



PRRI 2015 American Values Survey
September 11 - October 4, 2015
N = 2,695

Q.1 Right now, how interested are you in the 2016 presidential election?

42	Very interested
37	Somewhat interested
14	Not too interested
7	Not at all interested
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

77	Yes, registered
20	No, not registered
0	Not sure if registered
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF REGISTERED (REGIST=1), ASK [N=2,231]:

Q.2 And how often would you say you vote in primary elections--that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election?

40	Always
26	Nearly always
16	Part of the time
9	Seldom
9	Never
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF REGISTERED (REGIST=1), ASK [N=2,231]:

Thinking about the 2012 presidential election...

Q.3 A lot of people say they didn't get a chance to vote in the 2012 election. If you were able to vote, did you happen to vote for **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, or **[INSERT]**?

52	Barack Obama, the Democrat
34	Mitt Romney, the Republican
2	Other candidate [SPECIFY]
10	Not able to vote
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.4 Thinking about some issues that are important to people, how important are the following issues to you personally? For each issue, please say whether it is a critical issue to you, one among many important issues, or not that important compared to other issues. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Growing gap between rich and poor

48	Critical issue
38	One among many important issues
13	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Crime

53	Critical issue
39	One among many important issues
8	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Race relations

39	Critical issue
42	One among many important issues
19	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Jobs and unemployment

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Feb. <u>2014</u>	
60	62	Critical issue
35	29	One among many important issues
4	8	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Immigration

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Feb. <u>2014</u>	
46	34	Critical issue
40	39	One among many important issues
13	24	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Religious liberty

31	Critical issue
40	One among many important issues
29	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,370]:

g. Same-sex marriage

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Feb. <u>2014</u>	
25	24	Critical issue
32	25	One among many important issues
43	48	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

h. Climate change

34	Critical issue
39	One among many important issues
27	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

i. Abortion

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
34	31	Critical issue
38	35	One among many important issues
27	30	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,325]:

j. Cost of education

49	Critical issue
42	One among many important issues
8	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

k. Health care

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
63	57	Critical issue
32	31	One among many important issues
4	10	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

l. Terrorism

62	Critical issue
29	One among many important issues
8	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 Since the 1950s, do you think American culture and way of life has mostly changed for the better, or has it mostly changed for the worse?

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Feb. <u>2014</u>	March <u>2013</u>	
46	44	40	Mostly changed for the better
53	46	54	Mostly changed for the worse
-	7	3	Both/Neither (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Q.6 Do you think the country's economic recession is over, or do you think the economy is still in a recession?

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Sept. <u>2014</u>	April <u>2012</u> ¹	
27	21	21	Recession is over
72	72	76	Still in a recession
<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Q.7 In general, do you think America's best days are ahead of us or behind us?

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Sept. <u>2012</u>	
49	54	Ahead of us
49	38	Behind us
-	4	Depends (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.8 Thinking about some of the problems facing communities in the U.S. today, please say whether any of the following are problems in your own community.
[RANDOMIZE LIST]

a. Crime

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Sept. <u>2012</u>	
48	33	Major problem
42	48	Minor problem
10	19	Not a problem
*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

¹ ABC News/Washington Post Poll, April 2012.

b. Racial tensions

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2012</u>	
35	17	Major problem
40	42	Minor problem
24	39	Not a problem
*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Total

c. Mistreatment of people by police

29	Major problem
37	Minor problem
34	Not a problem
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

d. Lack of funding for public schools

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2012</u>	
51	50	Major problem
33	29	Minor problem
15	18	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Total

e. Illegal immigration

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2012</u>	
36	28	Major problem
39	36	Minor problem
25	34	Not a problem
*	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Total

