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(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/14/14	41	21	20	54	13	41	5
10/26/14	43	21	22	51	12	39	6
10/12/14	40	20	20	51	12	39	8
9/7/14	42	24	18	51	12	39	6
6/1/14	46	23	23	51	14	37	3
4/27/14	41	23	19	52	12	40	6
3/2/14	46	25	22	50	12	38	3
1/23/14	46	23	23	50	9	41	4
12/15/13	43	23	20	55	14	41	3
11/17/13	42	22	21	55	11	44	3
10/20/13	48	28	20	49	10	39	3
9/15/13	47	25	22	47	11	37	6
7/21/13	49	25	24	44	12	32	7
5/19/13	51	32	20	44	10	33	5
4/14/13	50	27	23	45	10	35	5
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4
1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48	11	37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/27/12 RV	50	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
10/23/12 RV	50	29	21	47	9	37	3
10/22/12 RV	50	30	20	47	10	38	3
10/21/12 RV	51	31	20	47	10	37	2
10/13/12	50	30	21	44	10	34	6
9/29/12	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
9/9/12	49	29	20	45	11	35	6
8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
5/20/12	47	26	21	49	13	36	3
4/8/12	50	30	20	45	10	35	6
3/10/12	46	28	18	50	11	39	4
2/4/12	50	29	22	46	11	36	3
1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4

5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

12/14/14 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	
a. The economy	44	24	20	52	14	38	4
b. Immigration issues	38	22	16	55	11	45	7
c. International affairs	39	18	21	54	13	41	7
d. The threat of terrorism	43	21	22	48	14	34	9

*Full sample asked items a and b. Half sample asked item c; other half asked item d.

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/14/14	44	24	20	52	14	38	4
10/26/14	42	21	20	52	14	38	7
10/12/14	44	25	19	51	12	39	4
9/7/14	42	22	19	54	15	39	5
6/1/14	43	21	21	53	15	38	4
4/27/14	42	20	21	54	13	41	4
3/2/14	43	23	20	54	14	41	2
1/23/14	43	22	21	55	13	42	3
12/15/13	42	24	18	55	14	40	4
11/17/13	41	22	20	57	14	42	2
10/20/13	44	23	20	54	12	42	2
9/15/13	45	25	20	51	14	37	4
7/21/13	45	22	22	49	14	35	6
5/19/13	48	26	22	48	10	37	4
4/14/13	44	22	22	53	12	41	3
3/10/13	44	24	20	52	10	42	4

1/13/13	50	24	25	47	10	37	3
12/16/12	50	27	23	48	10	38	3
10/13/12 RV	47	26	21	51	10	41	2
9/29/12 RV	47	23	25	52	10	41	1
9/9/12 RV	45	24	21	53	8	45	2
8/25/12	44	20	23	54	12	42	3
7/8/12	44	21	23	54	13	41	2
5/20/12	42	20	22	55	11	44	2
4/8/12	44	23	21	54	12	42	2
3/10/12	38	20	18	59	9	50	2
2/4/12	44	23	22	53	11	41	3
1/15/12	41	19	22	57	11	46	2
12/18/11	41	17	24	56	13	43	2
11/3/11	38	18	20	61	13	48	2
10/2/11	35	17	19	61	13	48	4
9/1/11	36	15	21	62	15	47	2
7/17/11	39	18	22	57	15	43	3
6/5/11	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
5/2/11*	40	18	22	55	16	39	4
4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2
3/13/11	43	22	21	55	13	41	2
1/16/11	46	22	24	51	13	38	2
12/12/10	43	21	22	54	15	39	3
10/28/10 RV	44	21	23	54	15	39	3
10/3/10	45	22	23	53	13	41	2
9/2/10	41	20	21	57	13	44	2
7/11/10	43	20	23	54	13	41	4
6/6/10	50	26	24	49	12	37	2
4/25/10	49	24	25	49	10	39	2
3/26/10	45	23	22	52	12	40	3
2/8/10	45	22	23	53	15	38	2
1/15/10	47	22	24	52	13	39	1
12/13/09	46	23	24	52	12	40	2
11/15/09	51	26	25	47	12	36	2
10/18/09	50	29	22	48	13	35	1
9/12/09	51	28	24	46	13	33	2
8/17/09	52	27	25	46	13	33	2
7/18/09	52	29	23	46	10	35	3
6/21/09	56	28	28	41	13	27	3
4/24/09	58	31	28	38	13	25	4
3/29/09	60	34	25	38	12	26	3
2/22/09	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6

