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DECEMBER 2016 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 5, 2016
N=1,502**

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]**

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Dis- approve</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> | | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Dis- approve</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 | 58 | 37 | 5 | Feb 8-12, 2012 | 47 | 43 | 10 |
| Oct 20-25, 2016 | 54 | 42 | 5 | Jan 11-16, 2012 | 44 | 48 | 8 |
| Aug 9-16, 2016 | 53 | 42 | 5 | Dec 7-11, 2011 | 46 | 43 | 11 |
| Jun 15-26, 2016 | 50 | 44 | 7 | Nov 9-14, 2011 | 46 | 46 | 8 |
| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 48 | 47 | 5 | Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| Mar 17-26, 2016 | 51 | 44 | 6 | Aug 17-21, 2011 | 43 | 49 | 7 |
| Jan 7-14, 2016 | 46 | 48 | 6 | Jul 20-24, 2011 | 44 | 48 | 8 |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 46 | 49 | 4 | Jun 15-19, 2011 | 46 | 45 | 8 |
| Sep 22-27, 2015 | 46 | 48 | 5 | May 25-30, 2011 | 52 | 39 | 10 |
| Jul 14-20, 2015 | 48 | 45 | 7 | May 5-8, 2011 | 50 | 39 | 11 |
| May 12-18, 2015 | 46 | 48 | 6 | May 2, 2011 (WP) | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 46 | 47 | 7 | Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| Feb 18-22, 2015 | 48 | 46 | 5 | Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 47 | 48 | 5 | Feb 2-7, 2011 | 49 | 42 | 9 |
| Dec 3-7, 2014 (U) | 42 | 51 | 6 | Jan 5-9, 2011 | 46 | 44 | 10 |
| Nov 6-9, 2014 | 43 | 52 | 5 | Dec 1-5, 2010 | 45 | 43 | 13 |
| Oct 15-20, 2014 | 43 | 51 | 6 | Nov 4-7, 2010 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| Sep 2-9, 2014 | 42 | 50 | 8 | Oct 13-18, 2010 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| Aug 20-24, 2014 (U) | 42 | 50 | 8 | Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 44 | 49 | 6 | Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 47 | 41 | 12 |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 (U) | 44 | 50 | 7 | Jun 8-28, 2010 | 48 | 41 | 11 |
| Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014 | 44 | 49 | 7 | Jun 16-20, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Feb 14-23, 2014 | 44 | 48 | 8 | May 6-9, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) | 43 | 49 | 8 | Apr 21-26, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) | 45 | 49 | 6 | Apr 8-11, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 41 | 53 | 6 | Mar 10-14, 2010 | 46 | 43 | 12 |
| Oct 9-13, 2013 | 43 | 51 | 6 | Feb 3-9, 2010 | 49 | 39 | 12 |
| Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 44 | 49 | 8 | Jan 6-10, 2010 | 49 | 42 | 10 |
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 46 | 46 | 7 | Dec 9-13, 2009 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| Jun 12-16, 2013 | 49 | 43 | 7 | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 51 | 36 | 13 |
| May 1-5, 2013 | 51 | 43 | 6 | Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 52 | 36 | 12 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 47 | 46 | 8 | Sep 10-15, 2009 | 55 | 33 | 13 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) | 51 | 41 | 7 | Aug 20-27, 2009 | 52 | 37 | 12 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 52 | 40 | 7 | Aug 11-17, 2009 | 51 | 37 | 11 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 55 | 39 | 6 | Jul 22-26, 2009 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 50 | 43 | 7 | Jun 10-14, 2009 | 61 | 30 | 9 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 47 | 45 | 8 | Apr 14-21, 2009 | 63 | 26 | 11 |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 46 | 42 | 11 | Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 | 61 | 26 | 13 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 46 | 45 | 9 | Mar 9-12, 2009 | 59 | 26 | 15 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 50 | 41 | 9 | Feb 4-8, 2009 | 64 | 17 | 19 |

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

QUESTION 2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 3 THROUGH 10****ASK ALL:**

Q.11 How do you think President Barack Obama will go down in history... as an outstanding president, above average, average, below average, or poor?

