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In advance of Friday’s jobs report, the public’s assessment of job availability in their local communities has improved modestly. But that has done nothing to boost overall economic optimism.

For Americans, jobs are only part of the economic picture: 56% say their family’s incomes are falling behind the cost of living. That is about as many as said their incomes were falling behind in October 2008 (57%), during the Wall Street financial crisis.

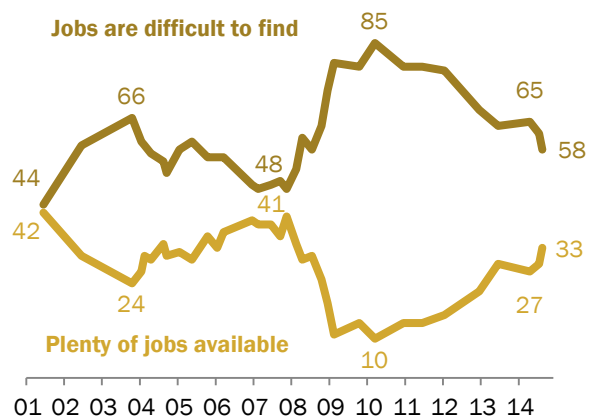
And 45% say they have experienced one or more serious financial hardships – such as a job layoff, an inability to pay for health care or trouble with a collection agency – over the past year. Among those with low family incomes (less than \$30,000 a year), fully 66% have confronted at least one serious financial problem.

The new national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted August 20-24 among 1,501

adults finds that 33% say there are plenty of jobs available where they live, while 58% say that jobs are difficult to find. The share saying jobs are available has ticked up from 29% in July and 27% in April. Nearly two years ago, in December 2012, just 22% said there were plenty of jobs locally.

Views of Local Job Opportunities Improve Modestly

Job opportunities where you live are ... (%)



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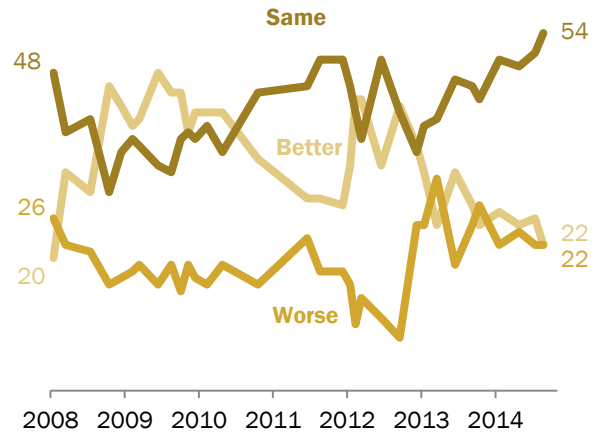
But the public's views of the national economy – both current and future – remain bleak. Just 21% rate economic conditions as excellent or good, while 79% say they are only fair or poor. That is up modestly from earlier this year; in January, 16% expressed a positive view of economic conditions.

About one-in-five (22%) expect that economic conditions will be better a year from now than they are today, while the same percentage says things will be worse; 54% expect conditions to be about the same. The share expecting the economy to improve has remained fairly stable for more than a year.

Moreover, there is broad agreement among the public that the economic recovery remains weak. Two-thirds (67%) say “the economy is recovering, but not so strongly.” Just 8% say the economy is recovering strongly, while three times as many (24%) say it is not recovering at all. These opinions are virtually unchanged from April.

Optimism about National Economy Remains Limited

% saying a year from now, national economic conditions will be ...

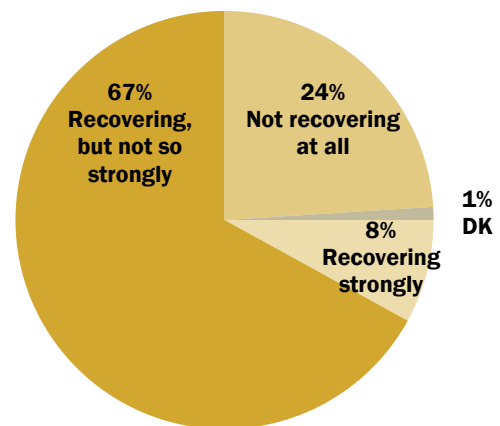


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Public Sees Weak Economic Recovery

The economy is ...



