



# THE AP-GfK POLL

## October, 2015

Conducted by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

**A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)**

*Interview dates: October 15 -October 19, 2015*

*Number of interviews, adults: 1,027*

*Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

*Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

*\*Beginning in October, 2013, AP-GfK polls were conducted online using GfK's nationally representative KnowledgePanel. All prior trend conducted by telephone.*

*For more information, see <http://www.ap-gfcpoll.com>.*

CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the ...

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/15-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/15-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25- 29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/13	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13
Right direction	36	35	38	39	33	31	31	31	34	33	32	28	37	37	35	34	22	36	38
Wrong direction	63	64	62	60	66	68	69	69	66	67	68	72	62	62	64	66	78	56	53
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	8	8
Refused/Not answered	1	1	*	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,004 N=1,004

CUR2./  
 CUR3/  
 CUR3A/3AA  
 CUR3B.

Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

[IF "APPROVE"] Would you say you approve of the way Obama is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

[IF "DISAPPROVE"] Would you say you disapprove of the way Obama is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[IF "NEITHER," OR REFUSED/NOT ANSWERED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? [NOTE: BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, 2013, RESPONDENTS WHO DECLINE TO LEAN ARE SHOWN THIS QUESTION AGAIN INCLUDING A "DO NOT LEAN EITHER WAY" RESPONSE OPTION]

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<b>Total approve</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>
Strongly approve	17	18	18	20	13	14	16	17	15	15	17	12	15	14	15	14	17	26	27
Somewhat approve	12	11	12	11	12	11	12	12	11	12	11	10	13	10	13	12	12	18	21
Lean approve	17	14	15	16	16	16	14	11	17	16	14	18	16	16	17	16	9	6	6
<b>Neither—don't lean</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	*	*	<b>1</b>	*	*	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>
Lean disapprove	12	10	13	10	13	13	11	7	13	10	7	12	13	11	10	11	6	4	3
Somewhat disapprove	13	12	12	11	11	11	10	8	12	12	10	12	11	12	12	15	12	9	8
Strongly disapprove	29	33	30	31	33	34	38	44	31	35	41	35	31	36	32	32	35	33	31
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	*	1
Refused/Not Answered	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*

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AA4./  
AA4A/  
AA4B/  
AA5/  
AA5A.

Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

[IF "APPROVE"] Would you say you approve of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

[IF "DISAPPROVE"] Would you say you disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[IF "NEITHER" OR REFUSED/NOT ANSWERED] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job? [NOTE: BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, 2013, RESPONDENTS WHO DECLINE TO LEAN ARE SHOWN THIS QUESTION AGAIN INCLUDING A "DO NOT LEAN EITHER WAY" RESPONSE OPTION]

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<b>Total approve</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>
Strongly approve	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	*	*	2	2	2	2	3	1	4	4	4
Somewhat approve	3	3	5	3	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	5	5	5	2	10	15	13
Lean approve	12	12	12	11	12	9	8	8	9	8	5	10	10	9	6	6	3	3	4	5
<b>Neither—don't lean</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>
Lean disapprove	19	19	22	21	19	19	18	12	22	19	15	16	20	15	14	13	9	6	7	7
Somewhat disapprove	19	20	18	19	20	20	20	20	18	18	18	20	19	19	21	17	15	21	20	23
Strongly disapprove	45	43	40	43	45	47	51	57	46	52	60	49	47	49	49	57	60	51	47	46
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2	1	1
Refused/Not Answered	*	1	*	1	1	1	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	*

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S1. Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Yes	76	82	80	79	100	100	78	100	100	78	74	77	73	79	78
No	23	18	19	20	-	-	22	-	-	15	19	16	20	16	15
Not sure	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	4	5	5	4	2	5
Refused/Not answered	1	1	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	3	2	3

Based on: (Excludes those living in ND)

N=1,023 N=1,002 N=1,077 N=1,607 N=1,384 N=967 N=1,840 N=1,536 N=955 N=1,042 N=1,352 N=1,009 N=1,058 N=1,365 N=1,225

CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

The economy	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	3/20-24/14
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>86</b>
Extremely important	49	53	53	53	50	54	56	60	54	57	62	55	57
Very important	34	34	34	35	32	33	33	31	32	33	30	32	29
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Slightly important	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Not at all important	2	1	1	*	2	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	2
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2

