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# PEW RESEARCH CENTER JANUARY 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY FINAL TOPLINE JANUARY 7-11, 2015 N=1,504

#### **QUESTIONS 1-2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

## **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:**

Q.3F2 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Barack Obama? Just the one word that best describes him. [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW".

ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE]

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the <u>number of respondents</u> who offered each response; the numbers <u>are not</u> percentages. Unique responses of three or less are not listed.

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	<u>Jan 7-11, 2015</u>		<u>Jun 12-16, 2013</u>	Aug 31-Sep 3, 2012				
35	Good/Good man	34	Good/Good man	38	Good/Good man/Good job			
33	Incompetent	27	Incompetent	30	Trying/Tried/Tries			
21	Intelligent	18	Honest	27	President			
12	Dictator	18	Liar	25	Failed/Failure			
12	Honest	17	Excellent	24	Incompetent			
12	Idiot/Dumb/Stupid	15	Great	21	Great/Greater			
11	Awesome	15	Intelligent	17	Honest/Honesty			
11	Great	15	Socialist	17	Intelligent			
11	Liar	14	Fair	14	Disappointing			
10	Arrogant	11	Leader	14	Liar			
9	Smart	11	Smart	13	Socialist			
9	Trying/Tried/Tries	10	President	12	Leader			
8	Disappointing	9	Confident	12	Loser			
8 8	Failure Impressive	9 8	Inept Disappointing	11 11	Like him/Likeable OK			
8	President	8	Hard worker/Hardworking	10	Nice			
7	Weak	8	Trying/Tries	8	Arrogant			
6	Competent	7	Caring	8	Excellent			
6	Excellent	7	Dishonest	7	Bad			
6	Leader	7	Idiot	7	Idiot			
6	Liberal	6	Arrogant	7	Trustworthy			
6	OK	6	Dedicated	6	Awesome			
6	Persistent	6	Failure	6	Best			
6	Poor	6	Fake	6	Charismatic			
5	Ambitious	6	Liberal	6	Competent			
5	A**hole/Jacka**	6	OK	6	Fantastic			
5	Charismatic	5	Fantastic	6	Sh**/Horse sh**			
5	Dedicated	5	Inexperienced	6	Sincere			
5	Hardworking	4	Charismatic	5	Alright			
5	Socialist	4	Competent	5	Capable			
4	Brilliant	4	Integrity	5	Deceitful/Deceiving			
4	Diligent	4	Interesting	5	Dedicated			
4	Fair	4	Mediocre	5	Fair			
4	Frustrating	4	Poor	5	Favorable			
4	Inefficient	4	Puppet	5	Fine			
4	Unqualified	4	Untruthful	5	Inexperienced			
4	Untrustworthy			5	Joke			
			N=769	5	Presidential			
	N=746			5	Sorry			
				5	Terrible			
				4	A**hole/Jacka**			
				4	Black			

Aug 31-Sep 3, 2012 Clueless 4 Confident Courageous Dishonest Dislike/Don't like Ignorant Ineffective/Ineffectual Inept 4 Interesting 4 Lousy Not good Positive Scary Smart Stinks/Sucks Wonderful Selfish/Self-centered

