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ASK ALL:

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

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See past presidents' approval trends: George W. Bush, Bill Clinton

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Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today

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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?"

QUESTIONS 3-4, 9-16, 18, 20-21, 23-26 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE NO QUESTIONS 5-8, 17, 19, 22

ASK ALL:

On a different subject...

Q.27 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the government's collection of telephone and internet data as part of anti-terrorism efforts?

(U)			(U)
Jan 15-19		Jul 17-21	Jun 12-16
<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
40	Approve	50	48
53	Disapprove	44	47
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	4

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the data the government collects as part of anti-terrorism efforts ...

Q.28 Do you think there are adequate limits on what telephone and internet data the government can collect, or not?

(U)

Jan 15-19

<u>2014</u>

- 41 Yes, there are adequate limits on what government can collect
- 48 No, there are not adequate limits on what government can collect
- 11 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Thinking about the data the government collects as part of anti-terrorism efforts ... Do you think federal courts do or do not provide adequate limits on what telephone and internet data the government can collect?

Jul 17-21

- <u>2013</u>
 - 30 Do provide adequate limits on what government can collect
 - 56 Do not provide adequate limits on what government can collect
 - 15 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.29F1 Do you think Edward Snowden's leak of classified information about the U.S. government's phone and internet surveillance programs has served the public interest or harmed the public interest?

	Oct 30- Nov 6
	2013 ²
	2013
Has served the public interest	34
Has harmed the public interest	55
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11
	Has harmed the public interest

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In November 2013, question was asked in a different context, following a battery of questions about foreign policy and terrorism. For more, see "Public Sees U.S. Power Declining as Support for Global Engagement Slips."

Q29F1 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

As you may know, news organizations found out about this [the government's collection of telephone and internet data] program through the leak of classified information. Do you think the release of this classified information **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

(U) Jun 12-16 <u>2013</u> 49 Has served the public interest 44 Has harmed the public interest 3 Neither/Both (VOL.) 5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

From what you've read and heard, do you think the release of classified documents about U.S. diplomatic relations by WikiLeaks **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]:**

Dec 2-5

- <u>2010</u>
- 29 Has served the public interest
- 53 Has harmed the public interest
- 7 Neither/Both (VOL.)
- 11 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=739]:

Q.30F2 Do you think the government should or should not pursue a criminal case against Edward Snowden, who leaked the classified information about the U.S. government's phone and internet surveillance program?

(U)		(U)
Jan 15-19		Jun 12-16
<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u> ³
56	Should pursue criminal case	54
32	Should not pursue criminal case	38
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

ASK JANUARY 17-19, 2014 ONLY [N=800]:

Q.31 As you may know, on Friday, Barack Obama gave a speech outlining proposed changes to the government's phone and internet surveillance program. How much, if anything, have you heard about these proposed changes? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)

Jan 17-19

<u>2014</u>

- 8 A lot
- 41 A little
- 50 Nothing at all
- 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK JANUARY 17-19, 2014 ONLY AND IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.31=1,2) [N=436]:

Q.31b Do you think these proposed changes will increase protections on people's privacy or will they not make much of a difference?

(U) Jan 17-19

2014

2014

- 21 Will increase protections on privacy
- 73 Will not make much of a difference
- 7 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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In June 2013, question asked whether the government should pursue a criminal case against the "person responsible" for leaking the classified information.

ASK JANUARY 17-19, 2014 ONLY AND IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.31=1,2) [N=436]:

Q.31c Do you think these proposed changes will make it more difficult for the government to fight terrorism or will they not make much of a difference?

(U)

Jan 17-19

<u>2014</u>

- 13 Will make it more difficult to fight terrorism
- 79 Will not make much of a difference
- 8 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTIONS 32-38, 42 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE NO QUESTIONS 39-41, 43

ASK ALL:

Q.44 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. 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].** The next pair is **[NEXT PAIR]**...

ITEMS a-c, e HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

d.	Americans need to be willing to give up privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism	Americans shouldn't have to give up privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism	(VOL.) <u>Neither/DK</u>
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	26	70	4
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	26	68	6
December, 2004 ⁴	35	60	5

QUESTION 45-50, 52 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE NO QUESTION 51

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.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>			DK/Ref	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Yearly Totals								
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
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

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In 2004, both answer choices read "...to give up more privacy and freedom...".

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

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

QUESTIONS REPJOB, DEMJOB, 53-55 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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=624]:

			No opinion	(VOL.) Haven't	(VOL.)	Not heard of/
	Agree	<u>Disagree</u>			Refused	<u>DK</u>
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	
Sep 12-16, 2013	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	

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)		Not
			No opinion	Haven't	(VOL.)	heard of/
	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>either way</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Refused</u>	<u>DK</u>
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 ⁵	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 <i>(RVs)</i>	58	5	27		1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 <i>(RVs)</i>	54	5	30		1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 <i>(RVs)</i>	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 Re	Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:				
(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls				
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls				

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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."