| | | ----- Gallup ----- | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Bush | Clinton | Clinton | Bush | Reagan |
| Nov 30-Dec 5 | | December | January | February | January | January |
| <u>2016</u> | | <u>2008</u> | <u>2001</u> | <u>1999</u> | <u>1993</u> | <u>1989</u> |
| 18 | Outstanding | 3 | 12 | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| 28 | Above average | 8 | 32 | 29 | 30 | 42 |
| 26 | Average | 28 | 32 | 27 | 51 | 25 |
| 11 | Below average | 24 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 9 |
| 16 | Poor | 34 | 11 | 18 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.12F2 Thinking ahead, what do you think Barack Obama will be most remembered for after he has left office? **[OPEN END; ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES; PROBE FOR CLARITY BUT NOT FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES]**

Nov 30-Dec 5
2016

| | |
|-----------|--|
| 49 | DOMESTIC POLICY (NET) |
| 35 | ACA/Obamacare/health care |
| 7 | Economy/taxes/budget/trade |
| 2 | Gay marriage/women's rights/civil rights |
| 1 | Immigration |
| 1 | Race/racial issues |
| 1 | Military/veterans |
| 5 | Other domestic policy |
| 17 | FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT |
| 13 | POSITIVE ASSESSMENTS OF PRESIDENT OBAMA (NET) |
| 10 | Positive attributes (compassionate, intelligent, humble, dignity etc.) |
| 3 | Positive views of how he ran the country |
| 1 | Other positive assessments |
| 9 | FOREIGN POLICY (NET) |
| 1 | Cuba |
| 1 | Iran/Iran deal |
| 1 | ISIS/terrorism/national security |
| 2 | Killing Osama bin Laden |
| 5 | Other foreign policy |
| 6 | NEGATIVE ASSESSMENTS OF PRESIDENT OBAMA (NET) |
| 4 | Ran country poorly |
| 1 | Polarization/divisiveness |
| 1 | Other negative assessments |
| * | OTHER |
| 1 | NOTHING |
| 8 | DON'T KNOW/REFUSED |

Q.12 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

Thinking ahead, what do you think George W. Bush will be most remembered for after he has left office?

| | December <u>2008</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| WAR (NET) | 51 |
| War in Iraq | 29 |
| War/Wars (general mentions) | 20 |
| War in Afghanistan/Afghanistan | 2 |
| War on Terror/Dealing with terrorists | 1 |
| NEGATIVE ASSESSMENTS OF PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH (NET) | 17 |
| Stupid/Incompetent/Idiot | 2 |
| Ruining the country/Destroying America | 2 |
| Worst president | 2 |
| Bad speaker/vocabulary | 1 |
| Lying to the American people | 1 |
| Will be remembered for nothing | 1 |
| Other negative assessments | 8 |
| SEPTEMBER 11/FOREIGN POLICY (NET) | 13 |
| September 11/Handling of September 11 terrorist attacks | 9 |
| Keeping the country safe after September 11 | 3 |
| Other foreign policy | 1 |
| ECONOMIC ISSUES (NET) | 12 |
| The economy (general mentions) | 7 |
| Current economic crisis/mortgage crisis and related bailout/debts | 4 |
| Recession | 3 |
| Gas prices | 1 |
| POSITIVE ASSESSMENTS OF PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH (NET) | 4 |
| Hurricane Katrina/Handling of Hurricane Katrina | 1 |
| Other mentions with unclear/neutral tone | 4 |
| Don't know/Refused | 11 |

Q.12 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

Thinking ahead, what do you think Bill Clinton will be most remembered for after he has left office?

| | January <u>2001</u> | March <u>1998</u> |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| SCANDALS (NET) | 74 | 57 |
| Lewinsky/Impeachment | 43 | 6 |
| Other Personal/Sex Scandals | 18 | 38 |
| Scandals | 14 | 18 |
| Lack of integrity/morals | 1 | 1 |
| Corrupting/disgracing/cheapening the White House | * | 1 |
| Whitewater | * | 1 |
| ECONOMY/BUDGET DEFICIT (NET) | 14 | 14 |
| Economy (Sub-Net) | 13 | 11 |
| The economy/Good management of the economy | 12 | 9 |
| Decrease in unemployment | 1 | 3 |
| Stock market | * | * |
| Inflation | * | * |
| Balancing the budget/Handling the deficit/Decrease in national debt (Sub-Net) | 1 | 5 |
| FOREIGN POLICY (NET) | 6 | 4 |
| Middle East peace process | 2 | -- |
| Efforts for peace | 2 | -- |
| Improvements in foreign policy/world affairs | 1 | 1 |
| Iraq situation/No loss of life/Ensuring peace | * | 3 |
| OTHER POSITIVE COMMENTS (NET) | 5 | 8 |
| Good job he has done/Accomplishments | 2 | 6 |
| Good/Great president | 2 | -- |
| His concern for the common man/working people/poor/less fortunate | 1 | 2 |
| Good communicator | * | -- |
| OTHER NEGATIVE COMMENTS (NET) | 3 | 3 |
| Lying/Lack of honesty/Ability to spin the truth | 2 | 3 |
| Negative personal comment | 1 | -- |
| DOMESTIC POLICY (NET) | 1 | 5 |
| Don't Know/Can't think of anything | 3 | 13 |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=750]:

