

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
FEBRUARY 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
February 14-23, 2014
N=1,821**

**QUESTIONS 1, 4, 10, 15-18b, 23-25, 30 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 2-3, 5-9, 11-14, 19-22, 26-29, 31-35
QUESTION 18c HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=900]:

Next, I have some questions about drug policy.

Q.37F1 How would you describe the problem of drug abuse across the country? Would you say it is a **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>		Feb <u>2001</u> ¹	<i>-Gallup/CNN/USA Today-</i>	
			Sep <u>1999</u> ²	Sep <u>1995</u>
32	Crisis	27	30	31
55	A serious problem	63	60	63
11	A minor problem, or	7	8	5
2	Not a problem	1	1	*
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=921]:

Next, I have some questions about drug policy.

Q.37F2 How would you describe the problem of drug abuse in your neighborhood, including the local schools? Would you say it is a **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>		Feb <u>2001</u>	<i>-Gallup/CNN/USA Today-</i>	
			Sep <u>1999</u>	Sep <u>1995</u>
12	Crisis	9	9	10
38	A serious problem	37	38	44
33	A minor problem, or	37	38	37
14	Not a problem	10	12	6
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	4	3

ASK ALL:

Q.38 In dealing with drug policy, should government focus more on **[RANDOMIZE: prosecuting/providing treatment for]** people who use illegal drugs such as heroin and cocaine, or do you think it should focus more on **[RANDOMIZE: prosecuting/providing treatment for]** people who use these types of drugs?

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>	
26	Prosecuting those who use illegal drugs
67	Providing treatment for those who use illegal drugs
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹ In February 2001, September 1999 and September 1995, there were different intros to Q36F1 and Q37F2. The intro in 2001 read "Next I have some questions about the problem of drugs and drug abuse." There was no intro language in 1999. The intro in 1995 read "Now, thinking about illegal drugs."

² In September 1999 and September 1995, respondents were asked both Q36F1 and Q37F2—half were asked to assess the problem "across the country" first and half were asked about "in your neighborhood, including the local schools" first. The question ordering did not make a significant difference in the responses, so both sets of respondents are included here.

ASK ALL:

Q.39 Some states have moved AWAY from the idea of mandatory prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders. Do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>		Feb <u>2001</u> ³
63	Good thing	47
32	Bad thing	45
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

NO QUESTIONS 40-44**QUESTION 45 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.46 Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? **[READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR ½ SAMPLE]**

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>	
39	It should be legal for personal use
44	It should be legal only for medicinal use [OR]
16	It should not be legal
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.47 If marijuana use is not legalized, do you think people convicted of possessing small amounts of marijuana should serve time in jail, or not?

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>	
22	Yes
76	No
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.48 In your view, would legalizing marijuana lead to more underage people trying it, or not?

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>	
54	Yes
44	No
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 49-51**RANDOMIZE Q.52 AND Q.53****ASK ALL:**

Q.52 Which do you think is more harmful to a person's health **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>	
69	Alcohol [OR]
15	Marijuana
14	Both are/Neither is (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

³ In 2001, the question read "Some states are moving AWAY from the idea of mandatory prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders. Do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?"

RANDOMIZE Q.52 AND Q.53**ASK ALL:**

Q.53 If marijuana were as widely available as alcohol, which do you think would be more harmful to society [**RANDOMIZE:** alcohol or marijuana]?

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63	Alcohol [OR]
23	Marijuana
11	Both are/Neither is (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 54**ASK ALL:**

Q.55 Regardless of your opinion about marijuana, do you think that the sale and use of marijuana eventually will be legal nationwide, or not?

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75	Yes, it will
22	No, it will not
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.56 If marijuana were legal, would it bother you if [**INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE**] or would this not bother you? What about if [**NEXT ITEM**] – would this bother you or not? [**IF NECESSARY:** If marijuana were legal]

	<u>Yes, would bother you</u>	<u>No, would not bother you</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. A store or business selling marijuana opened up in your neighborhood Feb 14-23, 2014	41	57	1	1
NO ITEM b.				
c. People used marijuana in public Feb 14-23, 2014	63	34	3	1
d. People used marijuana in their own homes Feb 14-23, 2014	15	83	1	1

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Keeping in mind that all of your answers in the survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 14-23, 2014	47	52	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	48	51	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	40	58	2
June, 2003	38	61	1
February, 2001	38	60	2
Gallup: September, 1999	34	66	*
Gallup: May, 1985	33	67	0
Gallup: April, 1977	24	76	0
Gallup: January 1973	12	88	*
Gallup: March, 1972	11	89	0
Gallup: October, 1969	4	94	2

ASK ALL:

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ASK IF EVER TRIED MARIJUANA (Q.57=1):

Q.58 Have you used marijuana in the past year, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Feb 14-23 <u>2014</u>		Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>
47	Yes, have tried marijuana	48
11	Yes, used in past year	12
36	No, not in past year	36
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*
52	No, have not tried marijuana	51
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

NO QUESTIONS 59, 64-70, 77-99, 106-108**QUESTIONS 60-63, 71-76, 100-105, 109-110 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
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
Yearly Totals								
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)			
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
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=689]:

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
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	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ⁴	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--

⁴ 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>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
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

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
FINAL TOPLINE
February 12-26, 2014
N=3,338**

**SELECTED QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
QUESTIONS B.27, B.27a PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

ASK ALL:

Q.B110 Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 12-26, 2014	54	42	3
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	45	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
General Social Survey			
2008	35	57	8
2006	32	60	7
2004	33	59	9
2002	32	61	6
2000	31	63	6
1998	27	67	6
1996	25	70	5
1994	22	73	5
1993	22	73	5
1991	17	78	5
1990	16	81	3
1989	16	81	3
1988	17	79	4
1987	16	81	3
1986	17	80	2
1984	22	74	4
1983	19	77	3
1980	24	73	3
1978	30	66	4
1976	28	69	3
1975	20	74	5
1973	19	79	2
Gallup			
March, 1972	15	81	4
October, 1969	12	84	4

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
Feb 12-26, 2014	23	30	41	3	1	2	17	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
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
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2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--