

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
2015 GOVERNANCE SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE**

Phase A: August 27-September 13, 2015 N=3,004

Phase B: September 16-October 4, 2015 N=3,000

Combined N=6,004

ASK PHASE A AND PHASE B FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,996]:

Q.1F1 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 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	64	4	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	December, 2008	13	83	4
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	August, 2008	21	74	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	June, 2008	19	76	5
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	March, 2008	22	72	6
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	October, 2007	28	66	6
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	February, 2007	30	61	9
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	December, 2006	28	65	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	July, 2006	30	65	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	March, 2006	32	63	5
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	January, 2006	34	61	5
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	July, 2005	35	58	7
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	February, 2005	38	56	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	January, 2005	40	54	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	December, 2004	39	54	7
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	July, 2004	38	55	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	May, 2004	33	61	6
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5				
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6				
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5				
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7				

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.1F1 CONTINUED...

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
December, 2003	44	47	9	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
October, 2003	38	56	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
August, 2003	40	53	7	January, 1998	46	50	4
April 8, 2003	50	41	9	September, 1997	45	49	6
January, 2003	44	50	6	August, 1997	49	46	5
November, 2002	41	48	11	January, 1997	38	58	4
September, 2002	41	55	4	July, 1996	29	67	4
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	March, 1996	28	70	2
May, 2002	44	44	12	October, 1995	23	73	4
March, 2002	50	40	10	June, 1995	25	73	2
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	April, 1995	23	74	3
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	July, 1994	24	73	3
June, 2001	43	52	5	March, 1994	24	71	5
March, 2001	47	45	8	October, 1993	22	73	5
February, 2001	46	43	11	September, 1993	20	75	5
January, 2001	55	41	4	May, 1993	22	71	7
October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7	January, 1993	39	50	11
September, 2000	51	41	8	January, 1992	28	68	4
June, 2000	47	45	8	November, 1991	34	61	5
April, 2000	48	43	9	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
August, 1999	56	39	5	August, 1990	47	48	5
January, 1999	53	41	6	May, 1990	41	54	5
November, 1998	46	44	10	January, 1989	45	50	5
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
Late August, 1998	55	41	4				

ASK PHASE A AND PHASE B FORM 2A ONLY [N=1,521]:

Q.2F2A All in all, are you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your state today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	48	7
Mar 11-21, 2010 ²	38	57	5
Gallup: January, 2007 ³	61	38	1
Gallup: January, 2005	59	39	2
Gallup: January, 2004	53	45	2
Gallup: January, 2001	65	33	2
Gallup: July, 1995	50	46	4

ASK PHASE A AND PHASE B FORM 2B ONLY [N=1,487]:

Q.3F2B All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local community today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	67	27	5
Feb 12-26, 2014 ⁴	66	31	3
Mar 11-21, 2010	62	34	4
Gallup: January, 2007 ⁵	79	20	1
March, 2006	66	31	3
Gallup: January, 2005	75	24	1

² In March 2010, question read, "And thinking about the state where you live, are you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your state today?"

³ For July 7-9, 1995 through January 15-18, 2007 the Gallup question read, "In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your state at this time?"

⁴ For February 2014 and March 2010 question read, "And thinking about the local community where you live, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local community today?"

⁵ For January 10-14, 2001 through January 15-18, 2007 the Gallup question read, "All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local community?"

Q.3F2B CONTINUED...

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
<i>Gallup</i> : January, 2004	76	23	1
February, 2001	73	22	5
<i>Gallup</i> : January, 2001	76	22	2
March, 1994	68	27	5

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B4 Next, please tell me if you think each of the following is having a POSITIVE or NEGATIVE effect on the way things are going in this country today? First, (is/are) **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** having a positive or negative effect on the way things are going in the country these days? How about **[NEXT ITEM]** **[INTERVIEWER: IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: "Overall do you think (it is/they are) having a POSITIVE or NEGATIVE effect on the way things are going in this country today?" IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]?**

	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither/ No Influence/ Mixed</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	
ASK PHASE B FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,491]:					
a.F1	The federal government				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	25	67	5	3
	Feb 8-12, 2012	22	66	6	6
	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	65	4	5
b.F1	Large corporations				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	33	56	7	4
	Feb 8-12, 2012	28	57	7	7
	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	64	4	8
c.F1	The energy industry				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	48	41	6	5
d.F1	Small businesses				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	82	13	3	2
	Feb 8-12, 2012	75	18	3	5
	Mar 11-21, 2010	71	19	3	7
e.F1	Labor unions				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	45	40	7	8
	Feb 8-12, 2012	37	45	5	14
	Mar 11-21, 2010	32	49	4	14
f.F1	Churches and religious organizations				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	61	28	8	3
	Feb 8-12, 2012	57	26	8	9
	Mar 11-21, 2010	63	22	7	8
g.F1	Colleges and universities				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	63	28	6	3
	Feb 8-12, 2012	60	26	5	8
	Mar 11-21, 2010	61	26	4	9
ASK PHASE B FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,509]:					
h.F2	Congress				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	14	75	6	5
	Feb 8-12, 2012	15	75	4	5
	Mar 11-21, 2010	24	65	4	8

Q.B4 CONTINUED...

		<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	(VOL.) Neither/ No Influence/ <u>Mixed</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
i.F2	The Obama Administration				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	41	51	5	2
	Mar 11-21, 2010	45	45	4	6

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k.F2	The entertainment industry				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	56	9	3
	Feb 8-12, 2012	32	50	10	7
	Mar 11-21, 2010	33	51	8	8
l.F2	Banks and other financial institutions				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	40	47	8	5
	Feb 8-12, 2012	22	68	5	6
	Mar 11-21, 2010	22	69	4	6
m.F2	Technology companies				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	71	17	7	4
	Feb 8-12, 2012	70	18	5	7
	Mar 11-21, 2010	68	18	4	10
n.F2	The national news media				
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	25	65	7	3
	Feb 8-12, 2012	26	61	7	5
	Mar 11-21, 2010	31	57	6	6

NO QUESTIONS 5-9**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs **[READ]**?

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	51	26	14	8	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	50	27	12	10	1
Sep 2-9, 2014	51	25	14	9	1
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	48	29	14	9	*
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	69	21	7	3	*
Oct 24-28, 2012	51	27	13	9	1
Oct 4-7, 2012 (RVs)	65	23	8	4	*
Sep 12-16, 2012 (RVs)	60	26	10	4	*
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	28	15	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	50	29	14	6	1
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	56	29	10	5	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	49	28	12	10	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 ⁶	52	25	13	10	1
January, 2007	53	28	11	7	1
November, 2006 (RVs)	58	26	10	6	*
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	57	30	8	5	*
December, 2005	50	28	14	8	*
December, 2004	45	35	14	5	1

⁶ In the Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 survey, a wording experiment was conducted with one half of respondents asked the question wording shown above, and the other half was asked: "Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...?" No significant differences were found between questions and the combined results are shown above. All surveys prior to Sep 2010 used the longer question wording.

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2004 (RVs)	61	27	9	3	*
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	63	26	8	3	*
June, 2004	44	34	15	7	*
August, 2003	48	33	12	6	1
November, 2002	49	27	14	9	1
August, 2002	54	30	11	5	*
March, 2001	49	27	13	10	1
Early November, 2000 (RVs)	51	32	12	5	*
September, 2000 (RVs)	51	34	10	4	1
June, 2000	38	32	19	11	*
Late September, 1999	39	32	20	9	*
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	57	29	10	4	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	51	33	11	5	*
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1
October, 1988 (RVs)	52	33	12	3	*
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1

ASK ALL PHASE A:

Q.11 Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is a great deal of difference in what they stand for, a fair amount of difference, or hardly any difference at all?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Hardly any</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	45	32	19	4
Jan 7-11, 2015	44	31	21	4
Feb 12-26, 2014	43	30	23	4
Nov 4-7, 2010	38	41	17	4
January, 2007	35	40	20	5
Early October, 2006	38	39	18	5
April, 2006	33	42	21	4
June, 2003	29	49	20	2
February, 1999	33	46	18	3
March 1998	28	45	23	4
June, 1997	25	48	25	2
October, 1995	34	46	18	2
July, 1994	23	51	24	2
May, 1990	24	45	27	4
May, 1987	25	45	25	5

ASK ALL PHASE A:

Q.12 In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the wisdom of the American people when it comes to making political decisions? A very great deal, a good deal, not very much, or none at all?

