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JANUARY 2016 RELIGION AND POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 7-14, 2016
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RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2F2/Q.3F1**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 STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

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

See past presidents' approval trends: [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,012]:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-14, 2016	25	70	5				
Dec 8-13, 2015	25	72	3	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	69	4	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	64	4	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	December, 2008	13	83	4
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	August, 2008	21	74	5
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	June, 2008	19	76	5
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	March, 2008	22	72	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	October, 2007	28	66	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	February, 2007	30	61	9
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	December, 2006	28	65	7
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	July, 2006	30	65	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	March, 2006	32	63	5
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	January, 2006	34	61	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	February, 2005	38	56	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	January, 2005	40	54	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	December, 2004	39	54	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	July, 2004	38	55	7
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	May, 2004	33	61	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	December, 2003	44	47	9
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	October, 2003	38	56	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	January, 2003	44	50	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	September, 2002	41	55	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	May, 2002	44	44	12
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6				
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4				
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7				
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7				

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?"

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	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	January, 1997	38	58	4
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	July, 1996	29	67	4
June, 2001	43	52	5	March, 1996	28	70	2
March, 2001	47	45	8	October, 1995	23	73	4
February, 2001	46	43	11	June, 1995	25	73	2
January, 2001	55	41	4	April, 1995	23	74	3
October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7	July, 1994	24	73	3
September, 2000	51	41	8	March, 1994	24	71	5
June, 2000	47	45	8	October, 1993	22	73	5
April, 2000	48	43	9	September, 1993	20	75	5
August, 1999	56	39	5	May, 1993	22	71	7
January, 1999	53	41	6	January, 1993	39	50	11
November, 1998	46	44	10	January, 1992	28	68	4
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	November, 1991	34	61	5
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	August, 1990	47	48	5
February, 1998	59	37	4	May, 1990	41	54	5
January, 1998	46	50	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
September, 1997	45	49	6	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
August, 1997	49	46	5				

QUESTIONS 3, 8-9, 19-22, 25-28, 31-32, 36 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 4-7, 10-18, 23-24, 29-30, 33, 39-42****QUESTIONS 34-35, 37-38 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

On another subject,

- Q.43 I'd like to ask you about priorities for President Obama and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think each should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done. (First,) should **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about... **[INSERT ITEM]?** **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY TO BE SURE RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS SCALE: should this be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?]**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
SUMMARY TABLE						
o.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	75	22	2	1	1
g.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	75	20	4	1	1
p.F2	Improving the educational system	66	26	4	3	1
a.F1	Improving the job situation	64	29	5	1	1
q.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	62	31	5	1	1
f.F1	Reducing health care costs	61	29	5	4	1
u.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	58	34	5	2	1
c.F1	Reducing crime	58	33	6	2	1
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	56	33	6	2	3
r.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	54	36	8	1	1
m.F2	Dealing with the issue of immigration	51	35	10	3	1
t.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	49	29	14	7	1
e.F1	Protecting the environment	47	40	9	3	1
n.F2	Reforming the nation's tax system	45	39	10	2	4
s.F2	Reforming the criminal justice system	44	37	14	2	2
j.F1	Dealing with global climate change	38	32	17	10	2

Q.43 SUMMARY TABLE CONTINUED...

<u>SUMMARY TABLE</u>		Top	Important	Not too	Should not	(VOL.)
		priority	but lower	important	be done	DK/Ref
			priority			
i.F1	Dealing with gun policy	37	27	16	17	3
h.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	31	49	13	3	4

FULL TREND:

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=997]:		Top	Important	Not too	Should not	(VOL.)
		priority	but lower	important	be done	DK/Ref
			priority			