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Most Feel Like They're 'Falling Behind'

As is typically the case, people rate their own financial situation more positively than national conditions. Overall, 42% say they are in excellent or good shape financially, compared with 36% who say they are in only fair shape and 21% who say they are in poor shape.

People also continue to express more optimism about their personal finances than about the national economy: 56% expect their financial situation will improve “some” over the next year, while 10% expect it will improve “a lot.” The share saying they expect their finances to show at least some improvement has risen seven points since April and now is at the same point as it was two years ago.

While most think their own financial situation will improve at least some over the next year, there is widespread concern about keeping up with the cost of living. A 56% majority says that their family's income is falling behind the cost of living, while 37% say their income is staying about even; just 5% say their income is rising faster than the cost of living.

There are stark income differences in views of whether incomes are keeping up with living costs: Among those with family incomes of \$75,000 or more, most say they are at least keeping pace with the cost of living; among those with the highest incomes (\$100,000 or more), 15% say their incomes are going up faster than living costs and 48% are staying even.

But majorities of those in the lowest two income categories say they are falling behind: 56% of those with family incomes between \$30,000 and \$75,000 say they are falling behind; just 39% say they are staying even while 4% say

Only Those with Incomes Over \$75,000 Feel They're At Least 'Staying Even'

Family income relative to cost of living ...

	Going up faster	Staying even	Falling behind	DK
	%	%	%	%
Total	5	37	56	2=100
Men	7	39	53	1=100
Women	4	35	60	2=100
White	5	37	56	2=100
Black	6	27	67	0=100
Hispanic	7	39	52	2=100
18-29	6	48	45	1=100
30-49	6	35	57	2=100
50-64	5	31	63	1=100
65+	2	36	59	3=100
College grad+	9	48	42	1=100
Some college	3	34	62	2=100
HS or less	5	32	62	2=100
<i>Family income</i>				
\$100,000 or more	15	48	36	*=100
\$75,000-\$99,999	2	53	44	*=100
\$30,000-\$75,000	4	39	56	1=100
Less than \$30,000	4	25	70	2=100
Republican	4	35	59	2=100
Democrat	4	41	53	1=100
Independent	6	37	55	2=100

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their incomes are rising faster than living costs. Among those with incomes below \$30,000, 70% say they are falling behind. (According to [Census data](#), in 2012 the median household income was \$51,017, below the pre-recession 2007 level of \$55, 627).

Many Face Financial Problems

Overall, about a quarter (24%) of the public says they have had trouble getting or paying for medical care in the past year.

Nearly as many say they've had trouble paying their rent or mortgage (20%) or had problems with collection or credit agencies (20%).

Somewhat fewer say they have been laid off or lost their job in the past year (14%); another 8% say they have had their hours reduced or been asked to take a cut in pay.

Across these measures of financial stress, there have

generally been only modest declines from levels measured during, or shortly after, the depths of the recession. For example, the 20% having trouble paying their rent or mortgage is down just six points from June 2011, when 26% said this had happened to them in the past year.

Little Change Post-Recession in Numbers Experiencing Financial Hardships

	Jan 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2010	June 2011	July 2012	Mar 2013	Aug 2014
<i>In past year, ...</i>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Had trouble getting or paying for medical care	23	23	26	29	25	28	24
Had problems paying rent or mortgage	16	20	24	26	23	23	20
Had problems with collection agencies	--	20	21	--	--	--	20
Been laid off or lost your job	14	18	21	16	15	15	14
Had hours reduced or asked to take pay cut	--	11	15	--	--	--	8

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While no more than a quarter of the public has experienced *any* of the individual financial problems tested in the survey, fully 45% of Americans report having experienced *at least one* in the past year. Two-thirds (66%) of those with family incomes of less than \$30,000 say that they have experienced at least one financial problem in the past year. This compares with 47% of those with incomes between \$30,000 and \$75,000, and only about 20% of those with higher incomes.

Across racial and ethnic groups, blacks (65%) and Hispanics (62%) are far more likely than whites (38%) to say they have faced a severe financial problem in the past year.

Among those ages 18-29, 54% have experienced at least one of the five financial problems tested in the survey. By comparison, just 28% of those 65 and older have had one of these problems.

Who Has Experienced Financial Problems?

% reporting one or more financial problems in the past year ...