Aug 27- Sep 13 <u>2015</u>		Jan <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>1997</u>	<i>Gallup</i> <u>1964</u>
9	Very great deal	13	11	14
26	Good deal	44	53	63
49	Not very much	34	32	19
14	None at all	8	3	1
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	3

NO QUESTION 13**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	Basically <u>content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	18	57	22	3
Feb 12-26, 2014	17	62	19	2
Oct 9-13, 2013	12	55	30	3
Sep 25-29, 2013	17	51	26	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	20	58	19	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	58	21	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	11	60	26	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	22	59	14	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early January, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early October, 2006	21	54	20	5
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid November, 2001	53	34	8	5
June, 2000	28	53	13	6
February, 2000	33	54	10	3
October, 1997	29	56	12	3

ASK ALL:

Q.15 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only some <u>of the time</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27- Oct 4, 2015	3	16	67	13	1
Feb 12-26, 2014	3	21	68	7	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	3	16	68	12	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	3	23	67	6	2
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	3	17	72	7	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	16	72	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	4	25	65	4	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1

Q.15 CONTINUED...

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only some <u>of the time</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1
November, 1998 ⁷	4	22	61	11	2
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

NO QUESTIONS 16-22**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 All in all, how good a job does the federal government do running its programs? An excellent job, a good job, only a fair job, or a poor job?

Aug 27- Oct 4 <u>2015</u>		Mar 11-21 <u>2010</u>	Feb <u>1998</u>	Oct <u>1997</u>
2	Excellent	2	2	2
18	Good	21	30	23
44	Only fair	46	51	53
33	Poor	28	16	21
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1	1

ASK PHASE A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,505]:

Q.24F1 And which of these statements comes closest to your view [READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]?

Aug 27- Sep 13 <u>2015</u>		Mar 11-21 <u>2010</u>	Oct <u>1997</u> ⁸
59	The federal government needs very major reform	53	37
36	The federal government is basically sound and needs only some reform	42	58
3	The federal government doesn't need much change at all	3	4
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1

ASK PHASE A FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,499]:

Q.25F2 Some people think of the federal government as a friend or protector. Others see it as a bother, or even an enemy. On a scale of 1 to 10 – where "1" means you think the federal government is your enemy and "10" means you think the federal government is your friend – where on this scale would you place yourself? Keep in mind you can name ANY number between 1 and 10.

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,147]:

Aug 27- Sep 13 <u>2015</u>		<i>Knight-Ridder</i> (RVs) Jan <u>1996</u>
9	1-2 (Enemy)	6
18	3-4	12
39	5-6 (Neutral)	44
26	7-8	30
8	9-10 (Friend)	7
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1
5.5	Mean response	5.8

⁷ The November, 1998 survey was conducted Oct. 26-Dec. 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

⁸ In October, 1997 response options were read in same order to all respondents.

NO QUESTION 26**ASK ALL PHASE B:**

Q.B27 What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

	Yes, more <u>politically divided</u>	No, not more <u>divided</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	79	17	3
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	81	15	3
Dec 5-9, 2012	80	17	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	64	30	6
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	34	5
Jan 7-11, 2009	46	45	9
Jan, 2007	66	28	6
Sep, 2006	70	24	6
Dec, 2004	66	26	8

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B28 And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will be **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2 WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]**?

Sep 16- Oct 4 <u>2015</u>		(U) Dec 3-7 <u>2014</u>
36	More politically divided	36
15	Less politically divided	17
42	About as politically divided as it is now	41
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

NO QUESTIONS 29-32**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 Next, would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/ Ref
a. The Republican Party								
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	37	6	31	58	26	32	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	32	7	26	60	28	32	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	10	35	50	24	26	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	12	36	47	22	25	0	5
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7

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	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B34 And is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. Barack Obama								
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	49	22	27	49	33	16	*	2
Mar 25-29, 2015	51	18	33	46	27	19	*	3
Dec 3-7, 2014	48	19	29	49	28	20	0	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	50	19	32	48	30	18	0	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	51	19	32	45	24	22	*	4
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	17	31	50	32	18	*	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	28	31	38	20	18	*	3
Dec 5-9, 2012	59	26	33	40	24	16	*	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	50	24	26	45	26	19	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	57	27	30	40	23	17	*	4
Jul 16-26, 2012	51	24	26	42	27	15	0	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	53	20	33	44	22	21	0	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	56	24	32	41	25	16	*	3
Feb 8-12, 2012	54	22	32	42	26	16	*	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	51	23	28	45	24	21	0	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	52	21	31	45	24	21	*	3
Mar 8-14, 2011	58	22	36	39	20	19	*	3
Dec 2-5, 2010	54	26	29	43	25	18	*	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	21	32	43	23	20	*	5
Jun 10-13, 2010	56	27	30	39	20	19	0	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	65	33	32	30	16	14	*	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	72	37	35	25	11	14	*	3
Apr 14-21, 2009	73	38	35	24	10	14	*	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6
Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6
Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5
Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4
Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9
April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13
b. Donald Trump								
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	11	21	64	42	22	1	4
c. Hillary Clinton								
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	43	14	29	53	34	19	1	3
May 12-18, 2015	49	21	29	47	29	18	1	3

Q.B34 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Jul 7-Aug 4, 2014 (ATP)	58	22	36	41	19	22	--	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	56	23	32	39	19	20	0	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	65	30	35	29	15	15	1	5
Jun 7-17, 2012	63	24	39	28	11	17	1	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	62	26	36	31	16	15	1	6
Dec 2-5, 2010	59	24	35	34	15	20	2	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	66	26	40	28	11	17	1	6
Late May, 2008	48	17	31	44	22	22	*	8
April, 2008	49	16	33	47	23	24	0	4
March, 2008	50	16	34	44	23	21	*	6
Late February, 2008	51	19	32	44	23	21	0	5
Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	24	18	*	6
January, 2008	52	20	32	44	25	19	*	4
Late December, 2007	50	21	29	44	26	18	*	6
August, 2007	55	21	34	39	21	18	2	4
December, 2006	56	22	34	39	21	18	*	5
April, 2006	54	20	34	42	21	21	1	3
Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1	5
Late March, 2005	57	22	35	36	17	19	*	7
December, 2002	47	15	32	44	23	21	1	8
July, 2001	53	20	33	42	23	19	1	4
January, 2001	60	25	35	35	16	19	*	5
May, 2000	49	15	34	42	22	20	1	8
Early December, 1998	66	32	34	31	15	16	*	3
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	58	24	34	36	18	18	*	6
Early September, 1998	64	24	40	31	13	18	0	5
Late August, 1998	63	25	38	34	13	21	*	3
March, 1998	65	26	39	31	14	17	*	4
January, 1997	57	17	40	40	17	23	*	3
June, 1996	53	13	40	43	17	26	*	4
April, 1996	49	12	37	46	19	27	0	5
February, 1996	42	14	28	54	27	27	0	4
January, 1996	42	10	32	54	26	28	0	4
October, 1995	58	14	44	38	14	24	--	4
August, 1995	49	16	33	47	22	25	*	4
December, 1994	50	17	33	45	20	25	1	4
July, 1994	57	19	38	40	18	22	1	2
May, 1993	60	19	41	29	11	18	1	10
d. Jeb Bush								
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	34	7	27	54	23	32	3	8
May 12-18, 2015	34	7	27	51	24	27	8	7
e. Ted Cruz								
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	30	7	23	41	21	20	16	14
May 12-18, 2015	28	6	21	41	23	18	21	10
Oct 9-13, 2013	26	8	19	33	18	16	25	16
Rep/Lean only:								
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	9	24	14	2	11	34	19

NO ITEM f**ASK PHASE B FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,491]:**

g.F1 Marco Rubio								
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	35	8	27	35	14	21	17	13
May 12-18, 2015	31	9	22	35	15	20	21	14

Q.B34 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Feb 14-17, 2013	26	10	16	29	15	14	31	15
Rep/Lean only: Jul 17-21, 2013	48	14	34	21	3	17	19	12
h.F1 Bernie Sanders Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	37	11	26	33	16	17	15	15

ASK PHASE B FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,511]:

i.F2 Joe Biden								
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	45	14	31	42	19	23	4	9
May 12-18, 2015	39	8	31	48	23	24	6	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	46	9	37	41	17	23	3	10
Jan 9-13, 2013	42	14	28	42	20	21	8	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	44	17	27	42	26	16	5	10
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	13	24	46	26	21	5	11
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	15	26	43	22	21	4	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	40	10	30	37	18	19	6	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	10	28	41	18	22	9	12
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	50	13	36	29	13	16	8	13
Mid-Apr 2009	51	14	37	28	10	18	8	13
Jan 2009	63	22	41	20	7	13	6	11
Mid-October, 2008	55	20	34	35	10	19	6	10
Early Oct, 2008 (callback)	61	20	41	30	10	20	1	8
Late September, 2008	49	15	34	30	10	20	8	13
Mid-September, 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14
April, 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14
Late October, 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16
September, 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38
j.F2 Ben Carson Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	41	14	27	28	11	17	18	13

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.B35 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

			Only	Poor	(VOL.)
	Excellent	Good	fair		DK/Ref
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	3	21	43	33	*
May 12-18, 2015	3	24	43	30	*
Feb 18-22, 2015	2	23	43	31	*
Jan 7-11, 2015	4	23	48	24	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	2	19	45	33	1
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
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

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	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>fair</u>	<u>Only Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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
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 ⁹	2	29	42	26	1

⁹ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B36 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>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	23	21	53	3
May 12-18, 2015	25	20	53	2
Feb 18-22, 2015	27	20	52	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	17	51	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	27	21	50	3
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
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

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	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B37 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>The job situation</u>	<u>Rising prices</u>	<u>The federal budget deficit</u>	<u>The condition of the financial and housing markets</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Other</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>None/not worried about any</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	31	20	31	13	3	1	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	37	22	25	11	2	1	2
Sep 4-8, 2013	40	22	24	10	2	1	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	22	25	10	2	*	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	19	27	10	2	1	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	22	24	11	2	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	13	22	12	2	1	2
Sep 1-4, 2011	43	17	22	11	4	2	2
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	15	29	11	3	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	38	20	28	10	2	*	2
Mar 8-14, 2011	34	28	24	10	3	*	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	44	23	19	10	1	1	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	47	15	19	14	1	1	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	15	19	12	2	1	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	41	16	23	13	3	1	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	45	17	22	11	2	*	2

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Just as far as you know...

