

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS/USA TODAY  
DECEMBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
December 3-8, 2013  
N=2,001**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 6-7, 12-14, 16-22, 30-31, 33-36, 45, 47-48, 50-51, 54-59, 61 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-5, 8-11, 15, 23-29, 32, 37-44, 46, 49, 52-53, 60, 62-66**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.67 How much, if anything, have you heard about a recent agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard [**READ IN ORDER**]

|         |                                    | <i>Recent international talks regarding<br/>Iran's nuclear enrichment program</i> |  |
|---------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| (U)     |                                    | Oct 30-Nov 6  |  |
| Dec 3-8 |                                    | 2013  |  |
|         |                                    | <u>2013</u>   |  |
| 24      | A lot                              | 24  |  |
| 48      | A little                           | 49  |  |
| 28      | Nothing at all                     | 26  |  |
| 1       | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) | 1   |  |

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard...*

| Mar 7-11    |                                    | Feb 8-12    | Jan 11-16                | Sep 30-<br>Oct 4 | Sep         | Feb         |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>2012</u> |                                    | <u>2012</u> | <u>2012</u> <sup>1</sup> | <u>2009</u>      | <u>2006</u> | <u>2006</u> |
| 41          | A lot                              | 38          | 42                       | 41               | 41          | 32          |
| 38          | A little                           | 39          | 41                       | 41               | 44          | 46          |
| 21          | Nothing at all                     | 23          | 15                       | 18               | 14          | 21          |
| *           | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) | *           | 2                        | *                | 1           | 1           |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.68 From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program?

| (U)         |                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Dec 3-8     |                                    |
| <u>2013</u> |                                    |
| 32          | Approve                            |
| 43          | Disapprove                         |
| 25          | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?*

| Sep 30-Oct 4 |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>2009</u>  |                                    |
| 63           | Approve                            |
| 28           | Disapprove                         |
| 9            | Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> ) |

<sup>1</sup> In Jan 11-16, 2012, the question read: "...recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf." In February 2006, question read: "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this?"

**Q.68 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**

*From what you know, would you favor or oppose the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?*

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Sep         |                                  |
| <u>2006</u> |                                  |
| 54          | Favor                            |
| 32          | Oppose                           |
| 14          | Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b> |

**ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.67=1,2):**

Q.69 Do you think Iranian leaders are serious about addressing international concerns about their country's nuclear enrichment program, or not?

**BASED ON THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE [N=1,551]:**

|             |                                  |              |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| (U)         |                                  |              |
| Dec 3-8     |                                  | Oct 30-Nov 6 |
| <u>2013</u> |                                  | <u>2013</u>  |
| 29          | Serious                          | 33           |
| 62          | Not serious                      | 60           |
| 9           | Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b> | 7            |

**QUESTIONS 70-71, 80-88, 94-95, 98 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 72-79, 89-93, 96-97****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  |
| 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   |
| 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   |
| <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 |

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

|                   |            |          |             | (VOL.)        | (VOL.)      | (VOL.) | Lean | Lean |
|-------------------|------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|------|------|
|                   | Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference | Other party | DK/Ref | Rep  | Dem  |
| 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=896]:**

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

**TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...**

|                            | <u>Agree</u> | <u>Disagree</u> | <u>No opinion<br/>either way</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>Haven't<br/>heard of</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>Refused</u> | Not<br>heard of/<br><u>DK</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mar 8-14, 2011             | 37           | 7               | 54                               | 1  | *                               | --                            |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011         | 41           | 9               | 48                               | 1  | 1                               | --                            |
| Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>2</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                             |
| 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:**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| (U)   | Pew Research Center/USA Today polls        |
| (WP)  | Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls  |
| (SDT) | Pew Research Social and Demographic Trends |

<sup>2</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."