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=997]:

a.F1	Improving the job situation					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	64	29	5	1	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	67	28	3	1	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	74	21	1	2	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	79	16	2	3	1
	Jan 11-16, 2012	82	14	1	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	84	13	*	1	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	81	15	1	1	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	82	15	1	1	1
	January, 2008	61	31	4	2	2
	January, 2007	57	30	10	1	2
	January, 2006	65	28	4	1	2
	January, 2005	68	28	2	1	1
	January, 2004	67	28	3	1	1
	January, 2003	62	32	4	1	1
	January, 2002	67	27	4	1	1
	January, 2001	60	30	6	2	2
	January, 2000	41	35	16	4	4
	July, 1999	54	30	10	3	3
	January, 1999	50	34	10	2	4
	January, 1998	54	32	10	3	1
	January, 1997	66	26	5	2	1
	December, 1994	64	27	5	2	2

b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	56	33	6	2	3
	Jan 7-11, 2015	64	28	4	1	3
	Jan 15-19, 2014	63	27	5	1	4
	Jan 9-13, 2013	72	20	3	2	3
	Jan 11-16, 2012	69	21	5	2	3
	Jan 5-9, 2011	64	27	3	2	4
	Jan 6-10, 2010	60	29	5	2	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	53	33	7	2	4
	January, 2008	58	33	5	1	3
	January, 2007	53	34	7	2	4
	January, 2006	55	35	5	1	4
	January, 2005	56	34	5	2	3
	January, 2004	51	38	6	3	2
	January, 2003	40	44	11	2	3
	January, 2002	35	44	13	3	5
	January, 1997	60	30	5	2	3
	December, 1994	65	26	5	1	3

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

<i>Paying off the national debt</i>						
	January, 2001	54	32	8	2	4
	January, 2000	44	38	11	3	4
	July, 1999	45	41	10	2	2
	January, 1999	42	43	10	1	4
	January, 1998	46	40	9	3	2

Q.43 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
c.F1	Reducing crime					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	58	33	6	2	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	57	32	8	2	2
	Jan 15-19, 2014	55	35	7	2	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	55	33	9	2	1
	Jan 11-16, 2012	48	37	11	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	44	43	10	2	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	39	8	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	46	41	9	2	2
	January, 2008	54	36	7	1	2
	January, 2007	62	31	5	1	1
	January, 2006	62	29	6	1	2
	January, 2005	53	39	5	2	1
	January, 2004	53	34	9	2	2
	January, 2003	47	42	8	2	2
	January, 2002	53	39	6	*	2
	January, 2001	76	19	3	2	*
	January, 2000	69	24	4	1	2
	July, 1999	76	20	2	1	1
	January, 1999	70	24	3	1	2
	January, 1998	71	25	2	1	1
	January, 1997	70	25	3	2	*
	December, 1994	78	17	2	1	2

NO ITEM d

e.F1	Protecting the environment					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	47	40	9	3	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	51	37	9	2	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	49	40	7	3	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	52	33	10	3	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	43	39	15	3	*
	Jan 5-9, 2011	40	44	12	3	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	44	42	11	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	41	42	12	3	2
	January, 2008	56	34	8	1	1
	January, 2007	57	32	9	1	1
	January, 2006	57	35	6	1	1
	January, 2005	49	42	8	1	*
	January, 2004	49	40	10	1	*
	January, 2003	39	50	9	1	1
	January, 2002	44	42	12	1	1
	January, 2001	63	30	3	3	1
	January, 2000	54	37	6	2	1
	July, 1999	59	32	7	1	1
	January, 1999	52	39	7	1	1
	January, 1998	53	37	8	1	1
	January, 1997	54	35	8	2	1
f.F1	Reducing health care costs					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	61	29	5	4	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	64	26	4	5	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	59	31	4	6	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	63	26	4	5	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	60	30	4	5	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	61	28	4	4	2

