# PEW RESEARCH CENTER MARCH 2016 POLITICAL SURVEY FI NAL TOPLI NE MARCH 17-27, 2016 $\mathrm{N}=2,254$ 

## RANDOMI ZE Q. 1 AND Q. 2 <br> ASK ALL:

Q. 1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STI LL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

|  | Approve | Disapprove | (VOL.) DK/Ref |  | Approve | Disapprove | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
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| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 51 | 44 | 6 | Nov 9-14, 2011 | 46 | 46 | 8 |
| Jan 7-14, 2016 | 46 | 48 | 6 | Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 46 | 49 | 4 | Aug 17-21, 2011 | 43 | 49 | 7 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 46 | 48 | 5 | Jul 20-24, 2011 | 44 | 48 | 8 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 48 | 45 | 7 | Jun 15-19, 2011 | 46 | 45 | 8 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 46 | 48 | 6 | May 25-30, 2011 | 52 | 39 | 10 |
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 46 | 47 | 7 | May 5-8, 2011 | 50 | 39 | 11 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 48 | 46 | 5 | May 2, 2011 (WP) | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 47 | 48 | 5 | Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| Dec 3-7, 2014 (U) | 42 | 51 | 6 | Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| Nov 6-9, 2014 | 43 | 52 | 5 | Feb 2-7, 2011 | 49 | 42 | 9 |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 43 | 51 | 6 | Jan 5-9, 2011 | 46 | 44 | 10 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 42 | 50 | 8 | Dec 1-5, 2010 | 45 | 43 | 13 |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 42 | 50 | 8 | Nov 4-7, 2010 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 44 | 49 | 6 | Oct 13-18, 2010 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 (U) | 44 | 50 | 7 | Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 | 44 | 49 | 7 | Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 47 | 41 | 12 |
| Feb 14-23, 2014 | 44 | 48 | 8 | J un 8-28, 2010 | 48 | 41 | 11 |
| J an 15-19, 2014 (U) | 43 | 49 | 8 | J un 16-20, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) | 45 | 49 | 6 | May 6-9, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 41 | 53 | 6 | Apr 21-26, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Oct 9-13, 2013 | 43 | 51 | 6 | Apr 8-11, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 44 | 49 | 8 | Mar 10-14, 2010 | 46 | 43 | 12 |
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 46 | 46 | 7 | Feb 3-9, 2010 | 49 | 39 | 12 |
| J un 12-16, 2013 | 49 | 43 | 7 | J an 6-10, 2010 | 49 | 42 | 10 |
| May 1-5, 2013 | 51 | 43 | 6 | Dec 9-13, 2009 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 47 | 46 | 8 | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 51 | 36 | 13 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) | 51 | 41 | 7 | Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 52 | 36 | 12 |
| J an 9-13, 2013 | 52 | 40 | 7 | Sep 10-15, 2009 | 55 | 33 | 13 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 55 | 39 | 6 | Aug 20-27, 2009 | 52 | 37 | 12 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 50 | 43 | 7 | Aug 11-17, 2009 | 51 | 37 | 11 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 47 | 45 | 8 | Jul 22-26, 2009 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 46 | 42 | 11 | J un 10-14, 2009 | 61 | 30 | 9 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 46 | 45 | 9 | Apr 14-21, 2009 | 63 | 26 | 11 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 50 | 41 | 9 | Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 | 61 | 26 | 13 |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 47 | 43 | 10 | Mar 9-12, 2009 | 59 | 26 | 15 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 44 | 48 | 8 | Feb 4-8, 2009 | 64 | 17 | 19 |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 46 | 43 | 11 |  |  |  |  |

See past presidents' approval trends: George W. Bush, Bill Clinton

## RANDOMI ZE Q. 1 AND Q. 2 ASK ALL:

 Q. 2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?Mar 17-27, 2016
Jan 7-14, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015
Sep 22-27, 2015
Jul 14-20, 2015
May 12-18, 2015
Mar 25-29, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Jan 7-11, 2015
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)
Nov 6-9, 2014
Oct 15-20, 2014
Sep 2-9, 2014
Aug 20-24, 2014
Jul 8-14, 2014
Apr 23-27, 2014
Feb 12-26, 2014
J an 15-19, 2014
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013
Oct 9-13, 2013
Jul 17-21, 2013
May 1-5, 2013
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)
J an 9-13, 2013
Dec 17-19, 2012
Dec 5-9, 2012
Oct 18-21, 2012
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012
Jun 7-17, 2012
May 9-Jun 3, 2012
Apr 4-15, 2012
Feb 8-12, 2012
J an 11-16, 2012
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jul 20-24, 2011
Jun 15-19, 2011
May 5-8, 2011
May 2, 2011
Mar 8-14, 2011
Feb 2-7, 2011
J an 5-9, 2011
Dec 1-5, 2010
Nov 4-7, 2010
Sep 23-26, 2010
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010
Jun 24-27, 2010
May 13-16, 2010
Apr 21-26, 2010
Apr 1-5, 2010
Mar 11-21, 2010
Mar 10-14, 2010
Feb 3-9, 2010
Jan 6-10, 2010
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009

| Satis- | Dis- | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| fied | satisfied | DK/Ref |
| 31 | 65 | 4 |
| 25 | 70 | 5 |
| 25 | 72 | 3 |
| 27 | 67 | 5 |
| 27 | 69 | 4 |
| 31 | 64 | 4 |
| 29 | 67 | 4 |
| 31 | 64 | 5 |
| 33 | 62 | 5 |
| 31 | 66 | 4 |
| 26 | 71 | 3 |
| 27 | 68 | 4 |
| 29 | 65 | 6 |
| 25 | 71 | 4 |
| 24 | 72 | 4 |
| 29 | 68 | 4 |
| 29 | 65 | 6 |
| 28 | 66 | 6 |
| 26 | 69 | 5 |
| 21 | 75 | 3 |
| 14 | 81 | 5 |
| 27 | 67 | 6 |
| 30 | 65 | 5 |
| 31 | 64 | 5 |
| 30 | 66 | 4 |
| 25 | 68 | 7 |
| 33 | 62 | 5 |
| 32 | 61 | 8 |
| 31 | 64 | 5 |
| 28 | 68 | 5 |
| 29 | 64 | 7 |
| 24 | 69 | 6 |
| 28 | 66 | 6 |
| 21 | 75 | 4 |
| 17 | 78 | 5 |
| 17 | 79 | 4 |
| 17 | 79 | 4 |
| 23 | 73 | 4 |
| 30 | 62 | 8 |
| 32 | 60 | 8 |
| 22 | 73 | 5 |
| 26 | 68 | 5 |
| 23 | 71 | 6 |
| 21 | 72 | 7 |
| 23 | 69 | 8 |
| 30 | 63 | 7 |
| 25 | 71 | 5 |
| 27 | 64 | 9 |
| 28 | 64 | 7 |
| 29 | 66 | 5 |
| 31 | 63 | 6 |
| 25 | 69 | 5 |
| 23 | 71 | 7 |
| 23 | 71 | 6 |
| 27 | 69 | 4 |
| 25 | 67 | 7 |


|  | Satis- <br> fied | Dis- <br> satisfied | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 25 | 67 | 7 |
| Sep 10-15, 2009 |  |  |  |
| Aug 20-27, 2009 | 30 | 64 | 7 |
| Aug 11-17, 2009 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| Jul 22-26, 2009 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 28 | 66 | 6 |
| Apr 28-May 12, 2009 | 30 | 64 | 5 |
| Apr 14-21, 2009 | 34 | 58 | 8 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 23 | 70 | 7 |
| December, 2008 | 20 | 73 | 7 |
| Early October, 2008 | 13 | 83 | 4 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 11 | 86 | 3 |
| August, 2008 | 21 | 69 | 6 |
| July, 2008 | 19 | 74 | 5 |
| June, 2008 | 19 | 76 | 7 |
| Late May, 2008 | 18 | 76 | 5 |
| March, 2008 | 22 | 72 | 6 |
| Early February, 2008 | 24 | 70 | 6 |
| Late December, 2007 | 27 | 66 | 7 |
| October, 2007 | 28 | 66 | 6 |
| February, 2007 | 30 | 61 | 9 |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 32 | 61 | 7 |
| Early January, 2007 | 30 | 63 | 7 |
| December, 2006 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 28 | 64 | 8 |
| Early October, 2006 | 30 | 63 | 7 |
| July, 2006 | 30 | 65 | 5 |
| May, 2006* | 29 | 65 | 6 |
| March, 2006 | 32 | 63 | 5 |
| January, 2006 | 34 | 61 | 5 |
| Late November, 2005 | 34 | 59 | 7 |
| Early October, 2005 | 29 | 65 | 6 |
| July, 2005 | 35 | 58 | 7 |
| Late May, 2005* | 39 | 57 | 4 |
| February, 2005 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| January, 2005 | 40 | 54 | 6 |
| December, 2004 | 39 | 54 | 7 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 36 | 58 | 6 |
| July, 2004 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
| May, 2004 | 33 | 61 | 6 |
| Late February, 2004* | 39 | 55 | 6 |
| Early January, 2004 | 45 | 48 | 7 |
| December, 2003 | 44 | 47 | 9 |
| October, 2003 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| August, 2003 | 40 | 53 | 7 |
| April 8, 2003 | 50 | 41 | 9 |
| January, 2003 | 44 | 50 | 6 |
| November, 2002 | 41 | 48 | 11 |
| September, 2002 | 41 | 55 | 4 |
| Late August, 2002 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| May, 2002 | 44 | 12 |  |
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## Q. 2 CONTI NUED...