Q.B38 Which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: DO NOT PROBE, PUNCH 9 IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW]**

Correct answers in bold.

	<u>The Republican Party</u>	<u>The Democratic Party</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	68	23	10
Oct 20-14, 2014	53	31	16
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	58	30	12
May 9-Jun 3, 2012 ¹⁰	54	22	24
Jun 8-28, 2010	12	70	19
Oct 1-4, 2009	13	75	12

¹⁰ In June 2012 and earlier, question read: "Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? **[RANDOMIZE: Democrats or Republicans]**"

Q.B38 CONTINUED...	The Republican	The Democratic	(VOL.)
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 18-21, 2009	12	76	12
Mar 26-29, 2009	12	86	2
Dec 4-7, 2008	11	82	7
Feb 28-Mar 2, 2008	26	70	4
Aug 16-19, 2007	19	78	3
February, 2007	10	76	14
TREND FOR COMPARISON¹¹:			
May, 2008	15	53	32
Late October, 2006	58	4	38
April, 2006	64	6	30
April, 2004	56	8	36
June, 2001	31	34	35
August, 1999	55	8	37
December, 1998	56	11	33
June, 1997	50	6	44
April, 1996	70	8	22
June, 1995	73	5	22
July, 1994	18	60	22
February, 1994	42	58	n/a
September, 1992	9	46	45
June, 1992	12	44	44
May, 1992	12	49	39
May, 1989	16	68	16

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B39 Which political party, has a majority in the U.S. Senate **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?
[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: DO NOT PROBE, PUNCH 9 IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW]

Correct answers in bold.

	The Republican	The Democratic	(VOL.)
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	57	29	14
Oct 15-20, 2014	28	51	20
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	30	54	16
TREND FOR COMPARISON¹²:			
June, 2003	63	10	27
June, 2001	12	56	32
September, 1992	10	57	33
June, 1992	17	52	31
May, 1992	17	55	28

NO QUESTIONS 40-41

¹¹ In May 2008 and from May 1992 through Late October 2006, this was asked as an open-ended question, without offering response options. In May 1989 the question was worded: "As a result of the election last year, which party now has the most members in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington?"

¹² In June 2003 and earlier, question read: "Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. Senate?" The question was asked as an open-ended question, without offering response options.

ASK ALL:

Q.42 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is **[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?"]**

a.	Government is almost always wasteful and <u>inefficient</u>	Government often does a better job than people <u>give it credit for</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	39	4
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	40	4
Dec 3-8, 2013	55	39	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	55	39	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	61	35	4
December, 2008	53	40	7
October, 2008	57	35	8
September, 2005	56	39	5
December, 2004	47	45	8
June, 2003	48	46	6
September, 2000	52	40	8
August, 1999	51	43	6
June, 1997	59	36	5
October, 1996	56	39	5
April, 1995	63	34	3
October, 1994	64	32	4
July, 1994	66	31	3

b.	Government regulation of business is necessary to <u>protect the public interest</u>	Government regulation of business usually does <u>more harm than good</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	50	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	47	47	5
Feb 8-12, 2012 ¹³	40	52	7
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	47	45	8
December, 2008	47	43	10
October, 2008	50	38	12
January, 2008	41	50	9
December, 2004	49	41	10
July, 2002	54	36	10
February, 2002	50	41	9
August, 1999	48	44	8
October, 1996	45	46	9
October, 1995	45	50	5
April, 1995	43	51	6
October, 1994	38	55	7
July, 1994	41	54	5

¹³ In Feb 8-12, 2012 survey, question was asked as a stand-alone item.

Q.42 CONTINUED...

	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in <u>return</u>	Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live <u>decently</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
c.				
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	42	48	11
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	44	47	9
	Dec 3-8, 2013	43	43	14
	May 1-5, 2013	45	44	11
	Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	41	47	12
	January, 2008	34	52	14
	December, 2005	35	51	14
	September, 2005	38	51	11
	December, 2004	34	52	14
	June, 2003	34	55	11
	August, 1999	45	42	13
	June, 1997	45	42	13
	October, 1996	46	40	14
	October, 1995	54	36	10
	April, 1995	52	39	9
	October, 1994	48	41	11
	July, 1994	53	39	8

	The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into <u>debt</u>	The government today can't afford to do much <u>more to help the needy</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
d.				
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	46	47	7
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	43	51	6
	Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	41	51	8
	December, 2008	55	35	10
	October, 2008	51	37	12
	April, 2007	63	28	9
	December, 2004	57	33	10
	August, 1999	57	35	8
	October, 1996	46	44	10
	April, 1996	49	44	7
	October, 1995	47	47	6
	April, 1995	46	47	7
	October, 1994	50	43	7
	July, 1994	48	47	5

NO ITEM e

	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get <u>ahead these days</u>	Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for <u>their own condition</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
f.				
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	30	58	12
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	27	63	10
	Jan 4-8, 2012	21	60	19
	Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	26	60	14
	Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	18	67	15
	September, 2005	26	59	15

Q.42 CONTINUED...

	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days	Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
December, 2004	27	60	13
June, 2003	24	64	12
September, 2000	31	54	15
August, 1999	28	59	13
October, 1997	25	61	14
June, 1997	33	54	13
October, 1996	28	58	14
October, 1995	37	53	10
April, 1995	34	56	10
October, 1994	34	54	12
July, 1994	32	59	9
	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
g.			
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	53	38	10
May 12-18, 2015	51	41	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	57	35	8
Dec 3-8, 2013	53	35	11
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	49	40	11
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	41	10
Jan 4-8, 2012	48	37	15
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	45	44	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	44	42	14
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	42	45	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	39	50	11
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	46	40	14
October, 2006	41	41	18
March, 2006	41	52	7
December, 2005	45	44	11
December, 2004	45	44	11
June, 2003	46	44	10
September, 2000	50	38	12
August, 1999	46	44	10
October, 1997	41	48	11
June, 1997	41	48	11
April, 1997	38	52	10
June, 1996	37	54	9
July, 1994	31	63	6
	The best way to ensure peace is through military strength	Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
h.			
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	36	56	9
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

Q.42 CONTINUED...

	The best way to ensure peace is through military <u>strength</u>	Good diplomacy is the <u>best way to ensure peace</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
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
i.	Business corporations <u>make too much profit</u>	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable <u>amount of profit</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	38	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	39	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	53	41	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	54	39	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	39	6
December, 2008	58	35	7
October, 2008	59	33	8
December, 2005	61	33	6
December, 2004	53	39	8
June, 2003	51	42	7
July, 2002	58	33	9
February, 2002	54	39	7
September, 2000	54	38	8
August, 1999	52	42	6
June, 1997	51	43	6
October, 1996	51	42	7
October, 1995	53	43	4
April, 1995	51	44	5
October, 1994	50	44	6
July, 1994	52	43	5

ASK ALL PHASE A:

	Elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty <u>quickly</u>	Elected officials in Washington try hard to stay in touch with voters <u>back home</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
j.			
Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	77	19	4
Feb 12-26, 2014	79	17	4
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	72	22	5
December, 2004	66	26	8
September, 2000	66	27	7
August, 1999	68	26	6
October, 1996	69	25	6
April, 1996	72	23	5
October, 1995	73	24	3
April, 1995	76	21	3
October, 1994	74	22	4
July, 1994	71	25	4

NO ITEM k

Q.42 CONTINUED...**ASK ALL:**

	Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort	There's not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
i.				
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	50	47	3
	<i>Knight-Ridder</i> : January, 1996 ¹⁴ (RVs)	58	41	1
m.		Homosexuality should be accepted by society	Homosexuality should be discouraged by society	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	60	30	9
	May 12-18, 2015	63	30	6
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	62	31	7
	May 1-5, 2013	60	31	8
	Mar 13-17, 2013	57	36	7
	Jan 4-8, 2012	56	32	12
	Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	58	33	8
	October, 2006 ¹⁵	51	38	11
	December, 2004	49	44	7
	June, 2003	47	45	8
	September, 2000	50	41	9
	August, 1999	49	44	7
	October, 1997	46	48	6
	June, 1997	45	50	5
	October, 1996	44	49	7
	April, 1996	44	49	7
	October, 1995	45	50	5
	April, 1995	47	48	5
	October, 1994	46	48	6
	July, 1994	46	49	5

ASK ALL PHASE A:

Q.43 Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

	Few big interests	Benefit of all	(VOL.) Don't know/ Refused
Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	76	19	4
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : Feb 5-10, 2010 ¹⁶	78	18	4
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : July, 2004	64	28	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : August, 1995	79	15	6
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : March, 1992	75	19	5
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : Late October, 1990	77	18	5
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : Early October, 1990	71	21	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November, 1988	57	35	8

¹⁴ The January 1996 Knight-Ridder question stem read, "Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements about the government in Washington. After I read each pair, tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes CLOSER to your opinion -- even if neither is exactly right."

