

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
GENERAL PUBLIC SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 6, 2013  
N=2,003**

**QUESTIONS 1, 3-5, 12, 13c-f, 13h, 13k-l, 14 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**QUESTIONS 2, 13a-b, 13g, 13i-j PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 6-11**

On a different subject...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 For each item I name, please tell me how serious a public health problem you think it is in this country – extremely serious, very serious, somewhat serious, or less serious than that. The first is **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**. How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NEEDED: How serious a public health problem do you think [ITEM] is in this country?]**

		<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Somewhat serious</u>	<u>Less serious than that</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a.	Obesity, that is, people being seriously overweight					
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	45	24	6	1
	ABC News/TIME May 2004	34	46	18	3	*
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,007]:</b>						
b.F1	Cancer					
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	29	50	17	3	1
	ABC News/TIME May 2004	37	49	12	1	*
<b>NO ITEM c</b>						
d.F1	Alcohol abuse					
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	16	37	34	11	1
	ABC News/TIME May 2004	25	42	27	5	1
e.F1	Mental illness					
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	20	47	26	5	2
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=996]:</b>						
f.F2	AIDS					
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	14	37	35	12	2
	ABC News/TIME May 2004	35	44	16	4	1
g.F2	Cigarette smoking					
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	14	39	31	15	1
	ABC News/TIME May 2004	32	40	22	6	*
<b>NO ITEM h</b>						
i.F2	Prescription drug abuse					
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	19	44	27	8	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 In dealing with **[INSERT ITEM IN SAME ORDER AS Q.15]**, do you think the country is making progress, losing ground, or are things about the same as they have been? How about dealing with **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NEEDED: In dealing with the problem of [ITEM], do you think the country is making progress, losing ground, or are things about the same as they have been?]**

		<u>Making progress</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Losing ground</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Obesity Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	28	36	34	1

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1007]:**

b.F1	Cancer Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	54	31	15	1
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**NO ITEM c**

d.F1	Alcohol abuse Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	17	58	23	1
e.F1	Mental illness Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	19	43	35	3

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=996]:**

f.F2	AIDS Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	48	35	12	5
g.F2	Cigarette smoking Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	45	39	13	3

**NO ITEM g**

i.F2	Prescription drug abuse Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	16	37	43	4
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Thinking specifically about obesity...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Do you think government should or should not play a significant role in reducing obesity?

	<u>Should play a significant role</u>	<u>Should not play a significant role</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	42	54	3

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Do you think government should or should not play a significant role in reducing obesity among children?*

	<u>Should play a significant role</u>	<u>Should not play a significant role</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	57	39	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 Right now, do you feel that you are overweight, underweight, or just about the right weight for you?

**ASK IF OVERWEIGHT (Q.18=1):**

Q.18b Do you feel you are very overweight, somewhat overweight, or only a little overweight?

Oct 30- Nov 6 <u>2013</u>		(SDT) Feb 8-Mar 7 <u>2006</u>	July <u>1990</u>
31	Overweight	39	42
4	Very	5	6
15	Somewhat	16	13
12	Only a little	18	23
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*
6	Underweight	3	5
63	Just about right	57	53
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	*

**QUESTIONS 19-20, 23-26, 28-29, 31-34, 40-44, 46 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

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

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

Next...

Q.47F1 Which comes closer to your view even if neither is exactly right? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Oct 30- Nov 6 <u>2013</u>	
63	Obesity has consequences for society that go beyond the personal impact on individuals who are obese [OR]
31	Obesity impacts individuals who are obese but does not have a major impact on society
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,007]:**

Q.48F1 How much do you think government policies and programs can do to reduce obesity in this country **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Oct 30- Nov 6 <u>2013</u>	
26	A lot
35	Some
22	Not much
14	Nothing at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=996]:**

Next...

Q.49 As I read some policies that have been considered by some cities and states around the country, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose [ITEM]?**

		Favor	Oppose	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F2	Requiring chain restaurants to list calorie counts on menus Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	67	31	3

**NO ITEM b**

c.F2	Prohibiting restaurants from using trans fats in foods Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	44	52	4
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**Q.49 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
d.F2	Limiting the size of sugary soft drinks sold in restaurants and convenience stores Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	31	67	2
e.F2	Banning television advertising of unhealthy foods during children's programming Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	55	43	3
f.F2	Raising taxes on sugary soft drinks and unhealthy foods Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	35	64	1

**QUESTIONS 50-59 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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>(VOL.) No preference</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other party</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
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
<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

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)			
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
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 <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	--

<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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
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

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

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