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# Iran Nuclear Agreement Meets With Public Skepticism Little Confidence in Iran's Leaders to Live Up to Deal 

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## Little Confidence in Iran's Leaders to Live Up to Deal

More Americans disapprove than approve of the deal struck last week by the U.S., Iran and five other nations to limit Iran's nuclear program: Among the $79 \%$ of Americans who have heard about the agreement, just $38 \%$ approve, while $48 \%$ disapprove ( $14 \%$ do not offer an opinion).

There is widespread skepticism about aspects of the agreement, particularly the Iranian leadership's commitment to the terms of the deal: Most of those familiar with the agreement say they have not too much (35\%) or no confidence at all (38\%) that Iran's leaders will uphold their side of the agreement. And while there is greater confidence in the U.S. and international agencies' ability to monitor Iran's compliance, $54 \%$ are not too (33\%) or not at all (21\%) confident, while a smaller share (45\%) express at least a fair amount of confidence in their ability.

Views about the agreement's effect on U.S.Iranian relations also are split: Though a plurality (42\%) of those who have heard about the deal say there will be little change, about as many think relations between the two nations will worsen (28\%) as think they will improve ( $25 \%$ ) as a result of the agreement.

## Negative Views of Iran Agreement Among Those Aware of Deal

Among the 79\% who have heard about recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program, \% who ...


Scant Confidence in Iran's Leaders More Confidence in Int'I Monitors

How much confidence do you have in each ... (\%)


Survey conducted July 14-20, 2015. Based on those who have heard about the agreement $(N=1,672)$. Don't know responses not shown on confidence measure.

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The latest national survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted July 14-20 among 2,002 adults, including 1,672 who have heard about the agreement, finds deep partisan divides. Among those who are familiar with the agreement, three-quarters of Republicans ( $75 \%$ ) disapprove of it, while just $14 \%$ approve. Opposition is particularly pronounced among conservative Republicans, with $82 \%$ disapproving of the agreement. Among moderate and liberal Republicans a smaller majority (58\%) disapproves.

Democratic support for the agreement outweighs opposition by more than two-to-one (59\% approve, $25 \%$ disapprove). And liberal Democrats are particularly supportive: $74 \%$ approve of the deal. Conservative and moderate Democrats who are familiar with the agreement support it by a considerably narrower margin (48\% approve, $33 \%$ disapprove).

While those under 50 are divided in their views ( $42 \%$ approve, $41 \%$ disapprove), those 50 and older express more disapproval (55\%) than approval (34\%).
Among the 79\% who have heard about recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program, \% who ...

|  | Disapprove | Approve | DK |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 48 | 38 | 14 |
|  |  |  |  |
| $18-29$ | 39 | 43 | 18 |
| $30-49$ | 42 | 41 | 17 |
| $50-64$ | 54 | 35 | 11 |
| $65+$ | 56 | 32 | 12 |


| Post grad | 32 | 55 | 13 |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coll grad | 44 | 41 | 14 |
| Some coll | 48 | 35 | 17 |
| HS or less | 56 | 32 | 13 |

Republican
Democrat
$\left.\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|}\hline 75 & & 14 & \\ \hline & 25 & & 59\end{array}\right) 16$


Survey conducted July 14-20, 2015. Based on those who have heard about the agreement ( $\mathrm{N}=1,672$ ).
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Support for the nuclear agreement is also associated with education: Those with post-graduate degrees are the only group expressing more support than opposition to the deal ( $55 \%$ approve, $32 \%$ disapprove), while those with college degrees are divided, and there is more opposition than support among those without college degrees.

## Most Skeptical That Iran Will Stick to Terms of Agreement

Before the nuclear agreement was announced on July 14, there was modest support for direct negotiations between the United States and Iran over the country's nuclear program. However, that was accompanied by a deep distrust of Iranian leaders. In March, $63 \%$ of the public said that Iran's leaders were "not serious" about addressing international concerns over their country's nuclear enrichment program.

In the wake of the agreement, just $26 \%$ of those who have heard at least a little about the agreement say they have a great deal or fair amount of confidence that Iran's leaders will abide by its terms. About a third (35\%) do not have much confidence, while $38 \%$ say they have no confidence at all.

Republicans, in particular, are dubious: 60\% say they have no confidence at all that Iran will uphold its side of the agreement; another 31\% have little confidence. And while $44 \%$ of Democrats express some confidence in the Iranian leaders to honor the agreement, $54 \%$ do not.

