

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**September 12-16, 2012**  
**N=3,019**

**NO QUESTIONS 1-4, 6, 10**  
**QUESTIONS 5-9 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.11 Are you confident that you have the identification you might need to be allowed to vote in your state, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

Sep 12-16  
2012  
 98 Yes  
 1 No  
 1 Do not need any identification to vote (VOL.)  
 \* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTIONS 12-14, 18-20, 31, 42**  
**QUESTIONS 15-17, 21-30, 32-41 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

On a different subject...

Q.43F2 As far as you know, does your state require voters to present photo identification to be allowed to vote on Election Day, or not?

**BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,263]:**

Sep 12-16  
2012  
 61 Yes  
 28 No  
 1 My state is vote by mail (VOL.)  
 11 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

Q.44F2 Do you think voters should or should not be required to show an official photo identification before they are allowed to vote on Election Day?

**BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,263]:**

Sep 12-16  
2012  
 77 Should  
 20 Should not  
 3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**TREND FOR COMPARISON, BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:**

*On Election Day, should voters be required to show an official photo identification, such as a Drivers' License, or shouldn't they have to do this?*

Oct  
2006  
 80 Should show photo ID  
 16 Should not have to do this  
 3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTIONS 45, 47-48; QUESTIONS 46,49 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**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?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
Sep 12-16, 2012	28	37	31	1	*	2	14	13
Jul 16-26, 2012	25	38	33	2	1	2	15	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	36	34	1	*	2	15	15
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	35	35	1	*	1	17	14
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	28	35	31	2	*	3	13	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	28	34	35	1	*	1	16	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	28	38	31	1	1	1	15	14
Feb 8-12, 2012	32	34	31	1	*	1	13	15
Jan 11-16, 2012	24	33	38	2	*	2	17	14
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	32	32	3	*	2	15	12

**BASED ON GENERAL PUBLIC:**

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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	--	--	--	--	--