



THE AP-GfK POLL

December, 2015

Conducted by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

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

Interview dates: December 3 -December 7, 2015

Number of interviews, adults: 1,007

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.

S1 previously released.

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

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED - some items held for future release]

Immigration	12-3-7/15	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
Extremely/Very important	61	57	55	57	52	50	57	59	65	58	59	66	62	52
Extremely important	34	27	28	28	27	22	28	29	33	31	31	35	35	24
Very important	26	30	27	29	26	28	29	30	32	27	29	31	27	28
Moderately important	21	24	27	26	25	26	24	25	23	25	24	21	23	30
Slightly/Not at all important	16	17	17	16	20	21	17	16	12	15	15	12	14	17
Slightly important	10	11	13	10	15	14	12	13	9	10	11	9	10	12
Not at all important	6	6	4	6	5	7	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	5
Refused/Not Answered	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

Based on: N=1,007 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

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

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

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

Terrorism	12-3-7/15	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
Extremely/Very important	77	71	70	73	76	73	73	77
Extremely important	52	45	41	43	46	46	47	53
Very important	25	27	30	30	30	26	27	24
Moderately important	16	17	18	18	17	18	19	17
Slightly/Not at all important	6	9	10	8	7	8	7	5
Slightly important	4	7	7	6	5	5	5	4
Not at all important	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	1
Refused/Not Answered	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	2

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,045

N=1,608

N=1,385

N=968

N=902

N=754

N=478

The threat posed by the Islamic State group	12-3-7/15	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
Extremely/Very important	73	65	65	68	73	68	74	79
Extremely important	48	35	36	38	42	39	44	50
Very important	25	30	29	30	31	29	30	29
Moderately important	16	20	21	20	18	17	16	13
Slightly/Not at all important	9	14	13	11	8	13	8	7
Slightly important	6	10	8	8	6	7	6	5
Not at all important	3	4	4	3	2	5	3	2
Refused/Not Answered	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1

Based on:

N=1,007

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 held for future release]

Immigration	12-3-7/15	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
Total approve	38	42	42	41	35	37	34	34	35	35	31	38	38
Approve	24	24	29	32	20	21	21	21	22	22	18	22	23
Lean towards approving	14	18	13	9	15	15	13	14	14	13	12	17	15
Don't lean either way	2	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total disapprove	60	57	56	57	63	62	65	64	64	64	68	60	61
Lean towards disapproving	12	11	10	8	13	11	7	12	11	9	11	13	17
Disapprove	48	46	46	49	51	52	58	51	53	55	57	46	43
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	1	1	1	*	-	1	*	*	1	1	*

Based on: N=1,007 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=513

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

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

Handling immigration	12-3-7/15	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
The Democratic Party	29	29	30	30	32	30	28	30	30	29	30	30	25	29	25
The Republican Party	27	25	26	26	27	26	27	29	35	26	28	33	29	23	26
Both equally	11	14	13	15	13	11	14	13	11	15	15	12	16	15	18
Neither	31	31	28	29	27	31	29	27	23	28	26	25	29	30	30
Refused/Not Answered	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2

Based on: N=1,007 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

FAV1-CNG1 previously released.

Some questions held for future release.

RF1 previously released.

Some questions held for future release.

NCC8. Do you favor or oppose providing a legal way for illegal immigrants already in the United States to become U.S. citizens?

	12/3-7/15	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	5/16-19/14	3/20-24/14	1/17-21/14	12/5-9/13	10/3-7/13*
Total Favor	54	53	58	54	53	53	53	52	53	51	55	55	56	55	52
Strongly favor	21	20	19	19	18	19	20	18	17	18	20	20	17	18	15
Somewhat favor	33	33	38	34	34	34	33	35	36	34	35	36	39	36	37
Total Oppose	44	44	40	44	46	47	45	47	47	46	42	42	41	43	44
Somewhat oppose	21	21	16	22	23	21	23	24	23	21	23	21	20	22	21
Strongly oppose	23	23	24	22	23	25	22	23	24	25	19	21	21	21	22
Refused/Not answered	2	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	2	4

Based on: N=1,007 N=519 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

IM25. Do you favor or oppose providing a way for immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children to stay legally?