Among those who approve of the nuclear agreement, $50 \%$ say they have at least a fair amount of confidence that Iran's leaders will uphold their end of the agreement; about as many (48\%) say they have little or no confidence. Among those who disapprove, just $8 \%$ express at least a fair amount of confidence in Iranian leaders.

## Majority of Republicans Have No Confidence Iran Will Abide by Deal

Among the 79\% who have heard about recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program, confidence that Iran's leaders will uphold their side of the agreement ...

|  | Great <br> deal/Fair <br> amount <br> $\%$ | Not too <br> much <br> $\%$ | None <br> at all <br> $\%$ | DK/ <br> Ref <br> $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 26 | 35 | 38 | $2=100$ |
| $18-29$ | 33 | 42 | 24 | $1=100$ |
| $30-49$ | 27 | 37 | 35 | $2=100$ |
| $50-64$ | 23 | 31 | 44 | $2=100$ |
| 65+ | 22 | 31 | 44 | $3=100$ |
| College grad+ | 31 | 31 | 36 | $2=100$ |
| Some college | 25 | 33 | 40 | $3=100$ |
| HS or less | 21 | 39 | 38 | $1=100$ |
| Republican | 8 | 31 | 60 | $1=100$ |
| Conservative Rep | 6 | 25 | 68 | $1=100$ |
| Mod/Liberal Rep | 15 | 45 | 38 | $2=100$ |
| Independent | 22 | 35 | 41 | $2=100$ |
| Democrat | 44 | 37 | 17 | $2=100$ |
| $\quad$ Conserv/Mod Dem | 36 | 41 | 21 | $2=100$ |
| Liberal Dem | 55 | 33 | 11 | $1=100$ |
| Views of agreement $\ldots$. |  |  |  |  |
| Approve (38\%) | 50 | 40 | 8 | $2=100$ |
| Disapprove (48\%) | 8 | 26 | 65 | $1=100$ |

Survey conducted July 14-20, 2015. Based on those who have
heard about the agreement ( $\mathrm{N}=1,672$ ).
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## Agreement Supporters Confident in U.S., International Oversight

While there is greater confidence in the United States and international agencies' ability to monitor Iran's compliance than in the Iranian leadership's intentions, still, just 45\% say they have a great deal or fair amount of confidence in this monitoring, while somewhat more (54\%) express little or no confidence.

Three-quarters ( $75 \%$ ) of those who approve of the agreement say they are at least fairly confident that the U.S. and its allies can successfully monitor Iran's compliance with the terms of the agreement, a view held by just $21 \%$ of those who disapprove of the deal.

And, as with views of the overall agreement, there are substantial partisan divides: Just 22\% of Republicans say they have a great deal or fair amount of confidence in the international monitoring of Iran's compliance, compared with $69 \%$ of Democrats.

## Democrats Have Confidence in Ability to Monitor Iran's Compliance

Among the 79\% who have heard about recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program, confidence in U.S. \&
international agencies' monitoring of Iran's compliance

|  | Great <br> deal/Fair <br> amount <br> $\%$ | Not too <br> much <br> $\%$ | None <br> at all <br> $\%$ | DK/ <br> Ref <br> $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 45 | 33 | 21 | $1=100$ |
| $18-29$ | 55 | 33 | 12 | $0=100$ |
| $30-49$ | 48 | 32 | 19 | $1=100$ |
| $50-64$ | 40 | 34 | 26 | $1=100$ |
| 65+ | 42 | 33 | 24 | $1=100$ |
| College grad+ | 50 | 30 | 19 | $1=100$ |
| Some college | 43 | 34 | 23 | $*=100$ |
| HS or less | 43 | 34 | 21 | $1=100$ |
| Republican | 22 | 40 | 36 | $3=100$ |
| Conserv Rep | 19 | 39 | 39 | $2=100$ |
| Mod/Lib Rep | 26 | 41 | 28 | $4=100$ |
| Independent | 42 | 35 | 22 | $*=100$ |
| Democrat | 69 | 25 | 6 | $1=100$ |
| $\quad$ Conserv/Mod Dem | 65 | 29 | 6 | $*=100$ |
| Liberal | 74 | 20 | 4 | $1=100$ |
| Views of agreement $\ldots$. |  |  |  |  |
| Approve (38\%) | 75 | 23 | 2 | $*=100$ |
| Disapprove (48\%) | 21 | 41 | 37 | $1=100$ |

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## Few Anticipate Agreement Will Lead to Better U.S.-Iranian Relations

A 42\% plurality of those who have heard about the agreement over Iran's nuclear program say they expect relations between the U.S. and Iran to change little if it is implemented; $28 \%$ expect that relations will worsen, and about as many (25\%) predict they will improve.

