



# THE AP-GfK POLL

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

*Interview dates: March 24 – 28, 2011*

*Number of interviews: 1,001*

*Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 4.2 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?

	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	9/3-8/09	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 10/16-20/08	1 Year Ago 3/3-8/10
<b>Right direction</b>	35	37	37	38	39	40	35	37	35	41	46	41	37	48	17	38
<b>Wrong direction</b>	62	57	58	59	59	57	60	60	59	57	50	51	57	44	78	56
Don't know [VOL]	3	6	5	3	3	2	4	2	5	2	5	8	6	7	5	5
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	1	-	-	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	1	*

Based on: 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=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,101 N=1,002

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?

	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
<b>Total happy</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>
Very happy	35	39	34	38	40	39	30	34	36	35	32	35	35	35
Somewhat happy	45	39	46	42	40	40	45	44	44	42	49	43	43	43
<b>Neither happy nor unhappy</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total unhappy</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Somewhat unhappy	11	11	8	10	11	11	11	10	10	10	8	9	10	11
Very unhappy	4	4	5	6	6	4	6	5	4	6	5	4	5	4
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	0	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*

Based on: 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=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006

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?

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<b>Total approve</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>
Strongly approve	24	24	24	23	29	22	23	24	23	24	24	29	26	27	27	24	30	38	38
Somewhat approve	25	23	20	21	14	23	21	20	21	22	22	22	25	22	23	23	20	22	22
Lean approve	5	6	3	5	2	4	5	5	5	4	7	5	5	5	7	3	4	5	5
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>
Lean disapprove	5	5	4	4	1	5	4	5	5	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	6	5	4
Somewhat disapprove	11	12	12	12	10	12	10	13	12	10	12	9	12	9	10	10	9	6	5
Strongly disapprove	29	29	35	35	43	33	36	31	33	36	31	29	28	30	27	35	28	21	22
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*

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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?

	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	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 approve</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>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>
Strongly approve	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	6	4	4	2	4	3	7	3	3	4	5
Somewhat approve	19	18	20	17	15	19	17	17	20	20	20	18	24	27	20	26	22	23	28
Lean approve	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	2	4	4	2	3	2	3	5	3	5	5
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	2	1	1	*	*	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
<b>Total disapprove</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>70</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>55</b>
Lean disapprove	7	5	4	5	3	4	4	6	4	5	5	6	5	4	5	3	5	5	5
Somewhat disapprove	26	26	24	26	23	23	24	22	24	18	18	24	23	23	20	22	21	17	19
Strongly disapprove	38	38	43	44	53	47	46	45	43	47	47	46	39	38	41	39	43	41	31
Don't know [VOL]	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	4
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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

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?

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<b>Total approve</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>
Strongly approve	9	9	10	11	10	8	11	8	11	8	10
Somewhat approve	29	26	23	20	24	26	23	25	27	24	27
Lean approve	3	4	3	1	4	3	5	4	3	3	3
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>
Lean disapprove	4	3	3	2	2	2	3	4	3	2	3
Somewhat disapprove	20	23	21	19	20	21	22	19	16	23	19
Strongly disapprove	32	33	39	47	38	38	36	38	39	37	36
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1	-	1	2	1	1	*	2	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*

Based on:

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=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?

	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
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>
Strongly approve	5	7	5	5	8	5	6	6	8	5	8
Somewhat approve	22	23	20	18	17	20	21	21	24	21	20
Lean approve	4	6	4	5	6	5	6	4	6	4	4
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2	1	1	*	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>
Lean disapprove	5	3	4	2	3	6	2	4	2	5	4
Somewhat disapprove	29	20	31	32	26	27	30	27	24	27	32
Strongly disapprove	33	38	34	37	38	35	33	34	34	35	28
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	1	*	1	2	1	2	*	1	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	*

Based on:

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=968

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

RANDOMIZE:	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10
Deserves to be re-elected	50	50	39
Deserves to be voted out of office	47	45	54
Don't know [VOL]	3	5	7
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1

Based on:

N=1,001    N=1,001    N=758

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]

	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>The economy...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>88</b>
Extremely important	50	49	45	47	50	47	50	50	49	47	46	50	42	47	46
Very important	40	42	43	42	41	46	42	41	42	44	46	43	45	42	42
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
Slightly important	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
Not at all important	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	*
Don't know [VOL]	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*

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	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>The situation in Iraq...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>
Extremely important	21	27	25	22	24	28	29	32	31	27	27	31	28	32	30
Very important	31	35	34	34	33	35	34	35	32	35	34	35	36	33	37
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>
Slightly important	12	8	12	12	11	10	10	9	7	12	10	8	8	9	9
Not at all important	6	6	4	6	6	4	3	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	3
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Refused [VOL]	-	-	1	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*

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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]

	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Health care...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>83</b>
Extremely important	44	39	38	41	43	43	44	42	42	43	40	46	40	42	46
Very important	36	41	41	39	37	39	35	36	38	36	33	35	41	36	37
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
Slightly important	6	5	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	6	6	6	5	5	5
Not at all important	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	2
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*

