
Economy	40	56	4=100
Foreign policy	36	55	9=100
Situation in Iraq	35	54	11=100
Situation involving Central American children entering country illegally	28	56	15=100

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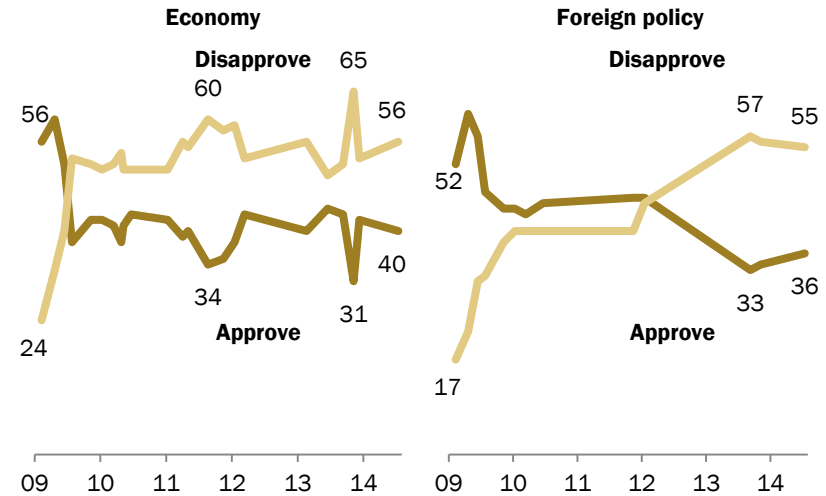


Negative ratings also extend to Obama's handling of the U.S. economy. A 56%-majority disapproves of how Obama is dealing with the economy, compared with 40% who say they approve. While ratings of Obama's job on the economy are poor, as they have been throughout much of his presidency, they have been worse at other points in his presidency, when disapproval reached into the 60s.

Similarly, far more disapprove (55%) than approve (36%) of Obama's handling of foreign policy, though his current ratings are little different than they were last fall.

## Low Ratings for Obama on Economy, Foreign Policy

*View of Obama's handling of ...*



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## Mixed Views of Obama's Personal Traits

Despite low ratings for his performance on issues, views of Obama's personal traits and characteristics are generally more positive.

Broad majorities describe Obama as someone who stands up for what he believes in (70%) and as a good communicator (66%). Majorities also say Obama is in touch with what is going on in the government (57%) and that he cares about people like them (54%).

Views of Obama's trustworthiness are more mixed: 51% say they think of Obama as trustworthy; 47% do not think he is trustworthy.

Obama gets his lowest marks on views of his leadership and effectiveness. Overall, 47% say they think of Obama as a strong leader, while 50% say he is not a strong leader. Similarly, 44% say Obama is able to get things done, compared with 53% who say he is not able to get things down.

Views of Obama's personal traits are little changed from December of last year.

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### Obama Gets High Marks for Empathy, Communication, but Not Effectiveness

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
% viewing Obama as ...	%	%	%	%
Someone who stands up for his beliefs	70	59	88	63
A good communicator	66	44	84	65
In touch with government	57	28	81	56
Someone who cares about people like me	54	21	86	50
Trustworthy	51	15	85	43
A strong leader	47	18	72	43
Able to get things done	44	21	66	38

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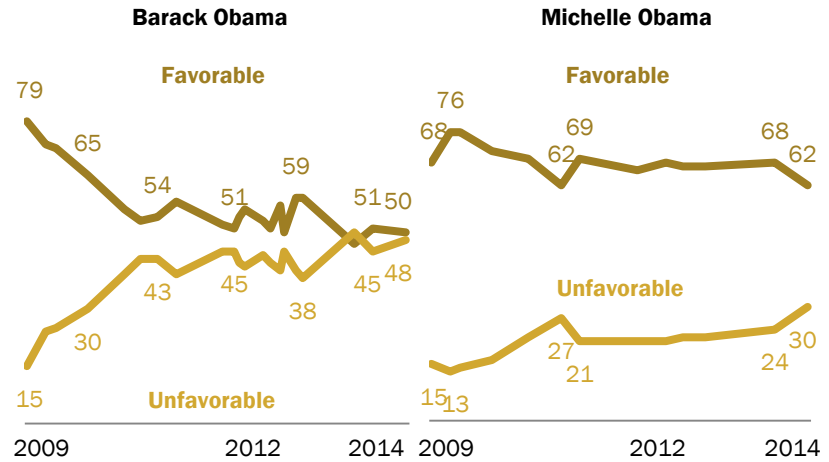
## Most View Michelle Obama Favorably, but Ratings Edge Lower

As with his overall job approval, Barack Obama’s favorability rating has shown little change.

