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and other Western states	17	28	24	32	*
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June 23-26, 2011: Wildfires in the West					
and South	21	24	26	28	1
June 9-12, 2011: Wildfires in Arizona	18	27	24	30	*
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November 14-17, 2008: California wildfires	21	28	29	22	*
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January 12-15, 2007: Fires in Malibu,					
California	10	20	31	38	1
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	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 1-1, 2012	28	27	21	23	
	March 1-4, 2012	31 28	24 29	20 18	24 24	1 1
	February 23-26, 2012	25	29	19	25	2
	February 16-20, 2012 February 9-12, 2012	35	25	18	20	1
	February 2-5, 2012	30	27	20	21	1
		28	30	21	21	1
	January 26-29, 2012 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 /-10, 2011	16	23	2/	33	1
	June 30-July 3, 2011 June 23-26, 2011	21 19	28 26	24 24	25 31	2 *
	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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d.	Political violence in Syria					
	June 28-July 1, 2012	13	19	26	42	*
	June 14-17, 2012	15	24	21	40	1
	May 31-June 3, 2012	12	25	25	37	1
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
	April 12-15, 2012: International efforts to					
	stop political violence in Syria	14	23	25	37	1
	April 5-8, 2012	15	21	27	37	1
		13	21	21	37	1
	March 15-28, 2012: Political violence in	1.0	26	27	20	
	Syria	16	26	27	30	1
	March 8-11, 2012	17	23	23	37	1
	February 23-26, 2012	18	24	21	35	1
	February 9-12, 2012	17	23	23	36	*
	January 12-15, 2012	12	17	26	45	1
	August 4-7, 2011: Political violence					
	following uprisings in Syria	10	19	26	44	1
	May 5-8, 2011	14	27	30	28	1
	June 2-5, 2011: Anti-government protests		_,	50	20	-
	and violence in some Middle Eastern					
	countries	18	25	25	32	*
	April 28-May 1, 2011	18	29	25	27	1
	February 3-6, 2011: Anti-government					
	protests in Egypt and other Middle Eastern					
	countries	32	35	16	18	*
	January 27-30, 2011	17	26	21	35	*
e.	The Supreme Court decision on Arizona's					
	immigration law					
	June 28-July 1, 2012	29	21	19	30	1
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
	July 29-August 1, 2010: A court ruling that					
	stops most of Arizona's immigration law					
	from going into effect	40	32	17	10	1
	July 8-11, 2010: The U.S. Justice					
	Department challenging the legality of					
	Arizona's recent immigration law	30	27	19	23	1
	July 1-5, 2010: The issue of immigration	34	30	20	14	1
		34	30	20	14	1
	May 7-10, 2010: A new Arizona law that					
	gives police more authority to question					
	people they suspect might be illegal					
	immigrants	38	27	13	21	1
	April 30-May 3, 2010	36	31	13	20	*
	October 12-15, 2007: The issue of					
	immigration	23	29	19	29	*
	June 29-July 2, 2007: The debate in					
	Congress over new immigration policy	26	30	21	23	*
	June 22-25, 2007	24	28	22	26	*
	June 15-18, 2007	22	32	21	25	*
		24	29	20	26	1
	June 8-11 , 2007					
	May 24-27, 2007	27	31	22	19	1
	April 12-16, 2007: The issue of					
	immigration	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
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		Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too closely	Not at all closely	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	December, 1994: Passage of Proposition 187, the California law that bars education, health and welfare benefits from illegal immigrants and their children	26	32	22	20	*
f.	The Supreme Court decision on the 2010 health care law June 28-July 1, 2012 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: March 29-April 1, 2012: Supreme Court	45	21	14	19	*
	hearings about the 2010 health care reform law November 17-20, 2011: The U.S. Supreme	29	27	17	27	*
	Court agreeing to hear legal challenges to last year's health care reform law February 3-6, 2011: A federal judge ruling	18	24	24	33	1
	that part of the new health care law is unconstitutional January 20-23, 2011: News about	25	28	19	28	1
	Republican efforts to repeal last year's health care law December 16-19, 2010: A federal judge	29	29	20	21	1
	ruling that parts of the new health care law are unconstitutional September 23-26, 2010: News about	28	24	17	30	1
	portions of this year's health care reform law beginning to take effect	37	31	17	14	1
g.	The House of Representatives voting to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt for not sharing documents related to a guntrafficking investigation June 28-July 1, 2012 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: June 21-24, 2012: A Congressional committee voting to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt for not sharing documents related to a gun-trafficking	22	15	22	40	1
	investigation	15	17	18	49	*

ASK ALL:

PEW.2 From what you've read and heard about the Supreme Court's ruling on the 2010 health care law, would you say you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of their decision?