|  | Satis- <br> fied | Dis- <br> satisfied | (VOL.) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DK/Ref |  |  |  |
| March, 2002 | 50 | 40 | 10 |
| Late September, 2001 | 57 | 34 | 9 |
| Early September, 2001 | 41 | 53 | 6 |
| June, 2001 | 43 | 52 | 5 |
| March, 2001 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| February, 2001 | 46 | 43 | 11 |
| January, 2001 | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| October, 2000 (RVs) | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| September, 2000 | 51 | 41 | 8 |
| June, 2000 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| April, 2000 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| August, 1999 | 56 | 39 | 5 |
| January, 1999 | 53 | 41 | 6 |
| November, 1998 | 46 | 44 | 10 |
| Early September, 1998 | 54 | 42 | 4 |
| Late August, 1998 | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| Early August, 1998 | 50 | 44 | 6 |
| February, 1998 | 59 | 37 | 4 |
| January, 1998 | 46 | 50 | 4 |
| September, 1997 | 45 | 49 | 6 |


|  | Satis- <br> fied | Dis- <br> satisfied | (VOL.) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DK/Ref |  |  |  |
| January, 1997, 1997 | 39 | 46 | 5 |
| July, 1996 | 38 | 58 | 4 |
| March, 1996 | 29 | 67 | 4 |
| October, 1995 | 28 | 70 | 2 |
| June, 1995 | 23 | 73 | 4 |
| April, 1995 | 25 | 73 | 2 |
| July, 1994 | 23 | 74 | 3 |
| March, 1994 | 24 | 73 | 3 |
| October, 1993 | 24 | 71 | 5 |
| September, 1993 | 22 | 73 | 5 |
| May, 1993 | 20 | 75 | 5 |
| January, 1993 | 22 | 71 | 7 |
| January, 1992 | 39 | 50 | 11 |
| November, 1991 | 28 | 68 | 4 |
| Gallup: Late Feb, 1991 | 34 | 61 | 5 |
| August, 1990 | 66 | 31 | 3 |
| May, 1990 | 47 | 48 | 5 |
| January, 1989 | 41 | 54 | 5 |
| September, 1988 (RVs) | 45 | 50 | 5 |
|  | 50 | 45 | 5 |

## NO QUESTI ONS 3-5

## ASK ALL:

Q. 6 In general, would you say life in America today is better, worse, or about the same as it was fifty years ago for people like you?

| Mar 17-27  <br> $\frac{2016}{35}$  <br> 43 Better <br> 15 Worse <br> 7 About the same | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
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## ASK ALL:

Q. 7 Do you think the future of the next generation of Americans will be better, worse, or about the same as life today?

|  | Better | Worse | About the <br> same | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 25 | 49 | 19 | 7 |
| CBS: January, 2014 | 20 | 53 | 25 | 2 |
| CBS/NYT: September, 2012 | 32 | 42 | 18 | 8 |
| CBS/NYT: April, 2012 (RVs) | 24 | 47 | 23 | 6 |
| CBS/NYT: October, 2011 | 21 | 46 | 29 | 4 |
| CBS/NYT: October, 2010 | 22 | 51 | 23 | 4 |
| CBS: May, 2010 | 20 | 50 | 25 | 5 |
| CBS/NYT: February, 2010 | 25 | 46 | 26 | 3 |
| CBS: May, 2009 | 25 | 42 | 28 | 5 |
| CBS: March, 2009 | 35 | 32 | 26 | 7 |
| CBS/NYT: April, 2008 | 33 | 34 | 29 | 4 |
| CBS: June, 2007 | 25 | 48 | 24 | 4 |
| CBS/NYT: September, 2006 | 30 | 38 | 28 | 5 |
| CBS/NYT: October, 2002 | 29 | 39 | 27 | 3 |
| NYT: June, 2000 | 40 | 27 | 26 | 6 |
| CBS: February, 2000 | 44 | 58 | 27 | 4 |
| CBS/NYT: March, 1995 | 16 | 57 | 21 |  |

## Q. 7 CONTI NUED...

CBS: J anuary, $1994^{2}$
CBS/NYT: January, 1992
CBS/NYT: November, $1991^{3}$
CBS/NYT: October, 1991
CBS/NYT: March, 1991
CBS/NYT: June, 1990
CBS/NYT: June, 1989

| $\frac{\text { Better }}{22}$ | $\frac{\text { Worse }}{}$ | About the <br> same | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | 48 | 21 | $\frac{4}{23}$ |
| 26 | 43 | 28 | 4 |
| 20 | 52 | 25 | 3 |
| 36 | 26 | 35 | 3 |
| 28 | 36 | 31 | 3 |
| 25 | 52 | 18 | 5 |
|  |  |  | 5 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 8 In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the wisdom of the American people when it comes to making political decisions? A very great deal, a good deal, not very much, or none at all?

|  |  | Aug 27- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27 |  | Sep 13 | Jan | Oct | Gallup |
| $\frac{2016}{9}$ | Very great deal | $\frac{2015}{9}$ | $\underline{2007}$ | $\frac{1997}{13}$ | $\frac{1964}{14}$ |
| 25 | Good deal | 26 | 44 | 53 | 63 |
| 51 | Not very much | 49 | 34 | 32 | 19 |
| 14 | None at all | 14 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 9 Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs [READ]?

|  | Most of <br> the time | Some of <br> the time | Only now <br> and then | Hardly <br> at all | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 55 | 27 | 11 | 7 | $*$ |
| Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015 | 51 | 26 | 14 | 8 | 1 |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 50 | 27 | 12 | 10 | 1 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 51 | 25 | 14 | 9 | 1 |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 48 | 29 | 14 | 9 | $*$ |
| Oct 31-Nov 3,2012 (RVs) | 69 | 21 | 7 | 3 | $*$ |
| Oct 24-28, 2012 | 51 | 27 | 13 | 9 | 1 |
| Oct 4-7, 2012 (RVs) | 65 | 23 | 8 | 4 | $*$ |
| Sep 12-16, 2012 (RVs) | 60 | 26 | 10 | 4 | $*$ |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 47 | 28 | 15 | 8 | 1 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 50 | 29 | 14 | 6 | 1 |
| Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs) | 56 | 29 | 10 | 5 | $*$ |
| Oct 13-18, 2010 | 49 | 28 | 12 | 10 | 1 |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 20104 | 52 | 25 | 13 | 10 | 1 |
| January, 2007 | 53 | 28 | 11 | 7 | 1 |
| November, 2006 (RVs) | 58 | 26 | 10 | 6 | $*$ |
| Late October, 2006 (RVs) | 57 | 30 | 8 | 5 | $*$ |
| December, 2005 | 50 | 28 | 14 | 8 | $*$ |
| December, 2004 (RVs) | 45 | 35 | 14 | 5 | 1 |
| November, 2004 (RVs | 61 | 27 | 9 | 3 | $*$ |
| Mid-October, 2004 (RVs) | 63 | 26 | 8 | 3 | $*$ |
| June, 2004 | 44 | 34 | 15 | 7 | $*$ |
| August, 2003 | 48 | 33 | 12 | 6 | 1 |

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## Q. 9 CONTI NUED...

November, 2002
August, 2002
March, 2001
Early November, 2000 (RVs)
September, 2000 (RVs)
June, 2000
Late September, 1999
August, 1999
November, 1998
Late October, 1998 (RVs)
Early October, 1998 (RVs)
Early September, 1998
June, 1998
November, 1997
November, 1996 (RVs)
October, 1996 (RVs)
June, 1996
October, 1995
April, 1995
November, 1994
October, 1994
July, 1994
May, 1990
February, 1989
October, 1988 (RVs)
May, 1988

| Most of the time | Some of the time | Only now and then | Hardly at all | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | 27 | 14 | 9 | 1 |
| 54 | 30 | 11 | 5 | * |
| 49 | 27 | 13 | 10 | 1 |
| 51 | 32 | 12 | 5 | * |
| 51 | 34 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
| 38 | 32 | 19 | 11 | * |
| 39 | 32 | 20 | 9 | * |
| 40 | 35 | 17 | 8 | * |
| 46 | 27 | 14 | 13 | * |
| 57 | 29 | 10 | 4 | * |
| 51 | 33 | 11 | 5 | * |
| 45 | 34 | 15 | 6 | * |
| 36 | 34 | 21 | 9 | * |
| 41 | 36 | 16 | 7 | * |
| 52 | 32 | 12 | 4 | * |
| 43 | 37 | 13 | 6 | 1 |
| 41 | 34 | 17 | 8 | * |
| 46 | 35 | 14 | 5 | * |
| 43 | 35 | 16 | 6 | * |
| 49 | 30 | 13 | 7 | 1 |
| 45 | 35 | 14 | 6 | * |
| 46 | 33 | 15 | 6 | * |
| 39 | 34 | 18 | 9 | * |
| 47 | 34 | 14 | 4 | 1 |
| 52 | 33 | 12 | 3 | * |
| 37 | 37 | 17 | 6 | 3 |
| 37 | 35 | 18 | 8 | 2 |
| 49 | 32 | 14 | 4 | 1 |
| 41 | 35 | 15 | 7 | 2 |
| 36 | 33 | 18 | 12 | 1 |

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1,130$ ]:

Q.10F1 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

Mar 17-27, 2016
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015
Feb 12-26, 2014
Oct 9-13, 2013
Sep 25-29, 2013
J an 9-13, 2013
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010
Apr 1-5, 2010
Mar 11-21, 2010
Early January, 2007
Early October, 2006
March, 2004
Mid November, 2001
June, 2000
February, 2000
October, 1997

| Basically content |  |  | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frustrated | Angry | DK/Ref |
| 20 | 57 | 21 | 2 |
| 18 | 57 | 22 | 3 |
| 17 | 62 | 19 | 2 |
| 12 | 55 | 30 | 3 |
| 17 | 51 | 26 | 5 |
| 20 | 58 | 19 | 3 |
| 17 | 58 | 21 | 3 |
| 11 | 60 | 26 | 3 |
| 22 | 59 | 14 | 5 |
| 21 | 52 | 23 | 4 |
| 23 | 52 | 21 | 4 |
| 19 | 56 | 21 | 5 |
| 21 | 58 | 16 | 5 |
| 21 | 54 | 20 | 5 |
| 32 | 52 | 13 | 3 |
| 53 | 34 | 8 | 5 |
| 28 | 53 | 13 | 6 |
| 33 | 54 | 10 | 3 |
| 29 | 56 | 12 | 3 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1,124$ ]:
Q.11F2 Some people say they are basically content with politics today, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

| Mar 17-27 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2016}$ |  |
| 13 | Basically content |
| 64 | Frustrated |
| 21 | Angry |
| 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK IF ANGRY (Q.11F2=3) [ $\mathrm{N}=247$ ]:
Q.12F2 And what is the main reason you are angry about politics today? [RECORD VERBATIM

RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY - DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITI ONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTI ON, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTI ON. RECORD UP TO THREE RESPONSES]?

## BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE ANGRY ABOUT POLITICS:

| Mar 17-27 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2016}{26}$ |  |
| 18 | Politicians lie/don't keep promises/are self-serving |
| 14 | Gridlock/partisanship/politicians are incompetent/don't get anything done |
| 5 | Politicians out of touch/not working for Americans |
| 4 | Economy/jobs |
| 4 | Barack Obama |
| 4 | Corruption/lobbyists/interest groups |
| 4 | Social Security/healthcare/entitlements |
| 4 | Republicans (non-specific) |
| 4 | National decline/general state of country |
| 3 | Lack of good candidates/real choices |
| 3 | Wall Street/big business influence on government |
| 3 | Racism/police brutality |
| 3 | American public isn't paying attention/has lost values |
| 3 | Donald Trump |
| 2 | Taxes |
| 2 | Socialist/liberal influence |
| 2 | Politicians disrespect Constitution/laws/Founders' vision |
| 2 | Immigration policy/immigrants |
| 2 | Money in politics |
| 2 | Economic inequality/challenges for poor |
| 2 | Loss of rights/civil liberties |
| 7 | 2016 campaign |
| 9 | Other |
| $\mathbf{5 5}$ | None/ No problem |
| $\mathbf{2 0}$ | (NET) POLITICI ANS (GENERAL) |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | (NET) I SSUES |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | (NET) SPECI FIC POLI TI CI ANS/ PARTI ES/ 2016 CAMPAI GN |
|  | (NET) I NTEREST GROUPS |

Total exceeds 100\% because of multiple responses.

ASK ALL:
THOUGHT
How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election ... Quite a lot or only a little?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [ $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 7 8 7}$ ]:

|  | Quite | (VOL.) | Only a | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | a lot | Some | little | None | DK/Ref |
| 2016 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 85 | 3 | 12 | 1 | * |
| 2012 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 | 81 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Oct 24-28, 2012 | 78 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| Oct 4-7, 2012 | 73 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 1 |
| Sep 12-16, 2012 | 70 | 4 | 23 | 2 | 1 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 | 61 | 5 | 28 | 6 | 1 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 65 | 3 | 29 | 3 | * |
| J un 7-17, 2012 | 67 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 1 |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 61 | 2 | 33 | 3 | 1 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 64 | 2 | 30 | 4 | 1 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 66 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 1 |
| 2008 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| Late October, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 3 | * |
| Early October, 2008 | 81 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Late September, 2008 | 80 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 78 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 1 |
| August, 2008 | 74 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 1 |
| July, 2008 | 74 | 2 | 20 | 3 | 1 |
| June, 2008 | 72 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 1 |
| Late May, 2008 | 75 | 4 | 17 | 3 | 1 |
| April, 2008 | 77 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| March, 2008 | 78 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| Late February, 2008 | 74 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 2 |
| 2004 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2004 | 82 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 76 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| Early October, 2004 | 74 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 1 |
| September, 2004 | 71 | 3 | 22 | 3 | 1 |
| August, 2004 | 69 | 2 | 26 | 2 | 1 |
| July, 2004 | 67 | 2 | 28 | 2 | 1 |
| June, 2004 | 58 | 3 | 36 | 2 | 1 |
| May, 2004 | 59 | 6 | 30 | 4 | 1 |
| Late March, 2004 | 60 | 4 | 31 | 4 | 1 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 65 | 2 | 31 | 2 | * |
| 2000 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2000 | 72 | 6 | 19 | 2 | 1 |
| Late October, 2000 | 66 | 6 | 24 | 4 | * |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 67 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 1 |
| Early October, 2000 | 60 | 8 | 27 | 4 | 1 |
| September, 2000 | 59 | 8 | 29 | 3 | 1 |
| July, 2000 | 46 | 6 | 45 | 3 | * |
| June, 2000 | 46 | 6 | 43 | 5 | * |
| May, 2000 | 48 | 4 | 42 | 5 | 1 |
| April, 2000 | 45 | 7 | 41 | 7 | * |
| 1996 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 1996 | 67 | 8 | 22 | 3 | * |
| October, 1996 | 65 | 7 | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| Late September, 1996 | 61 | 7 | 29 | 2 | 1 |
| Early September, 1996 | 56 | 3 | 36 | 4 | 1 |

## THOUGHT CONTI NUED...

July, 1996

| Quite <br> a lot | (VOL.) <br> Some | Only a <br> Som <br> little | (VOL.) <br> (Vone | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 | 5 | 41 | 1 | $*$ |
| 77 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 1 |
| 69 | 3 | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| 72 | 4 | 23 | 1 | $*$ |
| 63 | 6 | 29 | 1 | 1 |
| 73 | 8 | 17 | 2 | 0 |
| 69 | 9 | 20 | 2 | 0 |
| 57 | 18 | 23 | 2 | 0 |
| 61 | 10 | 27 | 2 | 0 |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1,124$ ]:

Q.13F2 Thinking about the presidential primaries so far, generally do you think they have been a good way of determining who the best qualified nominees are or not?

| Mar 17-27, 2016 | $\frac{Y e s}{34}$ | $\frac{\text { No }}{61}$ | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April 12-15, 2012 | 30 | 57 | 13 |
| May 30-June 2, 2008 | 35 | 60 | 5 |
| February 8-11, 2008 | 43 | 52 | 5 |
| February, 2004 | 40 | 46 | 14 |
| March, 2000 | 41 | 50 | 9 |
| March, 1996 | 35 | 58 | 7 |
| March, 1992 | 31 | 59 | 10 |
| January, 1992 | 51 | 41 | 8 |
| Gallup: June, 1988 | 48 | 37 | 15 |
| May, 1988 | 56 | 31 | 13 |
| January, 1988 | 61 | 23 | 16 |
| Newsweek: March, 1980 | 40 | 48 | 12 |

## ASK ALL:

REG Which of these statements best describes you? [READ IN ORDER] [I NSTRUCTI ON: BE SURE TO CLARIFY WHETHER RESPONDENT IS ABSOLUTELY CERTAI N THEY ARE REGISTERED OR ONLY PROBABLY REGI STERED; IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGI STER, PUNCH 1]

| Mar 17-27 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2016}{75}$ |  |
| 5 | Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address |
| 18 | Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed |
| 1 | Aren't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK ALL REGI STERED VOTERS (REG=1):
OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote...[READ IN ORDER]?
BASED ON REGI STERED VOTERS [ $\mathrm{N}=1,787$ ]:

|  | Always | Nearly always | Part of the time | Seldom | (VOL.) <br> Never vote | (VOL.) Other | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 63 | 22 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015 | 61 | 22 | 9 | 5 | 2 | * | * |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 58 | 25 | 9 | 6 | 2 | * | * |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 58 | 27 | 10 | 4 | 2 | * | * |


