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Economy*

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Barack Obama has had a difficult year since his reelection victory. His overall job rating stands at 41%, down 14 points since last December. A majority (53%) now disapproves of the way he is handling his job as president.

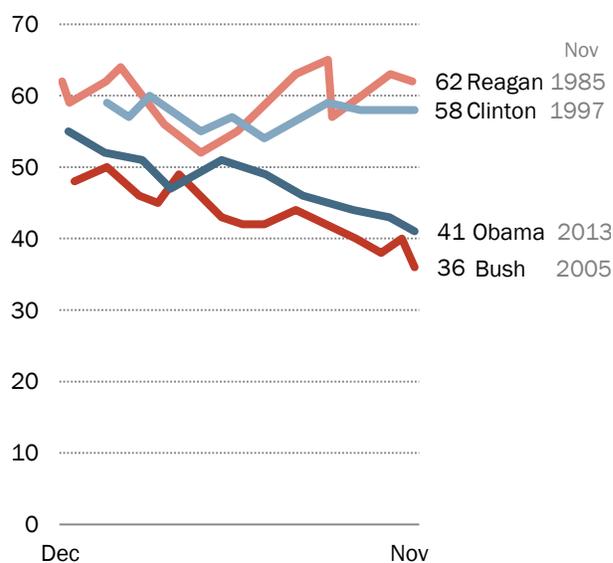
The latest national poll by the Pew Research Center, conducted Oct. 30-Nov. 6 among 2,003 adults, finds that Obama's second-term job ratings have followed a similar downward trajectory as those of his predecessor, George W. Bush. [A year after his reelection](#), 36% approved of Bush's job performance, down from 48% in December 2004.

In contrast, the two prior presidents who won reelection – Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan – enjoyed positive ratings over the course of the next year. At comparable points in their fifth year in office, 58% approved of Clinton's job performance while Reagan's job rating stood at 62%.

The new survey finds that majorities disapprove of the way Obama is handling four of five issues tested, with terrorism the lone exception (51% approve, 44% disapprove). For every issue, including terrorism, his ratings are lower than they were earlier this year.

Second-Term Presidential Job Approval

Presidential approval in year following reelection



Source: Pew Research Center Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2013.
Reagan approval data from Gallup.

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Obama's job ratings on the economy have been more negative than positive for more than four years, but the current measure is the worst of his presidency. Just 31% approve of the way Obama is handling the economy, while 65% disapprove.

Only about one-in-five independents (21%) give Obama positive marks on the economy, while 75% disapprove. About a third of Democrats (34%) disapprove of the way Obama is handling the economy (64% approve).

Obama also gets negative ratings on health care policy (37% approve, 59% disapprove). In January, views of Obama's handling of health care policy were mixed (45% approved, 47% disapproved).

The administration has come under intense criticism for [the flawed roll-out](#) of the

Affordable Care Act. [In a recent interview with NBC News](#), Obama apologized to those who have lost their health insurance under the law, despite his assurances that they would be able to stay on their plans.

Only about a third of the public (32%) approves of the job Obama is doing on immigration policy; 60% disapprove. Obama's ratings for this issue among Democrats are mixed: About half (53%) approve of his handling of the issue while 42% disapprove.

Obama Approval on Economy: 31%, Health Care: 37%

| | | Jan | Feb | June | Sept | Nov |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| | | % | % | % | % | % |
| Health care policy | Approve | 45 | -- | -- | 41 | 37 |
| | Disapprove | 47 | -- | -- | 53 | 59 |
| The economy | Approve | -- | 40 | 44 | 43 | 31 |
| | Disapprove | -- | 56 | 50 | 52 | 65 |
| Immigration policy | Approve | -- | 44 | 43 | -- | 32 |
| | Disapprove | -- | 43 | 47 | -- | 60 |
| The threat of terrorism | Approve | 65 | -- | 56 | -- | 51 |
| | Disapprove | 28 | -- | 35 | -- | 44 |
| Foreign policy | Approve | 46 | -- | -- | 33 | 34 |
| | Disapprove | 45 | -- | -- | 57 | 56 |
| Overall job approval | Approve | 52 | 51 | 49 | 44 | 41 |
| | Disapprove | 40 | 41 | 43 | 49 | 53 |

Source: Pew Research Center Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2013.