Q.43 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 6-10, 2010	57	31	5	4	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	59	30	5	4	2
January, 2008	69	24	3	3	1
January, 2007	68	24	4	3	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2006	60	28	6	3	3
January, 2005	54	33	7	4	2
January, 2004	50	35	8	4	3
January, 2003	48	38	7	3	4
January, 2002	50	37	7	4	2
Early September, 2001	54	34	5	5	2
January, 2001	66	22	4	5	3
January, 2000	56	30	7	3	4
July, 1999	57	29	7	4	3
g.F1 Defending the country from future terrorist attacks					
Jan 7-14, 2016	75	20	4	1	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	76	19	4	1	*
Jan 15-19, 2014	73	23	3	1	*
Jan 9-13, 2013	71	22	5	1	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	69	25	5	1	*
Jan 5-9, 2011	73	22	3	1	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	80	17	2	*	1
Jan 7-11, 2009	76	18	3	1	2
January, 2008	74	22	2	*	2
January, 2007	80	16	2	1	1
January, 2006	80	18	1	*	1
January, 2005	75	21	2	1	1
January, 2004	78	18	2	1	1
January, 2003	81	16	2	1	0
January, 2002	83	15	1	*	1
h.F1 Dealing with global trade issues					
Jan 7-14, 2016	31	49	13	3	4
Jan 7-11, 2015	30	50	12	3	4
Jan 15-19, 2014	28	50	15	3	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	31	47	15	2	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	40	14	4	4
Jan 5-9, 2011	34	44	13	3	5
Jan 6-10, 2010	32	46	12	4	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	31	49	11	2	7
January, 2008	37	45	11	2	5
January, 2007	34	46	12	2	6
January, 2006	30	46	11	5	8
January, 2005	32	47	13	2	6
January, 2004	32	47	14	3	4
January, 2002	25	55	13	2	5
January, 2001	37	46	8	3	6
January, 2000	30	48	14	1	7
i.F1 Dealing with gun policy					
Jan 7-14, 2016	37	27	16	17	3
j.F1 Dealing with global climate change					
Jan 7-14, 2016	38	32	17	10	2

Q.43 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-11, 2015	34	33	17	13	3
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Dealing with global warming</i>					
Jan 7-11, 2015	38	29	17	14	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	29	31	20	15	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	28	36	18	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	25	35	20	16	4
Jan 5-9, 2011	26	35	21	14	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	28	36	20	14	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	30	37	19	10	4
January, 2008	35	38	15	7	5
January, 2007	38	34	16	8	4
NO ITEMS k, l					
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,012]:					
m.F2 Dealing with the issue of immigration					
Jan 7-14, 2016	51	35	10	3	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	52	34	8	4	2
Jan 15-19, 2014	40	40	14	5	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration</i>					
Jan 15-19, 2014	41	36	16	4	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	39	40	13	4	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	39	38	17	4	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	38	12	3	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	40	41	14	2	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	41	36	18	3	2
January, 2008	51	32	11	3	3
January, 2007	55	29	11	3	2
n.F2 Reforming the nation's tax system					
Jan 7-14, 2016	45	39	10	2	4
Jan 7-11, 2015	48	37	9	3	3
Jan 15-19, 2014	55	33	6	2	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	32	7	3	6
o.F2 Strengthening the nation's economy					
Jan 7-14, 2016	75	22	2	1	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	75	22	1	1	1
Jan 15-19, 2014	80	15	2	2	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	86	11	1	1	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	86	11	1	1	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	87	11	1	1	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	1	1
Jan 7-11, 2009	85	12	*	1	1
January, 2008	75	20	2	1	2
January, 2007	68	25	4	2	1
January, 2006	66	26	5	1	2
January, 2005	75	22	2	*	1
January, 2004	79	16	2	1	2
January, 2003	73	23	2	1	1
January, 2002	71	26	2	*	1
Early September, 2001 ²	80	18	1	*	1
January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1

² In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded: "Keeping the economy strong."

Q.43 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1
p.F2	Improving the educational system					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	66	26	4	3	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	67	27	3	3	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	69	24	3	2	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	70	22	4	2	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	65	27	4	3	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	66	26	5	2	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	65	28	4	2	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	61	30	5	2	2
	January, 2008	66	26	4	2	2
	January, 2007	69	25	4	1	1
	January, 2006	67	26	4	2	1
	January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1
	Mid-January, 2004	71	23	4	1	1
	January, 2003	62	31	4	1	2
	January, 2002	66	27	4	1	2
	Early September, 2001	76	19	3	1	1
	January, 2001	78	17	1	3	1
	January, 2000	77	18	3	1	1
	July, 1999	74	19	4	1	2
	January, 1999	74	22	2	1	1
	January, 1998	78	17	3	2	*
	January, 1997	75	20	3	2	*
q.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	62	31	5	1	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	66	27	4	1	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	66	28	4	1	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	70	24	2	1	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	68	26	2	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	66	26	4	1	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	66	28	3	2	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	63	31	3	1	2
	January, 2008	64	28	4	2	2
	January, 2007	64	28	5	2	1
	January, 2006	64	28	4	2	2
	January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1
	January, 2004	65	28	4	2	1
	January, 2003	59	34	4	1	2
	January, 2002	62	32	3	1	2
	Early September, 2001	74	22	2	1	1
	January, 2001	74	21	1	2	2
	January, 2000	69	27	2	1	1
	July, 1999	73	23	3	*	1
	January, 1999	71	24	3	1	1
	January, 1998	71	24	4	1	*
	January, 1997	75	20	2	2	1
r.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	54	36	8	1	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	55	35	7	2	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	49	39	8	2	2
	Jan 9-13, 2013	57	32	6	3	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	52	36	8	2	2