June 28-July 1 2012 14 Strongly approve 22 Approve 21 Disapprove 19 Disapprove strongly 24 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 From what you've read and heard, did the Supreme Court [READ AND RANDOMIZE] most of the provisions in the health care law?

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 What ONE word best describes your reaction to the Supreme Court's ruling on the health care law? [IF "DON'T KNOW," PROBE ONCE WITH: It can be anything, just the ONE word that comes to mind...]

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the <u>number of respondents</u> who offered each response; the numbers <u>are not</u> percentages.

June 28-July 1 2012		June 28-July 1	
	Disconsisted	<u>2012</u>	ll
65	Disappointed	5	Upset
65	Surprised	5	Worried
46	Good	4	Amazing/Amazed
28	Нарру	4	Anger/Angry
23	Disgusted	4	Awful
19	Shocked	4	Disagree
17	Great	4	Dislike
15	Fair	4	Excellent
15	Satisfied	4	Right
12	Approve	4	Stupid
12	Disapprove	4	Wrong
11	Confused/Confusing/Confusion	4	Unconstitutional
11	Okay	4	Unhappy
10	Appalled	317	Other
10	Pleased	171	Don't know/Refused
10	Relief/Relieved		·
10	Unfair		
8	Bad		
8	Indifferent		
8	Sucks		
7	Agree		
7	Concerned		
7	Outraged/Outrageous		
6	Ecstatic		
6	Glad		
6	Unsurprised		
6	Poor		
6	Terrible		
5	Taxes		
5	Undecided		
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PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 21-24, 2012, OMNIBUS FINAL TOPLINE N=1,002

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?"]

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

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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. General elections in Greece June 21-24, 2012

9	18	22	51	*
21	27	20	32	*
18	27	21	34	1
17	27	23	33	1
15	22	22	41	*
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16	23	24	36	*
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	_	_		1
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14	24	25	36	1
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15	23	23	38	1
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12	27	24	36	*
4.5	0.4	- 4	2.0	
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16	23	24	3/	1
4.0	24	22	4.4	_
12	21	22	44	1
47	20	2.1	22	4
1/	28	21	32	1
	21 18	21 27 18 27 17 27 15 22 17 24 16 23 11 21 12 23 14 22 14 24 15 23 18 26 12 27 15 21 16 23	21 27 20 18 27 21 17 27 23 15 22 22 17 24 24 16 23 24 11 21 23 12 23 23 14 22 27 14 24 25 15 23 23 18 26 21 12 27 24 15 21 24 16 23 24 12 21 22	21 27 20 32 18 27 21 34 17 27 23 33 15 22 22 41 17 24 24 34 16 23 24 36 11 21 23 45 12 23 23 42 14 22 27 37 14 24 25 36 15 23 23 38 18 26 21 34 12 27 24 36 15 21 24 39 16 23 24 37 12 21 22 44

