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

Interview dates: August 18 – 22 2011 Number of interviews: 1,000

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 4.1 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.

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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	12/10-14/09	10/1-5/09	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 10/16-20/08	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Right direction	21	33	45	35	37	37	38	39	40	35	37	35	41	46	41	48	17	35
Wrong direction	75	63	52	62	57	58	59	59	57	60	60	59	57	50	51	44	78	60
Don't know [VOL]	4	3	3	3	6	5	3	3	2	4	2	5	2	5	8	7	5	4
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	*	1	*	1	-	-	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	1

CUR20. When you think about how things are going in your life in general, would you say you are very happy, somewhat happy, neither happy nor unhappy, somewhat unhappy, or very unhappy?

Based on:

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	HIGH 5/5-9/11	Low 9/03-08/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total happy	78	80	81	80	77	80	80	80	78	75	78	80	78	80	81	75	75
Very happy	30	35	37	35	39	34	38	40	39	30	34	36	35	32	37	32	30
Somewhat happy	48	45	44	45	39	46	42	40	40	45	44	44	42	49	44	43	45
Neither happy nor unhappy	4	6	4	5	8	7	4	3	7	8	7	7	6	6	4	7	8
Total unhappy	17	14	14	15	15	13	16	17	15	16	15	14	16	13	14	17	16
Somewhat unhappy	11	8	9	11	11	8	10	11	11	11	10	10	10	8	9	11	11
Very unhappy	6	6	5	4	4	5	6	6	4	6	5	4	6	5	5	6	6
Don't know [VOL]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	0	ı	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*





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CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	HIGH 2/12-17/09	LOW 8/18-22/11	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	46	52	60	53	53	47	49	45	49	49	50	49	49	53	56	56	54	56	67	46	49
Strongly approve	19	24	32	24	24	24	23	29	22	23	24	23	24	24	29	26	27	27	37	19	23
Somewhat approve	20	21	23	25	23	20	21	14	23	21	20	21	22	22	22	25	22	23	23	20	21
Lean approve	6	6	6	5	6	3	5	2	4	5	5	5	4	7	5	5	5	7	8	6	5
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	*	1	2	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	1	*
Total disapprove	52	47	39	45	46	51	50	54	50	50	49	50	50	46	42	42	43	39	24	52	50
Lean disapprove	3	4	4	5	5	4	4	1	5	4	5	5	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	4
Somewhat disapprove	13	12	10	11	12	12	12	10	12	10	13	12	10	12	9	12	9	10	4	13	10
Strongly disapprove	36	30	25	29	29	35	35	43	33	36	31	33	36	31	29	28	30	27	16	36	36
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	2	5	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*

Some questions held for later release







ELE20. Regardless of how you might vote, do you think President Barak Obama...

RANDOMIZE:						
	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10
Deserves to be re-elected	47	48	53	50	50	39
Deserves to be voted out of office	48	47	43	47	45	54
Don't know [VOL]	4	5	3	3	5	7
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	*	*	1
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=758

*Note: In November, 2010 poll, this question was asked only of those who voted in the 2010 election.

Some questions held for later release





CURX1. How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The economy	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	нібн 6/16-20/11	LOW 12/10-14/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	92	93	90	90	91	88	89	91	92	91	91	92	92	92	93	93	87	91
Extremely important	52	52	51	50	49	45	47	50	47	50	50	49	47	46	50	52	42	50
Very important	41	41	39	40	42	43	42	41	46	42	41	42	44	46	43	41	45	42
Moderately important	5	5	6	8	7	9	9	8	6	7	7	7	7	6	5	5	9	7
Slightly/Not at all important	3	1	4	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	1	4	1
Slightly important	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	1
Not at all important	1	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	1	*
Don't know [VOL]	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	1	*	*	*	-	1	*	-	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-







CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The situation in Iraq	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10		LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 10/1-5/09	LOW 3/24-28/11	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	55	58	54	52	62	59	57	57	63	63	67	63	62	61	66	67	52	63
Extremely important	23	24	23	21	27	25	22	24	28	29	32	31	27	27	31	30	21	29
Very important	32	34	31	31	35	34	34	33	35	34	35	32	35	34	35	37	31	34
Moderately important	27	26	24	29	23	23	25	26	23	24	20	24	21	23	20	21	29	24
Slightly/Not at all important	16	16	21	18	15	16	18	17	14	13	13	13	17	15	13	12	18	13
Slightly important	10	12	16	12	8	12	12	11	10	10	9	7	12	10	8	9	12	10
Not at all important	6	4	5	6	6	4	6	6	4	3	4	6	5	5	5	3	6	3
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	-	1	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	-

Health care	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	18.	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 6/16-20/11	LOW 3/3-8/10	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	79	83	77	80	80	78	80	80	82	80	77	80	80	73	81	83	73	80
Extremely important	43	44	42	44	39	38	41	43	43	44	42	42	43	40	46	44	40	44
Very important	35	39	35	36	41	41	39	37	39	35	36	38	36	33	35	39	33	35
Moderately important	14	11	16	12	13	13	13	12	11	13	15	12	11	17	9	11	17	13
Slightly/Not at all important	7	5	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	9	9	10	5	9	8
Slightly important	5	4	5	6	5	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	6	6	6	4	6	5
Not at all important	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	1	-	-







CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Terrorism	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 1/12-17/10	LOW 10/13-18/10	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	73	74	74	73	78	77	72	70	77	74	78	81	77	82	83	83	72	74
Extremely important	41	38	41	40	42	37	36	36	40	40	48	45	42	44	48	48	36	40
Very important	33	36	33	34	36	40	36	33	37	34	30	35	36	37	35	35	36	34
Moderately important	13	15	15	16	13	14	17	20	14	16	14	12	14	9	12	12	17	16
Slightly/Not at all important	13	10	11	11	8	9	11	11	9	10	8	7	9	9	6	6	11	10
Slightly important	9	6	7	7	4	6	7	7	5	6	6	5	7	7	4	4	7	6
Not at all important	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	2	3	2	2	2	2	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The environment	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 6/9-14/10	LOW 4/7-12/10	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	63	66	66	66	67	60	59	52	65	60	72	64	59	62	61	72	59	60
Extremely important	30	29	33	30	30	26	26	23	28	28	37	32	27	29	28	37	27	28
Very important	33	38	34	36	37	34	33	29	37	32	35	32	32	33	33	35	32	32
Moderately important	24	22	18	22	21	24	27	29	22	24	19	22	24	20	23	19	24	24
Slightly/Not at all important	12	11	15	12	11	16	15	19	13	16	9	14	17	17	15	9	17	16
Slightly important	8	9	12	9	10	11	10	13	10	11	7	10	11	13	12	7	11	11
Not at all important	4	3	3	3	2	5	5	6	4	4	1	4	6	5	4	1	6	4
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	*	-







CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Federal budget deficit	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 8/18-22/11	LOW 12/10-14/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	78	78	76	76	76	73	72	77	75	75	77	76	77	75	75	78	71	75
Extremely important	46	41	39	41	40	35	34	41	38	41	42	41	43	41	39	46	35	41
Very important	33	36	36	35	36	37	38	37	37	34	34	35	34	34	35	33	37	34
Moderately important	13	15	16	16	16	15	17	15	17	17	15	16	16	14	16	13	19	17
Slightly/Not at all important	8	7	8	8	8	12	10	8	8	8	7	8	6	10	8	8	9	8
Slightly important	6	5	5	6	5	8	7	6	5	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	6	6
Not at all important	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	3	2
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-

LIKELY VOTERS .0W 8/11-16/10 **1 Year Ago** 8/11-16/10 10/13-18/10 10/13-18/10 8/18-22/11 8/11-16/10 ./12-17/10 6/16-20/11 3/24-28/11 11/3-8/10 8-13/10 5/9-14/10 5/7-11/10 4/7-12/10 1/2-10/11 3/3-8/10 5/5-9/11 **FOTAL** Energy ... **Extremely/Very** important Extremely important Very important Moderately important Slightly/Not at all important Slightly important Not at all important * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * Don't know [VOL] * _ _ * * * * * * * * * Refused [VOL]

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Taxes	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 1/12-17/10	LOW 10/1/-5/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	72	73	69	68	71	70	69	73	71	69	68	69	67	72	74	74	66	69
Extremely important	33	34	35	31	34	30	31	34	32	34	36	35	35	31	34	34	32	34
Very important	39	39	34	38	37	40	39	39	39	35	33	34	33	41	40	40	35	35
Moderately important	18	18	22	22	19	21	21	19	20	20	20	21	24	19	19	19	23	20
Slightly/Not at all important	9	9	9	10	9	9	10	8	9	11	11	10	9	9	8	8	10	11
Slightly important	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	8	7	6	6	9	8
Not at all important	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	3
Don't know [VOL]	1	-	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	-

Immigration	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 6/9-14/10	LOW 8/18-22/11	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	51	58	53	55	60	58	58	62	64	64	65	60	56	54	55	65	51	64
Extremely important	23	25	24	27	30	24	25	30	35	34	34	28	26	23	26	34	23	34
Very important	28	32	29	28	30	34	32	32	29	31	31	32	30	30	29	31	28	31
Moderately important	26	21	25	25	20	18	23	21	19	20	20	23	21	23	25	20	26	20
Slightly/Not at all important	23	21	22	21	19	24	19	17	17	16	15	16	22	23	19	15	23	16
Slightly important	14	14	15	14	13	15	13	12	11	11	9	10	14	14	14	9	14	11
Not at all important	9	6	6	6	5	8	7	5	6	5	6	6	8	9	6	6	9	5
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	*	1	-
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	-	-	*	-	-	_	-	-	*	-	-	*	_	*	-

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,044 N=1,000 Continues...







CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The situation in Afghanistan	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	18/	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	НІСН 9/8-13/10	LOW 3/24-28/11	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	61	63	59	55	64	64	65	68	73	70	70	67	64	65	72	73	55	70
Extremely important	28	26	27	21	30	28	28	29	31	35	32	29	28	28	32	31	21	35
Very important	33	38	32	34	34	37	37	39	42	35	39	37	37	37	40	42	34	35
Moderately important	23	23	24	28	22	22	22	24	16	20	18	22	23	20	19	16	28	20
Slightly/Not at all important	15	13	16	17	14	14	13	8	11	10	11	11	13	14	9	11	17	10
Slightly important	9	8	11	11	8	10	9	6	9	6	8	6	9	8	6	9	11	6
Not at all important	7	4	5	6	6	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	4	5	3	3	6	3
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*







CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Relationships with other countries	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	18/	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09	N 1:	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very important	59	60	61	64	63	57	58	57	61	63	64	63	65	60	62	68	57	63
Extremely important	25	24	26	26	23	20	23	22	23	27	29	22	27	24	25	28	20	27
Very important	34	36	35	38	40	38	36	34	39	36	35	41	38	37	37	40	38	36
Moderately important	27	26	26	26	24	24	28	30	23	23	23	24	22	25	25	21	24	23
Slightly/Not at all important	15	13	13	11	13	19	14	13	15	13	13	14	13	15	13	11	19	13
Slightly important	10	9	10	7	10	13	10	9	11	11	10	9	9	11	9	8	13	11
Not at all important	5	4	3	4	4	6	4	3	4	3	3	5	4	4	4	3	6	3
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	*
Based on:																		

IKELY VOTERS HIGH 9/8-13/10 OW 5/5-9/11 **TOTAL** 10/13-18/10 **1 Year Ago** 8/11-16/10 10/13-18/10 8/11-16/10 8/18-22/11 5/16-20/11 3/24-28/11 1/12-17/10 11/3-8/10 9/8-13/10 5/9-14/10 5/7-11/10 4/7-12/10 /5-10/11 5/5-9/11 3/3-8/10 Unemployment... Extremely/Very important Extremely important Very important **Moderately important** Slightly/Not at all important Slightly important Not at all important * * * * * * * * * Don't know [VOL] Refused [VOL] * * *

N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,501 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,007 Based on: N=1,001







CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Gas prices Extremely/Very	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 5/5-9/11	LOW 9/8-13/10	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
important	70	75	79	77	71	54	56	51	54	55	62	66	66	62	63	79	54	55
Extremely important	34	39	47	42	36	23	23	21	23	24	28	34	32	31	29	47	23	24
Very important	36	36	32	35	35	30	33	30	31	32	35	31	34	31	35	32	31	32
Moderately important	19	14	14	16	19	30	29	34	28	27	25	19	23	24	24	14	28	27
Slightly/Not at all important	12	10	7	7	10	15	15	16	18	18	13	15	11	15	13	7	18	18
Slightly important	9	8	5	5	8	12	10	11	11	12	11	10	10	11	9	5	11	12
Not at all important	3	2	2	2	3	3	5	5	7	6	2	5	2	4	4	2	7	6
Don't know [VOL]	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
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LIKELY VOTERS TOTAL 10/13-18/10 10/13-18/10 8/18-22/11 6/16-20/11 3/24-28/11 8/11-16/10 11/3-8/10 9/8-13/10 6/9-14/10 5/7-11/10 1/2-10/11 5/5-9/11 Education... Extremely/Very important Extremely important Very important Moderately important Slightly/Not at all important Slightly important Not at all important * * * * Don't know [VOL] -* Refused [VOL]



N=1,501

N=846

N=1,000



N=1,007



N=1,002

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Based on:

CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Abortion	8/18-22/11
Extremely/Very important	42
Extremely important	23
Very important	20
Moderately important	23
Slightly/Not at all important	33
Slightly important	13
Not at all important	20
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Same-sex Marriage	8/18-22/11
Extremely/Very important	34
Extremely important	17
Very important	17
Moderately important	17
Slightly/Not at all important	46
Slightly important	11
Not at all important	36
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The economy	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 8/18-22/11	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	36	40	52	47	47	41	43	42	42	41	45	45	44	46	47	58	36	41
Strongly approve	11	14	21	18	18	16	15	17	17	16	18	18	20	20	19	30	11	16
Somewhat approve	24	26	30	27	28	24	28	23	23	26	27	26	24	26	28	28	24	26
Lean approve	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	-
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	*	1	3	5	4	5	6	5	6	1	3
Total disapprove	63	59	47	53	53	58	55	58	58	56	50	52	51	48	48	35	63	56
Lean disapprove	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	14	17	15	17	14	17	13	12	16	15	16	15	14	11	13	10	14	15
Strongly disapprove	48	40	31	35	38	40	40	45	39	41	34	36	38	36	35	25	48	41
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	1	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	1	*	-
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	*







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The situation in Iraq	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 5/5-9/11	Low 8/11-16/10	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	51	52	62	55	57	54	56	53	60	45	46	51	49	55	49	62	45	45
Strongly approve	14	17	23	16	20	18	19	19	24	17	13	21	16	20	18	23	17	17
Somewhat approve	35	31	35	35	35	32	34	31	34	28	32	30	33	35	31	35	28	28
Lean approve	2	4	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	*	*	*	*	*	1	4	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	11	14	11	10	12	12	1	11	11
Total disapprove	47	46	36	45	41	45	43	46	39	43	40	38	41	33	39	36	43	43
Lean disapprove	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	*	*	*	-	-	*	2	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	20	17	19	21	17	19	21	22	16	20	15	19	18	15	20	19	20	20
Strongly disapprove	24	26	15	21	22	24	20	22	21	24	25	19	24	18	19	15	24	24
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Health care	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 5/5-9/11	LOW 9/3-8/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	46	45	54	52	51	48	47	46	50	45	49	45	44	49	48	54	42	45
Strongly approve	23	24	29	27	29	25	26	27	26	24	29	30	28	29	28	29	22	24
Somewhat approve	22	20	24	24	20	22	19	18	22	21	20	16	17	20	20	24	19	21
Lean approve	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	2	4	4	4	5	4	*	6	2
Total disapprove	53	54	46	48	49	51	53	54	50	53	46	51	52	46	48	46	52	53
Lean disapprove	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	*	*	-	*	1	*	-
Somewhat disapprove	11	12	11	10	11	10	9	4	11	11	10	9	7	8	9	11	10	11
Strongly disapprove	42	41	34	37	37	40	43	49	39	42	36	42	45	38	39	34	43	42
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	-
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Terrorism	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 5/5-9/11	60/8-E/6 MOT	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	60	63	72	61	62	57	60	54	58	49	50	53	50	54	54	72	44	49
Strongly approve	30	31	40	25	24	22	25	23	23	24	22	25	22	26	26	40	18	24
Somewhat approve	28	30	31	33	36	32	32	28	32	25	27	27	28	28	28	31	26	25
Lean approve	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	8	8	9	7	1	14	10
Total disapprove	38	36	27	38	37	41	40	46	42	41	40	39	41	38	39	27	42	41
Lean disapprove	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	2	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	13	12	11	17	14	19	14	16	13	14	13	15	14	13	12	11	13	14
Strongly disapprove	22	21	14	20	22	20	24	29	27	27	26	24	27	25	28	14	28	27
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	-	1	*	1	-	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The environment	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 5/5-9/11	LOW 6/9-14/10	l Year 1-16/1
Total approve	57	57	65	63	63	58	59	55	62	50	50	54	50	54	53	65	50	50
Strongly approve	19	17	22	19	20	19	20	20	17	17	21	20	18	21	20	22	21	17
Somewhat approve	35	37	40	38	36	34	34	32	41	33	29	33	32	33	32	40	29	33
Lean approve	4	4	3	6	7	5	5	4	4	*	*	*	*	*	1	3	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	15	13	15	14	17	16	1	13	15
Total disapprove	39	40	32	35	35	39	39	43	37	35	37	32	35	29	31	32	37	35
Lean disapprove	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	2	*	*	1	*	*	1	4	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	18	18	14	17	17	20	19	18	18	17	16	15	16	16	16	14	16	17
Strongly disapprove	18	18	15	15	14	16	17	21	16	19	21	16	20	14	14	15	21	19
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	2	-	*	1	1	1	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	2	*	-
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Federal budget deficit	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 6/3-8/09	≻ ⊣
Total approve	35	35	47	41	39	36	40	38	38	37	37	35	34	38	36	49	33	37
Strongly approve	12	10	16	13	12	12	12	14	10	10	12	13	13	14	15	23	11	10
Somewhat approve	22	24	27	25	24	23	25	21	25	27	24	22	20	24	21	26	21	27
Lean approve	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	6	10	9	8	10	12	8	12	6
Total disapprove	64	63	52	58	60	62	59	61	61	56	54	56	58	52	52	41	56	56
Lean disapprove	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-
Somewhat disapprove	15	18	15	17	16	17	13	9	15	13	16	14	11	12	14	10	12	13
Strongly disapprove	47	43	36	39	42	42	44	51	45	43	38	41	47	40	38	31	43	43
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	-	-	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	2	-	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Energy	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09		
Total approve	52	54	59	59	60	56	57	50	59	47	52	52	51	53	56	60	47	47
Strongly approve	17	16	23	18	18	19	20	19	19	13	20	20	18	21	22	28	13	13
Somewhat approve	33	35	34	37	36	32	33	28	36	34	32	32	33	31	33	32	34	34
Lean approve	3	3	3	5	5	5	4	3	4	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	10	12	11	13	17	11	16	10	10
Total disapprove	45	43	38	40	39	40	42	49	40	43	36	36	36	31	33	22	43	43
Lean disapprove	2	3	2	3	3	4	2	2	3	-	*	-	1	*	*	*	-	-
Somewhat disapprove	20	16	15	17	19	21	21	23	16	22	17	17	15	14	15	12	22	22
Strongly disapprove	23	24	22	21	17	16	19	25	21	21	19	19	21	16	19	10	21	21
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	1	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2	*	*
Refused [VOL]	1	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Taxes	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 9/3-8/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	40	45	48	47	48	46	46	43	47	42	44	42	41	44	43	54	38	42
Strongly approve	14	12	19	15	17	15	17	17	16	15	18	19	15	17	17	27	13	15
Somewhat approve	24	31	26	30	28	29	28	25	29	26	26	23	26	27	25	27	24	26
Lean approve	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	10	9	9	13	10	11	13	8
Total disapprove	59	53	50	52	52	53	52	56	52	50	45	49	51	43	47	35	50	50
Lean disapprove	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	19	17	20	18	19	18	16	13	17	16	15	15	15	14	15	9	15	16
Strongly disapprove	38	34	28	31	30	33	34	42	33	34	30	34	36	29	32	26	34	34
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	_	-	*







