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

Interview dates: August 11 – 16, 2010

Number of interviews: 1,007

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 4.5 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?

	8/11-16/10	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 10/16-20/08	1 Year Ago 7/16-20/09
Right direction	35	37	35	41	38	44	46	38	41	37	40	48	48	17	40
Wrong direction	60	60	59	57	56	50	50	56	51	57	54	44	44	78	54
Don't know	4	2	5	2	5	5	5	5	8	6	6	7	7	5	6
Refused	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101 N=1,000

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?

	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09
Total happy	75	78	80	78	80	78	78	79	78	75	75
Very happy	30	34	36	35	32	35	35	35	34	32	34
Somewhat happy	45	44	44	42	49	43	43	43	44	43	41
Neither happy nor unhappy	8	7	7	6	6	9	7	6	7	7	8
Total unhappy	16	15	14	16	13	13	14	15	15	17	17
Somewhat unhappy	11	10	10	10	8	9	10	11	9	11	10
Very unhappy	6	5	4	6	5	4	5	4	6	6	7
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101 N=1,000

CUR2./

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?

	8/11-16/10	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/9-14/09*	12/3-8/08*
Total approve	49	50	49	49	53	56	56	54	56	50	55	64	64	67	74	73
Strongly approve	23	24	23	24	24	29	26	27	27	24	30	38	38	37	43	41
Somewhat approve	21	20	21	22	22	22	25	22	23	23	20	22	22	23	26	27
Lean approve	5	5	5	4	7	5	5	5	7	3	4	5	5	8	5	5
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	*	1	*	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	5
Total disapprove	50	49	50	50	46	42	42	43	39	49	42	32	30	24	15	14
Lean disapprove	4	5	5	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	6	5	4	4	3	2
Somewhat disapprove	10	13	12	10	12	9	12	9	10	10	9	6	5	4	5	5
Strongly disapprove	36	31	33	36	31	29	28	30	27	35	28	21	22	16	7	6
Don't know	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	5	6	8
Refused	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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*NOTE: Question wording in these waves: "Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition to the presidency."

CUR4./

CUR5. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

[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 Congress is handling its job?

	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	12/3-8/08	11/6-11/08
Total approve	24	24	28	28	28	22	32	33	30	33	28	32	38	38	31	21	22
Strongly approve	4	5	6	4	4	2	4	3	7	3	3	4	5	7	6	2	4
Somewhat approve	17	17	20	20	20	18	24	27	20	26	22	23	28	26	21	15	15
Lean approve	3	3	2	4	4	2	3	2	3	5	3	5	5	5	5	4	4
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	3	1
Total disapprove	74	73	71	70	70	76	66	65	66	64	69	63	55	57	59	71	74
Lean disapprove	4	6	4	5	5	6	5	4	5	3	5	5	5	3	4	6	7
Somewhat disapprove	24	22	24	18	18	24	23	23	20	22	21	17	19	20	20	25	24
Strongly disapprove	46	45	43	47	47	46	39	38	41	39	43	41	31	34	35	40	43
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	4	2	4	5	2
Refused	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*

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CUR15./

CUR15a. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their jobs.

[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 the Democrats in Congress are handling their jobs?

	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 approve	37	38	37	41	36	40
Strongly approve	8	11	8	11	8	10
Somewhat approve	26	23	25	27	24	27
Lean approve	3	5	4	3	3	3
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	1	1	1	2	2
Total disapprove	61	60	61	58	61	57
Lean disapprove	2	3	4	3	2	3
Somewhat disapprove	21	22	19	16	23	19
Strongly disapprove	38	36	38	39	37	36
Don't know	2	1	1	*	2	1
Refused	*	*	-	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,044

N=1,002

N=1,001

N=1,002

N=968

CUR16./

CUR16a. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs.

[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 the Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs?

	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 approve	30	32	31	38	30	32
Strongly approve	5	6	6	8	5	8
Somewhat approve	20	21	21	24	21	20
Lean approve	5	6	4	6	4	4
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	2	1	2	2	2
Total disapprove	67	65	65	60	67	65
Lean disapprove	6	2	4	2	5	4
Somewhat disapprove	27	30	27	24	27	32
Strongly disapprove	35	33	34	34	35	28
Don't know	2	1	2	*	1	2
Refused	*	*	*	-	*	*

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,044

N=1,002

N=1,001

N=1,002

N=968

Congressional Vote Section

CV1/1a. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives were held today, would you vote for [Rotate: The Democratic or Republican] candidate in your congressional district?

[IF UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW, ASK:] Do you lean more towards the [ROTATE: Democratic or Republican] candidate in your district?

	8/11-16/10
	Registered Voters
The Democratic candidate	45
Democratic candidate	41
Lean Democratic candidate	4
The Republican candidate	49
Republican candidate	44
Lean Republican candidate	5
Other candidate [VOL]	1
Undecided [VOL]	4
None [VOL]	1
Will not vote [VOL]	*
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on:

N=890

CV1b. [IF WILL VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE IN CV1, ASK:] In November, will you definitely vote for that candidate, probably vote for that candidate, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November?