| OFTVOTE CONTI NUED... | Always | Nearly always | Part of the time | Seldom | (VOL.) <br> Never vote | (VOL.) Other | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 58 | 25 | 10 | 4 | 2 | * | * |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 61 | 24 | 8 | 5 | 1 | * | * |
| Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 | 62 | 23 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Oct 24-28, 2012 | 59 | 24 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | * |
| Oct 4-7, 2012 | 67 | 20 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sep 12-16, 2012 | 64 | 22 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 64 | 24 | 6 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 57 | 29 | 8 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 60 | 24 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | * |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 62 | 24 | 8 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| Oct 27-30, 2010 | 58 | 24 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Oct 13-18, 2010 | 57 | 27 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 59 | 26 | 9 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| June 16-20, 2010 | 52 | 31 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 | 62 | 23 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| November, 2008 | 60 | 23 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | * |
| Late October, 2008 | 57 | 26 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 1 | * |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 57 | 27 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | * |
| Early October, 2008 | 53 | 27 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Late September, 2008 | 55 | 27 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 54 | 28 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 1 | * |
| August, 2008 | 55 | 29 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 | * |
| July, 2008 | 53 | 30 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| J anuary, 2007 | 58 | 29 | 9 | 3 | 1 | * | * |
| November, 2006 | 58 | 26 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Late October, 2006 | 58 | 27 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | * |
| Early October, 2006 | 47 | 36 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| September, 2006 | 56 | 28 | 9 | 6 | 1 | * | * |
| May, 2006 | 60 | 26 | 8 | 4 | 1 | * | 1 |
| December, 2005 | 60 | 24 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| December, 2004 | 64 | 22 | 8 | 4 | 1 | * | 1 |
| November, 2004 | 62 | 21 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | * |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 63 | 22 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Early October, 2004 | 58 | 25 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| September, 2004 | 58 | 27 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| August, 2004 | 56 | 28 | 9 | 5 | 2 | * | 1 |
| July, 2004 | 54 | 31 | 9 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| June, 2004 | 57 | 29 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| May, 2004 | 56 | 27 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| April, 2004 | 55 | 29 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Late March, 2004 | 50 | 31 | 11 | 6 | 1 | * | 1 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 55 | 30 | 9 | 5 | 1 | * | * |
| February, 2004 | 55 | 29 | 12 | 3 | * | * | * |
| J anuary, 2004 | 54 | 30 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | * |
| August, 2003 | 53 | 30 | 10 | 5 | 1 | * | * |
| June, 2003 | 48 | 36 | 11 | 3 | 1 | * | 0 |
| Early November, 2002 | 52 | 30 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Early October, 2002 | 50 | 33 | 11 | 4 | * | 1 | 1 |
| Early September, 2002 | 59 | 25 | 11 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| August, 2002 | 53 | 32 | 10 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| May, 2002 | 53 | 31 | 9 | 5 | 1 | * | 1 |
| Early November, 2000 | 57 | 26 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Late October, 2000 | 52 | 30 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 54 | 27 | 10 | 6 | * | 3 | * |
| Early October, 2000 | 51 | 29 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | * |


| OFTVOTE CONTI NUED... | Always | Nearly always | Part of the time | Seldom | (VOL.) <br> Never vote | (VOL.) Other | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September, 2000 | 61 | 21 | 9 | 7 | 2 | * | * |
| July, 2000 | 48 | 30 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 1 | * |
| June, 2000 | 58 | 26 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 1 | * |
| May, 2000 | 52 | 29 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 1 | * |
| April, 2000 | 50 | 30 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 1 | * |
| March, 2000 | 49 | 34 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| February, 2000 | 53 | 32 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | * |
| J anuary, 2000 | 50 | 34 | 12 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| October, 1999 | 39 | 47 | 9 | 2 | 1 | * | * |
| Late September, 1999 | 40 | 47 | 9 | 3 | 1 | * | * |
| Late October, 1998 | 56 | 28 | 10 | 5 | 1 | * | * |
| Early October, 1998 | 50 | 32 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1 | * |
| Early September, 1998 | 53 | 33 | 9 | 4 | - | 1 | * |
| Late August, 1998 | 48 | 35 | 13 | 4 | * | 0 | * |
| June, 1998 | 49 | 33 | 12 | 5 | - | 1 | 0 |
| May, 1998 | 52 | 29 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 1 | * |
| November, 1997 | 42 | 44 | 10 | 3 | 1 | * | * |
| October, 1997 | 62 | 26 | 8 | 3 | 1 | * | * |
| June, 1997 | 54 | 30 | 10 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| November, 1996 | 55 | 28 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 | * |
| October, 1996 | 52 | 30 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | * |
| Late September, 1996 | 52 | 31 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | * |
| Early September, 1996 | 53 | 29 | 12 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| July, 1996 | 52 | 33 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | * |
| June, 1996 | 52 | 33 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | * |
| Late April, 1996 | 44 | 37 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Early April, 1996 | 49 | 35 | 10 | 5 | 1 | * | * |
| February, 1996 | 42 | 41 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 1 | * |
| October, 1995 | 53 | 35 | 7 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| April, 1995 | 53 | 34 | 9 | 4 | * | * | * |
| November, 1994 | 58 | 28 | 8 | 5 | * | 1 | 0 |
| Late October, 1994 | 55 | 32 | 10 | 3 | * | * | * |
| July, 1994 | 52 | 34 | 10 | 4 | * | * | * |
| May, 1993 | 57 | 31 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | * |
| Early October, 1992 | 54 | 33 | 8 | 4 | * | 1 | * |
| September, 1992 | 52 | 33 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | * |
| June, 1992 | 60 | 29 | 7 | 3 | 1 | * | * |
| May, 1992 | 50 | 35 | 10 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| Early May, 1992 | 49 | 35 | 10 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| March, 1992 | 47 | 36 | 11 | 6 | * | * | * |
| February, 1992 | 50 | 36 | 9 | 4 | * | -- | 2 |
| January 1992 (GP) ${ }^{5}$ | 40 | 35 | 11 | 11 | 4 | -- | * |
| November, 1991 | 46 | 41 | 9 | 4 | * | * | * |
| May, 1990 | 42 | 42 | 11 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| January, 1989 (GP) | 45 | 30 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 1 | * |
| Gallup: November, 1988 | 57 | 26 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | * |
| October, 1988 | 51 | 37 | 8 | 3 | 1 | * | * |
| May, 1988 | 43 | 41 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 1 | * |
| January, 1988 | 49 | 39 | 9 | 2 | 1 | * | * |
| September, 1988 | 51 | 40 | 6 | 2 | * | 1 | * |
| May, 1987 | 43 | 43 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 1 | * |

NO QUESTI ONS 14-22

[^2]
## RANDOMIZE Q. 23 AND Q. 24

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):
Q. 23 As I name some Republican candidates for president in 2016, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate? [READ AND RANDOMI ZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]

BASED ON REPUBLI CAN/ REPUBLI CAN-LEANI NG REGI STERED VOTERS [ N=834]:

| Mar 17-27 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2016}$ |  |
| 41 | Donald Trump |
| 32 | Ted Cruz |
| 20 | John Kasich |
| * | Other (VOL.) |
| 4 | None (VOL.) |
| 1 | Too early to tell (VOL.) |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

RANDOMI ZE Q. 23 AND Q. 24
ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):
Q. 24 As I name some Democratic candidates for president in 2016, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Democratic Party's candidate? [READ AND RANDOMI ZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]

BASED ON DEMOCRATI C/ DEMOCRATI C-LEANI NG REGISTERED VOTERS [ N=842]:

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar 17-27 } \\ \underline{2016} \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| 49 | Hillary Clinton |
| 43 | Bernie Sanders |
| * | Other (VOL.) |
| 4 | None (VOL.) |
| 2 | Too early to tell (VOL.) |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK ALL REGI STERED VOTERS (REG=1):
Q. 25 Regardless of who you currently support, I'd like to know what kind of president you think each of the following would be if elected in November 2016? First, [I NSERT NAME; RANDOMI ZE]. If [I NSERT NAME] were to become president do you think (he/she) would be a great, good, average, poor, or terrible president? How about if [I NSERT NEXT ITEM] were to become president? [IF NECESSARY: do you think he/ she would be a great, good, average, poor, or terrible president? [PROGRAMMI NG NOTE: For item c. program "she"]

BASED ON REGI STERED VOTERS [ $\mathbf{N}=1,787$ ]:
(VOL.)

|  | Great president | Good president | Average president | Poor president | Terrible president | Never heard of/ DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bernie Sanders |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 10 | 26 | 26 | 15 | 21 | 3 |
| Jan 7-14, 2016 | 9 | 21 | 22 | 18 | 17 | 12 |
| Donald Trump |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 10 | 16 | 12 | 15 | 44 | 3 |
| Jan 7-14, 2016 | 11 | 20 | 12 | 14 | 38 | 5 |

## Q. 25 CONTI NUED...

|  |  | Great president | Good president | Average president | Poor president | Terrible president | Never heard of/ DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| c. | Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 11 | 22 | 20 | 16 | 30 | 1 |
|  | Jan 7-14, 2016 | 11 | 24 | 18 | 16 | 28 | 2 |
|  | TREND FOR |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. | J ohn Kasich |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 5 | 28 | 39 | 13 | 7 | 9 |
|  | Jan 7-14, 2016 | 1 | 12 | 32 | 17 | 7 | 31 |
| e. | Ted Cruz |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 7 | 22 | 31 | 17 | 19 | 4 |
|  | Jan 7-14, 2016 | 8 | 20 | 28 | 16 | 15 | 13 |

## NO QUESTI ONS 26-34

## QUESTI ONS 35-37 PREVI OUSLY RELEASED

## ASK ALL:

Q. 38 Now thinking about how news organizations have been covering the presidential candidates, would you say news organizations have given too much, too little, or about the right amount of coverage to [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMI ZE]? How about [ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Would you say news organizations have given too much, too little, or about the right amount of coverage to [ITEM]?]

| a. | Donald Trump | Too much | Too little | About the right amount | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 75 | 4 | 18 | 3 |
| b. | Ted Cruz |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 16 | 25 | 54 | 6 |
| C. | John Kasich |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 7 | 57 | 28 | 7 |
| d. | Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 41 | 10 | 46 | 3 |
| e. | Bernie Sanders |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 14 | 31 | 50 | 5 |

NO QUESTI ONS 39-49

[^3]
## ASK ALL:

Q. 50 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views - even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is [READ AND RANDOMI ZE; RANDOMI ZE PAI RS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHI N EACH PAI R]. Next, [ NEXT PAIR] [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"]

## NO ITEM a

| b. | Business corporations <br> make too much profit |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | 58 |
| Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015 | 57 |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 56 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 53 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 54 |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs) | 54 |
| December, 2008 | 58 |
| October, 2008 | 59 |
| December, 2005 | 61 |
| December, 2004 | 53 |
| June, 2003 | 51 |
| July, 2002 | 58 |
| February, 2002 | 54 |
| September, 2000 | 54 |
| August, 1999 | 52 |
| June, 1997 | 51 |
| October, 1996 | 51 |
| October, 1995 | 53 |
| April, 1995 | 51 |
| October, 1994 | 50 |
| July, 1994 | 52 |

c.