Q.13F1 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Obama Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

| | Accomplishments will <u>outweigh failures</u> | Failures will outweigh <u>accomplishments</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|----------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|
| Obama | | | |
| Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 | 49 | 44 | 8 |
| Jan 7-14, 2016 | 39 | 51 | 10 |
| Jan 7-11, 2015 | 44 | 50 | 7 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 | 39 | 47 | 14 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 46 | 39 | 15 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 43 | 44 | 12 |
| Bush | | | |
| December, 2008 | 24 | 64 | 12 |
| January, 2008 | 28 | 59 | 13 |
| January, 2007 | 31 | 53 | 16 |
| January, 2004 | 49 | 36 | 15 |
| Clinton | | | |
| January, 2001 | 60 | 27 | 13 |
| January, 2000 | 51 | 37 | 12 |
| August, 1999 | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| January, 1999 | 50 | 34 | 16 |
| Early September, 1998 | 52 | 35 | 13 |
| Reagan | | | |
| <i>Newsweek</i> : May 1987 | 46 | 41 | 13 |
| <i>Newsweek</i> Feb 1987 | 52 | 38 | 10 |

ASK ALL:

Q.14 Thinking about the major problems facing the country, would you say President Obama has made progress toward solving these problems, tried but failed to solve these problems, not addressed these problems, or made these problems even worse?

| | Bush | Clinton | Clinton | Clinton |
|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | December | January | Early- September | October |
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2001</u> | <u>1998</u> | <u>1995</u> |
| Nov 30-Dec 5 <u>2016</u> | | | | |
| 35 Made progress | 13 | 52 | 45 | 24 |
| 32 Tried but failed | 34 | 27 | 34 | 50 |
| 9 Not addressed | 12 | 9 | 9 | 11 |
| 21 Made worse | 37 | 6 | 9 | 12 |
| 3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 |