	Aug 2014
	%
Total	45
Men	40
Women	49
White	38
Black	65
Hispanic	62
18-29	54
30-49	51
50-64	42
65+	28
College grad+	30
Some college	50
HS or less	50
<i>Family income</i>	
\$100,000 or more	20
\$75,000-\$99,999	22
\$30,000-\$75,000	47
Less than \$30,000	66
Republican	40
Independent	43
Democrat	49

Survey conducted August 20-24, 2014.
Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Financial problems include problems paying rent/mortgage, trouble getting/paying for medical care, problems w/ credit agencies, being laid off or having hours/pay cut.

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Views of the Job Situation

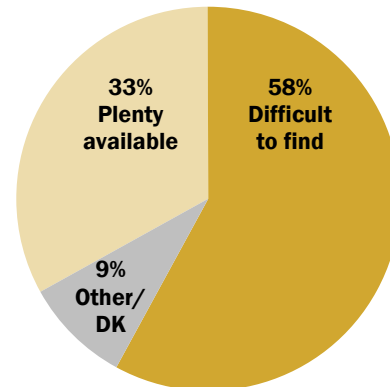
Overall, 33% say there are plenty of jobs available where they live, compared with 58% who say that jobs are difficult to find. The percentage saying that jobs are readily available is up six points since April and has steadily increased since reaching 10% in the spring of 2010.

Half the sample was asked about the availability of jobs generally, and the other half was about the availability of “good jobs.” About a quarter (26%) say there are plenty of good jobs available where they live; 71% say good jobs are hard to find in their area.

The percentage saying there are plenty of good jobs in their area has increased 16 points since the question was last asked in October 2009. Impressions of the availability of good jobs remain more negative than in June 2007, before the start of the recession; at that time, 36% said there were plenty of good jobs available in their area.

Views of Job Availability

Availability of jobs in your area ...



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Only about Quarter Say ‘Good Jobs’ Are Available Locally

	June 2007	July 2008	Oct 2009	Aug 2014
	%	%	%	%
Plenty of good jobs available	36	22	10	26
Good jobs are difficult to find	55	73	84	71
Other/Don't know	9	6	6	4
	100	100	100	100

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About four-in-ten of those younger than 30 (43%) say there are plenty of jobs in their local communities, but just 27% say good jobs are plentiful. Among older age groups, there is less of a disparity in views of the availability of jobs generally and good jobs.

And while comparable shares of college graduates think both jobs in general (37%) – and good jobs (33%) – are available, there is a larger gap in the perceptions of those who have not completed a bachelor’s degree. Four-in-ten (40%) of those with some college experience say jobs are in ample supply locally, but only half as many (20%) say good jobs are plentiful.

Many Young People Say ‘Jobs’ Are Available; Fewer Say ‘Good Jobs’

% saying jobs/good jobs are available locally ...

	Jobs available %	Good jobs available %	Diff
Total	33	26	-7
Men	39	28	-11
Women	27	23	-4
18-29	43	27	-16
30-49	36	31	-5
50-64	29	25	-4
65+	22	17	-5
College grad+	37	33	-4
Some college	40	20	-20
HS or less	25	25	0
<i>Family income</i>			
\$100,000 or more	50	37	-13
\$50,000-\$99,999	43	27	-16
\$30,000-\$49,999	37	26	-11
Less than \$30,000	22	20	-2

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National Economic Ratings

Current ratings of the national economy are dim: 48% say the economy is in only fair shape, while 31% say it is in poor shape; just 21% say the economy is in excellent or good shape.

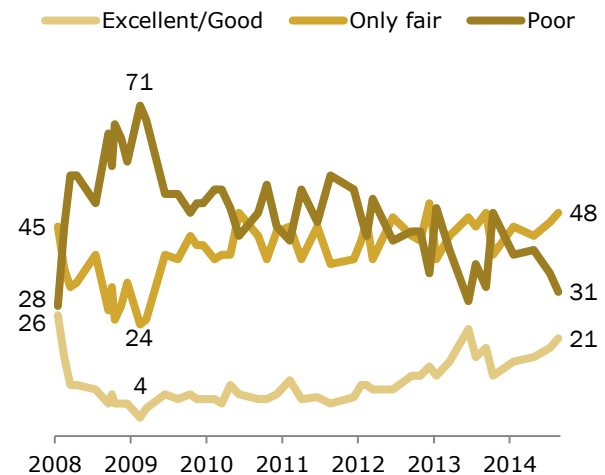
While negative, economic ratings have improved modestly since January. The share rating the economy as poor has declined eight points (from 39%), while the percentage saying the economy is excellent or good is up five points (from 16%).