Based on:

N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354

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CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

<b>Immigration</b>	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	3/20-24/14
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>52</b>
Extremely important	27	28	28	27	22	28	29	33	31	31	35	35	24
Very important	30	27	29	26	28	29	30	32	27	29	31	27	28
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>
Slightly important	11	13	10	15	14	12	13	9	10	11	9	10	12
Not at all important	6	4	6	5	7	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	5
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

Based on:

N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354

<b>The U.S. role in world affairs</b>	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>51</b>
Extremely important	23	26	27	22	23	26	29	27	30	35	23
Very important	34	33	34	30	33	35	38	32	32	34	29
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>
Slightly important	9	9	10	12	9	8	6	9	8	5	12
Not at all important	4	4	4	6	4	3	2	5	3	2	5
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	1

Based on:

N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044

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CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

<b>Gun laws</b>	10/15-19/15
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>59</b>
Extremely important	33
Very important	25
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>17</b>
Slightly important	11
Not at all important	6
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,027

<b>The situation in Afghanistan</b>	10/15-19/15	7/24-28/14
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>
Extremely important	17	15
Very important	29	26
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>
Slightly important	14	19
Not at all important	6	8
Refused/Not Answered	2	1

Based on:

N=1,027

N=510

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CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	10/15-19/15	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14
<b>The threat posed by the Islamic State group</b>							
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>79</b>
Extremely important	35	36	38	42	39	44	50
Very important	30	29	30	31	29	30	29
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
Slightly important	10	8	8	6	7	6	5
Not at all important	4	4	3	2	5	3	2
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	1	1	2	2	1

Based on:

N=1,027

N=1,608

N=1,385

N=968

N=943

N=787

N=480



CURY2/3/3a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling...

[RESPONDENTS SHOWN EACH ITEM ON A SEPARATE SCREEN]

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED - *some items previously released, some items held for future release*]

<b>The economy</b>	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>
Approve	32	28	33	35	31	27	29	31	27	30	31	26	26	28
Lean towards approving	14	13	13	10	10	14	12	11	13	12	10	11	14	12
<b>Don't lean either way</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	*	<b>1</b>	*	*	<b>1</b>	*	*	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>
Lean towards disapproving	12	12	10	11	9	11	10	7	10	8	7	11	9	9
Disapprove	40	44	43	41	48	47	48	51	48	50	51	51	50	50
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	-	1	*	*	*	1	1

Based on:

N=1,027    N=1,004    N=1,077    N=1,045    N=1,010    N=1,608    N=1,385    N=968    N=1,845    N=1,541    N=958    N=1,044    N=1,354    N=1,012

CUR25. Which party do you trust to do a better job of:

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS - some items previously released, some items held for future release]

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
<b>Handling the economy</b>														
The Democrats	29	30	30	33	27	28	30	31	27	29	31	24	25	24
The Republicans	24	26	27	28	28	31	34	39	29	31	36	30	27	28
Both equally	15	14	16	13	13	12	11	9	15	13	10	17	14	18
Neither	30	28	27	23	30	27	24	20	27	25	22	27	31	28
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	3	2

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CUR33-BZ12 previously released.

B1a/b/ba. How would you describe the nation's economy these days....

[IF "NEITHER" OR REFUSED/NOT ANSWERED] If you had to choose, do you lean more towards the nation's economy being good or the nation's economy being poor? [NOTE: BEGINNING IN DECEMBER, 2013, RESPONDENTS WHO DECLINE TO LEAN ARE SHOWN THIS QUESTION AGAIN INCLUDING A "DO NOT LEAN EITHER WAY" RESPONSE OPTION]

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14
<b>Total good</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>
Very good	3	4	4	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	2	2
Somewhat good	29	26	28	32	29	22	24	26	21	23	25	20	21
Lean toward good	13	11	13	12	10	14	14	12	13	13	12	13	12
<b>Neither-Don't lean</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total poor</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>
Lean toward poor	13	12	14	12	12	13	12	10	15	13	12	15	11
Somewhat poor	27	28	27	26	30	32	32	31	32	32	32	29	34
Very poor	14	17	14	13	15	17	17	18	16	17	18	21	20
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	1

Based on:

N=1,027    N=1,004    N=1,077    N=1,045    N=1,010    N=1,608    N=1,385    N=968    N=1,845    N=1,541    N=958    N=1,044    N=1,354

ECO41. In the past month, do you think the economy has...