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<b>Terrorism...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>
Extremely important	40	42	37	36	36	40	40	48	45	42	44	48	38	41	41
Very important	34	36	40	36	33	37	34	30	35	36	37	35	38	36	35
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Slightly important	7	4	6	7	7	5	6	6	5	7	7	4	7	5	7
Not at all important	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	3
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 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

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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...  
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	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>The environment...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>
Extremely important	30	30	26	26	23	28	28	37	32	27	29	28	26	28	27
Very important	36	37	34	33	29	37	32	35	32	32	33	33	38	32	37
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>
Slightly important	9	10	11	10	13	10	11	7	10	11	13	12	10	10	11
Not at all important	3	2	5	5	6	4	4	1	4	6	5	4	4	4	3
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 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

	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Federal budget deficit...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>
Extremely important	41	40	35	34	41	38	41	42	41	43	41	39	35	38	38
Very important	35	36	37	38	37	37	34	34	35	34	34	35	37	34	35
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Slightly important	6	5	8	7	6	5	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	5	7
Not at all important	3	3	4	3	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	3
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 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

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	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Energy ...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>
Extremely important	37	31	25	27	28	29	29	32	31	32	29	30	28	31	29
Very important	37	44	42	41	39	41	35	43	41	37	38	39	43	37	41
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
Slightly important	7	7	9	8	8	10	11	7	8	8	9	7	8	8	8
Not at all important	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	-

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

	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Taxes...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>66</b>
Extremely important	31	34	30	31	34	32	34	36	35	35	31	34	31	32	32
Very important	38	37	40	39	39	39	35	33	34	33	41	40	40	39	35
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
Slightly important	7	7	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	8	7	6	6	8	9
Not at all important	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	1
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	*
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...  
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	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Immigration...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>59</b>
Extremely important	27	30	24	25	30	35	34	34	28	26	23	26	25	24	26
Very important	28	30	34	32	32	29	31	31	32	30	30	29	30	28	33
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>
Slightly important	14	13	15	13	12	11	11	9	10	14	14	14	16	16	13
Not at all important	6	5	8	7	5	6	5	6	6	8	9	6	8	6	5
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	*	*	1
Refused [VOL]	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	*

Based on:

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

	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>The situation in Afghanistan...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>72</b>
Extremely important	21	30	28	28	29	31	35	32	29	28	28	32	30	34	36
Very important	34	34	37	37	39	42	35	39	37	37	37	40	39	36	36
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Slightly important	11	8	10	9	6	9	6	8	6	9	8	6	7	6	7
Not at all important	6	6	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	2	1
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*

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

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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...  
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	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Relationships with other countries...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>
Extremely important	26	23	20	23	22	23	27	29	22	27	24	25	23	25	28
Very important	38	40	38	36	34	39	36	35	41	38	37	37	38	40	37
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>
Slightly important	7	10	13	10	9	11	11	10	9	9	11	9	10	10	9
Not at all important	4	4	6	4	3	4	3	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	3
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,007 M=1,04 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001

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	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Unemployment...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>81</b>
Extremely important	41	40	38	38	40	41	43	44	40	40	41	41	37	38	40
Very important	41	42	45	44	44	45	40	38	44	43	43	43	45	41	41
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Slightly important	5	4	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	5
Not at all important	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

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=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,001

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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...  
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	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Gas prices...</b>															
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>
Extremely important	42	36	23	23	21	23	24	28	34	32	31	29	22	30	27
Very important	35	35	30	33	30	31	32	35	31	34	31	35	35	33	29
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
Slightly important	5	8	12	10	11	11	12	11	10	10	11	9	13	9	13
Not at all important	2	3	3	5	5	7	6	2	5	2	4	4	4	3	4
Don't know [VOL]	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

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

	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
<b>Education...</b>									
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>
Extremely important	48	47	41	39	40	41	43	44	42
Very important	38	37	42	42	38	42	40	39	40
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
Slightly important	3	4	5	5	5	4	3	5	4
Not at all important	2	1	*	1	1	1	2	1	1
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-

Based on:

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

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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]

	3/24-28/11
<b>The situation in Libya...</b>	
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>44</b>
Extremely important	18
Very important	26
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>22</b>
Slightly important	14
Not at all important	7
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

	3/24-28/11
<b>The situation in Japan...</b>	
<b>Extremely/Very important</b>	<b>68</b>
Extremely important	31
Very important	38
<b>Moderately important</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Slightly/Not at all important</b>	<b>12</b>
Slightly important	8
Not at all important	4
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=1,001

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 NEITHER, 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...	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>50</b>
Strongly approve	18	18	16	15	17	17	16	18	18	20	20	19	22	22	25
Somewhat approve	27	28	24	28	23	23	26	27	26	24	26	28	26	24	25
Lean approve	2	1	1	2	2	2	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>
Lean disapprove	1	1	1	2	1	2	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-
Somewhat disapprove	17	14	17	13	12	16	15	16	15	14	11	13	13	12	11
Strongly disapprove	35	38	40	40	45	39	41	34	36	38	36	35	33	38	33
Don't know [VOL]	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	1	-	-
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*

Based on:

