# PEW RESEARCH CENTER January 31-February 3, 2013, OMNIBUS FINAL TOPLINE N=1,000

#### **ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE;] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]

|    |   | Very<br><u>closely</u> | Fairly<br><u>closely</u> | Not too<br>closely | Not at all<br><u>closely</u> | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref |
|----|---|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| a. | Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy |                        |                          |                    |                              |                  |
|    | January 31-February 3, 2013                     | 33                     | 33                       | 16                 | 16                           | 1                |
|    | January 17-20, 2013                             | 36                     | 32                       | 15                 | 16                           | *                |
|    | January 3-6, 2013                               | 34                     | 32                       | 18                 | 16                           | 1                |
|    | December 6-9, 2012                              | 38                     | 30                       | 16                 | 14                           | 1                |
|    |   | 41                     | 31                       | 15                 | 12                           | 1                |
|    | November 8-11, 2012<br>November 1-4, 2012       | 38                     | 30                       | 16                 | 14                           | 1                |
|    |   |                        |                          |                    |                              |                  |
|    | October 25-28, 2012                             | 44                     | 30                       | 14                 | 11                           | 1                |
|    | October 18-21, 2012                             | 39<br>43               | 36                       | 12                 | 12                           | 1                |
|    | October 12-14, 2012                             | 42                     | 28                       | 14                 | 15                           | 1<br>*           |
|    | October 4-7, 2012                               | 40                     | 29                       | 13                 | 17                           |                  |
|    | September 27-30, 2012                           | 34                     | 37                       | 13                 | 15                           | 1<br>*           |
|    | September 20-23, 2012                           | 36                     | 32                       | 17                 | 15                           |                  |
|    | September 13-16, 2012                           | 38                     | 32                       | 17                 | 12                           | 1                |
|    | September 7-9, 2012                             | 36                     | 31                       | 17                 | 15                           | 2                |
|    | August 31-September 3, 2012                     | 33                     | 31                       | 20                 | 16                           | 1                |
|    | August 23-26, 2012                              | 38                     | 30                       | 15                 | 16                           | 1                |
|    | August 16-19, 2012                              | 33                     | 32                       | 16                 | 19                           | *                |
|    | August 9-12, 2012                               | 30                     | 31                       | 20                 | 18                           | 1                |
|    | August 2-5, 2012                                | 33                     | 29                       | 20                 | 17                           | 1                |
|    | July 26-29, 2012                                | 32                     | 30                       | 20                 | 19                           | *                |
|    | July 19-22, 2012                                | 39                     | 29                       | 16                 | 16                           | *                |
|    | July 12-15, 2012                                | 32                     | 33                       | 18                 | 17                           | 1                |
|    | July 5-8, 2012                                  | 34                     | 28                       | 18                 | 19                           | 1                |
|    | June 28-July 1, 2012                            | 38                     | 28                       | 15                 | 18                           | 1                |
|    | June 21-24, 2012                                | 33                     | 32                       | 17                 | 17                           | *                |
|    | June 14-17, 2012                                | 39                     | 28                       | 15                 | 17                           | *                |
|    | June 7-10, 2012                                 | 35                     | 32                       | 15                 | 18                           | *                |
|    | May 31-June 3, 2012                             | 37                     | 34                       | 13                 | 14                           | 1                |
|    | May 24-27, 2012                                 | 33                     | 31                       | 19                 | 16                           | 1                |
|    | May 17-20, 2012                                 | 35                     | 30                       | 16                 | 19                           | *                |
|    | May 10-13, 2012                                 | 40                     | 26                       | 16                 | 17                           | *                |
|    | May 3-6, 2012                                   | 38                     | 29                       | 13                 | 20                           | *                |
|    | April 26-29, 2012                               | 34                     | 32                       | 17                 | 16                           | 1                |
|    | April 19-22, 2012                               | 35                     | 35                       | 13                 | 14                           | 2                |
|    | April 12-15, 2012                               | 39                     | 28                       | 16                 | 17                           | 1                |
|    | April 5-8, 2012                                 | 37                     | 31                       | 16                 | 16                           | 1                |
|    | March 29-April 1, 2012                          | 34                     | 33                       | 15                 | 18                           | -<br>1           |
|    | March 22-25, 2012                               | 36                     | 29                       | 16                 | 18                           | 1                |
|    | March 15-18, 2012                               | 40                     | 35                       | 11                 | 14                           | 1                |
|    | March 8-11, 2012                                | 37                     | 32                       | 14                 | 17                           | *                |
|    | March 1-4, 2012                                 | 41                     | 27                       | 15                 | 17                           | 1                |
|    | February 23-26, 2012                            | 37                     | 33                       | 14                 | 15                           | 1                |
|    | February 16-20, 2012                            | 33                     | 32                       | 16                 | 17                           | 1                |
|    | February 9-12, 2012                             | 33<br>42               | 32<br>30                 | 14                 | 13                           | 1                |
|    |   | 38                     | 32                       |                    | 13                           | 1                |
|    | February 2-5, 2012                              | 38<br>35               |                          | 16<br>16           |                              | 1<br>*           |
|    | January 26-29, 2012                             |                        | 31                       | 16                 | 19<br>10                     |                  |
|    | January 19-22, 2012                             | 35                     | 30                       | 16                 | 19                           | 1                |

