



# THE AP-GfK POLL

## January, 2015

Conducted by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

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

*Interview dates: January 29-February 2, 2015*

*Number of interviews, adults: 1,045*

*Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.5 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.

CUBA1. How closely have you been following news about the United States re-establishing diplomatic ties with the government of Cuba?

	1/29-2/2/15
<b>Extremely/very closely</b>	<b>13</b>
Extremely closely	5
Very closely	8
<b>Somewhat closely</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Not too/Not closely at all</b>	<b>50</b>
Not too closely	25
Not closely at all	25
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,045

CUBA2. Do you approve or disapprove of the United States government re-establishing diplomatic ties with Cuba?

	1/29-2/2/15
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>45</b>
Strongly approve	18
Somewhat approve	28
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>15</b>
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	6
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

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CUBA3. Do you think the United States should remove its embargo against trade with Cuba, or keep that embargo in place?

	1/29-2/2/15
Remove the embargo	60
Keep the embargo in place	35
Refused	5

Based on:

N=1,045

CUBA4. Do you think a more open relationship between the United States and Cuba will lead to more freedom for people in Cuba, less freedom, or will things stay about the same?

	1/29-2/2/15
More freedom	44
About the same	49
Less freedom	4
Refused	4

Based on:

N=1,045

CUBA5. How likely is it that you would travel to Cuba if you could receive a tourist visa to go there?

	1/29-2/2/15
<b>Extremely/very likely</b>	<b>12</b>
Extremely likely	5
Very likely	7
<b>Moderately likely</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Not too/Not likely at all</b>	<b>68</b>
Not too likely	20
Not likely at all	48
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

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*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?

	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	8/16-20/12
Supporter	21	20	19	22	27	17	20	26	23	20	22	27	20	17	23	22	27
Not a supporter	75	76	78	75	71	79	77	72	74	77	73	67	76	78	62	64	63
Don't know [VOL]	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	12	13	8
Refused/Not Answered	5	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	4	4	6	6	4	5	3	1	1

Based on: 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 N=1,006

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

	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	35	36	36	35	38	31	31	34	35	28	31
Somewhat	65	63	64	65	62	68	67	65	64	71	67
Refused/Not Answered	1	1	*	*	-	1	1	1	1	1	2

Based on: Tea Party Supporter 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?

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

	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*
<b>Total Democrat</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>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>
Democrat	31	31	30	34	34	31	36	35	29	32	30	33	29	31
Independent – lean Democratic	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	8	9	8	9	8	10
None – lean Democratic	3	2	4	3	1	4	2	2	4	3	3	2	4	3
<b>Total Republican</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>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>
Republican	23	24	26	29	35	24	27	32	28	26	27	25	23	23
Independent – lean Republican	10	9	8	9	10	8	9	10	8	6	10	8	11	9
None – lean Republican	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	3
Independent – don't lean	10	8	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	7	6	5	10	9
None – don't lean	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
[VOL] None – lean other	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
Refused/Not answered	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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Liberal	19	20	21	21	20	20	20	19	16	22	18	20	20	18	22	21
Conservative	33	35	33	36	41	31	35	40	34	33	38	38	35	36	40	37
Moderate	45	40	42	42	39	45	43	40	45	42	40	38	42	41	30	35
Don't know	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	6	5
Refused/Not answered	3	5	3	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	4	5	4	5	2	1

Based on: 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 N=1,004

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

Urban area	27
Suburban area	49
Rural area	22
Refused/Not Answered	2

Based on:

N=1,045

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?

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

Based on:

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	30
No	67
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,045

DM13. What is your religious preference?

Protestant	26
Catholic	24
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion	15
Don't belong to religious denomination	28
Refused/Not Answered	3

Based on:

N=1,045

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

Yes, a Christian	91
No, not a Christian	9
Refused/Not Answered	-

Based on:

N=144

PPEDUCAT. (4 category)

Less than high school	8
High school	34
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	29

Based on:

N=1,045

PPETHM

White, Non-Hispanic	68
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	3
Hispanic	15
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	3

Based on:

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PPGENDER

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,045

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	7
Not working – retired	16
Not working – disabled	6
Not working - other	10

Based on:

N=1,045

PPAGE

Age group:

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

Based on:

N=1,045

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	9
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	18
\$150,000 or more	8

Based on:

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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 January 29 to February 2, 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 1,045 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 3.5 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>.