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	June 30-July 3, 2011: The financial crisis and violent protests in Greece	14	22	23	39	1
	June 16-19, 2011	10	20	25 25	45	1
	May 13-16, 2010: A trillion-dollar bailout	10	20	23	.5	-
	package for European governments facing					
	debt problems	21	26	24	28	2
	May 7-10, 2010: The financial crisis in	10	22	26	24	*
	Greece and violent protests there April 30-May 3, 2010: The financial crisis in	19	23	26	31	*
	Greece	6	15	28	51	1
	October, 1998: Financial instability around	·		_0	0-	_
	the world	32	40	19	9	*
	September, 1998: Economic and political					
	instability in Russia	18	30	28	24	*
	Late August, 1998: <i>Economic problems in Russia</i>	8	22	29	41	*
	January, 1998: The deepening financial	O	22	23	71	
	crisis in many Asian countries	15	25	27	33	*
	March, 1995: The financial and political					
	instability in Mexico	12	28	30	29	1
_	Name about andidates for the 2012					
c.	News about candidates for the 2012 presidential election					
	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 10, 22, 2012	29	29	18	23	1
	April 13-15-2012	29 32	29	20	20	1
	April 12-15, 2012 April 5-8, 2012	32 31	28 27	16 18	23 23	1 *
	March 29-April 1, 2012	23	29	21	23 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 December 15-18, 2011	29 26	30 24	16 20	25 29	1
	December 13-18, 2011 December 8-11, 2011	27	27	18	28	*
	December 0-11, 2011 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

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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	*
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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d.	The trial of former Penn State football coach					
	Jerry Sandusky on charges that he sexually					
	abused children					
	June 21-24, 2012	20	28	24	27	1
	June 14-17, 2012	20	24	27	29	*
	December 15-18, 2011: A sex abuse					
	scandal at Penn State University	22	29	23	25	1
	December 8-11, 2011	24	29	24	22	1
	November 17-20, 2011: A sex abuse					
	scandal at Penn State University	28	31	21	18	1
	November 10-13, 2011: A sex abuse					
	scandal at Penn State University resulting					
	in the firing of the school's president and					
	football coach Joe Paterno	34	29	19	18	1
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
	August 18-21, 2011: Recent scandals in					
	college football	10	12	17	61	*
	September 16-19, 2010: Pope Benedict's					
	visit to Great Britain and his comments on					
	the Catholic Church's handling of sex-abuse					
	scandals	10	16	26	47	1
	April 23-26, 2010: Reports about the					
	Vatican's handling of sex-abuse scandals in					
	the Catholic Church	14	28	29	29	*
	March 26-29, 2010	17	24	28	30	*
	March 19-22, 2010	8	18	31	42	1
	June, 2002: Reports of sexual abuses by	20	2.5	4-	•	_
	Catholic priests	38	36	17	8	1
	May, 2002: The Pope and American					
	cardinals meeting in Rome about sexual	27	22	24	1.0	4
	abuse by Catholic priests	27	33	21	18	1

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Early April, 2002: <i>Reports of sexual abuses</i> by Catholic priests December, 1993	27	34	25	13	1
	18	32	31	18	1
e. A Congressional committee voting to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt for not sharing documents related to a gun- trafficking investigation June 21-24, 2012	15	17	18	49	*

PEW.2-PEW.4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

PEW RESEARCH CENTER June 14-17, 2012, OMNIBUS FINAL TOPLINE N=1,002

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	Reports about the condition of the					
l	J.S. economy	20	20	4.5	4 7	
	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 35	31	19	16	1 *
	May 17-20, 2012	35 40	30 26	16 16	19 17	*
	May 10-13, 2012	38	29	13	20	*
	May 3-6, 2012 April 26-29, 2012	36 34	32	13 17	20 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
	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	-TP

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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. Political violence in Syria					
June 14-17, 2012	15	24	21	40	1
May 31-June 3, 2012	12	25	25	37	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
April 12-15, 2012: International efforts to					
stop political violence in Syria	14	23	25	37	1
April 5-8, 2012	15	21	27	37	1
March 15-28, 2012: Political violence in					
Syria	16	26	27	30	1
March 8-11, 2012	17	23	23	37	1
February 23-26, 2012	18	24	21	35	1
February 9-12, 2012	17	23	23	36	*
January 12-15, 2012	12	17	26	45	1
August 4-7, 2011: Political violence		-,	20	.5	-
following uprisings in Syria	10	19	26	44	1
May 5-8, 2011	14	27	30	28	1
June 2-5, 2011: Anti-government protests	17	2,	30	20	-
and violence in some Middle Eastern					
	18	25	25	32	*
COUNTRIES	18	29	25	27	1
April 28-May 1, 2011	10	29	25	27	1
February 3-6, 2011: Anti-government					
protests in Egypt and other Middle Eastern	22	25	1.0	10	*
countries	32	35	16	18	*
January 27-30, 2011	17	26	21	35	*
c. Reports about economic problems in several					
European countries					
June 14-17, 2012	21	27	20	32	*
June 7-10, 2012 June 7-10, 2012	18	27 27	21	32 34	1
May 31-June 3, 2012	17	27	23	33	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
May 17-20, 2012: Political and economic	1 5	22	22	41	*
uncertainty in Greece	15	22	22	41	•
May 10-13, 2012: Reports about economic	17	24	24	34	*
problems in several European countries					*
May 3-6, 2012	16	23	24	36	-12