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Obama Job Ratings: 2009-2013

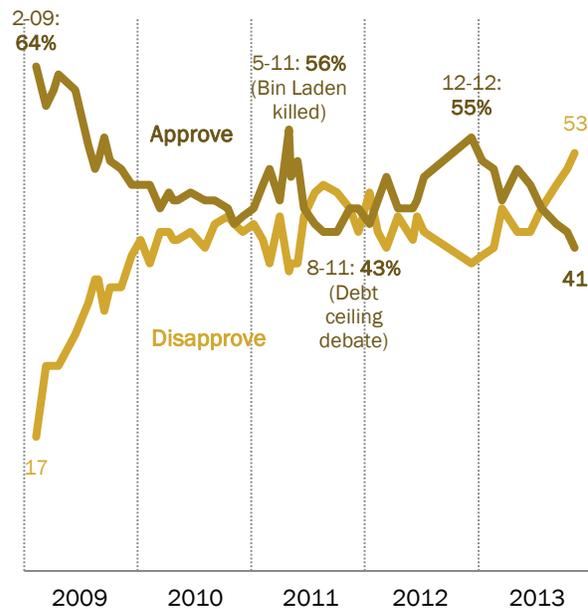
Obama's approval ratings fluctuated during the early part of this year. But since May, when 51% approved of his job performance, his ratings have moved steadily downward – to 46% in July, 43% in October and 41% this month. (For a breakdown of Obama's job approval ratings, [see detailed tables](#)).

While Obama's overall marks have changed little over the past month, the 12-point difference between disapproval (53%) and approval (41%) is the largest of his presidency.

Since Obama's first year in office, his job rating has been above 50% on only a handful of occasions. His rating last December (55% approve, 39% disapprove) was his highest since September 2009 (55% approve, 33% disapprove), with the exception of a brief spike after the killing of Osama bin Laden in May 2011 (56% approve, 38% disapprove).

Obama Approval Falls to New Low

Approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?



Source: Pew Research Center Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2013.

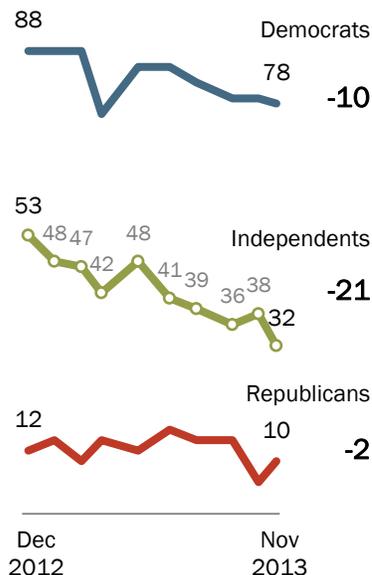
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Since December 2012, Obama has lost the most ground among independents: Currently, only 32% of independents approve of his job performance while 61% disapprove. In December, 53% approved and 39% disapproved.

Obama's current rating among independents is only slightly higher than Bush's in November 2005 (29% approved). Like Bush, Obama retains broad support among members of his own party, though the share of Democrats who give him a positive jobs rating has fallen 10 points over the past year (from 88% to 78%). Obama's job rating among Republicans, extremely low last December (12%), has changed little since then.

Independents Sour on Obama in 2nd Term

Job approval by party



Source: Pew Research Center Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 2013.

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About the Survey

The survey was conducted by telephone October 30–November 6, 2013 among a national sample of 2,003 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (1,001 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,002 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 524 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

| Group | Unweighted sample size | Plus or minus... |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total sample | 2,003 | 2.5 percentage points |
| Form 1 | 1,007 | 3.6 percentage points |
| Form 2 | 996 | 3.6 percentage points |
| Republican | 530 | 5.0 percentage points |
| Democrat | 607 | 4.6 percentage points |
| Independent | 746 | 4.2 percentage points |

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL TABLE*Pew Research Center, Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013*

Q2: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handing his job as president?

