

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER/GFK PRIVACY PANEL
SURVEY #3 TOPLINE
NOVEMBER 26, 2014-JANUARY 3, 2015
TOTAL N=475 ADULTS, AGES 18 AND OLDER
SURVEY CONDUCTED ONLINE**

MARGIN OF ERROR FOR ALL ADULTS IS +/- 5.6 PERCENTAGE POINTS

In this survey we'd like to explore your views about some important issues.

First, we'd like to learn about some activities you might pursue in your daily life.

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q1. How often do you use your cell phone?

65	Several times a day
9	About once a day
10	A few times a week
7	A few times a month
2	A few times a year
6	Never
1	Refused
75	NET Daily
24	NET Less often / Never

AMONG CELL PHONE USERS [N=444]

Q2. How often do you send and receive text messages on your cell phone?

54	Several times a day
8	About once a day
10	A few times a week
6	A few times a month
5	A few times a year
12	Never
5	Refused/Not asked
63	NET Daily
33	NET Less often / Never

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q3. How often do you use the internet either on a computer or on a mobile device like a smartphone or tablet?

68	Several times a day
12	About once a day
7	A few times a week
3	A few times a month
2	A few times a year

6	Never
2	Refused
81	NET Daily
17	NET Less often / Never

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q4. How often do you send and receive email?

55	Several times a day
13	About once a day
17	A few times a week
5	A few times a month
2	A few times a year
6	Never
1	Refused
69	NET Daily
31	NET Less often / Never

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q5. How often do you use social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, or LinkedIn?

31	Several times a day
14	About once a day
16	A few times a week
7	A few times a month
3	A few times a year
28	Never
2	Refused
45	NET Daily
54	NET Less often / Never

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q6. How often do you use apps on a mobile device such as a smartphone or tablet computer?

38	Several times a day
12	About once a day
8	A few times a week
5	A few times a month
3	A few times a year
33	Never
1	Refused
50	NET Daily
49	NET Less often / Never

AMONG MOBILE APP USERS [N=320]

Q7. When an app on your smartphone or tablet seeks your permission to use your location, how often you allow it to use your location?

22	Frequently
36	Sometimes
28	Hardly ever
11	Never
3	Refused/Not asked

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q8. How often do you use search engines to look up information?

37	Several times a day
15	About once a day
20	A few times a week
12	A few times a month
6	A few times a year
8	Never
1	Refused
52	NET Daily
20	NET Weekly
26	NET Less often / Never

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q9. Which of these statements more accurately describes you:

65	I am generally a private person and like to keep to myself
34	I am generally an open person who enjoys sharing with others
1	Refused

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q10. How much, if anything, have you heard about the government collecting information about telephone calls, emails and other online communications as part of efforts to monitor terrorist activity?

31	A lot
56	A little
6	Nothing at all
6	Don't know
1	Refused

According to news reports, the American government has been monitoring communications, such as emails and phone calls, in the U.S. and many other countries.

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q12. In your opinion, is it acceptable or unacceptable for the American government to monitor communications from individuals suspected of terrorist activities?

82	Acceptable
15	Unacceptable
2	Refused

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q13. In your opinion, is it acceptable or unacceptable for the American government to monitor communications from American leaders?

60	Acceptable
38	Unacceptable
2	Refused

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q14. In your opinion, is it acceptable or unacceptable for the American government to monitor communications from American citizens?

40	Acceptable
57	Unacceptable
3	Refused

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q15. In your opinion, is it acceptable or unacceptable for the American government to monitor communications from citizens of other countries?

54	Acceptable
44	Unacceptable
2	Refused

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q16. In your opinion, is it acceptable or unacceptable for the American government to monitor communications from leaders of other countries?

60	Acceptable
37	Unacceptable
3	Refused

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q17. Overall, how concerned are you about government surveillance of Americans' data and electronic communications?

17	Very concerned
35	Somewhat concerned
33	Not very concerned
13	Not at all concerned
2	Refused
52	NET Concerned
46	NET Not concerned

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q18. Could you please explain briefly why you have this level of concern about government surveillance of Americans' personal data and electronic communications?

