

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**EARLY OCTOBER 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**TOPLINE**  
**October 4-7, 2012**  
**N=1,511**

**QUESTIONS 5-Q5b, 7-8, 15, 20-22, 26-28, 34-35 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 1-4, 6, 9-14, 16-19, 23-25, 29-33, 36-38**

**ASK ALL:**

Turning again to foreign policy...

Q.39 Thinking about the relationship between the United States and Israel. Is the U.S. **[RANDOMIZE: too supportive of Israel, not supportive enough of Israel]**, or is U.S. support of Israel about right?

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>		Mar 7-11 <u>2012</u>
22	Too supportive of Israel	22
25	Not supportive enough	20
41	About right	46
11	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=762]:**

Thinking about Afghanistan...

Q.40F1 How well is the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 4-7, 2012	8	32	35	18	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	7	31	31	18	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	13	38	25	16	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	45	26	11	8
Jun 15-19, 2011	10	43	28	12	7
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	43	29	15	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	8	39	28	15	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	9	40	31	9	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	8	40	32	13	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	43	22	13	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	39	32	11	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	4	32	41	16	6
Jan 7-11, 2009	7	38	34	11	10
February, 2008	10	38	31	10	11

**NO QUESTION 41**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=762]:**

Q.42F1 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should remove troops as soon as possible?

	<u>Keep troops in Afghanistan</u>	<u>Remove troops</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 4-7, 2012	35	60	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	32	60	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	57	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	56	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	39	56	4
May 5-8, 2011	43	49	8
May 2, 2011	47	48	4

**Q.42F1 CONTINUED...**

	Keep troops in Afghanistan	Remove troops	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 <sup>1</sup>	44	50	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	44	47	8
Jul 8-11, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	40	6
Apr 15-May 5, 2010 (GAP)	48	45	7
Sep 10-15, 2009 (GAP)	50	43	7
June, 2009 (GAP)	57	38	5
Mid-Sep, 2008	61	33	6
April, 2008 (GAP)	50	44	6
Late Feb, 2008	61	32	7
May, 2007 (GAP)	50	42	7

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=749]:**

Thinking about Afghanistan...

Q.43F2 From what you've read and heard, do you think Barack Obama is removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan too quickly, not quickly enough or is he handling this about right?

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>		Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>	Jun 23-26 <u>2011</u> <sup>2</sup>	Feb 22-Mar 1 <u>2011</u>
17	Too quickly	20	14	12
28	Not quickly enough	22	29	30
46	About right	53	44	50
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	13	9

**NO QUESTIONS 44-51****ASK ALL:**

Q.52 Thinking about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program, which is more important in your opinion [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>	
56	To take a firm stand against Iranian actions
35	To avoid a military conflict with Iran
*	Neither (VOL.)
1	Both (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*In your opinion, which is more important [READ AND RANDOMIZE]*

Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u> <sup>3</sup>	
50	To take a firm stand against Iranian actions
41	To avoid a military conflict with Iran
1	Neither (VOL.)
2	Both (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

<sup>1</sup> In surveys conducted March 30-April 3, 2011 and before, the question was worded "Do you think the U.S. and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible?"

<sup>2</sup> For June 23-26, 2011 and earlier the question asked "...do you think Barack Obama will remove U.S. combat troops..."

<sup>3</sup> In January 2012, respondents were asked "How much, if anything, have you heard about recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf-A lot, a little, or nothing at all?" before this question.

**Q.52 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON, CONTINUED...**

*In your opinion, which is more important [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?*

Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>	Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	
58	61	To prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, even if it means taking military action
30	24	To avoid a military conflict with Iran, even if it means they may develop nuclear weapons
2	4	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>
1	1	Both <b>(VOL.)</b>
10	10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 53-55****ASK ALL:**

Now,

Q.56 Thinking about our economic and trade policy toward China, which is more important **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>		Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>
42	Building a stronger relationship with China on economic issues	53
49	Getting tougher with China on economic issues	40
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=762]:**

Q.57F1 As you may know, recent protests and uprisings in Middle Eastern countries, such as Egypt and Libya, have led to major changes in political leadership. From what you have read and heard, do you think these changes will lead to lasting improvements for people living in these countries, or not?