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Immigration	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 5/5-9/11	60/8-E/6 MOT	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	43	43	52	50	47	43	46	43	40	39	36	38	34	39	38	52	34	39
Strongly approve	14	11	18	13	16	11	13	14	12	15	13	13	11	12	13	18	9	15
Somewhat approve	27	29	29	32	27	28	29	23	24	23	23	24	23	27	25	29	24	23
Lean approve	3	3	5	5	4	4	5	6	4	1	*	1	*	*	*	5	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	10	13	13	19	21	18	1	20	10
Total disapprove	53	54	46	49	51	55	52	55	59	51	51	50	46	39	44	46	46	51
Lean disapprove	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	3	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	19	15	19	17	16	17	15	13	16	12	14	16	16	16	18	19	14	12
Strongly disapprove	32	36	25	30	32	35	35	41	40	38	37	34	30	23	26	25	31	38
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	*	*	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The situation in Afghanistan	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 5/5-9/11	LOW 11/5-9/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	50	52	65	55	54	48	52	53	53	44	47	49	51	57	49	65	42	44
Strongly approve	14	18	26	15	17	14	15	16	17	15	13	19	18	22	20	26	14	15
Somewhat approve	33	33	36	35	34	31	34	33	33	29	33	30	33	34	29	36	27	29
Lean approve	3	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	4	*	1	*	1	*	*	3	1	*
Neither approve nor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	11	12	11	11	10	1	10	13
disapprove	-	-	_		-	_	-	-	-	13		12	11	11	10	-	10	13
Total disapprove	49	46	34	45	44	50	47	46	46	43	41	39	38	32	42	34	48	43
Lean disapprove	2	3	1	3	3	4	2	1	2	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	21	19	17	21	20	23	22	22	21	18	17	21	17	16	20	17	17	18
Strongly disapprove	26	25	15	20	22	24	22	23	23	26	24	18	21	16	22	15	30	26
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Relationships with other countries	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09	60/8-E/6 MO T	1 Year Ago 8/11- 16/10
Total approve	59	59	69	62	61	58	60	55	59	55	57	58	55	59	58	69	53	55
Strongly approve	25	24	30	30	29	23	27	28	25	26	29	27	28	29	33	41	27	26
Somewhat approve	32	32	36	31	31	34	30	25	32	29	28	31	27	30	26	27	25	29
Lean approve	2	3	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	*	1	9	10	10	9	13	10	9	11	9
Total disapprove	38	39	30	37	38	41	39	44	39	36	33	32	36	28	32	22	37	36
Lean disapprove	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	13	13	17	15	18	16	15	14	15	11	12	12	12	15	10	16	15
Strongly disapprove	21	23	15	17	20	19	21	28	23	21	23	20	24	16	17	12	21	21
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	_	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Unemployment	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	L -18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 8/18-22/11	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	40	40	52	49	47	43	45	41	42	43	42	43	43	46	46	59	40	43
Strongly approve	13	12	18	19	19	16	14	15	16	16	16	19	16	20	20	28	13	16
Somewhat approve	25	26	31	29	26	25	28	24	23	28	26	24	27	27	26	30	25	28
Lean approve	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	2	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	11	9	6	10	8	12	1	6
Total disapprove	59	59	47	50	52	56	54	58	58	51	47	48	50	44	47	29	59	51
Lean disapprove	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	18	17	17	18	19	16	13	21	15	15	15	15	13	14	12	15	15
Strongly disapprove	43	39	28	31	32	35	37	44	35	35	32	32	35	30	32	17	43	35
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Gas prices	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	L -18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 5/7-11/10	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total approve	36	34	35	36	37	43	49	46	51	39	40	33	33	39	39	51	33	39
Strongly approve	10	8	11	11	10	10	11	11	11	9	11	10	9	13	13	19	10	9
Somewhat approve	22	23	20	22	22	27	32	29	31	29	29	24	24	26	26	32	24	29
Lean approve	4	4	3	3	5	6	7	6	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	2	2	2	2	4	5	3	3	4	21	23	19	21	22	19	22	19	21
Total disapprove	61	63	61	63	59	52	49	51	45	40	37	47	46	39	43	25	47	40
Lean disapprove	2	2	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	*	*	*	1	-	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	21	18	16	18	21	22	21	20	21	20	18	18	18	17	18	12	18	20
Strongly disapprove	38	43	42	40	33	26	23	26	20	20	19	29	27	22	25	14	29	20
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	2	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	-







