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

Interview dates: November 29– December 3, 2012

Number of interviews, adults: 1,002

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.9 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?

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 10/16-20/08
Right direction	42	41	40	41	42	41	41	35	31	37	39	26	24	21	33	45	35	37	48	17
Wrong direction	50	50	51	51	48	49	52	60	60	56	57	70	72	75	63	52	62	57	44	78
Don't know [VOL]	8	9	8	8	9	9	5	5	8	7	3	4	5	4	3	3	3	6	7	5
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	1	1	2	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001



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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," DK NOR REFUSED 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?

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	HIGH 2/12-17/09	LOW 12/8-12/11
Total approve	57	52	50	49	56	54	52	49	49	53	49	44	46	46	52	60	53	53	67	44
Strongly approve	29	27	27	30	30	32	34	27	23	24	26	19	20	19	24	32	24	24	37	19
Somewhat approve	21	19	17	16	20	18	15	18	22	23	17	20	20	20	21	23	25	23	23	20
Lean approve	7	6	5	4	6	4	3	4	5	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	5	6	8	6
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	*	1	1	1	*	1	2	1	4	1
Total disapprove	41	45	48	49	40	42	47	49	48	46	49	54	52	52	47	39	45	46	24	54
Lean disapprove	3	4	3	3	5	3	2	5	5	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	5	4	4
Somewhat disapprove	8	7	6	6	6	6	5	9	9	10	10	12	12	13	12	10	11	12	4	12
Strongly disapprove	30	35	38	40	29	33	40	36	35	32	34	38	36	36	30	25	29	29	16	38
Don't know [VOL]	1	2	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	5	1
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	*	1	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," DK NOR REFUSED ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

	11/29-12/3/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	HIGH 5/28-6/1/09	LOW 8/18-22/11
Total approve	23	22	18	19	15	16	12	21	30	27	26	26	23	20	26	24	24	28	38	12
Strongly approve	4	4	3	4	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	6	5	2
Somewhat approve	15	13	13	13	11	11	8	16	23	19	18	20	17	15	19	17	17	20	28	8
Lean approve	4	5	2	3	2	3	1	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	2	5	1
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	*	*	1	2	1	3	1
Total disapprove	74	75	78	78	84	82	87	76	68	71	69	71	75	79	73	74	73	71	55	87
Lean disapprove	7	7	4	4	5	3	3	5	4	7	5	4	5	3	4	4	6	4	5	3
Somewhat disapprove	20	23	24	23	24	23	24	27	28	26	26	24	26	23	23	24	22	24	19	24
Strongly disapprove	47	46	50	52	55	56	60	44	36	38	38	43	44	53	47	46	45	43	31	60
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*

Source: -1,002 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000



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CURJ3. What kind of president do you think Barack Obama has been so far? Do you think he has been ...
 [ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE:] An outstanding president, above average, average, below average, or poor?
 [ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE:] A poor president, below average, average, above average, or outstanding?

	11/29-12/3/12	5/5-9/11	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	1/9-14/09*
Outstanding/Above average	37	42	34	42	65
Outstanding	13	16	12	16	28
Above average	25	26	22	26	37
Average	26	28	28	26	24
Below average/Poor	36	30	38	31	6
Below average	15	15	14	16	4
Poor	20	16	24	16	3
Don't know	*	-	*	*	5
Refused	*	*	-	*	1

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

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



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Some items in CURJ11 held for later release

CURJ11. Do you think it is likely, unlikely, or neither likely nor unlikely that Barack Obama will be able to achieve each of the following during the next four years? How about:

[ASK IF SAY LIKELY/UNLIKELY:] Is that very or somewhat (likely/unlikely)?

	11/29-12/3/12	7/16-20/09	1/09-14/09
Improve the economy...			
Total likely	54	61	81
Very likely	21	24	31
Somewhat likely	33	37	49
Neither likely or unlikely	3	3	3
Total unlikely	42	36	17
Somewhat unlikely	10	12	8
Very unlikely	32	24	9
Don't know	1	*	*
Refused	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,006

N=1,001

*This item previously released

	11/29-12/3/12	7/16-20/09	1/09-14/09
Reduce the federal budget deficit...			
Total likely	40	35	49
Very likely	14	11	15
Somewhat likely	26	24	34
Neither likely or unlikely	4	5	5
Total unlikely	53	60	45
Somewhat unlikely	13	18	20
Very unlikely	40	41	25
Don't know	3	1	1
Refused	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,006

N=1,001



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CURJ11. (CONTINUED) Do you think it is likely, unlikely, or neither likely nor unlikely that Barack Obama will be able to achieve each of the following during the next four years? How about:

[ASK IF SAY LIKELY/UNLIKELY:] Is that very or somewhat (likely/unlikely)?