Overall, 50% have a favorable view of him, while about as many (48%) view him unfavorably. In January, 51% held a favorable view of the president.

Michelle Obama remains more positively viewed than her husband. About six-in-ten (62%) have a favorable view of the first lady compared with just 30% who have an unfavorable view. Nonetheless, Michelle Obama’s favorable ratings have edged down slightly from January, when 68% viewed her favorably.

### Favorability of Barack and Michelle Obama



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## Economic Ratings Little Changed, Jobs Remain Scarce

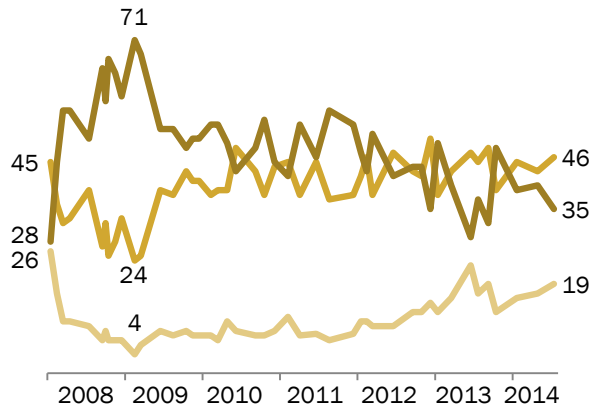
Views of the national economy remain gloomy. Overall, just 19% rate conditions as either excellent (2%) or good (17%), while 46% say they are only fair and 35% say they are poor.

In addition, the public has little confidence that the economy is on its way up. About a quarter (26%) say they expect economic conditions to be better in a year, nearly as many (22%) think they will be worse; 51% expect the economy to be about the same a year from now. There has been no increase in economic optimism this year.

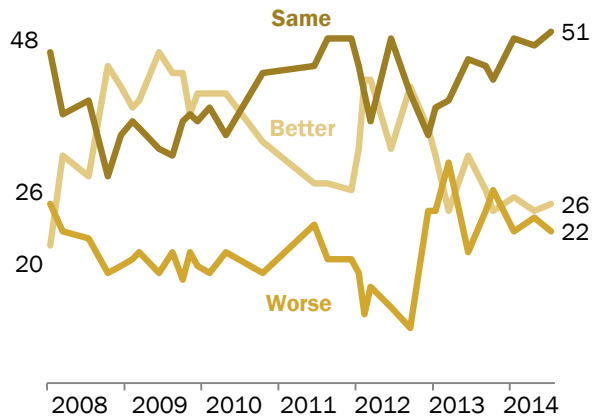
### Dim Views of National Economy

Current economic ratings ...

— Excellent/Good — Only fair — Poor



A year from now, conditions will be ...



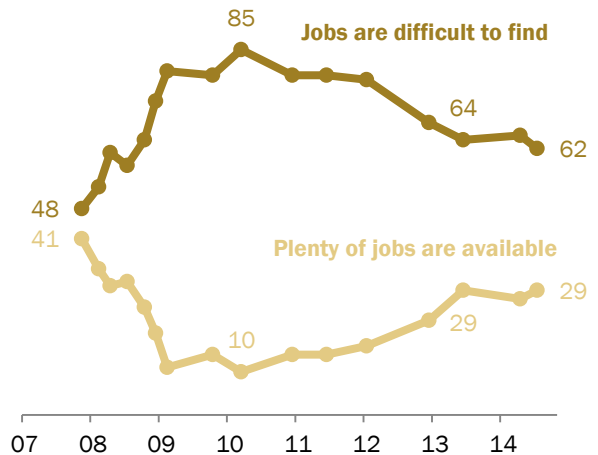
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Furthermore, the declining unemployment rate has had hardly any impact on the public's impression of job availability. About six-in-ten (62%) say that job opportunities where they live are difficult to find; just 29% say there are plenty of jobs available in their community.

Views are nearly identical to those measured in June 2013 when the unemployment rate was more than a full point higher than today (7.5% then, 6.1% now). At that time, 64% said that jobs were difficult to find, compared with 29% who said there were plenty available.