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Education	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10
Total approve	55	53	63	61	64	59	60	55	59	53	55	56
Strongly approve	20	20	28	25	29	25	25	22	25	24	24	25
Somewhat approve	32	31	33	32	32	31	32	29	30	28	31	32
Lean approve	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	12	16	13
Total disapprove	41	45	34	38	34	38	38	43	39	36	29	31
Lean disapprove	3	3	3	2	5	3	3	3	3	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	18	22	15	17	15	19	17	19	16	17	13	15
Strongly disapprove	19	19	15	19	14	16	18	22	20	19	15	16
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	2	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	-
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-







- CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]
- CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Abortion	8/18-22/11
Total approve	44
Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	20
Lean approve	9
Neither approve nor disapprove	4
Total disapprove	44
Lean disapprove	5
Somewhat disapprove	14
Strongly disapprove	26
Don't know [VOL]	7
Refused [VOL]	1

Same-sex marriage	8/18-22/11
Total approve	43
Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	22
Lean approve	6
Neither approve nor disapprove	4
Total disapprove	47
Lean disapprove	4
Somewhat disapprove	15
Strongly disapprove	28
Don't know [VOL]	6
Refused [VOL]	*





FAV1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [INSERT NAME]? [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable? [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Barack Obama	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Total favorable	54	56	63	59	59	55	57	52	57	56	59	57	55
Very favorable	27	31	39	31	33	33	30	31	33	32	32	34	34
Somewhat favorable	27	25	25	28	26	22	28	21	24	25	27	22	22
Total unfavorable	45	43	36	39	40	44	43	48	42	43	40	42	44
Somewhat unfavorable	13	16	15	14	16	14	14	11	11	12	13	14	13
Very unfavorable	32	27	21	26	24	30	29	37	31	31	27	28	31
Don't know [VOL]	2	*	1	1	1	1	*	-	1	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	1	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	1

Michelle Obama	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Total favorable	70	71	71	69	72	67	70	65	68	69	73	70	70	71	74
Very favorable	39	38	42	37	41	35	35	37	39	38	40	39	38	40	41
Somewhat favorable	31	33	29	32	31	33	35	28	29	31	33	31	32	31	33
Total unfavorable	24	23	24	26	23	27	25	31	27	27	22	23	24	23	21
Somewhat unfavorable	11	13	14	13	14	15	14	15	13	14	14	14	13	15	13
Very unfavorable	13	10	10	13	9	12	11	16	14	13	8	9	11	8	8
Don't know [VOL]	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	5	6	6	6	4
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	1

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CURJX. The following are phrases some people use to describe political leaders. For each phrase, please tell me if it describes BARACK OBAMA very well, somewhat well, slightly well, or not at all well. The first phrase is... [RANDOMIZE]

He understands the problems of ordinary Americans	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	53	57	63	60	61	54	58	67	67	74	78	81
Very well	31	32	40	34	34	34	37	41	42	49	51	52
Somewhat well	22	25	23	26	27	19	21	27	25	25	27	29
Total Slightly/Not at all well	47	43	37	40	38	47	42	32	32	26	21	18
Slightly well	11	12	11	11	10	10	11	8	6	10	9	7
Not at all well	36	31	26	29	28	36	32	24	26	16	12	11
Don't know	*	*	-	*	1	-	*	*	1	*	1	1
Refused	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	*

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He will keep America safe	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	60	64	69	61	63	58	58	64	64	71	66	77
Very well	32	33	38	33	31	28	30	33	34	42	36	40
Somewhat well	28	31	32	28	32	30	28	31	30	29	30	37
Total Slightly/Not at all well	40	36	30	39	36	41	42	35	35	28	29	21
Slightly well	14	12	11	12	13	11	11	11	10	10	13	9
Not at all well	26	24	19	27	23	30	31	24	25	18	16	12
Don't know	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	6	2
Refused	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*

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CURJX. (Continued) The following are phrases some people use to describe political leaders. For each phrase, please tell me if it describes BARACK OBAMA very well, somewhat well, slightly well, or not at all well. The first phrase is... [RANDOMIZE]

He cares about people like you	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	55	58	63	59	63	58	57	65	65	71	76	79
Very well	35	33	38	36	37	38	36	41	41	50	52	53
Somewhat well	19	25	25	23	26	19	22	24	24	21	24	26
Total Slightly/Not at all well	45	41	37	41	36	42	42	35	35	28	22	19
Slightly well	12	10	12	12	9	9	10	9	7	8	9	7
Not at all well	33	31	25	28	27	33	32	25	27	19	13	12
Don't know	1	1	*	*	1	*	1	1	1	2	2	2
Refused	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	ı	ı	*	ı	*

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He is a strong leader	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	51	60	65	57	62	58	58	67	69	76	75	78
Very well	24	32	38	34	34	32	36	42	45	54	50	54
Somewhat well	27	28	27	23	28	26	22	25	23	21	25	24
Total Slightly/Not at all well	49	40	35	43	38	42	42	32	31	23	21	17
Slightly well	13	10	12	14	11	11	10	10	10	8	10	8
Not at all well	36	29	23	29	27	31	32	22	21	16	11	9
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	1	5	4
Refused	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	1	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001





CURJX. (Continued) The following are phrases some people use to describe political leaders. For each phrase, please tell me if it describes BARACK OBAMA very well, somewhat well, slightly well, or not at all well. The first phrase is... [RANDOMIZE]

He is a likable person	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10
Total Very/Somewhat well	78	78	81	84	83	77	82	89
Very well	50	52	59	56	56	55	54	63
Somewhat well	27	26	22	28	27	22	28	26
Total Slightly/Not at all well	21	20	18	16	16	22	18	10
Slightly well	8	11	9	9	7	8	8	5
Not at all well	13	10	9	7	9	14	10	6
Don't know	1	2	1	1	1	1	*	1
Refused	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	*

