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

Interview dates: August 16– 20, 2012

Number of interviews: 1,006

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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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Making America a better place					
Total Good job	49	44	45	43	40
Very good	14	12	14	14	13
Somewhat good	35	32	32	29	27
Neither good nor bad	10	14	12	14	15
Total Poor job	39	42	42	42	43
Somewhat poor job	19	25	18	20	19
Very poor job	20	17	24	22	24
Don't know [VOL]	2	*	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	1

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Making sure that all people are treated equally					
Total Good job	51	50	45	48	47
Very good	17	13	12	18	16
Somewhat good	33	37	33	31	31
Neither good nor bad	10	13	11	12	9
Total Poor job	38	37	44	38	44
Somewhat poor job	17	18	18	19	19
Very poor job	21	19	26	20	25
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	*	*

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Making sure that our nation is safe from foreign and domestic threats					
Total Good job	69	72	53	58	62
Very good	34	32	20	21	29
Somewhat good	34	40	33	37	33
Neither good nor bad	8	7	11	9	8
Total Poor job	22	20	35	33	29
Somewhat poor job	10	12	16	15	14
Very poor job	12	8	19	18	15
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	*	1	2
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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Making sure all Americans feel safe, secure and free					
Total Good job	58	63	54	53	58
Very good	25	23	17	19	24
Somewhat good	33	40	37	35	34
Neither good nor bad	11	10	9	10	9
Total Poor job	29	27	37	37	32
Somewhat poor job	14	16	18	18	15
Very poor job	15	11	19	19	16
Don't know [VOL]	2	*	*	*	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	-	1

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Promoting the well-being of all Americans, not just special interests					
Total Good job	40	37	37	38	38
Very good	11	9	8	11	11
Somewhat good	29	28	29	27	27
Neither good nor bad	11	11	12	12	12
Total Poor job	45	51	51	49	49
Somewhat poor job	22	24	23	22	22
Very poor job	24	28	28	26	27
Don't know [VOL]	3	1	1	2	2
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	-	*

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Making sure that Americans are free to pursue happiness now and in the future					
Total Good job	52	53	48	46	55
Very good	18	16	15	18	20
Somewhat good	34	37	34	28	35
Neither good nor bad	13	14	10	13	9
Total Poor job	33	33	40	40	34
Somewhat poor job	15	19	18	18	17
Very poor job	18	14	22	22	17
Don't know [VOL]	2	*	1	1	1
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I'm going to read you some pairs of statements, and for each pair, please tell me which one comes closest to your view.

NCC2. How about these statements...Which comes closest to your view?

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
The United States Constitution is an enduring document that remains relevant today, or	69	74	74	75	70
The United States Constitution is an outdated document that needs to be modernized	28	24	26	23	28
Don't know [VOL]	3	2	1	2	3
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	*

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NCC4. And how about these, which do you agree with more?

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
If a majority of people want something to happen, the rights of a few shouldn't stand in the way, or	33	35	35	37	33
The rights of everyone should be protected, even when that means saying no to something the majority of people want to happen.	61	62	62	57	62
Don't know [VOL]	5	3	2	5	5
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	1	*

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

NCC18. Which comes closest to your view?

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09
Judges should interpret the laws as narrowly as possible, taking into account only what is clearly the intention of the lawmakers, or	38	36	41	43
Judges should interpret laws broadly, taking into account the broader interests of the nation	56	60	56	52
Don't know [VOL]	5	3	3	5
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	*

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HALF SAMPLE:

NCC19. Do you think the federal government should have the power to require all Americans to buy health insurance, and to pay a fine if they don't or do you think the federal government should not have that power?

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The federal government should have the power to require	23	16	17
The federal government should not have the power to require	74	82	83
Don't know [VOL]	3	2	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*

Based on:

N=560

N=1,000

N=1,007

HALF SAMPLE:

NCC19A. Do you think the federal government should have the power to require all Americans to buy health insurance, and to pay a tax if they don't, or do you think the federal government should not have that power?

