

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
 July 26-29, 2012 OMNI BUS
 POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE TOPLINE
 N=1,010
 VOTERS N=771

PEW.1-PEWWP.3 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS PEW.3-PEW.9

ASK ALL:

Next I'd like to ask about some things that have been in the news. Please answer as best you can. If you don't know the answer just tell me and we'll move to the next question.

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20

ASK ALL:

PEW.10 Which presidential candidate is PRO-LIFE, that is, supports restricting access to abortion in most cases? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST, WITH OPTIONS 3 AND 4 FOLLOWING IN ORDER]**

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<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>	
14	13	Obama
47	54	Romney (correct)
7	6	Both
9	9	Neither
23	18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20

ASK ALL:

PEW.11 Which presidential candidate supports allowing many illegal immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children to remain in the country? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST, WITH OPTIONS 3 AND 4 FOLLOWING IN ORDER]**

July 26-29, 2012

<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>	
63	66	Obama (correct)
2	1	Romney
9	10	Both
7	6	Neither
19	17	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20

ASK ALL:

PEW.12 Which presidential candidate opposes allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST, WITH OPTIONS 3 AND 4 FOLLOWING IN ORDER]**

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<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>	
15	12	Obama
54	60	Romney (correct)
4	3	Both
10	11	Neither
18	14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹ GP are numbers for general public, RV are numbers for registered voters. All trends are based on general public unless otherwise noted.

ASK ALL:

PEW.13 Which presidential candidate supports raising taxes on income over \$250,000? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST, WITH OPTIONS 3 AND 4 FOLLOWING IN ORDER]**

July 26-29, 2012			July 12-15
<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>		<u>2012</u>
61	68	Obama (correct)	58
8	7	Romney	7
7	6	Both	7
5	4	Neither	8
19	15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	20

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20**ASK ALL:**

PEW.14 Was Mitt Romney governor of **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

July 26-29, 2012			Jan 4-8
<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>		<u>2012</u>
53	60	Massachusetts (correct)	46
7	7	Utah	8
5	5	Michigan	5
4	3	Texas	6
30	25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	36

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20**ASK ALL:**

PEW.15 Mitt Romney was the CEO of which of these companies...? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>		
53	61	Bain Capital (correct)	
3	3	American Motors	
3	2	Google	
1	1	Sears	
39	34	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20**ASK ALL:**

PEW.16 Do you happen to know which candidate in the 2008 election – Barack Obama or John McCain – received the most votes in the state you now live in?

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<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>		
63	66	Obama	
12	11	McCain	
25	23	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20**ASK ALL:**

PEW.17 Who is the current vice president of the United States? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>		
79	85	Joe Biden (correct)	
4	3	Dick Cheney	
3	3	Hillary Clinton	
1	1	John Boehner	
12	8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	

TREND FOR COMPARISONWill you tell me who the Vice-President of the United States is? **[DO NOT READ]**

	-Dick/Richard Cheney-			----Al Gore----		-Dan Quayle-
	Feb <u>2007</u>	April <u>2002</u> ²	Mid-Nov <u>2001</u>	July <u>1994</u>	Feb <u>1994</u>	May <u>1989</u>
Yes, (correct)	69	61	67	65	70	74
Yes, names someone else	2	4	7	3	6	2
No, can't name the Vice President/DK/Ref	<u>29</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20**ASK ALL:**PEW.18 Does the Republican Party currently have a majority of seats in... **[READ IN ORDER]**

July 26-29, 2012			KN Sep 30- Oct 11	Oct 6-9 2011 ³	Mar 17-20 2011	Nov 11-14 2010
<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>		<u>2011</u> ³	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
34	40	The House of Representatives (correct)	43	37	38	46
10	10	The Senate	15	8	11	8
12	13	Both the House and Senate	21	14	18	14
8	7	Neither the House nor the Senate	10	8	6	5
35	30	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11	33	27	27

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20**ASK ALL:**PEW.19 Do you happen to know who is the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE?]**

July 26-29, 2012			Jul 1-5 <u>2010</u>	
<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>		<u>2010</u>	
34	39	John Roberts (correct)	28	John Roberts
1	1	Stephen Breyer	6	John Paul Stevens
12	12	William Rehnquist	8	Thurgood Marshall
3	3	Harry Reid	4	Harry Reid
51	45	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	53	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON*Hearst Corporation*

Oct 20-Nov 2

1986⁴

43	William Rehnquist
29	Warren Burger
7	Earl Warren
4	William Brennan, Jr.
16	DK/No answer

² From April 2002 through February 1994 the question was worded: "Can you tell me the name of the current Vice-President of the United States?" In May 1989 the question was worded: "Will you tell me who the Vice-President of the United States is?"

³ Sep 30-Oct 11, 2011 survey conducted online by Knowledge Networks. Surveys from 2011, question read: "Thinking about Congress, do Republicans currently have a majority in ...? For November 11-14, 2010, the question read: "When the new Congress convenes in January, will Republicans have a majority in..."

⁴ For October 20-November 2, 1986, the Hearst Corporation question read: "Who is the current Chief Justice of the United States: William Rehnquist, Warren Burger, Earl Warren or William Brennan, Jr.?"

RANDOMIZE PEW.10 THROUGH PEW.20**ASK ALL:**

PEW.20 What state did Barack Obama represent in the United States Senate, before he became president?
[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

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<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>	
69	75	Illinois (correct)
2	1	New York
1	1	Texas
9	7	Hawaii
19	16	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

PEW.21 What does the term "super PAC" refer to **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

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<u>GP</u>	<u>RV</u>	
40	47	A group able to accept unlimited political donations (correct)
4	3	Government clean-up projects at hazardous waste sites
9	9	A Congressional committee on the budget deficit
1	1	A popular video game for smartphones
46	39	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS PEW.22-PEW.23

PEW.24 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED