

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
September 3-7, 2015 OMNIBUS
FINAL TOPLINE
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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?"]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
September 3-7, 2015	24	30	20	25	1
August 20-23, 2015	25	27	27	20	2
April 30-May 3, 2015	20	28	25	26	1
March 5-8, 2015	24	31	16	29	1
February 5-8, 2015	24	32	19	23	2
January 22-25, 2015	26	30	18	24	2
January 8-11, 2015	24	35	17	24	1
December 4-7, 2014	28	31	20	19	1
November 6-9, 2014	31	35	21	12	2
October 16-19, 2014	26	33	22	18	1
September 25-28, 2014	25	33	22	19	1
July 31-August 3, 2014	27	29	23	21	1
June 5-8, 2014	26	28	20	24	1
March 20-23, 2014	30	34	18	17	2
March 6-9, 2014	27	31	19	22	1
February 27-March 2, 2014	27	32	16	24	1
February 6-9, 2014	28	29	20	22	1
January 30-February 2, 2014	29	31	17	23	*
January 9-12, 2014	28	29	19	23	1
January 2-5, 2014	29	31	17	22	1
SEE TREND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: http://www.people-press.org/files/2015/01/NII-Economy-trend.pdf					
b. News about candidates for the 2016 presidential election					
September 3-7, 2015	27	32	21	19	1
August 20-23, 2015	27	27	23	22	1
April 30-May 3, 2015	16	25	23	34	1
SEE TRENDS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS: http://www.people-press.org/files/2015/05/NII-Election-trend.pdf					
c. Reports about the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS					
September 3-7, 2015	24	28	21	26	1
August 20-23, 2015	21	31	24	23	1
February 5-8, 2015	29	31	17	21	1
January 22-25, 2015	25	33	21	21	1
December 4-7, 2014	28	29	21	21	1
November 20-23, 2014	31	31	17	20	1
October 16-19, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in Iraq and Syria</i>	29	33	19	19	1
October 2-5, 2014	31	30	21	18	1

PEW.1 CONTINUED...

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
September 25-28, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against ISIS and other Islamic militant groups in the Middle East</i>	37	32	16	14	1
September 11-14, 2014: <i>Reports about the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria, known as ISIS</i>	37	30	16	17	*
August 14-17, 2014: <i>U.S. airstrikes against an Islamic militant group in Iraq</i>	23	29	21	26	1
June 26-29, 2014: <i>Growing violence and political instability in Iraq</i>	25	29	18	27	1
d. Wildfires in California and other Western states					
September 3-7, 2015	15	26	26	31	1
August 20-23, 2015	21	29	24	25	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
August 29-September 1, 2013: <i>Wildfires in California</i>	20	33	23	24	*
June 28-July 1, 2012: <i>Large wildfires in Colorado</i>	27	28	21	23	1
June 14-17, 2012: <i>Wildfires in Colorado and other Western states</i>	17	28	24	32	*
September 8-11, 2011: <i>Wildfires in Texas</i>	20	27	25	27	1
June 23-26, 2011: <i>Wildfires in the West and South</i>	21	24	26	28	1
June 9-12, 2011: <i>Wildfires in Arizona</i>	18	27	24	30	*
September 3-6, 2009: <i>Southern California wildfires</i>	22	32	29	16	0
April 24-27, 2009: <i>Wildfires in South Carolina</i>	12	21	29	38	*
November 14-17, 2008: <i>California wildfires</i>	21	28	29	22	*
October 17-20, 2008	15	28	33	24	*
July 11-14, 2008	22	34	28	16	*
October 26-29, 2007	40	41	13	6	*
January 12-15, 2007: <i>Fires in Malibu, California</i>	10	20	31	38	1
November, 2003: <i>California wildfires</i>	38	35	17	9	1
June, 2002: <i>Wildfires in Colorado and other western states</i>	30	36	25	9	*
September, 2001: <i>Wild fires in the west</i>	28	37	24	11	*
December, 1993: <i>Southern California fires</i>	44	39	13	4	*
July, 1990	29	35	24	12	0

ASK ALL:

On another subject ...

PEW.2 How much, if anything, have you heard about a recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**

Sep 3-7 <u>2015</u>		Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>
36	A lot	35
32	A little	44
30	Nothing at all	21
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

PEW.2 CONTINUED...

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *How much, if anything, have you heard about negotiations between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard ...*

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	Nothing <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
Mar 25-29, 2015	27	49	24	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 U.S.-Iran Pact (U) ¹	24	48	28	1
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	49	26	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	41	38	21	*
Feb 8-12, 2012	38	39	23	*
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	41	15	2
Sept 30-Oct 4, 2009	41	41	18	*
Sep 2006	41	44	14	1
Feb 2006	32	46	21	1

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of this agreement? **[IF NECESSARY:** The recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations]

Sep 3-7 <u>2015</u>		Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>
21	Approve	33
49	Disapprove	45
30	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	22

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of ...*

*Agreement between U.S. and
Iran on Iran's nuclear program
(U)*

Dec 3-8
2013

32	Approve
43	Disapprove
25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

*U.S. negotiating directly with Iran
over its nuclear program*

Mar 25-29 <u>2015</u>	Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Sep <u>2006</u> ²
49	63	54
40	28	32
11	9	14

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 If this agreement is implemented, do you think the relationship between the U.S. and Iran will improve, get worse or stay about the same?

Sep 3-7 <u>2015</u>		Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>
18	Improve	23
30	Get worse	28
37	Stay about the same	40
16	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9

¹ In December 2013, question referred to "the recent agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program." In November 2013, question referred to "recent international talks regarding Iran's nuclear enrichment program." From September 2006 to March 2012, question read: "How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard..." In January 11-16, 2012, the question read: "...recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf." In February 2006, question read: "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this?"

² In September 2006, question read: "From what you know, would you favor or oppose the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?"

RANDOMIZE PEW.5 AND PEW.6**ASK ALL:**

PEW.5 How much confidence do you have that Iran's leaders will uphold their side of the agreement **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Sep 3-7 <u>2015</u>		Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>
2	A great deal of confidence	3
18	A fair amount of confidence	22
28	Not too much confidence	34
42	No confidence at all	37
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

RANDOMIZE PEW.5 AND PEW.6**ASK ALL:**

PEW.6 How much confidence do you have in the U.S. and international agencies ability to monitor Iran's compliance with the agreement **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Sep 3-7 <u>2015</u>		Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>
12	A great deal of confidence	12
30	A fair amount of confidence	34
27	Not too much confidence	32
24	No confidence at all	20
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

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.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Sep 3-7, 2015	25	28	36	5	1	5	14	13

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

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Pew Research Center/USA Today polls