Though about four-in-ten of those in all educational groups expect little change in the two countries' relationship, those with postgraduate degrees are more likely than those with less education to expect an improvement in U.S.-Iranian relations in the future ( $35 \%$ say this, compared with a quarter or fewer of those without graduate degrees).

Optimism about U.S.-Iranian relations in the wake of the agreement is most pronounced among supporters of the deal: $49 \%$ anticipate relations will get better, while $42 \%$ say they will stay about the same; just $6 \%$ say they will get worse. By comparison, half (50\%) of those who disapprove of the deal think relations will worsen, while $42 \%$ say they will stay the same.

| If agreement is implemented, do you think the relationship between U.S. and Iran will ... (\%) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Improve | Stay about the same | Get worse | Don't know |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% |
| Total | 25 | 42 | 28 | $5=100$ |
| Post-grad | 35 | 43 | 16 | $5=100$ |
| College grad | 25 | 43 | 26 | 6=100 |
| Some college | 23 | 43 | 29 | $5=100$ |
| HS or less | 22 | 41 | 33 | $5=100$ |
| Republican | 10 | 40 | 46 | $4=100$ |
| Conservative | 9 | 39 | 48 | $4=100$ |
| Mod/Liberal | 13 | 44 | 39 | $4=100$ |
| Independent | 21 | 45 | 29 | $5=100$ |
| Democrat | 40 | 40 | 14 | 6=100 |
| Conserv/Mod | 29 | 47 | 19 | $5=100$ |
| Liberal | 53 | 32 | 7 | $7=100$ |
| Views of agreement ... |  |  |  |  |
| Approve (38\%) | 49 | 42 | 6 | $4=100$ |
| Disapprove (48\%) | 6 | 42 | 50 | $2=100$ |

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Consistent with the partisan divide in support for the deal, most Republicans say the agreement's implementation will either have little (40\%) or a negative (46\%) impact on U.S.-Iranian relations, while most Democrats say the deal will have either a positive (40\%) or no (40\%) effect. Independent opinions largely mirror overall views: A $45 \%$ plurality say there will be little change in relations between the two nations, although independents are somewhat more likely to say the agreement will worsen (29\%), rather than improve (21\%), relations.

## Most Americans Familiar With Iran Agreement

While just $35 \%$ of Americans say they have heard a lot about the agreement over Iran's nuclear program, a sizable majority (79\%) has heard at least a little about it.

Older Americans are more likely to have heard about the agreement than younger people: $86 \%$ of those 65 and older have heard about the agreement, including about half (49\%) who say they have heard a lot about it. By comparison, $64 \%$ of adults under 30 have heard about the agreement, including just $21 \%$ who say they have heard a lot about it.

Education is also strongly associated with awareness of the agreement: While $94 \%$ of those with post-graduate degrees have heard about the agreement (including $58 \%$ who say they have heard a lot), that compares with $71 \%$ of those who have not attended college (including only $24 \%$ who say they have heard a lot).

More Republicans (84\%) than Democrats or independents ( $78 \%$ each) say they have heard about the agreement. But conservative Republicans and liberal Democrats are about equally likely to have heard of the agreement.

## More Educated, Older Americans More Familiar With the Iranian Nuclear Deal

$\%$ who say they have heard ___ about the recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program


Survey conducted July 14-20, 2015. Based on total.
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## Most Americans Continue to Say Diplomacy is Best Way to Ensure Peace

In general, the public continues to say that good diplomacy, rather than military strength, is the best way to ensure peace. Nearly six-inten ( $58 \%$ ) say good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace; $30 \%$ say the best way to ensure peace is through military strength. These views have changed only modestly since the question was first asked two decades ago.

Younger people are far more likely than older Americans to view good diplomacy as the best path to peace. Majorities of those under 30 ( $75 \%$ ) and 30-49 ( $62 \%$ ) say this, compared with about half of those 50-64(50\%) and 65 and older (47\%).