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

The situation in Iraq...	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>50</b>
Strongly approve	16	20	18	19	19	24	17	13	21	16	20	18	20	17	20
Somewhat approve	35	35	32	34	31	34	28	32	30	33	35	31	29	29	30
Lean approve	3	2	3	3	3	2	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>
Lean disapprove	3	2	3	2	2	2	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	21	17	19	21	22	16	20	15	19	18	15	20	18	18	14
Strongly disapprove	21	22	24	20	22	21	24	25	19	24	18	19	22	26	22
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	-	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-

Based on:

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

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 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...	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>
Strongly approve	27	29	25	26	27	26	24	29	30	28	29	28	27	30	26
Somewhat approve	24	20	22	19	18	22	21	20	16	17	20	20	23	19	23
Lean approve	1	2	1	2	1	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>
Lean disapprove	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	10	11	10	9	4	11	11	10	9	7	8	9	9	9	9
Strongly disapprove	37	37	40	43	49	39	42	36	42	45	38	39	37	37	37
Don't know [VOL]	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	-

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

Terrorism...	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>
Strongly approve	25	24	22	25	23	23	24	22	25	22	26	26	23	22	23
Somewhat approve	33	36	32	32	28	32	25	27	27	28	28	28	29	28	29
Lean approve	3	2	3	3	3	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	1
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>
Lean disapprove	2	2	2	2	2	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	14	19	14	16	13	14	13	15	14	13	12	14	14	13
Strongly disapprove	20	22	20	24	29	27	27	26	24	27	25	28	24	25	22
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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 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...	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>
Strongly approve	19	20	19	20	20	17	17	21	20	18	21	20	25	21	22
Somewhat approve	38	36	34	34	32	41	33	29	33	32	33	32	30	33	31
Lean approve	6	7	5	5	4	4	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>
Lean disapprove	4	4	3	4	3	2	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	17	20	19	18	18	17	16	15	16	16	16	13	14	13
Strongly disapprove	15	14	16	17	21	16	19	21	16	20	14	14	18	15	15
Don't know [VOL]	-	*	1	1	1	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

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

Federal budget deficit...	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	11/5-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Strongly approve	13	12	12	12	14	10	10	12	13	13	14	15	15	16	15
Somewhat approve	25	24	23	25	21	25	27	24	22	20	24	21	25	23	25
Lean approve	3	3	2	3	2	4	*	1	*	*	1	*	1	1	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>
Lean disapprove	2	2	2	2	1	1	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	16	17	13	9	15	13	16	14	11	12	14	14	13	10
Strongly disapprove	39	42	42	44	51	45	43	38	41	47	40	38	34	38	38
Don't know [VOL]	-	-	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*

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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 NEITHER, 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...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>
Strongly approve	18	18	19	20	19	19	13	20	20	18	21	22	20	21	22
Somewhat approve	37	36	32	33	28	36	34	32	32	33	31	33	33	31	33
Lean approve	5	5	5	4	3	4	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>
Lean disapprove	3	3	4	2	2	3	-	*	-	1	*	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	19	21	21	23	16	22	17	17	15	14	15	13	14	14
Strongly disapprove	21	17	16	19	25	21	21	19	19	21	16	19	19	18	16
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*

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

Taxes...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>
Strongly approve	15	17	15	17	17	16	15	18	19	15	17	17	18	16	18
Somewhat approve	30	28	29	28	25	29	26	26	23	26	27	25	27	25	28
Lean approve	3	2	2	2	2	2	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	1
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>
Lean disapprove	3	3	2	2	2	2	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	18	19	18	16	13	17	16	15	15	15	14	15	14	14	13
Strongly disapprove	31	30	33	34	42	33	34	30	34	36	29	32	29	32	27
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-

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

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 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...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>
Strongly approve	13	16	11	13	14	12	15	13	13	11	12	13	15	14	13
Somewhat approve	32	27	28	29	23	24	23	23	24	23	27	25	26	24	26
Lean approve	5	4	4	5	6	4	1	*	1	*	*	*	2	1	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>
Lean disapprove	3	3	3	2	1	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	16	17	15	13	16	12	14	16	16	16	18	15	16	15
Strongly disapprove	30	32	35	35	41	40	38	37	34	30	23	26	24	25	26
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*

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

The situation in Afghanistan...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>
Strongly approve	15	17	14	15	16	17	15	13	19	18	22	20	21	14	16
Somewhat approve	35	34	31	34	33	33	29	33	30	33	34	29	31	27	29
Lean approve	5	3	3	3	3	4	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>41</b>
Lean disapprove	3	3	4	2	1	2	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	21	20	23	22	22	21	18	17	21	17	16	20	15	17	15
Strongly disapprove	20	22	24	22	23	23	26	24	18	21	16	22	25	30	26
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-

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

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 NEITHER, 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...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>61</b>
Strongly approve	30	29	23	27	28	25	26	29	27	28	29	33	32	30	32
Somewhat approve	31	31	34	30	25	32	29	28	31	27	30	26	28	27	29
Lean approve	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>
Lean disapprove	3	3	3	3	2	3	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	15	18	16	15	14	15	11	12	12	12	15	12	13	14
Strongly disapprove	17	20	19	21	28	23	21	23	20	24	16	17	20	19	19
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Unemployment...	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/-11/09	10/1/-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>
Strongly approve	19	19	16	14	15	16	16	16	19	16	20	20	21	18	18
Somewhat approve	29	26	25	28	24	23	28	26	24	27	27	26	27	26	30
Lean approve	2	2	2	2	2	3	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>
Lean disapprove	2	2	3	2	2	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	18	19	16	13	21	15	15	15	15	13	14	16	14	16
Strongly disapprove	31	32	35	37	44	35	35	32	32	35	30	32	28	33	26
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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 NEITHER, 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...	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	11/5-11/09	10/1-5/09
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>49</b>
Strongly approve	11	10	10	11	11	11	9	11	10	9	13	13	14	11	17
Somewhat approve	22	22	27	32	29	31	29	29	24	24	26	26	25	28	31
Lean approve	3	5	6	7	6	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>
Lean disapprove	4	4	4	5	5	4	*	*	*	1	-	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	18	21	22	21	20	21	20	18	18	18	17	18	14	17	15
Strongly disapprove	40	33	26	23	26	20	20	19	29	27	22	25	23	22	13
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=946 N=1,000 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

Education...	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
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>
Strongly approve	25	29	25	25	22	25	24	24	25
Somewhat approve	32	32	31	32	29	30	28	31	32
Lean approve	3	3	3	4	4	4	*	*	*
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>
Lean disapprove	2	5	3	3	3	3	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	15	19	17	19	16	17	13	15
Strongly disapprove	19	14	16	18	22	20	19	15	16
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	-
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=946 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002

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 NEITHER, 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]?

<b>The situation in Libya...</b>	3/24-28/11
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>54</b>
Strongly approve	21
Somewhat approve	29
Lean approve	5
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>43</b>
Lean disapprove	3
Somewhat disapprove	18
Strongly disapprove	23
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=1,001

<b>The situation in Japan...</b>	3/24-28/11
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>75</b>
Strongly approve	32
Somewhat approve	35
Lean approve	8
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>22</b>
Lean disapprove	3
Somewhat disapprove	11
Strongly disapprove	8
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=1,001

**RANDOMIZE BUD3/BUD3a with BUD4/BUD4a**

BUD3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling the federal budget deficit?

[FOR EACH "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

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

BUD3a. [IF NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE IN BUD3, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling the federal budget deficit?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>35</b>
Strongly approve	9
Somewhat approve	22
Lean approve	4
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>62</b>
Lean disapprove	23
Somewhat disapprove	35
Strongly disapprove	5
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

*Based on:*

*N=1,001*

BUD4. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling the federal budget deficit?  
 [FOR EACH "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?  
 [FOR EACH "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?]

BUD4a. [IF NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE IN BUD2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling the federal budget deficit?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>31</b>
Strongly approve	6
Somewhat approve	22
Lean approve	2
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>68</b>
Lean disapprove	27
Somewhat disapprove	33
Strongly disapprove	7
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

*Based on:*

*N=1,001*



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]

<b>Barack Obama</b>	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>Total favorable</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>55</b>
Very favorable	31	33	33	30	31	33	32	32	34	34
Somewhat favorable	28	26	22	28	21	24	25	27	22	22
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	14	16	14	14	11	11	12	13	14	13
Very unfavorable	26	24	30	29	37	31	31	27	28	31
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	*	-	1	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	1

Based on: 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

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

Based on: 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=1,002 N=1,008

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]

<b>Hillary Clinton</b>	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
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>69</b>
Very favorable	33	37	30	31	32	31	29	30	30	32	30	31
Somewhat favorable	36	32	35	37	33	31	36	34	32	34	36	38
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	18	15	17	17	19	18	19	17	17	17	17	14
Very unfavorable	13	15	16	14	15	19	14	17	18	15	14	15
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1

Based on:

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=1,002    N=1,008

<b>John Boehner</b>	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>
Very favorable	8	9	9	5	7
Somewhat favorable	28	25	25	24	27
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	19	22	15	18	18
Very unfavorable	12	9	11	11	14
Don't know [VOL]	33	34	38	41	35
Refused [VOL]	*	1	1	1	*

Based on:

N=1,001    N=1,001    N=1,000    N=1,501    N=846

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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]

<b>Haley Barbour</b>	3/24-28/11	11/3-8/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>
Very favorable	4	6
Somewhat favorable	20	16
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	14	14
Very unfavorable	8	6
Don't know [VOL]	54	58
Refused [VOL]	1	1

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

<b>Mitch Daniels</b>	3/24-28/11	11/3-8/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Very favorable	3	3
Somewhat favorable	17	18
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	14	13
Very unfavorable	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	62	62
Refused [VOL]	1	1

Based on: N=1,001 N=958

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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]

<b>Newt Gingrich</b>	3/24-28/11	11/3-8/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>
Very favorable	10	12
Somewhat favorable	30	29
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	21	21
Very unfavorable	22	20
Don't know [VOL]	18	18
Refused [VOL]	*	*

