

American Values Survey 2014
July 21 – August 15, 2014
N = 4,507

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Mixed (VOL.)</u>	<u>DK/Refused (VOL.)</u>
2014	38	48	6	8
2013 ¹	48	41	5	6
2012 ²	48	43	6	4
2011 ³	45	44	-	12
2010 ⁴	49	42	-	9

Q.2 Over the last two years do you think the economy has gotten better, gotten worse or stayed about the same? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>DK/Refused (VOL.)</u>
2014	30	35	33	2
2013 ⁵	35	34	28	2
2011 ⁶	10	53	35	1
2010 ⁷	19	48	32	1

Q.3 Do you think the country's economic recession is over, or do you think the economy is still in a recession?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2012⁸</u>	
21	21	Recession is over
72	76	Still in a recession
<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

¹ PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

² Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012.

³ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, November 2011.

⁴ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2010.

⁵ PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

⁶ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, November 2011.

⁷ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2010.

⁸ ABC News/Washington Post Poll, April 2012.

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

77	Yes, registered
22	No, not registered
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.4 How often would you say you vote? **[READ IN ORDER]**

45	Always
19	Nearly always
11	In about half of elections
9	Seldom
16	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2014 congressional election in November? Would you say you are... **[READ IN ORDER]**

56	Absolutely certain to vote
16	Probably will vote
13	Chances are 50-50
11	Less than 50-50 chance
3	Definitely not voting (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 Now, suppose the 2014 congressional election was being held TODAY. If you had to choose between **[READ AND ROTATE]** in your election district, who would you vote for?

IF OTHER OR DK (Q6=4,9), ASK [N=1,045]:

Q.7 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more towards **[READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q6]**?

41	Net Republican
36	<i>The Republican candidate</i>
5	<i>Lean Republican</i>
45	Net Democrat
38	<i>The Democratic candidate</i>
6	<i>Lean Democrat</i>
*	Tea Party candidate (VOL.)
1	Other/Third Party candidate (VOL.)
2	Not voting (VOL.)
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Thinking back to the 2012 presidential election...

Q.8 A lot of people have been telling us they didn't get a chance to vote in this past election. How about you... did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

69	Yes, Voted
27	No, Did not vote
3	Not eligible to vote (VOL.)
*	Other (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF VOTED (Q8=1), ASK [N=3,451]:

Q.9 Did you happen to vote for **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, **[INSERT]**, or some other candidate?

48	Barack Obama, the Democrat
39	Mitt Romney, the Republican
8	Some other candidate/Independent/Third Party candidate
*	Did not vote (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.10 Of the following six issues, which one would you say is MOST important to your vote for Congress this year? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

38	The economy
22	Health care
15	Immigration
13	National security
4	Same-sex marriage
4	Abortion
1	Other [SPECIFY—VOL.]
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.11 As I read a list of economic issues, please tell me which you consider to be the MOST important economic issue facing the United States today? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

26	Lack of jobs
21	The increasing gap between rich and poor
17	The budget deficit
16	Rising cost of health care
9	Social Security
8	Rising cost of education
1	Other (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.12 Now, we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose this?]**

a. Making the use of marijuana legal

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
2014	18	26	26	24	6
2013 ⁹	19	32	25	19	4
2012 ¹⁰	18	25	24	28	4

⁹ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2013.

¹⁰ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012. Note: Question asked about "making marijuana legal in the United States."

b. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>DK/Refused (VOL.)</u>
2014	24	25	20	22	9
2013 ¹¹	25	27	19	25	4
2012 ¹²	24	25	18	27	7
2011 ¹³	24	24	20	26	6

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,250]:

c. Increasing the tax rate on Americans earning more than \$250,000 a year

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>DK/Refused (VOL.)</u>
2014	26	31	24	13	5
2013 ¹⁴	29	34	22	12	3
2012 ¹⁵	33	28	19	17	4

d. Requiring companies to provide all full-time employees with paid sick days if they or an immediate family member gets sick

41	Strongly favor
40	Favor
11	Oppose
4	Strongly oppose
<u>4</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
100	Total

¹¹ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2013.