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>	
25	Yes, will lead to lasting improvements
57	No, will not lead to lasting improvements
18	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*As you may know, there have been protests and calls for change in a number of Middle Eastern countries recently. From what you have read and heard, do you think these events will lead to lasting improvements for people living in these countries, or not?*

May 25-30 <u>2011</u>		Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u>
37	Yes, lasting improvements	42
45	No, no lasting improvements	43
5	Depends/Too soon to tell <b>(VOL.)</b>	3
13	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=762]:**

Q.58F1 Do you think these changes in political leadership in the Middle East will end up being **[RANDOMIZE: good for the United States, bad for the United States]** or won't have much effect on the United States?

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>	
14	Will be good for the United States
36	Will be bad for the United States
38	Won't have much of an effect on the United States
12	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**Q.58 TREND FOR COMPARISON...**

*Do you think the anti-government protests and changes in the Middle East will end up being [RANDOMIZE: good for the United States, bad for the United States] or won't have much effect on the United States?*

May 25-30 <u>2011</u>		Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u>	<b>Egypt</b> Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u> <sup>4</sup>
23	Good	24	15
26	Bad	35	28
36	Won't have much effect	28	36
4	Depends/Too soon to tell (VOL.)	4	5
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	7

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=749]:**

Q.59F2 When it comes recent changes in political leadership in Middle Eastern countries such as Egypt and Libya, do you think the United States should be [RANDOMIZE: more involved OR less involved] than it currently is?

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>	
23	More involved
63	Less involved
4	Neither/As involved as we should be (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=749]:**

Q.60F2 Thinking about the political situation in the Middle East, which is more important [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

Oct 4-7 <u>2012</u>		Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u> <sup>5</sup>
30	Democratic governments, even if there is less stability in the region	37
54	Stable governments, even if there is less democracy in the region	52
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11

**QUESTIONS 61-65 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.66 Thinking about a few specific foreign policy issues... do you think [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES: Mitt Romney or Barack Obama **BUT KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL THREE ITEMS**] would do the better job dealing with the issue of [INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? And who would do the better job dealing with [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN ROMNEY OR OBAMA PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose between (READ IN SAME ORDER: Romney or Obama)"]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,201]:**

	Mitt <u>Romney</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Iran's nuclear program Oct 4-7, 2012	44	45	3	8
b. Political instability in Middle Eastern countries such as Egypt and Libya Oct 4-7, 2012	42	47	4	8

<sup>4</sup> In February 2011, the question read "From what you've read and heard, do you think the anti-government protests and calls for political change in Egypt will end up being good for the United States, bad for the United States, or won't have much effect on the United States?"

<sup>5</sup> In March 2011, question began "Thinking about recent events in the Middle East..."

**Q.66 CONTINUED...**

	Mitt <u>Romney</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. China's trade policies Oct 4-7, 2012	49	40	3	8

**QUESTIONS 67-69 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****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?

**BASED ON LIKELY VOTERS [N=1,112]:**

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
Oct 4-7, 2012	36	31	30	1	1	1	14	14
Sep 12-16, 2012	29	39	30	1	*	2	14	13

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,201]:**

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
Oct 4-7, 2012	33	32	31	1	1	1	14	14
Sep 12-16, 2012	28	37	31	1	*	2	14	13
Jul 16-26, 2012	25	38	33	2	1	2	15	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	36	34	1	*	2	15	15
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	35	35	1	*	1	17	14
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	28	35	31	2	*	3	13	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	28	34	35	1	*	1	16	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	28	38	31	1	1	1	15	14
Feb 8-12, 2012	32	34	31	1	*	1	13	15
Jan 11-16, 2012	24	33	38	2	*	2	17	14
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	32	32	3	*	2	15	12

**BASED ON GENERAL PUBLIC:**

Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
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