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b. Immigration issues

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/14/14	38	22	16	55	11	45	7
10/12/14	29	13	16	61	15	45	10
9/7/14	31	14	17	59	14	45	10
6/1/14	38	17	21	50	15	35	12
7/21/13	43	23	20	44	13	31	13
5/19/13	46	25	21	41	11	30	13
4/14/13	44	24	21	43	12	30	13
2/3/13	49	27	22	43	15	28	8
7/8/12	38	20	18	52	18	34	10
6/6/10	39	17	23	51	14	37	10
3/26/10	33	14	19	43	15	28	23
4/24/09	48	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	18

c. International affairs

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/14/14	39	18	21	54	13	41	7
10/12/14	37	18	18	53	16	37	10
9/7/14	38	18	20	56	13	43	7
7/27/14	46	16	29	50	15	36	4
6/1/14	41	19	21	50	13	36	10
3/2/14	47	25	22	45	15	30	8
9/15/13	47	25	22	44	11	33	9
12/16/12	54	32	22	39	11	28	7
9/29/12 RV	49	28	20	48	12	36	3
5/20/12	48	30	18	46	15	31	6
4/8/12	47	24	23	44	11	33	9
1/15/12	49	26	23	44	10	33	7
11/3/11	47	26	21	45	13	31	8
11/15/09	60	30	30	37	13	23	3
10/18/09	57	34	23	36	15	21	7
9/12/09	57	32	25	33	12	21	10
6/21/09	61	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	7
4/24/09	67			27			6
3/29/09	62	"	"	27	"	"	11

d. The threat of terrorism

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/14/14	43	21	22	48	14	34	9
10/12/14	42	21	21	50	15	35	8
1/23/14	50	29	21	42	14	28	8
1/15/12	56	36	20	38	10	28	6
11/3/11	60	37	23	34	12	22	6
9/1/11	62	33	29	32	12	21	6
6/5/11	60	35	25	34	13	21	6
5/2/11*	69	42	27	21	9	12	10
2/8/10	56	28	28	39	14	25	5
1/15/10	55	31	23	42	14	28	4
11/15/09	53	31	22	41	14	27	6
9/12/09	55	31	24	34	12	23	11
6/21/09	57	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	7
4/21/09**	57	"	"	26	"	"	17

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3. Overall, who do you trust to do a better job coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years, (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
12/14/14	39	43	2	14	3
6/1/14	43	38	1	14	5
12/15/13	41	41	1	15	3
12/16/12	50	35	1	11	3
12/12/10	43	38	2	12	4

Compare to:

	Bush	Democrats	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
12/11/06	31	57	1	8	2
1/18/04	45	44	1	6	3
4/30/03	55	37	1	4	3
10/27/02 LV	53	37	1	5	4

9/26/02	54	38	3	3	3
7/15/02	53	37	4	3	3
1/27/02	62	31	2	3	2

	Clinton	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/26/00	45	46	*	7	2
2/14/99*	52	35	2	7	3
2/12/99	53	30	3	11	4
1/19/99	50	32	3	8	7
11/7/98	47	38	4	9	2
9/28/98	51	38	2	6	3
8/21/98	48	38	2	9	3
7/12/98	48	38	1	6	6
5/12/98	47	39	3	8	3
1/31/98	52	35	3	4	6
1/19/98	48	40	2	8	2
3/9/97	49	38	4	8	2
1/15/97**	51	37	3	7	2
1/29/95	40	46	4	8	2
1/4/95	30	54	3	9	4
12/15/94	34	49	3	9	6

*1999 and previous: "next few years"

