

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
January 30-February 2, 2014 OMNIBUS
FINAL TOPLINE
N=1,003

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>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
January 30-February 2, 2014	29	31	17	23	*
January 9-12, 2014	28	29	19	23	1
January 2-5, 2014	29	31	17	22	1
December 12-15, 2013	26	27	21	24	1
November 14-17, 2013	32	32	17	19	*
October 31-November 3, 2013	31	37	16	15	*
October 17-20, 2013	41	31	16	12	*
October 3-6, 2013	34	30	19	16	1
September 25-29, 2013	35	30	16	18	*
September 19-22, 2013	28	33	20	19	1
September 12-15, 2013	28	34	17	20	*
August 1-4, 2013	28	35	19	17	1
July 18-21, 2013	28	29	20	23	1
June 20-23, 2013	28	30	19	22	1
June 13-16, 2013	30	32	15	22	*
June 6-9, 2013	33	31	15	21	*
May 16-19, 2013	30	31	20	19	*
May 9-12, 2013	28	30	21	20	1
March 28-31, 2013	30	30	17	22	1
March 7-10, 2013	35	30	16	19	*
January 31-February 3, 2013	33	33	16	16	1
January 17-20, 2013	36	32	15	16	*
January 3-6, 2013	34	32	18	16	1

SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: <http://www.people-press.org/files/2014/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf>

b. Barack Obama's State of the Union speech					
January 30-February 2, 2014	20	19	16	43	1
February 14-17, 2013	26	20	16	37	*
January 26-29, 2012	29	18	16	37	1
January 27-30, 2011	28	22	13	36	1
January 29-February 1, 2010	33	22	17	29	1

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

February 27-March 2, 2009: Barack Obama's first address to a joint session of Congress	37	26	14	23	*
February 1-4, 2008: President Bush's State of the Union address	18	17	20	45	*
January 26-29, 2007: Reports about George Bush's State of the Union address	25	26	20	28	1
February, 2006: George W. Bush's State of the Union address	24	22	19	34	1
February, 2003	36	24	15	24	1
January, 1994: Reports about Bill Clinton's State of the Union address	26	25	18	31	*
February, 1992: President Bush's State of the Union Address	26	26	20	27	1

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c. Debate over immigration policy in the U.S.					
January 30-February 2, 2014	17	21	24	37	1
July 11-14, 2013	18	24	24	33	*
June 27-30, 2013: <i>The U.S. Senate passing immigration reform legislation</i>	21	29	22	28	*
June 20-23, 2013: <i>Debate over immigration policy in the U.S.</i>	20	28	23	29	1
June 13-16, 2013	23	26	22	29	1
June 6-9, 2013	21	28	21	30	1
May 23-26, 2013	17	23	23	37	1
May 9-12, 2013	20	24	25	30	1
April 25-28, 2013	19	25	24	32	*
April 18-21, 2013	21	22	25	31	1
April 4-7, 2013	23	22	22	32	*
January 31-February 3, 2013: <i>Debate in Washington over immigration policy</i>	23	25	22	29	1
June 28-July 1, 2012: <i>The Supreme Court decision on Arizona's immigration law</i>	29	21	19	30	1
April 26-29, 2012: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	21	24	26	27	1
May 12-15, 2011	18	22	27	32	1
September 2-6, 2010	30	31	19	20	1
August 12-15, 2010	27	31	19	21	1
July 29-August 1, 2010: <i>A court ruling that stops most of Arizona's immigration law from going into effect</i>	40	32	17	10	1
July 8-11, 2010: <i>The U.S. Justice Department challenging the legality of Arizona's recent immigration law</i>	30	27	19	23	1
July 1-5, 2010: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	34	30	20	14	1
May 7-10, 2010: <i>A new Arizona law that gives police more authority to question people they suspect might be illegal immigrants</i>	38	27	13	21	1
April 30-May 3, 2010	36	31	13	20	*
October 12-15, 2007: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	23	29	19	29	*
June 29-July 2, 2007: <i>The debate in Congress over new immigration policy</i>	26	30	21	23	*
June 22-25, 2007	24	28	22	26	*
June 15-18, 2007	22	32	21	25	*
June 8-11, 2007	24	29	20	26	1
May 24-27, 2007	27	31	22	19	1
April 12-16, 2007: <i>The issue of immigration</i>	21	29	24	26	*
August, 2006	34	40	16	9	1
June, 2006	36	41	15	7	1
May, 2006	44	33	13	9	1
April, 2006	39	34	16	10	1
December, 1994: <i>Passage of Proposition 187, the California law that bars education, health and welfare benefits from illegal immigrants and their children</i>	26	32	22	20	*
d. The Super Bowl					
January 30-February 2, 2014	23	18	21	37	1
January 31-February 3, 2013	18	17	23	40	1
February 2-5, 2012	23	21	21	34	1

PEW.1 CONTINUED...

