

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
JULY 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JULY 14-20, 2015
N=2,002**

QUESTIONS 1-2, 9-14, 21b HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 3-8, 15-20, 21a****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.21 Which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR] [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"]**

| | The best way to ensure peace is through military strength | Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| c. Jul 14-20, 2015 | 30 | 58 | 12 |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 30 | 62 | 8 |
| Dec 3-8, 2013 | 31 | 57 | 12 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 31 | 58 | 11 |
| October, 2006 | 28 | 57 | 15 |
| December, 2004 | 30 | 55 | 15 |
| August, 1999 | 33 | 55 | 12 |
| October, 1996 | 36 | 53 | 11 |
| October, 1995 | 36 | 59 | 5 |
| April, 1995 | 35 | 58 | 7 |
| October, 1994 | 40 | 52 | 8 |
| July, 1994 | 36 | 58 | 6 |

NO QUESTIONS 22-24, 26-33**QUESTION 25 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

On another subject ...

Q.34 How much, if anything, have you heard about a recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**

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| | |
|----|---------------------------|
| 35 | A lot |
| 44 | A little |
| 21 | Nothing at all |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

Q. 34 CONTINUED...

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *How much, if anything, have you heard about negotiations between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard ...*

| | <u>A lot</u> | <u>A little</u> | <u>Nothing at all</u> | (VOL.) <u>Don't know/Refused</u> |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 27 | 49 | 24 | 1 |
| Dec 3-8, 2013 U.S.-Iran Pact (U) ¹ | 24 | 48 | 28 | 1 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 24 | 49 | 26 | 1 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 41 | 38 | 21 | * |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 38 | 39 | 23 | * |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 42 | 41 | 15 | 2 |
| Sept 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 41 | 41 | 18 | * |
| Sep 2006 | 41 | 44 | 14 | 1 |
| Feb 2006 | 32 | 46 | 21 | 1 |

ASK ALL:

Q.35 From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of this agreement? **[IF NECESSARY:** The recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations]

BASED ON TOTAL [N=2,002]: **BASED ON HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT [N=1,672]:**

| <u>Jul 14-20 2015</u> | <u>Jul 14-20 2015</u> | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 33 | 38 | Approve |
| 45 | 48 | Disapprove |
| 22 | 14 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON [BASED ON TOTAL]: *From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of ...*

Agreement between U.S. and Iran on Iran's nuclear program

U.S. negotiating directly with Iran over its nuclear program

| <u>(U)</u> <u>Dec 3-8 2013</u> | | <u>Mar 25-29 2015</u> | <u>Sep 30-Oct 4 2009</u> | <u>Sep 2006²</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 32 | Approve | 49 | 63 | 54 |
| 43 | Disapprove | 40 | 28 | 32 |
| 25 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 11 | 9 | 14 |

¹ In December 2013, question referred to "the recent agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program." In November 2013, question referred to "recent international talks regarding Iran's nuclear enrichment program." From September 2006 to March 2012, question read: "How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard..." In January 11-16, 2012, the question read: "...recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf." In February 2006, question read: "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this?"

² In September 2006, question read: "From what you know, would you favor or oppose the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?"

ASK ALL:

Q.36 If this agreement is implemented, do you think the relationship between the U.S. and Iran will improve, get worse or stay about the same?

| BASED ON TOTAL [N=2,002]: | BASED ON HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT [N=1,672]: | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u> | Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u> | |
| 23 | 25 | Improve |
| 28 | 28 | Get worse |
| 40 | 42 | Stay about the same |
| 9 | 5 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

RANDOMIZE Q.37 AND Q.38**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 How much confidence do you have that Iran's leaders will uphold their side of the agreement [READ IN ORDER]?

| BASED ON TOTAL [N=2,002]: | BASED ON HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT [N=1,672]: | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u> | Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u> | |
| 3 | 3 | A great deal of confidence |
| 22 | 23 | A fair amount of confidence |
| 34 | 35 | Not too much confidence |
| 37 | 38 | No confidence at all |
| 4 | 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

RANDOMIZE Q.37 AND Q.38**ASK ALL:**

Q.38 How much confidence do you have in the U.S. and international agencies' ability to monitor Iran's compliance with the agreement [READ IN ORDER]?

| BASED ON TOTAL [N=2,002]: | BASED ON HEARD ABOUT AGREEMENT [N=1,672]: | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u> | Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u> | |
| 12 | 11 | A great deal of confidence |
| 34 | 34 | A fair amount of confidence |
| 32 | 33 | Not too much confidence |
| 20 | 21 | No confidence at all |
| 3 | 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

NO QUESTIONS 39-44, 51-53, 57a, 60, 66-74, 78-80

QUESTIONS 45-50, 54-56, 57b-e, 58-59, 61-65, 81-84 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUESTIONS 75-77 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>preference</u> | <u>party</u> | <u>DK/Ref</u> | <u>Rep</u> | <u>Dem</u> |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 22 | 32 | 41 | 4 | * | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 24 | 32 | 38 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 18 |
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 25 | 30 | 39 | 4 | * | 2 | 15 | 17 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 24 | 31 | 38 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 17 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 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.) | (VOL.) | Not |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | <u>Agree</u> | <u>Disagree</u> | <u>either way</u> | <u>heard of</u> | <u>Refused</u> | <u>heard of/</u> |
| | | | | | | <u>DK</u> |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 15 | 27 | 55 | 2 | 1 | -- |
| 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 | -- |

TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

| | <u>Agree</u> | <u>Disagree</u> | (VOL.) No opinion either way | Haven't heard of | (VOL.) Refused | <i>Not heard of/ DK</i> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 ³ | 22 | 22 | 53 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| 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 |

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

³ 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."