

**CBS NEWS POLL**

**2016: A Wide Open Republican Field, While Clinton Leads the Pack for the Democrats**

**March 21-24, 2015**

Q15. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the US? (They should be allowed to stay in the US and eventually apply for citizenship), they should be allowed to stay in the US legally, but not be allowed to apply for citizenship or (they should be required to leave the US).

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan15b
	%	%	%	%	%
Stay and apply for citizenship	56	41	73	53	54
Stay in the US legally, but not apply	11	9	9	14	15
Required to leave the US	29	44	16	29	27
Don't know/No answer	5	7	2	5	4

Q16. Which of these comes closest to your view? 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it. 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now. 3. Abortion should not be permitted.

					Oct14f
Generally available	38	22	54	37	39
Available but limits	34	39	28	35	34
Should not be permitted	25	36	18	25	25
Don't know/No answer	3	3	1	4	3

Q17. As you may know, Common Core refers to new education standards for teaching reading, writing and math in grades K through 12. From what you know, do you think Common Core is a good idea, a bad idea, or don't you know enough to say?

Good idea	19	10	27	18
Bad idea	27	38	19	25
Don't know enough to say	54	50	54	55
Don't know/No answer	1	2	1	1

Q19. How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2016 Presidential campaign--a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

					Feb15b
A lot	22	26	24	19	15
Some	35	43	31	34	30
Not much	24	20	27	25	26
No attention so far	18	11	19	21	28
Don't know/No answer	1	1	-	1	1

Q24. Thinking about your vote for president in 2016, how important is it that a candidate shares your religious beliefs--is it very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

**\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Very important	22	27	19	22
Somewhat important	23	38	16	20
Not very important	21	17	24	20
Not at all important	33	18	40	37
Don't know/No answer	1	*	1	1

Q100a. I'm going to read you a list of names. For each, please tell me if you would consider voting for this candidate if he or she ran for the Republican nomination for president in 2016, would you not consider voting for this candidate, or don't you know enough to say?

**a. Jeb Bush**

	Rep	Ind	REPS Feb15b
	%	%	%
Would consider voting for	51	24	49
Would NOT consider voting for	27	44	26
Don't know enough to say	21	30	25
Refused	1	2	*

**b. Ben Carson**

Would consider voting for	26	13	34
Would NOT consider voting for	15	22	10
Don't know enough to say	58	63	56
Refused	1	2	*

**c. Chris Christie**

Would consider voting for	27	20	28
Would NOT consider voting for	42	41	43
Don't know enough to say	30	37	29
Refused	1	2	*

**d. Ted Cruz**

Would consider voting for	37	17	23
Would NOT consider voting for	22	33	21
Don't know enough to say	41	48	56
Refused	1	2	*

**e. Mike Huckabee**

Would consider voting for	42	20	46
Would NOT consider voting for	25	38	24
Don't know enough to say	31	40	30
Refused	1	2	*

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**f. Bobby Jindal**

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	Rep	Ind	Feb15b
	%	%	%
Would consider voting for	21	13	18
Would NOT consider voting for	17	25	15
Don't know enough to say	62	60	67
Refused	1	2	*

**h. Rand Paul**

Would consider voting for	39	26	30
Would NOT consider voting for	23	30	31
Don't know enough to say	36	41	38
Refused	2	2	*

**i. Rick Perry**

Would consider voting for	30	16	34
Would NOT consider voting for	26	36	26
Don't know enough to say	43	46	40
Refused	1	2	*

**k. Marco Rubio**

Would consider voting for	39	19	37
Would NOT consider voting for	14	28	19
Don't know enough to say	46	51	43
Refused	1	2	2

**l. Rick Santorum**

Would consider voting for	28	13	28
Would NOT consider voting for	26	35	25
Don't know enough to say	46	50	46
Refused	1	2	2

**m. Scott Walker**

Would consider voting for	35	16	30
Would NOT consider voting for	8	23	10
Don't know enough to say	56	59	59
Refused	1	2	*

**n. Lindsey Graham**

Would consider voting for	10	8
Would NOT consider voting for	33	31
Don't know enough to say	57	59
Refused	1	2

Q50. Do you think the Tea Party movement has too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **		REPS
	Rep %	Ind %	Jun14d %
Too much	20	34	17
Too little	29	20	34
Right amount	39	25	32
Don't know/No answer	11	20	17

Q100b. I'm going to read you a list of names. For each, please tell me if you would consider voting for this candidate if he or she ran for the Democratic nomination for president in 2016, would you not consider voting for this candidate, or don't you know enough to say?

**a. Joe Biden**

	Dem	Ind	DEM
	%	%	Feb15b %
Would consider voting for	48	21	47
Would NOT consider voting for	26	52	35
Don't know enough to say	24	26	16
Refused	1	2	1

**c. Hillary Clinton**

Would consider voting for	81	39	81
Would NOT consider voting for	10	41	12
Don't know enough to say	7	17	7
Refused	1	2	1

**d. Martin O'Malley**

Would consider voting for	12	6	3
Would NOT consider voting for	15	18	16
Don't know enough to say	73	75	80
Refused	1	2	2

**e. Bernie Sanders**

Would consider voting for	14	8	14
Would NOT consider voting for	18	24	17
Don't know enough to say	68	66	68
Refused	1	1	1

**f. Jim Webb**

Would consider voting for	9	6	7
Would NOT consider voting for	12	20	15
Don't know enough to say	77	72	76
Refused	2	2	2

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**g. Elizabeth Warren**

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **		DEMS
	Dem %	Ind %	Feb15b %
Would consider voting for	31	20	32
Would NOT consider voting for	16	27	14
Don't know enough to say	53	51	53
Refused	1	2	1

Q51. Which of these possibilities would you prefer to see next year: 1. Hillary Clinton running for the Democratic presidential nomination along with strong competition from other Democrats, OR 2. Hillary Clinton running for the Democratic nomination without much competition from other Democrats; OR 3. Hillary Clinton not running for the Democratic nomination at all.

Clinton running with competition	66	49	
Clinton running without competition	21	13	
Hillary not running at all		11	28
Don't know/No answer	3	10	

Q42. For each of the following, please tell me if it is possible you would ever vote for a candidate for the Republican nomination for president who does NOT share you views on that issue or if the issue is so important that you could not vote for a candidate who disagrees with you on it.

**a. Dealing with the militant group ISIS?**

	Rep %	Ind %	
Yes, would vote		34	37
No, would not vote	61		52
Depends	2		3
Don't know/No answer	3		8

**c. Dealing with illegal immigration**

Yes, would vote		47	41
No, would not vote	47		51
Depends	2		3
Don't know/No answer	3		5

**d. Education policy?**

Yes, would vote		56	44
No, would not vote	37		49
Depends	3		2
Don't know/No answer	4		5

**e. The federal budget?**

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	Rep %		Ind %	
Yes, would vote		48		44
No, would not vote	46		48	
Depends	3		3	
Don't know/No answer	3		5	

**f. Abortion?**

Yes, would vote		45		38
No, would not vote	51		53	
Depends	3		4	
Don't know/No answer	2		4	

Q49. Is it possible you would ever vote for a candidate for the Republican nomination for president who is willing to compromise with Democrats to pass legislation, or do you feel so strongly that you would not vote for a candidate who is willing to compromise with Democrats?

Yes, would vote		77		74
No, would not vote	17		18	
Depends	3		3	
Don't know/No answer	3		5	

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>	
Total Respondents	1023		
Total Republicans	270	240	(23%)
Total Democrats	293	297	(29%)
Total independents	460	486	(48%)