About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted May 15-18, 2014 among a national sample of 1,000 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (500 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 500 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 291 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source and MKTG 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 and Spanish. 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. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see http://people-press.org/methodology/.

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2012 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status, based on extrapolations from the 2013 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 among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.
The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

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Sample sizes and sampling errors for other 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.
**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?”]

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b. The investigation into a missing Malaysia Airlines plane

- May 15-18, 2014 25 | 31 | 24 | 19 | 1
- April 3-6, 2014 33 | 31 | 21 | 14 | 1
- March 20-23, 2014 39 | 33 | 18 | 9 | 1

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

- July 11-14, 2013: *A plane crash in San Francisco* 24 | 32 | 21 | 22 | 1
- November 16-19, 2009: *News about a US Airways flight crashing into the Hudson* 44 | 34 | 14 | 8 | *
- May 15-18, 2009: *The investigation into a February plane crash in Buffalo, New York* 17 | 26 | 25 | 33 | *
- February 13-16, 2009: *A plane crashing into a house near Buffalo, New York, killing 50 people* 32 | 39 | 16 | 13 | *
- August 22-28, 2008: *A plane crash in Madrid, Spain* 8 | 22 | 32 | 37 | 1
- July 20-23, 2007: *A plane crash in Brazil that killed nearly 200 people* 13 | 28 | 27 | 31 | 1
- November, 2001: *The recent crash on an American Airlines plane near Kennedy Airport in New York* 48 | 34 | 13 | 4 | 1
- February, 2000: *Crash of an Alaskan Airlines jet near Los Angeles* 35 | 40 | 17 | 8 | *
- December, 1999: *The crash of an EgyptAir plane off the coast of New England and the investigation into what happened* 30 | 44 | 15 | 10 | 1
- July, 1999: *Crash of an American Airlines flight in Arkansas* 19 | 38 | 25 | 17 | 1
- July, 1996: *The crash of a Paris-bound TWA plane off the coast of New York* 69 | 23 | 6 | 2 | *
- February, 1990: *Crash of a Colombian airliner near JFK airport in New York* 33 | 39 | 18 | 10 | 0

c. The situation involving Russia and Ukraine

- May 15-18, 2014 24 | 32 | 17 | 26 | *
- April 3-6, 2014 26 | 31 | 18 | 23 | 2
- March 20-23, 2014: *Russia taking control of Ukraine’s Crimea region* 30 | 33 | 14 | 21 | 1

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1 In April 1998, September 1994 and October 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and election campaigns in your state." In November 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and elections in your state."
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March 6-9, 2014: Russia sending troops into Ukraine’s Crimea region in response to a new Ukrainian government  
Very closely: 28  Fairly closely: 31  Not too closely: 17  Not at all closely: 23  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1
February 27-March 2, 2014: Political violence and a new government in Ukraine  
Very closely: 19  Fairly closely: 28  Not too closely: 21  Not at all closely: 31  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**
August 29-31, 2008: The ongoing hostilities between Russia and the Republic of Georgia  
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August 22-25, 2008  
Very close: 27  Fairly close: 39  Not too close: 22  Not at all close: 12  *DK/Ref: 1
August 15-18, 2008  
Very close: 35  Fairly close: 35  Not too close: 15  Not at all close: 15  *DK/Ref: 1
August 8-11, 2008: Russia sending troops into the Republic of Georgia  
Very close: 17  Fairly close: 22  Not too close: 23  Not at all close: 37  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

- The kidnapping of hundreds of Nigerian girls by the extremist group Boko Haram  
  May 15-18, 2014  
  Very close: 28  Fairly close: 31  Not too close: 20  Not at all close: 20  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

