



# THE AP-GfK POLL

## February, 2012

Conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

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

*Interview dates: February 16 – 20, 2012*

*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.*

*All results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.*

CUR1 through CUR2/CUR3 previously released

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?

	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	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 5/28-6/1/09	LOW 8/18-22/11	1 Year Ago 1/5-10/11	
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	
Strongly approve	4	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	6	4	2	4	5	2	4	
Somewhat approve	13	11	11	8	16	23	19	18	20	17	15	19	17	17	20	20	18	24	28	8	18	
Lean approve	3	2	3	1	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	2	4	2	3	5	1	3	
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>69</b>	
Lean disapprove	4	5	3	3	5	4	7	5	4	5	3	4	4	6	4	5	6	5	5	3	5	
Somewhat disapprove	23	24	23	24	27	28	26	26	24	26	23	23	24	22	24	18	24	23	19	24	26	
Strongly disapprove	52	55	56	60	44	36	38	38	43	44	53	47	46	45	43	47	46	39	31	60	38	
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	*	4	
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=986 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800 N=1,800

ELE20 through FAV1 previously released

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

<b>The Democratic Party</b>	2/16-20/12	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>
Very favorable	19	19	20	18	19	17
Somewhat favorable	35	34	29	32	25	31
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	20	24	23	21	19	22
Very unfavorable	24	21	25	28	37	29
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	3	1	*	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*

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

<b>The Republican Party</b>	2/16-20/12	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>45</b>
Very favorable	14	11	14	11	12	11
Somewhat favorable	32	37	38	37	40	34
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>54</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	22	26	21	26	21	30
Very unfavorable	28	23	23	24	26	24
Don't know [VOL]	3	3	4	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	*	*	-

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

CURJX through CCON6 previously released

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

Handling the economy	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	43	41	38	45	43	49	47	45	44	41	41	45	47	44	44	47
Republicans	45	44	43	40	42	38	41	40	47	51	46	43	42	41	44	40	40
Neither [VOL]	11	12	15	13	12	11	9	12	8	7	11	10	9	13	10	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	*	*	1	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 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	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	36	38	40	41	42	40	39	39	36	37	39	42	37	40	41
Republicans	48	50	45	46	46	43	49	48	52	56	54	50	48	50	49	47	47
Neither [VOL]	9	9	15	11	9	10	7	9	7	6	6	9	7	11	8	9	7
Don't know [VOL]	3	4	3	2	4	5	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	4
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	1

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

<b>Managing the federal budget deficit</b>	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	39	35	38	43	40	42	42	41	40	39	40
Republicans	47	47	43	40	43	40	43	41	48	52	47
Neither [VOL]	13	15	16	15	14	15	12	15	11	9	12
Don't know [VOL]	2	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

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

<b>Handling taxes</b>	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	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	41	46	43	48	48	45	44	41	42
Republicans	44	45	40	44	39	40	42	47	52	48
Neither [VOL]	11	11	12	10	12	9	10	7	7	8
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*

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

<b>Creating jobs</b>	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	41	44	44	47	52	49	44	44	40	42
Republicans	43	43	40	42	42	36	39	40	45	52	45
Neither [VOL]	10	13	13	12	10	10	10	13	9	8	10
Don't know [VOL]	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	1	1	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*

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

BUD3Z. In order to balance the federal budget, which should be the main focus of lawmakers?

	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	3/24-28/11
Increasing taxes	31	31	34	34	29
Cutting government services	56	60	55	53	62
Both equally [VOL]	5	4	4	6	4
Neither [VOL]	5	3	4	6	3
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	4	2	1
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	*	*

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

TC23. Please tell me if you would favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose a law requiring that all Americans with incomes of one million dollars or more pay at least 30 percent of their income in taxes? (FOR EACH FAVOR/OPPOSE:) Do you favor/oppose that strongly or somewhat?

	2/16-20/12
<b>Total favor</b>	<b>65</b>
Strongly favor	50
Somewhat favor	15
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>26</b>
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	14
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on: N=1,000

*Some questions held for later release*

S1. Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?

	2/16-20/12
Yes	84
No	16
VOL: Not necessary in my state	*
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	-

*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?

	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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
<b>Supporter</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>
Strongly	8	10	10	9	10	8	11	11	8	9	13	10	8	13	9	n/a
Moderately	17	20	18	16	24	23	19	21	22	21	24	18	20	14	18	n/a
<b>Not a supporter</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>60</b>
Don't know [VOL]	4	6	4	5	5	7	6	7	4	4	3	4	3	7	5	9
Refused [VOL]	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	*	1

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=962

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

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

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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?

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

Source: N=1,000

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?]

