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## Conflict Between Vatican, U.S. Nuns Draws Little Catholic Interest Economy, Election Are Public’s Top Stories

The public continued to track news about the economy and the presidential election, while paying less attention to another important political story – Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker’s victory in a hard-fought recall election.

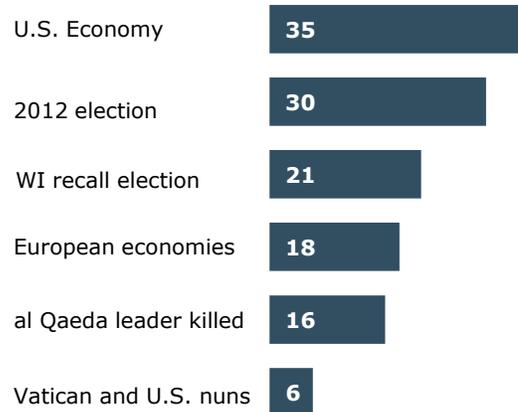
The latest weekly News Interest Index, conducted June 7-10 among 1,000 adults by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, finds that 35% say they followed reports about U.S. economic conditions very closely while 30% tracked news about the presidential election very closely.

The public expressed less interest in news about the Wisconsin recall election (21% very closely), European economic problems (18%) and the CIA killing of an al Qaeda leader in a drone strike in Pakistan (16%).

The Wisconsin recall election attracted more interest among Republicans (31% very closely) than Democrats or independents (20% each).

### Election, Economy Continue to Lead News Interest

*% following each story very closely:*



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Just 6% of Americans say they very closely followed news about recent conflicts between the Vatican and U.S. nuns. Fewer than one-in-five (14%) followed this story either very or fairly closely; 84% say they followed this news not too closely or not at all closely.

Even among Catholics, this story attracted little interest. In fact, nearly identical percentages of Catholics (16%), Protestants (14%) and the religiously unaffiliated (14%) paid very close attention to the conflicts between the Vatican and American nuns. White Catholics are somewhat more interested than are white Protestants (22% very closely vs. 13% very closely).

These findings are based on the most recent installment of the weekly News Interest Index, an ongoing project of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, building on the Center's longstanding research into public attentiveness to major news stories.

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### Vatican, Nuns Conflicts Attract Little Attention Among Catholics

| <i>How closely did you follow news about conflicts between the Vatican and U.S. nuns?</i> | <b>Very/<br/>Fairly</b> | <b>Not too/<br/>Not at all</b> | <b>N</b> |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
|   | %                       | %                              | %        |
| Total   | 14                      | 84                             | 1000     |
| Protestant  | 14                      | 84                             | 513      |
| White Protestant  | 13                      | 86                             | 391      |
| Catholic  | 16                      | 82                             | 193      |
| White Catholic  | 22                      | 76                             | 143      |
| Unaffiliated  | 14                      | 84                             | 180      |

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## About the News Interest Index

The *News Interest Index* is a weekly survey conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press aimed at gauging the public's interest in and reaction to major news events. The News Interest Index survey collects data from Thursday through Sunday to gauge public interest in the most covered stories of the week.

Results for this survey are based on telephone interviews conducted June 7-10, 2012, among a national sample of 1,000 adults 18 years of age or older living in the continental United States (600 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 400 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 194 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older.

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and region to parameters from the March 2011 Census Bureau's Current Population Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample is also weighted to match current patterns of telephone status based on extrapolations from the 2011 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size within the landline sample. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting. The following table shows the sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

| <b>Group</b>                   | <b>Sample Size</b> | <b>Plus or minus ...</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Total sample                   | 1,000              | 3.6 percentage points    |
| Republicans                    | 248                | 7.3 percentage points    |
| Democrats                      | 314                | 6.4 percentage points    |
| Independents                   | 314                | 6.4 percentage points    |
| All Catholics                  | 193                | 8.2 percentage points    |
| White Non-Hispanic Catholics   | 143                | 9.6 percentage points    |
| All Protestants                | 513                | 5.0 percentage points    |
| White Non-Hispanic Protestants | 391                | 5.8 percentage points    |
| Unaffiliated                   | 180                | 8.5 percentage points    |

Sample sizes and sampling errors for subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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**June 7-10, 2012, NEWS INTEREST INDEX**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**N=1,000**

**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<br/>closely</u> | <u>Fairly<br/>closely</u> | <u>Not too<br/>closely</u> | <u>Not at all<br/>closely</u> | <b>(VOL.)<br/>DK/Ref</b> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy |                         |                           |                            |                               |                          |
| 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                        |
| 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                            | *                        |

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| 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                              |

**SEE TRENDS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS:** <http://www.people-press.org/files/2011/11/NII-Economy-Trends.pdf>

- b. Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's victory in a recall election

|                 |    |    |    |    |   |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| June 7-10, 2012 | 21 | 17 | 14 | 46 | 2 |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|---|