¹² Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012.

¹³ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2011.

¹⁴ PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

¹⁵ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,257]:

e. Increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
2014	39	30	17	11	3
2013 ¹⁶	35	36	17	7	4
2011 ¹⁷	35	32	19	11	3
2010 ¹⁸	35	32	21	10	2

f. Requiring companies to provide all full-time employees with paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child

36	Strongly favor
42	Favor
13	Oppose
5	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Turning to a different topic...

Q.13 Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder: **[INSERT; ROTATE OPTIONS]**?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u> ¹⁹	
44	46	The death penalty
48	47	Life in prison with no chance of parole
2	2	Other (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

¹⁶ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2013. Note: Question asked about a minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$10.00 an hour.

¹⁷ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, November 2011. Note: Question asked about a minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$10.00 an hour.

¹⁸ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, September 2010. Note: Question asked about a minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$10.00 an hour.

¹⁹ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,250]:

Q.14 Do you think abortion should be... [RANDOMIZE LIST ORDER 1-4; 4-1]

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in <u>most cases</u>	Illegal in <u>most cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
2014	20	33	24	17	6
2013 ²⁰	19	35	28	14	4
2012 ²¹	22	34	24	15	5
2011 ²²	21	32	29	14	3
2010 ²³	18	37	27	15	3

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,257]:

Q.15 What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the (2010) health care law? They should expand the law, they should keep the law as is, they should repeal the law and replace it with a Republican-sponsored alternative, or they should repeal the law and not replace it?

<u>2014</u>	<u>2011</u> ²⁴	
24	28	Expand the law
16	19	Keep the law as is
22	23	Repeal and replace law with Republican alternative
25	20	Repeal and do not replace
<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

NO QUESTION 16 OR 17

²⁰ PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

²¹ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012.

²² Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, November 2011.

²³ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, September 2010.

²⁴ Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Poll, January 2011.

ASK ALL:

Q.18 Now we would like your views on some political leaders and groups. Please say whether your overall opinion of each of the following is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable. First
[RANDOMIZE LIST]

a. Barack Obama

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Have not heard of (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)
2014	19	28	19	30	*	4
2012 ²⁵	29	27	16	26	*	2
2011 ²⁶	22	31	19	25	-	2
2010 ²⁷	26	32	18	22	-	2

b. The Democratic Party

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Have not heard of (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)
2014	16	34	26	18	*	6
2013 ²⁸	13	31	25	22	5	4
2012 ²⁹	19	34	22	21	*	5

c. The Republican Party

	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Have not heard of (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)
2014	11	33	29	19	*	7
2013 ³⁰	7	28	27	28	5	4
2012 ³¹	14	30	25	25	*	5

²⁵ PRRI, American Values Survey, October 2012.

²⁶ PRRI, American Values Survey, November 2011.

²⁷ PRRI, American Values Survey, September 2010.

²⁸ PRRI, American Values Survey, October 2013.

²⁹ PRRI, American Values Survey, October 2012.

³⁰ PRRI American Values Survey, October 2013.

³¹ PRRI, American Values Survey, October 2012.

d. The Tea Party

10	Very favorable
25	Mostly favorable
22	Mostly unfavorable
24	Very unfavorable
5	Have not heard of (VOL.)
<u>14</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
100	Total

Q.19 Now as I read the following statements please tell me which statement comes closest to your own view — even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**

	It is not really that big a problem if some people have more of a chance <u>in life than others</u>	One of the big problems in this country is that we don't give everyone an <u>equal chance in life</u>	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)
2014	38	55	5	3
2013 ³²	39	53	5	3
2012 ³³	39	54	4	3
2011 ³⁴	40	53	4	3
2010 ³⁵	41	53	4	2

ASK ALL:

Q.20 Which do you think is the best way to promote economic growth in the U.S.? **[READ; ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

	Lower taxes on individuals and businesses and pay for those tax cuts by cutting spending on <u>some government services and programs</u>	Spend more on education and the nation's infrastructure, and raise taxes on wealthy individuals and businesses to pay <u>for that spending</u>	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)
2014	43	51	3	3
2013 ³⁶	41	54	3	2
2012 ³⁷	46	48	3	3

³² PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

³³ Public Religion Research Institute, Race, Class, and Culture Survey, September 2012.