	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	4/7-11/10	TOTAL: 10/16-20/08	LIKELY VOTERS: 10/16-20/08
Liberal - strongly	9	6	8	9	9	9	8	8	8	9	10	10	10	11	8	6	9	11
Liberal - somewhat	11	14	12	13	14	14	15	14	11	14	11	12	15	11	15	14	14	14
Conservative - strongly	18	20	18	20	21	16	18	20	22	22	29	20	20	21	21	21	18	20
Conservative - somewhat	21	22	21	23	22	22	23	19	24	22	18	25	21	23	23	23	21	18
Moderate	38	35	39	32	33	36	32	36	33	31	31	31	33	32	31	32	35	35
Don't know	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	2
Refused	1	*	*	*	1	1	*	2	1	1	*	1	*	1	1	1	1	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=800

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

	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	
Full-time	48	48	49	50	44	49	45	44	47	46	46	46	47	48	49	45	43	44	46	44	44	
Part-time	14	13	12	13	14	13	15	17	12	13	13	16	11	13	11	14	13	15	11	10	12	
Not employed	39	39	39	37	42	37	39	38	40	41	40	38	42	39	39	41	44	41	42	45	42	
Don't know	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	-
Refused	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	

Based on: N=1200

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

	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09
Retired	54	51	50	51	46	51	40	48	48	46	47	44	47	42	50	49	48	47	49	52	52
Homemaker	15	15	19	14	17	16	17	16	21	18	16	21	15	16	18	19	15	13	16	18	15
Student	9	12	8	13	10	12	16	14	11	12	11	14	12	11	9	9	8	7	9	10	8
Temporarily unemployed	21	18	20	18	24	19	27	19	17	22	21	20	25	27	21	23	27	32	24	18	22
Don't know	1	3	3	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	-	1	*	1	*	*

Based on: N=443 N=436 N=441 N=431 N=450 N=448 N=413 N=411 N=421 N=655 N=414 N=400 N=472 N=416 N=415 N=420 N=420 N=423 N=404 N=451 N=438

CUR38. Thinking of the last 6 months – that is, since August of 2011 – have you or has someone in your family lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	9/3-8/09	High: 2/12-17/09	Low: 2/16-20/12	1 Year Ago: 1/5-10/11
Yes (self lost job)	4	5	8	5	6	7	6	8	6	7	6	6	7	8	6	9	5	10	4	8
Yes (someone in family)	20	19	18	25	18	23	22	27	18	16	25	25	29	21	23	22	26	25	20	27
No	75	75	72	69	74	67	70	62	72	76	68	67	61	69	69	66	65	65	75	62
Both (self and family member) [VOL]	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	4	3	1	1	2	4	1	3	3	2	1	1	4
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	-	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	1	-	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001

CUR39. And thinking of the last 6 months – that is, since August of 2011 – has someone you know personally, other than a family member, lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	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	High: 1/12-17/10	Low: 2/16-20/12	1 Year Ago: 1/5-10/11
Yes	54	58	59	60	57	62	60	65	55	54	65	65	70	63	64	69	71	54	65
No	46	42	41	40	43	38	40	35	44	46	35	35	29	36	36	30	29	46	35
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	*
Refused	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,008 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	59
Separated	1
Divorced	11
Widowed	6
Never Married	22
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Less than high school graduate	8
High school graduate	31
Technical/trade school	6
Some college	25
College graduate	16
Some graduate school	2
Graduate degree	12
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	19
30-49	35
50-64	27
65+	18
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Urban area	22
Suburban area	46
Rural area	31
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

*Based on:*

*N=1,000*

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

Own	63
Rent	25
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	34
No	66
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

*Based on:*

*N=1,000*

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your? 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	30
One Line	65
Two lines	4
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	8
One	71
Two	16
Three or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

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	26
Cell phone	44
Both equally	31
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=673

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	54
One	30
Two	11
Three or more	5
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=300

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	37
No	61
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

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	30
Catholic	23
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion	18
Don't belong to religious denomination	23
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000



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

Yes, a Christian	87
No, not a Christian	13
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=170

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	17
Less often than a few times a year	13
A few times a year	21
Once or twice a month	13
Once a week	20
More than once a week	14
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Yes	11
No	89
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 NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White, Caucasian	75
Black, African-American, Negro	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	1
Chinese	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	*
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Korean	*
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	-
Some other race	5
Don't know	1
Refused	1
Multiple races	3

Based on:

N=1,000

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	51
\$50,000+	45
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Under \$10,000	10
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9
\$150,000 or more	8
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	6

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Yes	39
No	59
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,000

[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	42
1	17
2	14
3	5
4	3
5-9 times	7
10-14 times	4
15-19 times	*
20-24 times	1
25 times or more	2
Don't know [VOL]	6
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=508

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

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,000

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	23
South	37
West	22

Based on:

N=1,000

## AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted February 16 – 20, 2012 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 GfK MRI 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-gfkipoll.com>.