|    | January 12-15, 2012 January 5-8, 2012 E TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: http://www.pec | Very<br>closely<br>33<br>39<br>ople-press.o | Fairly<br>closely<br>32<br>31<br>org/files/20 | Not too<br><u>closely</u><br>14<br>15<br>013/01/NII | Not at all<br><u>closely</u><br>20<br>15<br>-Economy-tr | (VOL.)  DK/Ref  1  * end.pdf |
|----|--|---|---|---|---|------------------------------|
| b. | Debate in Washington over immigration  |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | policy   |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | January 31-February 3, 2013  | 23  | 25  | 22  | 29  | 1                            |
|    | TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:   |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | June 28-July 1, 2012: The Supreme Court  |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | decision on Arizona's immigration law  | 29  | 21  | 19  | 30  | 1                            |
|    | April 26-29, 2012: The issue of  |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | immigration  | 21  | 24  | 26  | 27  | 1                            |
|    | May 12-15, 2011  | 18  | 22  | 27  | 32  | 1                            |
|    | September 2-6, 2010  | 30  | 31  | 19  | 20  | 1                            |
|    | August 12-15, 2010   | 27  | 31  | 19  | 21  | 1                            |
|    | July 29-August 1, 2010: A court ruling that                                      |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | stops most of Arizona's immigration law  | 4.0   |   | 4-  | 4.0   |                              |
|    | from going into effect   | 40  | 32  | 17  | 10  | 1                            |
|    | July 8-11, 2010: The U.S. Justice  |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | Department challenging the legality of   | 20  | 27  | 10  | 22  | 4                            |
|    | Arizona's recent immigration law   | 30<br>34                                    | 27  | 19  | 23<br>14  | 1                            |
|    | July 1-5, 2010: The issue of immigration   | 34  | 30  | 20  | 14  | 1                            |
|    | May 7-10, 2010: A new Arizona law that gives police more authority to question   |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | people they suspect might be illegal   |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | immigrants   | 38  | 27  | 13  | 21  | 1                            |
|    | April 30-May 3, 2010   | 36  | 31  | 13  | 20  | *                            |
|    | October 12-15, 2007: The issue of  | 30  | 31  | 15  | 20  |                              |
|    | immigration  | 23  | 29  | 19  | 29  | *                            |
|    | June 29-July 2, 2007: The debate in  |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | Congress over new immigration policy   | 26  | 30  | 21  | 23  | *                            |
|    | June 22-25, 2007   | 24  | 28  | 22  | 26  | *                            |
|    | June 15-18, 2007   | 22  | 32  | 21  | 25  | *                            |
|    | June 8-11 , 2007   | 24  | 29  | 20  | 26  | 1                            |
|    | May 24-27, 2007  | 27  | 31  | 22  | 19  | 1                            |
|    | April 12-16, 2007: The issue of  |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | immigration  | 21  | 29  | 24  | 26  | *                            |
|    | August, 2006   | 34  | 40  | 16  | 9   | 1                            |
|    | June, 2006   | 36  | 41  | 15  | 7   | 1                            |
|    | May, 2006  | 44  | 33  | 13  | 9   | 1                            |
|    | April, 2006  | 39  | 34  | 16  | 10  | 1                            |
|    | December, 1994: Passage of Proposition   |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | 187, the California law that bars education,                                     |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | health and welfare benefits from illegal   | 26  | 22  | 22  | 20  | *                            |
|    | immigrants and their children  | 26  | 32  | 22  | 20  | Τ.                           |
| _  | The Super Bowl   |   |   |   |   |                              |
| c. | January 31-February 3, 2013  | 18  | 17  | 23  | 40  | 1                            |
|    | February 2-5, 2012   | 23  | 21  | 21  | 34  | 1                            |
|    | February 3-6, 2011   | 24  | 19  | 20  | 37  | *                            |
|    | February 5-8, 2010   | 27  | 20  | 20  | 33  | *                            |
|    | January 30-February 2, 2009  | 19  | 15  | 26  | 38  | 1                            |
|    | February 1-4, 2008   | 20  | 21  | 27  | 32  | *                            |
|    | February 9-12, 2007  | 26  | 21  | 16  | 36  | 1                            |
|    | February, 2000   | 31  | 22  | 15  | 32  | 0                            |
|    | February, 1990   | 22  | 22  | 19  | 37  | 0                            |
|    |  | <b>-</b>                                    | - <b>-</b>                                    |   | <i></i>   | •                            |
| d. | Debate over gun control in the U.S.  |   |   |   |   |                              |
|    | January 31-February 3, 2013  | 42  | 32  | 13  | 12  | 1                            |
|    |  |   |   |   |   |                              |

| -  | TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: January 17-20, 2013: President Obama announcing proposals for strengthening | Very<br><u>closely</u> | Fairly<br><u>closely</u> | Not too<br><u>closely</u> | Not at all<br><u>closely</u> | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref |
|----|--|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|    | gun laws January 3-6, 2013: Debate over gun  | 43                     | 29                       | 15                        | 13                           | 1                |
|    | control in the U.S.  June, 1999: Debates about gun control legislation in Congress and state       | 34                     | 30                       | 18                        | 16                           | 1                |
|    | legislatures   | 28                     | 37                       | 22                        | 12                           | 1                |
| e. | A hostage situation in Alabama involving a 5-<br>year-old boy<br>January 31-February 3, 2013       | 20                     | 23                       | 19                        | 36                           | 2                |
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### **ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about recent economic news...