	8/11-16/10
	Registered Voters
Definitely will vote for candidate	40
Probably will vote for candidate	36
Could change mind	24
Will not vote [VOL.]	1
Don't know	*
Refused	40

Based on:

N=752

CV2. [IF WILL VOTE IN CV1, ASK:] Will your vote for Congress be at least in part...?

	8/11-16/10
	Registered Voters
To show opposition to President Obama	27
To show support for President Obama	24
Or will President Obama not be a factor in your vote for Congress	48
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=875

CV3. [IF WILL VOTE IN CV1, ASK:] No matter how you will vote in November, if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or the Democrats win control of Congress?

	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	10/16-20/08	9/27-30/08	9/5-10/08	
	Registered Voters	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Likely Voter	Likely Voters	Likely Voters
Republicans	47	39	40	44	38	37	32	37	36	41
Democrats	43	46	45	41	44	49	45	43	49	46
Neither [VOL]	5									
Don't care [VOL]	na	13	11	12	15	10	20	16	10	10
Don't know	4	3	4	2	3	3	2	1	4	2
Refused	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1

Based on: N=890 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=968 N=1,101 N=800 N=808 N=812

*NOTE: Question wording in all previous waves: "Do you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?"

A5a. Would you like to see your own member of Congress get re-elected in November, or would you like to see someone else win the election?

	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Own member	41	37	36	43	40	43
Someone else	45	55	53	51	49	47
Don't care [VOL]	5	4	6	3	7	4
Don't know	8	4	5	3	4	6
Refused	1	1	*	*	1	*

Based on: *N=1,007* *N=1,044* *N=1,002* *N=1,001* *N=1,002* *N=1,008*

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...	8/11-16/10	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	91	91	92	92	92	93	87	89	88	92	91	91
Extremely important	50	50	49	47	46	50	42	47	46	47	49	53
Very important	42	41	42	44	46	43	45	42	42	45	42	38
Moderately important	7	7	7	7	6	5	9	8	10	6	6	7
Slightly/Not at all important	1	3	2	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	3	2
Slightly important	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	1
Not at all important	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	*
Don't know	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	-
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

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The situation in Iraq...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	63	67	63	62	61	66	65	65	67	63	62	66
Extremely important	29	32	31	27	27	31	28	32	30	28	24	29
Very important	34	35	32	35	34	35	36	33	37	35	38	37
Moderately important	24	20	24	21	23	20	22	20	21	24	25	22
Slightly/Not at all important	13	13	13	17	15	13	13	14	12	13	12	11
Slightly important	10	9	7	12	10	8	8	9	9	8	8	7
Not at all important	3	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	4	5
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	1	1
Refused	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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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]

Health care...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	80	77	80	80	73	81	81	78	83	77	78	79
Extremely important	44	42	42	43	40	46	40	42	46	41	43	41
Very important	35	36	38	36	33	35	41	36	37	36	35	38
Moderately important	13	15	12	11	17	9	12	13	10	16	13	16
Slightly/Not at all important	8	8	8	9	9	10	7	9	7	6	9	5
Slightly important	5	6	5	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	7	4
Not at all important	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	2	2	1
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	1	-	*

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Terrorism...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	74	78	81	77	82	83	75	77	76	74	74	75
Extremely important	40	48	45	42	44	48	38	41	41	40	40	43
Very important	34	30	35	36	37	35	38	36	35	34	35	32
Moderately important	16	14	12	14	9	12	14	14	13	15	16	18
Slightly/Not at all important	10	8	7	9	9	6	11	9	10	11	9	7
Slightly important	6	6	5	7	7	4	7	5	7	7	6	4
Not at all important	4	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	3	4	3	2
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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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]

The environment...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	60	72	64	59	62	61	64	59	64	59	63	64
Extremely important	28	37	32	27	29	28	26	28	27	26	27	32
Very important	32	35	32	32	33	33	38	32	37	34	36	33
Moderately important	24	19	22	24	20	23	22	27	23	24	21	23
Slightly/Not at all important	16	9	14	17	17	15	14	14	13	16	15	13
Slightly important	11	7	10	11	13	12	10	10	11	12	11	10
Not at all important	4	1	4	6	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

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Federal budget deficit...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	75	77	76	77	75	75	71	73	73	74	77	71
Extremely important	41	42	41	43	41	39	35	38	38	40	40	38
Very important	34	34	35	34	34	35	37	34	35	34	38	33
Moderately important	17	15	16	16	14	16	19	17	17	14	14	20
Slightly/Not at all important	8	7	8	6	10	8	9	9	10	11	8	8
Slightly important	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	5	7	7	5	6
Not at all important	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	4	3	2
Don't know	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

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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]

Energy...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	64	74	73	70	67	70	70	68	69	71	74	68
Extremely important	29	32	31	32	29	30	28	31	29	28	31	29
Very important	35	43	41	37	38	39	43	37	41	43	43	40
Moderately important	23	18	19	21	23	21	19	22	22	21	17	26
Slightly/Not at all important	12	8	9	9	10	9	10	10	9	8	9	6
Slightly important	11	7	8	8	9	7	8	8	8	7	8	4
Not at all important	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