³⁴ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, November 2011.

³⁵ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, September 2010.

³⁶ PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

³⁷ Public Religion Research Institute, Post-Election American Values Survey, November 2012.

Q.21 Now, as I read some statements on a few different topics, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with each one. (First/Next) **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**.

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?

a. The economic system in this country unfairly favors the wealthy

<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u> ³⁸	
29	32	Completely agree
35	34	Mostly agree
22	21	Mostly disagree
12	11	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Business corporations generally strike a fair balance between making profits and serving the public interest

<u>2014</u>	<u>2011</u> ³⁹	
8	9	Completely agree
33	32	Mostly agree
36	33	Mostly disagree
17	21	Completely disagree
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. The government is really run for the benefit of all the people

<u>2014</u>	<u>2011</u> ⁴⁰	
9	9	Completely agree
24	32	Mostly agree
36	34	Mostly disagree
28	22	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

³⁸ Public Religion Research Institute, Race, Class, and Culture Survey, September 2012.

³⁹ Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, Generations Survey, October 2011.

⁴⁰ Ibid.

d. In the United States today, children from all income groups have adequate opportunities to be successful

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u> ⁴¹	
18	16	Completely agree
31	31	Mostly agree
28	32	Mostly disagree
21	21	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

NO QUESTION 21e.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,250]:

f. The government should do more to reduce the gap between the rich and poor.

	<u>Completely agree</u>	<u>Mostly agree</u>	<u>Mostly disagree</u>	<u>Completely disagree</u>	<u>DK/Refused (VOL.)</u>
2014	35	31	18	14	3
2013 ⁴²	29	34	19	16	1
2012 ⁴³	30	30	19	20	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,257]:

g. Business corporations do not share enough of their success with their employees

31	Completely agree
38	Mostly agree
20	Mostly disagree
7	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

⁴¹ PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

⁴² Ibid.

⁴³ Public Religion Research Institute, Post-Election American Values Survey, November 2012.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,250]:

Q.22 Do you think the American Dream—that if you work hard you’ll get ahead—still holds true, never held true or once held true but does not anymore

<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u> ⁴⁴	<u>2011</u> ⁴⁵	<u>2010</u> ⁴⁶	
42	53	44	50	Still holds true
7	4	6	4	Never held true
48	42	48	43	Once held true, but not anymore
0	*	*	0	Other (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,257]:

Q.23 Do you think that your generation is better off, about the same, or worse off financially than your children’s generation will be? **[IF R SAYS NO KIDS OR DON'T WANT KIDS, READ: Please think about the NEXT generation.**

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u> ⁴⁷	
49	52	Better off
18	18	About the same
29	26	Worse off
<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.24 What worries you more... **[READ; ROTATE OPTIONS]**

46	The government interfering with the ability of people to freely practice their religion
46	Religious groups trying to pass laws that force their beliefs on others
2	Neither (VOL.)
2	Both equally (VOL.)
4	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

⁴⁴ Public Religion Research Institute, Race, Class and Culture Survey, September 2012.

⁴⁵ PRRI/RNS Religion News Survey, November 2011.

⁴⁶ ABC News/Yahoo News Survey, September 2010.

⁴⁷ PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

Now a few different questions...

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” **BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH:** and would you say that’s atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

37	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)
20	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
*	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
*	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
4	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
1	Something else [SPECIFY]
14	Nothing in particular
14	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR (RELIG=12), ASK [N=567]:

SECULAR In general would you describe yourself more as a religious person or as secular, that is someone who is NOT religious?

28	Religious
65	Secular, not religious
2	Spiritual, not religious (VOL.)
*	OTHER [SPECIFY—VOL.]
<u>4</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK (RELIG=9,10,12,99),
ASK [N=999]:**

JEWID Do you consider yourself to be Jewish for any reason?