PEW.4 Are you hearing mostly good news about the economy these days, mostly bad news about the economy or a mix of both good and bad news?

|                             | Hearing   | Hearing  | A mix of |        |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|
|                             | mostly    | mostly   | good and | (VOL.) |
|                             | good news | bad news | bad news | DK/Ref |
| January 31-February 3, 2013 | 10        | 28       | 59       | 3      |
| January 3-6, 2013           | 6         | 32       | 59       | 2      |
| December 6-9, 2012          | 7         | 36       | 54       | 2      |
| November 1-4, 2012          | 10        | 33       | 55       | 2      |
| October 4-7, 2012           | 8         | 28       | 62       | 2      |
| September 7-9, 2012         | 6         | 35       | 58       | 1      |
| August 2-5, 2012            | 3         | 41       | 53       | 3      |
| July 5-8, 2012              | 4         | 40       | 55       | 2      |
| May 31-June 3, 2012         | 3         | 37       | 57       | 3      |
| May 3-6, 2012               | 6         | 32       | 60       | 2      |
| April 5-8, 2012             | 11        | 30       | 57       | 2      |
| March 8-11, 2012            | 11        | 24       | 62       | 2      |
| February 2-5, 2012          | 8         | 30       | 59       | 3      |
| January 5-8, 2012           | 9         | 30       | 60       | 1      |
| December 1-4, 2011          | 6         | 36       | 56       | 1      |
| November 10-13, 2011        | 3         | 48       | 48       | 1      |
| October 6-9, 2011           | 1         | 58       | 39       | 2      |
| September 1-4, 2011         | 2         | 61       | 35       | 1      |
| August 4-7, 2011            | 1         | 67       | 30       | 2      |
| July 7-10, 2011             | 3         | 49       | 46       | 2      |
| June 2-5, 2011              | 2         | 46       | 50       | 1      |
| May 12-15, 2011             | 6         | 35       | 56       | 2      |
| March 31-April 3, 2011      | 5         | 33       | 60       | 2      |
| March 3-6, 2011             | 7         | 38       | 53       | 2      |
| February 3-6, 2011          | 6         | 29       | 64       | 1      |
| January 6-9, 2011           | 7         | 24       | 68       | 1      |
| December 2-5, 2010          | 4         | 39       | 55       | 1      |
| November 11-14, 2010        | 5         | 41       | 53       | 2      |
| October 7-10, 2010          | 6         | 39       | 53       | 2      |
| September 2-6, 2010         | 3         | 41       | 54       | 2      |
| August 5-8, 2010            | 4         | 38       | 55       | 3      |
| July 1-5, 2010              | 3         | 42       | 54       | 1      |
| June 10-13, 2010            | 4         | 30       | 65       | 1      |
| May 7-10, 2010              | 4         | 29       | 66       | 1      |
| April 1-5, 2010             | 6         | 28       | 66       | *      |
| March 5-8, 2010             | 4         | 30       | 66       | 1      |
|                             |           |          |          |        |

|                             | Hearing   | Hearing  | A mix of |        |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|
|                             | mostly    | mostly   | good and | (VOL.) |
|                             | good news | bad news | bad news | DK/Ref |
| February 5-8, 2010          | 4         | 35       | 61       | *      |
| January 8-11, 2010          | 5         | 29       | 65       | 1      |
| December 4-7, 2009          | 7         | 33       | 59       | 1      |
| October 30-November 2, 2009 | 5         | 31       | 62       | 2      |
| October 9-12, 2009          | 6         | 27       | 66       | 1      |
| September 3-6, 2009         | 5         | 27       | 68       | 1      |
| August 7-10, 2009           | 11        | 29       | 59       | 1      |
| July 2-5, 2009              | 3         | 41       | 56       | *      |
| June 12-15, 2009            | 4         | 37       | 59       | *      |
| May 8-11, 2009              | 4         | 31       | 64       | 1      |
| April 9-13, 2009            | 4         | 39       | 56       | 1      |
| March 13-16, 2009           | 2         | 51       | 46       | 1      |
| February 13-16, 2009        | 2         | 60       | 37       | 1      |
| January 16-19, 2009         | 2         | 67       | 30       | 1      |
| December 5-8, 2008          | 1         | 80       | 19       | *      |