There continue to be wide partisan and ideological divides on this question: While $72 \%$ of Democrats (including 81\% of liberal Democrats) say that good diplomacy provides the best path to peace, Republicans are more likely to say military might, rather than diplomacy, is the best way to ensure peace (49\% vs. 36\%).

## Young People, Democrats Most Likely to Say Diplomacy the Best Path to Peace

\% who say the best way to ensure peace is...

- Military strength Good diplomacy

Total
$30 \quad 58$

18-29
30-49
50-64
65+

| College grad+ | 26 | 61 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Some college | 30 | 58 |
| HS or less | 32 | 57 |

Republican
Democrat Independent

| Cons Rep | 55 | 30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mod/Lib Rep | 36 | 49 |
| Cons/Mod Dem | 23 | 67 |
| Lib Dem | 12 | 81 |

Survey conducted July 14-20, 2015. Based on total. Don't know responses not shown.
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## Question Wording and Views of the Iran Agreement

One week after the announcement of the Iran agreement, public opinion on the deal varies depending on how the issue is framed. The Pew Research Center question asks people first a general question about their familiarity with the deal: "How much, if anything, have you heard about a recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations?" and then asks people "From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of this agreement?" This question format finds that disapproval significantly outweighs approval, both among the public overall ( $33 \%$ approve, $45 \%$ disapprove, $22 \%$ have no opinion), and among the $79 \%$ of the public who have heard about the deal (38\% approve, 48\% disapprove, $14 \%$ have no opinion).

A Washington Post/ABC News survey conducted over approximately the same field period finds significantly more support than opposition to the deal among the overall public (56\% support, $37 \%$ oppose, $7 \%$ have no opinion). This question includes a description of the agreement: "As you may know, the U.S. and other countries have announced a deal to lift economic sanctions against Iran in exchange for Iran agreeing not to produce nuclear weapons. International inspectors would monitor Iran's facilities, and if Iran is caught breaking the agreement economic sanctions would be imposed again. Do you support or oppose this agreement? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?"

The different findings on public views of the Iran nuclear agreement in the

## Views of the Iran Deal Differ With Different Question Wording

Pew Research (July 14-20, 2015)
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 a lot, a little, or nothing at all? From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of this agreement?

|  | Total | Rep | Dem | Ind | R-D diff |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Based on total public | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |
| Approve | 33 | 13 | 50 | 31 | -37 |
| Disapprove | 45 | 68 | 27 | 47 | +41 |
| Don't know/Refused | $\underline{22}$ | 18 | $\underline{22}$ | $\underline{23}$ |  |
|  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |  |
| Based on those who have heard a lot/a little about the agreement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Approve | 38 | 14 | 59 | 36 | -45 |
| Disapprove | 48 | 75 | 25 | 49 | +50 |
| Don't know/Refused | 14 | 11 | 16 | 14 |  |
|  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |  |
| Washington Post/ABC News (July 16-19, 2015) |  |  |  |  |  |
| As you may know, the U.S. and other countries have announced a deal to lift economic sanctions against Iran in exchange for Iran agreeing not to produce nuclear weapons. International inspectors would monitor Iran's facilities, and if Iran is caught breaking the agreement economic sanctions would be imposed again. Do you support or oppose this agreement? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support | 56 | 41 | 69 | 56 | -28 |
| Oppose | 37 | 54 | 25 | 37 | +29 |
| No opinion | 7 | 5 | $\underline{6}$ | 7 |  |
|  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |  |

Pew Research Center survey conducted July 14-20, 2015. ABC/Washington Post survey conducted July 16-19, 2015.

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Washington Post/ABC News and Pew Research Center surveys highlight how question wording and the information provided in a question - can impact public opinion, particularly on issues where public views are still being shaped and information levels are relatively low. The Pew Research question, which does not describe the agreement, finds lower levels of support than the Post/ABC News question, which details the intention to monitor Iran's facilities and raises the possibility of re-imposition of sanctions if Iran does not comply.

In other questions, both the Washington Post/ABC survey and the Pew Research Center survey find substantial public skepticism about the agreement. The Pew Research Center survey asks about confidence in Iran's leadership to uphold their end of the deal and the ability of the U.S. and international agencies to monitor compliance, finding that majorities are not confident about either. And the Washington Post/ABC News poll asks people how confident they are "that this agreement will prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all," finding that $64 \%$ are not confident in this.