4	Yes
91	No
*	Half or part (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DK/REF (RELIG = 11 OR RELIG=99) ASK [N=219]:

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?

**IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g.
Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO"
CODE 2)**

45	Yes
35	No
<u>20</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1), ASK [N=3,346]:

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

50	Yes
46	No
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1), ASK [N=3,346]:

Q.25 Do you consider yourself part of the religious right or conservative Christian movement or not?

28	Yes
65	No
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

13	More than once a week
25	Once a week
15	Once or twice a month
18	A few times a year
16	Seldom
12	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.26 Which comes closest to your view? **[READ IN ORDER]**

[Holy book: If Christian or no religion (RELIG=1-4, 9, 10, 12, 13 OR CHR=1) insert "the Bible"; If Jewish (RELIG=5), insert "the Torah"; If Muslim (RELIG=6), insert, "the Koran"; If other non-Christian affiliations (RELIG=7,8,14 OR (RELIG=11 AND CHR=2,9)), insert "the Holy Scripture"; IF DK/REF IN RELIGION (RELIG=99) AND CHR=2,9, insert "the Bible"]

IF BELIEVE HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD (Q26=1), ASK [N=3,011]:

Q.27 And would you say that **[READ, IN ORDER]**?

68	[Holy book] is the word of God
35	<i>[Holy book] is to be taken literally, word for word, OR</i>
30	<i>Not everything in [Holy book] should be taken literally, word for word</i>
3	<i>Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>
26	[Holy book] is a book written by men and is not the word of God.
2	Other (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

NO QUESTION 28

Q.29 Now, as I read some statements on a few different topics, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with each one. (First/Next) **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**.

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,250]:

a. We must maintain a strict separation of church and state

	Completely <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>disagree</u>	Completely <u>disagree</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
2014	39	30	17	11	4
2011 ⁴⁸	37	29	19	13	2
2010 ⁴⁹	36	31	18	13	2

b. The right of religious liberty is being threatened in America today

<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u> ⁵⁰	
28	26	Completely agree
27	31	Mostly agree
27	24	Mostly disagree
14	18	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Hollywood and the entertainment industry have too much influence over American culture and way of life

39	Completely agree
35	Mostly agree
17	Mostly disagree
7	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

⁴⁸ Public Religion Research Institute, Pluralism, Immigration, and Civic Integration Survey, September 2011.

⁴⁹ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, September 2010.

⁵⁰ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,257]:

d. Over the past couple of decades, the government has paid too much attention to the problems of blacks and other minorities

	Completely <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>disagree</u>	Completely <u>disagree</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
2014	14	24	36	20	5
2012 ⁵¹	12	28	37	20	3
2010 ⁵²	11	26	40	20	3

e. Blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u> ⁵³	
14	22	Completely agree
24	25	Mostly agree
30	26	Mostly disagree
26	21	Completely disagree
<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Today discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities

	Completely <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>disagree</u>	Completely <u>disagree</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
2014	19	26	28	23	4
2012 ⁵⁴	18	29	30	21	3
2011 ⁵⁵	15	31	33	18	2
2010 ⁵⁶	18	26	31	23	2

⁵¹ Public Religion Research Institute, Race, Class, and Culture Survey, September 2012.

⁵² Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, September 2010.

⁵³ Public Religion Research Institute, Religion & Politics Tracking Survey, August 2013.

⁵⁴ Public Religion Research Institute, Race, Class, and Culture Survey, September 2012.

⁵⁵ Public Religion Research Institute, Pluralism, Immigration, and Civic Integration Survey, September 2011.

⁵⁶ Public Religion Research Institute, Post-Election American Values Survey, November 2010.

Now we're interested in learning a bit more about yourself...

Q.30 Thinking about your current financial situation. Would you say you are currently in excellent financial shape, good shape, only fair shape, or in poor shape financially?