## **ASK ALL:**

PEW.5 Thinking about some specific aspects of the nation's economy... Please tell me if you are hearing mostly good news, mostly bad news or a mix of both good and bad news about each of the following. [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

|    |                             | Hearing   | Hearing  | A mix of |        |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------|
|    |                             | mostly    | mostly   | good and | (VOL.) |
|    |                             | good news | bad news | bad news | DK/Ref |
| a. | The financial markets       |           |          |          |        |
|    | January 31-February 3, 2013 | 18        | 28       | 44       | 10     |
|    | December 6-9, 2012          | 10        | 36       | 47       | 7      |
|    | November 1-4, 2012          | 12        | 31       | 48       | 9      |
|    | October 4-7, 2012           | 16        | 26       | 50       | 8      |
|    | September 7-9, 2012         | 14        | 37       | 41       | 7      |
|    | August 2-5, 2012            | 6         | 41       | 44       | 9      |
|    | July 5-8, 2012              | 6         | 35       | 50       | 8      |
|    | May 31-June 3, 2012         | 5         | 47       | 42       | 6      |
|    | March 8-11, 2012            | 15        | 29       | 48       | 8      |
|    | November 10-13, 2011        | 4         | 50       | 41       | 5      |
|    | August 4-7, 2011            | 2         | 69       | 25       | 4      |
|    | June 2-5, 2011              | 5         | 40       | 45       | 9      |
|    | May 12-15, 2011             | 11        | 33       | 45       | 11     |
|    | March 31-April 3, 2011      | 13        | 30       | 51       | 6      |
|    | March 3-6, 2011             | 12        | 33       | 47       | 8      |
|    | February 3-6, 2011          | 17        | 31       | 46       | 6      |
|    | December 2-5, 2010          | 13        | 38       | 44       | 4      |
|    | September 2-6, 2010         | 9         | 43       | 40       | 8      |
|    | July 1-5, 2010              | 4         | 46       | 44       | 6      |
|    | May 7-10, 2010              | 6         | 41       | 49       | 3      |
|    | April 1-5, 2010             | 15        | 30       | 50       | 6      |
|    | March 5-8, 2010             | 11        | 26       | 59       | 4      |
|    | January 8-11, 2010          | 16        | 32       | 47       | 6      |
|    | October 30-November 2, 2009 | 12        | 33       | 48       | 7      |
|    | August 7-10, 2009           | 20        | 31       | 43       | 6      |
|    | June 12-15, 2009            | 9         | 43       | 45       | 3      |
| b. | Real estate values          |           |          |          |        |
|    | January 31-February 3, 2013 | 25        | 24       | 40       | 10     |
|    | December 6-9, 2012          | 25        | 31       | 34       | 11     |
|    | November 1-4, 2012          | 22        | 35       | 35       | 8      |
|    | October 4-7, 2012           | 23        | 32       | 38       | 7      |
|    | September 7-9, 2012         | 20        | 43       | 32       | 5      |
|    | 30pt0111001 / 3/ 2012       | 20        | .5       | 52       | 3      |

|    | August 2-5, 2012 July 5-8, 2012 May 31-June 3, 2012 March 8-11, 2012 November 10-13, 2011 August 4-7, 2011 June 2-5, 2011 May 12-15, 2011 March 31-April 3, 2011 March 3-6, 2011 February 3-6, 2011 December 2-5, 2010 September 2-6, 2010 July 1-5, 2010 May 7-10, 2010 April 1-5, 2010 March 5-8, 2010 January 8-11, 2010 October 30-November 2, 2009 August 7-10, 2009 June 12-15, 2009  | Hearing mostly good news 11 14 14 9 6 4 7 9 6 8 8 8 6 6 9 12 12 12 8 11 13 11   | Hearing mostly bad news 41 39 43 39 55 63 56 45 48 46 51 62 57 49 41 44 45 43 43 40 45   | A mix of good and bad news 36 41 36 42 32 27 28 35 38 36 34 28 32 35 42 38 42 40 37 41 40  | (VOL.)  DK/Ref  11  7  6 10  7  6 9 11  8 10  7  4 5 7 5 6 7 3   |
|----|---|---|--|--|--|
| c. | Prices for food and consumer goods January 31-February 3, 2013 December 6-9, 2012 November 1-4, 2012 October 4-7, 2012 September 7-9, 2012 August 2-5, 2012 July 5-8, 2012 May 31-June 3, 2012 March 8-11, 2012 November 10-13, 2011 August 4-7, 2011 June 2-5, 2011 May 12-15, 2011 March 31-April 3, 2011 March 3-6, 2011 February 3-6, 2011 December 2-5, 2010 September 2-6, 2010 July 1-5, 2010 May 7-10, 2010 April 1-5, 2010 March 5-8, 2010 January 8-11, 2010 October 30-November 2, 2009 August 7-10, 2009 June 12-15, 2009 | 7<br>9<br>9<br>5<br>7<br>7<br>9<br>7<br>5<br>4<br>5<br>3<br>3<br>7<br>7<br>16<br>12<br>9<br>8<br>10<br>9<br>12<br>12<br>10<br>9 | 50<br>48<br>50<br>51<br>58<br>54<br>45<br>46<br>50<br>52<br>62<br>58<br>59<br>62<br>49<br>41<br>35<br>32<br>37<br>35<br>34<br>37<br>39<br>36<br>39 | 38<br>37<br>35<br>40<br>31<br>33<br>40<br>40<br>38<br>36<br>28<br>30<br>32<br>34<br>26<br>39<br>39<br>42<br>48<br>46<br>46<br>50<br>45<br>42<br>46<br>46 | 5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>6<br>7<br>6<br>7<br>5<br>6<br>6<br>6<br>4<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>5<br>10<br>10<br>9<br>7<br>6<br>7<br>6<br>7<br>6<br>7<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>9<br>6<br>7<br>8<br>7<br>9<br>7<br>8<br>7<br>8<br>7<br>8<br>7<br>8<br>7<br>8<br>7<br>8<br>7<br>8<br>7<br>8 |
| d. | The job situation January 31-February 3, 2013 December 6-9, 2012 November 1-4, 2012 October 4-7, 2012 September 7-9, 2012 August 2-5, 2012 July 5-8, 2012   | 12<br>17<br>14<br>17<br>12<br>6   | 42<br>47<br>46<br>42<br>52<br>55   | 43<br>35<br>37<br>40<br>34<br>35<br>38   | 3<br>1<br>3<br>2<br>2<br>4<br>3  |