### Most Say Jobs in Their Community Remain 'Difficult to Find'



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## About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted July 8-14, 2014 among a national sample of 1,805 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (723 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,082 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 597 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2012 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2013 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Unweighted sample size</b>	<b>Plus or minus ...</b>
Total sample	1,805	2.7 percentage points
Republican	480	5.2 percentage points
Democrat	608	4.6 percentage points
Independent	639	4.5 percentage points
White, non-Hispanic	1,267	3.2 percentage points
Black, non-Hispanic	168	8.7 percentage points
Hispanic	223	7.6 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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**JULY 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**July 8-14, 2014**  
**N=1,805**

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2****ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	Dis- (VOL.)				Dis- (VOL.)		
	Approve	Approve	DK/Ref		Approve	Approve	DK/Ref
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	49	6	May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	44	50	7	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	44	49	7	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Feb 14-23, 2014	44	48	8	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	43	49	8	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19
May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11				

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**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2****ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis <u>fied</u>	Dis <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	August, 2008	21	74	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	July, 2008	19	74	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	June, 2008	19	76	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	March, 2008	22	72	6
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	October, 2007	28	66	6
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	February, 2007	30	61	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	December, 2006	28	65	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	July, 2006	30	65	5
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	March, 2006	32	63	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	January, 2006	34	61	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	January, 2005	40	54	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	July, 2004	38	55	7
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	May, 2004	33	61	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	December, 2003	44	47	9
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	October, 2003	38	56	6
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	January, 2003	44	50	6
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	September, 2002	41	55	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	May, 2002	44	44	12
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	March, 2001	47	45	8
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	February, 2001	46	43	11
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	January, 2001	55	41	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
December, 2008	13	83	4	June, 2000	47	45	8
				April, 2000	48	43	9
				August, 1999	56	39	5
				January, 1999	53	41	6
				November, 1998	46	44	10

<sup>1</sup> In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

**Q.2 CONTINUED...**

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	July, 1994	24	73	3
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	March, 1994	24	71	5
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
February, 1998	59	37	4	September, 1993	20	75	5
January, 1998	46	50	4	May, 1993	22	71	7
September, 1997	45	49	6	January, 1993	39	50	11
August, 1997	49	46	5	January, 1992	28	68	4
January, 1997	38	58	4	November, 1991	34	61	5
July, 1996	29	67	4	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
March, 1996	28	70	2	August, 1990	47	48	5
October, 1995	23	73	4	May, 1990	41	54	5
June, 1995	25	73	2	January, 1989	45	50	5
April, 1995	23	74	3	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

**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 ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] How about [NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The economy			
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	56	4
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	31	65	3
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	43	52	5
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	50	5
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	40	56	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	43	53	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
May 2, 2011	40	55	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20
b. The situation involving the large number of children from Central America who have entered the country illegally			
Jul 8-14, 2014	28	56	15

**Q.3 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=858]:</b>			
c.F1 The situation in Iraq			
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	54	11
Jan 6-9, 2011	46	41	12
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	44	11
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	44	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	41	48	12
Jul 22-26, 2009	47	38	15

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=947]:**

d.F2 The nation's foreign policy			
Jul 8-14, 2014	36	55	9
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	34	56	10
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	33	57	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	46	45	10
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	40	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
Mar 10-14, 2010	42	40	18
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	40	16
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	38	18
July 22-26, 2009	47	32	21
June 10-14, 2009	57	31	12
April 14-21, 2009	61	22	17
Feb 4-8, 2009	52	17	31

**QUESTIONS 4-24 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 25-27****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.28 Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is 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-----			<b>(VOL.)</b>	<b>(VOL.)</b>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>Can't rate/Ref</u>
a. Barack Obama								
Jul 8-14, 2014	50	19	32	48	30	18	0	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	51	19	32	45	24	22	*	4
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	17	31	50	32	18	*	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	28	31	38	20	18	*	3
Dec 5-9, 2012	59	26	33	40	24	16	*	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	50	24	26	45	26	19	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	57	27	30	40	23	17	*	4
Jul 16-26, 2012	51	24	26	42	27	15	0	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	53	20	33	44	22	21	0	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	56	24	32	41	25	16	*	3
Feb 8-12, 2012	54	22	32	42	26	16	*	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	51	23	28	45	24	21	0	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	52	21	31	45	24	21	*	3
Mar 8-14, 2011	58	22	36	39	20	19	*	3
Dec 2-5, 2010	54	26	29	43	25	18	*	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	21	32	43	23	20	*	5
Jun 10-13, 2010	56	27	30	39	20	19	0	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	65	33	32	30	16	14	*	5