Mar 17-27, 2016
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015
May 12-18, 2015
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014
Dec 3-8, 2013
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013
Mar 13-17, 2013
Jan 4-8, 2012
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010
Jun 16-20, 2010
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009
October, 2006
March, 2006

Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents

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| Most corporations make a <br> fair and reasonable <br> amount of profit | (VOL.) <br> Both/Neither/ <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: |
| 37 | 5 |
| 38 | 5 |
| 39 | 4 |
| 41 | 6 |
| 39 | 7 |
| 39 | 6 |
| 35 | 7 |
| 33 | 8 |
| 33 | 6 |
| 39 | 8 |
| 42 | 7 |
| 33 | 9 |
| 39 | 7 |
| 38 | 8 |
| 42 | 6 |
| 43 | 6 |
| 42 | 7 |
| 43 | 4 |
| 44 | 5 |
| 44 | 6 |
| 43 | 5 |

Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care 33 38 41 $35 \quad 8$ $35 \quad 11$
$40 \quad 11$
$41 \quad 10$
$37 \quad 15$
$44 \quad 12$
$42 \quad 14$
$45 \quad 13$
$50 \quad 11$
$40 \quad 14$
$41 \quad 18$
$52 \quad 7$

## Q. 50 CONTI NUED...

d.

Mar 17-27, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)
Dec 7-11, 2011
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)
March, 2006
December, 2005
December, 2004
September, 2000
August, 1999
July, 1994

## NO ITEM e

f.

Mar 17-27, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014
g.

Mar 17-27, 2016
J an 23-Mar 16, 2014
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011
December, 2004
September, 2000
August, 1999
October, 1996
October, 1995
April, 1995
Immigrants today
strengthen our country
because of their hard work
and talents
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37
31

Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard

## 62

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68April, 1995
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{cc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Immigrants today are a } \\
\text { burden on our country } \\
\text { because they take our } \\
\text { jobs, housing and health } \\
\text { care }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { (VOL.) } \\
\text { Both/Neither/ } \\
\text { DK/Ref }\end{array}
$$ <br>
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44 \& 11 <br>
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48 \& 10 <br>
48 \& 11 <br>
52 \& 11 <br>
54 \& 10 <br>
63 \& 9 <br>
44 \& 6 <br>
Hard work and \& <br>
determination are no \& (VOL.) <br>
guarantee of success \& Both/Neither/ <br>

for most people \& DK/Ref\end{array}\right]\)| 36 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 37 | 2 |
| 33 | 3 |
| 32 | 3 |
| 38 | 3 |
| 40 | 3 |
| 33 | 3 |
| 33 | 3 |
| 33 | 4 |
| 28 | 3 |
| 24 | 2 |
| 30 | 3 |


| U.S. efforts to solve problems around the world usually end up making things worse | Problems in the world would be even worse without U.S. involvement | (VOL.) <br> Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 36 | 57 | 6 |
| 38 | 55 | 7 |
| 40 | 53 | 7 |
| This country should do whatever it takes to protect the environment | This country has gone too far in its efforts to protect the environment | (VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
| 74 | 23 | 4 |
| 71 | 25 | 4 |
| 71 | 24 | 5 |
| 77 | 18 | 5 |
| 78 | 17 | 5 |
| 80 | 15 | 5 |
| 77 | 18 | 5 |
| 77 | 20 | 3 |
| 74 | 22 | 4 |

Q. 50 CONTI NUED...

October, 1994
July, 1994
h.
Mar 17-27, 2016

Dec 8-13, 2015
J an 23-Mar 16, 2014
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011
October, 2006
December, 2005
December, 2004
September, 2000
August, 1999
October, 1996
April, 1996
July, 1994

| This country should do <br> whatever it takes to <br> protect the environment |
| :--- |
| 77 |
| 78 |

I'm generally satisfied with the way things are going for me financially

## 57

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## 59

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| This country has gone too <br> far in its efforts to <br> protect the environment |
| :--- |
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I'm not very satisfied with my financial situation 42
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## NO QUESTI ONS 51-53

RANDOMI ZE Q. 54 AND Q. 55
ASK ALL:
Now I have a few questions about the political parties...
[First]
Q. 54 The Republican Party. Do you think the Republican Party [I NSERT ITEM; RANDOMI ZE] or not?

|  |  | Yes | No | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | Is too extreme |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 54 | 42 | 4 |
|  | Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015 | 54 | 41 | 5 |
|  | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 50 | 46 | 4 |
|  | Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 | 52 | 43 | 5 |
|  | Jul 17-21, 2013 | 48 | 46 | 6 |
|  | Feb 13-18, 2013 | 52 | 42 | 5 |
|  | TREND FOR COMPARISON |  |  |  |
|  | Please tell me whether you think each of the following description applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... too extreme |  |  |  |
|  | CNN/Gallup: February, 1999 | 56 | 42 | 3 |
| b. | Is tolerant and open to all groups of people |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 32 | 65 | 3 |
|  | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 35 | 62 | 3 |
|  | Jul 17-21, 2013 | 33 | 62 | 6 |
|  | TREND FOR COMPARISON |  |  |  |
|  | Please tell me if you think it describes or does not describe the Republican Party ... Is tolerant and open to all groups of people |  |  |  |
|  | NBC News/Wall Street J ournal: August, 1996 (RVs) | 31 | 62 | 7 |
| c. | Cares about the middle class |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 43 | 53 | 3 |
|  | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 43 | 54 | 3 |
|  | Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 | 42 | 54 | 4 |

## Q. 54 CONTI NUED...

|  | Yes | No | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d. Has good policy ideas | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 45 | 49 | 7 |
|  | 48 | 46 | 6 |  |

## RANDOMI ZE Q. 54 AND Q. 55

ASK ALL:
[Now thinking about...]
Q. 55 The Democratic Party. Do you think the Democratic Party [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMI ZE] or not?

|  |  | Yes | No | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | Is too extreme |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 37 | 59 | 4 |
|  | Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015 | 39 | 56 | 5 |
|  | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 36 | 59 | 4 |
|  | Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 | 39 | 56 | 5 |
|  | Jul 17-21, 2013 | 41 | 54 | 5 |
|  | Feb 13-18, 2013 | 39 | 56 | 6 |
|  | TREND FOR COMPARISON |  |  |  |
|  | Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... too extreme |  |  |  |
|  | CNN/Gallup: February, 1999 | 39 | 57 | 3 |
| b. | Is tolerant and open to all groups of people |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 65 | 32 | 3 |
|  | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 59 | 38 | 3 |
|  | Jul 17-21, 2013 | 60 | 35 | 5 |
| c. | Cares about the middle class |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 61 | 36 | 3 |
|  | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 60 | 38 | 2 |
|  | Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 | 57 | 38 | 4 |
| d. | Has good policy ideas |  |  |  |
|  | Mar 17-27, 2016 | 53 | 41 | 6 |
|  | Feb 18-22, 2015 | 52 | 43 | 5 |

## NO QUESTI ONS 56-57

## ASK ALL:

Q. 58 I'm going to read a few more pairs of statements. Just tell me which statement comes closer to your own views - even if neither is exactly right. First, [READ AND RANDOMI ZE AND RANDOMI ZE STATEMENTS WITHI N PAI RS]. [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"] Next, [NEXT PAI R]

Mar 17-27, 2016
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015
Nov 6-9, 2014
J an 23-Feb 9, 2014
Sep 12-16, 2012
Nov 4-7, 2010
Jun 8-28, 2010 —
J an 14-27, 2010 (SDT)

Government should do more to solve problems

## 48 <br> 47 <br> 49 <br> 45 <br> 44 <br> 43 <br> 43 <br> 45

Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals

## 49

48
46
51
49
48
47
47
(VOL.)
Both/Neither/ DK/Ref

3
4
6
4
6
9
10
8

## Q. 58 CONTI NUED...

m.

Mar 17-27, 2016
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Jan 29-Feb 9, 2014

The economic system in this country unfairly favors powerful interests 66

65
62
62

The economic system in this country is generally fair to most Americans 31
31
33
34
(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref 2 3 4 4

## NO ITEM n

o.

Mar 17-27, 2016
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015
TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Knight-Ridder: J anuary, $1996^{7}$ (RVs)

Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort

50

58
41

I hardly ever question whether my political views
p.