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Taxes...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	69	68	69	67	72	74	71	72	66	71	69	68
Extremely important	34	36	35	35	31	34	31	32	32	33	34	33
Very important	35	33	34	33	41	40	40	39	35	38	35	35
Moderately important	20	20	21	24	19	19	20	18	23	20	20	25
Slightly/Not at all important	11	11	10	9	9	8	9	11	10	9	11	7
Slightly important	8	8	7	8	7	6	6	8	9	7	9	6
Not at all important	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	1
Don't know	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	*

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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]

Immigration...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	64	65	60	56	54	55	55	52	59	56	53	58
Extremely important	34	34	28	26	23	26	25	24	26	26	22	30
Very important	31	31	32	30	30	29	30	28	33	31	31	28
Moderately important	20	20	23	21	23	25	21	26	22	22	24	26
Slightly/Not at all important	16	15	16	22	23	19	23	21	18	21	22	15
Slightly important	11	9	10	14	14	14	16	16	13	14	13	11
Not at all important	5	6	6	8	9	6	8	6	5	7	9	5
Don't know	-	*	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	*	2	*
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Afghanistan...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	70	70	67	64	65	72	69	71	72	67	61	63
Extremely important	35	32	29	28	28	32	30	34	36	29	25	28
Very important	35	39	37	37	37	40	39	36	36	38	37	36
Moderately important	20	18	22	23	20	19	20	16	16	20	25	24
Slightly/Not at all important	10	11	11	13	14	9	11	11	11	12	11	12
Slightly important	6	8	6	9	8	6	7	6	7	7	6	6
Not at all important	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
Don't know	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	2	1	1	3	1
Refused	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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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]

Relationships with other countries...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	63	64	63	65	60	62	60	64	65	59	65	68
Extremely important	27	29	22	27	24	25	23	25	28	22	25	28
Very important	36	35	41	38	37	37	38	40	37	37	40	40
Moderately important	23	23	24	22	25	25	24	22	23	27	22	21
Slightly/Not at all important	13	13	14	13	15	13	15	13	12	14	13	11
Slightly important	11	10	9	9	11	9	10	10	9	9	10	8
Not at all important	3	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	3	5	3	3
Don't know	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,007 M=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Unemployment...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	83	83	84	83	84	84	82	79	81	78	81	85
Extremely important	43	44	40	40	41	41	37	38	40	36	40	46
Very important	40	38	44	43	43	43	45	41	41	42	41	39
Moderately important	12	12	12	12	12	12	14	14	13	14	13	11
Slightly/Not at all important	5	5	5	6	5	4	5	6	7	8	6	4
Slightly important	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	5	5	4	4
Not at all important	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1
Don't know	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	-
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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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]

Gas prices...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	55	62	66	66	62	63	57	64	56	61	64	64
Extremely important	24	28	34	32	31	29	22	30	27	25	26	33
Very important	32	35	31	34	31	35	35	33	29	36	38	31
Moderately important	27	25	19	23	24	24	26	23	27	28	22	26
Slightly/Not at all important	18	13	15	11	15	13	17	13	17	12	13	10
Slightly important	12	11	10	10	11	9	13	9	13	8	11	6
Not at all important	6	2	5	2	4	4	4	3	4	3	2	4
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Education...	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10
Extremely/Very important	83	83	82
Extremely important	43	44	42
Very important	40	39	40
Moderately important	13	12	14
Slightly/Not at all important	5	6	5
Slightly important	3	5	4
Not at all important	2	1	1
Don't know	-	*	-
Refused	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002

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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]

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10
Extremely/Very important	60	87
Extremely important	31	60
Very important	29	28
Moderately important	25	8
Slightly/Not at all important	15	5
Slightly important	11	4
Not at all important	4	1
Don't know	*	-
Refused	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,002