¹⁵ In October, 2006 and earlier, both answer choices began: "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be..."

¹⁶ Selected trend points excluded due to context concerns.

Q.43 CONTINUED...

	Few big interests	Benefit of all	(VOL.) Don't know/ Refused
<i>NYT</i> : December, 1985	54	37	9
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : February, 1985	55	36	9
<i>NYT</i> : November, 1983	59	30	11
<i>NYT</i> : June, 1983	54	33	12
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : Late October, 1976	57	35	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : Early October, 1976	61	31	9

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

<i>NES</i>	2012	71	23	6
	2008	69	29	2
	2004	56	40	4
	2002	48	51	2
	2000	61	35	5
	1998	64	32	4
	1996	69	27	3
	1994	76	19	5
	1992	75	20	4
	1990	71	24	5
	1988	64	31	5
	1984	55	39	6
	1982	61	29	10
	1980	70	21	9
	1978	67	24	9
	1976	66	24	10
	1974	66	25	9
	1972	53	38	9
	1970	50	41	9
	1968	40	51	9
	1966	33	53	13
	1964	29	64	7

ASK ALL PHASE A:

Q.44 On balance, do you think having an increasing number of people of many different races, ethnic groups and nationalities in the United States makes this country a better place to live, a worse place to live, or doesn't make much difference either way?

Aug 27- Sep 13, <u>2015</u>		<i>Knight-Ridder</i> (RVs) January <u>1996</u>
57	A better place to live	48
8	A worse place to live	11
34	Doesn't make much difference either way	38
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B45 Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States? [**READ IN ORDER; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE**]

	Stands above all other countries <u>in the world</u>	One of the greatest countries in the world, <u>along with some others</u>	There are other countries better than <u>the U.S.</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	52	15	1
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	28	58	12	1
Mar 8-14, 2011	38	53	8	2

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B46 How much confidence do you have in the future of the United States [**READ IN ORDER**]?

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	Some	Very <u>little</u>	None <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	45	39	12	3	1
<i>PSRA/Newsweek</i> : August, 1994	48	33	15	3	1
<i>Gallup</i> : May, 1991	59	34	5	1	1
<i>Gallup</i> : March, 1976 ¹⁷	57	30	9	1	2
<i>Gallup</i> : August, 1975	60	23	13	3	2
<i>Gallup</i> : August, 1974	64	24	8	2	2
<i>Gallup</i> : April, 1974	68	19	10	2	1

ASK ALL:

Next,

INT1 Do you use the internet, at least occasionally?

ASK IF DOES NOT USE THE INTERNET (INT1=2,9):

INT2 Do you send or receive email, at least occasionally?

ASK IF DOES NOT USE THE INTERNET OR EMAIL (INT2=2,9):

INT3M Do you access the internet on a cell phone, tablet or other mobile handheld device, at least occasionally?

Aug 27- Oct 4 <u>2015</u>	Yes to any	Jan 23- Mar 16 <u>2014</u>	Yes to any
89		89	
11	No/Don't know/Refused to all	11	

¹⁷

Gallup June 1986 poll not included in trend due to differences in question context.

ASK ALL:

OFTVOTE

How often would you say you vote... **[READ]?****BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=4,654]:**

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	61	22	9	5	2	*	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	58	25	9	6	2	*	*
Sep 2-9, 2014	58	27	10	4	2	*	*
Jul 8-14, 2014	58	25	10	4	2	*	*
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	61	24	8	5	1	*	*
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	62	23	7	5	2	1	*
Oct 24-28, 2012	59	24	8	5	3	1	*
Oct 4-7, 2012	67	20	6	4	1	1	0
Sep 12-16, 2012	64	22	7	4	2	1	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	64	24	6	4	1	*	*
Apr 4-15, 2012	57	29	8	4	1	*	*
Jan 4-8, 2012	60	24	8	6	1	1	*
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	62	24	8	4	1	*	*
Oct 27-30, 2010	58	24	11	5	2	1	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	57	27	10	4	2	1	*
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	59	26	9	4	1	*	*
June 16-20, 2010	52	31	11	5	1	1	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	62	23	7	5	1	1	1
November, 2008	60	23	8	5	2	2	*
Late October, 2008	57	26	8	5	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2008	57	27	7	5	3	1	*
Early October, 2008	53	27	9	6	3	1	1
Late September, 2008	55	27	9	6	2	1	*
Mid-September, 2008	54	28	10	5	2	1	*
August, 2008	55	29	9	4	2	1	*
July, 2008	53	30	10	4	1	1	1
January, 2007	58	29	9	3	1	*	*
November, 2006	58	26	8	5	2	1	*
Late October, 2006	58	27	9	4	1	1	*
Early October, 2006	47	36	10	3	2	1	1
September, 2006	56	28	9	6	1	*	*
May, 2006	60	26	8	4	1	*	1
December, 2005	60	24	9	4	2	1	1
December, 2004	64	22	8	4	1	*	1
November, 2004	62	21	7	6	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2004	63	22	7	5	2	1	*
Early October, 2004	58	25	9	4	2	1	1
September, 2004	58	27	9	5	2	1	1
August, 2004	56	28	9	5	2	*	1
July, 2004	54	31	9	4	1	*	*
June, 2004	57	29	7	5	1	1	1
May, 2004	56	27	10	4	2	1	1
April, 2004	55	29	9	5	1	1	1
Late March, 2004	50	31	11	6	1	*	1
Mid-March, 2004	55	30	9	5	1	*	*
February, 2004	55	29	12	3	*	*	*
January, 2004	54	30	10	4	2	1	*
August, 2003	53	30	10	5	1	*	*
June, 2003	48	36	11	3	1	*	0
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	(VOL.) Never vote	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*
May, 2002	53	31	9	5	1	*	1
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	1	2	0
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	*	3	*
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*
July, 2000	48	30	13	6	2	1	*
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*
May, 2000	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
April, 2000	50	30	12	6	2	1	*
March, 2000	49	34	12	4	1	1	0
February, 2000	53	32	10	4	1	0	*
January, 2000	50	34	12	4	1	*	*
October, 1999	39	47	9	2	1	*	*
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*
Late August, 1998	48	35	13	4	*	0	*
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0
May, 1998	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
November, 1997	42	44	10	3	1	*	*
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*
June, 1997	54	30	10	4	1	*	*
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*
Early September, 1996	53	29	12	4	1	*	*
July, 1996	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*
Late April, 1996	44	37	11	5	1	1	1
Early April, 1996	49	35	10	5	1	*	*
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*
May, 1993	57	31	7	4	1	1	*
Early October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*
Early May, 1992	49	35	10	4	1	*	*
March, 1992	47	36	11	6	*	*	*
February, 1992	50	36	9	4	*	--	2
January 1992 (GP) ¹⁸	40	35	11	11	4	--	*
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	*	*
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*
January, 1989 (GP)	45	30	10	8	6	1	*
Gallup: November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*

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Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 1988	51	37	8	3	1	*	*
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*
September, 1988	51	40	6	2	*	1	*
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*

NO QUESTIONS 47-49**RANDOMIZE Q.B50 AND Q.B51****ASK ALL PHASE B:**

Now I have a few questions about the political parties...

[First]

Q.B50 The Republican Party. Do you think the Republican Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Is too extreme			
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	54	41	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	50	46	4
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	52	43	5
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	46	6
Feb 13-18, 2013	52	42	5
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following description applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... too extreme</i>			
<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	56	42	3
b. Is too willing to cut government programs, even when they work			
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	59	34	7
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	57	35	8

NO ITEMS c-d

e. Can do a good job managing the federal government			
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	49	45	6

RANDOMIZE Q.B50 AND Q.B51**ASK ALL PHASE B:**

[Now thinking about...]