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

<b>Mike Huckabee</b>	3/24-28/11	11/3-8/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>
Very favorable	14	16
Somewhat favorable	31	34
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	20	16
Very unfavorable	14	11
Don't know [VOL]	21	24
Refused [VOL]	1	*

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

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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]

<b>Jon Huntsman</b>	3/24-28/11
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>19</b>
Very favorable	1
Somewhat favorable	17
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>14</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	10
Very unfavorable	4
Don't know [VOL]	68
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

	3/24-28/11	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
<b>Sarah Palin</b>											
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>
Very favorable	15	18	15	20	15	14	16	16	17	16	21
Somewhat favorable	24	28	28	29	23	27	29	24	28	27	24
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	18	15	16	12	18	15	18	16	14	18	17
Very unfavorable	39	34	38	38	40	39	34	37	36	34	33
Don't know [VOL]	4	5	4	1	4	5	3	6	4	6	4
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1

Based on:

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

N=962

N=962

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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]

<b>Tim Pawlenty</b>	3/24-28/11	11/3-8/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>
Very favorable	5	5
Somewhat favorable	20	20
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	16	14
Very unfavorable	5	5
Don't know [VOL]	53	57
Refused [VOL]	*	*

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

<b>Mitt Romney</b>	3/24-28/11	11/3-8/10
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>
Very favorable	9	12
Somewhat favorable	32	34
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	23	20
Very unfavorable	10	11
Don't know [VOL]	26	23
Refused [VOL]	*	*

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

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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]

<b>Rick Santorum</b>	3/24-28/11
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>23</b>
Very favorable	3
Somewhat favorable	20
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>21</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	13
Very unfavorable	8
Don't know [VOL]	56
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

<b>Michelle Bachmann</b>	3/24-28/11
<b>Total favorable</b>	<b>30</b>
Very favorable	8
Somewhat favorable	22
<b>Total unfavorable</b>	<b>27</b>
Somewhat unfavorable	14
Very unfavorable	13
Don't know [VOL]	43
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

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

	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	1/9-14/09
Extremely well	23	20	20	24	27	29	33
Very well	22	21	21	25	20	25	32
Somewhat well	23	26	23	22	21	25	21
Not too well	10	15	10	12	13	8	7
Not well at all	21	18	25	18	19	13	5
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	*	*	*	1	*	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-	-	-	*	-	*	*

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

\*NOTE: Prior to January, 2011, the poll asked of "How well do you think Barack Obama understands the important issues the country will need to focus on during the next four years?"

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]

<b>He understands the problems of ordinary Americans...</b>	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
<b>Total Very/Somewhat well</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>81</b>
Very well	34	34	34	37	41	42	49	51	52
Somewhat well	26	27	19	21	27	25	25	27	29
<b>Total Slightly/Not at all well</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>
Slightly well	11	10	10	11	8	6	10	9	7
Not at all well	29	28	36	32	24	26	16	12	11
Don't know	*	1	-	*	*	1	*	1	1
Refused	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	*

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

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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]

	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
<b>He will keep America safe...</b>									
<b>Total Very/Somewhat well</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>77</b>
Very well	33	31	28	30	33	34	42	36	40
Somewhat well	28	32	30	28	31	30	29	30	37
<b>Total Slightly/Not at all well</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>
Slightly well	12	13	11	11	11	10	10	13	9
Not at all well	27	23	30	31	24	25	18	16	12
Don't know	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	6	2
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

	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
<b>He cares about people like you...</b>									
<b>Total Very/Somewhat well</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>
Very well	36	37	38	36	41	41	50	52	53
Somewhat well	23	26	19	22	24	24	21	24	26
<b>Total Slightly/Not at all well</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>
Slightly well	12	9	9	10	9	7	8	9	7
Not at all well	28	27	33	32	25	27	19	13	12
Don't know	*	1	*	1	1	1	2	2	2
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	*

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

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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]

<b>He is a strong leader...</b>	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
<b>Total Very/Somewhat well</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>78</b>
Very well	34	34	32	36	42	45	54	50	54
Somewhat well	23	28	26	22	25	23	21	25	24
<b>Total Slightly/Not at all well</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>
Slightly well	14	11	11	10	10	10	8	10	8
Not at all well	29	27	31	32	22	21	16	11	9
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	1	1	5	4
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	*

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

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

Based on:

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

CUR7. As you may know, the Republicans now control the House of Representatives, while Democrats control the Senate and the presidency. Do you think it is good for the country, bad for the country, or does it not really make a difference that the Republicans now control the House of Representatives while Democrats control the Senate and the presidency?

	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	11/6-10/08*
Good for the country	31	38	42	42
Bad for the country	26	25	22	34
Does not really make a difference	42	34	33	20
Don't know [VOL]	1	2	3	4
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	1

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,001

N=1,000

N=1,001

\*NOTE: Question wording in previous wave: "As you may know, the Democrats will now control the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Presidency. Do you think it good for the country, bad for the country, or does it not really make a difference that the Democrats now control the House, the Senate and the Presidency?"

CUR40. How well do you think the Republicans in Congress understand the important issues the country will need to focus on during the next two years? Would you say... [READ EACH ITEM.]