However, the public is not optimistic about the direction of the national economy over the next year. As many say that economic conditions will be worse in a year (22%) as say they will be better (22%); 54% say the economy will be about the same a year from now.

Republicans and Democrats differ significantly in their economic expectations. More Democrats expect the economy to be better in a year (31%) than worse (11%); 56% say conditions will be the same. Among Republicans, 31% say the economy will be worse in a year compared with 15% who think it will be better; 51% say it will be about the same.

Economic Ratings Edge Higher, But Remain Gloomy

% rating national economic conditions today as ...

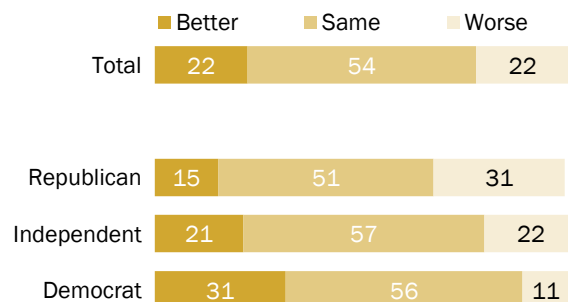


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Direction of National Economy: Pessimism Matches Optimism

% saying a year from now, national economic conditions will be ...



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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted August 20-24, 2014 among a national sample of 1,501 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (600 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 901 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 487 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted under the direction of Abt SRBI. 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:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1,501	2.9 percentage points
Republican	382	5.8 percentage points
Democrat	473	5.2 percentage points
Independent	534	4.9 percentage points
<i>Annual family income</i>		
\$75,000+	459	5.3 percentage points
\$30,000-\$74,999	464	5.2 percentage points
<\$30,000	356	6.0 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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AUGUST 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
August 20-24, 2014
N=1,501

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

¹ 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- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 2002	41	48	11	September, 1997	45	49	6
September, 2002	41	55	4	August, 1997	49	46	5
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	January, 1997	38	58	4
May, 2002	44	44	12	July, 1996	29	67	4
March, 2002	50	40	10	March, 1996	28	70	2
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	October, 1995	23	73	4
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
June, 2001	43	52	5	April, 1995	23	74	3
March, 2001	47	45	8	July, 1994	24	73	3
February, 2001	46	43	11	March, 1994	24	71	5
January, 2001	55	41	4	October, 1993	22	73	5
October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7	September, 1993	20	75	5
September, 2000	51	41	8	May, 1993	22	71	7
June, 2000	47	45	8	January, 1993	39	50	11
April, 2000	48	43	9	January, 1992	28	68	4
August, 1999	56	39	5	November, 1991	34	61	5
January, 1999	53	41	6	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
November, 1998	46	44	10	August, 1990	47	48	5
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	May, 1990	41	54	5
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
February, 1998	59	37	4				
January, 1998	46	50	4				

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.3 Thinking about the future of our country, please tell me whether you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about each of the following. First **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** "Do you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about this?]

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	(VOL.) Uncertain	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. The moral and ethical standards in our country				
August 20-24, 2014	41	55	4	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	42	51	4	3
Pew Social Trends October 1-21, 2010	41	51	3	4
b. The soundness of our economic system over the long run				
August 20-24, 2014	44	51	2	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	44	50	4	2
Pew Social Trends October 1-21, 2010	46	49	3	3
c. Our ability to get along with other countries in the world				
August 20-24, 2014	48	47	3	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	61	33	5	1
Pew Social Trends October 1-21, 2010	56	36	4	4
d. Our system of education				
August 20-24, 2014	47	50	3	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	47	49	3	1
Pew Social Trends October 1-21, 2010	50	43	3	3
e. Our system of government and how well it works				
August 20-24, 2014	40	54	4	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	41	53	4	1

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Optimistic</u>	<u>Pessimistic</u>	<u>(VOL.) Uncertain</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
f. The way our leaders are chosen under our political system				
August 20-24, 2014	46	49	3	2
September 29-October 2, 2011	51	42	4	3
g. Racial and ethnic relations in our country				
August 20-24, 2014	53	43	3	2

NO QUESTIONS 4-12**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about some issues...

