

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
OCTOBER 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
OCTOBER 25-30, 2017  
N=1,504**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 10, 19-20 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 3-9, 11-18, 22-25****QUESTION 21 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.26 Compared with the past, would you say the U.S. is MORE respected by other countries these days, LESS respected by other countries, or AS respected as it has been in the past?

**ASK IF LESS RESPECTED (Q.26=2):**

Q.27 Do you think less respect for America is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?

	More <u>respected</u>	Less <u>respected</u>	<i>Major</i> <u>problem</u>	<i>Minor</i> <u>problem</u>	<i>Not a</i> <u>problem</u>	<i>DK/</i> <u>Ref</u>	As <u>in past</u>	<i>DK/</i> <u>Ref</u>
Oct 25-30, 2017	13	68	53	12	3	*	17	2
April 7-10, 2016	14	61	38	18	4	1	22	3
October 31-November 3, 2013	7	70	46	20	3	1	19	3
January 11-16, 2012	13	56	40	12	4	*	27	3
November 12-15, 2009	21	56	38	14	4	*	20	3
Mid-September, 2008 (RV)	5	70	48	19	2	1	22	3
May, 2008	7	71	56	11	3	1	18	4
August, 2006	7	65	48	14	2	1	23	5
Late October, 2005	9	66	43	18	4	1	21	4
July, 2004	10	67	43	19	4	1	20	3
May, 1987 <sup>1</sup>	19	55	--	--	--	--	23	3
Newsweek: January, 1984	27	36	--	--	--	--	29	8

**NO QUESTIONS 28-34, 49-53****QUESTIONS 35-48 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

Q.54 Now, I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well being of the United States? What about **[INSERT ITEM]? [AS NECESSARY READ THE ANSWER CHOICES AFTER THE FIRST TIME AND READ: "... to the well being of the United States?"]**

	Major <u>threat</u>	Minor <u>threat</u>	Not a <u>threat</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. China's power and influence				
Oct 25-30, 2017	46	40	11	3
Jan 4-9, 2017	52	36	9	3
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>China's emergence as a world power</i>				
Apr 12-19, 2016	50	34	12	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	49	34	13	4
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	33	14	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	54	31	11	4

<sup>1</sup> In May 1987 the question asked, "Compared to five years ago, would you say the U.S. is more respected by other countries, less respected by other countries, or as respected as it was five years ago by other countries?" In January 1984, the Newsweek question asked, "Compared to four years ago..."

## Q.54 CONTINUED...

	Major threat	Minor threat	Not a threat	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May, 2012 (C)	52	35	9	5
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	53	30	10	7
Jun 10-14, 2009	52	31	11	6
Jan 7-11, 2009	46	36	13	5
September, 2008	48	35	11	6
Late May, 2008	50	31	10	9
February, 2006	47	34	12	7
Late October, 2005	52	31	10	7
May, 2001	51	30	10	9
July, 1999	53	33	10	4
b. Russia's power and influence				
Oct 25-30, 2017	52	38	9	2
Jan 4-9, 2017	54	36	7	3
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>Tensions with Russia</i>				
Apr 12-19, 2016	42	45	9	4
<i>Growing authoritarianism in Russia</i>				
Dec 8-13, 2015	42	40	9	8
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	32	41	13	14
Late May, 2008	24	46	12	18
February, 2006	22	45	16	17
Late October, 2005	23	44	13	20
<i>Growing tension between Russia and its neighbors</i>				
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	53	35	8	5
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	44	9	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	37	48	8	7
September, 2008	44	41	10	5
<i>Political and economic instability in Russia</i>				
May, 2001	27	46	12	15
July, 1999	40	42	14	4
c. Global climate change				
Oct 25-30, 2017	59	24	15	1
Jan 4-9, 2017	52	32	14	2
Apr 12-19, 2016	53	30	15	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	49	30	17	4
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	48	30	20	3
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	45	30	20	4
May, 2012 (C)	45	32	19	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	36	15	5
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>Global environmental problems</i>				
May, 2001	53	32	6	9
d. The Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS				
Oct 25-30, 2017	68	26	4	1
Jan 4-9, 2017	79	17	3	1
Apr 12-19, 2016	80	16	3	2
Dec 8-13, 2015	83	13	3	2
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	67	21	5	6
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>Islamic extremist groups like al Qaeda</i>				
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	71	19	6	3
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	75	18	4	3
May, 2012 (C)	70	21	4	5