**"The Clinton administration"

4. Who do you trust to do a better job [ITEM], (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

12/14/14 - Summary Table

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Handling the economy	38	47	2	10	2
b. Handling immigration issues	39	48	1	9	3

Trend:

a. Handling the economy

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
12/14/14	38	47	2	10	2
12/15/13	41	45	1	11	2
9/15/13	44	38	1	12	5
5/19/13	46	37	1	12	4
3/10/13	44	40	1	11	4
12/16/12	54	36	1	7	1
1/15/12	43	41	1	12	3
12/18/11	44	40	1	13	2
11/3/11	42	42	1	12	2
10/2/11	43	42	1	11	2
9/1/11	42	39	1	16	2
6/5/11	42	45	2	9	2
3/13/11	46	34	2	15	4
1/16/11	46	41	3	7	3
12/12/10	44	45	2	7	2
4/25/10	49	38	1	9	2
2/8/10	47	42	1	7	2
12/13/09	48	36	1	12	3
11/15/09	52	37	1	8	1
9/12/09	48	37	1	12	2
7/18/09	56	33	1	9	2

6/21/09	55	31	2	9	2
4/24/09	61	24	2	11	2
3/29/09	58	25	1	14	2
2/22/09	61	26	1	9	3

b. Handling immigration issues

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
12/14/14	39	48	1	9	3
5/19/13	45	37	2	10	6
3/10/13	45	39	1	9	6

Compare to: Who do you trust to do a better job handling immigration issues - (Bush) or (the Democrats in Congress)?

	Bush	Dems	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
6/1/07	31	48	2	13	5
12/11/06	34	49	1	10	6
1/18/04	38	44	2	8	8

5. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

12/14/14 - Summary Table

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			No opinion
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	
a. The Democratic Party	44	18	25	50	22	28	6
b. The Republican Party	47	18	28	47	19	28	7

Trend:

a. The Democratic Party

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/14/14	44	18	25	50	22	28	6
10/12/14	39	15	24	51	21	30	10
8/3/14	49	20	29	46	17	29	5
10/20/13	46	19	27	49	18	31	5
9/30/12	49	28	22	42	14	28	9
10/30/11	48	21	26	46	21	25	7
3/26/10	50	25	24	45	14	31	5
2/8/10	50	24	26	46	17	28	4
6/21/09	53	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	6
8/22/08	RV	58		36			5
11/1/07	51			45			5
3/5/06	55			41			4
6/5/05	51			47			2
12/15/02	56			37			6
1/27/02	56			36			8
7/30/01	60			36			4
12/15/00	64			25			11
1/16/00	56			35			9
1/10/00*	61			33			6
1/10/00	LV	58		37			5
11/21/99	51			41			8
5/2/99	53			37			10
2/21/99	55			37			8
2/13/99	56			38			6

2/8/99	57			37			6
1/10/99	57			35			8
12/20/98	57			30			13
12/16/98	58			32			10
10/29/97	54			39			7
9/1/96	RV	60		36			4
8/18/96	RV	55		41			4
8/7/96	RV	57		38			5
4/10/96		55		38			7
4/19/95		51		43			6
7/8/92	RV	54		38			8
6/6/91**		52		34			14
4/2/90		54		35			11
1/15/90		58		32			10
11/16/88		54		36			10
11/4/84		47		42			11
10/4/84	RV	50	"	39	"	"	11

