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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 5-8, 2014 with a random sample of **–1,018—** adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of **--898--** registered voters, the margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2013 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2013 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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13. Next, we'd like to know how you feel about the state of the nation in each of the following areas. For each one, please say whether you are -- very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. If you don't have enough information about a particular subject to rate it, just say so. How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2014 Jan 5-8</i> <i>(sorted by "satisfied")</i>	Total satisfied	Total dissatisfied
The nation's military strength and preparedness	72	22
The nation's security from terrorism	69	27
The quality of medical care in the nation	56	43
The state of race relations	55	35
The quality of the environment in the nation	55	40
The acceptance of gays and lesbians in the nation	53	40
The nation's policies to reduce or control crime	51	42
The Social Security and Medicare systems	42	51
The nation's energy policies	40	41
The role the U.S. plays in world affairs	40	54
The nation's laws or policies on guns	40	55
The quality of public education in the nation	39	59
The availability of affordable health care	38	57
The amount Americans pay in federal taxes	38	60
The level of immigration into the country today	38	54
The nation's policies regarding the abortion issue	38	46
Government surveillance of U.S. citizens	30	63
The state of the nation's economy	28	70
The nation's efforts to deal with poverty and homelessness	27	70

#### **FULL TRENDS: SATISFACTION WITH THE STATE OF THE NATION**

##### **A. The nation's policies regarding the abortion issue**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	10	28	19	27	17	38	46
2013 Jan 7-10	12	32	21	25	11	44	46
2012 Jan 5-8	10	29	21	25	15	39	46
2008 Jan 4-6	12	31	23	20	13	43	43
2007 Jan 15-18	12	29	22	25	12	41	47
2006 Jan 9-12	11	29	22	26	12	40	48
2005 Jan 3-5	13	29	21	26	11	42	47
2004 Jan 12-15	12	33	22	24	9	45	46
2003 Jan 13-16	10	32	24	22	12	42	46
2002 Jan 7-9	11	37	19	24	9	48	43
2001 Jan 10-14	11	32	21	26	10	43	47

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#### B. The nation's policies to reduce or control crime

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	10	41	23	19	7	51	42
2013 Jan 7-10	8	33	30	24	5	41	54
2012 Jan 5-8	7	43	25	20	6	50	45
2008 Jan 4-6	7	41	30	18	4	48	48
2007 Jan 15-18	9	38	31	18	4	47	49
2006 Jan 9-12	8	40	29	18	5	48	47
2005 Jan 3-5	11	46	23	16	4	57	39
2004 Jan 12-15	10	43	28	16	3	53	44
2003 Jan 13-16	8	43	28	18	3	51	46
2002 Jan 7-9	10	44	30	13	3	54	43
2001 Jan 10-14	6	39	32	20	3	45	52

#### C. The state of the nation's economy

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	2	26	33	37	2	28	70
2013 Jan 7-10	3	17	33	46	2	20	79
2012 Jan 5-8	1	12	32	51	4	13	83
2008 Jan 4-6	5	31	33	28	3	36	61
2007 Jan 15-18	12	40	26	18	4	52	44
2006 Jan 9-12	10	37	30	20	2	47	50
2005 Jan 3-5	6	41	32	19	2	47	51
2004 Jan 12-15	6	39	33	20	2	45	53
2003 Jan 13-16	3	31	41	23	2	34	64
2002 Jan 7-9	4	46	37	11	2	50	48
2001 Jan 10-14	12	56	19	8	5	68	27

#### D. The quality of public education in the nation

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	11	28	30	29	2	39	59
2013 Jan 7-10	11	30	27	29	3	41	56
2012 Jan 5-8	7	30	28	33	2	37	61
2008 Jan 4-6	11	31	30	27	2	42	57
2007 Jan 15-18	11	30	29	28	2	41	57
2006 Jan 9-12	11	31	29	27	2	42	56
2005 Jan 3-5	9	31	32	26	2	40	58
2004 Jan 12-15	9	33	31	25	2	42	56
2003 Jan 13-16	11	31	32	25	1	42	57
2002 Jan 7-9	12	33	28	26	1	45	54
2001 Jan 10-14	10	30	32	25	3	40	57