**Q.28 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Jun 10-14, 2009	72	37	35	25	11	14	*	3
Apr 14-21, 2009	73	38	35	24	10	14	*	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6
Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6
Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5
Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4
Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9
April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13
<b>b. Michelle Obama</b>								
Jul 8-14, 2014	62	29	33	30	14	16	*	8
Jan 15-19, 2014	68	29	39	24	11	13	1	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	67	37	30	22	11	11	1	11
Sep 12-16, 2012	67	39	28	22	11	11	*	10
Jun 7-17, 2012	68	33	35	21	11	10	1	10
Jan 11-16, 2012	66	33	34	21	10	12	*	12
Mar 8-14, 2011	69	30	39	21	9	12	1	9
Dec 2-5, 2010	62	30	31	27	15	12	1	10
Jun 10-13, 2010	69	31	38	22	9	12	1	9
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	71	33	38	16	8	8	1	11
Jun 10-14, 2009	76	36	39	14	5	9	1	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	76	36	40	13	4	9	1	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	68	28	40	15	4	11	2	15
Mid-September, 2008	56	23	33	25	11	14	2	17
Late May, 2008	43	14	29	21	8	13	4	32

**QUESTIONS 29-30 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 31-36****ASK ALL:**

Q.37 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Barack Obama. (First,) does Barack Obama impress you as...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**?

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=858]:**

a.F1	<u>A strong leader</u>	Not a strong <u>leader</u>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
			<u>Neither particularly</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 8-14, 2014	47	50	1	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	50	48	1	1
May 1-5, 2013	56	40	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	37	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	52	45	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	49	47	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	58	37	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	53	41	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	42	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	62	32	2	3
Sep 10-15, 2009	65	29	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	77	13	1	9

**Q.37 CONTINUED...**

	Stands up for what he <u>believes in</u>	Doesn't stand up for what he <u>believes in</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Neither <u>particularly</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
b.F1				
Jul 8-14, 2014	70	25	2	3
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	76	19	2	3
May 1-5, 2013	76	19	1	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	82	14	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	75	19	1	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	71	22	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	75	18	1	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	77	16	1	5

	<u>Trustworthy</u>	Not <u>trustworthy</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Neither <u>particularly</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
c.F1				
Jul 8-14, 2014	51	47	1	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	52	45	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	30	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	36	*	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	59	37	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	62	31	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	58	36	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	37	1	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	61	31	2	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	64	30	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	76	15	1	8

	<u>Able to get things done</u>	Not able to get <u>things done</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Neither <u>particularly</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
d.F1				
Jul 8-14, 2014	44	53	2	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	43	51	3	3
May 1-5, 2013	49	46	2	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	57	37	1	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	46	50	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	50	2	4
May 25-30, 2011	55	38	3	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	54	38	3	5
June 16-20, 2010	55	39	2	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	57	35	3	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	58	31	3	8
Feb 4-8, 2009	70	15	2	13

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=947]:**

	<u>A good communicator</u>	Not a good <u>communicator</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Neither <u>particularly</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
e.F2				
Jul 8-14, 2014	66	32	1	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	68	28	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	76	21	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	78	20	*	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	75	22	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	75	20	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	75	21	1	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	77	20	2	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	2
Sep 10-15, 2009	83	13	1	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	92	6	*	2

**Q.37 CONTINUED...**

f.F2	Someone who cares about people like me	Someone who doesn't care about people like me	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jul 8-14, 2014	54	42	2	2
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	58	38	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	31	*	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	35	1	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	63	31	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	64	30	*	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	60	34	1	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	60	35	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	64	30	1	4
Sep 10-15, 2009	68	25	1	6
Feb 4-8, 2009	81	14	1	4

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=947]:**

Q.38F2 Would you describe Barack Obama as being in touch or as being out of touch with what is going on in the government?

Jul 8-14 2014	(U) Dec 3-8 2013	<i>G. W. Bush</i> Mar 2006	<i>Reagan</i> ABC News/Wash Post Aug 1987
57 In touch	57	36	51
41 Out of touch	41	56	47
3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	8	3

**NO QUESTION 39****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about some issues,

Q.40 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do the better job in each of the following areas. First, which party could do a better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]**

a.	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dealing with the economy					
Jul 8-14, 2014	47	39	4	6	4
Jan 15-19, 2014	42	38	10	7	3
Oct 9-13, 2013	44	37	5	9	5
May 1-5, 2013	42	38	6	8	6
May 25-30, 2011	38	40	5	8	8
Sep 16-19, 2010	38	37	8	10	8
May 20-23, 2010	33	34	9	14	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	41	7	6	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	32	42	6	12	9
February, 2008	34	53	2	5	6
October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14
September, 2006	32	46	5	5	12
February, 2006	36	46	5	5	8
Mid-September, 2005	38	44	5	7	6
July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13
Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13
January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18
May, 2001 <sup>2</sup>	33	44	8	5	10