Q.43 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Jan 5-9, 2011	52	36	8	2	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	53	38	6	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	50	39	6	3	2
	January, 2008	51	37	7	2	3
	January, 2007	55	36	6	2	1
	January, 2006	55	36	6	1	2
	January, 2005	59	34	5	1	1
	January, 2004	50	42	6	1	1
	January, 2003	48	45	5	1	1
	January, 2002	44	46	7	2	1
	January, 2001	63	28	6	1	2
	January, 2000	55	38	4	1	2
	July, 1999	60	33	5	1	1
	January, 1999	57	37	4	1	1
	January, 1998	57	34	6	2	1
	January, 1997	57	35	6	2	2
s.F2	Reforming the criminal justice system					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	44	37	14	2	2
t.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	49	29	14	7	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	52	31	9	6	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	43	36	14	6	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	41	36	14	7	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	39	36	15	8	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	43	35	14	6	3
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	35	10	5	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	44	39	8	4	5
	January, 2008	42	38	12	5	3
	January, 2007	46	35	10	5	4
	January, 2006	42	36	13	6	3
	January, 2005	52	35	8	3	2
	January, 2004	48	31	15	5	1
	January, 2003	48	34	11	4	3
	January, 2002	52	37	7	2	2
	January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2
u.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound					
	Jan 7-14, 2016	58	34	5	2	1
	Jan 7-11, 2015	61	33	3	2	1
	Jan 15-19, 2014	61	30	6	2	2
	Jan 9-13, 2013	65	29	3	2	2
	Jan 11-16, 2012	61	31	5	1	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	61	31	4	2	3
	Jan 6-10, 2010	63	30	4	1	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	60	32	5	1	2
	January, 2008	60	33	4	1	2
	January, 2007	63	31	3	1	2
	January, 2006	62	30	4	2	2
	January, 2005	67	29	3	1	*
	January, 2004	62	32	4	1	1
	January, 2003	56	39	4	*	1
	January, 2002	55	38	5	1	1
	January, 2001	71	24	2	1	2
	January, 2000	64	30	3	1	2

Q.43 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
July, 1999	71	24	3	1	1
January, 1999	62	33	2	1	2
January, 1998	64	31	3	1	1
January, 1997	64	31	3	1	1

NO QUESTIONS 44-62, 64-71, 73**QUESTION 63 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 72, 74 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.75 If you were asked to use one of these commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in? The upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, lower-middle class, or lower class?

	<u>Upper class</u>	<u>Upper- middle class</u>	<u>Middle class</u>	<u>Lower- middle class</u>	<u>Lower class</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 7-14, 2016	3	14	51	22	9	2
Dec 8-13, 2015	2	14	41	31	11	1
Feb 18-22, 2015	1	11	47	29	10	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	13	44	28	12	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	2	15	49	25	7	2
Apr 4-15, 2012	1	11	47	27	11	2
Dec 7-11, 2011	1	15	46	25	11	2
Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT)	2	17	52	20	7	2
May 11-31, 2010 (SDT)	2	18	50	21	8	1
February, 2008 (SDT)	2	19	53	19	6	1

QUESTION 76-76A 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
Jan 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
Feb 18-22, 2015	24	31	38	4	1	1	18	17
Jan 7-11, 2015	21	30	44	3	1	1	19	18
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	--	--	--	--	--

QUESTIONS 77-78 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls
(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social and Demographic Trends
(GA)	Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Project
(RPL)	Pew Research Center Religion and Public Life

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
DECEMBER 2015 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
DECEMBER 8-13, 2015
N=1,500**

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**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 STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

ASK ALL:

- Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

FOR FULL TREND, SEE JANUARY 2016 TOPLINE Q.1, Q.2

NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 8-10**QUESTION 7 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