**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
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

## BASED ON GENERAL PUBLIC:

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

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**  
**October 12-14, 2012 OMNIBUS**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**N=1,006**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE;] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
October 12-14, 2012	42	28	14	15	1
October 4-7, 2012	40	29	13	17	*
September 27-30, 2012	34	37	13	15	1
September 20-23, 2012	36	32	17	15	*
September 13-16, 2012	38	32	17	12	1
September 7-9, 2012	36	31	17	15	2
August 31-September 3, 2012	33	31	20	16	1
August 23-26, 2012	38	30	15	16	1
August 16-19, 2012	33	32	16	19	*
August 9-12, 2012	30	31	20	18	1
August 2-5, 2012	33	29	20	17	1
July 26-29, 2012	32	30	20	19	*
July 19-22, 2012	39	29	16	16	*
July 12-15, 2012	32	33	18	17	1
July 5-8, 2012	34	28	18	19	1
June 28-July 1, 2012	38	28	15	18	1
June 21-24, 2012	33	32	17	17	*
June 14-17, 2012	39	28	15	17	*
June 7-10, 2012	35	32	15	18	*
May 31-June 3, 2012	37	34	13	14	1
May 24-27, 2012	33	31	19	16	1
May 17-20, 2012	35	30	16	19	*
May 10-13, 2012	40	26	16	17	*
May 3-6, 2012	38	29	13	20	*
April 26-29, 2012	34	32	17	16	1
April 19-22, 2012	35	35	13	14	2
April 12-15, 2012	39	28	16	17	1
April 5-8, 2012	37	31	16	16	1
March 29-April 1, 2012	34	33	15	18	1
March 22-25, 2012	36	29	16	18	1
March 15-18, 2012	40	35	11	14	1
March 8-11, 2012	37	32	14	17	*
March 1-4, 2012	41	27	15	17	1
February 23-26, 2012	37	33	14	15	1
February 16-20, 2012	33	32	16	17	1
February 9-12, 2012	42	30	14	13	1
February 2-5, 2012	38	32	16	13	1
January 26-29, 2012	35	31	16	19	*
January 19-22, 2012	35	30	16	19	1
January 12-15, 2012	33	32	14	20	1
January 5-8, 2012	39	31	15	15	*
December 15-18, 2011	36	32	14	16	1
December 8-11, 2011	41	29	13	16	1
December 1-4, 2011	40	33	13	13	1
November 17-20, 2011	35	33	16	15	1
November 10-13, 2011	39	31	15	14	*
November 3-6, 2011	37	31	15	17	1

**PEW.1 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
October 27-30, 2011	38	33	14	15	1
October 20-23, 2011	38	32	14	16	1
October 13-16, 2011	39	32	14	14	*
October 6-9, 2011	43	28	14	14	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	46	26	14	14	*
September 22-25, 2011	44	33	11	11	*
September 8-11, 2011	40	30	15	14	1
September 1-4, 2011	44	30	11	15	*
August 25-28, 2011	44	28	14	13	1
August 18-21, 2011	44	29	12	14	1
August 4-7, 2011	46	30	11	13	1
July 28-31, 2011	43	30	13	13	*
July 21-24, 2011	41	32	13	13	1
July 14-17, 2011	41	30	14	14	1
July 7-10, 2011	36	30	15	18	1
June 30-July 3, 2011	38	32	13	16	1
June 23-26, 2011	37	29	15	19	*
June 16-19, 2011	39	33	14	13	*
June 9-12, 2011	39	30	15	16	1
June 2-5, 2011	35	34	17	14	*
May 19-22, 2011	33	34	17	16	*
May 12-15, 2011	32	32	17	18	2
May 5-8, 2011	40	35	15	9	1
April 21-25, 2011	41	33	12	14	*
April 14-17, 2011	44	30	14	12	1
April 7-10, 2011	46	30	14	10	*
March 31-April 3, 2011	42	31	16	11	0
March 24-27, 2011	36	32	17	15	*
March 17-20, 2011	38	32	17	13	*
March 10-13, 2011	40	30	16	13	*
March 3-6, 2011	37	31	17	13	1
February 24-27, 2011	49	29	11	10	*
February 17-20, 2011	35	33	14	17	*
February 10-13, 2011	36	34	13	16	*
February 3-6, 2011	35	37	14	14	*
January 20-23, 2011	37	33	14	15	1
January 13-16, 2011	37	29	15	18	1
January 6-9, 2011	39	37	11	12	1

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b. Investigations into last month's attack on the U.S. embassy in Libya

October 12-14, 2012	28	28	19	23	1
October 4-7, 2012: <i>Investigations into the attack on the U.S. embassy in Libya earlier this month</i>	27	24	20	28	1
September 13-16, 2012: <i>Attacks on American embassies and consulates in the Middle East and the killing of the U.S. ambassador in Libya</i>	43	24	15	17	1

c. News about candidates for the 2012 presidential election

October 12-14, 2012	45	26	13	14	1
October 4-7, 2012	45	23	15	17	*
September 27-30, 2012	40	30	14	14	1
September 20-23, 2012	38	29	16	17	*
September 13-16, 2012	42	25	18	15	1
September 7-9, 2012	31	31	18	19	1