	8/16-20/12
The federal government should have the power to require	26
The federal government should not have the power to require	73
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=446

NCC9. Do you think freedom of speech should mean that...

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
People should have the right to say what they believe even if they take positions that seem deeply offensive to most people OR	71	73	70	76	67
People should have the right to say what they believe, except when they want to say things that seem deeply offensive to most people	26	25	28	21	30
Don't know [VOL]	3	2	3	3	3
Refused [VOL]	1	1	*	1	1

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NCC10. Should couples of the same sex be entitled to the same government benefits as married couples of the opposite sex, or should the government distinguish between them?

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Yes, should be entitled to the same benefits	63	57	58	54	51
No, should distinguish between them	32	40	38	42	43
Don't know [VOL]	4	2	3	4	4
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1

Based on:

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NCC12. Should the government give legal recognition to marriages between couples of the same sex, or not?

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11*	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09
Yes	53	53	52	46
No	42	44	46	53
Don't know [VOL]	4	2	2	1
Refused [VOL]	1	1	*	*

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*prior waves said "federal" government

NCC31. Do you think making laws about marriages between couples of the same sex should be the responsibility of (state governments) or the responsibility of (the federal government)?

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11
State governments	44	55
The federal government	42	39
Don't know [VOL]	12	6
Refused [VOL]	3	1

Based on:

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NCC13. Do you think it is necessary today to have laws to make sure that racial minorities are allowed to vote, or do you think such laws are no longer needed?

	8/16-20/12	9/3-8/09
Yes, still necessary	47	41
No, no longer needed	48	56
Don't know [VOL]	5	3
Refused [VOL]	1	1

Based on:

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NCC14. Which comes closest to your view?

	8/16-20/12	9/3-8/09
The important thing for hiring and promotion policies is to treat all individuals equally, even if that results in less diversity in the workplace. OR	60	65
It's okay to give preferences to certain people if necessary to make the workplace more diverse, as long as the person hired can still do the job well	37	33
Don't know [VOL]	3	2
Refused [VOL]	1	1

Based on:

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NCC15. Do you think that laws limiting gun ownership infringe on the public's right to bear arms under the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution, or do you think they do not infringe on the public's right to bear arms?

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09
Infringe on the public's right to bear arms	49	49	51	55
Do not infringe on the public's right to bear arms	43	46	45	40
Don't know [VOL]	7	4	4	5
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	1

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

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

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Banks and financial institutions			
Extremely/Very confident	13	10	6
Extremely confident	2	3	2
Very confident	11	7	4
Somewhat confident	38	42	42
Not too/Not confident at all	48	47	52
Not too confident	24	24	27
Not confident at all	24	24	25
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Major companies			
Extremely/Very confident	16	12	7
Extremely confident	4	3	2
Very confident	12	9	6
Somewhat confident	50	52	50
Not too/Not confident at all	30	35	42
Not too confident	20	19	26
Not confident at all	11	16	16
Don't know [VOL]	4	2	2
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*