Mar 17-27, 2016
are the right ones

48

| There's not much ordinary <br> citizens can do to <br> influence the government <br> in Washington | (VOL.) <br> Both/Neither/ <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: |
| 42 | 1 |
| 47 | 3 |
| 41 | 1 |

(VOL.)
I sometimes question
whether my political views
Both/Neither/
DK/Ref
are the right ones
49

## NO QUESTI ON 59

## ASK ALL:

Q. 60 And thinking about politics and elections, would you say personally insulting political opponents is [READ; RANDOMI ZE]?

| Mar 17-27 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2016}{31}$ |  |
| 67 | Sometimes fair game |
| 1 | Never fair game |
| 1 | Other/Depends (VOL.) |
|  | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

## NO QUESTI ON 61

Next,

## ASK ALL:

Q. 62 On balance, do you think having an increasing number of people of many different races, ethnic groups and nationalities in the United States makes this country a better place to live, a worse place to live, or doesn't make much difference either way?

|  |  | Knight-Ridder <br> (RV) |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27 |  |  |  |
| $\underline{2016}$ |  | Sep 13, | January |

[^4]
## NO QUESTI ONS 63-67

## ASK ALL:

Thinking about the nation's economy..
Q. 68 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Mar 17-27, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015
May 12-18, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Jan 7-11, 2015
Oct 15-20, 2014
Aug 20-24, 2014
Jul 8-14, 2014
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)
J an 15-19, 2014 (U)
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)
Oct 9-13, 2013
Sep 4-8, 2013
Jul 17-21, 2013
Jun 12-16, 2013
Mar 13-17, 2013
Jan 9-13, 2013
Dec 5-9, 2012
Oct 24-28, 2012
Sep 12-16, 2012
Jun 7-17, 2012
Mar 7-11, 2012
Feb 8-12, 2012
J an 11-16, 2012
Dec 7-11, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jun 15-19, 2011
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011
Feb 2-7, 2011
Dec 1-5, 2010
Oct 13-18, 2010
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010
Jun 3-6, 2010
Apr 21-26, 2010
Mar 10-14, 2010
Feb 3-9, 2010
Dec 9-13, 2009
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009
Aug 11-17, 2009
Jun 10-14, 2009
Mar 9-12, 2009
Feb 4-8, 2009
December, 2008
November, 2008
Late October, 2008
Early October, 2008
Late September, 2008
July, 2008
April, 2008
March, 2008

| Excellent |  | Only |  | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Good | fair | Poor | DK/Ref |
| 3 | 26 | 43 | 28 | 1 |
| 3 | 24 | 45 | 28 | 1 |
| 3 | 21 | 43 | 33 | * |
| 3 | 24 | 43 | 30 | * |
| 2 | 23 | 43 | 31 | * |
| 4 | 23 | 48 | 24 | * |
| 2 | 19 | 45 | 33 | 1 |
| 1 | 19 | 48 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 | 17 | 46 | 35 | * |
| 2 | 15 | 43 | 40 | 1 |
| 1 | 15 | 45 | 39 | 1 |
| 1 | 14 | 48 | 36 | 1 |
| 1 | 12 | 39 | 48 | * |
| 2 | 17 | 48 | 32 | * |
| 2 | 15 | 45 | 37 | 1 |
| 2 | 21 | 47 | 29 | * |
| 1 | 15 | 43 | 40 | 1 |
| 2 | 11 | 38 | 49 | 1 |
| 1 | 14 | 50 | 35 | 1 |
| 1 | 12 | 42 | 44 | 1 |
| 1 | 12 | 43 | 44 | 1 |
| 1 | 9 | 47 | 42 | 1 |
| 1 | 9 | 38 | 51 | 1 |
| 1 | 10 | 46 | 43 | 1 |
| 2 | 9 | 42 | 47 | 1 |
| * | 8 | 38 | 53 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 37 | 56 | 1 |
| * | 8 | 45 | 46 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 38 | 53 | 1 |
| 1 | 11 | 45 | 42 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 44 | 45 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 38 | 54 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 43 | 48 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 48 | 43 | 1 |
| * | 11 | 39 | 49 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 39 | 53 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 38 | 53 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 41 | 50 | 1 |
| * | 8 | 41 | 50 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 43 | 48 | 1 |
| * | 8 | 38 | 52 | 2 |
| 1 | 8 | 39 | 52 | 1 |
| * | 6 | 25 | 68 | 1 |
| * | 4 | 24 | 71 | 1 |
| * | 7 | 33 | 59 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 28 | 64 | 1 |
| * | 7 | 25 | 67 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 32 | 58 | 1 |
| * | 7 | 27 | 65 | 1 |
| 1 | 9 | 39 | 50 | 1 |
| 1 | 10 | 33 | 56 | * |
| 1 | 10 | 32 | 56 | 1 |

## Q. 68 CONTI NUED...

Early February, 2008
January, 2008

| Excellent | Good | Only fair | Poor | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 16 | 36 | 45 | 2 |
| 3 | 23 | 45 | 28 | 1 |
| 3 | 20 | 44 | 32 | 1 |
| 3 | 23 | 43 | 29 | 2 |
| 6 | 27 | 40 | 25 | 2 |
| 5 | 26 | 45 | 23 | 1 |
| 6 | 32 | 41 | 19 | 2 |
| 9 | 35 | 37 | 17 | 2 |
| 6 | 27 | 40 | 25 | 2 |
| 5 | 32 | 41 | 20 | 2 |
| 4 | 29 | 44 | 22 | 1 |
| 4 | 30 | 45 | 19 | 2 |
| 2 | 23 | 45 | 29 | 1 |
| 3 | 28 | 44 | 24 | 1 |
| 3 | 29 | 47 | 20 | 1 |
| 3 | 36 | 45 | 15 | 1 |
| 3 | 33 | 43 | 20 | 1 |
| 5 | 31 | 37 | 26 | 1 |
| 4 | 34 | 40 | 20 | 2 |
| 3 | 30 | 45 | 21 | 1 |
| 4 | 34 | 38 | 22 | 2 |
| 2 | 29 | 42 | 26 | 1 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 69 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

Mar 17-27, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015
May 12-18, 2015
Feb 18-22, 2015
Jan 7-11, 2015
Oct 15-20, 2014
Aug 20-24, 2014
Jul 8-14, 2014
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)
Oct 9-13, 2013
Sep 4-8, 2013
Jun 12-16, 2013
Mar 13-17, 2013
Jan 9-13, 2013
Dec 5-9, 2012
Sep 12-16, 2012
Jun 7-17, 2012
Mar 7-11, 2012
Feb 8-12, 2012
J an 11-16, 2012
Dec 7-11, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jun 15-19, 2011
Oct 13-18, 2010
Apr 21-26, 2010
Feb 3-9, 2010

| $\frac{\text { Better }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { Worse }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { Same }}{}$ | DK/Ref <br> 22 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | 55 | 6 |  |
| 20 | 22 | 54 | 4 |
| 23 | 21 | 53 | 3 |
| 25 | 20 | 53 | 2 |
| 27 | 20 | 52 | 1 |
| 31 | 17 | 51 | 1 |
| 27 | 21 | 50 | 3 |
| 22 | 22 | 54 | 2 |
| 26 | 22 | 51 | 1 |
| 25 | 24 | 49 | 2 |
| 27 | 22 | 50 | 1 |
| 25 | 28 | 44 | 3 |
| 28 | 25 | 46 | 1 |
| 33 | 19 | 47 | 1 |
| 25 | 32 | 41 | 1 |
| 33 | 25 | 40 | 2 |
| 37 | 25 | 36 | 2 |
| 43 | 8 | 42 | 8 |
| 34 | 11 | 50 | 5 |
| 44 | 14 | 38 | 4 |
| 44 | 10 | 42 | 3 |
| 34 | 16 | 46 | 3 |
| 28 | 18 | 50 | 4 |
| 29 | 18 | 50 | 2 |
| 29 | 23 | 46 | 2 |
| 35 | 16 | 45 | 4 |
| 42 | 19 | 36 | 3 |
| 42 | 16 | 40 | 3 |

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## Q. 69 CONTI NUED...

Dec 9-13, 2009
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009
Aug 11-17, 2009
Jun 10-14, 2009
Mar 9-12, 2009
Feb 4-8, 2009
December, 2008
Early October, 2008
July, 2008
March, 2008
January, 2008
September, 2007
June, 2007
February, 2007
December, 2006
September, 2006
J anuary, 2006
Early October, 2005
Mid-September, 2005
Mid-May, 2005
J anuary, 2005
August, 2004
Late February, 2004
September, 2003
May, 2003
Late March, 2003
J anuary, 2003
January, 2002
Newsweek: January, 2001
June, 2000
Early October, 1998 (RVs)
Early September, 1998
May, 1990
February, 1989
September, 1988 (RVs)
May, 1988
January, 1988
Newsweek: J anuary, 1984 (RVs)