|    |   | Hearing<br>mostly<br>good news | Hearing<br>mostly<br>bad news | A mix of<br>good and<br><u>bad news</u> | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref |
|----|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
|    | May 31-June 3, 2012                       | 8                              | 55                            | 35                                      | 2                |
|    | March 8-11, 2012                          | 17                             | 38                            | 42                                      | 3                |
|    | December 1-4, 2011                        | 10                             | 51                            | 37                                      | 2                |
|    | November 10-13, 2011                      | 5                              | 64                            | 28                                      | 2                |
|    | August 4-7, 2011                          | 4                              | 74                            | 21                                      | 2                |
|    | June 2-5, 2011                            | 5                              | 58                            | 34                                      | 3                |
|    | May 12-15, 2011                           | 9                              | 51                            | 37                                      | 3<br>2           |
|    | March 31-April 3, 2011                    | 12                             | 43                            | 42                                      | 2                |
|    | March 3-6, 2011                           | 10                             | 50                            | 37                                      | 3                |
|    | February 3-6, 2011                        | 9                              | 52                            | 37                                      | 2                |
|    | December 2-5, 2010                        | 6                              | 66                            | 27                                      | 1                |
|    | September 2-6, 2010                       | 5                              | 65                            | 28                                      | 2                |
|    | July 1-5, 2010                            | 5                              | 64                            | 30                                      | 1                |
|    | May 7-10, 2010                            | 9                              | 52                            | 38                                      | 2                |
|    | April 1-5, 2010                           | 9                              | 56                            | 33                                      | 2                |
|    | March 5-8, 2010                           | 5                              | 59                            | 35                                      | 1                |
|    | January 8-11, 2010                        | 6                              | 61                            | 31                                      | 2                |
|    | October 30-November 2, 2009               | 3                              | 68                            | 27                                      | 2                |
|    | August 7-10, 2009                         | 6                              | 61                            | 32                                      | 1                |
|    | June 12-15, 2009                          | 1                              | 71                            | 27                                      | 1                |
| e. | Gas prices                                | 0                              | FO                            | 22                                      | 7                |
|    | January 31-February 3, 2013               | 8                              | 53                            | 32                                      | 7                |
|    | December 6-9, 2012                        | 22                             | 42                            | 30                                      | 5                |
|    | November 1-4, 2012                        | 16                             | 50<br>73                      | 30                                      | 4                |
|    | October 4-7, 2012                         | 4                              | 72<br>75                      | 21                                      | 2<br>3           |
|    | September 7-9, 2012                       | 3<br>10                        | 75<br>58                      | 19<br>28                                | 3                |
|    | August 2-5, 2012                          | 31                             | 31                            | 26<br>35                                | 5                |
|    | July 5-8, 2012<br>May 31-June 3, 2012     | 19                             | 48                            | 35<br>31                                | 2                |
|    | March 8-11, 2012                          | 2                              | 46<br>85                      | 12                                      | 2                |
|    | November 10-13, 2011                      | 9                              | 47                            | 36                                      | 8                |
|    | August 4-7, 2011                          | 4                              | 66                            | 26                                      | 4                |
|    | June 2-5, 2011                            | 8                              | 68                            | 23                                      | 2                |
|    | May 12-15, 2011                           | 1                              | 84                            | 14                                      | 1                |
|    | March 31-April 3, 2011                    | 1                              | 88                            | 10                                      | 1                |
|    | March 31-April 3, 2011<br>March 3-6, 2011 | 1                              | 90                            | 7                                       | 2                |
|    | February 3-6, 2011                        | 2                              | 77                            | 18                                      | 3                |
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# PEW RESEARCH CENTER January 24-27, 2013, OMNIBUS FINAL TOPLINE N=1,005