**Q.54 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Major threat</u>	<u>Minor threat</u>	<u>Not a threat</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	70	23	4	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	76	18	2	3
June 10-14, 2009	78	14	4	4
January 7-11, 2009	77	15	4	4
September, 2008	72	21	3	4
Late May, 2008	72	18	4	6
<b>e.</b> Cyberattacks from other countries				
Oct 25-30, 2017	72	23	3	2
Jan 4-9, 2017	71	24	3	2
Apr 12-19, 2016	72	22	3	3

**NO ITEM f**

<b>g.</b> North Korea's nuclear program				
Oct 25-30, 2017	75	21	3	1
Jan 4-9, 2017	64	27	7	2
Dec 8-13, 2015	59	29	9	3
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	57	30	9	4
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	67	24	6	3
May, 2012 (C)	69	22	5	5
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	69	23	3	5
June 10-14, 2009	72	19	5	5
January 7-11, 2009	53	32	8	7
September, 2008	55	33	7	5
Late May, 2008	55	32	7	6
February, 2006	60	27	6	7
Late October, 2005	66	24	4	6

**NO ITEM h**

<b>i.</b> Iran's nuclear program				
Oct 25-30, 2017	53	36	8	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	62	27	8	3
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	59	28	9	4
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	68	23	5	3
May, 2012 (C)	70	21	4	5
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	72	20	3	6
June 10-14, 2009	69	20	5	5
January 7-11, 2009	65	23	6	6
September, 2008	60	29	6	5
Late May, 2008	62	25	8	5
February, 2006	65	24	5	6
Late October, 2005	61	27	5	7

**ASK ALL:**

Q.55 Do you think that using military force against countries that may seriously threaten our country, but have not attacked us, can often be justified, sometimes be justified, rarely be justified, or never be justified?

Oct 25-30 2017		Oct 28- Nov 8 2009	Early Jan 2007	Late Oct 2005	Dec 2004	July 2004	Aug 2003	May 2003
12	Often justified	16	16	14	14	20	20	22
38	Sometimes justified	36	39	38	46	40	43	45
28	Rarely justified	24	24	27	21	22	19	17
20	Never justified	17	17	15	14	14	13	13
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	4	6	5	4	5	3

**NO QUESTIONS 56-57, 60-79, 83-90, 96-98****QUESTIONS 58-59, 92-95 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 80-82, 91 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.99 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria?

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 25-30, 2017	69	25	6
Apr 12-19, 2016	62	33	6
Dec 8-13, 2015	64	28	8
Jul 14-20, 2015	63	26	11
Feb 18-22, 2015	63	30	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	57	33	10
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
Sep 11-14, 2014 <sup>2</sup>	53	29	19
Aug 14-17, 2014 <sup>3</sup> (U)	54	31	15

**ASK ALL:**

Q.100 How well do you think the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria is going [READ IN ORDER]?

	Very well	Fairly well	Not too well	Not at all well	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 25-30, 2017	13	42	29	10	5
Oct 20-25, 2016	6	25	39	24	6
Apr 12-19, 2016	7	30	40	18	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	7	28	39	19	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	7	23	42	20	8
Feb 18-22, 2015	7	30	38	20	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	5	29	38	21	8

<sup>2</sup> In the September 11-14, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "As you may know, Barack Obama has announced a plan for a military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria, involving U.S. airstrikes and U.S. military training for opposition groups. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of this plan?"

<sup>3</sup> In the August 14-17, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. airstrikes against militants in Iraq in response to violence against civilians?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.101 Do you think the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria has **[RANDOMIZE: increased/decreased]** the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., **[RANDOMIZE: decreased/increased]** the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., or not made much difference?

		<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>	
Oct 25-30 2017		Sep 11-14 2014 <sup>4</sup>	
27	Increased chances of terrorist attacks in U.S.	34	
23	Decreased chances of terrorist attacks in U.S.	18	
46	Not make much difference	41	
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7	

**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
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	32	41	3	1	2	17	19
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
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
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
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

<sup>4</sup> In the September 11-14, 2014 survey, respondents were asked: "Do you think the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria will increase the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., decrease the chances of terrorist attacks in the U.S., or not make much difference?"

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED ...**

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

**QUESTION 102 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**


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(C)	Pew Research Global Attitudes/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

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