**Q.13 (SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF NATION) CONTINUED****E. The nation's energy policies**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	6	34	25	16	18	40	41
2013 Jan 7-10	6	31	29	18	16	37	47
2012 Jan 5-8	5	29	26	25	15	34	51
2008 Jan 4-6	4	27	27	32	10	31	59
2007 Jan 15-18	6	27	26	27	14	33	53
2006 Jan 9-12	5	24	28	27	16	29	55
2005 Jan 3-5	5	34	25	20	16	39	45
2004 Jan 12-15	6	40	25	16	13	46	41
2003 Jan 13-16	6	34	26	17	17	40	43
2002 Jan 7-9	6	39	27	15	13	45	42
2001 Jan 10-14	5	27	28	21	19	32	49

**F. The quality of the environment in the nation**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	10	45	27	13	5	55	40
2013 Jan 7-10	11	46	27	12	5	57	39
2012 Jan 5-8	8	43	30	13	6	51	43
2008 Jan 4-6	11	36	31	18	3	47	49
2007 Jan 15-18	9	37	27	23	4	46	50
2006 Jan 9-12	11	41	27	18	4	52	45
2005 Jan 3-5	10	44	26	16	4	54	42
2004 Jan 12-15	9	43	31	14	3	52	45
2003 Jan 13-16	10	45	28	14	3	55	42
2002 Jan 7-9	9	47	26	15	3	56	41
2001 Jan 10-14	8	48	27	13	4	56	40

## Q.13 (SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF NATION) CONTINUED

### G. The role the U.S. plays in world affairs

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	7	33	29	25	6	40	54
2013 Jan 7-10	10	34	29	21	6	44	50
2012 Jan 5-8	9	33	32	21	6	42	53
2008 Jan 4-6	10	30	29	27	4	40	56
2007 Jan 15-18	11	29	29	27	4	40	56
2006 Jan 9-12	12	32	27	24	5	44	51
2005 Jan 3-5 ^	17	35	23	21	4	52	44
2004 Jan 12-15 ^	16	34	27	21	2	50	48
2003 Jan 13-16 ^	14	41	24	16	5	55	40
2002 Jan 7-9 ^	20	46	21	10	3	66	31
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	13	48	23	11	5	61	34

^ WORDING: The role America plays in world affairs.

### H. The nation's laws or policies on guns

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	12	28	20	35	5	40	55
2013 Jan 7-10	12	31	21	30	5	43	51
2012 Jan 5-8	14	36	19	23	8	50	42
2008 Jan 4-6	14	34	23	21	7	48	44
2007 Jan 15-18	17	33	21	22	7	50	43
2006 Jan 9-12	16	32	21	22	9	48	43
2005 Jan 3-5	15	36	21	22	6	51	43
2004 Jan 12-15	14	37	22	23	4	51	45
2003 Jan 13-16	13	34	26	21	6	47	47
2002 Jan 7-9	13	35	24	23	5	48	47
2001 Jan 10-14	10	28	28	29	5	38	57

## Q.13 (SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF NATION) CONTINUED

### I. The acceptance of gays and lesbians in the nation

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	11	42	17	23	8	53	40
2013 Jan 7-10 ^	8	41	19	26	6	49	45
2012 Jan 5-8 ^	8	33	22	29	8	41	51
2008 Jan 4-6 ^	7	31	23	29	10	38	52
2007 Jan 15-18 ^	7	27	23	35	8	34	58
2006 Jan 9-12 ^	5	27	28	31	9	32	59
2005 Jan 3-5 ^	6	26	23	37	8	32	60
2004 Jan 12-15 ^	4	35	24	32	5	39	56
2003 Jan 13-16 ^	7	30	27	27	9	37	54
2002 Jan 7-9 ^	5	35	23	31	6	40	54
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	5	30	28	29	8	35	57

^ WORDING: The acceptance of homosexuality in the nation.

### J. The availability of affordable health care

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	9	29	21	36	5	38	57
2013 Jan 7-10	10	30	25	33	3	40	58
2012 Jan 5-8	7	24	26	39	4	31	65
2008 Jan 4-6	7	18	25	47	1	25	72
2007 Jan 15-18	8	17	27	46	2	25	73
2006 Jan 9-12	6	20	25	47	2	26	72
2005 Jan 3-5	7	18	27	46	2	25	73
2004 Jan 12-15	6	21	26	45	2	27	71
2003 Jan 13-16	6	19	28	44	3	25	72
2002 Jan 7-9	8	23	27	39	3	31	66
2001 Jan 10-14	6	23	31	37	3	29	68