	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11
<b>Total Extremely/Very well</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>
Extremely well	9	10
Very well	17	18
<b>Somewhat well</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Not too/not well at all</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>
Not too well	17	17
Not well at all	19	16
Don't know [VOL]	*	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*

Based on:

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?

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

Based on: 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

<b>Protecting the country</b>	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	39	39	36	37	39	42	37	40	41	42
Republicans	49	48	52	56	54	50	48	50	49	47	47
Neither [VOL]	7	9	7	6	6	9	7	11	8	9	7
Don't know [VOL]	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	4
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	1

Based on: 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

<b>Handling health care</b>	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	53	49	48	46	49	50	51	47	48	48	48
Republicans	36	37	43	47	40	40	38	39	40	37	38
Neither [VOL]	8	12	7	7	9	8	10	12	11	11	10
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	*	*	1

Based on: 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

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

	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
<b>Managing the federal budget deficit</b>					
Democrats	42	41	40	39	40
Republicans	43	41	48	52	47
Neither [VOL]	12	15	11	9	12
Don't know [VOL]	4	3	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,001

N=1,501

N=846

N=1,000

	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
<b>Handling taxes</b>					
Democrats	48	45	44	41	42
Republicans	40	42	47	52	48
Neither [VOL]	9	10	7	7	8
Don't know [VOL]	3	3	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,001

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N=1,501

N=846

N=1,000

	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
<b>Creating jobs</b>					
Democrats	49	44	44	40	42
Republicans	39	40	45	52	45
Neither [VOL]	10	13	9	8	10
Don't know [VOL]	2	3	1	1	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,001

N=1,501

N=846

N=1,000

Continues...

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

	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10
<b>Handling immigration</b>				
Democrats	43	44	41	39
Republicans	42	40	46	50
Neither [VOL]	12	13	10	9
Don't know [VOL]	4	4	3	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,001

N=1,501

N=846

	3/24-28/11
<b>Keeping the United States a leader in the world economy</b>	
Democrats	43
Republicans	46
Neither [VOL]	8
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=1,001

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?

	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	4/16-20/09
<b>Total Democrat</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>	<b>46</b>
Democrat – strong	14	12	14	16	20	16	14	15	15	14	15	14	12	18	17	14	14	20	16
Democrat – moderate	15	16	17	16	13	15	18	19	20	18	18	18	16	17	16	16	20	15	20
Independent – lean Democratic	16	14	9	11	9	13	12	12	10	9	12	12	9	8	10	9	9	11	10
None – lean Democratic	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*
<b>Total Republican</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>	<b>28</b>
Republican – strong	9	9	13	12	18	12	11	9	10	14	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	11	9
Republican – moderate	11	16	15	13	14	13	14	15	16	12	12	12	13	10	11	11	12	12	9
Independent – lean Republican	14	11	11	14	15	15	14	11	13	14	12	12	11	10	11	13	10	9	9
None – lean Republican	*	-	-	*	1	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	4	6	6	3	2	3	5	4	2	4	5	5	7	6	5	8	5	5	7
[VOL] None – don't lean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[VOL] Other	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Don't know	17	16	16	15	7	13	14	15	14	15	15	18	24	19	21	19	18	17	19
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

**ASK OF REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS**

ELE31. How much interest do you have in following news about the upcoming elections for the Republican presidential nomination? A great deal, quite a bit, only some, very little, or no interest at all?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total Great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>65</b>
A great deal	39
Quite a bit	26
<b>Only some</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total Very little/No interest at all</b>	<b>12</b>
Very little	8
No interest at all	5
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=421



**ASK OF REPUBLICANS/REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS; ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS IN PARENTHESES**

ELE32. And thinking about the people who may be candidates in the upcoming elections for the Republican presidential nomination, would you say you are more (satisfied) with your choices or more (dissatisfied) with your choices?

[IF "SATISFIED," ASK:] And would that be strongly satisfied or somewhat satisfied?

[IF "DISSATISFIED," ASK:] And would that be strongly dissatisfied or somewhat dissatisfied?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total Satisfied</b>	<b>52</b>
Strongly satisfied	13
Somewhat satisfied	38
<b>Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Dissatisfied</b>	<b>33</b>
Somewhat dissatisfied	24
Strongly dissatisfied	9
Don't know [VOL]	9
Refused [VOL]	-

*Based on:*

*N=421*

BUD2. How likely is it that the current size of the federal budget deficit will cause a major economic crisis for this country in the next ten years? Is that...

	3/24-28/11	11/18-22/10
<b>Total Extremely/Very likely</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>
Extremely likely	31	27
Very likely	24	28
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total Not too/Not likely at all</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>
Not too likely	10	9
Not likely at all	5	4
Don't know [VOL]	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,000

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

	3/24-28/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	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
<b>Total worried</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>
Very worried	58	48	50	54	50	47	46	49	45	42
Somewhat worried	27	32	30	26	31	33	34	30	34	37
<b>Total not worried</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>
Not too worried	9	10	10	10	11	11	11	12	13	11
Not at all worried	5	10	9	9	8	9	8	9	7	8
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	*	-	-	*	1	-	*	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	2

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,501

N=846

N=1,007

N=1,008

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,101

CURJ16. As you may know, it is estimated that the federal budget deficit now exceeds one trillion dollars. If you had to choose, what do you think should be the HIGHER priority? [READ EACH ITEM.]