- Q.11 Next, please tell me whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied, on the whole, with the following aspects of your life: (First/Next) **[READ AND RANDOMIZE] [IF NECESSARY: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied?]**
REQUIRED PROBE: Would you say you are VERY (dis)satisfied or SOMEWHAT (dis)satisfied?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Does not apply (VOL.)	DK/Ref (VOL.)
a. Your family life						
Dec 8-13, 2015	74	17	4	3	--	3
Oct 27-Nov 24, 2014 (SDT)	72	18	4	4	1	2
Oct 7-27, 2013 (SDT)	73	18	4	2	1	2
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	72	17	5	4	1	2
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	69	20	5	3	*	2
Sep 1-15, 2011 (SDT)	67	22	5	4	--	3
Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT)	72	19	4	3	*	2
Oct 1-21, 2010 (SDT)	75	19	4	2	*	1
May 18-June 16, 2009 (GA)	66	24	5	2	--	2
Jun 16-Jul 16, 2008 (SDT)	69	22	4	2	1	2
May, 2007 ³ (RPL)	75	18	3	2	--	2
April, 2007 (GA)	65	24	6	4	--	1
October, 2005 (SDT)	72	19	4	3	1	1
September, 2002 (GA)	67	24	5	3	--	1
January, 1999	71	20	4	3	--	2
December, 1996	69	21	6	3	--	1
March, 1994	72	19	4	2	2	1
b. Your present housing situation						
Dec 8-13, 2015	60	25	8	6	--	1
Oct 27-Nov 24, 2014 (SDT)	58	24	8	7	*	2
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	60	26	7	7	*	1
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	57	28	8	6	0	1
Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT)	56	29	7	5	*	2
Feb 23-Mar 23, 2009 ⁴ (SDT)	56	30	8	4	*	2

³ In May, 2007, question read, "Next, please tell me how satisfied you are with the following things. (First/next), how satisfied are you with...your family life. **[READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat DIssatisfied, or very DIssatisfied?]**"

Q.11 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>Does not apply (VOL.)</u>	<u>DK/Ref (VOL.)</u>
October, 2005 (SDT)	63	25	6	5	*	1
January, 1999	61	28	6	4	--	1
December, 1996	56	31	7	5	--	1
c. Your education						
Dec 8-13, 2015	55	26	10	6	--	3
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	56	28	8	6	1	1
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	52	30	12	5	*	2
Mar 15-29, 2011 (SDT)	50	32	10	5	1	2

NO QUESTIONS 12-14, 17-19, 21**QUESTIONS 15-16, 20, 22-27 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

Q.28 Next, we'd like to ask you about how much help the federal government provides to some different groups. First, do you think the government does too much, not enough, or about the right amount for **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: does the government do too much, not enough, or about the right amount for ITEM?]**

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Not enough</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Older people				
Dec 8-13, 2015	3	66	28	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	6	60	32	3
b. Children				
Dec 8-13, 2015	7	59	30	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	8	57	31	4
c. Wealthy people				
Dec 8-13, 2015	61	9	24	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	64	8	22	6
d. Poor people				
Dec 8-13, 2015	16	59	21	4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	18	57	22	3
e. Middle class people				
Dec 8-13, 2015	6	62	29	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	7	58	31	4

NO QUESTION 29

⁴ In February, 2009 and earlier, the item was "your housing situation."

ASK ALL:

Q.30 As I read you some pairs of statements please 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 RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR] [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"]**

	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values	The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
a.				
	Dec 8-13, 2015	42	51	7
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	35	59	6
	Mar 13-17, 2013	43	52	6
	Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	39	52	9
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	38	49	13
	Jun 16-20, 2010	44	44	12
	November, 2007	50	40	10
	March, 2006	48	45	7
	December, 2004	40	50	10
	U.S. efforts to solve problems around the world usually end up <u>making things worse</u>		Problems in the world would be even worse <u>without U.S. involvement</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
b.				
	Dec 8-13, 2015	38	55	7
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	40	53	7
	Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism <u>around the world</u>		Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more <u>terrorism</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
c.				
	Dec 8-13, 2015	45	46	9
	Feb 18-22, 2015	47	46	7
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	57	7
	Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	38	52	10
	December, 2004	39	51	10
	Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work <u>hard</u>		Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success <u>for most people</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
d.				
	Dec 8-13, 2015	60	37	3
	Feb 18-22, 2015	64	33	2
	Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	65	32	3
	Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	60	38	3
	Dec 7-11, 2011	58	40	3
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	64	33	3
	March, 2006	64	33	3
	December, 2005	64	33	3
	December, 2004	68	28	4
	September, 2000	73	24	3
	August, 1999	74	23	3
	July, 1994	68	30	2