f. Lack of opportunities for young people

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2012</u>	
51	54	Major problem
36	32	Minor problem
12	12	Not a problem
*	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.9 Now, we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. Do you favor or oppose the following... **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2015	31	29	17	22	1=100
Sept. 2015	28	27	16	21	7=100
Aug. 2015	26	29	15	20	9=100
July 2015	24	28	16	24	8=100
June 2015	27	28	18	19	9=100
May 2015	26	27	20	19	9=100
Dec. 2014	25	32	18	18	7=100
Nov. 2014	25	29	20	19	7=100
Oct. 2014	24	32	18	17	9=100
Late Sept. 2014	24	25	20	22	9=100
Early Sept. 2014	22	33	18	19	8=100
August 2014	28	28	17	20	7=100
July 2014	24	29	18	20	10=100
June 2014	25	28	14	26	7=100
May 2014	26	24	19	21	10=100
April 2014	27	27	18	22	5=100
Feb. 2014	22	31	21	20	5=100
Oct. 2013	25	27	19	25	4=100
July 2013	22	30	21	20	7=100
May 2013	24	28	22	21	5=100
Late March 2013	23	27	18	21	10=100
Early March 2013	25	27	19	23	7=100
Oct. 2012	24	25	18	27	7=100
Sept. 2012	24	25	17	28	6=100
June 2012	25	24	18	26	7=100
March 2012	22	30	19	25	5=100
Nov. 2011	24	24	20	26	6=100
Sept. 2011	19	29	21	25	6=100
Aug. 2011	18	29	21	26	6=100

b. Passing stricter gun control laws

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Jan.</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2012</u>	
37	36	30	Strongly favor
23	24	22	Favor
19	14	21	Oppose
21	23	23	Strongly oppose
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,370]:

c. Increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour

34	Strongly favor
25	Favor
25	Oppose
15	Strongly oppose
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

d. Requiring companies to provide all full-time employees with paid sick days if they or an immediate family member gets sick

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2014</u>	
46	41	Strongly favor
39	40	Favor
10	11	Oppose
5	4	Strongly oppose
*	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,325]:

e. Increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2015	48	28	13	10	1=100
Sept. 2014	39	30	17	11	3=100
Oct. 2013 ²	35	36	17	7	4=100
July 2013 ³	34	39	17	8	2=100
Nov. 2011 ⁴	35	32	19	11	3=100
Oct. 2010 ⁵	35	32	21	10	2=100

f. Requiring companies to provide all full-time employees with paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2014</u>	
44	36	Strongly favor
38	42	Favor
11	13	Oppose
6	5	Strongly oppose
<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK ALL:

Turning to a different topic...

Q.10 Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder?

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2012</u>	
47	44	46	The death penalty
52	48	47	Life in prison with no chance of parole
-	2	2	Other (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

² Note: Question asked about a minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$10.00 an hour.³ Note: Question asked about a minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$10.00 an hour.⁴ Note: Question asked about a minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$10.00 an hour.⁵ Note: Question asked about a minimum wage increase from \$7.25 to \$10.00 an hour.

Q.11 Do you think abortion should be... [ROTATE LIST ORDER 1-4; 4-1]

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2015	22	35	27	14	1=100
Aug. 2015	20	33	26	17	4=100
Dec. 2014	23	33	25	15	3=100
Nov. 2014	24	33	25	14	4=100
Oct. 2014	23	34	25	15	4=100
Late Sept. 2014	20	33	24	17	6=100
Early Sept. 2014	19	33	28	16	4=100
Aug. 2014	23	33	23	18	3=100
July 2014	20	31	27	17	6=100
June 2014	21	32	28	16	3=100
May 2014	20	32	26	17	5=100
April 2014	19	30	26	19	7=100
Feb. 2014	20	32	27	14	6=100
July 2013	19	35	28	14	4=100
March 2013	23	33	24	14	5=100
Oct. 2012	22	34	24	15	5=100
Sept. 2012	20	34	27	14	4=100
Nov. 2011	21	32	29	14	3=100
Aug. 2011	18	34	29	15	4=100
June 2011	19	37	26	14	4=100
Oct. 2010	18	37	27	15	3=100

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Now we'd like your views on some political leaders or groups. Please say whether your overall opinion of each of the following is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. [RANDOMIZE LIST]

a. Barack Obama

	<u>Very favorable</u>	<u>Mostly favorable</u>	<u>Mostly unfavorable</u>	<u>Very unfavorable</u>	<u>Have not heard of</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2015	22	29	14	32	2	1=100
Aug. 2015	20	32	17	26	*	5=100
Sept. 2014	19	28	19	30	*	4=100
Oct. 2012	29	27	16	26	*	2=100
Sept. 2012	23	32	17	24	-	3=100
May 2012	19	37	21	21	-	2=100
Nov. 2011	22	31	19	25	-	2=100
Oct. 2010	26	32	18	22	-	2=100

b. Bernie Sanders

14	Very favorable
23	Mostly favorable
18	Mostly unfavorable
16	Very unfavorable
26	Have not heard of
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Hillary Clinton