	11/29-12/3/12	1/09-14/09
Improve race relations ...		
Total likely	56	75
Very likely	22	35
Somewhat likely	34	40
Neither likely or unlikely	7	7
Total unlikely	32	17
Somewhat unlikely	12	9
Very unlikely	20	8
Don't know	5	2
Refused	1	*

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,001

	11/29-12/3/12
Implement the health care law passed in March 2010	
Total likely	65
Very likely	35
Somewhat likely	30
Neither likely or unlikely	3
Total unlikely	27
Somewhat unlikely	13
Very unlikely	13
Don't know	5
Refused	*

Based on:

N=616



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CURJ11. (Continued) Do you think it is likely, unlikely, or neither likely nor unlikely that Barack Obama will be able to achieve each of the following during the next four years? How about:

[ASK IF SAY LIKELY/UNLIKELY:] Is that very or somewhat (likely/unlikely)?

Remove most troops from Afghanistan	11/29-12/3/12
Total likely	68
Very likely	36
Somewhat likely	32
Neither likely or unlikely	5
Total unlikely	24
Somewhat unlikely	14
Very unlikely	11
Don't know	3
Refused	-

Based on:

N=386

Some items held for later release

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?

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	High: 2/16-20/12	Low: 8/18-22/11
Total good	25	24	25	26	22	22	22	24	17	20	30	15	12	11	16	21	22	30	11
Very good	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	*	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Somewhat good	13	11	12	12	12	11	11	11	10	10	13	5	3	4	5	8	9	13	4
Neither – lean good	10	10	11	12	8	9	9	10	5	8	15	10	9	5	10	13	13	15	5
Neither–Don't lean [VOL]	12	16	14	12	18	17	16	11	16	15	4	5	6	3	4	6	4	4	3
Total poor	63	60	60	60	59	59	61	65	66	64	66	80	81	86	80	73	73	66	86
Neither – lean poor	6	6	6	4	5	5	4	6	9	6	10	12	8	12	12	15	17	10	12
Somewhat poor	28	25	25	25	22	21	20	30	26	27	24	34	31	33	32	32	33	24	33
Very poor	29	29	30	31	31	33	36	29	31	31	32	34	43	42	36	27	23	32	42
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-

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

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	High:1/5-10/11	Low:8/18-22/11
Got better	20	23	25	28	21	22	24	15	16	22	28	20	9	6	13	22	15	30	30	6
Got worse	19	17	16	16	22	24	27	25	23	20	18	15	23	49	27	22	27	18	18	49
Stayed about the same	60	58	57	55	55	53	48	58	59	56	53	64	68	45	60	56	58	52	52	45
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 TOTAL N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

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?

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Better	29	39	37	37	36	34	33	30	30	31	37	36	34	31	32	34	32
A lot better	10	14	14	14	16	15	13	13	13	14	15	13	12	13	11	14	9
A little better	19	25	24	23	21	19	20	16	17	18	22	23	22	18	21	20	22
Stay about the same	47	43	44	45	44	45	45	52	51	47	50	52	54	56	57	54	55
Total Worse	23	9	10	8	12	12	13	14	15	18	11	11	12	12	11	11	13
A little worse	12	5	5	5	6	6	5	8	8	11	7	6	6	6	6	7	10
A lot worse	11	5	5	4	6	7	8	6	8	8	4	5	5	6	5	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	2	9	9	10	8	8	9	4	3	3	2	*	*	1	*	1	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001



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

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Get better	40	52	53	57	49	48	46	41	40	40	39	35	28	27	30	41	32
A lot better	9	16	18	20	14	14	12	10	11	10	9	6	5	6	5	7	5
A little better	31	36	35	37	34	34	34	31	29	30	30	29	23	22	25	33	27
Stay about the same	29	24	23	19	24	23	23	30	35	33	36	40	41	40	44	36	42
Get worse	29	10	9	9	15	15	16	20	19	22	24	25	30	32	26	23	26
A little worse	13	6	5	5	7	6	7	10	10	10	14	13	18	16	15	13	17
A lot worse	17	5	4	4	8	8	8	10	9	12	10	11	12	16	11	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	2	13	15	15	12	14	15	8	5	5	2	1	1	1	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 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?

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Increase more rapidly	22	16	16	14	22	23	24	30	18	19	29	18	24	24	25	30	33
Increase at the same rate	32	22	23	25	22	23	25	23	25	28	28	29	26	28	28	28	25
Increase at a slower rate	18	21	20	18	20	19	18	17	20	21	20	22	23	22	21	20	18
Stay about the same	22	28	28	28	25	25	22	22	31	25	20	28	24	21	22	18	19
Will fall	2	4	4	5	4	3	2	4	4	4	2	3	3	4	3	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	3	9	9	10	7	7	8	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

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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?

