

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**  
**April 4-7, 2013, OMNIBUS**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**N=1,003**

**PEW.1 AND PEW.4-PEW.7 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS PEW.2-PEW.3**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your income taxes this year...

PEW.8 Did you and your spouse – or WILL you - prepare your own taxes, or is someone else preparing your 2012 income tax returns?

Apr 4-7	
<u>2013</u>	
33	Prepare your own taxes
56	Someone else preparing your taxes
6	Other <b>(VOL.)</b>
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.9 All in all, which of the following best describes how you feel about doing your income taxes? – you love it, you like it, you dislike it, or you hate it?

Apr 4-7	
<u>2013</u>	
5	Love it
29	Like it
30	Dislike it
26	Hate it
7	Neither like or dislike <b>(VOL.)</b>
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**FOR COMPARISON (Gallup):**

The Gallup Organization asked this question between 1990 and 2001, but in a different context from the current Pew Research survey. Prior to asking this question the Gallup surveys asked: "Do you consider the amount of federal income tax which you have to pay as too high, about right, or too low?" The Gallup surveys often also asked more detailed questions about tax preparation, such as: "...how many hours have you or will you spend doing your income taxes this year." The Pew Research survey does not introduce these issues, which could affect how people describe their feelings about doing taxes.

	Apr 6-8 <u>2001</u>	Apr 7-9 <u>2000</u>	Mar 28-30 <u>1991</u>	Mar 8-11 <u>1990</u>
Love it	3	3	2	2
Like it	21	15	22	21
Dislike it	35	39	40	33
Hate it	31	32	25	30
Neither like or dislike <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	9	8	10
No opinion <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	2	3	4

**ASK IF RESPONSE GIVEN IN PEW.9 (PEW.9=1-4):**

PEW.10 In your own words, why would you say you **[INSERT RESPONSE TO PEW.9]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Why is it you (love, like, dislike, hate) doing your income taxes?]**

**[OPEN END: RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

**AMONG THOSE WHO LOVE OR LIKE DOING THEIR INCOME TAXES (PEW.9=1,2) [N=307]:**

Apr 4-7

2013

29	Get refund/money/tax credit
17	Don't mind it/good at it/it's easy
13	Sense of control/independence/won't pay others to do taxes
13	Duty to pay your fair share/everyone should pay taxes/country needs it
6	Good overview of personal finances/learn something about taxes
5	Someone else does them or helps
3	Taxes have to get done
2	Don't pay very much/pay nothing/don't have to file
8	Other
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**AMONG THOSE WHO DISLIKE OR HATE DOING THEIR INCOME TAXES (PEW.9=3,4) [N=596]:**

Apr 4-7

2013

31	Taxes are complicated/too much paperwork/afraid of mistakes/not good with numbers
24	Inconvenient/hassle/time consuming (General)
12	Don't like how government uses tax money/should not have to pay taxes/not fair
9	Owe the government money
5	Pay too much in taxes
2	Favor a flat tax
2	Someone else does them or helps
2	Taxes have to get done
14	Other
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS  
 JANUARY 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY  
 FINAL TOPLINE  
 January 9-13, 2013  
 N=1,502**

**NOTE: OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THIS SURVEY PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

Now, a different kind of question ...

Q.18 Do you personally believe that **[INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE]** is morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue. **[IF NECESSARY: And is [INSERT ITEM] morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue?]**

	<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Not a moral issue</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Depends on the situation</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. Not reporting all income on your taxes					
Jan 9-13, 2013	6	71	19	1	3
February, 2006	5	79	14	1	1