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ECO1. Would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in the stock market?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-ε/6	2/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08
Good time to	20	22	42	43	46	46	45	50	27	26	20	40	40	45	47	41	42	42	41	37	42	41	22
invest	30	33	42	43	40	40	45	50	37	36	38	40	48	45	4/	41	42	42	41	3/	43	41	33
Bad time	67	62	52	53	48	47	51	46	61	61	58	55	49	49	49	52	53	52	52	57	52	53	58
Don't know	3	5	6	4	6	6	5	5	3	4	4	5	3	6	4	7	6	5	6	6	5	5	9
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*

ECO2. And would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in real estate?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11		TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08
Good time to																							
invest	57	54	62	63	61	61	59	61	62	60	69	69	65	66	66	65	66	69	70	65	74	64	56
Bad time	40	44	36	36	37	36	39	37	37	38	30	29	34	32	32	32	31	29	28	32	25	32	37
Don't know	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	7
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*





Would you describe the nation's economy these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor? [IF "GOOD," ASK:] Is that very good or somewhat good? [IF "POOR," ASK:] Is that very poor or somewhat poor? B1. [IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	HIGH 12/10-4/09	LOW 8/18-22/11	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total good	11	16	21	22	20	15	19	22	15	16	24	20	21	17	22	24	24	11	16
Very good	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
Somewhat good	4	5	8	9	7	4	7	8	4	4	9	8	6	6	6	10	10	4	4
Neither – lean good	5	10	13	13	13	9	11	13	11	11	14	11	14	10	14	13	13	5	11
Neither-Don't lean [VOL]	3	4	6	4	5	3	6	7	6	3	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	3	3
Total poor	86	80	73	73	75	83	75	71	79	81	72	75	76	78	75	71	71	86	81
Neither – lean poor	12	12	15	17	14	16	15	12	14	17	12	14	15	18	17	16	16	12	17
Somewhat poor	33	32	32	33	35	33	30	27	30	30	33	33	30	33	30	24	24	33	30
Very poor	42	36	27	23	26	35	30	32	35	34	27	28	31	28	28	31	31	42	34
Don't know [VOL]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-

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B2. And would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?

[IF "GOOD," ASK:] Is that very good or somewhat good?

[IF "POOR," ASK:] Is that very poor or somewhat poor?

[IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	HIGH 10/13-18/10	LOW 7/16-20/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Total good	60	63	61	62	57	62	65	71	61	61	64	60	59	62	60	65	56	61
Very good	12	15	15	14	15	14	15	18	15	14	14	18	15	14	14	15	14	14
Somewhat good	31	30	31	32	28	31	35	38	30	30	32	31	28	31	31	35	28	30
Neither – lean good	17	19	16	16	15	17	15	15	16	17	18	11	16	17	15	15	14	17
Neither – Don't lean [VOL]	7	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	3	6	7	3	4	3	5	6	3
Total poor	33	32	34	34	37	33	30	24	33	36	30	33	38	33	37	30	37	36
Neither – lean poor	10	7	9	12	12	10	9	9	9	15	8	10	11	12	12	9	10	15
Somewhat poor	14	15	17	13	15	13	12	8	13	12	14	12	16	12	15	12	17	12
Very poor	9	11	8	9	11	11	10	7	10	9	8	11	11	9	10	10	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*







ECO41. In the past month, do you think the economy got better, got worse or stayed about the same?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6
Got better	6	13	22	15	30	20	17	20	13	12	19	25	25	20	25	24	22	24	25
Got worse	49	27	22	27	18	16	19	20	22	22	16	18	18	16	16	21	24	17	21
Stayed about the same	45	60	56	58	52	64	63	59	65	66	65	56	57	63	59	55	53	59	54
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-
	N-1 000	N-1 001	N-1 001	N-1 001	N-1 001	44 4 000	N-1501	N-846	N-1 000		N-1 044		44 4 004	N-1 002			N-1.006	N-1 003	44 4 004

EOY5. Over the next year, do you think the country's economy will [RANDOMIZE: get better/get worse] or stay about the same?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5- 10/11	11/3- 8/10		10/13-18/10	9/8- 13/10	12/10-14/09
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Likely voters	Total	Total
Get better	33	33	43	36	48	45	48	49	42	46
Get worse	31	29	23	28	14	17	16	17	23	20
Stay about the same	36	37	33	36	36	37	34	32	34	32
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	-

N=1,001

N=1,001

Based on:

N=1,000

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N=1,501

N=846

N=1,000



N=1,000



N=975

CCON1. How do you expect the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months? Will it get better, get worse, or stay about the same? [IF "BETTER," ASK:] And would that be a lot or a little better? [IF "WORSE," ASK:] And would that be a lot or a little worse?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Better	31	32	34	32
A lot better	13	11	14	9
A little better	18	21	20	22
Stay about the same	56	57	54	55
Total Worse	12	11	11	13
A little worse	6	6	7	10
A lot worse	6	5	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	*

N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

CCON2. How do you expect the general economic situation in this country will change over the next 12 months? Will it get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Get better	27	30	41	32
A lot better	6	5	7	5
A little better	22	25	33	27
Stay about the same	40	44	36	42
Get worse	32	26	23	26
A little worse	16	15	13	17
A lot worse	16	11	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,001N=1,001N=1,001







CCON3. Compared with the past 12 months, how do you think consumer prices will change in the next 12 months? Will they increase more rapidly, increase at the same rate, increase at a slower rate, stay about the same, or will they fall?

	8/18-	6/16-	5/5-	3/24-
	22/11	20/11	9/11	28/11
Increase more rapidly	24	25	30	33
Increase at the same rate	28	28	28	25
Increase at a slower rate	22	21	20	18
Stay about the same	21	22	18	19
Will fall	4	3	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

CCON4. Thinking of the general economic situation, do you think that now is a good time, a bad time, or neither a good nor a bad time to make major purchases such as furniture and electronic devices?