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> | <u>N</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| | % | % | % | |
| TOTAL | 41 | 53 | 6 | 2003 |
| SEX | | | | |
| Men | 40 | 55 | 6 | 1005 |
| Women | 43 | 52 | 6 | 998 |
| AGE | | | | |
| 18-49 | 43 | 51 | 6 | 801 |
| 50+ | 39 | 56 | 5 | 1164 |
| DETAILED AGE | | | | |
| 18-29 | 48 | 44 | 8 | 285 |
| 30-49 | 40 | 55 | 5 | 516 |
| 50-64 | 40 | 55 | 5 | 636 |
| 65+ | 38 | 57 | 5 | 528 |
| GENDER BY AGE | | | | |
| Men 18-49 | 40 | 54 | 6 | 433 |
| Men 50+ | 39 | 56 | 4 | 554 |
| Women 18-49 | 46 | 48 | 6 | 368 |
| Women 50+ | 39 | 55 | 5 | 610 |
| RACE | | | | |
| White, non-Hispanic | 31 | 65 | 5 | 1460 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 82 | 12 | 6 | 195 |
| Hispanic | 60 | 32 | 8 | 186 |
| EDUCATION | | | | |
| College grad+ | 43 | 53 | 5 | 849 |
| Some college | 39 | 55 | 6 | 492 |
| High school or less | 42 | 52 | 6 | 651 |
| FAMILY INCOME | | | | |
| \$75,000+ | 38 | 57 | 5 | 629 |
| \$30,000-\$74,999 | 40 | 55 | 5 | 610 |
| Less than \$30,000 | 47 | 47 | 6 | 511 |
| RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE | | | | |
| Total Protestants | 36 | 61 | 3 | 967 |
| White NH evang. Prot. | 15 | 83 | 1 | 391 |
| White NH mainline Prot. | 33 | 64 | 3 | 337 |
| Total Catholic | 46 | 48 | 6 | 425 |
| White NH Cath. | 29 | 66 | 5 | 280 |
| Unaffiliated | 47 | 45 | 8 | 404 |
| ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES | | | | |
| Weekly or more | 35 | 61 | 4 | 729 |
| Less than weekly | 44 | 49 | 6 | 1244 |
| REGION | | | | |
| Northeast | 53 | 42 | 5 | 333 |
| Midwest | 37 | 57 | 7 | 457 |
| South | 39 | 56 | 5 | 725 |
| West | 40 | 55 | 6 | 488 |

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL TABLE (CONT.)*Pew Research Center, Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013*

Q2: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handing his job as president?

| | <u>Approve</u> % | <u>Disapprove</u> % | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> % | <u>N</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| REGISTERED VOTER | | | | |
| Yes, certain | 39 | 56 | 5 | 1605 |
| Not registered | 47 | 45 | 9 | 398 |
| PARTY ID | | | | |
| Republican | 10 | 88 | 2 | 530 |
| Democrat | 78 | 17 | 5 | 607 |
| Independent | 32 | 61 | 7 | 746 |
| PARTY WITH LEANERS | | | | |
| Rep/Lean Rep | 10 | 87 | 3 | 876 |
| Dem/Lean Dem | 72 | 22 | 6 | 869 |
| IDEOLOGY | | | | |
| Conservative | 22 | 75 | 3 | 818 |
| Moderate | 48 | 45 | 7 | 711 |
| Liberal | 68 | 27 | 5 | 396 |
| PARTY AND IDEOLOGY | | | | |
| Conservative Republican | 7 | 92 | 2 | 393 |
| Mod/Lib Republican | 17 | 82 | 2 | 128 |
| Mod/Cons Democrat | 72 | 22 | 6 | 335 |
| Liberal Democrat | 87 | 10 | 3 | 256 |
| AMONG WHITES | | | | |
| Men | 30 | 65 | 5 | 729 |
| Women | 31 | 64 | 5 | 731 |
| 18-49 | 28 | 66 | 5 | 508 |
| 50+ | 33 | 63 | 4 | 930 |
| College grad+ | 38 | 59 | 3 | 675 |
| Some college or less | 27 | 67 | 6 | 780 |
| Male college grad+ | 35 | 63 | 3 | 351 |
| Female college grad+ | 41 | 56 | 3 | 324 |
| Male some college or less | 28 | 66 | 6 | 376 |
| Female some college or less | 27 | 68 | 6 | 404 |
| \$75,000+ | 32 | 65 | 3 | 508 |
| \$30,000-\$74,999 | 31 | 64 | 4 | 465 |
| Less than \$30,000 | 28 | 65 | 7 | 302 |
| Republican | 6 | 93 | 1 | 468 |
| Democrat | 72 | 23 | 5 | 356 |
| Independent | 27 | 66 | 7 | 563 |
| Northeast | 42 | 54 | 4 | 248 |
| Midwest | 29 | 65 | 6 | 363 |
| South | 24 | 71 | 4 | 504 |
| West | 32 | 63 | 5 | 345 |

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QUESTION 1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2****ASK ALL:**

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

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

**QUESTIONS 3-5, 12 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 6-11**

ASK ALL:

Thinking about some issues...

