

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
APRIL 2012 KNOWLEDGE SURVEY
March 29-April 1, 2012 OMNIBUS
FINAL TOPLINE
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**PEW.1-PEW.3, PEWWP.1 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO PEW.4-PEW.9**

ASK ALL:

PEW.10 Thinking about where the political parties stand on important issues, please tell me whether you think **[RANDOMIZE: the Republican Party OR the Democratic Party; KEEP PARTIES IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL ITEMS]** is generally more supportive of each of the following. Which party is generally more supportive of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Next, **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** **[IF NECESSARY: "Which political party is generally more supportive of this?"]**

PERCENTAGE OFFERING A CORRECT ANSWER HIGHLIGHTED BELOW

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Reducing the size and scope of the federal government March 29-April 1, 2012	53	25	22

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c. Increasing taxes on higher income people to reduce the federal budget deficit March 29-April 1, 2012	20	67	13
d. Restricting access to abortion March 29-April 1, 2012	61	19	20
e. Creating a way for immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally to eventually become citizens March 29-April 1, 2012	17	63	21
f. Reducing the size of the defense budget March 29-April 1, 2012	24	58	18
g. Expanding the rights of gays and lesbians March 29-April 1, 2012	12	66	22
h. Allowing drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge March 29-April 1, 2012	60	18	23

RANDOMIZE PEW.11-PEW.12

ASK ALL:

PEW.11 Which political party uses the donkey as its mascot or symbol? Is it the... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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22	The Republican Party
65	The Democratic Party (<i>Correct</i>)
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.11-PEW.12**ASK ALL:**

PEW.12 The initials "G-O-P" are usually associated with... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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68 The Republican Party (*Correct*)
 13 The Democratic Party
 18 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

ASK ALL:

PEW.13 And as I read the names of a few current and past political leaders, please tell me whether each one is a **[RANDOMIZE: Republican OR a Democrat; KEEP PARTIES IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL ITEMS]** First, is/was **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** a [Republican or a Democrat]?

PERCENTAGE OFFERING A CORRECT ANSWER HIGHLIGHTED BELOW

		<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Bill Clinton March 29-April 1, 2012	10	84	6
b.	Franklin Roosevelt March 29-April 1, 2012	25	58	17
c.	Ronald Reagan March 29-April 1, 2012	85	8	7
d.	John Boehner March 29-April 1, 2012	55	13	32
e.	Nancy Pelosi March 29-April 1, 2012	20	61	19
f.	John F. Kennedy March 29-April 1, 2012	16	78	6
g.	Abraham Lincoln March 29-April 1, 2012	55	28	17

ASK ALL:

PEW.14 Overall, which party is considered to be the more conservative party on most political issues?
[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

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71 The Republican Party (*Correct*)
 22 The Democratic Party
 8 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

ASK IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY:

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>preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
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