



THE AP-GfK POLL

July, 2015

Conducted by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

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

Interview dates: July 9-July 13, 2015

Number of interviews, adults: 1,004

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>.

CUR1-S1 previously released.

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

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED - *Some questions previously released*]

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[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

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

Based on:

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

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*]

The U.S. relationship with Cuba	7/9-13/15
Total approve	58
Approve	38
Lean towards approving	20
Don't lean either way	2
Total disapprove	40
Lean towards disapproving	17
Disapprove	23
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=1,004

The U.S. relationship with Iran	
Total approve	37
Approve	19
Lean towards approving	18
Don't lean either way	2
Total disapprove	60
Lean towards disapproving	16
Disapprove	44
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

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Total approve	39	42	38	40	39	39	41	43	42	39
Approve	22	24	25	27	29	30	28	31	32	26
Lean towards approving	17	18	13	13	11	10	12	12	10	14
Don't lean either way	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	1
Total disapprove	59	57	61	59	60	60	57	56	58	59
Lean towards disapproving	14	13	14	12	10	9	14	11	9	13
Disapprove	45	43	47	47	50	52	43	45	49	46
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	1	*	*

Based on: 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

CUR25-HC1 previously released

Some questions held for future release.

RS1. When dealing with countries that are unfriendly to the United States or U.S. allies, do you think it is usually more effective for the U.S. to engage with these countries diplomatically, or more effective to punish bad behavior?

	7/9-13/15
Engage diplomatically	59
Punish bad behavior	38
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,004

RS2. For each of the following countries, do you feel that the country is a close ally of the United States, is friendly but not a close ally, is not friendly but is not an enemy, or is unfriendly and is an enemy of the United States?

GRID; ROTATE ORDER OF RESPONSE CATEGORIES AND SCALE

Randomize list	A close ally	Friendly but not a close ally	Unfriendly but not an enemy	An enemy	Refused
Iran	1	8	31	56	5
Cuba	3	31	46	15	5
North Korea	1	9	16	69	5
China	5	32	40	19	5
Russia	2	17	43	33	5
Israel	44	27	17	7	4
The United Kingdom	69	17	7	2	5
Saudi Arabia	10	38	31	16	5
Mexico	20	51	19	5	5

Based on: N=1,004

RS3. Do you think the United States should or should not have diplomatic relationships with each of the following countries?

	Should	Should not	Refused
Iran	51	45	4
Cuba	71	25	4
North Korea	41	54	4
Russia	71	25	5

Based on: N=1,004

RS5. The United States currently has economic sanctions in place against each of the following countries. Do you think the United States should increase sanctions, decrease sanctions, keep sanctions at their current level or eliminate sanctions entirely against each of these countries?

	Increase sanctions	Keep sanctions at their current level	Decrease sanctions	Eliminate sanctions entirely	Refused
Iran	32	45	12	7	5
Cuba	9	38	29	19	5
North Korea	36	45	8	6	5
Russia	22	54	14	6	5

Based on: N=1,004

NCC29-NCC36 previously released.

Some questions held for future release.

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

	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
Democrat	29	32	31	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31	27
Independent	26	27	27	24	23	23	23	24	25	25	24	21	24	23	28	27	29
Republican	25	21	23	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23	21
None of these	17	19	17	18	19	12	8	19	11	7	17	19	16	18	17	15	20
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	1
Refused/Not Answered	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	3	3
Based on:	N=1,004	N=1,077	N=1,045	N=1,010	N=1,008	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

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

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

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

Based on: 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 N=1,227

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

Urban area	24
Suburban area	50
Rural area	24
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,004

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?

	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	87	86	86	82	85	83	82	83
No	10	9	10	11	12	15	12	16	16	14
Refused/Not answered	2	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	30
No	67
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM13. What is your religious preference?

Protestant	27
Catholic	25
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other religion	12
Don't belong to religious denomination	29
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on:

N=1,004

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

Yes, a Christian	89
No, not a Christian	11
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=114

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	43
1	50
2	3
3	1
4	*
5 or more	*
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,004

PPEDUCAT. (4 category)

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

Based on:

N=1,004

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	65
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	6
Hispanic	15
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	3

Based on:

N=1,004

PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,004

PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	53
Working – self-employed	7
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	6
Not working – retired	17
Not working – disabled	6
Not working - other	11

Based on:

N=1,004

PPAGE

Age group:

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

Based on:

N=1,004

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	6
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$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	19
\$150,000 or more	9

Based on:

N=1,004

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	21
South	37
West	23

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AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted July 9 to July 13, 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 1,004 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>.