*1/10/00 to 7/8/92: Gallup
**6/6/91 and previous: CBS News/New York Times

b. The Republican Party

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/14/14	47	18	28	47	19	28	7
10/12/14	33	11	22	56	27	29	10
8/3/14	35	11	24	60	24	36	5
10/20/13	32	10	22	63	25	38	6
9/30/12	39	18	21	53	19	33	8
10/30/11	40	13	27	53	21	32	7
3/26/10	40	17	23	55	24	30	5
2/8/10	44	19	25	52	23	29	4
6/21/09	36	NA	NA	56	NA	NA	8
8/22/08	RV	47		49			4
11/1/07		39		56			5
3/5/06		51		46			3
6/5/05		49		49			2
12/15/02		56		38			5
1/27/02		63		30			7
7/30/01		51		46			3
12/15/00		54		35			11
1/16/00		53		37			10
1/10/00*		53		41			6
1/10/00	LV	56		39			5
11/21/99		50		44			6
5/2/99		47		44			9
2/21/99		45		46			9
2/13/99		40		54			5
2/8/99		45		47			8
1/10/99		40		52			8
12/20/98		31		57			12
12/16/98		43		47			10
10/29/97		50		42			8
9/1/96	RV	50		45			5
8/18/96	RV	55		41			4
8/7/96	RV	51		44			5
4/10/96		52		41			7
4/19/95		52		42			6
7/8/92	RV	53		39			8
6/6/91**		62		28			10
4/2/90		58		34			8
1/15/90		63		28			9
11/16/88		57		34			9

11/4/84 58 " " 33 " " 9
 10/4/84 53 " " 36 " " 11
 *1/10/00 to 7/8/92: Gallup
 **6/6/91 and previous: CBS News/New York Times

On another subject,

6. Thinking about the next 12 months, would you say you feel (optimistic) or (pessimistic) about [ITEM]? Is that very optimistic/pessimistic, or somewhat? How about [NEXT ITEM]?

12/14/14 - Summary Table

	--- Optimistic ---			--- Pessimistic ---			No opinion
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Very	
a. The state of the national economy	54	20	35	42	20	22	4
b. Your own family's financial situation	69	34	36	26	14	12	5

Trend:

a. The state of the national economy

	----- Optimistic -----			----- Pessimistic -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
12/14/14	54	20	35	42	20	22	4
5/19/13	53	20	33	41	17	24	5
12/16/12	48	15	33	49	21	28	3
3/10/12	49	18	30	48	20	28	3
12/18/11	44	14	30	52	25	27	5
4/24/09	55	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	3
2/22/09	48			50			2
12/14/08	48			50			3
9/29/08 RV	43			53			4
4/13/08	40			58			2
2/1/08	45			51			4
12/9/07	45			52			3
12/11/06	64			33			3
5/15/06	52			46			1
12/18/05	55			44			1
9/11/05	51			46			2
6/5/05	59			40			1
12/19/04	58			40			2
6/20/04	64			34			2
1/18/04	63	"	"	35	"	"	2

b. Your own family's financial situation

	----- Optimistic -----			----- Pessimistic -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
12/14/14	69	34	36	26	14	12	5
5/19/13	66	32	34	29	14	15	5
12/16/12	66	30	36	30	16	14	4
3/10/12	66	28	39	30	16	14	4
12/18/11	61	23	38	35	19	16	4
4/24/09	66	NA	NA	31	NA	NA	3
2/22/09	66			31			3
12/14/08	68			29			2
9/29/08 RV	62			35			4
4/13/08	65			32			3
2/1/08	67			30			3
12/9/07	72			25			3

12/11/06	82			16			2
5/15/06	79			20			1
12/18/05	73			26			1
12/19/04	75	"	"	23	"	"	2

7. As you may know, oil and gas prices have been dropping lately. Has this helped your own financial situation a great deal, a good amount, just some or very little?

	--- Helped more ----			----- Helped less -----				
	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	Very little	None (vol.)	No opinion	
12/14/14	41	25	17	58	32	24	2	1

Changing topics,

8. The Senate Intelligence Committee issued a report last week accusing the CIA of physically abusing suspected terrorists in interrogations from 2001 to 2009 and misleading White House officials, Congress and the public about its activities. The CIA says the report is one-sided and incomplete. What's your impression - do you think the report is fair or unfair in its description of what happened?

	Fair	Unfair	No opinion
12/14/14	36	47	17

9. Do you think the CIA did or did not intentionally mislead the White House, Congress and the public about its activities? (IF DID INTENTIONALLY MISLEAD) Do you think that was justified or unjustified?