Q.B51 The Democratic Party. Do you think the Democratic Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Is too extreme			
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	39	56	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	59	4
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	39	56	5
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	54	5
Feb 13-18, 2013	39	56	6
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... too extreme</i>			
<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	39	57	3

Q.B51 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
b. Too often sees government as the only way to solve problems			
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	59	36	5
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	59	35	6

NO ITEMS c-d

e. Can do a good job managing the federal government			
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	52	44	4

NO QUESTIONS 52-61**ASK ALL PHASE A:**

Q.62 Do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or do you think **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Aug 27- Sep 13, <u>2015</u>		January <u>1988</u> ¹⁹
64	The high cost of running a presidential campaign discourages many good candidates from running	64
31	That most good presidential candidates can raise whatever money they need	29
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7

NO QUESTIONS 63-69

¹⁹ Interviews in January 1988 were conducted in person. The question in 1988 did not randomize the response options.

ASK ALL:

Q.70 Now thinking about the job the federal government is doing in some different areas. Is the federal government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Is the federal government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job [ITEM]?**]

		----- Good Job -----			----- Bad Job -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Total	Very	Somewhat	Total	Very	Somewhat	Not gov't job	DK/ Ref
a.	Strengthening the economy Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	51	9	42	47	22	25	*	2
b.	Keeping the country safe from terrorism Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	72	30	43	26	13	12	*	2
NO ITEM c									
d.	Helping people get out of poverty Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	36	6	30	61	30	30	2	2
NO ITEM e									
f.	Protecting the environment Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	59	11	48	38	16	23	*	2
NO ITEMS g-h									
i.	Responding to natural disasters Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	79	28	51	19	8	11	*	2
j.	Ensuring that food and medicine are safe Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	72	22	49	26	11	15	*	2
ASK PHASE A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,505]:									
k.F1	Ensuring access to health care Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	56	15	42	40	21	19	1	3
l.F1	Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	52	14	38	46	23	23	1	1
m.F1	Advancing space exploration Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	51	10	41	36	17	19	2	11
ASK PHASE A FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,499]:									
n.F2	Ensuring a basic income for people 65 and older Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	48	9	39	45	20	25	1	5
o.F2	Ensuring access to high quality education Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	52	12	40	44	20	24	1	3

Q.70 CONTINUED...

		Good Job			Bad Job			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Total	Very	Somewhat	Total	Very	Somewhat	Not gov't job	DK/ Ref
p.F2	Managing the nation's immigration system Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	28	5	23	68	38	30	*	4
q.F2	Setting fair and safe standards for workplaces Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	76	21	56	20	8	12	1	3

ASK ALL:

Q.71 For each of these same areas, please tell me how much of a role, if any, the federal government should play. Should the federal government play a major role, a minor role, or no role at all **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[INSERT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Should the federal government play a major role, a minor role, or no role at all [ITEM]?**]

		Major <u>role</u>	Minor <u>role</u>	No role <u>at all</u>	(VOL.)
					Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	Strengthening the economy Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	74	20	4	1
b.	Keeping the country safe from terrorism Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	94	5	1	1
NO ITEM c					
d.	Helping people get out of poverty Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	55	38	5	1
NO ITEM e					
f.	Protecting the environment Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	75	22	3	1
NO ITEMS g-h					
i.	Responding to natural disasters Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	88	10	1	1
j.	Ensuring that food and medicine are safe Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	87	10	2	1
ASK PHASE A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,505]:					
k.F1	Ensuring access to health care Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	61	28	10	1
l.F1	Maintaining roads, bridges and other infrastructure Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	76	20	3	1
m.F1	Advancing space exploration Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	47	39	9	4

Q.71 CONTINUED...

		<u>Major role</u>	<u>Minor role</u>	<u>No role at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
ASK PHASE A FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,499]:					
n.F2	Ensuring a basic income for people 65 and older Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	69	25	4	2
o.F2	Ensuring access to high quality education Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	70	25	4	1
p.F2	Managing the nation's immigration system Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	81	15	2	1
q.F2	Setting fair and safe standards for workplaces Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	66	30	3	1

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B72 Considering what you get from the federal government, do you think you pay more than your fair share of taxes, less than your fair share, or about the right amount?

	<u>More than fair share</u>	<u>Less than fair share</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	(VOL.) <u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	40	4	54	2
Dec 7-11, 2011	38	5	52	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	4	53	2
Mar 11-21, 2010	43	3	50	3
Feb, 2000	55	1	41	3
Oct, 1997	52	2	45	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON

*Considering what you get from the
FEDERAL government, do you think
you pay more than your fair share of
federal taxes, less than your fair share,
or about your fair share?*

NPR/Kaiser/Harvard: May, 2000

55	2	42	1
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ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B73 Which comes closer to your view of Congress these days? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Sep 16- Oct 4 <u>2015</u>		<u>Oct 9-13 2013</u>	<u>Jan 9-13 2013</u>	<u>Dec 7-11 2011</u>	<u>Mar 11-21 2010</u>
37	Most members of Congress have good intentions, it's the political system that is broken	32	32	32	38
53	The political system can work fine, it's the members of Congress that are the problem	58	56	55	52
5	Both (VOL.)	5	4	6	3
1	Neither (VOL.)	1	1	1	1
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	6	7	6

NO QUESTIONS 74-89

RANDOMIZE Q.90/Q.91F1/Q.92F2**ASK ALL PHASE A:**

Q.90 [As I name some traits, please tell me how well each generally describes/And thinking about] elected officials in Washington. Does **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** describe elected officials in Washington very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does [ITEM] describe elected officials in Washington very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well?]**

		Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	Intelligent Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	23	45	21	9	2

NO ITEM b

c.	Honest Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	8	21	40	29	2
d.	Lazy Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	19	29	33	15	4
e.	Selfish Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	41	31	17	8	3

NO ITEM f

g.	Patriotic Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	23	40	24	11	3
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RANDOMIZE Q.90/Q.91F1/Q.92F2**ASK PHASE A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,505]:**

Q.91F1 [As I name some traits, please tell me how well each generally describes/And thinking about] the typical American. Does **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** describe the typical American very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does [ITEM] describe the typical American very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well?]**

		Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	Intelligent Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	15	51	27	4	2

NO ITEM b

c.	Honest Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	15	55	24	5	2
d.	Lazy Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	19	31	34	13	3
e.	Selfish Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	28	40	22	7	3

NO ITEM f

g.	Patriotic Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	33	45	16	3	2
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RANDOMIZE Q.90/Q.91F1/Q.92F2**ASK PHASE A FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,499]:**

Q.92F2 [As I name some traits, please tell me how well each generally describes/And thinking about] business leaders. Does **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** describe business leaders very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does [ITEM] describe business leaders very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well?]**

		Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	Intelligent Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	39	44	9	4	3

NO ITEM b

c.	Honest Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	11	33	36	16	3
d.	Lazy Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	10	19	35	32	4
e.	Selfish Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	33	34	20	9	4

NO ITEM f

g.	Patriotic Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	16	39	26	13	6
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NO QUESTIONS 93-105**ASK ALL:**

Q.106 I'm going to read a few more pairs of statements. Again, just tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. First **[READ AND RANDOMIZE; 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?"]**

ASK ALL PHASE A:

n.		Most elected officials care <u>what people like me think</u>	Most elected officials don't care what people like me <u>think</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	23	74	3
	Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	20	78	2
	Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	26	69	5
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	68	4
	December, 2004	32	63	5
	June, 2003	33	62	5
	September, 2000	39	55	6
	August, 1999	35	60	5
	June, 1997	28	67	5
	October, 1996	38	58	4
	October, 1995	33	64	3
	April, 1995	32	64	4
	October, 1994	29	68	3
	July, 1994	34	64	2

Q.107 CONTINUED...**ASK ALL PHASE A:**

t.		There are clear solutions to most big issues facing <u>the country today</u>	Most big issues facing the country today don't have <u>clear solutions</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	41	56	3

u.		Ordinary Americans would do a better job solving the country's problems than <u>elected officials</u>	Ordinary Americans would do no better solving the country's problems than <u>elected officials</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	55	39	6

ASK ALL:

v.		Voting gives people like me some say about how <u>government runs things</u>	Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how <u>government runs things</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	58	39	3

ASK ALL PHASE A:

w.		Most elected officials put the interests of the country ahead of their <u>own</u>	Most elected officials put their own interests ahead <u>of the country's interests</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	22	74	4

ASK PHASE A AND PHASE B FORM 2 ONLY [N=3,008]:

x.F2		The economic system in this country unfairly <u>favors powerful interests</u>	The economic system in this country is generally <u>fair to most Americans</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Aug 27-Oct 4	65	31	3
	Feb 18-22, 2015	62	33	4
	Jan 29-Feb 9, 2014	62	34	4

y.F2		Wall Street HELPS the American economy more <u>than it hurts</u>	Wall Street HURTS the American economy more <u>than it helps</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	42	13
	Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	45	42	13
	Jan 4-8, 2012 ²²	36	48	16
	Dec 7-11, 2011	36	51	13
	Mar 8-14, 2011	38	47	15

ASK ALL PHASE B:

z.		Most Americans demand more from the government than they are <u>willing to pay taxes for</u>	Most Americans are willing to pay the taxes needed to fund services they expect government to <u>provide</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	52	44	4
	<i>Gallup</i> : Sep 13-16, 2010	56	41	3

²² In January 2012 and earlier, response items were not randomized.