	Excellent <u>shape</u>	Good <u>shape</u>	Only fair <u>shape</u>	Poor <u>shape</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
2014	7	34	37	20	2
2012 ⁵⁷	6	36	36	20	1
2010 ⁵⁸	9	41	33	13	3

Q.31 Overall would you say you are doing better or worse than most other Americans?

58	Better
19	Worse
15	About the same (VOL.)
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.32 Now, please tell me if you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any the following in the last 12 months... **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

a. Received a raise or a promotion at your job

21	Yes, happened to me
8	Happened to immediate family member
2	Yes, happened to me and immediate family member (VOL.)
68	Did not happen to anyone in household
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Lost your job or had your work hours reduced

17	Yes, happened to me
9	Happened to immediate family member
1	Yes, happened to me and immediate family member (VOL.)
72	Did not happen to anyone in household
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

⁵⁷ Public Religion Research Institute, Race, Class, and Culture Survey, September 2012.

⁵⁸ Public Religion Research Institute, Religion Values, and Immigration Reform Survey, March 2010.

c. Put off seeing a doctor for financial reasons

20	Yes, happened to me
6	Happened to immediate family member
3	Yes, happened to me and immediate family member (VOL.)
71	Did not happen to anyone in household
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Was not able to pay a monthly bill

21	Yes, happened to me
6	Happened to immediate family member
2	Yes, happened to me and immediate family member (VOL.)
70	Did not happen to anyone in household
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Received food stamps

12	Yes, happened to me
6	Happened to immediate family member
1	Yes, happened to me and immediate family member (VOL.)
80	Did not happen to anyone in household
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Reduced your meals or cut back on food to save money

27	Yes, happened to me
4	Happened to immediate family member
5	Yes, happened to me and immediate family member (VOL.)
64	Did not happen to anyone in household
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Received unemployment benefits

5	Yes, happened to me
5	Happened to immediate family member
*	Yes, happened to me and immediate family member (VOL.)
88	Did not happen to anyone in household
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

MEDIA Which of the following television news sources do you trust the MOST to provide accurate information about politics and current events?
[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

23	Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC or CBS
23	Fox News
18	CNN
11	Public television
6	Daily Show with Jon Stewart or the Colbert Report
4	MSNBC
7	Do not watch television news (VOL.)
4	Other (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL

CLASS If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(FORM 1 READ CATEGORIES IN ORDER, FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE ORDER)

<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u> ⁵⁹	
2	2	Upper class
10	12	Upper-middle class
37	41	Middle class
38	34	Working class
11	10	Lower class
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

TPARTY Do you consider yourself a part of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refused (VOL.)</u>
2014	7	84	9
2013 ⁶⁰	10	81	9
2012 ⁶¹	11	83	6
2011 ⁶²	11	83	6
2010 ⁶³	11	82	7

⁵⁹ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012.

⁶⁰ PRRI/Brookings, Economic Values Survey, July 2013.

⁶¹ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, October 2012.

⁶² Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, November 2011.

⁶³ Public Religion Research Institute, American Values Survey, September 2010.

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

25	Republican
38	Independent
30	Democrat
2	No preference (VOL.)
*	Other party (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK [N=1,918]:

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

34	Republican
38	Democrat
28	Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ IN ORDER]**

8	Very conservative
30	Conservative
35	Moderate
15	Liberal, OR
7	Very liberal
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute and funded by the Ford Foundation and the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between July 21, 2014 and August 15, 2014 by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS, a full-service survey research firm. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 4,507 adults 18 years of age or older living in the United States (2,253 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

Data collection is based on stratified, single-stage, random-digit-dialing (RDD) sample of landline telephone households and randomly generated cell phone numbers. The sample is designed to represent the total U.S. adult population covering respondents from all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. The landline and cell phone samples are provided by Marketing Systems.

The weighting is accomplished in two separate stages. The first stage of weighting corrects for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns.⁶⁴ In the second stage, sample demographics are balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density and telephone usage. The population density parameter was derived from Census 2010 data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the July-December 2012 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters are derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey.

The sample weighting is accomplished using Sample Balancing, an iterative sample-weighting program that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 1.8 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

⁶⁴ Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types.