

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**JUNE 2011 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**June 15-19, 2011**  
**N=1502**

**QUESTIONS 1-2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 9-15****QUESTIONS 7-8 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

Q.16 Do you think the space shuttle program has been a good investment for this country, or don't you think so?

	<u>Good investment</u>	<u>Not a good investment</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 15-19, 2011	55	36	9
<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : June, 1986 <sup>1</sup>	70	25	5
<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : February, 1986	73	19	8
<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : October, 1985	70	21	9
<i>NBC/AP</i> : November, 1982	69	21	10
<i>NBC/AP</i> : November, 1981	59	32	9
<i>NBC/AP</i> : October, 1981	60	30	10
<i>NBC/AP</i> : August, 1981	66	26	8

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Thinking about the space program more generally, how much does the U.S. space program contribute to **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? Does it contribute **[READ IN ORDER]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: How much does the U.S. space program contribute to [ITEM]]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Scientific advances that all Americans can use					
Jun 15-19, 2011	38	36	16	6	5
<i>CBS</i> : February, 2003 <sup>2</sup>	35	45	13	1	6
b. This country's national pride and patriotism					
Jun 15-19, 2011	34	34	20	8	5
<i>CBS</i> : February, 2003	54	31	9	2	4
c. Encouraging people's interest in science and technology					
Jun 15-19, 2011	39	35	17	5	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 In your view, is it essential or not essential that the United States continue to be a world leader in space exploration?

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58	Essential
38	Not essential
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 19-29, 36, 43-48, 52, 58-59, 62-71, 76**

<sup>1</sup> From 1981 to 1986, question read "Do you think the space shuttle program is a good investment..."

<sup>2</sup> In February 2003, CBS trend questions began "In your opinion, how much does the U.S. space program contribute to..."

**QUESTIONS 30-35, 37-42, 72-75, 77-83 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 49-51, 53-57, 60-61 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	34	32	4	*	4	13	13
May 25-30, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	15	17
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	25	32	37	3	*	3	17	16
Mar 8-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	17	15
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	16
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	31	39	3	*	2	16	16
Jan 5-9, 2011	27	32	35	4	*	2	15	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	25	33	34	5	1	2	13	14
Nov 4-7, 2010	26	30	37	4	*	2	17	13
Oct 27-30, 2010	25	34	31	6	1	4	13	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	25	31	36	4	*	3	16	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	24	32	39	2	*	2	15	17
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	33	34	4	*	3	14	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	27	34	34	3	1	2	15	15
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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	--	--	--	--	--