NO QUESTIONS 15-26, 28-34, 36-49

QUESTIONS 27, 35 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

Q.50 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

| | -----Favorable----- | | | -----Unfavorable----- | | | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |
|----------------------|---------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| | Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly | Never heard of | Can't rate/Ref |
| a. Barack Obama | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 | 64 | 34 | 30 | 34 | 18 | 17 | 0 | 2 |
| Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015 | 49 | 22 | 27 | 49 | 33 | 16 | * | 2 |
| Mar 25-29, 2015 | 51 | 18 | 33 | 46 | 27 | 19 | * | 3 |
| Dec 3-7, 2014 | 48 | 19 | 29 | 49 | 28 | 20 | 0 | 3 |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 50 | 19 | 32 | 48 | 30 | 18 | 0 | 2 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 | 51 | 19 | 32 | 45 | 24 | 22 | * | 4 |
| Oct 9-13, 2013 | 47 | 17 | 31 | 50 | 32 | 18 | * | 3 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 59 | 28 | 31 | 38 | 20 | 18 | * | 3 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 59 | 26 | 33 | 40 | 24 | 16 | * | 2 |
| Oct 4-7, 2012 | 50 | 24 | 26 | 45 | 26 | 19 | * | 5 |
| Sep 12-16, 2012 | 57 | 27 | 30 | 40 | 23 | 17 | * | 4 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 | 51 | 24 | 26 | 42 | 27 | 15 | 0 | 8 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 53 | 20 | 33 | 44 | 22 | 21 | 0 | 4 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 56 | 24 | 32 | 41 | 25 | 16 | * | 3 |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 54 | 22 | 32 | 42 | 26 | 16 | * | 5 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 51 | 23 | 28 | 45 | 24 | 21 | 0 | 4 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 52 | 21 | 31 | 45 | 24 | 21 | * | 3 |
| Mar 8-14, 2011 | 58 | 22 | 36 | 39 | 20 | 19 | * | 3 |
| Dec 2-5, 2010 | 54 | 26 | 29 | 43 | 25 | 18 | * | 2 |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 53 | 21 | 32 | 43 | 23 | 20 | * | 5 |
| Jun 10-13, 2010 | 56 | 27 | 30 | 39 | 20 | 19 | 0 | 4 |
| Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 | 65 | 33 | 32 | 30 | 16 | 14 | * | 5 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 72 | 37 | 35 | 25 | 11 | 14 | * | 3 |
| Apr 14-21, 2009 | 73 | 38 | 35 | 24 | 10 | 14 | * | 3 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 79 | 40 | 39 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 6 |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 66 | 33 | 33 | 28 | 13 | 15 | * | 6 |
| Late September, 2008 | 65 | 33 | 32 | 30 | 11 | 19 | * | 5 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 62 | 28 | 34 | 34 | 15 | 19 | * | 4 |
| Late May, 2008 | 51 | 23 | 28 | 40 | 21 | 19 | * | 9 |
| April, 2008 | 52 | 21 | 31 | 42 | 21 | 21 | * | 6 |
| March, 2008 | 56 | 21 | 35 | 34 | 18 | 16 | 1 | 9 |
| Late February, 2008 | 57 | 24 | 33 | 34 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 8 |
| Early February, 2008 | 58 | 19 | 39 | 30 | 13 | 17 | 2 | 10 |
| January, 2008 | 56 | 20 | 36 | 33 | 13 | 20 | 3 | 8 |
| Late December, 2007 | 54 | 16 | 38 | 30 | 12 | 18 | 5 | 11 |
| August, 2007 | 48 | 14 | 34 | 26 | 10 | 16 | 13 | 13 |
| b. Michelle Obama | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 | 72 | 46 | 25 | 22 | 9 | 13 | * | 6 |
| Dec 3-7, 2014 | 61 | 28 | 32 | 31 | 15 | 15 | * | 8 |
| Jul 8-14, 2014 | 62 | 29 | 33 | 30 | 14 | 16 | * | 8 |
| Jan 15-19, 2014 | 68 | 29 | 39 | 24 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 7 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 67 | 37 | 30 | 22 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| Sep 12-16, 2012 | 67 | 39 | 28 | 22 | 11 | 11 | * | 10 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 68 | 33 | 35 | 21 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 10 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 66 | 33 | 34 | 21 | 10 | 12 | * | 12 |

Q.50 CONTINUED...

| | -----Favorable----- | | | -----Unfavorable----- | | | (VOL.) | (VOL.) |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>Mostly</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>Mostly</u> | Never heard of | Can't rate/ Ref |
| Mar 8-14, 2011 | 69 | 30 | 39 | 21 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 9 |
| Dec 2-5, 2010 | 62 | 30 | 31 | 27 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 10 |
| Jun 10-13, 2010 | 69 | 31 | 38 | 22 | 9 | 12 | 1 | 9 |
| Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 | 71 | 33 | 38 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 11 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 76 | 36 | 39 | 14 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 9 |
| Apr 14-21, 2009 | 76 | 36 | 40 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 68 | 28 | 40 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 15 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 56 | 23 | 33 | 25 | 11 | 14 | 2 | 17 |
| Late May, 2008 | 43 | 14 | 29 | 21 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 32 |

QUESTIONS 50c-d, 68-71, 83, 86, 88, 89, 91-99, 101, 105-108, 115, 120, 124-126 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 51-67, 72-82, 84-85, 87, 90, 100, 102-104, 109-114, 116-119, 121-123

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 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>Republican</u> | <u>Democrat</u> | <u>Independent</u> | <u>No preference</u> | <u>Other party</u> | <u>DK/Ref</u> | <u>Rep</u> | <u>Dem</u> |
| Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 | 24 | 33 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 16 |
| Oct 20-25, 2016 | 26 | 33 | 36 | 3 | * | 2 | 15 | 17 |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 27 | 32 | 33 | 5 | * | 3 | 11 | 16 |
| Aug 9-16, 2016 | 27 | 32 | 35 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 16 |
| Jun 15-26, 2016 | 24 | 33 | 37 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 16 |
| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 25 | 32 | 37 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 17 |
| Mar 17-26, 2016 | 25 | 31 | 38 | 3 | * | 2 | 15 | 20 |
| Jan 7-14, 2016 | 24 | 30 | 38 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 17 |
| Dec 8-13, 2015 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 4 | * | 2 | 16 | 15 |
| 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 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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