- The House of Representatives creating a committee to investigate the 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya  
  May 15-18, 2014  
  Very close: 19  Fairly close: 19  Not too close: 22  Not at all close: 38  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**
May 16-19, 2013: Investigations into last fall’s attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya  
Very close: 25  Fairly close: 21  Not too close: 24  Not at all close: 29  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1
May 9-12, 2013: Congressional hearings about the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya  
Very close: 23  Fairly close: 21  Not too close: 24  Not at all close: 32  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1
January 24-27, 2013: Hillary Clinton testifying about the attack on the U.S. embassy in Benghazi, Libya  
Very close: 21  Fairly close: 25  Not too close: 21  Not at all close: 31  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1
November 15-18, 2012: Investigations into the September attack on the U.S. embassy in Benghazi, Libya  
Very close: 28  Fairly close: 26  Not too close: 21  Not at all close: 24  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 2
October 18-21, 2012: Investigations into last month’s attack on the U.S. embassy in Libya  
Very close: 31  Fairly close: 30  Not too close: 19  Not at all close: 20  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1
October 12-14, 2012  
Very close: 28  Fairly close: 28  Not too close: 19  Not at all close: 23  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1
October 4-7, 2012: Investigations into the attack on the U.S. embassy in Libya earlier this month  
Very close: 27  Fairly close: 24  Not too close: 20  Not at all close: 28  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1
September 13-16, 2012: Attacks on American embassies and consulates in the Middle East and the killing of the U.S. ambassador in Libya  
Very close: 43  Fairly close: 24  Not too close: 15  Not at all close: 17  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

- Racially insensitive comments made by Los Angeles Clippers basketball owner Donald Sterling  
  May 15-18, 2014  
  Very close: 21  Fairly close: 28  Not too close: 24  Not at all close: 26  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

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June 27-30, 2013: TV food personality Paula Deen admitting that she made racially insensitive comments  
Very close: 17  Fairly close: 27  Not too close: 24  Not at all close: 31  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1
April 12-16, 2007: The recent remarks Don Imus made on his radio show about the Rutgers University women’s basketball team  
Very closely: 24  Fairly closely: 31  Not too closely: 20  Not at all closely: 24  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

The lung disease called “MERS” that has spread from the Middle East  
May 15-18, 2014:  
Very closely: 13  Fairly closely: 23  Not too closely: 25  Not at all closely: 38  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:
December 18-21, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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November 20-23, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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November 13-16, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
Very closely: 34  Fairly closely: 31  Not too closely: 21  Not at all closely: 15  (VOL.) DK/Ref: *

November 6-9, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
Very closely: 32  Fairly closely: 35  Not too closely: 24  Not at all closely: 10  (VOL.) DK/Ref: *

October 30-November 2, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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October 23-26, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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October 16-19, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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October 9-12, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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September 18-21, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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September 11-14, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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September 3-6, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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August 28-31, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine  
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May 21-24, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine in the U.S. and elsewhere  
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May 8-11, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine in the U.S. and elsewhere  
Very closely: 34  Fairly closely: 36  Not too closely: 19  Not at all closely: 11  (VOL.) DK/Ref: *

May 1-4, 2009: Reports about swine flu and the vaccine in different parts of the world  
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April 25-27, 2009: Reports about swine flu in Mexico and the U.S.  
Very closely: 25  Fairly closely: 30  Not too closely: 19  Not at all closely: 26  (VOL.) DK/Ref: *

October 19-22, 2007: Reports about swine flu in Mexico and the U.S.  
Very closely: 26  Fairly closely: 31  Not too closely: 19  Not at all closely: 24  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 0

June 1-4, 2007: An Atlanta man with a dangerous form of tuberculosis who traveled to Europe against the advice of government health officials  
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March, 2006: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
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November, 2005: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
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Late October, 2005: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
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January, 2004: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
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June, 2003: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
Very closely: 28  Fairly closely: 44  Not too closely: 19  Not at all closely: 8  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

May, 2003: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
Very closely: 39  Fairly closely: 39  Not too closely: 15  Not at all closely: 6  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

September, 2002: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
Very closely: 34  Fairly closely: 36  Not too closely: 21  Not at all closely: 8  (VOL.) DK/Ref: 1

Early September, 2001: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
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March 2001: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
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January, 1998: Reports about swine flu in different parts of the world  
Very closely: 19  Fairly closely: 36  Not too closely: 25  Not at all closely: 20  (VOL.) DK/Ref: *
**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):**

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