CURX2. 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 DK OR 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...	8/11-16/10	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	41	45	45	44	46	47	48	46	50	44	50	58
Strongly approve	16	18	18	20	20	19	22	22	25	20	24	30
Somewhat approve	26	27	26	24	26	28	26	24	25	23	26	28
Lean approve	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	3	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	6	5	4	6
Total disapprove	56	50	52	51	48	48	46	49	44	52	46	35
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	16	15	14	11	13	13	12	11	11	13	10
Strongly disapprove	41	34	36	38	36	35	33	38	33	41	33	25
Don't know	-	-	-	-	*	*	1	-	-	-	-	1
Refused	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Iraq...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	45	46	51	49	55	49	49	46	50	47	56	59
Strongly approve	17	13	21	16	20	18	20	17	20	18	21	28
Somewhat approve	28	32	30	33	35	31	29	29	30	29	35	31
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	11	14	11	10	12	12	10	9	13	12	12	12
Total disapprove	43	40	38	41	33	39	40	45	37	41	32	27
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	20	15	19	18	15	20	18	18	14	16	14	12
Strongly disapprove	24	25	19	24	18	19	22	26	22	25	18	15
Don't know	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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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 DK OR 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...	8/11-16/10	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	45	49	45	44	49	48	49	49	48	42	50	53
Strongly approve	24	29	30	28	29	28	27	30	26	22	27	28
Somewhat approve	21	20	16	17	20	20	23	19	23	19	23	25
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	2	4	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	6	7	16
Total disapprove	53	46	51	52	46	48	46	46	47	52	43	28
Lean disapprove	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	11	10	9	7	8	9	9	9	9	10	8	10
Strongly disapprove	42	36	42	45	38	39	37	37	37	43	34	18
Don't know	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	3
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Terrorism...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	49	50	53	50	54	54	52	50	53	44	52	59
Strongly approve	24	22	25	22	26	26	23	22	23	18	25	31
Somewhat approve	25	27	27	28	28	28	29	28	29	26	27	28
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	11	8	8	9	7	10	11	12	14	11	13
Total disapprove	41	40	39	41	38	39	38	39	35	42	37	26
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	-
Somewhat disapprove	14	13	15	14	13	12	14	14	13	13	12	11
Strongly disapprove	27	26	24	27	25	28	24	25	22	28	24	16
Don't know	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	2
Refused	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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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 DK OR 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...	8/11-16/10	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	50	50	54	50	54	53	55	54	54	51	56	60
Strongly approve	17	21	20	18	21	20	25	21	22	20	23	29
Somewhat approve	33	29	33	32	33	32	30	33	31	31	32	31
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	15	13	15	14	17	16	14	16	18	14	13	19
Total disapprove	35	37	32	35	29	31	31	30	28	35	31	19
Lean disapprove	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	17	16	15	16	16	16	13	14	13	16	12	9
Strongly disapprove	19	21	16	20	14	14	18	15	15	18	19	10
Don't know	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Federal budget deficit...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	37	37	35	34	38	36	41	40	40	33	39	49
Strongly approve	10	12	13	13	14	15	15	16	15	11	15	23
Somewhat approve	27	24	22	20	24	21	25	23	25	21	24	26
Lean approve	*	1	*	*	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	6	10	9	8	10	12	11	9	11	12	10	8
Total disapprove	56	54	56	58	52	52	48	51	48	56	51	41
Lean disapprove	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	13	16	14	11	12	14	14	13	10	12	13	10
Strongly disapprove	43	38	41	47	40	38	34	38	38	43	38	31
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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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 DK OR 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...	8/11-16/10	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	47	52	52	51	53	56	54	52	55	50	55	60
Strongly approve	13	20	20	18	21	22	20	21	22	20	25	28
Somewhat approve	34	32	32	33	31	33	33	31	33	30	29	32
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	12	11	13	17	11	15	15	15	13	12	16
Total disapprove	43	36	36	36	31	33	32	32	30	37	34	22
Lean disapprove	-	*	-	1	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	22	17	17	15	14	15	13	14	14	15	12	12
Strongly disapprove	21	19	19	21	16	19	19	18	16	21	21	10
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Taxes...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	42	44	42	41	44	43	45	42	47	38	46	54
Strongly approve	15	18	19	15	17	17	18	16	18	13	17	27
Somewhat approve	26	26	23	26	27	25	27	25	28	24	28	27
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	10	9	9	13	10	12	12	13	13	11	11
Total disapprove	50	45	49	51	43	47	43	46	41	50	44	35
Lean disapprove	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	-
Somewhat disapprove	16	15	15	15	14	15	14	14	13	15	9	9
Strongly disapprove	34	30	34	36	29	32	29	32	27	34	35	26
Don't know	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	1
Refused	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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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 DK OR 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...	8/11-16/10	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	39	36	38	34	39	38	42	39	39	34	39	47
Strongly approve	15	13	13	11	12	13	15	14	13	9	13	18
Somewhat approve	23	23	24	23	27	25	26	24	26	24	25	29
Lean approve	1	*	1	*	*	*	2	1	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	13	13	19	21	18	19	21	19	20	20	19
Total disapprove	51	51	50	46	39	44	39	41	42	46	41	30
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	12	14	16	16	16	18	15	16	15	14	14	12
Strongly disapprove	38	37	34	30	23	26	24	25	26	31	27	19
Don't know	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	3
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Afghanistan...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	44	47	49	51	57	49	52	42	46	46	55	60
Strongly approve	15	13	19	18	22	20	21	14	16	13	20	27
Somewhat approve	29	33	30	33	34	29	31	27	29	32	35	33
Lean approve	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	11	12	11	11	10	8	10	14	13	13	12
Total disapprove	43	41	39	38	32	42	40	48	41	40	32	26
Lean disapprove	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	18	17	21	17	16	20	15	17	15	17	14	14
Strongly disapprove	26	24	18	21	16	22	25	30	26	23	17	12
Don't know	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	2
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR 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...	8/11-16/10	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	55	57	58	55	59	58	60	58	61	53	58	69
Strongly approve	26	29	27	28	29	33	32	30	32	27	33	41
Somewhat approve	29	28	31	27	30	26	28	27	29	25	25	27
Lean approve	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	*	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	9	10	10	9	13	10	8	11	6	11	9	9
Total disapprove	36	33	32	36	28	32	32	32	33	37	33	22
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	11	12	12	12	15	12	13	14	16	13	10
Strongly disapprove	21	23	20	24	16	17	20	19	19	21	20	12
Don't know	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	1
Refused	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Unemployment...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	43	42	43	43	46	46	48	44	48	40	49	59
Strongly approve	16	16	19	16	20	20	21	18	18	16	22	28
Somewhat approve	28	26	24	27	27	26	27	26	30	23	27	30
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	6	11	9	6	10	8	9	9	9	11	10	12
Total disapprove	51	47	48	50	44	47	44	47	43	49	40	29
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	15	15	15	13	14	16	14	16	15	11	12
Strongly disapprove	35	32	32	35	30	32	28	33	26	34	29	17
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR 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...	8/11-16/10	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	39	40	33	33	39	39	41	40	49	37	45	51
Strongly approve	9	11	10	9	13	13	14	11	17	14	16	19
Somewhat approve	29	29	24	24	26	26	25	28	31	22	29	32
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	21	23	19	21	22	19	22	21	23	23	20	22
Total disapprove	40	37	47	46	39	43	37	39	28	41	35	25
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	1	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	20	18	18	18	17	18	14	17	15	22	15	12
Strongly disapprove	20	19	29	27	22	25	23	22	13	18	20	14
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
Refused	-	-	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Education...	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10
Total approve	53	55	56
Strongly approve	24	24	25
Somewhat approve	28	31	32
Lean approve	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	12	16	13
Total disapprove	36	29	31
Lean disapprove	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	13	15
Strongly disapprove	19	15	16
Don't know	*	*	-
Refused	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002