#### **ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE;] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]

|    |   | Very<br><u>closely</u> | Fairly<br><u>closely</u> | Not too<br>closely | Not at all closely | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref |
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| a. | Discussions in Washington about how to address the federal budget deficit and national debt |                        | -                        | -                  | <del></del>        |                  |
|    | January 24-27, 2013<br>November 3-6, 2011   | 23<br>24               | 28<br>31                 | 19<br>21           | 29<br>24           | 1<br>1           |
|    | October 27-30, 2011   | 25                     | 28                       | 21                 | 25                 | 1                |
|    | TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:  |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | October 13-16, 2011: The debate in  |                        |                          | 4-                 | 2.4                | _                |
|    | Washington over jobs and the deficit<br>September 29-October 2, 2011: Congress              | 29                     | 32                       | 15                 | 24                 | 1                |
|    | working on a budget extension to avoid a  |                        | 2.5                      | 2.0                | 2.2                | *                |
|    | government shutdown   | 31                     | 26                       | 20                 | 22                 | *                |
|    | September 22-25, 2011: The debate in Washington over jobs and the deficit                   | 35                     | 26                       | 19                 | 19                 | 1                |
|    | September 15-18, 2011: The debate in  | 33                     | 20                       | 19                 | 19                 | 1                |
|    | Washington over President Obama's jobs  |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | legislation   | 31                     | 28                       | 19                 | 21                 | 2                |
|    | September 8-11, 2011: Barack Obama's  |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | speech about jobs to a joint session of   |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | Congress  | 28                     | 18                       | 17                 | 36                 | 1                |
|    | July 28-31, 2011: Discussions in  |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | Washington about how to address the   |                        |                          | . –                |                    |                  |
|    | federal budget deficit and national debt  | 41                     | 27                       | 15                 | 17                 | *                |
|    | July 21-24, 2011  | 38                     | 28                       | 17                 | 17                 | *                |
|    | July 14-17, 2011  | 34                     | 29                       | 18                 | 19                 | *                |
|    | June 16-19, 2011: Debate in Washington  | 24                     | 26                       | 22                 | 20                 | *                |
|    | over whether to raise the federal debt limit<br>June 2-5, 2011                              | 24<br>23               | 26<br>24                 | 22<br>22           | 28<br>31           | *                |
|    | May 26-29, 2011: Discussions in   | 23                     | 24                       | 22                 | 31                 |                  |
|    | Washington about how to address the   | 25                     | 26                       | 20                 | 20                 | *                |
|    | federal budget deficit  | 25                     | 26                       | 20                 | 29                 |                  |
|    | May 12-15, 2011   | 21                     | 26                       | 24                 | 28                 | 1                |
|    | May 5-8, 2011: Discussions in Washington about how to address the federal budget            |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | deficit and national debt   | 29                     | 28                       | 22                 | 20                 | 1                |
|    | April 21-25, 2011   | 30                     | 31                       | 18                 | 21                 | *                |
|    | April 14-17, 2011   | 36                     | 27                       | 18                 | 19                 | 1                |
|    | April 7-10, 2011: <i>The threat of a</i>  | 30                     | 2,                       | 10                 | 13                 | -                |
|    | government shutdown because of budget   |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | disagreements in Washington   | 47                     | 26                       | 15                 | 12                 | *                |
|    | March 31-April 3, 2011: Discussions in  |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | Washington about how to address the   |                        |                          |                    |                    |                  |
|    | federal budget deficit  | 30                     | 27                       | 21                 | 22                 | *                |
|    | March 17-20, 2011   | 24                     | 25                       | 24                 | 26                 | 1                |
|    | March 3-6, 2011   | 26                     | 29                       | 19                 | 26                 | 1                |
|    | February 17-20, 2011  | 27                     | 30                       | 17                 | 25                 | 1                |
|    | December 2-5, 2010  | 35                     | 25                       | 21                 | 17                 | 2                |