Q.13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. The economy			
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	39	55	6
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

QUESTIONS 13b-f, 14, THOUGHT, 21-22, 24-25 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 15-20, 23, 26-29

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.30 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
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

Q.30 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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
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

Q.30 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ²	2	29	42	26	1

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.31 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>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
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

² Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.31 CONTINUED...

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

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.32 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2

Q.32 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

RANDOMIZE Q.30/Q.31 BLOCK WITH Q.32/Q.33 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>Stay the same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	10	56	15	5	11	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	8	51	19	8	12	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	10	50	17	6	14	2
Jun 12-16, 2013	12	51	18	7	11	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	52	19	9	10	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
<i>U.S. News</i> : October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
<i>U.S. News</i> : August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
<i>U.S. News</i> : May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
<i>U.S. News</i> : January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

RANDOMIZE Q.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>		(U) Apr 23-27 <u>2014</u>
8	The economy is recovering strongly	6
67	The economy is recovering, but not so strongly	66
24	The economy isn't recovering at all	26
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

RANDOMIZE Q.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=757]:

Q.35F1 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?

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	58	4	5
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
U.S. News: August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News: May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News: January, 1992	12	79	6	3

RANDOMIZE Q.34 WITH Q.35F1/Q.36F2
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=744]:

Q.36F2 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of good jobs available or are good jobs difficult to find?

Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>		Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	July <u>2008</u>	June <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>
26	Plenty of GOOD jobs available	10	22	36	28
71	GOOD jobs are difficult to find	84	73	55	64
1	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL.)	2	1	3	3
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	6	5

NO QUESTION 37

ASK ALL:

Q.38 For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that happened to you in the past year.... (In the past year) Have you **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU f. WITH ITEM g. ALWAYS LAST]**? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS THIS DOES NOT APPLY, CODE AS NO]**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage			
Aug 20-24, 2014	20	80	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	23	76	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	23	76	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	73	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	76	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	16	83	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:³			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	13	87	*
b. Been laid off or lost your job			
Aug 20-24, 2014	14	85	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	15	84	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	15	85	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	16	84	*
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	79	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	18	82	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	14	85	1
c. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care			
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	75	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	71	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Had trouble getting or paying for medical care</i>			
<i>for yourself or your family</i>			
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	25	74	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	70	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	26	74	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	23	77	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	23	76	1
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	21	78	*
d. Gotten a pay raise at your current job or gotten a better job			
Aug 20-24, 2014	36	62	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	70	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	25	74	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	74	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	29	70	1
January, 2008 (SDT)	41	57	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	29	69	2
e. Been able to save money for the future			
Aug 20-24, 2014	44	55	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	41	58	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	58	42	*

³ Trends for comparison for items 38a, 38c, 38d, 38e and 38f are from a study conducted by the Washington Post, Kaiser and Harvard from June 30 to August 30, 1999. The introduction to these items was: "For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you and your immediate family during the past year..."

Q.38 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	
f. Had problems with collection or credit agencies				
Aug 20-24, 2014	20	80	*	
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	78	*	
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*	
TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	19	80	*	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Laid off</u>

ASK IF NOT LAID OFF (Q.38b=2,9) [N=1,326]:

BASED ON TOTAL:

g. Had your hours reduced or been asked to take a cut in pay				
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	77	1	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	15	64	1	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	71	*	18

NO QUESTION 39

ASK ALL:

Q.40 Do you think your family's income is going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

		(U)			Early			NBC/WSJ
Aug 20-24		Jan 15-19	Oct	July	Feb	Sep	Jan	June
<u>2014</u>		<u>2014</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>1996</u>
5	Going up faster	7	5	6	6	10	9	9
37	Staying about even	34	34	28	33	43	41	38
56	Falling behind	57	57	64	58	44	47	50
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	4	2	3	3	3	3

**NO QUESTIONS 41-48, 51, 53, 55-59, 61, 64-65, 67-68, 71-76, 78-84, 87-89
QUESTIONS 49-50, 52, 54, 60, 62-63, 66, 69-70, 77, 85-86, 90-91 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

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?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
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
Yearly Totals								
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

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

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	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/DK
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
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	--
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, 2012	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
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 ⁴	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	2

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social and Demographic Trends

⁴ 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."