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]

Joe Biden	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	50	51	47	48	48	52
Very favorable	15	14	15	13	14	15
Somewhat favorable	34	38	32	35	33	38
Total unfavorable	43	40	43	42	43	39
Somewhat unfavorable	20	23	22	22	24	21
Very unfavorable	23	18	21	20	20	18
Don't know	6	8	9	9	8	8
Refused	1	1	1	*	1	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,008</i>

Barack Obama	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Total favorable	56	59	57	55
Very favorable	32	32	34	34
Somewhat favorable	25	27	22	22
Total unfavorable	43	40	42	44
Somewhat unfavorable	12	13	14	13
Very unfavorable	31	27	28	31
Don't know	1	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	-	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=962</i>

Sarah Palin	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	41	45	41	45	42	45
Very favorable	14	16	16	17	16	21
Somewhat favorable	27	29	24	28	27	24
Total unfavorable	54	52	53	50	51	50
Somewhat unfavorable	15	18	16	14	18	17
Very unfavorable	39	34	37	36	34	33
Don't know	5	3	6	4	6	4
Refused	1	*	*	*	*	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,008</i>

FAV1. (Continued) 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]

Michelle Obama	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	69	73	70	70	71	74
Very favorable	38	40	39	38	40	41
Somewhat favorable	31	33	31	32	31	33
Total unfavorable	27	22	23	24	23	21
Somewhat unfavorable	14	14	14	13	15	13
Very unfavorable	13	8	9	11	8	8
Don't know	4	5	6	6	6	4
Refused	*	1	1	1	1	1

Based on: *N=1,007* *N=1,044* *N=1,002* *N=1,001* *N=1,002* *N=1,008*

Hillary Clinton	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	65	64	63	66	66	69
Very favorable	29	30	30	32	30	31
Somewhat favorable	36	34	32	34	36	38
Total unfavorable	34	34	35	32	31	29
Somewhat unfavorable	19	17	17	17	17	14
Very unfavorable	14	17	18	15	14	15
Don't know	2	2	2	2	3	1
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	1

Based on: *N=1,007* *N=1,044* *N=1,002* *N=1,001* *N=1,002* *N=1,008*

George W. Bush	8/11-16/10
Total favorable	44
Very favorable	15
Somewhat favorable	29
Total unfavorable	54
Somewhat unfavorable	19
Very unfavorable	35
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Based on: *N=1,007*

FAV1. (Continued) 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]

Nancy Pelosi	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10
Total favorable	39	34	35	34	36
Very favorable	10	8	10	11	9
Somewhat favorable	29	26	26	24	28
Total unfavorable	51	53	54	53	51
Somewhat unfavorable	13	18	15	15	16
Very unfavorable	38	36	38	38	35
Don't know	9	12	10	12	12
Refused	1	*	1	1	1

Based on: *N=1,007* *N=1,044* *N=1,002* *N=1,001* *N=1,002*

Bill Clinton	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10
Total favorable	65	65
Very favorable	35	32
Somewhat favorable	30	33
Total unfavorable	33	34
Somewhat unfavorable	20	16
Very unfavorable	13	18
Don't know	2	1
Refused	*	*

Based on: *N=1,007* *N=1,044*

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

Handling the economy	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	47	44	44	47	49
Republicans	43	42	41	44	40	40
Neither [VOL]	10	9	13	10	11	9
Don't know	2	2	2	2	2	3
Refused	1	*	*	*	1	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,008</i>

Protecting the country	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	39	42	37	40	41	42
Republicans	50	48	50	49	47	47
Neither [VOL]	9	7	11	8	9	7
Don't know	2	2	2	3	3	4
Refused	*	1	*	*	1	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,008</i>

Handling health care	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	50	51	47	48	48	48
Republicans	40	38	39	40	37	38
Neither [VOL]	8	10	12	11	11	10
Don't know	1	1	2	2	3	3
Refused	*	1	*	*	*	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,008</i>

Handling illegal immigration	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10
Democrats	43	41	36
Republicans	45	47	46
Neither [VOL]	10	10	15
Don't know	2	1	3
Refused	1	1	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>

CURJ3. What kind of president do you think Barack Obama has been so far? Do you think he has been ...

[ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE:] An outstanding president, above average, average, below average, or poor?

[ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE:] A poor president, below average, average, above average, or outstanding?

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	1/9-14/09*
Outstanding	12	16	28
Above average	22	26	37
Average	28	26	24
Below average	14	16	4
Poor	24	16	3
Don't know	*	*	5
Refused	-	*	1

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,008

N=1,001

*NOTE: Question wording in previous wave: "What kind of president do you think Barack Obama will be? Do you think he will be..."

CURJ7. How well do you think Barack Obama understands the important issues the country will need to focus on during the next four years? Would you say...

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	1/9-14/09
Extremely well	20	24	27	29	33
Very well	21	25	20	25	32
Somewhat well	23	22	21	25	21
Not too well	10	12	13	8	7
Not well at all	25	18	19	13	5
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	*	1	*	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-	*	-	*	*

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,008

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,001

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...

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	58	67	67	74	78	81
Very well	37	41	42	49	51	52
Somewhat well	21	27	25	25	27	29
Total Slightly/Not at all well	42	32	32	26	21	18
Slightly well	11	8	6	10	9	7
Not at all well	32	24	26	16	12	11
Don't know	*	*	1	*	1	1
Refused	-	*	*	*	-	*

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

He will keep America safe...

	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	58	64	64	71	66	77
Very well	30	33	34	42	36	40
Somewhat well	28	31	30	29	30	37
Total Slightly/Not at all well	42	35	35	28	29	21
Slightly well	11	11	10	10	13	9
Not at all well	31	24	25	18	16	12
Don't know	*	1	1	1	6	2
Refused	*	*	1	*	-	*

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

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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...

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	57	65	65	65	71	76	79
Very well	36	41	41	41	50	52	53
Somewhat well	22	24	24	24	21	24	26
Total Slightly/Not at all well	42	35	35	35	28	22	19
Slightly well	10	9	9	7	8	9	7
Not at all well	32	25	25	27	19	13	12
Don't know	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-	*

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

He is a strong leader...

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	58	67	67	69	76	75	78
Very well	36	42	42	45	54	50	54
Somewhat well	22	25	25	23	21	25	24
Total Slightly/Not at all well	42	32	32	31	23	21	17
Slightly well	10	10	10	10	8	10	8
Not at all well	32	22	22	21	16	11	9
Don't know	*	*	*	1	1	5	4
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-	*

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

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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 is a likable person...

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10
Total Very/Somewhat well	82	89
Very well	54	63
Somewhat well	28	26
Total Slightly/Not at all well	18	10
Slightly well	8	5
Not at all well	10	6
Don't know	*	1
Refused	-	*

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,008

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

	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08	11/6-10/08	10/16-20/08
Good time to invest	36	38	40	48	45	47	41	42	42	41	37	43	41	33	39	38
Bad time	61	58	55	49	49	49	52	53	52	52	57	52	53	58	51	58
Don't know	4	4	5	3	6	4	7	6	5	6	6	5	5	9	10	4
Refused	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,044

N=1,002

N=1,001

N=1,002

N=1,008

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,101

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

	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08	11/6-10/08	10/16-20/08
Good time to invest	60	69	69	65	66	66	65	66	69	70	65	74	64	56	55	53
Bad time	38	30	29	34	32	32	32	31	29	28	32	25	32	37	38	43
Don't know	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	7	6	4
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101

- B1. 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?
 [IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09
Total good	16	24	20	21	17	22	24	19	20	16	15
Very good	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Somewhat good	4	9	8	6	6	6	10	9	8	5	5
Neither – lean good	11	14	11	14	10	14	13	9	11	10	9
Neither – Don't lean [VOL]	3	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	5
Total poor	81	72	75	76	78	75	71	77	75	80	79
Neither – lean poor	17	12	14	15	18	17	16	12	13	12	11
Somewhat poor	30	33	33	30	33	30	24	33	32	33	32
Very poor	34	27	28	31	28	28	31	32	30	35	37
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	*	1	1
Refused	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006

- 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?

	8/11-16/10	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09
Total good	61	64	60	59	62	60	61	59	60	58	56
Very good	14	14	18	15	14	14	12	14	16	13	14
Somewhat good	30	32	31	28	31	31	33	31	29	30	28
Neither – lean good	17	18	11	16	17	15	16	13	15	15	14
Neither – Don't lean [VOL]	3	6	7	3	4	3	4	7	5	5	6
Total poor	36	30	33	38	33	37	34	34	35	37	37
Neither – lean poor	15	8	10	11	12	12	10	12	12	12	10
Somewhat poor	12	14	12	16	12	15	12	13	13	14	17
Very poor	9	8	11	11	9	10	12	9	10	11	11
Don't know	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	*	1

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006

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

	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	9/3-8/09
Got better	12	19	25	25	20	25	24	22	24	25
Got worse	22	16	18	18	16	16	21	24	17	21
Stayed about the same	66	65	56	57	63	59	55	53	59	54
Don't know	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001

ECO42. And compared to 18 months ago, do you think the U.S. economy is in better shape than it was 18 months ago, or about the same as it was 18 months ago?