[RANDOMIZE ORDER]

	3/24-28/11
Increasing government spending on education, infrastructure, and the development of alternative energy sources, even if that means the federal budget deficit will increase even more	52
Reducing the federal budget deficit by cutting spending, even if that means the government could not enact new programs on education, infrastructure, and the development of alternative energy sources	41
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	6
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,001

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

	3/24-28/11	11/18-22/10
Increasing taxes	29	30
Cutting government services	62	59
Both equally [VOL]	4	4
Neither [VOL]	3	5
Don't know [VOL]	1	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=925

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

	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	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08
Good time to invest	43	46	46	45	50	37	36	38	40	48	45	47	41	42	42	41	37	43	41	33
Bad time	53	48	47	51	46	61	61	58	55	49	49	49	52	53	52	52	57	52	53	58
Don't know	4	6	6	5	5	3	4	4	5	3	6	4	7	6	5	6	6	5	5	9
Refused	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,802 N=1,802 N=1,800 N=1,502 N=946 N=1,800 N=1,807 N=1,804 N=1,802 N=1,802 N=1,802 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

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

	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	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08
Good time to invest	63	61	61	59	61	62	60	69	69	65	66	66	65	66	69	70	65	74	64	56
Bad time	36	37	36	39	37	37	38	30	29	34	32	32	32	31	29	28	32	25	32	37
Don't know	1	1	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	7
Refused	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*

Based on: N=1,802 N=1,802 N=1,800 N=1,502 N=946 N=1,800 N=1,807 N=1,804 N=1,802 N=1,802 N=1,802 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

- 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?

	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
<b>Total good</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>
Very good	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Somewhat good	9	7	4	7	8	4	4	9	8	6	6	6	10	9	8	5
Neither – lean good	13	13	9	11	13	11	11	14	11	14	10	14	13	9	11	10
<b>Neither – Don't lean [VOL]</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total poor</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>80</b>
Neither – lean poor	17	14	16	15	12	14	17	12	14	15	18	17	16	12	13	12
Somewhat poor	33	35	33	30	27	30	30	33	33	30	33	30	24	33	32	33
Very poor	23	26	35	30	32	35	34	27	28	31	28	28	31	32	30	35
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	*	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

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

- 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?

	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
<b>Total good</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>
Very good	14	15	14	15	18	15	14	14	18	15	14	14	12	14	16
Somewhat good	32	28	31	35	38	30	30	32	31	28	31	31	33	31	29
Neither – lean good	16	15	17	15	15	16	17	18	11	16	17	15	16	13	15
<b>Neither – Don't lean [VOL]</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total poor</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>
Neither – lean poor	12	12	10	9	9	9	15	8	10	11	12	12	10	12	12
Somewhat poor	13	15	13	12	8	13	12	14	12	16	12	15	12	13	13
Very poor	9	11	11	10	7	10	9	8	11	11	9	10	12	9	10
Don't know [VOL]	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1

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

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

	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
Got better	15	30	20	17	20	13	12	19	25	25	20	25	24	22	24	25
Got worse	27	18	16	19	20	22	22	16	18	18	16	16	21	24	17	21
Stayed about the same	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	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-

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

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

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

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

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total Better</b>	<b>32</b>
A lot better	9
A little better	22
<b>Stay about the same</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Total Worse</b>	<b>13</b>
A little worse	10
A lot worse	4
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

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?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Get better</b>	<b>32</b>
A lot better	5
A little better	27
<b>Stay about the same</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Get worse</b>	<b>26</b>
A little worse	17
A lot worse	9
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=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?

	3/24-28/11
Increase more rapidly	33
Increase at the same rate	25
Increase at a slower rate	18
Stay about the same	19
Will fall	4
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

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?

	3/24-28/11
A good time	31
Neither a good nor bad time	30
A bad time	38
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

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?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total Good Time to Save</b>	<b>91</b>
Very good time to save	51
Fairly good time to save	40
<b>Total Bad Time to Save</b>	<b>8</b>
Fairly bad time to save	6
Very bad time to save	2
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

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 or slight decrease?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total Increase</b>	<b>33</b>
A sharp increase	9
A slight increase	24
<b>Remain the same</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total Decrease</b>	<b>30</b>
A slight decrease	25
A sharp decrease	5
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	-

*Based on:*

*N=1,001*

*Some questions held for later release*

ME1 through ME7 previously released

ME1. In general, do you think it should or should not be the role of the United States to promote the establishment of democratic governments in other countries?

	3/24-28/11
Should be the role	32
Should not be the role	64
Don't know [VOL]	4
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

ME2/2a. Do you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of U.S. involvement in military actions taken in Libya?

