

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
FEBRUARY 2011 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
February 2-7, 2011
N=1,385

QUESTIONS 1, 2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 3-5

ASK ALL:

Q.6 Just in general... Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH d AS A BLOCK FIRST, ITEMS e-g SECOND AS A BLOCK]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/ Ref
a. Labor unions								
Feb 2-7, 2011	45	11	34	41	17	25	1	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	11	30	42	16	26	1	16
January, 2007	58	18	40	31	11	20	2	9
Late March, 2005	56	17	39	33	9	24	1	9
March, 2002	59	15	44	32	9	23	1	8
July, 2001	51	12	39	36	10	26	1	12
March, 2001	63	16	47	28	7	21	1	8
August, 1999	59	12	47	36	9	27	*	5
Early September, 1998	52	12	40	38	13	25	*	10
June, 1997	58	15	43	35	10	25	*	7
May, 1997	49	15	34	39	13	26	*	12
April, 1996	47	10	37	45	17	28	*	8
February, 1996	54	17	37	41	14	27	*	5
July, 1994	57	14	43	38	10	28	*	5
January, 1988	52	10	42	39	10	29	*	9
July, 1985	46	9	37	47	17	30	*	7
b. Business corporations								
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	7	40	45	15	31	1	7
April, 2008	47	10	37	45	15	30	*	8
January, 2007	57	9	48	30	8	22	2	11
December, 2005	57	9	48	35	10	25	*	8
Late October, 2005	45	8	37	45	16	29	*	10
July, 2005	49	9	40	40	11	29	*	11
March, 2002	62	10	52	29	6	23	1	8
July, 2001	59	9	50	27	6	21	*	14
March, 2001	65	9	56	25	6	19	1	9
August, 1999	73	8	65	22	3	19	0	5
Early September, 1998	64	9	55	26	5	21	*	10
October, 1997	66	11	55	28	5	23	*	6
June, 1997	68	8	60	25	7	18	*	7
May, 1997	59	9	50	28	7	21	1	12
June, 1996	62	10	52	31	6	25	*	7
February, 1996	59	9	50	34	10	24	1	6
October, 1995	60	6	54	36	7	29	0	4
July, 1994	70	8	62	24	5	19	*	6
November, 1991	65	8	57	28	6	22	0	7
January, 1988	59	6	53	32	5	27	*	9
June, 1985	58	8	50	31	7	24	1	10

QUESTIONS 6c-6g PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 7-9****ASK ALL:**

Q.10 As you may know, some labor unions represent people who are employed by private companies, while others represent people who are employed by state or local governments. Do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of unions that represent **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about your opinion of unions that represent **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>(VOL.) Never heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref</u>
a. People who work for state or local governments Feb 2-7, 2011	48	40	1	11
b. People who work for private companies Feb 2-7, 2011	48	37	2	13

NO QUESTIONS 11, 12, 15, 16, 19-24, 30-35, 43, 46-54**QUESTIONS 13, 14, 17, 18, 25-29, 36-42, 44, 45 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

ASK ALL:

Q.55 When you hear of a disagreement between labor unions and businesses, is your first reaction **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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		<u>Feb 1995¹</u>	<u>Nov 1993</u>
40	To side with the unions	36	34
43	To side with businesses	43	44
4	Both/Neither (VOL.)	7	8
6	Depends (VOL.)	5	6
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	8

ASK ALL:

Q.56 How about when you hear of a disagreement between state or local governments and unions that represent government workers, is your first reaction **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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38	To side with the governments
44	To side with the unions
3	Both/Neither (VOL.)
5	Depends (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹ In 1995 and 1993, the question read "When you hear of a disagreement between labor unions and business, and before you know any of the details, is your first reaction to side with the unions or to side with business?"

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Overall, do you think labor unions have a generally positive, generally negative, or not much of an effect on **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think labor unions have a generally positive, generally negative, or not much of an effect on [ITEM]?**]

	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Not much of an effect</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The salary and benefits of union workers Feb 2-7, 2011	53	17	22	9
b. Working conditions for all American workers Feb 2-7, 2011	51	17	25	7
c. The ability of American companies to compete globally Feb 2-7, 2011	24	36	30	11
d. The availability of good jobs in America Feb 2-7, 2011	32	33	28	7
e. Workplace productivity Feb 2-7, 2011	34	30	26	9

NO QUESTIONS 58-63**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 Which comes closer to your view: Do you think union agreements **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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34	Give union workers unfair advantages
55	Ensure that union workers are treated fairly
2	Both (VOL.)
1	Neither (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 65, 66, 68, 70, 71, 75**QUESTIONS 67, 69, 72-74 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	31	39	3	*	2	16	16
Jan 5-9, 2011	27	32	35	4	*	2	15	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	25	33	34	5	1	2	13	14
Nov 4-7, 2010	26	30	37	4	*	2	17	13
Oct 27-30, 2010	25	34	31	6	1	4	13	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	25	31	36	4	*	3	16	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	24	32	39	2	*	2	15	17
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	33	34	4	*	3	14	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	27	34	34	3	1	2	15	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	26	33	36	3	1	3	16	13
Mar 11-21, 2010	28	34	32	3	*	3	13	12
Mar 10-14, 2010	22	33	37	6	*	3	14	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	26	31	37	3	*	3	14	17

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Yearly Totals								
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK ALL:

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

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56	Employed
42	Full-time
15	Part-time
43	Not employed
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

LABOR2 Are you or is your spouse a member of a labor union?

ASK IF RESPONDENT OR SPOUSE NOT A MEMBER OF LABOR UNION (LABOR2=2,9):

LABOR3 Have you or your spouse ever been a member of a labor union?

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37	Yes, current or former union member
13	Current member
24	Former member
62	Not ever a union member
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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ASK IF RESPONDENT OR SPOUSE EVER UNION MEMBER (LABOR2=1 OR LABOR3=1):

LABOR4 **[IF LABOR2=1 Is] [IF LABOR3=1 Was]** that a union for public employees, such as school teachers or other government jobs, or a union for employees of private businesses?

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37	Yes, current or former union member
12	Union for public employees
23	Union for private businesses
1	Both (VOL.)
*	Other (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
62	Not ever a union member
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)