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

March 10-13, 2011: *Disputes in Wisconsin and other states between state governments and public employee unions*

|   |    |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|
| March 10-13, 2011: <i>Disputes in Wisconsin and other states between state governments and public employee unions</i> | 30 | 26 | 18 | 25 | 1 |
| March 3-6, 2011   | 29 | 24 | 19 | 27 | 1 |
| February 24-27, 2011  | 36 | 22 | 15 | 26 | 1 |

- c. Reports about economic problems in several European countries

|                     |    |    |    |    |   |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| June 7-10, 2012     | 18 | 27 | 21 | 34 | 1 |
| May 31-June 3, 2012 | 17 | 27 | 23 | 33 | 1 |

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

May 17-20, 2012: *Political and economic uncertainty in Greece*

|  |    |    |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|
| May 17-20, 2012: <i>Political and economic uncertainty in Greece</i> | 15 | 22 | 22 | 41 | * |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|

May 10-13, 2012: *Reports about economic problems in several European countries*

|   |    |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|
| May 10-13, 2012: <i>Reports about economic problems in several European countries</i> | 17 | 24 | 24 | 34 | * |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|

May 3-6, 2012

|               |    |    |    |    |   |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| May 3-6, 2012 | 16 | 23 | 24 | 36 | * |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|---|

February 16-20, 2012: *Efforts to deal with the debt crisis in Europe*

|   |    |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|
| February 16-20, 2012: <i>Efforts to deal with the debt crisis in Europe</i> | 11 | 21 | 23 | 45 | * |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|

January 12-15, 2012

|                     |    |    |    |    |   |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| January 12-15, 2012 | 12 | 23 | 23 | 42 | 1 |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|

December 8-11, 2011

|                     |    |    |    |    |   |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| December 8-11, 2011 | 14 | 22 | 27 | 37 | 1 |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|

December 1-4, 2011

|                    |    |    |    |    |   |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| December 1-4, 2011 | 14 | 24 | 25 | 36 | 1 |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|---|

November 10-13, 2011: *Efforts to deal with the debt crisis in Greece and Italy*

|   |    |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|
| November 10-13, 2011: <i>Efforts to deal with the debt crisis in Greece and Italy</i> | 15 | 23 | 23 | 38 | 1 |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|

November 3-6, 2011: *Efforts to deal with the debt crisis in Greece and other European countries*

|  |    |    |    |    |   |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|
| November 3-6, 2011: <i>Efforts to deal with the debt crisis in Greece and other European countries</i> | 18 | 26 | 21 | 34 | 1 |
|--|----|----|----|----|---|

October 27-30, 2011

|                     |    |    |    |    |   |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| October 27-30, 2011 | 12 | 27 | 24 | 36 | * |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|---|

September 29-October 2, 2011: *The debt crisis in Greece and other European countries*

|   |    |    |    |    |   |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|
| September 29-October 2, 2011: <i>The debt crisis in Greece and other European countries</i> | 15 | 21 | 24 | 39 | 1 |
|---|----|----|----|----|---|

September 15-18, 2011

|                       |    |    |    |    |   |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|---|
| September 15-18, 2011 | 16 | 23 | 24 | 37 | 1 |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|---|

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

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|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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                            | *                        |
| <b>SEE TRENDS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS:</b> <a href="http://www.people-press.org/files/2011/11/NII-Election-Trends.pdf">http://www.people-press.org/files/2011/11/NII-Election-Trends.pdf</a> |                         |                           |                            |                               |                          |
| e. The CIA killing an al Qaeda leader in a drone attack in Pakistan   |                         |                           |                            |                               |                          |
| June 7-10, 2012   | 16                      | 24                        | 19                         | 40                            | 2                        |
| <b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>   |                         |                           |                            |                               |                          |
| September 30-October 2, 2011: <i>The killing of a U.S. born terrorist leader in Yemen</i>   | 24                      | 24                        | 19                         | 34                            | *                        |
| August 21-24, 2009: <i>The CIA reportedly hiring contractors to assassinate al Qaeda leaders</i>  | 11                      | 17                        | 24                         | 44                            | 3                        |
| July 17-20, 2009: <i>Reports about a CIA program to kill al Qaeda leaders that was hidden from Congress</i>   | 12                      | 19                        | 20                         | 47                            | 3                        |
| June 14-19, 2006: <i>The killing of the terrorist leader in Iraq named Zarqawi by U.S. forces</i>   | 37                      | 35                        | 16                         | 11                            | 1                        |
| March 13-16, 2003: <i>The recent capture of a major al Qaeda leader in Pakistan</i>   | 31                      | 39                        | 18                         | 11                            | 1                        |
| f. Conflicts between the Vatican and U.S. nuns  |                         |                           |                            |                               |                          |
| June 7-10, 2012   | 6                       | 8                         | 16                         | 68                            | 2                        |