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February 3-6, 2011	24	19	20	37	*
February 5-8, 2010	27	20	20	33	*
January 30-February 2, 2009	19	15	26	38	1
February 1-4, 2008	20	21	27	32	*
February 9-12, 2007	26	21	16	36	1
February, 2000	31	22	15	32	0
February, 1990	22	22	19	37	0
e. Preparations for the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia					
January 30-February 2, 2014	9	20	25	45	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
August 1-4, 2008: <i>News about the upcoming Olympic games in Beijing, China</i>	13	33	31	23	*
July 25-28, 2008: <i>News about China as the Beijing Olympic Games approach</i>	12	31	29	28	*
April 4-7, 2008: <i>News about the upcoming summer Olympics in Beijing, China</i>	5	18	31	45	1
August, 2004: <i>Preparations for the summer Olympics in Athens, Greece</i>	10	22	29	38	1
f. Cold winter weather in much of the country					
January 30-February 2, 2014	38	32	14	14	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
January 9-12, 2014	44	32	12	11	1
January 24-27, 2013: <i>Cold winter weather</i>	37	28	15	19	1
November 3-6, 2011: <i>An unusual autumn snow storm on the East Coast</i>	20	26	26	27	1
February 3-6, 2011: <i>Snow and ice storms across the United States</i>	45	34	13	8	*
January 13-16, 2011: <i>Winter storms in the Eastern U.S.</i>	35	32	17	16	1
December 16-19, 2010: <i>Cold winter weather</i>	43	27	13	16	1
February 12-15, 2010: <i>Major snow storms affecting the East Coast and the South</i>	39	31	16	14	*
January 8-11, 2010: <i>Unusually cold winter weather</i>	42	30	17	12	*
January 16-19, 2009: <i>Cold winter weather in much of the country</i>	33	31	21	15	*
December 14-17, 2007: <i>Snow and ice storms in the Midwest and Northeast</i>	30	31	21	18	*
February 16-19, 2007: <i>Cold winter weather and snowstorms in the Northeast and Midwest</i>	30	33	18	18	1
February 9-12, 2007: <i>Cold winter weather</i>	36	36	15	13	*
January 19-22, 2007: <i>Snow and ice storms in some parts of the country</i>	31	32	22	14	1
January 5-8, 2007: <i>Winter snowstorms in the western U.S.</i>	24	30	25	21	*
January, 2001: <i>Cold winter weather and storms in the Northeast and Midwest</i>	42	31	15	11	1
January, 1999: <i>Cold winter weather and storms in the Midwest</i>	37	34	17	12	*
Early December, 1998: <i>Unseasonable weather patterns</i>	39	35	13	12	1
January, 1994: <i>News about cold weather conditions in the Northeast and Midwest</i>	51	30	12	7	*

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the Olympic Games...

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PEW.2 All things considered, was the decision to hold the 2014 Winter Olympics in Russia a good or bad decision?

2008 Summer Olympics in China

Jan 30-Feb 2 <u>2014</u>		Aug 8-11 <u>2008</u>	(GAP) Apr 9-17 <u>2008</u>
32	Good	52	41
44	Bad	31	43
24	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	17	17

ASK IF "BAD DECISION" (PEW.2=2) [N=473]:

PEW.3 Why do you think it was a bad decision to hold the 2014 Winter Olympics in Russia? [OPEN END. PROBE FOR CLARITY ONLY. DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION.]

Jan 30-Feb 2

2014

62	Terrorism concerns/Not safe
5	Vladimir Putin/Don't trust their government/Corrupt
4	Treatment of gays and lesbians
4	Don't like Russia (general)
3	Political turmoil/Instability/Unrest
2	Weather
2	Bad relationship with U.S.
2	Games should be in U.S.
2	Cost/Economic concerns
1	Social/Human rights issues (general)
1	Communist country
1	Too far away/Difficult to get to
1	Not prepared/Not doing a good job
7	Other
7	Don't know/Refused

*Figures add to more than 100% because of multiple responses.***ASK ALL:**

PEW.4 How much of the Olympic Games do you plan to watch? [READ IN ORDER]

TREND FOR COMPARISON¹:
*How much of the Olympic Games
do you plan to watch/
are you watching?*

Jan 30-Feb 2 <u>2014</u>		Aug 8-11 <u>2008</u>
18	A lot of it	22
37	Some of it	36
26	Very little of it	25
19	None	17
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(GAP)

Pew Research Global Attitudes Project

¹ Item asked "do you plan to watch" on Aug. 8, 2008, the day before the opening ceremony (N=245). Item asked "are you watching" Aug. 9-11, 2008, the day of the opening ceremony and the two days afterward (N=760).