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*	4/11-15/13	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Gotten better	17	17	19	29	24	20	21	21	19	20	19	19	20	18	21	22	12	21	20	20
Gotten worse	21	24	16	15	14	24	25	24	20	20	22	22	23	21	20	23	45	17	20	19
Stayed about the same	60	58	64	55	60	55	54	54	60	59	59	58	55	60	58	53	41	60	59	60
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	3	2	2
Refused/Not Answered	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227 N=1,044 N=1,044 N=1,012

CCON1. How do you expect the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months? Will it...?

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
<b>Total Better</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>
A lot better	5	6	7	7	7	5	5	4	5	6	6	5	4	6
A little better	24	23	28	30	27	23	22	21	22	21	21	22	23	23
<b>Stay about the same</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Worse</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>
A little worse	19	19	11	11	13	19	21	21	20	20	22	21	21	19
A lot worse	6	6	3	4	4	6	6	5	7	7	7	7	8	7
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012

CCON2. How do you expect the general economic situation in this country will change over the next 12 months? Will it...

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
<b>Get better</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>
A lot better	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	2	3	3
A little better	28	26	30	35	34	28	28	28	29	30	30	27	26	28
<b>Stay about the same</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Get worse</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>
A little worse	23	23	19	14	13	25	26	28	24	24	24	24	26	24
A lot worse	10	10	7	5	6	10	9	11	9	10	11	12	10	11
Refused/Not Answered	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012

CCON3. Compared with the past 12 months, how do you think consumer prices will change in the next 12 months? Will they ...

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
Increase more rapidly	16	17	17	17	15	16	16	16	19	20	22	23	24	25
Increase at the same rate	38	41	43	39	40	38	40	42	44	45	46	43	41	42
Increase at a slower rate	21	21	22	22	23	23	23	22	21	20	18	18	17	18
Stay about the same	20	16	15	18	17	18	17	16	12	12	11	13	14	12
Fall	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	3	2	2	1	2	3	2
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012

CCON4. Thinking about making major purchases such as furniture or electronic devices, do you think now is a...?

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
A good time to buy	16	16	16	20	26	14	15	16	14	15	16	15	15	14
Neither a good nor bad time to buy	67	65	66	63	56	64	65	65	65	65	63	61	63	68
A bad time to buy	15	18	17	15	16	20	19	19	20	20	20	23	20	17
Refused/Not Answered	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012

CCON5. Thinking of the general economic situation, do you think that now is a...

	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
<b>Total Good Time to Save</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>
Very good time to save	30	31	30	26	25	27	28	30	31	34	31	28	33
Fairly good time to save	47	41	46	45	47	42	43	43	43	44	39	41	41
<b>Total Bad Time to Save</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>
Fairly bad time to save	16	19	17	20	20	23	22	19	19	15	20	21	19
Very bad time to save	5	7	6	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	7	8	5
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	2

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012

CCON6. How do you expect the number of people who are unemployed in this country to change over the next 12 months? Will it...

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14
<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>
Sharply increase	7	5	6	4	4	7	7	7	8	9	10	9	8	9	11
Slightly increase	25	27	27	22	21	26	26	28	26	27	27	27	28	26	29
<b>Remain the same</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total Decrease</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
Slightly decrease	24	26	26	30	31	29	30	32	27	28	29	27	28	26	26
Sharply decrease	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	*	2	1	1	3	2	2	2

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060

*Some questions held for future release.*

*CEIL1-GUNS2 previously released.*

*Some questions held for future release.*

TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	10/15-19/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Supporter	18	22	21	20	19	22	27	17	20	26	23	20	22	27	20	17
Not a supporter	77	74	75	76	78	75	71	79	77	72	74	77	73	67	76	78
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Refused/Not Answered	5	5	5	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	4	4	6	6	4	5

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227

TP4a. [IF TP4=1] Do you support the tea party movement strongly or somewhat...