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February 16-20, 2012: Efforts to deal with					
the debt crisis in Europe	11	21	23	45	*
January 12-15, 2012	12	23	23	42	1
December 8-11, 2011	14	22	27	37	1
December 1-4, 2011	14	24	25	36	1
November 10-13, 2011: Efforts to deal with					
the debt crisis in Greece and Italy	15	23	23	38	1
November 3-6, 2011: Efforts to deal with					
the debt crisis in Greece and other					
European countries	18	26	21	34	1
October 27-30, 2011	12	27	24	36	*
September 29-October 2, 2011: The debt					
crisis in Greece and other European					
countries	15	21	24	39	1
September 15-18, 2011	16	23	24	37	1
August 18-21, 2011: The debate among					
European leaders on how to address the					
region's debt crisis	12	21	22	44	1
August 11-14, 2011: Riots in London and					
other parts of Britain	17	28	21	32	1
June 30-July 3, 2011: The financial crisis					_
and violent protests in Greece	14	22	23	39	1
June 16-19, 2011	10	20	25	45	1
May 13-16, 2010: A trillion-dollar bailout	10		23	.5	-
package for European governments facing					
debt problems	21	26	24	28	2
May 7-10, 2010: The financial crisis in				20	_
Greece and violent protests there	19	23	26	31	*
April 30-May 3, 2010: The financial crisis in	13	25	20	31	
Greece	6	15	28	51	1
October, 1998: Financial instability around	O	15	20	31	-
the world	32	40	19	9	*
September, 1998: Economic and political	32	40	13	,	
instability in Russia	18	30	28	24	*
Late August, 1998: Economic problems in	10	30	20	27	
Russia	8	22	29	41	*
January, 1998: The deepening financial	O	22	23	71	
crisis in many Asian countries	15	25	27	33	*
March, 1995: The financial and political	13	25	27	33	
instability in Mexico	12	28	30	29	1
mstability in Frexico	12	20	30	23	-
News about candidates for the 2012					
presidential election					
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	*
·	29	27	19	24	*
May 3-6, 2012 April 26-29, 2012	29	29	18	23	1
·					1
April 13-15, 2012	29 22	29	20	20	
April 5-8, 2012	32 31	28 27	16	23	1
April 5-8, 2012	31	27	18	23	*
March 29-April 1, 2012	23	29	21	27 25	
March 15, 19, 2012	28	28	18	25 24	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

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February 23-26, 2012	28	<u>closely</u> 29	<u>closely</u> 18	<u>closely</u> 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 0-11, 2011 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	*
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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e. The trial of former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky on charges that he sexually

abused children					
June 14-17, 2012	20	24	27	29	*
December 15-18, 2011: A sex abuse					
scandal at Penn State University	22	29	23	25	1
December 8-11, 2011	24	29	24	22	1