ASK ALL PHASE B:

Q.B108 And in your view, has this country been successful more because of its **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or more because of its **[ITEM]**?

Sep 16- Oct 4 <u>2015</u>		Feb 12-26 <u>2014</u>
51	Ability to change	51
43	Reliance on long-standing principles	44
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

NO QUESTION 109**ASK ALL PHASE A:**

Q.110 Thinking about the way things are going in politics today ... on the issues that matter to you would you say your side has been winning more often than it's been losing, or losing more often than it's been winning?

Aug 27- Sep 13, <u>2015</u>	
25	Winning more often than losing
64	Losing more often than winning
3	Winning as often as losing (VOL.)
3	Don't think about politics in this way (VOL.)
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 111**ASK PHASE A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,505]:**

Q.112F1 Thinking about spending on political campaigns and issues, which comes closer to your view **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Aug 27- Sep 13, <u>2015</u>	
20	Individuals and organizations should be able to spend as much money as they want [OR]
77	There should be limits on the amount of money individuals and organizations can spend
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK PHASE A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,505]:

Q.113F1 Which comes closer to your view on the influence of money on politics and elected officials **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Aug 27- Sep 13, <u>2015</u>	
76	Money has a greater influence on politics and elected officials today than in the past [OR]
22	Money's influence on politics and elected officials today is little different than it's been in the past
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK PHASE A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,505]:

Q.114F1 In general, do you think new laws COULD BE written that would be effective in reducing the role of money in politics, OR don't you think any new laws would be effective?

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:²³

		Oct 2006	Feb 2002	Feb 2000	Sep 1997	Center for Responsive Politics April 1997
Aug 27- Sep 13, 2015	62	51	55	59	62	62
	35	37	34	34	32	32
	3	12	11	7	6	6

NO QUESTIONS 115-129**ASK PHASE B FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,491]:**

Q.B130F1 If you had a son or daughter just getting out of school, would you like to see him or her pursue a career in politics, or not?

	Yes	No	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	33	62	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	36	55	10
October, 1997 ²⁴	27	67	6
Gallup: 1973	24	64	13
Gallup: 1965	36	54	10
Gallup: 1962	23	69	8
Gallup: 1955	26	60	14
Gallup: 1945	21	68	11
NORC ²⁵ : 1943	17	69	14

ASK PHASE B FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,509]:

Q.B131F2 If you had a son or daughter just getting out of school, would you like to see him or her pursue a career in government, or not?

		Mar 11-21 2010	NPR/Kaiser/Harvard May 2000
Sep 16- Oct 4, 2015	48	56	43
	49	35	51
	4	9	6

NO QUESTIONS 132-134**ASK ALL PHASE B:**

Q.B135 In general, do you think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong or don't you think about politics in this way?

Sep 16- Oct 4, 2015	44	Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong
	54	Don't think about politics in this way
	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

²³ The question was asked in very different contexts in earlier surveys that warrant caution when making comparisons.
²⁴ In October 1997, question asked: "If you had a son or daughter, would you like to see him or her go into politics as a life's work when he or she gets out of school?" Gallup and NORC asked only about sons.
²⁵ National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

NO QUESTIONS 136-298**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
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	24	29	41	4	*	2	17	17
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
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 IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2):

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG [Republican/Democrat] or NOT a strong [Republican/Democrat]?

	Strong Republican	Not strong/DK	Strong Democrat	Not strong/DK
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	13	10=24%	17	12=29%
Jan 28-Mar 16, 2014	11	11=22%	17	13=31%
Apr 4-15, 2012	14	10=24%	20	11=31%

PARTYSTR CONTINUED...

	Strong Republican	Not strong/ DK	Strong Democrat	Not strong/ DK
Mar 8-14, 2011	12	12=24%	20	13=33%
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	14	10=24%	18	15=33%
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	14	10=24%	19	13=32%
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	13	12=25%	20	11=32%
April, 2009	12	10=22%	20	13=33%
October, 2007 (SDT)	13	12=25%	19	14=33%
August, 2007	14	12=26%	18	14=32%
July, 2007	16	11=27%	19	13=32%
June, 2007	13	12=25%	19	15=34%
April, 2007	14	11=25%	15	13=28%
January, 2007	12	11=23%	17	14=31%
Mid-November, 2006	14	11=25%	22	14=36%
Late October, 2006	14	12=26%	18	14=32%
Early October, 2006	15	12=27%	19	15=34%
September, 2006	17	13=30%	18	16=34%
December, 2005	16	13=29%	20	14=34%
December, 2004	18	13=31%	19	15=34%
July, 2004	17	12=29%	20	13=33%
August, 2003	14	13=27%	15	16=31%
September, 2000	14	13=27%	19	15=34%
Late September, 1999	10	14=24%	15	16=31%
August, 1999	11	14=25%	15	18=33%
November, 1997	11	14=25%	14	18=32%
October, 1995	11	19=30%	14	16=30%
April, 1995	15	15=30%	14	15=29%
October, 1994	16	15=31%	18	14=32%
July, 1994	13	16=29%	15	18=33%
June, 1992	11	17=28%	14	18=32%
May, 1990	13	15=28%	16	17=33%
February, 1989	15	16=31%	17	21=38%
May, 1988	13	15=28%	19	19=38%
January, 1988	12	15=27%	19	20=39%
May, 1987	11	14=25%	18	19=37%

ASK PHASE A FORM A AND ALL PHASE B [N=4,502]:

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	15	28	52	2	3	--
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	--
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	--

TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
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 ²⁶	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

ASK PHASE B REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.B299 Overall, do you think Donald Trump running for the Republican nomination for President is good for the Republican Party, bad for the Republican Party, or doesn't make much difference either way?

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN LEANING INDEPENDENTS [N=1,283]:

Sep 16- Oct 4, 2015	45	Good for the Republican Party
	28	Bad for the Republican Party
	25	Doesn't make much difference either way
	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social and Demographic Trends
(ATP)	Pew Research Center American Trends Panel, phone survey

²⁶ 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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QUESTIONS 1-2, 5 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 3-4****ASK ALL:**

Q.6 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-27, 2015	53	38	3	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	50	42	3	5
Sep 4-8, 2013	51	40	2	7
Sep 12-16, 2012	51	40	4	6
Jan 4-8, 2012	52	39	2	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	41	2	8
Mar 8-14, 2011	50	42	3	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
<i>LA Times/Bloomberg: January 2006</i>	49	38	--	13
<i>LA Times: January 2005</i>	52	36	--	12
<i>ABC/Wash Post: June 2004</i>	50	46	--	4
<i>CBS/NYT: November 2003</i>	45	42	4	9
<i>CBS/NYT: July 2003</i>	48	40	5	7
<i>ABC: November 2002 (Likely voters)</i>	60	35	--	5
<i>Wash Post: September 2002</i>	54	39	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 2002</i>	53	42	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: January 2002</i>	54	41	--	5
<i>CBS/NYT: January 2002</i>	46	40	3	11
<i>LA Times: November 2001</i>	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT: October 2001</i>	48	39	3	11
<i>LA Times: March 2001</i>	59	29	--	12
<i>CBS: January 2001</i>	51	36	5	8
<i>CBS: November 2000</i>	54	31	5	10
<i>CBS: October 2000</i>	57	32	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: October 2000 (RV)</i>	58	32	--	10
<i>ABC/Wash Post: Early October 2000 (RV)</i>	58	33	--	9
<i>LA Times: September 2000 (RV)</i>	59	26	--	15
<i>ABC/Wash Post: July 2000</i>	59	34	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post: April 2000</i>	56	38	--	7
<i>CBS: September 1999</i>	46	43	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: August 1998</i>	59	35	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post: August 1996</i>	63	32	--	5
<i>LA Times: April 1996</i>	62	28	--	10
<i>CBS/NYT: February 1996</i>	61	30	4	5
<i>LA Times: October 1995</i>	68	23	--	9
<i>LA Times: September 1995</i>	62	27	--	11
<i>LA Times: January 1995</i>	63	27	--	10
<i>LA Times: June 1993</i>	60	29	--	11

