

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
MAY 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
May 1-5, 2013
N=1,504

QUESTIONS 1-5, 9 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**QUESTIONS HELD FOR PREVIOUS RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS-6-8, 10-13****ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the way some things work in this country ...

Q.14 Do you think **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE – OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** in this country works pretty well and requires only MINOR CHANGES, do you think it needs MAJOR CHANGES, or do you think it needs to be COMPLETELY REBUILT?

		<u>Works pretty well/ Only minor changes</u>	<u>Major changes</u>	<u>Completely rebuilt</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Immigration policy				
	May 1-5, 2013	21	39	35	4
	Jun 15-19, 2011	26	43	24	6
	February, 2006	23	41	27	9

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

b.F1	The health care system				
	May 1-5, 2013	32	37	27	4
	February, 2006	20	46	32	2
	January, 2005	27	50	21	2
c.F1	The tax system				
	May 1-5, 2013	26	40	32	3
	Jun 15-19, 2011	34	38	24	3
	February, 2006	35	39	22	4
	January, 2005	50	29	17	4
d.F1	The Social Security system				
	May 1-5, 2013	40	34	21	5
	Jun 15-19, 2011	41	34	18	7
	February, 2006	35	36	26	3
	January, 2005	47	34	15	4

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=764]:

e.F2	The Homeland Security system				
	May 1-5, 2013	51	26	19	4
	Jun 15-19, 2011	55	24	13	8
	February, 2006	39	36	19	6
f.F2	The education system				
	May 1-5, 2013	31	45	21	2
	Jun 15-19, 2011	32	47	19	2
	February, 2006	35	45	16	4
	January, 2005	36	45	17	2
g.F2	The Medicare system				
	May 1-5, 2013	36	31	27	6
	Jun 15-19, 2011	38	33	21	8
	February, 2006	26	42	28	4

NO QUESTIONS 15-16, 21-24**QUESTIONS 17c, 18-20, PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 17a,b HELD FOR PREVIOUS RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

On another subject ...

Q.25 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY (Q.25=2) [N=1,093]:

Q.26 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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25	They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally	27
	There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements	
73	to stay in the country legally	71
44	Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship	43
25	Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship	24
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK ALL:

Q.27 Should LEGAL immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

May 1-5 <u>2013</u>		Mar <u>2006</u>
31	Kept at present level	37
25	Increased	17
36	Decreased	40
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6

CBS/NEW YORK TIMES TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Kept at <u>present level</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April 24-28, 2013	35	25	31	8
Sept 10-15, 2011	36	19	38	7
April 28-May 2, 2010	44	17	31	8
April 5-12, 2010	35	16	41	8
July 7-14, 2008	38	23	32	7
May 18-23, 2007	39	20	35	6
March 7-11, 2007	30	18	48	4
May 4-8, 2006	39	22	34	5
April 6-9, 2006	33	16	45	6
October 3-5, 2005	30	11	51	8
July 29-August 2, 2005	32	13	51	4
January 12-15, 2004	34	16	45	5
July 13-27, 2003	37	9	48	6
December 7-10, 2001	29	9	59	3
September 20-23, 2001	29	11	57	3
September 13-14, 2001	29	10	53	8
October 23-27, 1996	35	8	50	7

NO QUESTION 28**ASK ALL:**

Q.29 When it comes to reducing illegal immigration at U.S. borders, do you think there is a lot more the government can do, somewhat more, not much more, or nothing more that can be done?

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53 A lot
30 Somewhat
8 Not much
5 Nothing
4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK ALL:

Q.30 In your own view, do you feel that giving people who came to the U.S. illegally a way to gain legal status is like rewarding them for doing something wrong, or don't you think of it this way?

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37 Like rewarding them for doing something wrong
56 Don't think of it this way
7 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTIONS 31-35, 39, 43-45, 54-55, 64-68, 73-74, 76-77, 81-83**QUESTIONS 36-38, 40-42, 46-53, 56-63, 69-72, 75, 78-80, 84 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?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb.13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
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
Yearly Totals								
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
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...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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 REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=600]:

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

May 1-5 <u>2013</u>		Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>	Feb 13-18 <u>2013</u>	Jan 9-13 <u>2013</u>
28	Agree	43	36	35
8	Disagree	7	9	10
61	No opinion either way	47	52	51
2	Haven't heard of (VOL.)	1	1	2
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	3	2