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
A good time	35	31	33	33	34	36	36	30	30	30	36	35	27	28	29	34	31
Neither a good nor bad time	29	28	26	29	24	22	21	31	26	26	28	28	29	30	31	29	30
A bad time	32	34	33	31	34	34	36	35	39	38	34	35	42	41	39	36	38
Don't know [VOL]	4	7	8	7	7	8	7	4	5	6	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*

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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?

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Good Time to Save	86	87	87	89	86	86	88	87	86	88	90	90	91	89	89	90	91
Very good time to save	53	53	54	54	51	52	54	51	49	54	50	53	56	57	54	50	51
Fairly good time to save	34	33	33	35	35	35	34	36	37	34	40	37	35	32	35	40	40
Total Bad Time to Save	12	10	9	8	9	10	8	11	12	11	9	10	9	10	9	9	8
Fairly bad time to save	7	5	5	4	5	6	5	7	7	5	5	4	5	5	5	6	6
Very bad time to save	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	3	2
Don't know [VOL]	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001



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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?

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Increase	39	26	25	22	30	31	34	30	31	35	30	35	40	43	37	34	33
A sharp increase	16	6	7	6	10	10	10	10	10	11	8	10	11	15	11	9	9
A slight increase	23	20	18	16	21	21	23	21	21	25	22	25	29	28	26	26	24
Remain the same	29	29	27	26	29	27	23	38	35	32	35	41	36	33	40	35	37
Total Decrease	31	37	39	42	32	32	32	27	31	29	34	24	23	24	23	31	30
A slight decrease	26	29	31	32	25	25	26	23	26	25	28	21	19	19	20	27	25
A sharp decrease	5	8	9	10	7	7	7	4	5	4	6	3	4	5	3	3	5
Don't know [VOL]	2	8	8	10	9	10	10	5	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

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Some items in CUR25 previously released

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

Handling the economy	11/29-12/3/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Democrats	45	43	41	38	45	43	49	47	45	44	41	41	45	47	44	44	47	49
Republicans	39	45	44	43	40	42	38	41	40	47	51	46	43	42	41	44	40	40
Neither [VOL]	11	11	12	15	13	12	11	9	12	8	7	11	10	9	13	10	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	4	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	*	*	1	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008



BUD3Z through TC1 previously released

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

	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13- 17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18-/12	5/3-7/12
Democrat	33	31	32	34	31	32	31	31	29	31
Independent	27	27	28	27	29	30	30	30	33	29
Republican	23	25	28	30	22	25	30	23	22	22
None of these	15	14	8	6	17	13	8	15	15	17
Don't know [VOL]	1	2	2	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	2	2	2	3	*	*	*	1	1	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004



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PID1/
PIDi.

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

	11/29-12/3/12
Total Democrat	49
Democrat	33
Independent – lean Democratic	10
None – lean Democratic	6
Total Republican	37
Republican	23
Independent – lean Republican	9
None – lean Republican	5
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	6
[VOL] None – don't lean	4
[VOL] Independent – lean other	1
[VOL] None – lean other	1
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,002

G11b. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	11/29-12/3/12
Liberal	21
Conservative	40
Moderate	32
Don't know	5
Refused	2

Based on:

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.

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

Less than high school graduate	7
High school graduate	34
Technical/trade school	4
Some college	25
College graduate	16
Some graduate school	2
Graduate degree	10
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,002

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	22
30-49	36
50-64	22
65+	17
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Urban area	26
Suburban area	39
Rural area	30
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Own	60
Rent	27
Other arrangement	10
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,002

ASK IF HOMEOWNER (DM6=1):

DMHO. Do you currently have a mortgage or home equity loan, or not?

Yes	58
No	41
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=704

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home? 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	33
One Line	60
Two lines	2
Three or more lines	1
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,002

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

None	7
One	76
Two	10
Three or more	3
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,002

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	30
Cell phone	39
Both equally	31
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=597

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

None	50
One	32
Two	9
Three or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=402

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	36
No	58
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	5

Based on:

N=1,002

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	26
Catholic	22
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other religion	18
Don't belong to religious denomination	24
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	5

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Yes, a Christian	85
No, not a Christian	13
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=173

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

Yes	14
No	82
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,002

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

DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White, Caucasian	69
Black, African-American, Negro	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	*
Native Hawaiian	-
Chinese	-
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	*
Korean	*
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	*
Some other race	8
Don't know	2
Refused	6
Multiple races	3

Based on:

N=1,002



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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	48
\$50,000+	43
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	7

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Under \$10,000	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	7
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	8
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	4
Refused [VOL]	11

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,002

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,002

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted November 29 – December 3, 2012 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,002 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 600 respondents on landlines and 402 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 2011 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 2011 Fall estimates provided by GfK MRI Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.9 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>.