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	Smaller government, fewer services	Bigger government, more services	(VOL.) Depends	(VOL.) DK/Ref
ABC/Wash Post: February 1993	67	30	--	2
ABC/Wash Post: July 1992	55	38	--	7
CBS/NYT: October 1991	42	43	7	8
CBS/NYT: January 1989 ²⁷	41	48	4	7
CBS/NYT: October 1988 (Likely voters)	47	37	7	9
ABC/Wash Post: July 1988	49	45	--	6
CBS/NYT: May 1988	43	44	5	8
ABC/Wash Post: July 1984	49	43	--	7
CBS/NYT: March 1980	54	32	--	14
CBS/NYT: June 1978	53	36	--	11
Wash Post: January 1978	40	39	--	21
CBS/NYT: November 1976	42	45	--	13
CBS/NYT: October 1976 (RV)	49	37	--	14
CBS/NYT: September 1976 (RV)	48	41	--	11
CBS/NYT: June 1976	42	43	--	15
CBS/NYT: May 1976	41	43	--	16
CBS/NYT: April 1976	40	44	--	16

QUESTIONS 7-9, 11 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 10, 12

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.13 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THROUGH b. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS c. THROUGH s.; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]?** **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a. Congress								
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	4	23	69	29	40	0	4
Jul 14-20, 2015	25	5	20	69	31	38	*	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	22	4	18	72	34	38	*	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	22	4	18	71	34	37	*	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	28	5	23	69	28	41	*	4
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	23	5	18	72	35	37	*	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11

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In 1989 and earlier, CBS/NYT question read, "In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services or a bigger government providing more services?"

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7
b. The Supreme Court								
Sep 22-27, 2015	50	8	42	42	17	25	1	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	9	39	43	17	26	*	9
Mar 25-29, 2015	50	8	42	39	12	26	1	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	52	8	44	38	14	24	1	9
Apr 23-27, 2014	56	11	44	35	12	23	*	9
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	7	41	38	14	24	1	13
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	7	45	31	10	21	2	15
Dec 5-9, 2012	53	8	45	36	12	24	1	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	10	41	37	14	23	1	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	41	29	10	20	*	18

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
July 1-5, 2010	58	9	49	25	8	17	1	16
Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
Roper: March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=756]:

c.F1 The Department of Health and Human Services, the HHS

Sep 22-27, 2015	54	13	41	31	14	17	3	12
Oct 9-13, 2013	61	14	47	30	12	19	2	7

d.F1 The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the FBI

Sep 22-27, 2015	68	18	49	19	8	11	1	13
Mar 18-21, 2010	67	16	51	14	8	7	*	19
July, 2001	61	16	45	29	9	20	*	10
June, 1999	71	17	54	20	7	13	*	9
October, 1997	67	13	54	25	8	17	*	8
May, 1997	60	12	48	28	7	21	0	12
August, 1995	64	16	48	28	9	19	*	8
ABC/Wash. Post, May 1995 ²⁸	82	34	48	9	6	3	*	9
Roper, August 1987 ²⁹	78	28	50	17	3	14	--	5
Roper, August 1986	75	25	50	17	4	13	--	8
Roper, August 1985	72	24	48	20	5	15	--	8
Roper, August 1984	77	30	47	19	5	14	--	4
Roper, August 1983	75	29	46	19	5	14	--	6

e.F1 The Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA

Sep 22-27, 2015	52	13	39	38	18	20	2	8
Jan 7-11, 2015	59	18	40	32	15	18	1	8
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	57	14	43	33	14	19	2	8

²⁸ Question was worded: "Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of...the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)...Is that a very favorable/unfavorable impression, or just somewhat favorable/unfavorable?"

²⁹ Question wording for all favorability trends from the ends from the Roper Organization was: "Let me ask you about a few specific federal agencies [ITEM]—Is your opinion of them highly favorable, or moderately favorable, or not too favorable, or rather unfavorable?" In these surveys, those who could not rate were not distinguished from those who had never heard of the agency; both were entered as "don't know" and are shown here as "can't rate".

Q.13 CONTINUED...

		----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
	Oct 9-13, 2013	62	15	47	30	12	19	2	6
	Mar 18-21, 2010	57	11	46	32	12	20	1	10
	October, 1997	69	14	55	27	7	20	1	3
	Roper, August 1987	62	19	43	30	7	23	--	8
	Roper, August 1986	59	18	41	31	7	24	--	10
	Roper, August 1985	58	19	39	31	11	20	--	11
	Roper, August 1984	68	27	41	26	9	17	--	6
	Roper, August 1983	56	21	35	34	12	22	--	10
f.F1	The Postal Service								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	84	33	51	14	6	8	*	2
	Mar 18-21, 2010	83	30	53	14	6	8	1	3
	October, 1997	89	28	61	11	3	8	0	*
	Roper, April 1987	76	33	43	22	8	14	--	2
	Roper, April 1986	74	27	47	24	8	16	--	2
	Roper, April 1985	70	23	47	27	11	16	--	3
	Roper, April 1984	69	24	45	28	10	18	--	3
	Roper, April 1983	70	25	45	27	10	17	--	3
g.F1	The Social Security Administration								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	55	13	42	37	16	20	1	7
	Mar 18-21, 2010	49	9	40	39	17	22	0	12
	October, 1997	62	11	51	34	10	24	0	4
h.F1	The Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	39	14	25	52	24	28	1	8
	Jan 7-11, 2015	52	21	31	38	15	24	1	9
	Oct 9-13, 2013	68	24	44	25	7	18	*	7
	Mar 18-21, 2010	57	19	38	22	5	17	2	20
	February, 1998	59	15	44	26	7	19	1	14
	Roper, August 1986	75	30	45	15	4	11	--	9
	Roper, August 1985	68	26	42	22	6	16	--	10
	Roper, August 1984	77	37	40	15	4	11	--	9
i.F1	The Department of Education								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	44	11	33	50	20	30	*	5
	Oct 9-13, 2013	53	16	37	42	16	27	*	4
	Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	53	22	31	6	8
	October, 1997	61	12	49	37	11	26	0	2
	Roper, April 1987	60	14	46	35	11	24	--	5
	Roper, April 1986	63	16	47	32	10	22	--	5
	Roper, April 1985	61	14	47	34	11	23	--	5
	Roper, April 1984	56	14	42	38	13	25	--	6
	Roper, April 1983	49	10	39	45	18	27	--	6
j.F1	The National Security Agency, the NSA								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	52	12	40	31	14	17	4	13
	Jan 7-11, 2015	51	14	37	37	15	22	3	8
	Oct 9-13, 2013	54	12	42	35	13	22	2	8
k.F1	The Department of Homeland Security								
	Sep 22-27, 2015	64	16	48	30	12	18	*	6
	Oct 9-13, 2013	66	12	54	30	12	18	1	3

Q.13 CONTINUED...

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=746]:									
l.F2 The Food and Drug Administration, the FDA									
	Sep 22-27, 2015	51	12	39	39	14	25	1	9
	Oct 9-13, 2013	65	15	50	29	14	15	1	6
	Mar 18-21, 2010	58	10	48	30	10	20	1	11
	October, 1997	75	12	63	22	4	18	*	3
	Roper, August 1987	74	23	51	20	4	16	--	6
	Roper, August 1986	75	25	50	18	3	15	--	7
	Roper, August 1985	74	27	47	19	5	14	--	7
	Roper, August 1984	78	32	46	17	4	13	--	5
	Roper, August 1983	73	31	42	20	5	15	--	7
m.F2 The Defense Department									
	Sep 22-27, 2015	63	18	45	29	10	19	1	7
	Jan 7-11, 2015	65	20	44	26	8	18	1	9
	Oct 9-13, 2013	72	21	50	23	9	14	1	5
	Mar 18-21, 2010	67	21	46	21	8	13	*	12
	Late October, 2005	56	14	42	32	13	19	1	11
	October, 1997	76	18	58	19	4	15	*	5
	Roper, April 1987	57	16	41	36	14	22	--	7
	Roper, April 1986	66	22	44	29	10	19	--	5
	Roper, April 1985	54	15	39	37	15	22	--	9
	Roper, April 1984	54	15	39	39	15	24	--	7
	Roper, April 1983	54	14	40	38	15	23	--	8
n.F2 The Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA									
	Sep 22-27, 2015	57	12	45	27	9	18	1	15
	Jan 7-11, 2015	54	14	41	33	13	20	1	12
	Mar 18-21, 2010	52	11	42	21	8	13	2	25
	June, 1999	49	9	40	33	10	23	1	17
	February, 1998	51	7	44	32	7	25	1	16
	Roper, August 1987	52	12	40	38	9	29	--	10
	Roper, August 1986	61	14	47	26	6	20	--	13
	Roper, August 1985	53	15	38	33	11	22	--	15
	Roper, August 1984	58	17	41	30	8	22	--	11
o.F2 The Internal Revenue Service, the IRS									
	Sep 22-27, 2015	42	9	32	52	24	28	*	6
	Jan 7-11, 2015	45	10	35	48	24	25	*	6
	Oct 9-13, 2013	44	9	35	51	23	28	*	5
	Mar 18-21, 2010	47	6	41	40	17	23	10	13
	October, 1997	38	5	33	60	25	35	*	2
	Roper, August 1987	49	10	39	46	19	27	--	5
	Roper, August 1986	51	10	41	45	19	26	--	4
	Roper, August 1985	48	8	40	47	19	28	--	5
	Roper, August 1984	60	13	47	34	11	23	--	6
	Roper, August 1983	50	12	38	44	16	28	--	6
p.F2 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC									
	Sep 22-27, 2015	71	23	48	19	6	13	2	9
	Jan 7-11, 2015	70	25	44	23	10	13	2	5
	Oct 9-13, 2013	75	27	47	14	5	8	2	9