	- Did intentionally mislead -			Did not intentionally mislead	No opinion
	NET	Justified	Unjustified		
12/14/14	54	21	33	33	13

10. Do you personally think the CIA's treatment of suspected terrorists amounted to torture, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
12/14/14	49	38	13

11. As best you can tell, do you think the CIA's treatment of suspected terrorists did or did not produce important information that could not have been obtained any other way?

	Did produce important information	Did not produce important information	No opinion
12/14/14	53	31	16

12. Which of these statements comes closer to your own opinion: (It was wrong to release this report because it may raise the risk of terrorism by increasing anti-American sentiment) OR (It was right to release this report in order to expose what happened and prevent it in the future).

	Wrong to release report	Right to release report	No opinion
12/14/14	52	43	5

13. Do you think there should or should not be criminal charges filed against officials who were responsible for the CIA interrogation activities?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
12/14/14	34	57	9

14. All in all, do you think the CIA's treatment of suspected terrorists was justified or unjustified?

	Justified	Unjustified	No opinion
12/14/14	59	31	9

15. Looking ahead, do you feel that torture of suspected terrorists can often be justified, sometimes justified, rarely justified or never justified?

	----- Justified -----			-- Not justified ---			No
	NET	Often	Sometimes	NET	Rarely	Never	opinion
12/14/14	58	17	40	39	19	20	4

Changing topics,

16. Obama has taken an executive action under which as many as four million of the country's undocumented immigrants will not face deportation over the next three years if they pass a background check and meet other requirements. Most will need to show that they have been in the United States for at least five years and have children who were born here. Do you support or oppose this immigration program? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/14/14	52	32	20	44	11	33	4

17. Regardless of what you think of the program, in taking this action do you think Obama (acted within his authority as president), or do you think he (went beyond his authority as president)?

	Acted within his authority	Went beyond his authority	No opinion
12/14/14	47	49	4

18. Obama says he took the executive action creating this program because Congress would not act on a new immigration law. Do you think that is or is not a good enough reason for Obama to have taken action?

	Is a good enough reason	Is not a good enough reason	No opinion
12/14/14	46	51	3

19. Do you think Congress should try to block this immigration program, or let it go forward? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Try to block it ----			--- Let it go forward ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/14/14	47	34	13	49	16	33	3

Questions 20 through 28 held for release.

29. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) I'm going to read a list of possible candidates for the Republican nomination for president in 2016. If the 2016 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, for whom would you vote? Which candidate would you lean toward?

12/14/14 - NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	----- Among Gen pop -----			
	12/14	10/12	4/27	1/23*
Mitt Romney	20	21	NA	NA
Jeb Bush	10	11	14	18
Rand Paul	9	9	14	11
Paul Ryan	8	5	11	20
Ted Cruz	7	3	6	12
Ben Carson	6	5	NA	NA
Chris Christie	6	6	10	13
Mike Huckabee	6	9	13	NA
Scott Walker	5	1	5	NA
Rick Perry	4	6	6	NA
Marco Rubio	4	6	7	10
Bobby Jindal	3	2	1	NA
John Kasich	2	1	2	NA
Rick Santorum	2	3	NA	NA
Other (vol.)	*	1	1	2
None of these (vol.)	2	2	4	4
Would not vote (vol.)	*	1	*	1
No opinion	6	7	5	9

	----- Among RVs -----			
	12/14	10/12	4/27	1/23*
Mitt Romney	21	21	NA	NA
Jeb Bush	10	10	12	18
Rand Paul	9	9	15	11
Paul Ryan	8	5	12	18
Ben Carson	7	6	NA	NA
Chris Christie	6	8	9	14
Ted Cruz	6	3	7	12
Mike Huckabee	6	10	14	NA
Scott Walker	5	1	5	NA
Rick Perry	4	5	5	NA
Marco Rubio	4	6	6	10
Bobby Jindal	2	1	2	NA
John Kasich	2	1	1	NA
Rick Santorum	3	4	NA	NA
Other (vol.)	*	1	2	2
None of these (vol.)	2	2	4	4
Would not vote (vol.)	*	0	*	1
No opinion	6	6	5	9

*"If the 2016 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state was being held today, and the candidates were..."