	8/18- 22/11	6/16- 20/11	5/5- 9/11	3/24- 28/11
A good time	28	29	34	31
Neither a good nor bad time	30	31	29	30
A bad time	41	39	36	38
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001





CCON5. Thinking of the general economic situation, do you think that now is a good or bad time to save? [IF "GOOD," ASK:] And would that be a very good or fairly good time to save? [IF "BAD," ASK:] And would that be very bad or fairly bad time to save?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Good Time to Save	89	89	90	91
Very good time to save	57	54	50	51
Fairly good time to save	32	35	40	40
Total Bad Time to Save	10	9	9	8
Fairly bad time to save	5	5	6	6
Very bad time to save	5	4	3	2
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	*

N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 Based on:





CCON6. How do you expect the number of people who are unemployed in this country to change over the next 12 months? Will it increase, decrease, or remain the same? [IF "INCREASE," ASK:] And would that be a sharp or slight increase? [IF "DECREASE," ASK:] And would that be a sharp of slight decrease?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Increase	43	37	34	33
A sharp increase	15	11	9	9
A slight increase	28	26	26	24
Remain the same	33	40	35	37
Total Decrease	24	23	31	30
A slight decrease	19	20	27	25
A sharp decrease	5	3	3	5
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-





CUR25. Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

Handling the economy	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Democrats	45	43	49	47	45	44	41	41	45	47	44	44	47	49
Republicans	40	42	38	41	40	47	51	46	43	42	41	44	40	40
Neither [VOL]	13	12	11	9	12	8	7	11	10	9	13	10	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=1,501	N=846	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,044	N=1,002	N=1,001	N=1,002	N=1,108
Protecting the country	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Democrats	40	41	42	40	39	39	36	37	39	42	37	40	41	42
Republicans	46	46	43	49	48	52	56	54	50	48	50	49	47	47
Neither [VOL]	11	9	10	7	9	7	6	6	9	7	11	8	9	7
Don't know [VOL]	2	4	5	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	4
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	1

N=1,501

N=846

N=1,000

N=1,044

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,001

N-1,001

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N=1,002

N=1,108

N=1,001







CUR25. Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

Handling health care	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Democrats	49	50	53	53	49	48	46	49	50	51	47	48	48	48
Republicans	37	38	35	36	37	43	47	40	40	38	39	40	37	38
Neither [VOL]	12	9	10	8	12	7	7	9	8	10	12	11	11	10
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	*	*	1

Managing the federal budget deficit	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
Democrats	43	40	42	42	41	40	39	40
Republicans	40	43	40	43	41	48	52	47
Neither [VOL]	15	14	15	12	15	11	9	12
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	3	4	3	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=1,001	N=1,501	N=846	N=1,000

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Based on:

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Handling taxes	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
Democrats	46	43	48	48	45	44	41	42
Republicans	40	44	39	40	42	47	52	48
Neither [VOL]	12	10	12	9	10	7	7	8
Don't know [VOL]	2	3	2	3	3	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*

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N=1,001

N=1,002

N=1,108



N=1,000





N=1,501

N=1,001

N-1,001

CUR25. Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

Creating jobs	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
Democrats	44	47	52	49	44	44	40	42
Republicans	42	42	36	39	40	45	52	45
Neither [VOL]	12	10	10	10	13	9	8	10
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	3	2	3	1	1	3
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000

BLAM1. Please tell me how much blame each of the following deserves for the country's current economic problems. First/next, does [ITEM] deserve almost all, a lot but not all, a moderate amount, only a little or none of the blame for the country's current economic problems?

Randomize	Almost all/A lot but not all (net)	Almost all	A lot but not all	A mod- erate amount	None/ Only a little (net)	Only a little	None	[VOL] DK	[VOL] REF
Barack Obama	31	10	21	30	39	25	14	*	-
George W. Bush	51	25	26	27	22	16	6	1	*
The Republicans in Congress	44	19	24	39	17	14	3	1	*
The Democrats in Congress	36	13	23	42	22	16	6	1	*

Based on:

N=1,000







TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Supporter (net)	25	33	30	30	31	30	30	36	28	28	27	27	31
Strongly	9	10	8	11	11	8	9	13	10	8	13	9	n/a
Moderately	16	24	23	19	21	22	21	24	18	20	14	18	n/a
Not a supporter	70	61	63	65	61	66	67	60	68	69	65	68	60
Don't know [VOL]	5	5	7	6	7	4	4	3	4	3	7	5	9
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	*	1

Some questions held for later release

Based on:





PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or none of these?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	OTAL .3-18/	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-2/09	60/8-ε/6	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09
Democrat	29	31	35	29	29	31	32	33	32	31	34	35	32	32	32	28	35	33	31	35	36	36
Independent	30	27	27	34	31	26	28	27	31	30	28	25	27	27	29	27	24	26	30	25	25	26
Republican	21	25	18	19	25	28	26	32	25	25	24	26	26	26	21	21	22	21	21	23	23	18
None of these	20	16	20	17	15	16	14	7	12	13	15	14	15	15	17	23	18	19	18	17	16	18
Refused	*	1	-	-	*	ı	-	-	1	*	*	-	ı	ı	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1





PID1/ PID2.

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these? [IF "DEMOCRAT," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat? [IF "REPUBLICAN," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican? [IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," ASK:] Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10		LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-ε/6	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09
Total Democrat	43	43	46	45	42	39	43	42	44	43	46	45	41	45	44	37	43	43	39	44	46
Democrat – strong	13	12	14	14	12	14	16	20	16	14	15	15	14	15	14	12	18	17	14	14	20
Democrat – moderate	16	19	21	15	16	17	16	13	15	18	19	20	18	18	18	16	17	16	16	20	15
Independent – lean Democratic	14	11	12	16	14	9	11	9	13	12	12	10	9	12	12	9	8	10	9	9	11
None – lean Democratic	-	*	-	*	- 1	*	*	*	1	*	1	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*
Total Republican	32	37	29	33	36	38	40	48	40	39	35	39	40	34	33	32	31	32	33	33	32
Republican – strong	9	11	6	9	9	13	12	18	12	11	9	10	14	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	11
Republican – moderate	12	14	12	11	16	15	13	14	13	14	15	16	12	12	12	13	10	11	11	12	12
Independent – lean									1	-									-		
Republican	11	13	11	14	11	11	14	15	15	14	11	13	14	12	12	11	10	11	13	10	9
None – lean Republican	-	13	*	*	11	11	14	15				13	14		12					10 *	9 *
None – lean		- 3			11 - 6				15	14	11			12			10	11			
None – lean Republican [VOL] Independent –	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	1	15	14	*	*	-	12	-	11	10 *	*	13	*	*
None – lean Republican [VOL] Independent – don't lean [VOL] None – don't	5	3	*	*	- 6	- 6	*	1 2	15 - 3	14 - 5	11 * 4	*	- 4	12 * 5	5	11 - 7	10 *	11 * 5	13	*	* 5
None – lean Republican [VOL] Independent – don't lean [VOL] None – don't lean	5	3	* 4	* 4 -	6	6	* 3	2 -	15 - 3	14 - 5	11 * 4	* 2	4	12 * 5	5	11 - 7 -	10 * 6	11 * 5 -	13	* 5	* 5







G11a. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative? [IF "Liberal," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal?] [IF "Conservative," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?]