	10/15-19/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14
Strongly	27	28	35	36	36	35	38	31	31	34	35	28	31
Somewhat	73	71	65	63	64	65	62	68	67	65	64	71	67
Refused/Not Answered	-	1	1	1	*	*	-	1	1	1	1	1	2

Based on: Tea Party Supporter N=183 N=213 N=227 N=225 N=332 N=318 N=261 N=361 N=331 N=255 N=259 N=263 N=227



PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	<b>TOTAL</b> 10/16-20/14	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> 10/16-20/14	<b>LIKELY VOTERS</b> 10/16-20/14	<b>TOTAL</b> 9/25-29/14	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> 9/25-29/14	<b>LIKELY VOTERS</b> 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Democrat	30	29	32	31	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31
Independent	26	26	27	27	24	23	23	23	24	25	25	24	21	24	23	28	27
Republican	23	25	21	23	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23
None of these	18	17	19	17	18	19	12	8	19	11	7	17	19	16	18	17	15
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Refused/Not Answered	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	3

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227

PID1/i. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these? IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," OR REFUSAL, ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>
Democrat	30	29	32	31	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33
Independent – lean Democratic	8	10	9	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	8	9	8	9
None – lean Democratic	2	4	3	3	2	4	3	1	4	2	2	4	3	3	2
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>
Republican	23	25	21	23	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25
Independent – lean Republican	10	10	10	10	9	8	9	10	8	9	10	8	6	10	8
None – lean Republican	4	2	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Independent – don't lean	9	7	8	10	8	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	7	6	5
None – don't lean	14	14	14	14	14	14	8	5	15	8	4	14	16	14	16
Refused/Not answered	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,000

G11b. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a...?

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/16-20/14	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/14	TOTAL 9/25-29/14	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/25-29/14	LIKELY VOTERS 9/25-29/14	7/24-28/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13
Liberal	18	20	21	19	20	21	21	20	20	20	19	16	22	18	20	20
Conservative	35	34	33	33	35	33	36	41	31	35	40	34	33	38	38	35
Moderate	44	43	43	45	40	42	42	39	45	43	40	45	42	40	38	42
Refused/Not answered	3	3	3	3	5	3	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	4	5	4

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,224 N=1,016 N=643 N=1,044 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

Urban area	26
Suburban area	47
Rural area	25
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on: N=1,027

INS1. The next questions are about your personal health insurance. Please include health insurance obtained through employment or purchased directly as well as government programs like Medicare and Medicaid that provide medical care or help pay medical bills.

Are you currently covered by any kind of health insurance or some other kind of health care plan or not?

	10/15-19/15	7/9-13/15	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	12/4-8/14	TOTAL 10/16-20/14	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Yes	88	88	88	87	86	86	82	85	83	82	83
No	10	10	9	10	11	12	15	12	16	16	14
Refused/Not answered	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	3

Based on: N=1,027 N=1,004 N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,354 N=1,012 N=1,060 N=1,367 N=1,227

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	31
No	66
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,027

DM13. What is your religious preference?

Protestant	26
Catholic	23
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion	15
Don't belong to religious denomination	29
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,027

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	88
No, not a Christian	11
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=140

GUNS4. Does anyone in your household own a gun, or not?

	10/15-19/15	12/5-9/13
Yes	37	35
No	59	61
Refused/Not answered	4	4

Based on:

N=1,027

N=1,367

DMCELL. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. Please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

0	45
1	44
2	4
3	2
4	*
5 or more	1
Refused/Not Answered	4

Based on:

N=1,027

PPEDUCAT. (4 category)

Less than high school	10
High school	32
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	29

Based on:

N=1,027

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	66
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	5
Hispanic	15
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	4

Based on:

N=1,027

PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,027

PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	52
Working – self-employed	6
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	7
Not working – retired	17
Not working – disabled	6
Not working - other	11

Based on:

N=1,027

PPAGE

Age group:

18-29	22
30-49	34
50-64	26
65+	19

Based on:

N=1,027

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall?  
[READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	21
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	21
\$150,000 or more	8

Based on:

N=1,027

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	21
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,027

## AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted October 15 to October 19, 2015 by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,027 general population adults age 18 or older.

The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. At inception participants were chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and since 2009 through Address-based sampling using the post office's delivery sequence file. Persons in these households are then invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection. People who already have computers and Internet services are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online, and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age within sex, education, race, and phone type. The phone type targets came from the fall, 2012 MRI Consumer Survey. The other targets came from the March, 2012 Supplement of the Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent. The cooperation rate for this poll was 48%.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that were conducted using telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.