

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
JUNE 2012 VOTER ATTITUDES SURVEY
June 7-17, 2012
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QUESTIONS 1-3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.4 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, not at all closely?]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. The Supreme Court's upcoming decision on the 2010 health care law Jun 7-17, 2012	31	25	22	22	1

QUESTIONS 4b-c, 5, 10-15, 20-32, 35-38a, 46-47, 54-58 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 6-9, 16-19, 33-34, 39-45, 48-53

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the health care debate...

Q.59 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.59=1,2)

Q.60 Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	26	17	1	48	35	13	*	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	--	--	--	49	--	--	--	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	--	--	--	45	--	--	--	8
Jan 5-9, 2011 ¹	41	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	11
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	10
Sep 9-12, 2010	38	--	--	--	45	--	--	--	17
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	--	--	--	46	--	--	--	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	35	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	--	--	--	44	--	--	--	16

TREND FOR COMPARISON

As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?

IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Do you (favor/oppose) these health care bills very strongly, or not so strongly? ²

	<u>Generally favor</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	<u>Generally- oppose</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 11-21, 2010	40	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	13
Mar 10-14, 2010	38	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	23	14	2	48	36	11	1	13

¹ In January 2011 the question asked about legislation passed "last year," and in November 2010 it read "earlier this year." In September, August and July the question asked about legislation passed "in March." In April, the question asked about the legislation passed "last month."

² From December 9-13, 2009 and earlier, questions asked about "health care proposals" rather than "health care bills."

Q.59/Q.60 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	Generally favor	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Generally- oppose	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 9-13, 2009	35	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	--	--	--	39	--	--	--	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	20	13	1	47	35	11	1	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	29	11	2	44	34	10	*	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	25	13	1	46	34	12	1	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	--	--	--	44	--	--	--	18

ASK ALL:

Q.61 All in all, how well do you feel you understand what's in the health care law? **[READ]**

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18	Very well
49	Somewhat well
21	Not too well
10	Not at all well
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.62 As you may know, the Supreme Court is expected to rule on the health care law later this month. I would like to ask how you would feel about a few possible outcomes of the ruling. For example, the court could decide to **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**. Would you be happy or unhappy with this decision? What if the court decides to **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**. Would you be happy or unhappy with this decision? How about if the court decides to **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? Would you be happy or unhappy with this decision?

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Uphold the entire law Jun 7-17, 2012	39	51	10
b. Throw out the entire law Jun 7-17, 2012	44	48	8
c. Throw out the part of law that requires individuals to have health insurance, and keep the rest of the law Jun 7-17, 2012	40	51	9

NO QUESTIONS 63-65**QUESTION 66 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.67 What should be the priority for dealing with illegal immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE; (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements] OR should BOTH be given equal priority?**

Jun 7-17 <u>2012</u>		Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>	Aug 25-Sep 6 <u>2010</u>	Jul 21-Aug 5 <u>2010</u>
28	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws	29	35	30	33
27	Creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements	24	21	23	22
42	Should BOTH be given equal priority	43	42	44	42
1	None of these (VOL.)	2	1	1	1
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	1	3

ASK ALL:

Q.68 As you may know, two years ago the state of Arizona passed a law that requires police to verify the legal status of someone they have already stopped or arrested if they suspect that the person is in the country illegally. Do you approve or disapprove of Arizona's immigration law?

Jun 7-17 <u>2012</u>		Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u> ³	Jun 16-20 <u>2010</u> ⁴
58	Approve	61	64
38	Disapprove	34	32
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	3

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.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14
Dec 7-11, 2011	23	33	38	3	*	2	12	17
Nov 9-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	1	2	16	15
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	23	33	38	2	1	3	18	16
Aug 17-21, 2011	24	30	40	3	*	3	17	18
Jul 20-24, 2011	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	34	32	4	*	4	13	13
Yearly Totals								
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

³ In February 2011, the question began, "As you may know, last year the state of Arizona passed..."

⁴ In June 2010, the question began, "As you may know, the state of Arizona recently passed..."

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>
				No	Other	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Dem</i>
				<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
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 <i>Post-Sept 11</i>	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 <i>Pre-Sept 11</i>	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	--	--	--	--	--