

About the Surveys

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews from two surveys, one of which was conducted Feb.27-Mar. 16, 2014 among a national sample of 3,335 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (1,668 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,667 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 870 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted under the direction of Abt SRBI. 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 and relative usage of landline and cell phones (for those with both), 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:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	3,335	2.0 percentage points
Republicans	779	4.1 percentage points
Democrat	1,036	3.5 percentage points
Independent	1,341	3.1 percentage points
Hispanic	299	6.5 percentage points

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.

The rest of the analysis is based on telephone interviews from another survey, conducted Feb. 12-26, 2014 among a national sample of 3,338 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (1,671 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,667 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 905 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted under the direction of Abt SRBI. 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/>

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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:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	3,338	2.0 percentage points
Republican	849	3.9 percentage points
Democrat	992	3.6 percentage points
Independent	1,307	3.1 percentage points
Registered voter	2,682	2.2 percentage points
Hispanic	302	6.5 percentage points
Registered voter	182	8.4 percentage points

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**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
FINAL TOPLINE
February 12-26, 2014
N=3,338**

SELECTED QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the next congressional elections that will be coming up about a year from now...

Q.B27 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

ASK IF 'OTHER' 'DON'T KNOW/REFUSED' (Q.B27=3,9):

Q.B27a As of TODAY, would you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,682]:

	<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election			
Feb 12-26, 2014	44	46	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	44	48	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	49	8
2012 Election			
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	47	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	48	8
2010 Election			
Oct 27-30, 2010	43	44	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	42	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	45	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	45	10
Mar 11-21, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
2008 Election			
June, 2008	37	52	11
2006 Election			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9
June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
2004 Election			
June, 2004	41	48	11
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10

Q.B27/B27a CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
1996 Election			
November, 1996	41	48	11
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Feb 12-26, 2014	23	30	41	3	1	2	17	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	22	30	41	3	1	3	16	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Yearly Totals								
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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	--	--	--	--	--

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
FINAL TOPLINE
February 27-March 16, 2014
N=3,335**

SELECTED QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

Q.C1 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 STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

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

QUESTIONS C116, C116a, C117, C128 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

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