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	November 17-20, 2011: A sex abuse scandal at Penn State University November 10-13, 2011: A sex abuse	28	31	21	18	1
	scandal at Penn State University resulting in the firing of the school's president and football coach Joe Paterno	34	29	19	18	1
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: August 18-21, 2011: Recent scandals in	34	29	19	10	1
	college football September 16-19, 2010: Pope Benedict's visit to Great Britain and his comments on	10	12	17	61	*
	the Catholic Church's handling of sex-abuse scandals April 23-26, 2010: Reports about the Vatican's handling of sex-abuse scandals in	10	16	26	47	1
	the Catholic Church	14	28	29	29	*
	March 26-29, 2010	17	24	28	30	*
	March 19-22, 2010	8	18	31	42	1
	June, 2002: Reports of sexual abuses by	Ü	10	31		-
	Catholic priests May, 2002: The Pope and American	38	36	17	8	1
	cardinals meeting in Rome about sexual abuse by Catholic priests Early April, 2002: Reports of sexual abuses	27	33	21	18	1
	by Catholic priests	27	34	25	13	1
	December, 1993	18	32	31	18	1
f.	The NBA Finals					
	June 14-17, 2012	16	9	16	59	*
	June 2-5, 2011	14	12	14	60	*
	June 10-13, 2010	15	13	15	56	1
	June 5-8, 2009	13	9	12	67	*
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
	June 20-23, 2008: <i>The Boston Celtics</i> winning the NBA Finals	18	17	22	42	1
g.	Wildfires in Colorado and other Western states					
	June 14-17, 2012 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:	17	28	24	32	*
	September 8-11, 2011: Wildfires in Texas June 23-26, 2011: Wildfires in the West	20	27	25	27	1
	and South	21	24	26	28	1
	June 9-12, 2011: Wildfires in Arizona September 3-6, 2009: Southern California	18	27	24	30	*
	wildfires April 24-27, 2009: Wildfires in South	22	32	29	16	0
	Carolina	12	21	29	38	*
	November 14-17, 2008: California wildfires	21	28	29	22	*
	October 17-20, 2008	15	28	33	24	*
	July 11-14, 2008	22	34	28	16	*
	October 26-29, 2007	40	41	13	6	*
	January 12-15, 2007: Fires in Malibu,					
	California	10	20	31	38	1
	November, 2003: California wildfires	38	35	17	9	1
	June, 2002: Wildfires in Colorado and other western states	30	36	25	9	*
	September, 2001: Wild fires in the west	28	36 37	25 24	9 11	*
	December, 1993: Southern California fires	44	39	13	4	*
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	July, 1990	29	35	24	12	0
h.	The political situation in Egypt June 14-17, 2012 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:	13	20	24	42	*
	May 24-27, 2012: The presidential election in Egypt December 1-4, 2011: The recent elections	4	15	22	57	1
	in Egypt February 17-20, 2011: News about the	7	16	28	48	*
	situation in Egypt February 10-13, 2011: Anti-government protests in Egypt and the resignation of	34	32	17	16	1
	President Hosni Mubarak February 3-6, 2011: Anti-government protests in Egypt and other Middle Eastern	39	31	14	15	1
	countries	32	35	16	18	*
	January 27-30, 2011	17	26	21	35	*
i.	A new Obama Administration policy that allows most young adults who came to the U.S. illegally as children to remain in this country					
	June 15-17, 2012¹	29	24	19	27	1
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: April 26-29, 2012: The issue of					
	immigration	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 July 29-August 1, 2010: A court ruling that	27	31	19	21	1
	stops most of Arizona's immigration law from going into effect July 8-11, 2010: The U.S. Justice	40	32	17	10	1
	Department challenging the legality of Arizona's recent immigration law	30	27	19	23	1
	July 1-5, 2010: The issue of immigration May 7-10, 2010: A new Arizona law that gives police more authority to question	34	30	20	14	1
	people they suspect might be illegal	20	27	12	21	4
	immigrants April 30-May 3, 2010	38 36	27 31	13 13	21 20	1
	October 12-15, 2007: The issue of immigration	23	29	19	29	*
	June 29-July 2, 2007: The debate in Congress over new immigration policy June 22-25, 2007	26 24	30 28	21 22	23 26	*
	June 15-18, 2007	22	32	21	25	*
	June 8-11 , 2007 May 24-27, 2007	24 27	29 31	20 22	26 19	1 1
	April 12-16, 2007: The issue of immigration	21	29	24	26	*
	August, 2006	34	40	24 16	9	1
	June, 2006	36	41	15	7	1
	May, 2006	44	33	13	9	1

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¹ This question was asked in Friday-Sunday interviews (June 15-17, 2012). N=935.

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April, 2006 December, 1994: Passage of Proposition 187, the California law that bars education, health and welfare benefits from illegal	39	34	16	10	1
immigrants and their children	26	32	22	20	*

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