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

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

[IF NEITHER, DK or REF, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of U.S. involvement in military actions taken in Libya?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total approve</b>	<b>48</b>
Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	27
Neither – lean approve	7
<b>Neither – Don't lean [VOL]</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b>	<b>50</b>
Neither – lean disapprove	22
Somewhat disapprove	23
Strongly disapprove	5
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

ME4. Would you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose the U.S. sending ground troops into Libya?  
 [FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly favor or somewhat favor?  
 FOR EACH "OPPOSE," ASK: Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?]

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total favor</b>	<b>13</b>
Strongly favor	4
Somewhat favor	9
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>78</b>
Somewhat oppose	24
Strongly oppose	54
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

ME5a. Would you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose the U.S. taking increased military action against Libya to remove Moammar Gadhafi from power?  
 [FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK:] Is that strongly favor or somewhat favor?  
 [FOR EACH "OPPOSE," ASK:] Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Total favor</b>	<b>55</b>
Strongly favor	32
Somewhat favor	23
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>33</b>
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	19
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

[ROTATE ASKING ORDER OF ME6/ME7]

ME6. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. military involvement in Libya will become a long-term commitment of forces... extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Extremely/Very likely</b>	<b>33</b>
Extremely likely	15
Very likely	18
<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all likely</b>	<b>25</b>
Not too likely	18
Not at all likely	7
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

ME7. How confident are you that the military action underway in Libya will result in the establishment of a stable, democratic government there... extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not at all confident?

	3/24-28/11
<b>Extremely/Very confident</b>	<b>7</b>
Extremely confident	2
Very confident	5
<b>Somewhat confident</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Not too/Not at all confident</b>	<b>59</b>
Not too confident	31
Not at all confident	28
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

Some questions held for later release

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

	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	30	31	30	30	36	28	28	27	27	31
Not a supporter	65	61	66	67	60	68	69	65	68	60
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	6	7	4	4	3	4	3	7	5	9
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	*	1

Based on: 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

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?]

	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	8	8	8	9	10	10	10	11	8	6	9	11
Liberal - somewhat	15	14	11	14	11	12	15	11	15	14	14	14
Conservative - strongly	18	20	22	22	29	20	20	21	21	21	18	20
Conservative - somewhat	23	19	24	22	18	25	21	23	23	23	21	18
Moderate	32	36	33	31	31	31	33	32	31	32	35	35
Don't know	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	2
Refused	*	2	1	1	*	1	*	1	1	1	1	*

Based on: 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...

	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	9/3-8/09
Full-time	45	44	47	46	46	46	47	48	49	45	43	44	46	44	44
Part-time	15	17	12	13	13	16	11	13	11	14	13	15	11	10	12
Not employed	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=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=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001

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

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

Based on: 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 September of 2010 – have you or has someone in your family lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	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	7/16-20/09	High 2/12-17/09	Low 5/28-6/1/09	1 Year Ago 3/3-8/10
Yes (self lost job)	6	8	6	7	6	6	7	8	6	9	5	8	10	7	8
Yes (someone in family)	22	27	18	16	25	25	29	21	23	22	26	21	25	21	23
No	70	62	72	76	68	67	61	69	69	66	65	65	65	70	67
Both (self and family member) [VOL]	1	4	3	1	1	2	4	1	3	3	2	4	1	1	2
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	1	*
Refused	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	1	1	-	*	*

Based on: 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=1,006 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,002



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

	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	High 1/12-17/10	Low 5/28-6/1/09	1 Year Ago 3/3-8/10
Yes	60	65	55	54	65	65	70	63	64	69	65	71	60	64
No	40	35	44	46	35	35	29	36	36	30	34	29	39	35
Don't know	*	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	-

Based on:

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=1,003    N=1,008    N=1,000    N=1,002

[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	3
Divorced	9
Widowed	5
Never Married	23
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Less than high school graduate	11
High school graduate	32
Technical/trade school	5
Some college	23
College graduate	14
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	22
30-49	37
50-64	23
65+	17
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Urban area	25
Suburban area	40
Rural area	33
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	*

*Based on:*

*N=1,001*

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

Own	61
Rent	25
Other arrangement	13
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

*Based on:*

*N=1,001*

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

Yes	38
No	61
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

*Based on:*

*N=1,001*

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	67
Two lines	4
Three or more lines	1
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,001

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

None	8
One	69
Two	18
Three or more	4
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,001

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	40
Both equally	34
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=653

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	52
One	35
Two	8
Three or more	3
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=300

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	39
No	58
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,001

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	21
Catholic	23
Mormon	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Other religion [SPECIFY]	27
Don't belong to religious denomination	24
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Yes, a Christian	84
No, not a Christian	16
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=225

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	11
A few times a year	24
Once or twice a month	11
Once a week	23
More than once a week	14
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Yes	13
No	85
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,001

- 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	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Other Asian	*
Other Pacific Islander	*
Some other race [SPECIFY]	10
Multiple races [VOL]	3
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,001

- 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+	43
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Under \$10,000	11
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	4
Refused [VOL]	5

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Yes	42
No	56
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,001



[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	49
1	15
2	12
3	7
4	1
5-9 times	4
10-14 times	4
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	2
25 times or more	2
Don't know [VOL]	4
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=523

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

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,001

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,001

## AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted from March 24 through March 28, 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 1,001 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 701 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 4.2 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>.