30. (IF WOULD VOTE FOR ROMNEY) If Romney does not run for president, for whom would you vote? Which candidate would you lean toward?

12/14/14 - NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	Among Gen pop	
	12/14	10/12
Jeb Bush	15	15
Rand Paul	11	12
Paul Ryan	11	8

Chris Christie	8	7
Ted Cruz	8	4
Ben Carson	7	6
Mike Huckabee	6	11
Marco Rubio	6	8
Scott Walker	6	1
Rick Perry	5	6
Bobby Jindal	3	2
Rick Santorum	3	3
John Kasich	2	2
Other (vol.)	*	1
None of these (vol.)	2	3
Would not vote (vol.)	*	1
No opinion	7	10

- Among RVs -

	12/14	10/12
Jeb Bush	14	13
Paul Ryan	11	9
Rand Paul	10	12
Ben Carson	8	7
Ted Cruz	8	4
Chris Christie	7	8
Mike Huckabee	7	12
Marco Rubio	7	8
Scott Walker	7	2
Rick Perry	5	6
Bobby Jindal	3	2
Rick Santorum	3	4
John Kasich	2	2
Other (vol.)	*	1
None of these (vol.)	2	3
Would not vote (vol.)	*	0
No opinion	6	9

31. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) I'm going to read a list of possible candidates for the Democratic nomination for president in 2016. After you hear the list, please tell me, if the 2016 Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, for whom would you vote?

12/14/14 - NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	----- Among Gen pop -----			
	12/14	10/12	6/1	1/23
Hillary Clinton	63	65	66	73
Joe Biden	14	13	12	12
Elizabeth Warren	11	10	7	8
Bernie Sanders	4	1	2	NA
Jim Webb	3	3	2	NA
Martin O'Malley	1	1	1	NA
Other (vol.)	*	0	0	1
None of these (vol.)	1	2	2	2
Would not vote (vol.)	1	*	*	*
No opinion	2	5	4	3

	----- Among RVs -----			
	12/14	10/12	6/1	1/23
Hillary Clinton	61	64	69	73
Joe Biden	14	13	12	11
Elizabeth Warren	13	11	7	9
Bernie Sanders	4	1	2	NA
Jim Webb	3	2	1	NA

Martin O'Malley	*	1	2	NA
Other (vol.)	*	0	0	*
None of these (vol.)	1	3	2	3
Would not vote (vol.)	1	0	0	*
No opinion	2	5	2	4

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

Party lean. (AMONG NON-DEMOCRATS OR NON-REPUBLICANS) Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion	Leaned Party	
						Dem	Rep
12/14/14	26	23	41	7	3	42	43
10/26/14	32	24	36	5	3	46	41
10/12/14	31	24	36	6	3	48	40
9/7/14	33	23	38	4	2	48	42
6/1/14	33	24	35	5	4	49	41
4/27/14	32	21	38	6	3	49	40
3/2/14	30	22	40	4	3	48	42
1/23/14	32	25	37	5	2	47	44
12/15/13	30	24	40	4	2	47	45

END

METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of the continental United States, not including Alaska and Hawaii, including interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as appears in this document. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Questions that contain parenthetical phrases indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents. Results preceded by "RV" indicate results among likely voters or registered voters.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and asked to interview the youngest male or youngest female who is at home at the time, with the male requested 75 percent of the time. A separate sample of cell phone numbers are dialed and screened for cell phone-only users who have no landline telephone. Both the landline and cellular phones are stratified by Census division according to area code. The survey was conducted with 690 respondents reached on landline phones and 310 among those who are cell phone-only, those no landline phone.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted using a raking procedure to match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity.

The dual-frame sample design for landlines and cell phone-only respondents are weighted separately by Census region for each phone type to match targets for phone usage based on the National Health Interview Survey. The full sample is then weighted to match adult population estimates for four key demographics according to the latest Current Population Survey March Social and Economic Supplement by age, race/ethnicity, sex and education.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.29 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample, and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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