N=1,008

# Q3.F2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Jan 11-16, 2012</u>		<u>Jan 5-9, 2011</u>		<u>January, 2010</u>		Mid-April, 2009 <sup>1</sup>
24	Good	30	Good	25	Intelligent	30	Intelligent
21	Incompetent	25	Trying		Inexperienced	29	Good
19	Intelligent	20	Socialist	21	Trying	20	Socialist
17	Socialist	19	Inexperienced	18	Good	17	Liberal
16	Honest	16	Incompetent	15	Socialist	16	Great
16	Trying	14	Great	12	Honest	15	Confident
15	Disappointing	13	Intelligent	12	Unqualified	13	Inexperienced
11	Smart	13	Leader	11	Arrogant	12	Honest
10	Unqualified	12	Liar	11	Fair	12	Trying
9	Inexperienced	11	Strong	11	Incompetent	11	Smart
8	Failure	11	Smart	10	Confident	10	Change
8	Great	10	Determined	10	Different	10	Competent
8	Leader	10	Liberal	10	Strong	10	Excellent
7	Hardworking	9	Disappointing	8	Change	10	Spender/Spending
7	President	9	Honest	8	Great	9	Arrogant
7	Sincere	9	Idiot	7	OK	9	Hope/Hopeful
7	Sucks	8	President	7	Smart	8	Charismatic
6	Arrogant	7	Capable	6	Capable	8	President/Presidential
6	Bad	7	Fair	6	Disappointing	7	Different
6	Competent	6	Alright	6	Excellent	7	Leader
6	Determined	6	Excellent	6	Fake	5	Caring/Cares
6	Hopeful	6	OK	6	Leader	5	Determined
6	Inept	5	Deceitful/Deceptive	6	Liar	5	Efficient
6	Weak	5	Talker	5	Charismatic	5	Strong
5	Brilliant	5	Unqualified	5	Communist	5	Young
5	Capable	4	Arrogant	5	Idiot	4	Ambitious
5	Courageous	4	Dynamic	5	Liberal	4	Awesome
5	Excellent	4	Hope/Hopeful	5	President	4	Capable
5	Fair	4	Naïve	4	Clueless	4	Impressed
5	Ineffective	4	Personable	4	Competent	4	Incompetent
5	Fake	4	Puppet	4	Dedicated	4	Integrity
4	Awesome	4	Weak	4	Determined	4	Naïve
4	Change			4	Dishonest	4	Politician
4	Confused		N=766	4	Hopeful		
4	Mediocre			4	Integrity		N=742
4	OK			4	Young		
4	Untrustworthy						
	N. 740				N=740		

N=748

## **QUESTIONS 4F1-5F2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

## **ASK ALL:**

Q.6 As you may know, Barack Obama will give his annual State of the Union address this month... Do you consider this year's State of the Union address to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

More	Less		(VOL.)
<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
24	19	52	5
32	15	43	9
36	14	46	5
28	11	53	8
	<u>important</u> 24  32  36	important         important           24         19           32         15           36         14	important         important         Same           24         19         52           32         15         43           36         14         46

Full trend not shown; question was also asked in February 2008, April 2008, September 2008, February 2009 and August 2010.

# Q.6 CONTINUED...

More	Less	6	(VOL.)
<u>important</u>	<u>important</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
39	9	45	7
19	27	46	8
32	16	43	9
30	14	47	9
34	9	47	10
34	9	49	8
52	6	35	7
54	4	36	6
16	22	53	9
27	16	51	6
	important 39 19 32 30 34 34 52 54	important         important           39         9           19         27           32         16           30         14           34         9           34         9           52         6           54         4           16         22	important         important         Same           39         9         45           19         27         46           32         16         43           30         14         47           34         9         47           34         9         49           52         6         35           54         4         36           16         22         53

QUESTIONS 7, 10, 12A-12B, 14-16, 20-24, 30-38, 50-51, 54-55, 61-66 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED NO QUESTIONS 8-9, 11, 13, 17-19, 25-29, 39-49, 52-53, 56-60, 67-68

QUESTIONS 12CF1-12JF2 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?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)			
				No	Other	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>	DK/Ref	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	21	30	44	3	1	1	19	18
Dec 3-7, 2014	24	31	39	3	1	2	17	17
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	32	36	2	*	1	15	16
Oct 15-20, 2014	24	33	38	4	*	1	13	17
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
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		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
Yearly Totals								
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
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

In 1999-2007 and 2010-2011, question began "Now thinking about Barack Obama's/George W. Bush's/Bill Clinton's upcoming State of the Union address ...." In 2008, 2012 and 2013 question began "As you may know, George W. Bush/Barack Obama will give his annual State of the Union address in a few weeks ...."

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	1020							
				(VOL.)	(VOL.)			
				No	Other	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	preference	<u>party</u>	DK/Ref	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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					

## QUESTIONS REPJOB-DEMJOB PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

#### **ASK ALL:**

TEAPARTY2

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

				(VOL.)		Not
			No opinion	Haven't	(VOL.)	heard of/
	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	either way	heard of	<u>Refused</u>	<u>DK</u>
Jan 7-11, 2015	17	27	52	2	1	
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	18	28	51	1	2	
Oct 9-13, 2013	19	32	46	2	2	
Jul 17-21, 2013	18	25	52	4	1	
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29	46	2	2	
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>3</sup>	22	22	53	2	2	

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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# **TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)		Not
			No opinion	Haven't	(VOL.)	heard of/
	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	either way	heard of	Refused	<u>DK</u>
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32		1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30		1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32		1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37		1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30		*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31		1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29		1	31