

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
MARCH 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
March 13-17, 2013
N=1,501

QUESTIONS 1, 5d, 6-7, 15a-c, 18, 20-24, 26-29, 35-38, 45-48, 56-57, 61-63, 65, 70-71, 73, 77
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 2-4, 8-14, 15d, 16-17, 19, 25, 30-34, 39-44, 49-55, 58-60, 64, 66-69, 72, 74-76,
78-84

QUESTIONS 5a-c, 15e HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.85 Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	45	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Gallup			
October, 2012	48	50	1
October, 2011	50	46	3
October, 2010	46	50	4
October, 2009	44	54	2
October 2005	36	60	4
November, 2003	34	64	2
August, 2001	34	62	4
August, 2000	31	64	5
August, 1995	25	73	2
May, 1985	23	73	4
June, 1980	25	70	5
May, 1979	25	70	5
April, 1977	28	66	6
January, 1973	16	78	6
March, 1972	15	81	4
October, 1969	12	84	4
General Social Survey			
2012	43	49	8
2010	44	47	9
2008	35	57	8
2006	32	60	7
2004	33	59	9
2002	32	61	6
2000	31	63	6
1998	27	67	6
1996	25	70	5
1994	22	73	5
1993	22	73	5
1991	17	78	5
1990	16	81	3
1989	16	81	3
1988	17	79	4
1987	16	81	3
1986	17	80	2
1984	22	74	4
1983	19	77	3
1980	24	73	3
1978	30	66	4

Q.85 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
1976	28	69	3
1975	20	74	5
1973	19	79	2

ASK ALL:

Q.86 Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. First, do you agree or disagree that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you agree or disagree that (ITEM)?]**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. For most people the use of marijuana leads to the use of hard drugs			
Mar 13-17, 2013	38	58	4
Gallup: April, 1977	60	31	10
b. Government efforts to enforce marijuana laws cost more than they are worth			
Mar 13-17, 2013	72	23	6

ASK ALL:

Q.87 If people were using marijuana around you, would that make you feel UNcomfortable, or not?

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51	Would make you feel uncomfortable
48	Not
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.88 Do you think marijuana does or does not have legitimate medical uses?

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

		<u>ABC News</u>
		<u>May</u>
		<u>1997¹</u>
Mar 13-17		
<u>2013</u>		
77	Does	58
16	Does not	34
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

ASK ALL:

Q.89 As you may know, some states have decided to allow marijuana use, but it is still prohibited under federal law. Do you think the federal government should or should not enforce federal marijuana laws in these states?

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35	Should
60	Should not
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹ Results from ABC News May 1997 are shown as a trend for comparison because of differences in the context in which questions were asked.

ASK ALL:

Q.90 Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana?

		-----Gallup-----								
Mar 13-17		Mar 10-14	June	Feb	Sept	May	April	Jan	Mar	Oct
<u>2013</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1969</u>
48	Yes	40	38	38	34	33	24	12	11	4
51	No	58	61	60	66	67	76	88	89	94
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1	2	*	0	0	*	0	2

ASK IF EVER TRIED MARIJUANA (Q.90=1) [N=680]:

Q.91 Have you used marijuana in the past year, or not?

Mar 13-17	
<u>2013</u>	
25	Yes, used in past year
75	No, not in past year
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF USED MARIJUANA IN PAST YEAR (Q.91=1) [N=146]:

Q.92 In the past year, did you use marijuana [RANDOMIZE: for a medical issue OR just for fun]?

Mar 13-17	
<u>2013</u>	
30	Medical issue
47	Just for fun
23	Both (VOL.)
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 93-97**QUESTIONS 98-102 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****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
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
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED ...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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
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=623]:

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

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

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NOTE: OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THIS SURVEY PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

Now, a different kind of question ...

Q.18 Do you personally believe that **[INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE]** is morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue. **[IF NECESSARY: And is [INSERT ITEM] morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue?]**

		<u>Morally acceptable</u>	<u>Morally wrong</u>	<u>Not a moral issue</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends on the situation</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
b.	Smoking marijuana					
	Jan 9-13, 2013	12	32	50	2	4
	February, 2006	10	50	35	4	1