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PEW.1 THROUGH PEW.26 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEW.27 As I read some possible government policies to address America's energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? Would you favor or oppose the government **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.	Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters			
	March 17-20, 2011	57	37	6
	October 13-18, 2010	51	41	7
	June 16-20, 2010	44	52	4
	May 6-9, 2010	54	38	8
	February 3-9, 2010	63	31	6
	April 14-21, 2009	68	27	5
	September, 2008	67	28	5
b.	Promoting the increased use of nuclear power			
	March 17-20, 2011	39	52	8
	October 13-18, 2010	45	44	11
	June 16-20, 2010	47	47	6
	May 6-9, 2010	45	44	11
	February 3-9, 2010	52	41	7
	April 14-21, 2009	45	48	7
	September, 2008	50	43	7
	Late February, 2008	44	48	8
	February, 2006	44	49	7
	Mid-September, 2005	39	53	8
c.	Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology			
	March 17-20, 2011	74	21	5
	October 13-18, 2010	74	21	6
	June 16-20, 2010	75	21	3
	May 6-9, 2010	73	22	5
	February 3-9, 2010	78	17	5
	April 14-21, 2009	82	15	3
	September, 2008	82	14	4
	Late February, 2008	81	14	5
	February, 2006	82	14	4
d.	Providing tax incentives for those who buy hybrid or electric cars, trucks and SUVs			
	March 17-20, 2011	58	35	7
	Oct 13-18, 2010	60	34	7
e.	Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems			
	March 27-20, 2011	61	34	6
	Oct 13-18, 2010	63	29	8
	Jun 16-20, 2010	64	31	5
	May 6-9, 2010	65	28	7
	Feb 3-9, 2010	70	25	4
	Apr 14-21, 2009	70	25	5
	Late-February, 2008	72	23	5

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 2006	68	26	6
Mid-September, 2005	68	27	5

ASK ALL:

PEW.28 In your opinion, are nuclear power plants in the United States designed to be safer than the ones in Japan, less safe, or about as safe?

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

		<i>Soviet Union</i>	
		<i>ABC/Wash. Post</i>	<i>ABC News</i>
		<u>May 1986¹</u>	<u>April 1986</u>
Mar 17-20			
<u>2011</u>			
24	Safer	55	62
10	Less safe	2	3
53	About as safe	35	26
1	None are safe at all (VOL.)	2	3
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	7

¹ In both 1986 surveys question read: "In your opinion are nuclear power plants in the United States safer than the ones in the Soviet Union, less safe, or about as safe?"