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Mar 18-21, 2010	67	15	52	16	5	10	2	15
February, 1998	79	20	59	11	2	9	1	9
q.F2 The Justice Department								
Sep 22-27, 2015	46	10	37	47	18	29	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	61	9	52	33	14	19	1	5
Mar 18-21, 2010	51	6	44	33	11	23	1	15
February, 1998	56	7	49	39	12	27	0	5
Roper, April 1987	53	10	43	39	15	24	--	8
Roper, April 1986	52	10	42	39	15	24	--	8
Roper, April 1985	53	10	43	39	17	22	--	9
r.F2 The National Aeronautic and Space Administration, NASA								
Sep 22-27, 2015	70	23	47	17	4	13	1	12
Jan 7-11, 2015	68	24	43	17	6	11	1	15
Oct 9-13, 2013	73	22	51	15	3	12	*	12
Mar 18-21, 2010	61	19	41	17	5	12	1	21
February, 1998	73	23	50	20	5	15	1	6
Roper, August 1987	66	23	43	24	5	19	--	10
Roper, March 1986	61	23	38	30	11	19	--	9
s.F2 The National Park Service								
Sep 22-27, 2015	75	27	47	11	4	7	2	12
Feb 19-22, 1998	84	26	58	9	7	2	2	4
Roper, 1987	80	37	43	11	8	3	--	9
Roper, 1986	74	32	42	9	7	2	--	17
Roper, 1985	79	39	40	7	5	2	--	15
Roper, 1984	84	44	40	6	5	1	--	9

QUESTIONS 20, 27-28, 33-36, 39, 45-47, 51-52, 54-59, 62-64, 77-79 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 14-19, 21-26, 29-32, 37-38, 40-44, 48-50, 53, 60-61, 65-76****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.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
				No preference	Other party			
Sep 22-27, 2015	26	30	40	2	*	2	15	16
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
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

PARTY CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=406]:

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/DK
Sep 25-27, 2015 ³⁰	28	11	58	2	1	--
May 12-18, 2015	34	13	51	1	*	--
Mar 25-29, 2015	35	11	52	1	1	--
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	9	54	*	*	--
Jan 7-11, 2015	34	9	54	1	2	--
Dec 3-7, 2014	34	9	55	2	1	--
Nov 6-9, 2014	31	10	57	1	1	--
Oct 15-20, 2014	32	8	56	2	2	--
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
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	--

³⁰ Question asked September 25-27, N=406.

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
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	--
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	--
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 ³¹	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

³¹ 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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ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=517]:

Q.1F1 In your own words, what do you see as the BIGGEST problem with elected officials in Washington D.C. these days? **[OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE].**

October 16-20 <u>2015</u>		March 18-21 <u>2010</u>
16	Influenced by special interest money/ Corrupt	18
11	Liars /Dishonest /Don't keep promises/ Personal morality	7
10	Out of touch with regular Americans	12
10	Care only about their political careers	14
9	Not willing to work together and compromise	12
4	Obama/Democrats/Liberal agenda/ Violating the Constitution	3
3	General members are the problem/ not qualified/bad managers/idiots	4
3	They've been there too long/Term limits / They're too old	3
3	Do nothing/All talk/Don't do their jobs	4
2	Not careful with the government's money	3
2	Republicans/Conservative agenda	1
1	Health care	5
1	Don't turn to faith/religion enough	2
1	The economy/Jobs	4
1	Too focused on wars & foreign problems	2
3	No major problems	1
14	Other	8
16	Don't know	9

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=501]:

Q.2F2 In your own words, what do you see as the BIGGEST problem with the federal government in Washington D.C. these days? [**OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW." ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE**].

October 16-20 <u>2015</u>		March 18-21 <u>2010</u>
13	NET Congress	19
11	Gridlock/unwillingness to compromise	10
2	Other issues with Congress	9
11	NET Politics	13
5	Obama/Democrats/Liberal/Socialist agenda	6
	Republicans/Conservative/Right-wing/	
4	Religious agenda	2
2	Partisanship/Politics (unspecified)	5
7	NET Govt has too big a role	10
6	The govt is too big and powerful	7
1	The govt interferes too much in people's lives	3
6	Corruption (unspecified)	3
5	Debt/Overspending/Fiscal responsibility	9
4	The economy/jobs	7
4	Health care	9
3	Immigration/immigrants	*
3	Nothing gets done	2
	Money/big corporation money have too	
3	much influence in politics	2
3	Lies (unspecified)	1
3	Tax system/taxes	*
	They've been there too long/Term limits/	
3	They're too old	*
2	Wars and foreign problems	5
	The govt doesn't do enough to help average	
1	Americans	4
1	Out of touch (unspecified)	4
1	Don't turn to faith/religion enough	*
1	The govt is wasteful and inefficient	1
1	Incompetent (unspecified)	1
2	No major problems	0
18	Other	13
19	Don't know	8

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

NO QUESTIONS 3-9

ASK ALL:

Q.10 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. The federal government in Washington								
October 16-20, 2015	32	6	26	63	28	34	*	5
April 23-27, 2014	32	7	26	62	27	36	*	5
March 13-17, 2013	28	4	24	65	30	35	2	5
April 4-15, 2012	33	7	26	62	25	37	*	5
February 2-7, 2011	38	6	32	57	19	37	*	5
February 3-9, 2010	43	6	38	50	16	34	*	7
July 22-26, 2009	42	4	38	50	18	31	*	8
April, 2008	37	6	31	58	21	37	1	4
January, 2007	45	7	38	46	15	31	1	8
February, 2006	43	6	37	50	16	34	*	7
December, 2005	46	7	39	49	18	31	*	5
Late October, 2005	45	6	39	48	16	32	*	7
February, 2004	59	10	49	36	11	25	*	5
April, 2003	73	14	59	22	5	17	0	5
December, 2002	64	11	53	27	7	20	*	9
Mid-November, 2001	82	17	65	15	3	12	0	3
Late October, 2000 (RVs)	54	7	47	40	10	30	*	6
October, 1997	38	4	34	59	18	41	0	3
b. Your STATE government								
October 16-20, 2015	56	11	46	38	13	25	*	5
April 23-27, 2014	57	13	45	39	17	22	*	3
March 13-17, 2013	57	10	47	38	16	22	*	5
April 4-15, 2012	52	11	42	42	15	27	*	6
February 2-7, 2011	53	10	42	42	14	28	*	5
February 3-9, 2010	53	9	44	41	14	27	0	6
July 22-26, 2009	50	6	44	44	16	28	*	6
April, 2008	59	9	50	37	16	21	0	4
December, 2005	57	8	49	37	11	26	*	6
December, 2002	62	15	47	31	10	21	1	7
Mid-November, 2001	77	15	62	18	4	14	*	5
October, 1997	66	10	56	29	7	22	*	5
c. Your LOCAL government								
October 16-20, 2015	65	13	52	30	10	20	*	5
April 23-27, 2014	65	16	49	31	12	19	*	4
March 13-17, 2013	63	12	51	32	12	20	*	5
April 4-15, 2012	61	13	48	31	9	22	*	7
February 2-7, 2011	63	15	48	32	10	22	1	5
February 3-9, 2010	64	11	53	30	10	20	*	6
July 22-26, 2009	60	8	52	32	9	23	0	8
April, 2008	63	11	52	33	12	21	1	3
December, 2005	66	12	54	28	10	18	*	6
December, 2002	67	16	51	25	9	16	*	7
Mid-November, 2001	78	15	63	17	4	13	*	5
October, 1997	68	12	56	25	7	18	*	7

ASK ALL:

PARTY Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2 WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]** a Republican, a Democrat, or an independent? **[INTERVIEWERS: IF RESPONDENT GIVES ANSWER SUCH AS "CONSERVATIVE, LIBERAL, VOTE FOR BEST MAN," PROBE: Would that be Republican, Democrat, or independent?]**

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u> <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Oct 16-20, 2015	19	29	43	6	3	17	18