[LARGE TEXTBOX – UNLIMITED CHARACTER LIMIT]

OPEN-END RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**AMONG THOSE WHO HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE ABOUT GOV'T COLLECTING INFO [N=417]**

Q19. As you have watched the developments in news stories about government monitoring programs over recent months, would you say that you have become more confident or less confident that the programs are serving the public interest?

37	More confident
61	Less confident
2	Refused

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q20. Do you generally think that the courts and judges do a good job balancing the public's right to privacy and the needs of law enforcement and intelligence agencies to collect information for investigations?

48	Yes
49	No
3	Refused

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q21N (Q21). How concerned are you about government monitoring of your activity on social media websites such as Facebook or Twitter?

14	Very concerned
17	Somewhat concerned
24	Not very concerned
24	Not at all concerned
19	Not applicable
2	Refused
31	NET Concerned
47	NET Not concerned

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

22N (Q22). How concerned are you about government monitoring of your activity on search engines?

15	Very concerned
24	Somewhat concerned
30	Not very concerned
23	Not at all concerned
5	Not applicable
2	Refused
39	NET Concerned
53	NET Not concerned

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

24N (Q24). How concerned are you about government monitoring of your activity on your cell phone?

17	Very concerned
20	Somewhat concerned
30	Not very concerned
24	Not at all concerned
7	Not applicable
3	Refused
37	NET Concerned
54	NET Not concerned

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

26N (Q26). How concerned are you about government monitoring of your activity on your mobile apps?

12	Very concerned
17	Somewhat concerned
28	Not very concerned
22	Not at all concerned
19	Not applicable
3	Refused
29	NET Concerned
49	NET Not concerned

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]27N (Q27). How concerned are you about government monitoring of your email messages?

19	Very concerned
19	Somewhat concerned
31	Not very concerned
23	Not at all concerned
4	Not applicable
3	Refused
38	NET Concerned
54	NET Not concerned

AMONG THOSE WHO ARE VERY / SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT GOV'T MONITORING [N=225]

Q22 (Q28). Would you explain a little more what concerns you? What kinds of problems you are concerned might arise because of government monitoring of your communications activity?

[LARGE TEXTBOX – UNLIMITED CHARACTER LIMIT]

OPEN-END RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS A-G]****AMONG THOSE WHO HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE ABOUT GOV'T COLLECTING INFO [N=417]**

Q23 (Q29). Since learning about U.S. phone and internet monitoring, how much, if at all, would you say you have changed the way you use any of the following:

	A great deal	Somewhat	Not much	Not at all	Not applicable	Refused	NET Great deal / somewhat	NET Not much / not at all
a. Social media websites such as Facebook or Twitter	7	7	18	45	22	1	15	63
b. Search engines	7	10	23	56	4	1	17	79
c. Your landline phone	5	4	17	51	23	<1	9	68
d. Your cell phone	7	7	23	57	5	1	15	80
e. Text messages	7	6	19	53	15	0	13	72
f. Mobile apps	8	6	17	49	21	<1	13	66
g. Your email accounts	8	10	23	57	2	1	18	80

[IF Q23A-G=1-3]

[LARGE TEXTBOX – UNLIMITED CHARACTER LIMIT]

AMONG THOSE WHO CHANGED THEIR BEHAVIOR [N=187]

Q24 (Q30). Could you explain a bit more about the behavior you changed and why you changed the way you communicate with others since learning about government monitoring programs?

[LARGE TEXTBOX – UNLIMITED CHARACTER LIMIT]

OPEN-END RESPONSES NOT SHOWN

[SP]

AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]

Q25 (Q31). If you wanted to be more private while you were using the internet or your cell phone, how easy do you think it would be for you to find tools and strategies that would help you?

9	Very easy
35	Somewhat easy
35	Somewhat difficult
19	Very difficult
3	Refused
44	NET Easy
54	NET Difficult

[IF Q10=1-2]

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS A-K]

[GRID, SP ACROSS]

AMONG THOSE WHO HEARD A LOT / LITTLE ABOUT GOV'T COLLECTING INFO [N=417]

Q26 (Q32). Since learning about the government's phone and internet monitoring programs, have you done any of the following in an effort to hide or shield your information from the government?

	I have done this	I have not done this, but have considered it	I have not done this and have not considered it	Not applicable	Refused	NET Have not done this
a. Unfriended or unfollowed people on social media	13	8	52	26	1	60
b. Deleted social media accounts	8	9	58	24	1	67
c. Used social media less often	15	9	50	24	<1	60
d. Changed your privacy settings on social media	17	10	47	24	1	57
e. Made more phone calls instead of communicating online	8	10	70	11	1	80
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f. Avoided using certain terms in online communications	13	10	67	9	1	77
g. Avoided certain apps	15	6	56	22	1	62
h. Uninstalled certain apps	13	5	57	25	1	62

i.	Used pseudonyms	8	6	68	16	1	75
j.	Not used certain terms in search engine queries you thought might trigger scrutiny	11	13	64	11	1	77
k.	Spoke more in person instead of communicating online or over the phone	14	9	67	9	1	76

[LARGE TEXTBOX – UNLIMITED CHARACTER LIMIT]**AMONG THOSE WHO HEARD A LOT / LITTLE ABOUT GOV'T COLLECTING INFO [N=417]**

Q27 (Q33). Please explain if you have made any other changes since learning about U.S. phone and internet monitoring programs that we haven't mentioned.

[LARGE TEXTBOX – UNLIMITED CHARACTER LIMIT]

OPEN-END RESPONSES NOT SHOWN

[IF Q26A-K=1-2]**[LARGE TEXTBOX – UNLIMITED CHARACTER LIMIT]****AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR BEHAVIOR OR CONSIDERED IT [N=185]**

Q28 (Q34). Could you explain a bit more about why you changed some of your behaviors and activities?

[LARGE TEXTBOX – UNLIMITED CHARACTER LIMIT]

OPEN-END RESPONSES NOT SHOWN

[IF Q10=1-2]**AMONG THOSE WHO HEARD A LOT / LITTLE ABOUT GOV'T COLLECTING INFO [N=417]**

Q29 (Q35). Since learning about U.S. phone and internet monitoring, have you adopted any of the following tools or strategies to make your communications and activities more private?

	I have adopted this	I have not adopted this, but have considered it	I have not adopted this and have not considered it	I don't know what this is	Not applicable to me	Refused	NET Have not adopted this	
a.	Used a search engine that doesn't keep track of your search history	10	12	53	13	12	1	64
b.	Adopted email encryption, such as PGP	2	10	46	31	11	1	55
c.	Adopted mobile encryption for calls or text messages	4	8	48	24	15	2	56
d.	Used more complex passwords	25	12	48	6	8	1	60
e.	Proxy servers	3	7	41	33	13	2	49

f.	Added a privacy-enhancing browser plugin like DoNotTrackMe or Privacy Badger	5	7	43	31	13	1	50
g.	Changed your privacy settings on social media such as Facebook or Twitter	19	6	44	4	26	1	50
h.	Used locally-networked communications such as FireChat	1	4	42	37	14	1	47
i.	Used anonymity software such as Tor	2	5	40	39	13	1	45
j.	Used another software or network tool to make your activities more private	3	9	60	14	12	1	69

AMONG THOSE WHO ADOPTED PRIVACY TOOLS OR CONSIDERED IT [N=200]

Q30 (Q36). Could you explain a bit more about why you felt it was important to adopt or consider one of those tools or strategies?

OPEN-END RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**[RANDOMIZE A-G]****[GRID, SP ACROSS]****AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]**

Q37 Is it acceptable or unacceptable for the government to monitor the communications of U.S. citizens if the person...

	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Refused
a. Visited a child pornography site	77	19	4
b. Was reported by a bank to be making unusual withdrawals	51	45	4
c. Made such engine queries for the keywords "explosives" and "automatic weapons"	65	30	4
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d. Visited websites of known anti-American groups	67	29	4
e. Exchanged emails with an imam who preached against infidels	68	28	4
f. Used encryption software to hide files	49	47	4
g. Had friends and followers on social media who used hateful language about American leaders	49	47	4

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**AMONG ALL ADULTS [N=475]**

PARTY.

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

24	Republican
36	Democrat
33	Independent
6	Something else
2	Refused