[IF "BETTER," ASK:] Is that a lot better or a little better?
 [IF "WORSE," ASK:] Is that a lot worse or a little worse?

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10*
Total Better	38	40
A lot better	8	12
A little better	30	28
About the same	32	33
Total Worse	29	26
A little worse	9	11
A lot worse	20	16
Don't know	*	*
Refused	-	*

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,008

*NOTE: Question wording in January wave: "And compared to a year ago, do you think the U.S. economy is in better shape than it was a year ago, worse shape than it was a year ago, or about the same as it was a year ago?"

CURJ12. When it comes to improving the economy, do you think it is realistic to expect at least some noticeable results in the first 18 months of the Obama administration, or do you think it will take longer than that to see any noticeable results?

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10*	7/16-20/09*	4/16-20/09*	1/09-14/09*
Realistic to expect in the first 18 months	25	23	16	27	27
Take longer than that	74	77	83	72	72
Don't know	1	*	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	1	*	*

Based on:

N=1,007 N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,001

*NOTE: Question wording in previous waves: "When it comes to improving the economy, do you think it is realistic to expect at least some noticeable results in the first year of the Obama administration, or do you think it will take longer than that to see any noticeable results?"

ECO7. How worried are you that increasing federal debt will harm the financial future of your children and grandchildren?

	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	1/9-14/09	9/27-30/08
Total worried	80	81	79	80	79	79	79
Very worried	54	50	47	46	49	45	42
Somewhat worried	26	31	33	34	30	34	37
Total not worried	20	19	20	19	21	20	19
Not too worried	10	11	11	11	12	13	11
Not at all worried	9	8	9	8	9	7	8
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	-	-	*	1	-	*	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	*	*	1	1	1	1	2

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,008

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,101

T11. Now I'm going to read you a list of institutions in this country. For each one, please tell me if you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running each institution.

The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

RANDOMIZE	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not confident at all	DK	REF
Banks and financial institutions	2	4	42	27	25	*	*
Major companies	2	6	50	26	16	2	*
Small and local businesses	8	31	49	6	5	1	*
Organized labor	3	8	46	19	22	2	*
The print media, such as newspapers and news magazines	4	9	49	21	17	1	-
The broadcast news media, such as television and cable news	5	8	49	21	18	*	*
The online news media, such as news websites	3	8	53	21	13	3	-
Independent or citizen media, such as online blogs	3	5	33	31	23	5	*
The scientific community, such as universities and research institutes	8	22	53	10	7	1	-
Organized religion	5	13	44	16	19	3	1
Public schools	3	10	49	24	13	*	-
The military	13	30	43	8	5	1	*
The federal government	3	7	48	19	24	*	-
State government	3	7	53	23	14	*	-
Local government	3	11	55	18	12	*	*
The U.S. Supreme Court	3	13	58	14	11	*	-
State courts	3	9	62	14	10	1	*
The U.S. Congress	3	4	44	23	26	*	-

Base: N=1,007

TC1. The tax cuts that were passed in 2001 will expire this year if they are not continued. Which of the following best describes what you think Congress should do about the tax cuts?

	8/11/10-8/16/10
Allow the tax cuts to expire for everyone	14
Allow the tax cuts for people earning more than \$250,000 to expire, but continue them for other people	38
Continue the tax cuts for everyone	45
Don't know	3
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,007

Tea Party Section:

TP1. How much do you know about the Tea Party movement?

	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
A great deal/a lot	15	21	18	16
A great deal	8	10	7	6
A lot	7	11	11	9
Some	41	34	33	32
A little/not at all	44	45	49	52
Not too much	23	23	31	26
Nothing at all	20	22	18	26
Don't know	*	*	*	1
Refused	-	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,044

N=1,002

N=962

- TP2. Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neither favorable nor unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party movement?
 [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable?
 [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable?

	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Total favorable	31	33	29	28
Very favorable	15	16	17	17
Somewhat favorable	16	16	12	11
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	30	31	32	34
Total unfavorable	34	30	31	30
Somewhat unfavorable	15	13	14	14
Very unfavorable	19	17	17	16
Don't know	5	7	8	8
Refused	*	*	1	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=962</i>

- TP3. From what you know about the Tea Party movement, would you say you generally agree, disagree or neither agree nor disagree on the Tea Party movement's positions on political issues?

[FOR EACH "AGREE," ASK:] Is that strongly agree or somewhat agree?
 [FOR EACH "DISAGREE," ASK:] Is that strongly disagree or somewhat disagree?