**PEW.1 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
August 31-September 3, 2012	29	29	20	20	1
August 23-26, 2012	27	31	19	22	1
August 16-19, 2012	32	27	19	22	1
August 9-12, 2012	27	27	21	24	1
August 2-5, 2012	31	25	19	23	1
July 26-29, 2012	25	28	21	25	1
July 19-22, 2012	35	22	17	25	1
July 12-15, 2012	33	24	20	23	*
July 5-8, 2012	29	26	20	25	*
June 28-July 1, 2012	32	24	19	25	*
June 21-24, 2012	27	30	17	25	1
June 14-17, 2012	31	30	15	24	*
June 7-10, 2012	30	29	16	25	1
May 31-June 3, 2012	29	28	19	23	1
May 24-27, 2012	32	28	16	24	1
May 17-20, 2012	31	26	19	23	*
May 10-13, 2012	34	23	18	24	*
May 3-6, 2012	29	27	19	24	*
April 26-29, 2012	29	29	18	23	1
April 19-22, 2012	29	29	20	20	1
April 12-15, 2012	32	28	16	23	1
April 5-8, 2012	31	27	18	23	*
March 29-April 1, 2012	23	29	21	27	*
March 22-25, 2012	28	28	18	25	1
March 15-18, 2012	28	31	17	24	*
March 8-11, 2012	28	27	21	23	*
March 1-4, 2012	31	24	20	24	1
February 23-26, 2012	28	29	18	24	1
February 16-20, 2012	25	29	19	25	2
February 9-12, 2012	35	25	18	20	1
February 2-5, 2012	30	27	20	21	1
January 26-29, 2012	28	30	21	21	1
January 19-22, 2012	28	30	17	24	*
January 12-15, 2012	29	29	18	23	1
January 5-8, 2012	29	30	16	25	*
December 15-18, 2011	26	24	20	29	1
December 8-11, 2011	27	27	18	28	*
December 1-4, 2011	25	28	20	26	1
November 17-20, 2011	24	31	21	23	1
November 3-6, 2011	22	31	20	26	1
October 27-30, 2011	21	26	21	30	1
October 20-23, 2011	21	28	22	28	1
October 13-16, 2011	26	29	22	23	1
October 6-9, 2011	25	25	23	27	1
September 29-October 2, 2011	27	26	21	25	*
September 22-25, 2011	25	26	23	25	1
September 15-18, 2011	24	28	21	27	1
September 8-11, 2011	22	26	21	31	*
September 1-4, 2011	22	23	22	32	1
August 25-28, 2011	22	22	22	33	1
August 18-21, 2011	27	26	19	28	1
August 11-14, 2011	19	24	20	36	1
August 4-7, 2011	18	21	22	37	1
July 28-31, 2011	17	27	21	35	1
July 21-24, 2011	17	22	28	32	*
July 14-17, 2011	18	26	27	28	1
July 7-10, 2011	16	23	27	33	1
June 30-July 3, 2011	21	28	24	25	2
June 23-26, 2011	19	26	24	31	*

**PEW.1 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
June 16-19, 2011	23	29	23	25	*
June 9-12, 2011	18	30	22	30	1
June 2-5, 2011	21	31	22	26	*
May 26-29, 2011	20	27	24	28	*
May 19-22, 2011	15	27	24	32	1
May 12-15, 2011	15	22	26	35	1
May 5-8, 2011	16	24	27	32	1
April 21-25, 2011	18	26	23	32	1
April 14-17, 2011	20	23	29	27	1
March 24-27, 2011	13	19	26	41	1
March 10-13, 2011	15	21	26	38	0
February 10-13, 2011	16	19	24	40	*
February 3-6, 2011	15	20	23	42	*

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**NO QUESTIONS PEW.2-PEW.4**

**QUESTIONS PEW.5-PEW.10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS PEW.11-PEW.12**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the terrorist attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya last month in which a U.S. ambassador was killed...

PEW.13 From what you've seen and heard, do you approve or disapprove of how the Obama administration has handled this situation?

Oct 12-14	
<u>2012</u>	
35	Approve
38	Disapprove
27	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.14 How much, if anything, have you heard about each of the following? **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. That the U.S. embassy in Libya had requested more security prior to the attacks but did not receive it Oct 12-14, 2012	30	34	33	2
b. That the Obama Administration incorrectly said there were public protests outside the embassy at the time of the attacks Oct 12-14, 2012	26	34	37	2

**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?

**BASED ON GENERAL PUBLIC:**

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>No preference</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Other party</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Oct 12-14, 2012	21	33	40	3	1	2	16	14