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| December 2-5, 2010: The debate in Washington over the federal income tax cuts passed when George W. Bush was |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| president  | 39                     | 26                       | 17                 | 17                    | 1                |
| November 11-14, 2010: Proposals made by  | 39                     | 20                       | 17                 | 17                    | _                |
| leaders of the federal budget deficit  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| commission   | 15                     | 21                       | 21                 | 41                    | 1                |
| September 16-19, 2010: The debate in   |                        |                          |                    |                       | _                |
| Washington over competing Democratic   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| and Republican tax plans   | 21                     | 24                       | 21                 | 34                    | *                |
| September 9-12, 2010   | 16                     | 19                       | 22                 | 42                    | 1                |
| May 8-11, 2009: The debate in Washington   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| over the federal budget  | 22                     | 28                       | 19                 | 31                    | *                |
| March 27-30, 2009: Debate over Barack  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| Obama's budget proposal  | 28                     | 34                       | 18                 | 19                    | 1                |
| March 6-9, 2009: <i>Obama proposing a \$630</i>  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| billion fund for overhauling health care   | 41                     | 32                       | 13                 | 14                    | *                |
| February 27-March 2, 2009: Barack  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| Obama's budget proposal for next year that   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| raises taxes on wealthy Americans and  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| increases spending on health care,   | 47                     | 2.4                      | •                  | 10                    | *                |
| education and other programs   | 47                     | 34                       | 9                  | 10                    | *                |
| February 27-March 2, 2009: The Obama   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| administration's plan to help homeowners   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| facing foreclosure which could cost as   | 31                     | 36                       | 19                 | 13                    | 1                |
| much as \$275 billion dollars<br>February 20-23, 2009: The \$780 billion                                     | 31                     | 30                       | 19                 | 13                    | 1                |
| economic stimulus legislation approved by  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| Congress and signed into law by President  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| Obama  | 41                     | 37                       | 14                 | 8                     | *                |
| February 13-16, 2009: Congress passing   | 71                     | 37                       | 14                 | O                     |                  |
| Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan  | 50                     | 32                       | 13                 | 5                     | *                |
| February 6-9, 2009: <i>The debate in</i>   |                        |                          |                    | •                     |                  |
| Congress over Barack Obama's economic  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| stimulus plan  | 41                     | 33                       | 15                 | 11                    | *                |
| January 30-February 2, 2009  | 36                     | 29                       | 22                 | 13                    | *                |
| January 16-19, 2009: <i>Debate in</i>  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| Washington over what the government  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| should do about the nation's economic  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| problems   | 35                     | 33                       | 17                 | 15                    | *                |
| January 9-12, 2009: Projections of a record  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| high federal budget deficit this year  | 35                     | 30                       | 19                 | 16                    | *                |
| December 19-22, 2008: The Bush   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| administration's plan to provide billions in   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| emergency loans to U.S. automakers   | 37                     | 33                       | 16                 | 13                    | 1                |
| December 12-15, 2008: The debate over a  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| government bailout for the U.S. auto   | 40                     | 22                       | 10                 | 0                     | *                |
| industry   | 40                     | 33                       | 18                 | 9                     | Α                |
| December 5-8, 2008: The debate in  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| Congress over a government bailout for the U.S. auto industry  | 34                     | 38                       | 17                 | 11                    | *                |
| November 21-24, 2008   | 41                     | 26                       | 17                 | 15                    | 1                |
| October 3-6, 2008: The debate in   | 41                     | 20                       | 17                 | 13                    | 1                |
| Washington over a plan to use government   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| funds to stabilize financial markets   | 62                     | 26                       | 7                  | 5                     | *                |
| September 26-29, 2008  | 60                     | 22                       | 10                 | 8                     | *                |
| September 12-15, 2008: The federal   |                        |                          |                    | J                     |                  |
| government taking control of the mortgage  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
| companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac   | 28                     | 35                       | 19                 | 17                    | 1                |
|  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |

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|    | March 20-24, 2008: The buyout of Wall<br>Street investment bank Bear Stearns<br>February 8-11, 2008: President Bush and | 21                     | 26                       | 21                        | 32                    | *                |
|    | Congress agreeing on an economic  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | Stimulus plan   | 22                     | 33                       | 23                        | 21                    | 1                |
|    | January 25-28, 2008   | 24                     | 36                       | 19                        | 21                    | *                |
|    | February, 2003: George W. Bush's tax cut  | 26                     | 22                       | 22                        | 1.0                   | 2                |
|    | <i>and economic stimulus plan</i><br>February, 2003   | 26<br>26               | 33<br>33                 | 23<br>23                  | 16<br>16              | 2                |
|    | January, 2003   | 28                     | 33<br>34                 | 23                        | 15                    | 2<br>2<br>2      |
|    | February, 2002: <i>The debate in Congress</i>   | 20                     | 34                       | 2.1                       | 13                    | 2                |
|    | over George W. Bush's budget and tax cut  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | plan  | 17                     | 31                       | 28                        | 23                    | 1                |
|    | April, 2001   | 24                     | 38                       | 20                        | 18                    | *                |
|    | February, 2001: George W. Bush's tax cut  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | plan  | 31                     | 35                       | 19                        | 14                    | 1                |
|    | August, 1997: The debate in Washington  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | about the federal budget  | 14                     | 34                       | 25                        | 26                    | 1                |
|    | May, 1997   | 16                     | 38                       | 23                        | 22                    | 1                |
|    | February, 1997  | 19                     | 28                       | 22                        | 29                    | 2<br>*           |
|    | March, 1996<br>January, 1996  | 24                     | 35<br>43                 | 23                        | 18<br>9               | *                |
|    | September, 1995   | 32<br>20               | 42<br>35                 | 17<br>27                  | 9<br>18               | *                |
|    | August, 1995: The debate in Congress over   | 20                     | 33                       | 21                        | 10                    |                  |
|    | the federal budget  | 18                     | 34                       | 27                        | 20                    | 1                |
|    | February, 1995: The debate in Congress  | 10                     | 34                       | 27                        | 20                    | -                |
|    | over the Balanced Budget Amendment  | 12                     | 31                       | 28                        | 28                    | 1                |
|    | August, 1993: The debate in Congress over   |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | Bill Clinton's budget bill  | 30                     | 36                       | 21                        | 13                    | *                |
|    | June, 1993  | 12                     | 38                       | 31                        | 18                    | 1                |
|    | February, 1993: Bill Clinton's economic   |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | plan  | 49                     | 36                       | 10                        | 5                     | *                |
|    | September, 1992 (RV): George Bush's plan  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | to improve the economy by cutting   | 20                     | 4.4                      | 10                        | 0                     | 4                |
|    | government spending and cutting taxes   | 28                     | 44                       | 18                        | 9                     | 1                |
|    | November, 1990: Congressional and administration efforts to reach a budget  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | deficit agreement   | 34                     | 33                       | 20                        | 11                    | 2                |
|    | October, 1990: Attempts by Congress and   | 34                     | 33                       | 20                        | 11                    | 2                |
|    | the administration to find ways to reduce   |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | the budget deficit  | 34                     | 37                       | 17                        | 12                    | *                |
|    | August, 1989: Passage of a bill to bailout  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | ailing savings and loan institutions  | 26                     | 30                       | 20                        | 23                    | 1                |
|    |   |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
| b. | Hillary Clinton testifying about the attack on  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | the U.S. embassy in Benghazi, Libya   |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | January 24-27, 2013   | 21                     | 25                       | 21                        | 31                    | 1                |
|    | TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | November 15-18, 2012: Investigations into   |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | the September attack on the U.S. embassy in Benghazi, Libya   | 28                     | 26                       | 21                        | 24                    | 2                |
|    | October 18-21, 2012: Investigations into  | 20                     | 20                       | 21                        | 24                    | 2                |
|    | last month's attack on the U.S. embassy in  |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | Libya   | 31                     | 30                       | 19                        | 20                    | 1                |
|    | October 12-14, 2012   | 28                     | 28                       | 19                        | 23                    | 1                |
|    | October 4-7, 2012: Investigations into the  | -                      | -                        | -                         | -                     |                  |
|    | attack on the U.S. embassy in Libya earlier   |                        |                          |                           |                       |                  |
|    | this month  | 27                     | 24                       | 20                        | 28                    | 1                |
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|     | September 13-16, 2012: Attacks on American embassies and consulates in the Middle East and the killing of the U.S.       |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
|     | ambassador in Libya  | 43                     | 24                       | 15                 | 17                    | 1                |
| c.  | Cold winter weather<br>January 24-27, 2013   | 37                     | 28                       | 15                 | 19                    | 1                |
|     | TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
|     | November 3-6, 2011: An unusual autumn snow storm on the East Coast February 3-6, 2011: Snow and ice storms               | 20                     | 26                       | 26                 | 27                    | 1                |
|     | across the United States January 13-16, 2011: Winter storms in the   | 45                     | 34                       | 13                 | 8                     | *                |
|     | Eastern U.S. December 16-19, 2010: Cold winter   | 35                     | 32                       | 17                 | 16                    | 1                |
|     | weather  | 43                     | 27                       | 13                 | 16                    | 1                |
|     | February 12-15, 2010: Major snow storms affecting the East Coast and the South January 8-11, 2010: Unusually cold winter | 39                     | 31                       | 16                 | 14                    | *                |
|     | weather  | 42                     | 30                       | 17                 | 12                    | *                |
|     | January 16-19, 2009: Cold winter weather in much of the country  | 33                     | 31                       | 21                 | 15                    | *                |
|     | December 14-17, 2007: Snow and ice storms in the Midwest and Northeast February 16-19, 2007: Cold winter weather         | 30                     | 31                       | 21                 | 18                    | *                |
|     | and snowstorms in the Northeast and<br>Midwest   | 30                     | 33                       | 18                 | 18                    | 1                |
|     | February 9-12, 2007: Cold winter weather January 19-22, 2007: Snow and ice storms  | 36                     | 36                       | 15                 | 13                    | *                |
|     | in some parts of the country   | 31                     | 32                       | 22                 | 14                    | 1                |
|     | January 5-8, 2007: Winter snowstorms in the western U.S. January, 2001: Cold winter weather and                          | 24                     | 30                       | 25                 | 21                    | *                |
|     | storms in the Northeast and Midwest January, 1999: Cold winter weather and   | 42                     | 31                       | 15                 | 11                    | 1                |
|     | storms in the Midwest Early December, 1998: Unseasonable   | 37                     | 34                       | 17                 | 12                    | *                |
|     | weather patterns   | 39                     | 35                       | 13                 | 12                    | 1                |
|     | January, 1994: News about cold weather conditions in the Northeast and Midwest   | 51                     | 30                       | 12                 | 7                     | *                |
| d.  | Barack Obama's inauguration  |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
|     | January 24-27, 2013<br>January 23-26, 2009   | 24<br>52               | 23<br>23                 | 19<br>11           | 33<br>14              | 1<br>0           |
|     | <b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b> January 16-19, 2009: Preparations for  | 24                     | 26                       | 26                 | 24                    | *                |
|     | Barack Obama's inauguration<br>January 9-12, 2009:   | 16                     | 23                       | 27                 | 33                    | 1                |
| e.  | The Pentagon announcing the end of a ban   |                        |                          |                    |                       |                  |
|     | on women serving in military combat roles<br>January 24-27, 2013   | 17                     | 27                       | 22                 | 33                    | 1                |

### **ASK ALL:**

PEW.2 Did you happen to watch President Obama's inaugural address on Monday, or didn't you get a chance to see it?

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Jan 24-27
2013
33 Yes, watched
67 No, didn't watch
* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
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## READ IF DIDN'T WATCH OR DON'T KNOW (PEW.2=2,9):

From what you've read and heard about the speech...

## **ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 Overall, did you have a positive or negative reaction to President Obama's inaugural address?

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Jan 24-27
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48 Positive
22 Negative
15 Neither/Neutral (VOL.)
14 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
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