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Small and local businesses			
Extremely/Very confident	49	40	39
Extremely confident	11	10	8
Very confident	37	30	31
Somewhat confident	41	51	49
Not too/Not confident at all	8	8	11
Not too confident	4	6	6
Not confident at all	4	3	5
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Organized labor			
Extremely/Very confident	15	14	10
Extremely confident	4	5	3
Very confident	11	9	8
Somewhat confident	42	45	46
Not too/Not confident at all	36	38	41
Not too confident	16	17	19
Not confident at all	20	21	22
Don't know [VOL]	7	3	2
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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The print media, such as newspapers and news magazines			
Extremely/Very confident	13	12	13
Extremely confident	2	3	4
Very confident	11	10	9
Somewhat confident	47	48	49
Not too/Not confident at all	38	39	38
Not too confident	21	19	21
Not confident at all	18	20	17
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The broadcast news media, such as television and cable news			
Extremely/Very confident	14	13	12
Extremely confident	4	5	5
Very confident	10	9	8
Somewhat confident	40	47	49
Not too/Not confident at all	45	40	39
Not too confident	25	19	21
Not confident at all	21	21	18
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The online news media, such as news websites			
Extremely/Very confident	10	13	11
Extremely confident	2	4	3
Very confident	8	9	8
Somewhat confident	43	49	53
Not too/Not confident at all	40	34	33
Not too confident	22	18	21
Not confident at all	18	16	13
Don't know [VOL]	8	5	3
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Independent or citizen media, such as online blogs			
Extremely/Very confident	10	8	8
Extremely confident	2	3	3
Very confident	8	5	5
Somewhat confident	26	39	33
Not too/Not confident at all	48	47	54
Not too confident	24	25	31
Not confident at all	23	22	23
Don't know [VOL]	16	6	5
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The scientific community, such as universities and research institutes			
Extremely/Very confident	43	33	30
Extremely confident	10	9	8
Very confident	33	24	22
Somewhat confident	42	50	53
Not too/Not confident at all	13	16	17
Not too confident	8	9	10
Not confident at all	5	7	7
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Organized religion			
Extremely/Very confident	20	18	18
Extremely confident	4	6	5
Very confident	15	12	13
Somewhat confident	38	46	44
Not too/Not confident at all	35	34	35
Not too confident	20	14	16
Not confident at all	15	20	19
Don't know [VOL]	7	1	3
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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Public schools			
Extremely/Very confident	24	20	22
Extremely confident	6	6	3
Very confident	18	14	10
Somewhat confident	42	44	49
Not too/Not confident at all	31	36	37
Not too confident	17	19	24
Not confident at all	14	17	13
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	*
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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The military			
Extremely/Very confident	57	54	43
Extremely confident	17	17	13
Very confident	40	37	30
Somewhat confident	33	38	43
Not too/Not confident at all	8	8	13
Not too confident	4	5	8
Not confident at all	3	3	5
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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The federal government			
Extremely/Very confident	13	10	10
Extremely confident	4	4	3
Very confident	9	6	7
Somewhat confident	41	42	48
Not too/Not confident at all	44	47	42
Not too confident	25	26	19
Not confident at all	19	22	24
Don't know [VOL]	2	*	*
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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
State government			
Extremely/Very confident	17	13	9
Extremely confident	4	4	3
Very confident	13	9	7
Somewhat confident	52	54	53
Not too/Not confident at all	31	33	38
Not too confident	20	19	23
Not confident at all	11	14	14
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	*
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The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Local government			
Extremely/Very confident	20	15	15
Extremely confident	4	4	3
Very confident	16	11	11
Somewhat confident	54	55	55
Not too/Not confident at all	25	29	30
Not too confident	17	16	18
Not confident at all	8	13	12
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	*

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The U.S. Supreme Court			
Extremely/Very confident	24	24	16
Extremely confident	7	7	3
Very confident	17	17	13
Somewhat confident	49	54	58
Not too/Not confident at all	24	21	25
Not too confident	15	10	14
Not confident at all	9	10	11
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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
State courts			
Extremely/Very confident	24	19	12
Extremely confident	5	5	3
Very confident	19	14	9
Somewhat confident	49	58	62
Not too/Not confident at all	22	21	24
Not too confident	12	15	14
Not confident at all	9	6	10
Don't know [VOL]	4	2	1
Refused [VOL]	1	-	*

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	8/16-20/12	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The U.S. Congress			
Extremely/Very confident	11	8	7
Extremely confident	3	4	3
Very confident	9	4	4
Somewhat confident	36	35	44
Not too/Not confident at all	51	57	49
Not too confident	28	26	23
Not confident at all	23	31	26
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	*
Refused [VOL]	1	-	-

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Some questions held for later release

CF2. Do you think there should or should not be limits on the amount of money individuals can contribute to campaigns for president, Senate and U.S. House?