Q.13 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]?** **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

| | | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,007]: | | | | |
| a.F1 | Health care policy | | | |
| | Obama | | | |
| | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 37 | 59 | 3 |
| | Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 41 | 53 | 6 |
| | Jan 6-9, 2011 | 45 | 47 | 8 |
| | Jun 16-20, 2010 | 42 | 50 | 7 |
| | Apr 21-26, 2010 | 40 | 51 | 9 |
| | Mar 10-14, 2010 | 39 | 52 | 9 |
| | Jan 6-10, 2010 | 38 | 52 | 10 |
| | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 43 | 47 | 10 |
| | July 22-26, 2009 | 42 | 43 | 14 |
| | April 14-21, 2009 | 51 | 26 | 23 |
| | G.W. Bush | | | |
| | August, 2006 | 31 | 54 | 15 |
| | March, 2006 | 26 | 57 | 17 |
| | February, 2006 | 28 | 57 | 15 |
| | February, 2005 | 36 | 51 | 13 |
| | Gallup: November, 2004 | 37 | 57 | 6 |
| | Gallup: January, 2004 | 43 | 49 | 8 |
| | September, 2003 | 33 | 46 | 21 |
| | Gallup: January, 2003 | 41 | 44 | 15 |
| | June, 2002 | 37 | 46 | 17 |
| | Clinton | | | |
| | July, 1994 | 39 | 54 | 7 |
| | Bush, Sr | | | |
| | May, 1990 ¹ | 30 | 59 | 11 |
| b.F1 | The threat of terrorism | | | |
| | Obama | | | |
| | Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 51 | 44 | 5 |
| | Jun 12-16, 2013 | 56 | 35 | 9 |
| | Jan 11-16, 2012 | 65 | 28 | 7 |
| | Aug 17-21, 2011 | 56 | 33 | 12 |
| | May 2, 2011 | 69 | 21 | 10 |
| | Jan 6-9, 2011 | 55 | 33 | 12 |
| | May 6-9, 2010 ² | 49 | 37 | 13 |
| | Jan 6-10, 2010 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 52 | 34 | 14 |
| | April 14-21, 2009 | 57 | 26 | 17 |
| | February 4-8, 2009 | 50 | 21 | 29 |
| | G.W. Bush | | | |
| | April, 2007 | 46 | 43 | 11 |
| | December, 2006 | 48 | 44 | 8 |
| | August, 2006 | 50 | 39 | 11 |
| | June, 2006 | 47 | 41 | 12 |
| | March, 2006 | 42 | 49 | 9 |
| | February, 2006 | 53 | 40 | 7 |
| | December, 2005 | 49 | 44 | 7 |
| | Late October, 2005 | 52 | 40 | 8 |
| | Early September, 2005 | 49 | 41 | 10 |

¹ In May 1990, the question asked about "health care."

² In May 6-9, 2010, Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009, April, 2007 and earlier, the item was worded "terrorist threats."

| July, 2005 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Q.13 CONTINUED... | | | |
| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
| Mid-May, 2005 | 57 | 35 | 8 |
| February, 2005 | 59 | 34 | 7 |
| January, 2005 | 62 | 33 | 5 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| Early September, 2004 | 62 | 32 | 6 |
| August, 2004 | 58 | 37 | 5 |
| July, 2004 | 54 | 40 | 6 |
| June, 2004 | 56 | 35 | 9 |
| Late April, 2004 | 55 | 36 | 9 |
| Early April, 2004 | 53 | 38 | 9 |
| Gallup: December, 2003 | 65 | 33 | 2 |
| September, 2003 | 64 | 28 | 8 |
| February, 2003 | 67 | 25 | 8 |
| January, 2003 | 69 | 23 | 8 |
| Early October, 2002 | 71 | 22 | 7 |
| June, 2002 | 74 | 18 | 8 |
| Mid-September, 2001 ³ | 85 | 6 | 9 |
| Clinton | | | |
| Early September, 1998 | 72 | 20 | 8 |