	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Total agree	34	35	35	33
Strongly agree	15	16	16	16
Somewhat agree	20	19	19	16
Neither agree nor disagree	32	33	35	36
Total disagree	30	27	26	26
Somewhat disagree	10	9	10	10
Strongly disagree	20	18	17	17
Don't know	3	5	4	5
Refused	*	*	*	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,007</i>	<i>N=1,044</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=962</i>

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

	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Supporter	28	27	27	31
Not a supporter	69	65	68	60
Don't know	3	7	5	9
Refused	*	1	*	1

Based on:

N=1,007

N=1,044

N=1,002

N=962

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?

	8/11-16/10	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/9-14/09	12/3-8/08	11/6-10/08
Total Democrat	43	46	45	41	45	44	37	43	43	39	44	46	46	46	47	44	48
Democrat – strong	14	15	15	14	15	14	12	18	17	14	14	20	16	18	19	17	21
Democrat – moderate	18	19	20	18	18	18	16	17	16	16	20	15	20	20	18	19	19
Independent – lean Democratic	12	12	10	9	12	12	9	8	10	9	9	11	10	9	9	8	8
None – lean Democratic	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	-
Total Republican	39	35	39	40	34	33	32	31	32	33	33	32	28	30	27	33	34
Republican – strong	11	9	10	14	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	11	9	9	8	13	13
Republican – moderate	14	15	16	12	12	12	13	10	11	11	12	12	9	13	12	13	11
Independent – lean Republican	14	11	13	14	12	12	11	10	11	13	10	9	9	8	7	7	10
None – lean Republican	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	-
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	5	4	2	4	5	5	7	6	5	8	5	5	7	6	7	8	5
[VOL] None – don't lean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[VOL] Other	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-
Don't know	14	15	14	15	15	18	24	19	21	19	18	17	19	17	18	15	14
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001

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?

	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7/10-12/10	10/16-20/08		9/27-30/08
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Likely Voters	Likely Voters
Liberal - strongly	10	11	8	6	9	11	10
Liberal - somewhat	15	11	15	14	14	14	11
Conservative - strongly	20	21	21	21	18	20	24
Conservative - somewhat	21	23	23	23	21	18	14
Moderate	33	32	31	32	35	35	39
Don't know	2	1	3	3	2	2	2
Refused	*	1	1	1	1	*	--

Based on: *N=1,007* *N=1,044* *N=1,002* *N=1,001* *N=1,001* *N=800* *N=808*

EM1. Are you, yourself, currently employed... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

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

Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

EM2. [IF "NOT EMPLOYED" IN EM1, ASK:] Are you... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

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

Based on: N=400 N=472 N=416 N=415 N=420 N=420 N=423 N=404 N=451 N=438 N=415 N=402

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

	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Yes (self lost job)	6	7	8	6	8	7	9	9	8	5	8	7	8	10
Yes (someone in family)	25	29	21	23	23	28	22	21	20	26	21	21	25	25
No	67	61	69	69	67	63	66	66	70	65	65	70	62	65
Both (self and family member) [VOL]	2	4	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	4	1	4	1
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	1	1	*	*
Refused	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

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

	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	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Yes	65	70	63	64	64	71	69	66	65	66	64	60	67	65
No	35	29	36	36	35	29	30	34	34	32	34	39	33	35
Don't know	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	1	1	2	1	1	1
Refused	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	1	1	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

[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-habiting	61
Separated	2
Divorced	10
Widowed	6
Never Married	21
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Less than high school graduate	6
High school graduate	37
Technical/trade school	4
Some college	25
College graduate	13
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,007

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	21
30-49	38
50-64	24
65+	17
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Urban area	27
Suburban area	40
Rural area	30
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Own	64
Rent	26
Other arrangement	10
Don't know	-
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Yes	37
No	63
Don't know	-
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,007

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	24
One Line	72
Two lines	2
Three or more lines	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,007

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

None	9
One	68
Two	16
Three or more	6
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,007

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	25
Cell phone	38
Both equally	36
Don't know	-
Refused	*

Based on:

N=674

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	46
One	32
Two	15
Three or more	6
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=301

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	36
No	60
Don't know	2
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,007

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	24
Mormon	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	*
Other religion [SPECIFY]	21
Don't belong to religious denomination	24
Don't know	-
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Yes, a Christian	88
No, not a Christian	13
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=158

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	16
Less often than a few times a year	11
A few times a year	22
Once or twice a month	13
Once a week	24
More than once a week	11
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Yes	14
No	85
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,007

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 NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White	71
Black, African-American, or Negro	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	1
Vietnamese	-
Chinese	*
Filipino	*
Korean	*
Native Hawaiian	-
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Samoa	-
Japanese	-
Other Asian	*
Other Pacific Islander	-
Some other race [SPECIFY]	10
Multiple races [VOL]	3
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,007

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+	48
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$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	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	8
\$150,000 or more	8
Don't know [VOL]	5
Refused [VOL]	7

Based on:

N=1,007

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

Yes	39
No	58
Don't know	*
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,007

[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	47
1	18
2	8
3	6
4	3
5-9 times	7
10-14 times	3
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	1
25 times or more	1
Don't know	4
Refused	1

Based on:

N=498

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

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,007

REGION:

	Total
Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,007

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted from August 11 through August 16, 2010, 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 1,007 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 706 respondents on landlines and 301 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 4.5 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-gfkipoll.com>.