<sup>2</sup> In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

## Q.40 CONTINUED...

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28
b. Dealing with immigration					
Jul 8-14, 2014	42	40	4	7	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	38	39	8	8	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	40	39	4	8	9
May 1-5, 2013	38	38	7	8	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11
c. Dealing with health care					
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	45	4	6	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	37	45	3	6	8
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	40	39	6	9	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	38	48	4	4	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	49	1	7	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	38	49	3	4	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	42	6	5	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	39	5	11	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2002	20	45	--	6	29
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8

**Q.40 CONTINUED...**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14
d. Making wise decisions about foreign policy					
Jul 8-14, 2014	43	39	5	7	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	38	10	4	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	39	34	8	8	11
August 27-30, 2009	31	44	7	8	9
February, 2008	40	45	4	4	7
July, 2004	38	40	4	4	14
Early September, 2002	40	30	10	6	14
May, 2001	39	34	11	3	13
June, 1999	37	36	7	6	14
March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11
Early September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13
March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10
October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11
July, 1994 <sup>3</sup>	51	31	4	6	8
December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16
e. Dealing with policies on abortion and contraception					
Jul 8-14, 2014	36	48	3	6	7

**QUESTIONS 41-47 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 48-49****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.50 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1

<sup>3</sup> In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."



## Q.50 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 <sup>4</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

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<sup>4</sup> Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
Newsweek: January, 2001	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9

**Q.51 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.52 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	<u>Plenty of</u> <u>jobs available</u>	<u>Jobs are</u> <u>difficult to find</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Lots of some jobs,</u> <u>few of others</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	62	4	5
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	27	65	4	4
Jun 12-16, 2013	29	64	3	4
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
<i>U.S. News</i> : August, 1992	15	76	6	3
<i>U.S. News</i> : May, 1992	16	77	4	3
<i>U.S. News</i> : January, 1992	12	79	6	3

**QUESTION 53 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

- Q.54 How important is it to you that the president and Congress pass significant new immigration legislation this year – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Jul 8-14 <u>2014</u>		(U) Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>	Jun 12-16 <u>2013</u>
28	Extremely important	21	21
32	Very important	29	29
22	Somewhat important	26	29
7	Not too important	9	10
7	Not important at all	12	9
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	2

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How important is the issue of illegal immigration to you...*

*Gallup/USA Today*

Jul 2007

35	Extremely important
27	Very important
26	Somewhat important
7	Not too important
4	Not important at all
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.55 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [They should not be allowed to stay in this country legally] **[OR]** [There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met]

**ASK IF ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY (Q.55=2):**

- Q.56 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** [Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship] **[OR]** [Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship]

	<b>Allowed to stay legally</b>	Apply for citizenship	Permanent residency, not citizenship	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>	<b>Not allowed to stay legally</b>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Jul 8-14, 2014	<b>68</b>	40	24	3	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>
Feb 14-23, 2014	<b>73</b>	46	24	3	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>
Jun 12-16, 2013	<b>71</b>	--	--	--	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>
May 1-5, 2013	<b>73</b>	44	25	4	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>
Mar 13-17, 2013 <sup>5</sup>	<b>71</b>	43	24	4	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 57-58****QUESTIONS 59-68 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 69-71**

<sup>5</sup> In May 2013 and March 2013, question read "Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?" and the second answer choice read "There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements to stay in the country legally."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.72 How much, if anything, have you heard about the large number of children from Central America crossing the border into the U.S. illegally? **[READ]**

Jul 8-14

2014

57	A lot
31	A little
11	Nothing at all
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 73-82****ASK ALL:**

Q.83 Under current U.S. policy, children from Central American countries like Honduras who enter the U.S. illegally go through a legal process that can take months before they are deported or receive asylum. With the increase in the number of children entering the country, should the U.S. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Jul 8-14

2014

39	Follow current policy, even though the process could take a long time while the children remain here [OR SHOULD THE U.S.]
53	Speed up the process, even if it means some children eligible for asylum are deported
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**QUESTIONS 84-88 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**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.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Jul 8-14, 2014	25	34	37	2	1	1	16	15
Apr 23-27, 2014	24	30	41	2	1	2	18	17
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	22	31	41	3	1	2	17	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
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
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
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=778]**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	12	50	2	1	--
Apr 23-27, 2014	33	11	54	1	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	11	50	1	1	--

## TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
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	--
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	--
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>6</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>6</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."

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

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls
(NJ)	Pew Research Center/National Journal

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