



THE AP-GfK POLL

April, 2015

Conducted by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

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

Interview dates: April 23-April 27, 2015

Number of interviews, adults: 1,077

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.4 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>.*

Some questions held for future release.

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

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

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

Based on:

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

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]

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The U.S. role in world affairs	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
Total approve	42	38	40	39	39	41	43	42	39
Approve	24	25	27	29	30	28	31	32	26
Lean towards approving	18	13	13	11	10	12	12	10	14
Don't lean either way	1	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	1
Total disapprove	57	61	59	60	60	57	56	58	59
Lean towards disapproving	13	14	12	10	9	14	11	9	13
Disapprove	43	47	47	50	52	43	45	49	46
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	1	*	*	1	1	*	*

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N=1,044

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

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

Protecting the country	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	12/5-9/13
The Democratic Party	18	19	18	19	21	20	20	22	23	18	16	16	18
The Republican Party	31	29	32	33	36	42	30	33	39	33	32	34	31
Both equally	27	31	24	25	24	22	26	25	21	27	29	28	29
Neither	23	18	24	21	18	15	22	19	16	20	21	21	22
Refused/Not Answered	2	3	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	1

Based on: 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=1,367

Handling international crises	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	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
The Democratic Party	22	22	22	24	25	23	24	26	20
The Republican Party	27	27	27	30	35	26	29	34	29
Both equally	23	27	25	23	21	23	22	19	23
Neither	26	22	24	22	19	26	23	20	25
Refused/Not Answered	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2

Based on: N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,608 N=1,385 N=968 N=1,845 N=1,541 N=958 N=1,044

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

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	4/23-27/15	1/29-2/2/15	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
Handling the U.S. image abroad										
The Democratic Party	26	26	26	27	27	25	27	27	24	22
The Republican Party	24	24	24	28	33	23	25	31	27	24
Both equally	21	22	20	18	17	22	21	18	21	22
Neither	27	26	28	26	22	29	26	23	26	30
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	3

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

Some questions held for future release.

DRN8. Do you favor or oppose the United States using small unmanned aircraft called 'drones' to target and kill people belonging to terrorist groups like al-Qaida overseas?

	4/23-27/15
Total Favor	60
Strongly favor	34
Somewhat favor	27
Neither favor nor oppose	24
Total Oppose	13
Somewhat oppose	8
Strongly oppose	5
Refused/Not answered	2

Based on: N=1,077

DRN8a [If DRN8=Strongly favor, somewhat favor or neither favor or oppose] Do you think it's acceptable or unacceptable for the United States to use drones to target and kill people belonging to terrorist groups overseas if there is a risk of innocent Americans being killed?

	4/23-27/15
Acceptable	56
Unacceptable	43
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on: Strongly, somewhat favor or neither favor or oppose

N=928

DRN8b [If DRN8=Strongly favor, somewhat favor or neither favor or oppose] Do you think it's acceptable or unacceptable for the United States to use drones to target and kill people belonging to terrorist groups overseas if some of the people being targeted are American citizens who are members of the terrorist groups?

	4/23-27/15
Acceptable	86
Unacceptable	12
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on: Strongly, somewhat favor or neither favor or oppose

N=928

NCC29-NCC36 previously released.

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

	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
Supporter	22	21	20	19	22	27	17	20	26	23	20	22	27	20	17	23	22
Not a supporter	74	75	76	78	75	71	79	77	72	74	77	73	67	76	78	62	64
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	12	13
Refused/Not Answered	5	5	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	4	4	6	6	4	5	3	1

Based on: N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,808 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

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

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Strongly	28	35	36	36	35	38	31	31	34	35	28	31
Somewhat	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=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?

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Democrat	32	31	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31	27	29
Independent	27	27	24	23	23	23	24	25	25	24	21	24	23	28	27	29	30
Republican	21	23	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23	21	21
None of these	19	17	18	19	12	8	19	11	7	17	19	16	18	17	15	20	19
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1	*
Refused/Not Answered	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	1

Based on: 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

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?

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Total Democrat	44	42	41	41	44	42	43	47	45	40	43	41	44	42	44
Democrat	32	31	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31
Independent – lean Democratic	9	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	8	9	8	9	8	10
None – lean Democratic	3	3	2	4	3	1	4	2	2	4	3	3	2	4	3
Total Republican	34	35	38	37	41	47	34	38	45	38	34	39	35	37	35
Republican	21	23	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23
Independent – lean Republican	10	10	9	8	9	10	8	9	10	8	6	10	8	11	9
None – lean Republican	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	3
Independent – don't lean	8	10	8	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	7	6	5	10	9
None – don't lean	14	14	14	14	8	5	15	8	4	14	16	14	16	12	12
[VOL] Independent – lean other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
[VOL] None – lean other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Don't know	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Refused/Not answered	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,077 N=1,045 N=1,010 N=1,608 N=1,365 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

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

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Liberal	21	19	20	21	21	20	20	20	19	16	22	18	20	20	18	22
Conservative	33	33	35	33	36	41	31	35	40	34	33	38	38	35	36	40
Moderate	43	45	40	42	42	39	45	43	40	45	42	40	38	42	41	30
Don't know	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	6
Refused/Not answered	3	3	5	3	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	4	5	4	5	2

Based on: 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 N=1,227 N=1,004

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

Urban area	26
Suburban area	48
Rural area	25
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on:

N=1,077

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?

	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	87	86	86	82	85	83	82	83
No	9	10	11	12	15	12	16	16	14
Refused/Not answered	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	3

Based on:

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	29
No	67
Refused/Not Answered	4

Based on:

N=1,077

DM13. What is your religious preference?

Protestant	23
Catholic	24
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other religion	14
Don't belong to religious denomination	32
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,077

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

Yes, a Christian	88
No, not a Christian	12
Refused/Not Answered	*

Based on:

N=146

PPEDUCAT. (4 category)

Less than high school	9
High school	33
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	29

Based on:

N=1,077

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	66
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	5
Hispanic	15
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	3

Based on:

N=1,077

PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,077

PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	50
Working – self-employed	7
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	8
Not working – retired	18
Not working – disabled	5
Not working - other	11

Based on:

N=1,077

PPAGE

Age group:

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

Based on:

N=1,077

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

Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	18
\$150,000 or more	8

Based on:

N=1,077

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	21
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,077

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted April 23 to April 27, 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 1,077 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 3.4 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>.