**Q.13 (SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF NATION) CONTINUED****K. The level of immigration into the country today**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	6	32	23	31	8	38	54
2013 Jan 7-10	5	31	25	31	8	36	56
2012 Jan 5-8	4	24	25	39	8	28	64
2008 Jan 4-6	4	19	27	45	5	23	72
2007 Jan 15-18	5	19	29	41	6	24	70
2006 Jan 9-12	3	24	24	41	8	27	65
2005 Jan 3-5	4	26	26	36	8	30	62
2004 Jan 12-15	4	27	29	34	6	31	63
2003 Jan 13-16	3	24	31	34	8	27	65
2002 Jan 7-9	3	26	34	32	5	29	66
2001 Jan 10-14	6	26	28	27	13	32	55

**L. The nation's military strength and preparedness**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	33	39	12	10	6	72	22
2013 Jan 7-10	34	40	12	9	4	74	21
2012 Jan 5-8	35	36	14	9	6	71	23
2008 Jan 4-6	30	36	19	11	4	66	30
2007 Jan 15-18	27	35	21	11	6	62	32
2006 Jan 9-12	32	35	16	12	5	67	28
2005 Jan 3-5	28	38	20	11	3	66	31
2004 Jan 12-15	44	37	12	5	2	81	17
2003 Jan 13-16	42	41	10	4	3	83	14
2002 Jan 7-9	43	36	13	6	2	79	19
2001 Jan 10-14	24	37	19	13	7	61	32

**M. The nation's efforts to deal with poverty and homelessness**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	3	24	34	36	3	27	70
2013 Jan 7-10	6	19	37	33	5	25	70
2012 Jan 5-8	4	21	30	40	5	25	70
2008 Jan 4-6	5	21	31	38	3	26	69
2007 Jan 15-18	5	22	30	40	3	27	70
2006 Jan 9-12	4	22	30	40	3	26	70
2005 Jan 3-5	6	22	34	35	3	28	69
2004 Jan 12-15	4	23	34	37	2	27	71
2003 Jan 13-16	3	27	33	33	4	30	66
2002 Jan 7-9	6	26	33	32	3	32	65
2001 Jan 10-14	4	26	38	28	4	30	66

### Q.13 (SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF NATION) CONTINUED

#### N. The state of race relations

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	10	45	24	11	10	55	35
2013 Jan 7-10	11	39	27	14	9	50	41
2012 Jan 5-8	10	41	26	14	9	51	40
2008 Jan 4-6	8	43	28	12	9	51	40
2007 Jan 15-18	10	40	29	13	8	50	42
2006 Jan 9-12	10	42	27	13	7	52	40
2005 Jan 3-5	9	44	24	13	10	53	37
2004 Jan 12-15	9	45	30	10	6	54	40
2003 Jan 13-16	8	41	30	14	7	49	44
2002 Jan 7-9	8	45	28	13	6	53	41
2001 Jan 10-14	5	39	34	14	8	44	48

#### O. The amount Americans pay in federal taxes

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	5	33	28	32	2	38	60
2013 Jan 7-10	6	30	27	33	4	36	60
2012 Jan 5-8	5	28	28	33	5	33	61
2008 Jan 4-6	5	29	32	30	4	34	62
2007 Jan 15-18	7	33	28	29	3	40	57
2006 Jan 9-12	6	32	30	31	2	38	61
2005 Jan 3-5	6	32	31	29	2	38	60
2004 Jan 12-15	4	30	34	30	2	34	64
2003 Jan 13-16	5	28	31	32	4	33	63
2002 Jan 7-9	6	32	32	28	2	38	60
2001 Jan 10-14	4	22	35	36	3	26	71

#### P. The Social Security and Medicare systems

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	12	30	26	25	6	42	51
2013 Jan 7-10	14	29	21	29	7	43	50
2012 Jan 5-8	9	25	28	32	7	34	60
2008 Jan 4-6	8	23	29	35	5	31	64
2007 Jan 15-18	9	23	34	29	5	32	63
2006 Jan 9-12	8	27	24	34	6	35	58
2005 Jan 3-5	8	23	29	36	4	31	65
2004 Jan 12-15	7	24	36	29	4	31	65
2003 Jan 13-16	8	27	31	29	5	35	60
2002 Jan 7-9	9	32	29	26	4	41	55
2001 Jan 10-14	6	32	32	25	5	38	57