	8/16-20/12
Should be limits	67
Should not be limits	28
Don't know [VOL]	4
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,006

CF4. Do you think there should or should not be limits on the amount of money CORPORATIONS, UNIONS and OTHER ORGANIZATIONS can contribute to outside organizations trying to influence campaigns for president, Senate and U.S. House?

	8/16-20/12
Should be limits	83
Should not be limits	13
Don't know [VOL]	4
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,006

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

	8/16-20/12
Yes	82
No	17
VOL: Not necessary in my state	-
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,006

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

	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	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	High: 6/16-20/11	Low: 5/3-7/12
Supporter	27	23	22	25	30	28	25	33	30	30	31	30	30	36	28	33	22
Strongly	8	8	7	8	10	10	9	10	8	11	11	8	9	13	10	10	7
Moderately	19	16	15	17	20	18	16	24	23	19	21	22	21	24	18	24	15
Not a supporter	63	65	67	71	64	68	70	61	63	65	61	66	67	60	68	61	67
Don't know [VOL]	8	10	10	4	6	4	5	5	7	6	7	4	4	3	4	5	10
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	1	1

Based on:

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 N=1,000 N=1,301 N=996 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,004



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

	8/16-20/12	6/14-18-/12	5/3-7/12
Democrat	31	29	31
Independent	30	33	29
Republican	23	22	22
None of these	15	15	17
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	1	1	*

Based on:

N=1,006

N=1,007

N=1,004

PID1/
PID2.

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

	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12
Total Democrat	47	49	49
Democrat – strong	15	15	16
Democrat – moderate	16	14	15
Democrat-unknown intensity	1	1	1
Independent – lean Democratic	12	14	13
None – lean Democratic	4	6	6
Total Republican	41	39	37
Republican – strong	9	11	11
Republican – moderate	14	11	10
Republican-unknown intensity	*	*	1
Independent – lean Republican	12	13	10
None – lean Republican	6	4	5
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	6	5	6
[VOL] None – don't lean	5	4	6
[VOL] Independent – lean other	1	1	1
[VOL] None – lean other	2	2	2
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,006

N=1,007

N=1,004

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

	8/16-20/12	6/14-18-12	5/-3-7/12
Liberal - strongly	10	11	10
Liberal - somewhat	14	11	13
Conservative - strongly	18	22	20
Conservative - somewhat	22	20	19
Moderate	29	32	32
Don't know	5	3	5
Refused	2	1	1

Based on:

N=1,006

N=1,007

N=1,004

[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	50
Separated	4
Divorced	11
Widowed	7
Never Married	25
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,006

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

Less than high school graduate	7
High school graduate	32
Technical/trade school	4
Some college	25
College graduate	14
Some graduate school	4
Graduate degree	12
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,006

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	20
30-49	35
50-64	23
65+	18
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,006

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

Urban area	26
Suburban area	42
Rural area	29
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,006

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

Own	60
Rent	28
Other arrangement	9
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,006

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	32
One Line	60
Two lines	3
Three or more lines	1
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,006

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

None	10
One	73
Two	11
Three or more	4
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,006

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	27
Cell phone	43
Both equally	30
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=596

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	40
One	42
Two	10
Three or more	7
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=402

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	35
No	61
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,006

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	24
Catholic	19
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion	25
Don't belong to religious denomination	24
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,006

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

Yes, a Christian	83
No, not a Christian	16
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=228

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	12
A few times a year	22
Once or twice a month	11
Once a week	25
More than once a week	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,006

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

Yes	12
No	85
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,006

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	68
Black, African-American, Negro	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	*
Chinese	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Korean	*
Vietnamese	*
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	*
Some other race	5
Don't know	2
Refused	5
Multiple races	4

Based on:

N=1,006

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

Below \$50,000	47
\$50,000+	43
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	8

Based on:

N=1,006

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

Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	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]	5
Refused [VOL]	11

Based on:

N=1,006

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

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,006

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	23
South	37
West	22

Based on:

N=1,006

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted August 16 – 20, 2012 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,006 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 604 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 2009 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2009 Fall estimates provided by GfK MRI Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 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>.