ITEMS c.F1-f.F1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=996]:**

g.F2 The economy

Obama

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 31 | 65 | 3 |
| Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 43 | 52 | 5 |
| Jun 12-16, 2013 | 44 | 50 | 5 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) | 40 | 56 | 4 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 43 | 53 | 4 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 38 | 59 | 4 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 35 | 58 | 6 |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 34 | 60 | 6 |
| May 2, 2011 | 40 | 55 | 4 |
| Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 39 | 56 | 6 |
| Jan 6-9, 2011 | 42 | 51 | 7 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 43 | 51 | 5 |
| May 6-9, 2010 | 41 | 51 | 8 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010 | 38 | 54 | 8 |
| Mar 10-14, 2010 | 41 | 52 | 7 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 42 | 51 | 7 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 42 | 52 | 5 |
| Jul 22-26, 2009 | 38 | 53 | 9 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 52 | 40 | 8 |
| Apr 14-21, 2009 | 60 | 33 | 7 |
| Feb 4-8, 2009 | 56 | 24 | 20 |

G.W. Bush

| | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| April, 2007 | 38 | 52 | 10 |
| December, 2006 | 39 | 53 | 8 |
| August, 2006 | 33 | 59 | 8 |
| June, 2006 | 33 | 57 | 10 |
| March, 2006 | 34 | 57 | 9 |
| February, 2006 | 38 | 55 | 7 |

³

In Mid-September, 2001 the question was worded: "...dealing with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington." In Early September 1998 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling current threats from international terrorist groups?"

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|---|
| December, 2005 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
| Late October, 2005 | 36 | 56 | 8 |

Q.13 CONTINUED...

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Early September, 2005 | 33 | 60 | 7 |
| July, 2005 | 38 | 53 | 9 |
| Mid-May, 2005 | 35 | 57 | 8 |
| February, 2005 | 43 | 50 | 7 |
| January, 2005 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
| Early September, 2004 | 44 | 49 | 7 |
| August, 2004 | 42 | 52 | 6 |
| July, 2004 | 42 | 52 | 6 |
| June, 2004 | 43 | 50 | 7 |
| Early April, 2004 | 39 | 53 | 8 |
| Mid-January, 2004 | 47 | 47 | 6 |
| September, 2003 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| February, 2003 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| January, 2003 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| Early October, 2002 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| June, 2002 | 53 | 36 | 11 |
| January, 2002 | 60 | 28 | 12 |
| Early September, 2001 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| February, 2001 | 50 | 22 | 28 |
| Clinton | | | |
| January, 1996 | 50 | 42 | 8 |
| June, 1995 | 46 | 46 | 8 |
| October, 1994 ⁴ | 45 | 46 | 9 |
| July, 1994 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| Bush, Sr | | | |
| August, 1992 | 40 | 52 | 8 |
| May, 1990 | 42 | 47 | 11 |

ITEM h.F2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

i.F2 The nation's foreign policy

| Obama | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 34 | 56 | 10 |
| Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) | 33 | 57 | 11 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 46 | 45 | 10 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 46 | 40 | 13 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 45 | 40 | 15 |
| Mar 10-14, 2010 | 42 | 40 | 18 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 44 | 40 | 16 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 44 | 38 | 18 |
| July 22-26, 2009 | 47 | 32 | 21 |
| June 10-14, 2009 | 57 | 31 | 12 |
| April 14-21, 2009 | 61 | 22 | 17 |
| February 4-8, 2009 | 52 | 17 | 31 |
| G.W. Bush | | | |
| April, 2007 | 30 | 55 | 15 |
| December, 2006 | 30 | 59 | 11 |
| August, 2006 | 37 | 49 | 14 |
| June, 2006 | 37 | 51 | 12 |
| Late October, 2005 | 36 | 51 | 13 |
| July, 2005 | 36 | 49 | 15 |
| Mid-May, 2005 | 38 | 46 | 16 |
| February, 2005 | 43 | 46 | 11 |

⁴ Item wording in October, 1994 and in previous surveys was "Economic conditions in this country."

