

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
JULY 2011 POLITICAL AND MEDIA SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
July 20-24, 2011
N=1,501

QUESTIONS 1-2, 4-5, 7 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTIONS 3, 8-9, 12-16 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 6, 10-11, 17

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election...

Q.18 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2012? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	29	27	23	1
May 25-30, 2011	23	30	27	19	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
2008 Presidential Election					
December, 2007	35	33	13	18	1
November, 2007	34	35	16	14	1
October, 2007	30	37	17	14	2
September, 2007	27	33	21	17	2
July, 2007	30	38	16	15	1
June, 2007	29	34	20	16	1
April, 2007	26	34	21	17	2
March, 2007	24	36	20	18	2
February, 2007	24	34	22	18	2
December, 2006	23	36	20	20	1

ASK ALL:

Q.19 Looking ahead, would you like to see Barack Obama re-elected president in 2012 or would you prefer that a Republican candidate win the election? **[INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "OTHER" OR "SOMEONE ELSE," PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, would you like to see Barack Obama re-elected or would you prefer that a Republican candidate win the election?"]**

	-----Total-----			-----Registered Voters-----		
	<u>Obama re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer Republican</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>	<u>Obama re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer Republican</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
Jul 20-24, 2011	42	37	20	41	40	19
May 25-30, 2011	48	35	18	48	37	15
Mar 8-14, 2011	48	35	17	47	37	16

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Looking ahead to the general election in November, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected president in 2004 or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?
[INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "OTHER" OR "SOMEONE ELSE," PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?"]

	-----Total-----			-----Registered Voters-----		
	<u>Bush re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer Democrat</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>	<u>Bush re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer Democrat</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
Mid-January, 2004	44	40	16	48	38	14
Early January, 2004	43	43	14	44	42	14
December, 2003	47	38	15	49	37	14
October, 2003	40	44	16	42	42	16
September, 2003	44	43	13	45	43	12

Q.19 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	-----Total-----			-----Registered Voters-----		
	Bush <u>re-elected</u>	Prefer <u>Democrat</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>	Bush <u>re-elected</u>	Prefer <u>Democrat</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
August, 2003	40	39	21	43	38	19
Mid-July, 2003	45	37	18	47	37	16
April, 2003	46	35	19	48	34	18

Looking ahead, would you like to see Bill Clinton re-elected or would you prefer that a Republican candidate or an Independent candidate be elected President?¹

	-----Total-----				-----Registered Voters-----			
	Clinton <u>re-elected</u>	Prefer <u>Republican</u>	Prefer <u>ind.</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Clinton <u>re-elected</u>	Prefer <u>Republican</u>	Prefer <u>ind.</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 1995	34	33	26	7	35	35	24	7
August, 1995	32	35	26	7	33	36	23	8
March, 1995	31	38	23	8	--	--	--	--
December, 1994	33	40	18	9	33	43	16	9

Would you like to see George Bush re-elected President in November or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?

	-----Total-----			-----Registered Voters-----		
	G.H.W. Bush <u>re-elected</u>	Prefer <u>Democrat</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>	G.H.W. Bush <u>re-elected</u>	Prefer <u>Democrat</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
February, 1992	40	48	12	39	49	12
January, 1992	42	42	16	41	45	14
November, 1991	41	43	16	41	44	15

ASK ALL:

Q.20 As I name some possible Republican candidates for president in 2012, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]**

Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>		Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u> ²
16	Mitt Romney	14	13
10	Sarah Palin	13	15
8	Michele Bachmann	--	--
8	Ron Paul	8	9
6	Rick Perry	--	--
4	Herman Cain	--	--
3	Newt Gingrich	6	6
2	Jon Huntsman	--	--
2	Tim Pawlenty	2	4
1	Rick Santorum	2	2
n/a	Mike Huckabee	13	15
n/a	Mitch Daniels	2	--
n/a	Haley Barbour	2	3
n/a	Chris Christie (VOL.)	1	--
1	Other (VOL.)	1	4
21	None (VOL.)	21	14
5	Too early to tell (VOL.)	2	--
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	14

¹ For 1993-1995 Clinton trends, if respondent did not answer, they were prompted to say who they leaned towards. Percentages shown include leaners in each answer category.

² In November 2010, the question read, "Now I am going to read you the names of some possible candidates for the Republican nomination for President in 2012. After I read all the names, please tell me which one you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate for President or if there is someone else you support."