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7/10-12/10	TOTAL 10/16-20/08	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/08
Liberal - strongly	9	9	9	8	8	8	9	10	10	10	11	8	6	9	11
Liberal - somewhat	13	14	14	15	14	11	14	11	12	15	11	15	14	14	14
Conservative - strongly	20	21	16	18	20	22	22	29	20	20	21	21	21	18	20
Conservative - somewhat	23	22	22	23	19	24	22	18	25	21	23	23	23	21	18
Moderate	32	33	36	32	36	33	31	31	31	33	32	31	32	35	35
Don't know	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	2
Refused	*	1	1	*	2	1	1	*	1	*	1	1	1	1	*





- G11b. And when it comes to most social issues, do you consider your views to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?
 - IF "Liberal," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal?
 - IF "Conservative," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?

	8/18-22/11
Liberal - strongly	13
Liberal - somewhat	13
Conservative - strongly	19
Conservative - somewhat	17
Moderate	36
Don't know	1
Refused	*





EM1. Are you, yourself, currently employed...

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6
Full-time	50	44	49	45	44	47	46	46	46	47	48	49	45	43	44	46	44	44
Part-time	13	14	13	15	17	12	13	13	16	11	13	11	14	13	15	11	10	12
Not employed	37	42	37	39	38	40	41	40	38	42	39	39	41	44	41	42	45	42
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	ı	*	ı	*	*	*	-
Refused	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	1	1	1

EM2. [IF "NOT EMPLOYED" IN EM1, ASK:] Are you...

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6
Retired	51	46	51	40	48	48	46	47	44	47	42	50	49	48	47	49	52	52
Homemaker	14	17	16	17	16	21	18	16	21	15	16	18	19	15	13	16	18	15
Student	13	10	12	16	14	11	12	11	14	12	11	9	9	8	7	9	10	8
Temporarily unemployed	18	24	19	27	19	17	22	21	20	25	27	21	23	27	32	24	18	22
Don't know	4	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	1	2	4	2	*	1	1	1	2	2
Refused	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	1	*	-	1	-	1	*	1	*	*

Based on:





CUR38. Thinking of the last 6 months – that is, since December of 2010 – have you or has someone in your family lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	10/13-18/10	01/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	12/10-14/09	60/8-ε/6	7/16-20/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Yes (self lost job)	5	6	7	6	8	6	7	6	6	7	8	6	9	5	8	6
Yes (someone in family)	25	18	23	22	27	18	16	25	25	29	21	23	22	26	21	25
No	69	74	67	70	62	72	76	68	67	61	69	69	66	65	65	67
Both (self and family member) [VOL]	1	2	3	1	4	3	1	1	2	4	1	3	3	2	4	2
Don't know	ı	*	1	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	*
Refused	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	1	1	*

CUR39. And thinking of the last 6 months – that is, since December of 2010 – has someone you know personally, other than a family member, lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	12/10-14/09	10/1-5/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Yes	60	57	62	60	65	55	54	65	65	70	63	64	69	65	65
No	40	43	38	40	35	44	46	35	35	29	36	36	30	34	35
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*





[INTERVIEWER READ:] The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM1. What is your marital status? Are you... [READ EACH ITEM]

Married/Living as Married/Co-habitating	60
Separated	2
Divorced	9
Widowed	7
Never Married	21
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on: N=1,000

What is the last grade of school you completed? [READ EACH ITEM] DM2.

Less than high school graduate	6
High school graduate	33
Technical/trade school	5
Some college	26
College graduate	16
Some graduate school	4
Graduate degree	10
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on: N=1,000

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	19
30-49	37
50-64	24
65+	18
Refused [VOL]	2





DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live? [READ EACH ITEM]

Urban area	27
Suburban area	43
Rural area	30
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

N=1,000 Based on:

Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement? DM6.

Own	61
Rent	27
Other arrangement	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on: N=1,000

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18, or not?

Yes	32
No	68
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

N=1,000 Based on:





DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

None	28
One Line	69
Two lines	2
Three or more lines	1
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on: N=1,000

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

None	9
One	70
Two	16
Three or more	5
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on: N=1,000

DM10. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

Landline	28
Cell phone	37
Both equally	35
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on: N=641





DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

None	50
One	34
Two	12
Three or more	4
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

N=300 Based on:

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	41
No	57
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on: N=1,000

DM13. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

Protestant	27
Catholic	20
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other religion	21
Don't belong to religious denomination	26
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*





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

Yes, a Christian	88
No, not a Christian	12
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on: N=185

DM15. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

Never	18
Less often than a few times a year	11
A few times a year	22
Once or twice a month	13
Once a week	22
More than once a week	12
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1





DM16. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

Yes	12
No	88
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on: N=1,000

- DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=1), ASK:] In addition to being Hispanic, Latino or Spanish, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]
- DM18. [IF <u>NOT</u> SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White, Caucasian	73
Black, African-American, Negro	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	-
Chinese	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	*
Korean	-
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	1
Some other race	6
Other (specify)	-
Don't know	1
Refused	2
Multiple races	2





DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher? [READ LIST]

Below \$50,000	47
\$50,000+	49
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on: N=1,000

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	6

Based on: N=1,000

DM21. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	43
No	54
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2





[ASK DM22 ONLY IF "YES" IN DM21:]

DM22. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments—buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

None	51
1	14
2	12
3	6
4	2
5-9 times	4
10-14 times	2
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	1
25 times or more	4
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on: N=540

DM25. [INTERVIEWER RECORD:] Respondent's Gender:

Male	49
Female	51

Based on: N=1,000

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	17
Midwest	23
South	38
West	23





AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted from August 18 through August 22, 2011, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,000 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 700 respondents on landlines and 300 respondents on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2009 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2009 Fall estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.1 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.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of 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-gfkpoll.com.