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|
| January, 2005 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 37 | 49 | 14 |
| Early September, 2004 | 47 | 42 | 11 |

Q.13 CONTINUED...

| | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| August, 2004 | 42 | 49 | 9 |
| July, 2004 | 40 | 48 | 12 |
| Mid-January, 2004 | 53 | 36 | 11 |
| March, 2003 | 53 | 36 | 11 |
| Early April, 2002 | 69 | 20 | 11 |
| <i>Gallup</i> : October, 2001 | 81 | 14 | 5 |
| Early September, 2001 | 46 | 34 | 20 |
| August, 2001 ⁵ | 45 | 32 | 23 |
| June, 1999 | 52 | 37 | 11 |
| Clinton | | | |
| May, 1999 | 46 | 43 | 11 |
| April, 1999 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| March, 1999 | 56 | 34 | 10 |
| September, 1998 | 61 | 30 | 9 |
| September, 1997 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| January, 1996 | 52 | 39 | 9 |
| June, 1995 | 39 | 52 | 9 |
| October, 1994 | 50 | 42 | 8 |
| July, 1994 | 38 | 53 | 9 |
| October, 1993 | 39 | 46 | 15 |
| September, 1993 | 47 | 33 | 20 |
| August, 1993 | 52 | 25 | 23 |
| <i>Newsweek</i> : | | | |
| June 30-July 1, 1993 | 49 | 35 | 16 |
| Bush, Sr | | | |
| May, 1990 | 58 | 30 | 12 |

j.F2 The nation's immigration policy

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|
| Obama | | | |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 | 32 | 60 | 7 |
| Jun 12-16, 2013 | 43 | 47 | 11 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) | 44 | 43 | 13 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 32 | 49 | 20 |
| Jan 6-9, 2011 | 35 | 50 | 16 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 33 | 54 | 12 |
| May 6-9, 2010 | 25 | 54 | 21 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010 | 29 | 47 | 24 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 30 | 50 | 21 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 31 | 48 | 21 |
| G.W. Bush | | | |
| April, 2007 | 26 | 59 | 15 |
| June, 2006 | 32 | 52 | 16 |
| April, 2006 | 25 | 62 | 13 |
| February, 2006 | 23 | 57 | 20 |
| Late October, 2005 | 24 | 54 | 22 |

ITEMS k.F2-I.F2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUESTIONS 14-20, 23-26 28-29, 31-34, 40-44, 46-48, Q49a.F2-b.F2, 49d.F2-f.F2, 50-59 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ITEM 49c.F2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 21-22, 27, 30, 35-39, 45

⁵ In August 2001 roughly half of the U.S. sample was asked about George W. Bush's handling of international policy, while the other half was asked about the handling of the nation's foreign policy. Results did not differ between question wordings and are combined.

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?

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|----------------------|------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|------|------|
| | Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference | Other party | DK/Ref | Rep | Dem |
| 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 |
| Jul 17-21, 2013 | 19 | 29 | 46 | 3 | * | 2 | 19 | 18 |
| Jun 12-16, 2013 | 23 | 33 | 39 | 3 | * | 2 | 17 | 15 |
| May 1-5, 2013 | 25 | 32 | 37 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 16 |
| Mar 13-17, 2013 | 26 | 33 | 34 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 15 |
| Feb 13-18, 2013 | 22 | 32 | 41 | 2 | * | 2 | 15 | 19 |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 25 | 32 | 38 | 2 | * | 2 | 15 | 16 |
| Dec 17-19, 2012 | 21 | 32 | 38 | 4 | * | 4 | 15 | 14 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 23 | 33 | 38 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 19 |
| Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 | 26 | 34 | 34 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 16 |
| Oct 24-28, 2012 | 28 | 33 | 33 | 4 | * | 2 | 12 | 16 |
| Yearly Totals | | | | | | | | |
| 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=876]:

| | Agree | Disagree | No opinion either way | (VOL.) Haven't heard of | (VOL.) Refused | Not heard of/ DK |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 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 | -- |
| 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 ⁶ | 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 |
| 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 |

⁶ 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."

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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| (U) | Pew Research Center/USA Today polls |
| (WP) | Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls |