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2013</u>	
15	20	Very favorable
31	37	Mostly favorable
17	14	Mostly unfavorable
34	21	Very unfavorable
2	6	Have not heard of
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Donald Trump

9	Very favorable
21	Mostly favorable
21	Mostly unfavorable
45	Very unfavorable
3	Have not heard of
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. The Tea Party

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2014</u>	
5	10	Very favorable
20	25	Mostly favorable
25	22	Mostly unfavorable
32	24	Very unfavorable
14	5	Have not heard of
<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 1 [N=1,370]:

f. Ted Cruz

<u>Oct. 2015</u>	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	
4	6	Very favorable
16	13	Mostly favorable
24	17	Mostly unfavorable
27	16	Very unfavorable
27	45	Have not heard of
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

g. Marco Rubio

<u>Oct. 2015</u>	<u>Oct. 2013</u>	
5	5	Very favorable
21	19	Mostly favorable
24	21	Mostly unfavorable
20	15	Very unfavorable
28	34	Have not heard of
<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 [N=1,325]:

h. Jeb Bush

4	Very favorable
29	Mostly favorable
32	Mostly unfavorable
22	Very unfavorable
11	Have not heard of
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

i. Scott Walker

3	Very favorable
17	Mostly favorable
20	Mostly unfavorable
21	Very unfavorable
38	Have not heard of
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

24	Republican
35	Democrat
38	Independent
2	Other [SPECIFY]
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER [PARTY=3,4], ASK [N=1,075]:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more towards the Republican Party or more towards the Democratic Party?

35	Republican
43	Democrat
17	No affiliation/independent/other [SPECIFY]
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF IDENTIFY AS DEMOCRAT OR LEAN DEMOCART (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) AND REGISTERED TO VOTE (REGIST =1), ASK [N=1,192]:

Q.13 Which of the following Democratic candidates would you most like to see as the Democratic Party's 2016 nominee for president? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

49	Hillary Clinton
21	Joe Biden
24	Bernie Sanders
1	Martin O'Malley
1	Jim Webb
2	Other [SPECIFY]
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF IDENTIFY AS REPUBLICAN OR LEAN REPUBLICAN (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) AND REGISTERED TO VOTE (REGIST=1), ASK [N=890]:

Q.14 Which of the following Republican candidates would you most like to see as the Republican Party's 2016 nominee for president? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

3	Rand Paul
5	Ted Cruz
10	Marco Rubio
3	Scott Walker
10	Jeb Bush
3	Chris Christie
28	Donald Trump
14	Ben Carson
11	Carly Fiorina
3	John Kasich
5	Mike Huckabee
1	Bobby Jindal
1	Rick Santorum
1	Other [SPECIFY]
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.15 Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or completely disagree with the following statement... Electing another president from the Bush or Clinton family would be bad for the country.

23	Completely agree
31	Mostly agree
32	Mostly disagree
13	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.16 Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view — even if neither is exactly right? **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**

a.

	It is not really that big a problem if some people have more of a chance in life than <u>others</u>	One of the big problems in this country is that we don't give everyone an equal <u>chance in life</u>	Other <u>[SPECIFY]</u>	Neither/ Both equally <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2015	28	65	5	1	1=100
Sept. 2014	38	55	-	5	3=100
July 2013	39	53	-	5	3=100
Sept. 2012	39	54	-	4	3=100
Nov. 2011	40	53	-	4	3=100
Sept. 2010	41	53	-	4	2=100

b.

	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and <u>talents</u>	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and <u>health care</u>	Other <u>[SPECIFY]</u>	Neither/ Both equally <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2015	47	46	4	2	2=100
Feb. 2015	58	31	-	7	4=100
Dec. 2014	60	31	-	6	4=100
Nov. 2014	57	35	-	5	3=100
Oct. 2014	54	35	-	7	4=100
Sept. 2014	56	35	-	7	3=100
Aug. 2014	51	38	-	7	4=100
Late July 2014	49	42	-	5	2=100
Early July 2014	55	35	-	6	4=100
June 2014	57	35	-	6	2=100
May 2014	58	32	-	6	3=100
April 2014	54	38	-	5	3=100
Oct. 2010	44	48	-	5	3=100
March 2010	45	43	-	7	5=100

Q.17 Now, please read a list of things that some people say are responsible for our current economic problems. Would you say the following are very responsible, somewhat responsible, not too responsible or not at all responsible for the country's current economic problems? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Too much government regulation of business

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Sept. <u>2012</u>	
29	33	Very responsible
40	32	Somewhat responsible
21	18	Not too responsible
8	12	Not at all responsible
<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Corporations moving American jobs overseas

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Sept. <u>2012</u>	
55	43	Very responsible
31	31	Somewhat responsible
9	11	Not too responsible
5	12	Not at all responsible
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. China's unfair trade practices

29	Very responsible
44	Somewhat responsible
18	Not too responsible
7	Not at all responsible
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Illegal immigrants taking jobs that would otherwise be filled by American citizens

Oct. <u>2015</u>	Sept. <u>2012</u>	
25	23	Very responsible
29	26	Somewhat responsible
27	23	Not too responsible
19	26	Not at all responsible
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Corporations not paying workers a fair wage

41	Very responsible
36	Somewhat responsible
15	Not too responsible
7	Not at all responsible
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

NO QUESTION 18

Q.19 In general, is it more important for government officials to compromise to find solutions or stand on principle even if it means a government shutdown?

Oct.	Dec.	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u> ⁶	
78	70	Compromise to find solutions
20	26	Stand on principle
<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.20 Please read the following statements on a few different topics and say if you agree or disagree with each one. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. The economic system in this country unfairly favors the wealthy

Oct.	Sept.	Sept.	
<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2012</u>	
44	29	32	Completely agree
35	35	34	Mostly agree
16	22	21	Mostly disagree
5	12	11	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

⁶ McClatchy-Marist Poll, December 2014.

b. Business corporations do not share enough of their success with their employees

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2014</u>	
44	31	Completely agree
40	38	Mostly agree
12	20	Mostly disagree
3	7	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2013</u>	
27	19	Completely agree
37	35	Mostly agree
25	31	Mostly disagree
10	14	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Politics and elections are controlled by people with money and by big corporations so it doesn't matter if I vote

27	Completely agree
37	Mostly agree
23	Mostly disagree
13	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Too many people today are afraid to say what they really think

39	Completely agree
38	Mostly agree
18	Mostly disagree
5	Completely disagree
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Everyday Americans understand what the government should do better than the so-called “experts”

25	Completely agree
41	Mostly agree
26	Mostly disagree
7	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Now a few questions about you...

RELIG What is your present religion, if any?

32	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
20	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
1	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
*	Hindu
4	Atheist (do not believe in God)
4	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
11	Nothing in particular
20	Just Christian
1	Unitarian (Universalist)
2	Something else [SPECIFY]
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE (RELIG=1-4, 12 OR 14), ASK [N=2,045]:

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

40	Yes
60	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE (RELIG=1-4, 12 OR 14), ASK [N=2,045]:

Q.21 Do you consider yourself part of the religious right or conservative Christian movement or not?

24	Yes
74	No
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

9	More than once a week
21	Once a week
11	Once or twice a month
19	A few times a year
21	Seldom
18	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.22 Which of the following comes closest to how you think about the place of religion in your life?

20	Religion is the most important thing in my life
41	Religion is one among many important things in my life
18	Religion is not as important as other things in my life
20	Religion is not important in my life
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

NO QUESTION 23

Q.24 Now, read each statement and please say if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. It bothers me when I come in contact with immigrants who speak little or no English

Oct. 2015	June 2012 ⁷	
22	20	Completely agree
26	20	Mostly agree
26	27	Mostly disagree
25	30	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Irish, Italians, Jewish and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors

27	Completely agree
36	Mostly agree
21	Mostly disagree
14	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system

	Completely <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>disagree</u>	Completely <u>disagree</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Oct. 2015	13	27	32	26	1=100
May 2015	15	26	29	22	8=100
Dec. 2014	17	29	30	23	2=100
Sept. 2014	14	24	30	26	6=100
Aug. 2013	22	25	26	21	6=100

⁷ Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, 2012 Values Survey, June 2012.

d. The values of Islam are at odds with American values and way of life

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2011</u>	
26	23	17	Completely agree
30	24	30	Mostly agree
28	25	32	Mostly disagree
13	19	16	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

e. White men are losing influence over American culture

16	Completely agree
35	Mostly agree
32	Mostly disagree
15	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.25 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against any of the following groups or not? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Gay and lesbian people

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
68	62	68	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
31	32	27	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

b. Evangelical Christians

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
30	29	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
66	58	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Atheists, that is people who don't believe in God

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
27	31	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
70	61	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Hispanics

56	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
42	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Blacks

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
63	52	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
36	44	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Women

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
45	44	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
53	54	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

g. Muslims

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
70	65	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
28	27	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

h. Jews

Oct. 2015	Feb. 2014	
30	32	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
67	59	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,370]:

i. White men

22	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
76	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,325]:

j. Whites

25	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
73	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.26 How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions in American society? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. The police

29	A great deal
46	Some
17	Little
7	None at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. The criminal justice system

14	A great deal
48	Some
27	Little
11	None at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Organized religion

16	A great deal
39	Some
27	Little
17	None at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The federal government

9	A great deal
41	Some
32	Little
18	None at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. News organizations

8	A great deal
39	Some
35	Little
17	None at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Large business corporations

7	A great deal
39	Some
35	Little
19	None at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.27 How well does the federal government look out for the needs and interests of people like you?

4	Very well
38	Somewhat well
40	Not too well
17	Not at all well
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.28 How well does the federal government look out for the needs and interests of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Women

10	Very well
53	Somewhat well
29	Not too well
7	Not at all well
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Blacks

15	Very well
39	Somewhat well
33	Not too well
13	Not at all well
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Gay and lesbian people

16	Very well
40	Somewhat well
32	Not too well
10	Not at all well
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Hispanics

13	Very well
41	Somewhat well
36	Not too well
9	Not at all well
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Middle class people

5	Very well
39	Somewhat well
42	Not too well
14	Not at all well
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Low income people

13	Very well
30	Somewhat well
37	Not too well
19	Not at all well
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Wealthy people

70	Very well
20	Somewhat well
6	Not too well
3	Not at all well
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

h. Christians

17	Very well
48	Somewhat well
23	Not too well
9	Not at all well
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

i. Large business corporations

61	Very well
27	Somewhat well
9	Not too well
3	Not at all well
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,370]:

j. White men

32	Very well
42	Somewhat well
18	Not too well
6	Not at all well
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,325]:

k. Whites

30	Very well
45	Somewhat well
19	Not too well
5	Not at all well
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.29 Now, read each statement and please say if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Police officers generally treat blacks and other minorities the same as whites

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Nov.</u> <u>2014</u>	
10	12	12	Completely agree
31	29	33	Mostly agree
33	29	31	Mostly disagree
24	23	21	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

b. Today discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2011</u>	
17	19	18	15	Completely agree
26	26	29	31	Mostly agree
29	28	30	33	Mostly disagree
26	23	21	18	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

c. A black person is more likely than a white person to receive the death penalty for the same crime

25	Completely agree
28	Mostly agree
28	Mostly disagree
17	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Over the past few years blacks have gotten less than they deserve

13	Completely agree
27	Mostly agree
38	Mostly disagree
20	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites

16	Completely agree
32	Mostly agree
30	Mostly disagree
19	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class

14	Completely agree
27	Mostly agree
34	Mostly disagree
24	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.30 Do you see the Confederate flag more as a symbol of Southern pride or more as a symbol of racism?

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2015⁸</u>	
51	51	Southern pride
40	35	Racism
4	-	Other [SPECIFY]
2	8	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.31 Do you think recent killings of African American men by police are isolated incidents or are they part of a broader pattern of how police treat African Americans?

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2015⁹</u>	
53	39	Isolated incidents
44	49	Part of a broader pattern
<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

⁸ CBS News/New York Times Poll, July 2015.

⁹ This survey relied on a slightly different question wording. The May 2015 question asked: "Do you think the recent killings of African American men by police in Ferguson, Missouri, New York City, and Baltimore are isolated incidents, or are they part of a broader pattern of how police treat African Americans?"

Q.32 Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view — even if neither is exactly right? **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**

Oct. 2015	Aug. 2015 ¹⁰	
49	37	Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites
47	60	Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites
2	-	Other [SPECIFY]
-	3	Neither/Both (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

MEDIA Which of the following television news sources do you trust the MOST to provide accurate information about politics and current events? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

21	Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC or CBS
19	CNN
16	Fox News
4	MSNBC
6	The Daily Show or Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
12	Public television
1	BBC/Al Jazeera
3	Other [SPECIFY]
17	None/Do not watch television news
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

RACE What is your race or ethnicity? Please select all that apply.

69	White
14	Black
13	Hispanic or Latino
3	Asian or Pacific Islander
4	Some other race [SPECIFY]
1	Don't know/Refused

Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.

¹⁰ Washington Post Poll, August 2015.

CLASS If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in? **[ROTATE LIST ORDER 1-5; 5-1]**

1	Upper class
11	Upper-middle class
39	Middle class
37	Working class
12	Lower class
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	Total

EMPLOY Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

45	Employed full-time
11	Employed part-time
21	Retired
7	A homemaker
5	A student
6	Unemployed but looking for work
3	Unemployed and not looking for work
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	Total

IF EMPLOYED, RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY=1,2,3,6,7), ASK [N=2,413]:

JOBPAY Even if you are not currently employed, which of the following best describes how you **[IF RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY=3,6,7), ASK: "got"]** get paid at work?

54	Paid an hourly rate
33	Paid a salary
11	Paid by the job
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	Total

TPARTY Do you consider yourself a part of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2015	6	91	2=100
Sept. 2014	7	84	9=100
July 2013	10	81	9=100
Oct. 2012	10	83	6=100
Nov. 2011	11	83	6=100
Oct. 2010	11	82	7=100

ASK ALL:

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[ROTATE LIST ORDER 1-5; 5-1]**

7	Very conservative
23	Conservative
44	Moderate
17	Liberal
7	Very liberal
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. The survey was made possible by generous grants from the Ford Foundation and the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 2,695 adults (age 18 and up) living in the United States including all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Interviews were conducted both online using a self-administered design and by telephone using live interviewers. All interviews were conducted among participants in AmeriSpeak, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the national U.S. adult population run by NORC at the University of Chicago. Panel participants without Internet access, which included 398 respondents, were interviewed via telephone by professional interviewers under the direction of NORC. Interviewing was conducted in both Spanish and English between September 11 and October 4, 2015.

NORC's AmeriSpeak Panel provides a representative panel of civilian, non-institutional adults (age 18 and over) living in the United States. The sample frame was developed using a two-stage probability sample design to create a representative sample of households in the United States. The first stage uses National Frame Areas (NFAs), geographic areas that have a population of at least 10,000 people. The National Sample Frame contains almost 3 million households and includes 80,000 rural households. Additionally, NORC oversampled housing units in segments (Census tracts or block groups) that include hard-to-reach populations, including young adults, Hispanics and African Americans. Panel recruitment proceeded in two stages. First, a mail solicitation is sent to a randomly selected household along with follow-up telephone calls and email solicitations if necessary. In the second stage, households that have not responded to the initial inquiry or follow-ups receive an enhanced incentive offer and a personal visit from NORC field interviewers. Members typically participate in panel surveys two or three times a month. For more information about AmeriSpeak, please visit:

<http://www.norc.org/Research/Capabilities/Pages/amerispeak.aspx>

The weighting is accomplished in two separate stages. First, panel base weights are calculated for every household based on the probability of selection from the NORC National Frame, the sampling frame that is used to sample housing units for AmeriSpeak. Household level weights are then assigned to each eligible adult in every recruited household. In the second stage, sample demographics are balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, and division (U.S. Census definitions), housing type, and telephone usage. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters are derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.

The sample weighting is accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use

of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 2.6 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.9. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

Appendix

Table 1. Demographic, Political, and Religious Subgroup Sample Sizes
(All figures are unweighted)

	General <u>Public</u>
Total Sample	2,695
Male	1,193
Female	1,502
Democrat	962
Independent	995
Republican	659
Tea Party	179
White, non-Hispanic	1,928
Black, non-Hispanic	292
Hispanic	228
White working-class	793
White college-educated	861
Age 18-29	337
30-49	882
50-64	847
65+	628
White evangelical Protestant	455
White mainline Protestant	523
Black Protestant	221
Catholic	517
<i>White Catholic</i>	375
<i>Hispanic Catholic</i>	98
Religiously unaffiliated	520