Though levels of support for the agreement differ depending on how the question is asked, both questions find large divides between Democrats and Republicans in approval of the deal, although that division is more pronounced in the Pew Research question than in the Washington Post/ABC News question.

## About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted July 14-20, 2015 among a national sample of 2,002 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia ( 700 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,302 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 758 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://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/

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 2013 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 2014 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. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

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 | 2,002 | 2.5 percentage points |
| Heard at least a little about Iran agreement | 1,672 | 2.7 percentage points |
| Among those who have heard about the agreement... |  |  |
| Republican | 405 | 5.6 percentage points |
| Democrat | 535 | 4.9 percentage points |
| Independent | 654 | 4.4 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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## 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?"]
c.

Jul 14-20, 2015
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014
The best way to ensure peace is through military

Dec 3-8, 2013
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Feb 22-Mar 14, } 2011 & 31 & 58 & 11\end{array}$

## strength

30
Good diplomacy is the
(VOL.)
Both/Neither/

## best way to ensure peace

DK/Ref
12
8
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { October, } 2006 & 28 & 57 & 15\end{array}$
December, $2004 \quad 30 \quad 55 \quad 15$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { August, } 1999 & 33 & 55 & 12\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { October, } 1996 & 36 & 53 & 11\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { October, } 1995 & 36 & 59 & 5\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { April, } 1995 & 35 & 58 & 7\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { October, } 1994 & 40 & 52 & 8\end{array}$
July, $1994 \quad 36 \quad 58 \quad 6$
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]

Jul 14-20
$\underline{2015}$
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 ...
(VOL.)

|  |  |  | Nothing |  | Don't know/ <br> Mar 25-29, 2015 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{\text { A lot }}{27}$ | $\frac{\text { A little }}{49}$ | $\frac{\text { at all }}{24}$ | $\frac{\text { Refused }}{}$ |  |  |
| 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 BASED ON HEARD ABOUT <br> TOTAL [ $\mathrm{N}=2,002$ ]: <br> AGREEMENT [N=1,672]:

| Jul $14-20$ | Jul $14-20$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2015}{33}$ | $\underline{2015}$ | 38 |
| 45 | 48 | Approve |
| 22 | 14 | Disapprove |
|  |  | 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)

Dec 3-8
$\underline{2013}$
32
43
25
Approve
Disapprove
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

| Mar 25-29 | Sep 30-Oct 4 | Sep |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{2015}{49}$ | $\underline{2009}$ | $\frac{2006^{2}}{54}$ |
| 40 | 28 | 32 |
| 11 | 9 | 14 |

[^0]
## 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 <br> TOTAL [N=2,002]: | BASED ON HEARD ABOUT <br> AGREEMENT [N=1,672]: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Jul $14-20$ | Jul $14-20$ |  |
| $\frac{2015}{23}$ | $\underline{2015}$ | 25 |
| 28 | 28 | Improve |
| 40 | 42 | Get worse |
| 9 | 5 | Stay about the same |
|  |  | 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 BASED ON HEARD ABOUT
TOTAL [N=2,002]: AGREEMENT [N=1,672]:
Jul $14-20$
$\frac{2015}{3}$
22
34
37
4

Jul 14-20
2015
3 A great deal of confidence
23 A fair amount of confidence
35 Not too much confidence
38 No confidence at all
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 | BASED ON HEARD ABOUT <br> AGREEMENT [N=1,672]: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| TOTAL[N=2,002]: | AGR |  |
| Jul $14-20$ | Jul $14-20$ |  |
| $\underline{2015}$ | $\underline{2015}$ | 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?

|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) <br> No preference | (VOL.) Other party | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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?

Jul 14-20, 2015
Jan 7-11, 2015
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014
Oct 9-13, 2013

| $\frac{\text { Agree }}{15}$ |  | Disagree |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No opinion |  |
| $\frac{27}{\text { either way }}$ |  |  |

(VOL.)
Haven't heard of
2
2
1
2

Not
(VOL.) heard of/
Refused DK

| 1 | - |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | - |
| 2 | - |

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## TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

|  | Agree | Disagree | (VOL.) <br> No opinion either way | Haven't heard of | (VOL.) <br> Refused | Not heard of/ DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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:

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[^0]:    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?"

[^1]:    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."

