

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**OCTOBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**October 9-13, 2013**  
**N=1,504**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 5 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**NO QUESTIONS 3-4**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 Thinking about the Republican Party, who do YOU think of as the leader of the Republican Party these days... **[SINGLE RESPONSE, DO NOT READ OPTIONS. USE PRECODES AS APPROPRIATE; ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE; ACCEPT JOB TITLES. IF "DON'T KNOW" PROBE ONCE: Just anyone who comes to mind ?]**<sup>1</sup>

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	(NJ) Sep 9-12 <u>2010</u>	Apr 21-26 <u>2010</u>	Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>
24	John Boehner	10	4	1	*	*
6	Ted Cruz	--	--	--	--	--
2	John McCain	2	5	8	9	11
1	Rand Paul	--	--	--	--	--
1	Mitt Romney	1	1	3	1	1
1	Mitch McConnell	2	1	1	1	1
1	Tea Party (general)	--	--	--	--	--
1	Chris Christie	--	--	--	--	--
1	Paul Ryan	--	--	--	--	--
1	Marco Rubio	--	--	--	--	--
1	Rush Limbaugh	1	1	2	3	5
1	Ron Paul	--	--	--	--	--
4	Other (<1% each)					
16	Nobody is	14	15	18	22	15
40	Don't know/Refused	51	60	52	55	57

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=655]:**

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Jul 17-21 <u>2013</u> <sup>2</sup>	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	(NJ) Sep 9-12 <u>2010</u>	Apr 21-26 <u>2010</u>	Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>
21	John Boehner	9	12	6	1	1	1
9	Ted Cruz	2	--	--	--	--	--
3	John McCain	3	3	6	10	8	12
3	Rand Paul	3	--	--	--	--	--
2	Mitt Romney	3	2	3	5	1	1
*	Mitch McConnell	2	2	1	1	2	1
*	Tea Party (general)	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Chris Christie	2	--	--	--	--	--
1	Paul Ryan	3	--	--	--	--	--
1	Marco Rubio	5	--	--	--	--	--
0	Rush Limbaugh	1	*	1	1	1	4
1	Ron Paul	1	--	--	--	--	--
3	Other						
15	Nobody is	22	13	16	20	26	20
39	Don't know/Refused	37	45	49	46	47	48

**NO QUESTIONS 7-8, 17**  
**QUESTIONS 9-11, 22-24 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**  
**QUESTIONS 12-16, 18-21 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>1</sup> Dashes in past polls indicate less than 1% (or none) of the general public.

<sup>2</sup> In Jul 17-21, 2013, the question was asked only of Republicans and Republican leaning independents.

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.25 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-b IN BLOCK; ITEMS e. ALWAYS LAST]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

**QUESTIONS 25a-b PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 25c-d**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
e. The Tea Party movement								
Oct 9-13, 2013	30	9	21	49	30	19	6	15
Jun 12-16, 2013	37	10	27	45	24	21	7	11
Aug 17-21, 2011	36	11	25	43	23	20	5	15
Feb 3-9, 2010	33	10	23	25	10	14	19	23

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 Do you think of the Tea Party movement as **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** OR as **[NEXT]**?

		Registered Voters who have heard of the Tea Party		
		Mar 30-Apr 3	Nov 4-7	NBC/WSJ
		2011	2010	Aug 2010
Oct 9-13				
<u>2013</u>				
38	A part of the Republican Party	36	38	45
	A separate and independent movement			
47	from the Republican Party	50	47	45
2	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1	1
12	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	13	15	8

**QUESTIONS 27-28, 32a-hF2, 33, 35-37, 45-46 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 29-31, 34, 38-43, 44g-h,****QUESTIONS 27-28, 32i, 44, 47-50, 51 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.52 If a member of Congress thinks a bill is in the best interest of the country, but a majority of the people he or she represents are against it, should the member of Congress vote for the bill or vote against it?

		CBS/NYT
		May 1987
Oct 9-13		
<u>2013</u>		
38	Vote for it	34
55	Vote against it	59
3	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	3
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4

**NO QUESTIONS 53-55, 61, 63-68, 80****QUESTIONS 56-60, 62, 69-79 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**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 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
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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 ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) [N=1,259]:**

Q.81 And how often would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections – that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in PRIMARY elections [READ IN ORDER]?

Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u>		Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>	July 17-21 <u>2013</u>
52	Always	50	46
18	Nearly always	24	23
16	Part of the time	13	13
11	Seldom	11	14
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	4

**ASK ALL:**

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Oct 9-13, 2013	19	32	46	2	2	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	18	25	52	4	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	22	29	46	2	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	17	20	56	3	4	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	19	26	52	2	1	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>3</sup>	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27

<sup>3</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."

## TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	<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>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

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**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls
(NJ)	Pew Research Center/National Journal polls

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