| Better | Worse | Same | $\underline{\text { DK/Ref }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 42 | 17 | 38 | 3 |
| 39 | 19 | 39 | 2 |
| 45 | 15 | 38 | 3 |
| 45 | 19 | 33 | 3 |
| 48 | 16 | 34 | 2 |
| 41 | 19 | 37 | 3 |
| 40 | 18 | 38 | 4 |
| 43 | 17 | 36 | 4 |
| 46 | 16 | 30 | 8 |
| 30 | 21 | 41 | 8 |
| 33 | 22 | 39 | 6 |
| 20 | 26 | 48 | 6 |
| 19 | 23 | 53 | 5 |
| 16 | 24 | 55 | 5 |
| 17 | 20 | 58 | 5 |
| 22 | 18 | 56 | 4 |
| 16 | 25 | 55 | 4 |
| 20 | 22 | 55 | 3 |
| 20 | 32 | 45 | 3 |
| 18 | 37 | 43 | 2 |
| 18 | 24 | 55 | 3 |
| 27 | 18 | 52 | 3 |
| 36 | 9 | 47 | 8 |
| 39 | 12 | 41 | 8 |
| 37 | 17 | 43 | 3 |
| 43 | 19 | 35 | 3 |
| 33 | 23 | 37 | 7 |
| 30 | 20 | 44 | 6 |
| 44 | 17 | 36 | 3 |
| 18 | 33 | 44 | 5 |
| 15 | 24 | 55 | 6 |
| 16 | 22 | 57 | 5 |
| 18 | 17 | 61 | 4 |
| 18 | 31 | 45 | 6 |
| 25 | 22 | 49 | 4 |
| 24 | 16 | 51 | 9 |
| 24 | 20 | 46 | 10 |
| 22 | 26 | 45 | 7 |
| 35 | 13 | 49 | 3 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 70 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?
(VOL.)
Plenty of Jobs are Lots of some jobs, (VOL.)
Mar 17-27, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
May 12-18, 2015
Jan 7-11, 2015
Aug 20-24, 2014
Jul 8-14, 2014
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)
Jun 12-16, 2013
Dec 5-9, 2012
Jan 11-16, 2012
Jun 15-19, 2011
Dec 1-5, 2010

| Plenty of jobs available | Jobs are difficult to find | Lots of some jobs, few of others | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 | 51 | 2 | 3 |
| 41 | 53 | 3 | 4 |
| 40 | 53 | 4 | 3 |
| 36 | 57 | 3 | 3 |
| 33 | 58 | 4 | 5 |
| 29 | 62 | 4 | 5 |
| 27 | 65 | 4 | 4 |
| 29 | 64 | 3 | 4 |
| 22 | 68 | 5 | 5 |
| 16 | 78 | 2 | 4 |
| 14 | 79 | 3 | 4 |
| 14 | 79 | 3 | 4 |

## Q. 70 CONTI NUED...

(VOL.)

| Plenty of jobs available | Jobs are difficult to find | Lots of some jobs, few of others | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 85 | 3 | 2 |
| 14 | 79 | 3 | 3 |
| 11 | 80 | 3 | 6 |
| 19 | 73 | 4 | 4 |
| 25 | 64 | 4 | 7 |
| 31 | 58 | 4 | 7 |
| 30 | 61 | 4 | 5 |
| 34 | 53 | 5 | 8 |
| 41 | 48 | 4 | 7 |
| 36 | 50 | 6 | 8 |
| 39 | 49 | 5 | 7 |
| 39 | 48 | 6 | 7 |
| 40 | 49 | 5 | 6 |
| 37 | 56 | 3 | 4 |
| 33 | 56 | 6 | 5 |
| 36 | 56 | 4 | 4 |
| 30 | 60 | 6 | 4 |
| 32 | 58 | 5 | 5 |
| 31 | 52 | 6 | 11 |
| 34 | 55 | 4 | 7 |
| 30 | 57 | 4 | 9 |
| 31 | 59 | 5 | 6 |
| 27 | 60 | 6 | 7 |
| 24 | 66 | 5 | 5 |
| 31 | 59 | 4 | 6 |
| 42 | 44 | 8 | 6 |
| 15 | 76 | 6 | 3 |
| 16 | 77 | 4 | 3 |
| 12 | 79 | 6 | 3 |

## NO QUESTI ONS 71-73

## ASK ALL:

Q. 74 Which of the following comes closer to your view about the federal government's efforts to prevent terrorism [READ AND RANDOMI ZE]?

| Mar 17-27 |  | Dec 8-13, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2016}$ |  | $\underline{2015}$ |
| 33 | Muslims living in the U.S. should be subject to more scrutiny than people in other religious groups | 32 |
|  | Muslims living in the U.S. should NOT be subject to |  |
| 60 | additional scrutiny solely because of their religion | 61 |
| 7 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 7 |

## RANDOMIZE Q. 75 AND Q. 76 ASK ALL:

Q. 75 Do you think abortion should be [READ IN ORDER TO RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, IN REVERSE ORDER TO OTHER HALF OF SAMPLE]?

Mar 17-27, 2016
Sep 22-27, 2015
Sep 2-9, 2014
Jul 17-21, 2013
Oct 24-28, 2012
Apr 4-15, 2012

| Legal <br> in all | Legal <br> in most | Illegal <br> in most | Illegal <br> in all | NET <br> (VOL.) <br> cases <br> 24 | $\frac{\text { cases }}{33}$ | $\frac{\text { cases }}{24}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | cases |
| :---: | | NET |
| :---: |
| (llegal in |

## Q. 75 CONTI NUED...

|  | cases |  | cases |  | cases |  | cases | DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | all/most | all/most |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 19 |  | 31 |  | 26 |  | 17 | 6 |

## RANDOMIZE Q. 75 AND Q. 76

## ASK ALL:

Q. 76 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

Mar 17-27, 2016
Jul 14-20, 2015
May 12-18, 2015
Sep 2-9, 2014
Feb 12-26, 2014
May 1-5, $2013^{9}$
Mar 13-17, 2013
Oct 24-28, 2012
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012

| --------- Favor--------- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Strongly <br> favor | $\frac{\text { Favor }}{}$ |
| 55 | 26 | 30 |
| 54 | 28 | 26 |
| 57 | 28 | 28 |
| 49 | 24 | 25 |
| 54 | 24 | 30 |
| 51 | 21 | 30 |
| 49 | 22 | 27 |
| 49 | 22 | 27 |
| 48 | 23 | 25 |
| 48 | 23 | 25 |


| ---------Oppose-------- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Strongly <br> oppose | Oppose | (VOL.) <br> 37 |
| $\frac{15}{\text { DK/Ref }}$ |  |  |  |

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## Q. 76 CONTI NUED...

Apr 4-15, 2012
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010
Aug 11-17, 2009
Mid-April, 2009
August, 2008
June, 2008
Late May, 2008
November, 2007
August, 2007
Early January, 2007
Early November, 2006 (RVs)
July, 2006
June, 2006
March, 2006

| T--------Favor--------- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Strongly <br> favor | Favor <br> 47 |
| 26 | -- | 25 |
| 45 | 20 | 25 |
| 43 | 16 | 27 |
| 41 | 17 | 24 |
| 39 | 14 | 25 |
| 35 | 14 | 21 |
| 39 | 13 | 26 |
| 40 | 15 | 25 |
| 38 | 15 | 23 |
| 36 | 12 | 24 |
| 36 | 13 | 23 |
| 37 | 13 | 24 |
| 30 | 10 | 20 |
| 35 | 12 | 23 |
| 33 | 13 | 20 |
| 39 | 10 | 29 |
| 36 | 13 | 23 |
| 32 | 14 | 18 |
| 29 | 8 | 21 |
| 32 | 10 | 22 |
| 32 | 10 | 22 |
| 30 | 9 | 21 |
| 30 | 10 | 20 |
| 30 | 9 | 21 |
| 38 | 10 | 28 |
| 35 | 8 | 27 |
| 27 | 6 | 21 |


| T-------Oppose-------- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total <br> Strongly <br> oppose | Oppose | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |  |
| 43 | 22 | 21 | 11 |
| 44 | -- | -- | 9 |
| 46 | 25 | 21 | 9 |
| 47 | 26 | 22 | 10 |
| 48 | 24 | 24 | 10 |
| 53 | 31 | 22 | 8 |
| 54 | 31 | 23 | 11 |
| 52 | 30 | 22 | 9 |
| 52 | 31 | 21 | 8 |
| 49 | 29 | 20 | 13 |
| 54 | 29 | 25 | 10 |
| 55 | 31 | 24 | 9 |
| 55 | 33 | 22 | 8 |
| 57 | 31 | 26 | 13 |
| 56 | 31 | 25 | 9 |
| 55 | 32 | 23 | 12 |
| 51 | 28 | 23 | 10 |
| 53 | 31 | 22 | 11 |
| 61 | 38 | 23 | 7 |
| 60 | 35 | 25 | 11 |
| 56 | 33 | 23 | 12 |
| 59 | 35 | 24 | 9 |
| 63 | 42 | 21 | 7 |
| 62 | 41 | 21 | 8 |
| 58 | 33 | 25 | 12 |
| 53 | 30 | 23 | 9 |
| 57 | 34 | 23 | 8 |
| 65 | 41 | 24 | 8 |

ASK ALL:
Thinking about free trade agreements...
Q. 77 In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

Mar 17-27, 2016
May 12-18, 2015
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009

| Good thing |
| :---: |
| 51 |
| 58 |
| 59 |
| 48 |
| 52 |


| Bad thing | DK/Ref <br> 39 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 33 | 10 |
| 30 | 9 |
| 41 | 10 |
| 34 | 12 |
|  | 14 |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In general, do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA and the policies of the World Trade Organization have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

|  | Good thing |  | (VOL.) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov 4-7, 2010 | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |  |  |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 35 | 44 | 21 |
| Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009 | 43 | 32 | 25 |
| April, 2008 | 44 | 35 | 21 |
| November, 2007 | 35 | 48 | 17 |
| December, 2006 | 40 | 40 | 20 |
|  | 44 | 35 | 21 |

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## Q. 77 TREND FOR COMPARI SON CONTI NUED...

|  | Good thing |  | Bad thing |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | | (VOL.) |
| :---: |
|  |
| Late October, 2005 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 78 Thinking about the financial situation of you and your family... Do you think free trade agreements have definitely helped, probably helped, probably hurt, or definitely hurt the financial situation of you and your family?
$\left.\begin{array}{lcccccc}\text { (VOL.) } \\ \text { Neither/ } \\ \text { Doesn't }\end{array}\right]$

## NO QUESTI ON 79

ASK ALL:
Q. 80 Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

|  | Yes, government <br> responsibility | No, not government <br> responsibility | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 51 | 46 | 2 |
| Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014 | 47 | 50 | 3 |
| Gallup: Nov 7-10,2013 | 42 | 56 | 2 |
| Gallup: Nov 15-18,2012 | 44 | 54 | 2 |
| Gallup: Nov 3-6,2011 | 50 | 46 | 4 |
| Gallup: Nov 4-7, 2010 | 47 | 50 | 3 |
| Gallup: Nov 5-8, 2009 | 47 | 50 | 3 |
| Gallup: November, 2008 | 54 | 41 | 5 |
| Gallup: November, 2007 | 64 | 33 | 3 |
| Gallup: November, 2006 | 69 | 28 | 3 |
| Gallup: November, 2005 | 58 | 38 | 4 |
| Gallup: November, 2004 | 64 | 34 | 2 |
| Gallup: November, 2003 | 59 | 39 | 2 |
| Gallup: November, 2002 | 62 | 34 | 3 |
| Gallup: November, 2001 | 62 | 31 | 4 |
| Gallup: September, 2000 | 64 | 38 | 5 |
| Gallup: January, 2000 | 59 |  | 3 |

[^8]
## NO QUESTI ONS 81-84

## ASK ALL:

Q. 85 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? [READ AND RANDOMI ZE]
ASK IF NOT ALLOWED TO STAY IN COUNTRY LEGALLY (Q.85=1) [ $\mathrm{N}=524$ ]:
Q. 86 Do you think there should be a national law enforcement effort to deport all immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally, or should that not be done?

|  | Allowed to stay legally | Not allowed to stay legally | Should be law enforcement effort to deport | Should NOT be law enforcement effort to deport | (VOL.) DK/Ref | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 75 | 23 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 74 | 24 | -- | -- | -- | 3 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 72 | 27 | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Dec 3-7, 2014 (U) | 70 | 27 | -- | -- | -- | 3 |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 71 | 25 | -- | -- | -- | 3 |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 68 | 30 | -- | -- | -- | 3 |
| Feb 14-23, 2014 | 73 | 24 | -- | -- | -- | 3 |
| J un 12-16, 2013 | 71 | 27 | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| May 1-5, 2013 | 73 | 25 | -- | -- | --- | 3 |
| Mar 13-17, $2013{ }^{11}$ | 71 | 27 | -- | -- | -- | 2 |

## ASK ALL FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1,130$ ]:

Q.87F1 All in all, would you favor or oppose building a fence along the entire border with Mexico?

| Mar 17-27 <br> $\frac{2016}{38}$ | Sep 22-27, | Sep 22-Oct 4, |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 58 | Oppose | $\underline{2015}$ | $\frac{2011^{12}}{46}$ |
| 4 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 48 | 46 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |  |

## TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Building a fence along 700 miles of the border with Mexico

January, 2007

| $\frac{\text { Favor }}{}$ | Oppose |
| :---: | :---: |
| 46 | 48 |
| 54 | 44 |

(VOL.)
$\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{6}$
2
ASK ALL FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N}=1,124$ ]:
Q.88F2 All in all, would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar 17-27 } \\ 2016 \end{gathered}$ |  |
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|  |  |
| 34 | Favor |
| 62 | Oppose |
| 4 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

## NO QUESTI ON 89

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## ASK ALL:

Q. 90 Thinking about the long term future of Social Security, do you think [READ AND RANDOMI ZE]?

| Mar 17-27 |  | Jan 23-Feb 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2016}$ |  | $\underline{2014}$ |
| 27 | Some reductions in benefits for future retirees need to be considered | 31 |
| 70 | Social Security benefits should not be reduced in any way | 67 |
| 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 3 |

ASK ALL:
PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?
ASK IF I NDEP/ 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?

|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) <br> No preference | (VOL.) Other party | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar 17-27, 2016 | 25 | 31 | 38 | 3 | * | 2 | 15 | 20 |
| J an 7-14, 2016 | 24 | 30 | 38 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 17 |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 4 | * | 2 | 16 | 15 |
| Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015 | 24 | 29 | 41 | 4 | * | 2 | 17 | 17 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 26 | 30 | 40 | 2 | * | 2 | 15 | 16 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 22 | 32 | 41 | 4 | * | 1 | 15 | 19 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 24 | 32 | 38 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 18 |
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 25 | 30 | 39 | 4 | * | 2 | 15 | 17 |
| Yearly Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2015 | 23.7 | 30.4 | 40.1 | 3.6 | . 4 | 1.8 | 16.4 | 17.3 |
| 2014 | 23.2 | 31.5 | 39.5 | 3.1 | . 7 | 2.0 | 16.2 | 16.5 |
| 2013 | 23.9 | 32.1 | 38.3 | 2.9 | . 5 | 2.2 | 16.0 | 16.0 |
| 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 |
| 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 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLI CAN-LEANING VOTERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) AND
(REG=1):
Q.99 If Donald Trump is the Republican nominee, do you think the Republican Party will unite
        solidly behind him or do you think disagreements within the party will keep many Republicans
        from supporting Trump?
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    BASED ON REPUBLI CAN/ REPUBLI CAN-LEANI NG REGISTERED VOTERS [ \(\mathbf{N = 8 3 4}\) ]:
        Mar 17-27
        \(\underline{2016}\)
        38 Solidly unite
        56 Keep many from supporting
        6 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
        TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:
    

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ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANI NG VOTERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND
(REG=1):
Q.100 If Hillary Clinton is the Democratic nominee, do you think the Democratic Party will unite
        solidly behind her or do you think disagreements within the party will keep many Democrats
        from supporting Clinton?
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        BASED ON DEMOCRATI C/ DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [ \(\mathbf{N = 8 4 2 ] :}\)
    | Mar 17-27 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2016}{64}$ | Solidly unite |
| 30 | Keep many from supporting |
| 6 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

| Obama | May, 2008 | Solidly <br> unite | Keep many <br> from supporting | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obama | March, 2008 | 61 | 31 | 8 |
| H. Clinton | March, 2008 | 66 | 25 | 9 |
| Kerry | July, 2004 | 64 | 28 | 8 |
| B. Clinton | July, 1992 | 71 | 15 | 14 |
|  |  | 45 | 38 | 17 |

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

| (U) | Pew Research Center/USA Today polls |
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| (WP) | Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls |
| (SDT) | Pew Research Social and Demographic Trends |

[^10]
[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

[^1]:    2 In January 1994, question read: "Do you think the future for the next generation will be better, worse, or about the same as life today?"
    3 In November 1991 and June 1990, question read: "Do you think the future generation of Americans will be better off, or 4 worse off, or about the same as life today?" In November 1991, "same" was a volunteered response.
    4 In the Aug 25 -Sep 6, 2010 survey, a wording experiment was conducted with one half of respondents asked the question wording shown above, and the other half was asked: "Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ..." No significant differences were found between questions and the combined results are shown above. All surveys prior to Sep 2010 used the longer question wording.

[^2]:    $5 \quad$ Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

[^3]:    $6 \quad$ In December 2007, question was asked in a list of Republican and Democratic candidates then running for president.

[^4]:    7 The January 1996 Knight-Ridder question stem read, "Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements about the government in Washington. After I read each pair, tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes CLOSER to your opinion -- even if neither is exactly right."

[^5]:    8 Earlier trends available from Gallup.

[^6]:    9 In May 1-5, 2013, Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012, Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, July 21-Aug 5, 2010, Aug 11-17, 2009, August 2008, August 2007, Early January 2007, Early November 2006, March 2006, July 2005, December 2004, Early February 2004, November 2003, Mid-July 2003, March 2001 and June 1996 the question was asked as part of a list of items. In Jun 7-17, 2012, Apr 4-15, 2012, August 2009, April 2009, May 2008 and June 2008, the question read "allowing gay and lesbian couples;" all other instances read "allowing gays and lesbians."

[^7]:    10
    In December 2006, December 2004, July 2004 and March 2004, the question wording asked about: "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the World Trade Organization," and did not mention "policies of" the World Trade Organization. In October 2005 the question asked: "So far, do you think that NAFTA has been a good thing or a bad thing

[^8]:    from a U.S. point of view?" In December 2003 the question wording asked about "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the WTO;" full names of the organizations were read out only if the respondent was uncertain. In Early September 2001 and earlier the question asked about: "...NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement..."

[^9]:    11
    In May 2013 and March 2013, question read "Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?" and the second answer choice read "There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements to stay in the country legally."
    In Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, item was asked as part of a list.

[^10]:    14
    In May 2008, the question read: "If Barack Obama is the Democratic candidate, do you think the Democratic Party will solidly unite behind him or do you think that differences and disagreements within the party will keep many Democrats from supporting Obama." In March 2008, the question began: "If Barack Obama wins the Democratic nomination..." but otherwise has the same language as May 2008. These questions were asked about John Kerry and Bill Clinton after the Democratic nominations had been settled.