ASK IF HAS FIRST CHOICE (Q.20=1-11):

Q.21 Who, if anyone, would be your second choice for the Republican nomination in 2012? **[READ OPTIONS IF NECESSARY, ELIMINATING NAME CHOSEN IN Q.20]**

Jul 20-24, 2011				Mar 8-14, 2011		
<u>First choice</u>	<u>Second choice</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>First choice</u>	<u>Second choice</u>	<u>Total</u>
16	10	26	Mitt Romney	14	9	23
10	6	17	Sarah Palin	13	8	21
8	8	16	Michele Bachmann	--	--	--
8	4	12	Ron Paul	8	7	15
6	4	9	Rick Perry	--	--	--
4	3	7	Herman Cain	--	--	--
3	3	6	Newt Gingrich	6	7	13
2	2	4	Jon Huntsman	--	--	--
2	2	4	Tim Pawlenty	2	3	5
1	2	2	Rick Santorum	2	2	4
n/a	n/a	n/a	Mike Huckabee	13	12	25
n/a	n/a	n/a	Mitch Daniels	2	2	4
n/a	n/a	n/a	Haley Barbour	2	2	3
n/a	n/a	n/a	Chris Christie (VOL.)	1	*	1
1	2	3	Other (VOL.)	1	2	3
21	13	13	None (VOL.)	21	8	21
5	*	*	Too early to tell (VOL.)	2	1	2
13	4	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	4	12
--	39	39	No first choice	--	35	35

NO QUESTIONS 22-23, 29-30, 43-44, 50-51, 55, 58-59

QUESTIONS 24-28, 31- 36 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTIONS 37-42, 45-49, 52-54, 56-57, 60-63 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Jul 20-24, 2011	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	34	32	4	*	4	13	13
May 25-30, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	15	17
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	25	32	37	3	*	3	17	16
Mar 8-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	17	15
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	16
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	31	39	3	*	2	16	16
Jan 5-9, 2011	27	32	35	4	*	2	15	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	25	33	34	5	1	2	13	14
Nov 4-7, 2010	26	30	37	4	*	2	17	13
Oct 27-30, 2010	25	34	31	6	1	4	13	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	25	31	36	4	*	3	16	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	24	32	39	2	*	2	15	17
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	33	34	4	*	3	14	14
Yearly Totals								
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

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

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.64 How likely are you to vote in the REPUBLICAN presidential primary or caucus in your state next year? [READ]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,032]:

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45	Very likely
15	Somewhat likely
10	Not too likely
27	Not at all likely
1	No primary (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ³	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--

³ In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May through October, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	No opinion <u>either way</u>	(VOL.) Haven't <u>heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

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N=999

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 Thinking about possible Republican candidates for president in 2012... Regardless of whom you might prefer, which Republican candidate have you heard the most about in the news recently? **[OPEN END. RECORD FIRST MENTION ONLY.] [PLEASE BE CERTAIN TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "JOHN MCCAIN" AND "HERMAN CAIN".]**

Jul 21-24 2011		Jun 16-19 2011	Jun 2-5 2011	May 12-15 2011	Apr 14-17 2011
23	Michele Bachmann	5	1	1	*
13	Mitt Romney	27	22	7	9
7	Sarah Palin	8	20	2	4
4	Donald Trump	2	5	16	26
3	Rick Perry	*	*	*	*
1	Newt Gingrich	5	2	12	1
1	Ron Paul	1	1	2	*
1	Jon Huntsman	*	*	*	*
1	Tim Pawlenty	1	1	1	1
*	Mike Huckabee	*	*	2	2
3	Other				
44	None/Don't know/Refused	45	41	50	53

ASK ALL:

PEW.14 Thinking about recent news coverage of some people and groups, would you say the press has been too easy, too tough or fair in the way it has covered **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C AND D-F IN SEPARATE RANDOMIZED BLOCKS]?**

	<u>Too easy</u>	<u>Too tough</u>	<u>Fair</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Barack Obama				
July 21-24, 2011	27	23	41	9
November 18-21, 2010 ⁴	23	21	46	9
September 9-12, 2010	27	23	37	13
July 15-18, 2010	27	24	39	10
April 9-12, 2010	29	21	42	8
October 3-6, 2008	31	7	60	2
April 25-28, 2008	26	17	52	5
March 20-24, 2008	23	15	55	7
February 29-March 3, 2008	28	8	58	6
February 1-4, 2008	23	8	61	8
b. Republican leaders in Congress				
July 21-24, 2011	28	21	38	13
September 9-12, 2010	24	16	40	20
July 15-18, 2010	22	15	45	18
c. Democratic leaders in Congress				
July 21-24, 2011	33	14	40	13
September 9-12, 2010	26	12	43	18
July 15-18, 2010	27	12	44	17

⁴ For November 18-21, 2010 this question was not asked in a list. For all previous trends this was a list item.

PEW.14 CONTINUED...

	<u>Too easy</u>	<u>Too tough</u>	<u>Fair</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d. Sarah Palin				
July 21-24, 2011	22	30	32	15
July 15-18, 2010	18	30	32	21
July 10-13, 2009	12	36	41	11
October 3-6, 2008	21	38	38	3
e. Mitt Romney				
July 21-24, 2011	16	9	45	30
f. Michele Bachmann				
July 21-24, 2011	16	16	37	31