	12/3-7/15	4/23-27/15	12/4-8/14
Total Favor	60	59	58
Strongly favor	24	25	22
Somewhat favor	35	34	36
Total Oppose	38	38	40
Somewhat oppose	21	20	21
Strongly oppose	18	19	19
Refused/Not answered	2	3	2
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,077</i>	<i>N=1,010</i>

IM29. Last year, President Obama took executive action to let some immigrants who are in the country illegally apply for temporary legal status.

In the 2016 presidential election, would you be more likely to support a candidate who wants to undo this executive action, or keep it in place?

	12/3-7/15	4/23-27/15
More likely to support someone who wants to undo it	46	47
More likely to support someone who wants to keep it in place	51	49
Refused/Not Answered	4	3

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,077

IM29a. [IF IM29=More likely to support someone who wants to undo it] Say that a presidential candidate wanted to keep President Obama’s immigration action in place. Could you imagine voting for that candidate if you agreed with them on other issues, or could you definitely not vote for that candidate?

	12/3-7/15	4/23-27/15
Could imagine voting for that candidate	47	51
Definitely could not vote for that candidate	50	48
Refused/Not Answered	3	1

Based on: More likely to support someone who would undo it

N=464 N=494

IM29b. [IF IM29=More likely to support someone who wants to keep it in place] Say that a presidential candidate wanted to undo President Obama’s immigration action. Could you imagine voting for that candidate if you agreed with them on other issues, or could you definitely not vote for that candidate?

	12/3-7/15	4/23-27/15
Could imagine voting for that candidate	52	50
Definitely could not vote for that candidate	47	48
Refused/Not Answered	1	2

Based on: More likely to support someone who would keep it in place

N=505 N=552

IM30. Do you think the United States currently allows too many or too few immigrants to enter the country from each of the following places, or is the current level of legal immigration about right?

[GRID, RANDOMIZE ITEMS –]

	Too many	Too few	Current level is about right	Refused
Europe	28	15	53	5
Latin America	46	10	39	5
Asia	37	11	47	5
Africa	36	13	47	5
The Middle East	54	10	32	5

Based on: N=1,007

TERR1-ISIS10 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?

	12/3-7/15	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	19	18	22	21	20	19	22	27	17	20	26	23	20	22	27	20	17
Not a supporter	76	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	na
Refused/Not Answered	6	5	5	5	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	4	4	6	6	4	5

Based on: N=1,007 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=858 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...

	12/3-7/15	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	25	27	28	35	36	36	35	38	31	31	34	35	28	31
Somewhat	75	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=186 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?

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

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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?

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

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

	12/3-7/15	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
Liberal	19	18	20	21	19	20	21	21	20	20	20	19	16	22	18	20
Conservative	33	35	34	33	33	35	33	36	41	31	35	40	34	33	38	38
Moderate	43	44	43	43	45	40	42	42	39	45	43	40	45	42	40	38
Refused/Not answered	5	3	3	3	3	5	3	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	4	5

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

Urban area	23
Suburban area	48
Rural area	27
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on: N=1,007

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?

	12/3-7/15	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	87	88	88	88	87	86	86	82	85	83	82	83
No	10	10	10	9	10	11	12	15	12	16	16	14
Refused/Not answered	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	3

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	28
No	68
Refused/Not Answered	4

Based on:

N=1,007

DM13. What is your religious preference?

Protestant	25
Catholic	23
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion	14
Don't belong to religious denomination	31
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Yes, a Christian	84
No, not a Christian	16
Refused/Not Answered	1

Based on:

N=135

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

	12/3-7/15	10/15-19/15	12/5-9/13
Yes	36	37	35
No	61	59	61
Refused/Not answered	3	4	4

Based on:

N=1,007

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	47
2	3
3	1
4	1
5 or more	1
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,007

PPEDUCAT. (4 category)

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

Based on:

N=1,007

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	68
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	4
Hispanic	15
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	2

Based on:

N=1,007

PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,007

PPWORK

Working – as a paid employee	52
Working – self-employed	8
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	6
Not working – retired	18
Not working – disabled	5
Not working - other	10

Based on:

N=1,007

PPAGE

Age group:

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

Based on:

N=1,007

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	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	8
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	21
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	19
\$150,000 or more	9

Based on:

N=1,007

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	21
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,007

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted December 3 to December 7, 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 1,007 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 45%.

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>.