**Q.13 (SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF NATION) CONTINUED****Q. The quality of medical care in the nation**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	19	37	21	22	2	56	43
2008 Jan 4-6	16	29	25	28	2	45	53
2007 Jan 15-18	17	30	26	25	2	47	51
2006 Jan 9-12	18	29	24	27	2	47	51
2005 Jan 3-5	15	30	25	29	1	45	54
2004 Jan 12-15	16	32	26	25	1	48	51
2003 Jan 13-16	17	31	24	26	2	48	50
2002 Jan 7-9	16	35	26	21	2	51	47
2001 Jan 10-14	15	33	27	22	3	48	49

**R. The nation's security from terrorism**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	22	47	15	12	4	69	27
2013 Jan 7-10	22	45	16	13	4	67	29
2012 Jan 5-8	23	49	14	10	5	72	24
2008 Jan 4-6	14	44	20	17	4	58	37
2007 Jan 15-18	13	40	26	18	3	53	44
2006 Jan 9-12	16	42	23	16	3	58	39
2005 Jan 3-5	14	44	22	17	3	58	39
2004 Jan 12-15	19	51	16	13	1	70	29
2003 Jan 13-16	11	43	26	17	3	54	43
2002 Jan 7-9	10	41	27	20	2	51	47

**S. Government surveillance of U.S. citizens**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Total dissatisfied</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	7	23	25	38	7	30	63

16. *(Asked of those dissatisfied with U.S. abortion policy)* Would you like to see abortion laws in this country made more strict, less strict, or remain as they are?

**COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.13A/16): SATISFACTION WITH ABORTION LAWS**

	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, want stricter</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, want less strict</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, remain same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	38	25	13	8	17
2013 Jan 7-10	44	27	8	11	11
2012 Jan 5-8	39	28	9	9	15
2008 Jan 4-6	43	23	11	10	13
2007 Jan 15-18	41	24	13	10	12
2006 Jan 9-12	41	25	10	12	12
2005 Jan 3-5	42	25	11	11	11
2004 Jan 12-15	45	27	10	9	9
2003 Jan 13-16	42	27	9	9	13
2002 Jan 7-9	47	27	9	7	10
2001 Jan 10-14	43	26	8	13	10

17. *(Asked of those dissatisfied with U.S. gun policy)* Would you like to see gun laws in this country made more strict, less strict, or remain as they are?

**COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.13H/17): SATISFACTION WITH GUN LAWS**

	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, want stricter</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, want less strict</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, remain same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	40	31	16	8	5
2013 Jan 7-10	43	38	5	8	5
2012 Jan 5-8	50	25	8	9	8
2008 Jan 4-6	49	30	8	6	7
2007 Jan 15-18	50	30	6	7	7
2006 Jan 9-12	47	32	7	4	9
2005 Jan 3-5	51	32	6	5	6
2004 Jan 12-15	51	33	6	6	4
2003 Jan 13-16	47	32	9	6	6
2002 Jan 7-9	48	33	8	6	5
2001 Jan 10-14	38	39	9	9	6

18. *(Asked of those dissatisfied with the acceptance of gays and lesbians in the U.S.)* Would you like to see gays and lesbians be more widely accepted in this nation, less widely accepted, or is the acceptance of gays and lesbians in this nation today about right?

**COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.13I/18): SATISFACTION WITH ACCEPTANCE OF GAYS AND LESBIANS**

	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, want more</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, want less</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, remain same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	53	14	16	10	8
2013 Jan 7-10 ^	49	13	21	11	6
2012 Jan 5-8 ^	41	19	23	9	8
2008 Jan 4-6 ^	38	21	22	9	10
2007 Jan 15-18 ^	34	22	27	9	8
2006 Jan 9-12 ^	32	20	30	10	9
2005 Jan 3-5 ^	32	19	28	13	8
2004 Jan 12-15 ^	39	14	30	12	5
2003 Jan 13-16 ^	37	17	25	13	8
2002 Jan 7-9 ^	41	15	27	11	6
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	35	16	26	15	8

^ WORDING: Would you like to see homosexuality be more widely accepted in this nation, less widely accepted, or is the acceptance of homosexuality in this nation today about right?

19. *(Asked of those dissatisfied with the level of immigration into the U.S.)* Would you like to see the level of immigration in this country increased, decreased, or remain about the same?

**COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.13K/19): SATISFACTION WITH IMMIGRATION LEVELS**

	<u>Total satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, want more</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, want less</u>	<u>Dissatisfied, remain same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	38	7	35	12	8
2013 Jan 7-10	36	5	35	16	8
2012 Jan 5-8	28	6	42	16	8
2008 Jan 4-6	24	6	50	16	5
2007 Jan 15-18	24	3	49	18	6
2006 Jan 9-12	26	5	51	10	8
2005 Jan 3-5	30	4	45	13	8
2004 Jan 12-15	31	3	44	16	6
2003 Jan 13-16	27	3	48	14	8
2002 Jan 7-9	29	3	52	11	5
2001 Jan 10-14	32	4	36	15	13

20. *(Asked of those dissatisfied with the amount of taxes Americans pay)* Would you like to see the amount Americans pay in federal income taxes increased, decreased, or remain about the same?

**COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.13O/20): SATISFACTION WITH INCOME TAXES AMERICANS PAY**

	<u>Total</u> <u>satisfied</u>	Dissatisfied, want <u>increased</u>	Dissatisfied, want <u>decreased</u>	Dissatisfied, <u>remain same</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	38	6	40	14	2
2013 Jan 7-10	36	5	40	15	4
2012 Jan 5-8	33	8	37	16	5
2008 Jan 4-6	34	4	46	12	4
2007 Jan 15-18	39	4	41	13	3
2006 Jan 9-12	37	3	45	12	2
2005 Jan 3-5	38	5	43	12	2
2004 Jan 12-15	34	5	45	14	2
2003 Jan 13-16	33	2	51	10	4

22. Next, how important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- is it -- extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2014 Jan 5-8</i> <i>(sorted by "extremely important")</i>	Extremely important	Extremely/Very important
The economy	31	89
Education	26	81
Healthcare policy	26	77
Poverty and homelessness	22	69
Social Security and Medicare	21	73
Terrorism	21	72
The military and national defense	20	68
Crime	18	68
The distribution of income and wealth	17	57
Gun policy	17	54
Taxes	16	62
The environment	16	55
Energy policy	15	56
World affairs	14	52
Immigration	14	50
Government surveillance of U.S. citizens	14	42
Abortion	13	39
Race relations	12	39
Policies toward gays and lesbians	8	27

**ISSUE IMPORTANCE TRENDS**

**A. Abortion**

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	13	26	31	26	4
2001 Jan 10-14	19	30	29	19	3

^ Asked of a half sample.

## Q.22 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

### B. Crime

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	18	50	26	5	1
2001 Jan 10-14	36	47	14	2	1

### C. The economy

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	31	58	9	1	*
2001 Jan 10-14	34	51	12	2	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

### D. Education

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	26	55	15	3	*

### E. Energy policy

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	15	41	35	6	3
2001 Jan 10-14	26	43	25	2	4

^ Asked of a half sample.

### F. The environment

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	16	39	36	8	1
2001 Jan 10-14	26	43	25	5	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

## Q.22 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

### G. World affairs

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	14	38	41	6	1
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	17	40	33	7	3

^ WORDING: Foreign affairs

### H. Gun policy

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	17	37	28	17	1
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	27	36	23	13	1

^ WORDING: Guns

### I. Policies toward gays and lesbians

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	8	19	37	31	5
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	10	20	38	30	2

^ WORDING: Gay rights issues

### J. Health care policy

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	26	51	16	6	1

## Q.22 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

### K. Immigration

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	14	36	40	8	1
2001 Jan 10-14	17	29	39	12	3

^ WORDING: Illegal immigration

† Asked of a half sample.

### L. The military and national defense

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	20	48	25	6	1
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	26	42	26	4	2

^ WORDING: Military and defense issues

### M. Poverty and homelessness

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	22	47	26	4	1
2001 Jan 10-14	31	45	20	3	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

### N. Race relations

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	12	27	38	20	2
2001 Jan 10-14	17	41	32	8	2



## Q.22 (ISSUE IMPORTANCE) CONTINUED

### O. Taxes

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	16	46	33	4	1
2001 Jan 10-14	31	42	21	4	2

^ Asked of a half sample.

### P. Social Security and Medicare

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	21	52	23	3	1
2001 Jan 10-14 ^	37	47	13	2	1

^ WORDING: The Social Security and Medicare systems.

### Q. Terrorism

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	21	51	22	5	1

### R. The distribution of income and wealth

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	17	40	23	16	3

### S. Government surveillance of U.S. citizens

	<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Moderately important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Jan 5-8	14	28	32	23	3