Q.30 CONTINUED...

e.	I'm generally satisfied with the way things are going for me financially	I'm not very satisfied with my financial situation	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Dec 8-13, 2015	57	43	1
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	51	47	1
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	47	51	2
October, 2006	59	40	1
December, 2005	56	42	2
December, 2004	59	39	2
September, 2000	59	39	2
August, 1999	64	34	2
October, 1996	57	41	2
April, 1996	57	42	1
July, 1994	56	43	1

QUESTION 31 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 32-39**

RANDOMIZE Q.40/Q.41 BLOCK WITH Q.42/Q.43 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.40 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 8-13, 2015	3	24	45	28	1
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	3	21	43	33	*
May 12-18, 2015	3	24	43	30	*
Feb 18-22, 2015	2	23	43	31	*
Jan 7-11, 2015	4	23	48	24	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	2	19	45	33	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ⁵	2	29	42	26	1

QUESTION 41 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

⁵ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

RANDOMIZE Q.40/Q.41 BLOCK WITH Q.42/Q.43 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your personal finances...

Q.42 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 8-13, 2015	8	35	39	17	1
May 12-18, 2015	8	35	37	19	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	7	35	37	21	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1

Q.42 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

QUESTIONS 43-45 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**QUESTIONS 46-47 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.48 Which of the following do you think Americans need to be considered as part of the middle class? Do they need **[INSERT ITEM]** to be considered part of the middle class, or not? **[READ IN ORDER]**
[IF NECESSARY: Do they need [INSERT ITEM] to be considered part of the middle class, or not?]

	<u>Yes, need</u>	<u>No, do not need</u>	(VOL.) <u>Not sure</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. To own a home				
Dec 8-13, 2015	41	57	1	1
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	45	53	1	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
<i>Time/CNN/Yankelovich</i>				
<i>Clancy Shulman⁶: December, 1991</i>	70	28	2	--
b. A secure job				
Dec 8-13, 2015	89	10	1	*
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	86	12	1	1
c. A college education				
Dec 8-13, 2015	30	69	1	*
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	37	61	1	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
<i>Time/CNN/Yankelovich</i>				
<i>Clancy Shulman: December, 1991</i>	46	53	1	--

NO ITEMS d-g**ASK FORM 1 [N=731]:**

h.F1 To be able to save money for the future				
Dec 8-13, 2015	86	12	1	1
<i>ABC News: Feb 26-Mar 2, 2010</i>	78	18	--	4

ASK FORM 2 [N=769]:

i.F2 The time and money to travel on vacation				
Dec 8-13, 2015	45	52	1	1

⁶ In December, 1991, this question was asked as a part of a different list of items, which included "homeownership," "Two or more cars," "A white collar job," "A college education" and "Stocks, bonds, or other investments." The items were asked in a similar order. "To own a home" was asked as "homeownership."

Q.48 CONTINUED...**TREND FOR COMPARISON:***Having enough money for vacation travel*

	Yes, <u>need</u>	No, do <u>not need</u>	(VOL.) <u>Not sure</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
ABC News: Feb 26-Mar 2, 2010	71	25	--	4

NO QUESTIONS 49-50, 52-58**QUESTION 51 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=731]:**

Q.59F1 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?

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) <u>Lots of some jobs, few of others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 8-13, 2015	41	53	3	4
May 12-18, 2015	40	53	4	3
Jan 7-11, 2015	36	57	3	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	58	4	5
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	62	4	5
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	27	65	4	4
Jun 12-16, 2013	29	64	3	4
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
U.S. News: August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News: May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News: January, 1992	12	79	6	3

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.60F2 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of good jobs available or are good jobs difficult to find?

Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u>		Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>	Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	July <u>2008</u>	June <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>
33	Plenty of GOOD jobs available	26	10	22	36	28
62	GOOD jobs are difficult to find	71	84	73	55	64
1	Lots of some jobs, few of others (VOL.)	1	2	1	3	3
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	4	6	5

ASK ALL:

Q.61 Do you think your family's income is going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

	Going up <u>faster</u>	Staying <u>about even</u>	Falling <u>behind</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 8-13, 2015	7	42	49	2
Jan 7-11, 2015	6	37	55	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	5	37	56	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	7	34	57	2
October, 2008	5	34	57	4
July, 2008	6	28	64	2
Early February, 2008	6	33	58	3
September, 2007	10	43	44	3
January, 2006	9	41	47	3
NBC/WSJ: June, 1996	9	38	50	3

RANDOMIZE Q.62 AND Q.63**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 In general, do you think the Republican Party favors the rich, favors the middle class or favors the poor?

	Favors <u>the rich</u>	Favors the <u>middle class</u>	Favors <u>the poor</u>	(VOL.) Favors none/ <u>all equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 8-13, 2015	62	26	2	4	5
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	63	23	3	5	6
Jan 24-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT)	59	21	3	4	13
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2003 ⁷	62	26	1	7	4
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: November, 1998	67	24	2	4	3
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: March, 1995 ⁸	68	24	2	3	3
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 1994	71	20	3	4	2

⁷ In Jan 2003 and Nov 1998 Gallup/CNN/USA Today trends, the question was worded: "Thinking in general, do you think...the Republican Party...generally favors the rich, favors the middle class, or favors the poor?"

⁸ In Mar 1995 and Oct 1994 Gallup/CNN/USA Today trends, the question was worded: "I'd like you to think about the Republican Party. For each of the following items, please tell me which position best applies to the Republican Party...Generally favors the rich, favors the middle class or favors the poor?"

RANDOMIZE Q.62 AND Q.63**ASK ALL:**

Q.63 In general, do you think the Democratic Party favors the rich, favors the middle class or favors the poor?

	Favors <u>the rich</u>	Favors the middle <u>class</u>	Favors <u>the poor</u>	(VOL.) Favors none/ <u>all equally</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 8-13, 2015	26	32	31	5	6
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	20	35	32	6	7
Jan 24-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT)	16	38	27	5	14
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2003 ⁹	19	42	27	5	7
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: November, 1998	20	43	28	4	5
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 1994 ¹⁰	29	36	28	4	3

NO QUESTIONS 64-68**QUESTIONS 69-70 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS E1-E3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK IF EMPLOYED (E.3=1,2) [N=922]:**

Q.71 How satisfied are you with your current job... **[READ]**?

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50	Very satisfied
39	Somewhat satisfied
8	Somewhat dissatisfied
3	Very dissatisfied
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	Completely <u>satisfied</u>	Mostly <u>satisfied</u>	Mostly <u>dissatisfied</u>	Completely <u>dissatisfied</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	30	56	10	3	1
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	36	49	10	5	1
May 11-31, 2010 (SDT)	32	54	7	4	2
Jul 20-Aug 2, 2009 (18+) (SDT)	30	60	7	2	1
Pew Internet: Mar 27- Apr 14, 2008 ¹¹	33	57	8	2	1
Jan 14-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT)	31	56	10	3	*
June, 2006 (SDT)	28	61	8	2	1
PSRA/US News & World Report: May, 1992	20	63	14	2	1
Gallup: July, 1989	28	61	8	3	*

NO QUESTIONS 72-80, 86-29**QUESTIONS 81-85 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

⁹ In Jan 2003 and Nov 1998 Gallup/CNN/USA Today trends, the question was worded: "Thinking in general, do you think...the Democratic Party...generally favors the rich, favors the middle class, or favors the poor?"

¹⁰ In the Oct 1994 Gallup/CNN/USA Today trend, the question was worded: "I'd like you to think about the Democratic. For each of the following items, please tell me which position best applies to the Democratic Party...Generally favors the rich, favors the middle class or favors the poor?"

¹¹ In March, 2008, the question read: "Now thinking about your job overall, would you say you are completely satisfied with your job overall, mostly satisfied, mostly dissatisfied or completely dissatisfied?"

ASK ALL:

Q.90 If you were asked to use one of these commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in? The upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, lower-middle class, or lower class?

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QUESTIONS 91-92 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?

FOR FULL TREND, SEE JANUARY 2016 TOPLINE PARTY/PARTYLN