

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**  
**SEPTEMBER 2014 RELIGION & POLITICS SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**September 2-9, 2014**  
**N=2,002**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-8, 13-14, 15-16, 18-19, 35-39, 42, 47, 52, 53-54, 59, 61-64, 67-69, 78-81**  
**PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 9-12, 17, 20-34, 40-41, 43-46, 48-51, 55-58, 60, 65-66, 70-77**

**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
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
Jul 8-14, 2014	25	34	37	2	1	1	16	15
Apr 23-27, 2014	24	30	41	2	1	2	18	17
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	22	31	41	3	1	2	17	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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	--	--	--	--	--

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	12	50	2	1	--
Apr 23-27, 2014	33	11	54	1	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	11	50	1	1	--
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>1</sup>	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9

<sup>1</sup> In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

**TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

Q.82a Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

**ASK Q.83a IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82a IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82a=2):**

Q.83a Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to cut government spending] OR is it [not willing enough to cut government spending]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:**

a. Government spending

Sep 2-9

2014

35	Good job
60	Not a good job
8	Too willing to cut government spending
48	Not willing enough to cut government spending
4	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

Q.82b Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

**ASK Q.83b IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82b IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82b=2):**

Q.83b Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to put restrictions on abortion] OR is it [Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:**

b. Abortion

Sep 2-9

2014

44	Good job
45	Not a good job
19	Too willing to put restrictions on abortion
24	Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

Q.82c Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

**ASK Q.83c IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82c IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82c=2):**

Q.83c Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to accept same-sex marriage] OR is it [not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:**

c. Same-sex marriage

Sep 2-9

2014

34	Good job
53	Not a good job
22	Too willing to accept same-sex marriage
28	Not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage
4	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

Q.82d Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

**ASK Q.83d IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82d IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82d=2):**

Q.83d Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status] OR is it [not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:**

d. Illegal immigration

Sep 2-9

2014

37	Good job
56	Not a good job
33	Too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
18	Not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
5	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):**

Q.84a Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

**ASK Q.85a IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84a IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84a):**

Q.85a Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to cut government spending] OR is it [not willing enough to cut government spending]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:**

a. Government spending

Sep 2-9

2014

49	Good job
45	Not a good job
12	Too willing to cut government spending
30	Not willing enough to cut government spending
3	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):**

Q.84b Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

**ASK Q.85b IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84b IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84b):**

Q.85b Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to put restrictions on abortion] OR is it [Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:**

b. Abortion

Sep 2-9

2014

61	Good job
28	Not a good job
11	Too willing to put restrictions on abortion
16	Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):**

Q.84c Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

**ASK Q.85c IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84c IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84c):**

Q.85c Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to accept same-sex marriage] OR is it [not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:**

c. Same-sex marriage

Sep 2-9

2014

62	Good job
28	Not a good job
15	Too willing to accept same-sex marriage
12	Not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):**

Q.84d Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

**ASK Q.85d IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84d IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84d):**

Q.85d Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status] OR is it [not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:**

d. Illegal immigration

Sep 2-9

2014

47	Good job
44	Not a good job
21	Too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
20	Not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**QUESTION SCALE10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 86-87 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**