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Survey A: February 22-March 1, 2011 N=1504

Survey B: March 8-14, 2011 N=1525

Combined N=3029

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.A1=1,2):

Q.A1a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Feb 22-Mar 1 <u>2011</u>		Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>	Aug 25- Sep 6 <u>2010</u>	Jun 16-20 <u>2010</u>	Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>	Apr 14-21 <u>2009</u>
51	Approve	46	47	48	49	63
32	Very strongly	27	28	29	30	45
18	Not so strongly	16	17	17	15	13
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	2	3	5
39	Disapprove	44	44	43	42	26
29	Very strongly	30	32	31	30	18
10	Not so strongly	13	11	11	11	8
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1	1	*
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	9	9	10	11

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	July, 2004	38	55	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	May, 2004	33	61	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	December, 2003	44	47	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	October, 2003	38	56	6
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	August, 2003	40	53	7
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	<i>April 8, 2003</i>	50	41	9
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	January, 2003	44	50	6
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	November, 2002	41	48	11
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	September, 2002	41	55	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	May, 2002	44	44	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	March, 2002	50	40	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	February, 2001	46	43	11
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	January, 2001	55	41	4
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	September, 2000	51	41	8
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	April, 2000	48	43	9
December, 2008	13	83	4	August, 1999	56	39	5
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	January, 1999	53	41	6
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	November, 1998	46	44	10
August, 2008	21	74	5	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
July, 2008	19	74	7	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
June, 2008	19	76	5	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
March, 2008	22	72	6	January, 1998	46	50	4
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	September, 1997	45	49	6
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	August, 1997	49	46	5
October, 2007	28	66	6	January, 1997	38	58	4
February, 2007	30	61	9	July, 1996	29	67	4
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	March, 1996	28	70	2
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	October, 1995	23	73	4
December, 2006	28	65	7	June, 1995	25	73	2
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	April, 1995	23	74	3
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	July, 1994	24	73	3
July, 2006	30	65	5	March, 1994	24	71	5
May, 2006*	29	65	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
March, 2006	32	63	5	September, 1993	20	75	5
January, 2006	34	61	5	May, 1993	22	71	7
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	January, 1993	39	50	11
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	January, 1992	28	68	4
July, 2005	35	58	7	November, 1991	34	61	5
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	<i>Gallup: Late Feb, 1991</i>	66	31	3
February, 2005	38	56	6	August, 1990	47	48	5
January, 2005	40	54	6	May, 1990	41	54	5
December, 2004	39	54	7	January, 1989	45	50	5
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

1 In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

NO QUESTION 3

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A4 Would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH c FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS d AND e]** is 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]**?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
a. The Republican Party								
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6

Q.A4 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
b. The Democratic Party								
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
c. Congress								
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8

Q.A4 CONTINUED...

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7
d. The United Nations								
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	52	15	37	32	13	18	1	15
January, 2007	57	14	43	33	14	19	1	9
July, 2006	53	12	41	36	12	24	2	9
May, 2006 ²	51	15	36	38	19	19	--	11
Late October, 2005	48	9	39	39	15	24	1	12
Late March, 2005	59	14	45	32	11	21	*	9
Late February, 2004	55	14	41	35	15	20	--	10
Early September, 2001	77	23	54	18	6	12	1	4
August, 1999	76	19	57	19	5	14	*	5
June, 1999	70	19	51	23	7	16	0	7
Early September, 1998	69	14	55	23	7	16	*	8

² In May 2006 the question was asked, "Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable or somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of the United Nations?"

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	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
September, 1997	64	11	53	28	9	19	*	8
February, 1996	65	19	46	29	9	20	1	5
June, 1995	67	14	53	28	8	20	*	5
February, 1995	62	13	49	26	8	18	*	12
July, 1994	76	21	55	19	5	14	1	4
May, 1993	73	21	52	17	4	13	0	10
May, 1990	70	15	55	19	6	13	1	10
e. Labor unions								
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	47	18	29	39	17	23	2	12
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

NO QUESTIONS 5-13

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B14 As I read some names, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person. First, **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE]** would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT NAME]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [NAME] 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.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	rate/Ref
a. Barack Obama								
Mar 8-14, 2011	58	22	36	39	20	19	*	3
Dec 2-5, 2010	54	26	29	43	25	18	*	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	21	32	43	23	20	*	5
Jun 10-13, 2010	56	27	30	39	20	19	0	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	65	33	32	30	16	14	*	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	72	37	35	25	11	14	*	3
Apr 14-21, 2009	73	38	35	24	10	14	*	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6
Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6
Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5
Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4
Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9
April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13
b. Michelle Obama								
Mar 8-14, 2011	69	30	39	21	9	12	1	9
Dec 2-5, 2010	62	30	31	27	15	12	1	10
Jun 10-13, 2010	69	31	38	22	9	12	1	9
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	71	33	38	16	8	8	1	11
Jun 10-14, 2009	76	36	39	14	5	9	1	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	76	36	40	13	4	9	1	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	68	28	40	15	4	11	2	15
Mid-September, 2008	56	23	33	25	11	14	2	17
Late May, 2008	43	14	29	21	8	13	4	32
c. George W. Bush								
Mar 8-14, 2011	42	12	31	54	27	27	*	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	37	10	27	57	34	24	*	6
Mid-April, 2009	35	9	26	60	33	27	*	5
January, 2009	37	9	28	60	35	25	0	3
April, 2008	31	9	22	65	42	23	*	4
March, 2008	34	8	26	61	37	24	0	5
Late February, 2008	35	10	25	60	39	21	0	5
Early February, 2008	34	9	25	61	39	22	*	5
January, 2008	36	11	25	60	37	23	0	4
Late December, 2007	33	10	23	63	41	22	0	4
August, 2007	40	12	28	57	34	23	*	3
December, 2006	39	12	27	57	34	23	*	4
April, 2006	40	15	25	57	35	22	*	3
Late October, 2005	46	17	29	51	29	22	*	3
July, 2005	51	22	29	46	25	21	0	3
Late March, 2005	53	23	30	45	27	18	0	2
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	26	30	42	23	19	*	2

Q.B14 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	heard of	rate/Ref
Early October, 2004 (RVs)	57	27	30	40	20	20	0	3
September, 2004	52	25	27	43	24	19	*	5
August, 2004	58	27	31	39	22	17	0	3
June, 2004	52	19	33	45	22	23	*	3
Early February, 2004	53	21	32	44	25	19	0	3
Gallup: Jan 29-Feb 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jan 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*
Gallup: Oct 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jun 9-10, 2003	66	--	--	33	--	--	--	1
April, 2003	72	37	35	25	11	14	0	3
January, 2003	70	28	42	28	10	18	0	2
December, 2002	68	35	33	27	11	16	0	5
July, 2001	61	22	39	35	14	21	*	4
January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7
May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10
March, 1999 ³	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14
November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19
d. Bill Clinton								
Mar 8-14, 2011	67	27	40	29	10	18	1	3
February, 2008	52	20	32	42	22	20	*	6
Late December, 2007	54	22	32	40	20	20	0	6
December, 2006	63	29	34	33	16	17	1	3
April, 2006	61	27	34	36	18	18	0	3
Late October, 2005	62	26	36	34	18	16	*	4
Late March, 2005	64	24	40	32	13	19	0	4
December, 2002	46	17	29	49	27	22	*	5
July, 2001	50	20	30	46	27	19	0	4
January, 2001	64	23	41	34	17	17	0	2
May, 2000	48	17	31	47	28	19	*	5
March, 1999	55	21	34	42	23	19	*	3
December, 1998	55	23	32	43	24	19	0	2
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	15	37	44	24	20	0	4
Early September, 1998	57	18	39	41	23	18	0	2
Late August, 1998	54	18	36	44	24	20	0	2
March, 1998	62	22	40	35	16	19	*	3
November, 1997	63	19	44	35	14	21	0	2
October, 1997	62	15	47	36	16	20	*	2
September, 1997	62	18	44	35	14	21	0	3
August, 1997	61	16	45	38	17	21	0	1
April, 1997	61	17	44	37	16	21	*	2
January, 1997	66	17	49	32	14	18	*	2
October, 1996 (RVs)	57	12	45	41	19	22	0	2
June, 1996	61	16	45	37	14	23	*	2
April, 1996	57	16	41	40	16	24	0	3
February, 1996	55	20	35	43	21	22	0	2
January, 1996	56	13	43	42	15	27	0	2
August, 1995	49	13	36	49	20	29	0	2
February, 1995	55	14	41	42	17	25	0	3
December, 1994	51	17	34	46	22	24	0	3
July, 1994	58	15	43	41	16	25	*	1
May, 1993	60	18	42	35	12	23	0	5
July, 1992	59	17	42	34	9	25	0	7
June, 1992	46	10	36	47	14	33	1	6
May, 1992	53	11	42	42	10	32	*	5
March, 1992	53	10	43	40	11	29	1	6
February, 1992	59	15	44	31	7	24	2	8

³ In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."

Q.B14 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
January, 1992	37	9	28	15	4	11	27	21
November, 1991	30	5	25	10	2	8	39	21
e. John Boehner								
Mar 8-14, 2011	26	7	19	27	11	16	32	16
Dec 2-5, 2010	28	8	20	25	12	14	34	12
Jun 10-13, 2010	12	3	9	22	8	15	54	12
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON⁴:								
Nancy Pelosi								
Dec 2-5, 2010	29	10	20	55	35	19	9	6
Jun 10-13, 2010	27	5	22	50	28	23	14	8
Jun 10-14, 2009	35	8	28	41	25	16	15	8
December, 2007	25	6	19	38	19	19	20	17
Dennis Hastert								
December, 2002	18	3	15	12	9	3	52	18
Newt Gingrich								
October, 1998	41	8	33	49	23	26	1	9
Early September, 1998	42	7	35	48	20	28	3	7
Late August, 1998	43	5	38	52	19	33	2	3
March, 1998	36	6	30	49	20	29	6	9
November, 1997	30	6	24	59	24	35	4	7
August, 1997	30	6	24	62	27	35	2	6
April, 1997	28	5	23	64	28	36	3	5
January, 1997	28	4	24	65	26	39	2	5
August, 1995	30	9	21	54	25	29	4	12
February, 1995	41	12	29	37	15	22	10	12
December, 1994	25	7	18	28	13	15	30	17
July, 1994	14	2	12	12	4	8	65	9
Thomas Foley								
March, 1991	42	13	29	10	7	3	23	25
May, 1990	20	3	17	9	6	3	45	26

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B15 Overall, which of the following best describes how the recession affected your own personal financial situation? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 3; KEEP OPTION 2 SECOND]**

Mar 8-14 2011		Feb 2-7 2011
40	It had a major effect, and your finances have not recovered	36
24	It had a major effect, but your finances have mostly recovered	25
34	It didn't have a major effect on your finances	37
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B16 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Mar 8-14 2011		Feb 2-7 2011	Dec 1-5 2010	Sep 6 2010	Aug 25- Jun 3-6 2010	Mar 10-14 2010
34	The job situation	44	47	49	41	45
28	Rising prices	23	15	15	16	17
24	The federal budget deficit	19	19	19	23	22
10	Problems in the financial and housing markets	10	14	12	13	11
3	Other (VOL.)	1	1	2	3	2
*	None/Not worried about any (VOL.)	1	1	1	1	*
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3	2	2	2

⁴ Trends for Pelosi, Hastert, Gingrich and Foley shown only for when they occupied the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ASK ALL⁵:

Q.17 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is...

[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR] [AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?]

a.	Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient			Government often does a better job than people give it credit for			(VOL.) Neither/DK
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	55	46	9	39	27	12	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	61	--	--	35	--	--	4
December, 2008	53	46	7	40	27	13	7
October, 2008	57	50	7	35	25	10	8
September, 2005	56	--	--	39	--	--	5
December, 2004	47	38	9	45	28	17	8
June, 2003	48	38	10	46	28	18	6
September, 2000	52	43	9	40	27	13	8
August, 1999	51	41	10	43	28	15	6
June, 1997	59	49	10	36	23	13	5
October, 1996	56	48	8	39	25	14	5
October, 1995	63	53	10	34	20	14	3
April, 1995	63	51	12	34	19	15	3
October, 1994	64	54	10	32	19	13	4
July, 1994	66	54	12	31	17	14	3
b.	Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest			Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good			(VOL.) Neither/DK
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	47	33	14	45	35	10	8
December, 2008	47	35	12	43	36	7	10
October, 2008	50	38	12	38	31	7	12
January, 2008	41	--	--	50	--	--	9
December, 2004	49	32	17	41	30	11	10
July, 2002	54	39	15	36	27	9	10
February, 2002	50	35	15	41	31	10	9
August, 1999	48	32	16	44	32	12	8
October, 1996	45	29	16	46	33	13	9
October, 1995	45	28	17	50	37	13	5
April, 1995	43	25	18	51	38	13	6
October, 1994	38	24	14	55	41	14	7
July, 1994	41	24	17	54	39	15	5
c.	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return			Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently			(VOL.) Neither/DK
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	41	29	12	47	35	12	12
January, 2008	34	--	--	52	--	--	14
December, 2005	35	23	12	51	39	12	14
September, 2005	38	--	--	51	--	--	11
December, 2004	34	23	11	52	40	12	14

⁵ Questions 17e and 17j asked only on Survey A.

Q.17 CONTINUED...

c.	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return			Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
June, 2003	34	24	10	55	42	13	11
August, 1999	45	30	15	42	31	11	13
June, 1997	45	33	12	42	31	11	13
October, 1996	46	35	11	40	28	12	14
October, 1995	54	36	18	36	25	11	10
April, 1995	52	37	15	39	28	11	9
October, 1994	48	35	13	41	31	10	11
July, 1994	53	37	16	39	27	12	8
d.	The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt			The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	41	33	8	51	37	13	8
December, 2008	55	46	9	35	26	9	10
October, 2008	51	42	9	37	28	9	12
April, 2007	63	--	--	28	--	--	9
December, 2004	57	46	11	33	22	11	10
August, 1999	57	44	13	35	23	12	8
October, 1996	46	36	10	44	31	13	10
April, 1996	49	42	7	44	34	10	7
October, 1995	47	35	12	47	31	16	6
April, 1995	46	33	13	47	34	13	7
October, 1994	50	39	11	43	31	12	7
July, 1994	48	35	13	47	32	15	5
e.	The position of blacks in American society has improved in recent years			There hasn't been much real progress for blacks in recent years			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	72	58	15	21	14	7	7
September, 2005	69	--	--	25	--	--	6
December, 2004	73	59	14	20	14	6	7
August, 1999	78	63	15	18	13	5	4
June, 1997	73	55	18	22	16	6	5
October, 1996	73	57	16	21	16	5	6
October, 1995	69	52	17	27	20	7	4
April, 1995	70	52	18	26	19	7	4
October, 1994	67	50	17	27	20	7	6
July, 1994	72	52	20	25	18	7	3

Q.17 CONTINUED...

f.	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days			Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	26	17	9	60	45	15	14
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	18	--	--	67	--	--	15
September, 2005	26	--	--	59	--	--	15
December, 2004	27	18	9	60	44	16	13
June, 2003	24	16	8	64	50	14	12
September, 2000	31	22	9	54	43	11	15
August, 1999	28	19	9	59	46	13	13
October, 1997	25	--	--	61	--	--	14
June, 1997	33	22	11	54	41	13	13
October, 1996	28	19	9	58	45	13	14
October, 1995	37	25	12	53	38	15	10
April, 1995	34	21	13	56	40	16	10
October, 1994	34	24	10	54	40	14	12
July, 1994	32	20	12	59	43	16	9

g.	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents			Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	45	33	12	44	35	9	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	44	--	--	42	--	--	14
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	42	--	--	45	--	--	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	39	--	--	50	--	--	11
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	46	--	--	40	--	--	14
March, 2006	41	--	--	52	--	--	7
December, 2005	45	30	15	44	34	10	11
December, 2004	45	32	13	44	34	10	11
June, 2003	46	30	16	44	35	9	10
September, 2000	50	36	14	38	29	9	12
August, 1999	46	30	16	44	34	10	10
October, 1997	41	--	--	48	--	--	11
June, 1997	41	26	15	48	37	11	11
April, 1997	38	19	19	52	38	14	10
June, 1996	37	--	--	54	--	--	9
July, 1994	31	17	14	63	49	14	6

NO ITEM h.

i.	The best way to ensure peace is through military strength			Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	31	26	5	58	47	11	11
October, 2006	28	--	--	57	--	--	15
December, 2004	30	25	5	55	46	9	15
August, 1999	33	26	7	55	45	10	12
October, 1996	36	30	6	53	44	9	11
October, 1995	36	28	8	59	49	10	5
April, 1995	35	27	8	58	46	12	7
October, 1994	40	32	8	52	43	9	8
July, 1994	36	28	8	58	46	12	6

Q.17 CONTINUED...

j.	We should all be willing to fight for our country, whether it is right or wrong	It's acceptable to refuse to fight in a war you believe is morally wrong			(VOL.)		
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	36	9	47	39	9	7
December, 2004	46	39	7	46	38	8	8
September, 2000	48	41	7	45	37	8	7
August, 1999	47	39	8	47	38	9	6
October, 1996	48	39	7	47	39	8	7
October, 1995	49	38	11	48	38	10	3
April, 1995	49	39	10	47	38	9	4
October, 1994	47	39	8	47	37	10	6
July, 1994	52	43	9	45	35	10	3

k.	Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people			(VOL.)		
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	62	54	8	34	27	7	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	64	--	--	33	--	--	3
March, 2006	64	--	--	33	--	--	3
December, 2005	64	56	8	33	26	7	3
December, 2004	68	62	6	28	22	6	4
September, 2000	73	66	7	24	20	4	3
August, 1999	74	66	8	23	18	5	3
July, 1994	68	59	9	30	22	8	2

l.	Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside of our control	Everyone has it in their own power to succeed			(VOL.)		
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	19	14	6	75	64	12	5
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	12	--	--	82	--	--	6
December, 2004	16	11	5	78	68	10	6
August, 1999	15	10	5	80	72	8	5
July, 1994	18	12	6	79	67	12	3

m.	Too much power is concentrated in the hands of a few large companies	The largest companies do NOT have too much power			(VOL.)		
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	78	66	12	16	9	7	6
October, 2008	78	70	8	15	10	5	7
December, 2004	77	64	13	16	9	7	7
July, 2002	80	67	13	12	7	5	8
February, 2002	77	62	15	17	9	8	6
August, 1999	77	62	15	17	10	7	6
October, 1996	75	61	14	18	10	8	7
October, 1995	77	62	15	18	9	9	5
April, 1995	75	59	16	20	10	10	5
October, 1994	73	58	15	20	10	10	7
July, 1994	76	59	17	19	9	10	5

Q.17 CONTINUED...

n.	Business corporations make too much profit			Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit			(VOL.) Neither/DK
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	54	47	7	39	26	13	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	--	--	39	--	--	6
December, 2008	58	51	7	35	24	11	7
October, 2008	59	52	7	33	23	10	8
January, 2008	57	--	--	36	--	--	7
December, 2005	61	52	9	33	21	12	6
December, 2004	53	46	7	39	25	14	8
June, 2003	51	43	8	42	27	15	7
July, 2002	58	51	7	33	22	11	9
February, 2002	54	44	10	39	24	15	7
September, 2000	54	46	8	38	28	10	8
August, 1999	52	42	10	42	29	13	6
June, 1997	51	43	8	43	28	15	6
October, 1996	51	43	8	42	27	15	7
October, 1995	53	44	9	43	27	16	4
April, 1995	51	42	9	44	26	16	5
October, 1994	50	40	10	44	28	16	6
July, 1994	52	43	9	43	27	18	5
o.	Elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly			Elected officials in Washington try hard to stay in touch with voters back home			(VOL.) Neither/DK
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	72	60	12	22	14	8	5
December, 2004	66	54	12	26	15	11	8
September, 2000	66	53	13	27	18	9	7
August, 1999	68	55	13	26	16	10	6
October, 1996	69	58	11	25	15	10	6
April, 1996	72	59	13	23	14	9	5
October, 1995	73	60	13	24	14	10	3
April, 1995	76	64	12	21	12	9	3
October, 1994	74	61	13	22	13	9	4
July, 1994	71	58	13	25	14	11	4
p.	Most elected officials care what people like me think			Most elected officials don't care what people like me think			(VOL.) Neither/DK
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	26	15	11	69	60	10	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	--	--	68	--	--	4
December, 2004	32	19	13	63	52	11	5
June, 2003	33	18	15	62	51	11	5
September, 2000	39	26	13	55	44	11	6
August, 1999	35	21	14	60	49	11	5
June, 1997	28	17	11	67	55	12	5
October, 1996	38	23	15	58	48	10	4
October, 1995	33	18	15	64	53	11	3
April, 1995	32	18	14	64	53	11	4
October, 1994	29	17	12	68	56	12	3
July, 1994	34	18	16	64	51	13	2

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A18 Now I'd like to know how often you get news from a few different sources First, how often do you ...
[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU g. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS h. THRU j.], regularly, sometimes, hardly ever or never? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM.].**
[READ ALL ANSWER CHOICES AS NECESSARY; DO NOT OFFER LESS THAN THE FULL LIST OF CHOICES]⁶

	<u>Regularly</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Hardly ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Watch the national nightly network news on CBS, ABC or NBC Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	43	28	13	15	*
b. Watch CNN Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	24	38	16	21	*
c. Watch the Fox News CABLE Channel Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	30	29	14	26	*
d. Watch MSNBC Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	16	33	20	29	1
e. Listen to NPR, National Public Radio Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	16	23	18	43	*
f. Read your local daily newspaper Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	46	27	12	15	*
g. Read The New York Times Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	6	13	16	63	1
h. Watch the Daily Show with Jon Stewart Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	8	19	14	59	*
i. Watch or listen to Rush Limbaugh Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	5	12	12	71	*
j. Watch or listen to Glenn Beck Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	6	15	12	67	1

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A19 For each description I read, please tell me if it applies to you or not. (First,) **[INSERT ITEM IN ORDER]**, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Do you trade stocks or bonds in the stock market			
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	79	*
January, 2007	28	71	1
December, 2004	28	71	1
Mid-October, 2004	31	68	1
Mid-July, 2003	29	69	2
August, 2002	34	65	1
August, 1999	25	75	*

⁶ These and other news sources are typically asked as part of the biennial media consumption survey. For full trends, see the [June 8-28, 2010 survey](#).

Q.A19 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
b. Do you happen to have any guns, rifles or pistols in your home ⁷			
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	37	60	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	33	62	5
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	33	63	4
April, 2007	37	61	2
January, 2007	33	64	3
December, 2004	37	60	3
Mid-October, 2004	39	59	2
Mid-July, 2003	34	63	3
August, 2002	35	62	3
April, 2000	35	62	3
June, 1997	40	57	3
December, 1993	45	53	2
c. Were you or either of your parents born in a country other than the United States			
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	18	81	*
d. Do you use online social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter			
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	51	*

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B20 Looking ahead, would you like to see Barack Obama re-elected president in 2012 or would you prefer that a Republican candidate win the election? **[INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "OTHER" OR "SOMEONE ELSE," PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, would you like to see Barack Obama re-elected or would you prefer that a Republican candidate win the election?"]**

	<u>Obama</u> <u>re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer</u> <u>Republican</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Other/DK</u>
Mar 8-14, 2011	48	35	16

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Looking ahead to the general election in November, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected president in 2004 or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?

[INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "OTHER" OR "SOMEONE ELSE," PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?"]

	<u>Bush</u> <u>re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer</u> <u>Democrat</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Other/DK</u>
Mid-January, 2004	44	40	16
Early January, 2004	43	43	14
December, 2003	47	38	15
October, 2003	40	44	16
September, 2003	44	43	13
August, 2003	40	39	21
Mid-July, 2003	45	37	18
April, 2003	46	35	19
Gallup: Late March, 2003 ⁸	51	36	13
Gallup: Mid-March, 2003	45	42	13

⁷ The question was not part of a list in March 2010, April 2007, April 2000, August 1997, and December 1993. From 1997 to 2003, the question asked about "guns or revolvers in your home." In 1993, the question asked: "Do you have any guns in this household?"

⁸ The March 2003 trends are from Gallup and were worded: "If George W. Bush runs for re-election in 2004, in general are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president?"

Q.B20 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

Looking ahead, would you like to see Bill Clinton re-elected or would you prefer that a Republican candidate or an Independent candidate be elected President?

	<u>Clinton re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer Republican</u>	<u>Prefer independent</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
October, 1995	31	28	22	19
August, 1995	29	32	23	16
March, 1995	29	33	20	18
December, 1994	28	35	15	22
December, 1993	28	22	12	38

Would you like to see George Bush re-elected President in November or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?

	<u>G.H.W. Bush re-elected</u>	<u>Prefer Democrat</u>	(VOL.) Other/DK
February, 1992	40	48	12
January, 1992	42	42	16
November, 1991	41	43	16

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B21 As I name some possible Republican candidates for president in 2012, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** **[PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]**

Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010⁹</u>
14	Mitt Romney	13
13	Sarah Palin	15
13	Mike Huckabee	15
8	Ron Paul	9
6	Newt Gingrich	6
2	Mitch Daniels	--
2	Tim Pawlenty	4
2	Rick Santorum	2
2	Haley Barbour	3
1	Chris Christie (VOL.)	--
1	Other (VOL.)	4
21	None (VOL.)	14
2	Too early to tell (VOL.)	--
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	14

⁹ In November 2010, the question read, "Now I am going to read you the names of some possible candidates for the Republican nomination for President in 2012. After I read all the names, please tell me which one you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate for President or if there is someone else you support."

ASK IF HAS FIRST CHOICE (Q.B22=1-10):

Q.B22 Who, if anyone, would be your second choice for the Republican nomination in 2012? **[READ OPTIONS IF NECESSARY, ELIMINATING NAME CHOSEN IN Q.B12]**

Mar 8-14, 2011			
<u>First choice</u>	<u>Second choice</u>	<u>Total</u>	
13	12	25	Mike Huckabee
14	9	23	Mitt Romney
13	8	21	Sarah Palin
8	7	15	Ron Paul
6	7	13	Newt Gingrich
2	3	5	Tim Pawlenty
2	2	4	Rick Santorum
2	2	4	Mitch Daniels
2	2	3	Haley Barbour
1	*	1	Chris Christie (VOL.)
1	2	3	Other (VOL.)
21	8	21	None (VOL.)
2	1	2	Too early to tell (VOL.)
12	4	12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
--	35	35	No first choice

NO QUESTION 23**ASK ALL SURVEY A:**

Q.A24 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	<u>Basically content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	22	59	14	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early Jan, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early Oct, 2006	21	54	20	5
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid Nov, 2001	53	34	8	5
Jun, 2000	28	53	13	6
Feb, 2000	33	54	10	3
Oct, 1997	29	56	12	3

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A25 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Only sometimes</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	4	25	65	4	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1

Q.A25 CONTINUED...

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only <u>sometimes</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 1998 ¹⁰	4	22	61	11	2
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

NO QUESTIONS 26-32**ASK ALL:**

Q.33 Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...[READ]

	Most of <u>the time</u>	Some of <u>the time</u>	Only now <u>and then</u>	Hardly <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	50	29	14	6	1
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	56	29	10	5	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	49	28	12	10	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 ¹¹	52	25	13	10	1
January, 2007	53	28	11	7	1
November, 2006 (RVs)	58	26	10	6	*
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	57	30	8	5	*
December, 2005	50	28	14	8	*
December, 2004	45	35	14	5	1
November, 2004 (RVs)	61	27	9	3	*
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	63	26	8	3	*
June, 2004	44	34	15	7	*
August, 2003	48	33	12	6	1
November, 2002	49	27	14	9	1
August, 2002	54	30	11	5	*
March, 2001	49	27	13	10	1
Early November, 2000 (RVs)	51	32	12	5	*
September, 2000 (RVs)	51	34	10	4	1
June, 2000	38	32	19	11	*
Late September, 1999	39	32	20	9	*
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	57	29	10	4	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	51	33	11	5	*
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1
October, 1988 (RVs)	52	33	12	3	*
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2

¹⁰ The November, 1998 survey was conducted Oct. 26-Dec. 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

¹¹ In the Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 2010 survey, a wording experiment was conducted with one half of respondents asked the question wording shown above, the other half was asked: "Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...?" No significant differences were found between questions and the combined results are shown above. All survey prior to Sept. 2010 used the longer question wording.

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	Most of <u>the time</u>	Some of <u>the time</u>	Only now <u>and then</u>	Hardly <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1

ASK ALL SURVEY B:**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS B34 AND B35**

Q.B34 Thinking about recent events in the Middle East, which is more important **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Mar 8-14

2011

37	Democratic governments, even if there is less stability in the region
52	Stable governments, even if there is less democracy in the region
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL SURVEY B:**RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS B34 AND B35**

Q.B35 Thinking about our economic and trade policy toward China, which is more important **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Mar 8-14

2011

53	Building a stronger relationship with China on economic issues
40	Getting tougher with China on economic issues
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 36**ASK ALL¹²:**

Q.37 Now I'm going to read a few more pairs of statements. Again, just tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS Q THRU Z FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS AA THRU HH; RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR] [AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?]**

q.	This country should do whatever it takes to protect the environment			This country has gone too far in its efforts to protect the environment			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	71	59	13	24	17	7	5
December, 2004	77	63	14	18	12	6	5
September, 2000	78	67	11	17	12	5	5
August, 1999	80	67	13	15	10	5	5
October, 1996	77	66	11	18	13	5	5
October, 1995	77	65	12	20	13	7	3
April, 1995	74	63	11	22	15	7	4
October, 1994	77	65	12	19	13	6	4
July, 1994	78	62	16	19	12	7	3

r.	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy			Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	39	30	9	53	41	12	7
November, 2007	27	--	--	63	--	--	10

¹² Questions 37s, 37t, 37v, 37cc, 37ee, 37ff, 37gg asked only on Survey A. Question 37ii asked only on Survey B.

Q.37 CONTINUED...

	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy			Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
July, 2006	31	--	--	57	--	--	12
March, 2006	29	--	--	65	--	--	6
December, 2005	37	28	9	56	43	13	7
December, 2004	31	21	10	60	48	12	9
September, 2000	31	22	9	61	50	11	8
August, 1999	28	19	9	65	50	15	7
October, 1996	30	22	8	63	51	12	7
October, 1995	35	23	12	61	47	14	4
April, 1995	39	28	11	57	44	13	4
October, 1994	32	23	9	62	49	13	6
July, 1994	33	21	12	62	45	17	5

s.	There are no real limits to growth in this country today			People in this country should learn to live with less			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	39	26	13	52	40	12	9
December, 2008	40	32	8	53	44	9	7
October, 2008	41	31	10	49	41	8	10
December, 2004	51	36	15	41	30	11	8
August, 1999	54	38	16	40	30	9	6
July, 1994	51	33	18	45	30	15	4

t.	As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get what we want			This country can't solve many of its important problems			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	57	44	13	37	28	9	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	--	--	42	--	--	5
December, 2008	68	58	10	27	22	5	5
October, 2008	64	56	8	29	25	4	7
December, 2004	59	45	14	36	27	9	5
September, 2000	59	46	13	36	29	7	5
August, 1999	63	47	16	32	24	8	5
July, 1994	52	35	17	45	30	15	3

u.	Homosexuality should be accepted by society			Homosexuality should be discouraged by society			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	58	45	13	33	28	5	8
October, 2006 ¹³	51	--	--	38	--	--	11
December, 2004	49	35	14	44	38	6	7
June, 2003	47	33	14	45	38	7	8
September, 2000	50	35	15	41	35	6	9
August, 1999	49	33	16	44	37	7	7
October, 1997	46	--	--	48	--	--	6
June, 1997	45	32	13	50	43	7	5
October, 1996	44	32	12	49	42	7	7
April, 1996	44	29	15	49	42	7	7
October, 1995	45	29	16	50	41	9	5

¹³

In 2006 and before, both answer choices began "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be..."

Q.37 CONTINUED...

	Homosexuality should be accepted by society			Homosexuality should be discouraged by society			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
April, 1995	47	30	17	48	40	8	5
October, 1994	46	33	13	48	41	7	6
July, 1994	46	26	20	49	41	8	5
v.							
	Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries			Public school libraries should be allowed to carry any books they want			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	39	33	6	57	48	9	4
December, 2004	44	38	6	51	41	10	5
June, 2003	45	39	6	52	43	9	3
September, 2000	48	41	7	48	40	8	4
August, 1999	52	43	9	45	36	9	3
June, 1997	46	39	7	50	40	10	4
October, 1996	44	39	5	51	43	9	4
October, 1995	46	37	9	52	41	11	2
June, 1995	42	--	--	53	--	--	5
April, 1995	45	40	5	52	44	9	2
October, 1994	42	36	6	53	47	8	3
July, 1994	46	37	9	55	39	12	3
w.							
	Religion is a very important part of my life			Religion is not that important to me			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	71	63	8	27	18	9	2
December, 2004	74	66	8	24	15	9	2
September, 2000	75	69	6	23	15	8	2
August, 1999	75	67	8	22	12	10	2
NO ITEM x.							
y.							
	I'm generally satisfied with the way things are going for me financially			I'm not very satisfied with my financial situation			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	47	35	12	51	44	7	2
October, 2006	59	--	--	40	--	--	1
December, 2005	56	40	16	42	36	6	2
December, 2004	59	44	15	39	33	6	2
September, 2000	59	46	13	39	33	6	2
August, 1999	64	48	16	34	28	6	2
October, 1996	57	43	14	41	36	5	2
April, 1996	57	44	13	42	37	5	1
July, 1994	56	36	20	43	33	10	1
z.							
	I often don't have enough money to make ends meet			Paying the bills is generally not a problem for me			(VOL.)
	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	43	36	7	54	41	12	3
December, 2005	40	32	8	56	44	12	4
December, 2004	35	29	6	62	48	14	3
September, 2000	37	30	7	59	48	11	4

Q.37 CONTINUED...

z.	I often don't have enough money to make ends meet				Paying the bills is generally not a problem for me				(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
August, 1999		29	22	7		68	54	14	3
July, 1994		36	27	9		63	43	20	1
aa.	It IS NOT necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values				It IS necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values				(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011		49	40	9		48	43	5	3
December, 2004		46	36	10		51	46	5	3
March, 2002		50	--	--		47	--	--	3
bb.	Using overwhelming military force is the best way to defeat terrorism around the world				Relying too much on military force to defeat terrorism creates hatred that leads to more terrorism				(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011		38	30	8		52	40	12	10
December, 2004		39	30	9		51	42	9	10
cc.	In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making compromises with them				In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its OWN national interests even when its allies strongly disagree				(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011		53	33	20		36	26	10	11
December, 2004		53	38	15		37	27	10	10
dd.	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values				The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society				(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011		39	30	9		52	36	16	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010		38	--	--		49	--	--	13
Jun 16-20, 2010		44	--	--		44	--	--	12
November, 2007		50	--	--		40	--	--	10
March, 2006		48	--	--		45	--	--	7
December, 2004		40	29	11		50	34	16	10
ee.	It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs				We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home				(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011		33	24	9		58	47	11	8
December, 2004		44	33	11		49	41	8	7
ff.	Americans need to be willing to give up privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism				Americans shouldn't have to give up privacy and freedom in order to be safe from terrorism				(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011		26	17	9		68	57	11	6
December, 2004 ¹⁴		35	24	11		60	51	9	5

¹⁴

In 2004, both answer choices read "...to give up more privacy and freedom...".

Q.37 CONTINUED...

gg.	The government should do more to protect morality in society	I worry the government is getting too involved in the issue of morality						(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011		35	25	11	54	41	13	10
December, 2004		41	31	10	51	40	11	8
hh.	Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites	Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites						(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011		49	38	11	45	37	8	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)		48	--	--	45	--	--	8
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009		47	--	--	43	--	--	10
ii.	Wall Street helps the American economy more than it hurts	Wall Street hurts the American economy more than it helps						(VOL.) Neither/DK
		<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not strongly</u>	
Mar 8-14, 2011		38	21	17	47	35	12	15

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B38 Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States? **[READ IN ORDER; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE]**

Mar 8-14

2011

38	The U.S. stands above all other countries in the world.
53	The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along with some others
8	There are other countries that are better than the U.S.
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 39-44**ASK ALL SURVEY A:**

Q.A45 And which comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**

a.

Feb 22-Mar 1 <u>2011</u>		Aug 19-22 <u>2010</u>	Aug 11-17 <u>2009</u>	Aug <u>2007</u>	July <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>
40	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers	35	38	45	36	46	44	25
	[OR]							
42	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others	42	45	39	47	37	41	51
3	Neither (VOL.)	6	1	4	3	2	3	3
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	18	15	12	14	15	12	21

b.

Feb 22-Mar 1 <u>2011</u>		Aug 25-Sep 6 <u>2010</u>
40	I like elected officials who make compromises with people they disagree with	40
54	I like elected officials who stick to their positions	55
3	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)	3
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Next,

Q.A46 Should the U.S. Supreme Court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution meant as it was originally written, or should the court base its rulings on its understanding of what the US Constitution means in current times?

	What it meant <u>as originally written</u>	What it means <u>in current times</u>	Somewhere <u>in between</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	2	4
<i>Kaiser/Harvard/WaPo</i> : October, 2010	50	46	1	3
<i>ABC News/WaPo</i> : July, 2005	46	50	3	1

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B47 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 8-14, 2011	50	42	3	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 2003	45	42	4	9
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : July 2003	48	40	5	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 2002	46	40	3	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 2001	51	36	5	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : September 1999	46	43	5	6
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : February 1996	61	30	4	5

NO QUESTIONS 48-55**ASK ALL SURVEY A:**

Q.A56 Do you think that we should increase our spending on national defense, keep it about the same, or cut it back?

	<u>Increase</u>	Keep <u>same</u>	Cut <u>back</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	13	53	30	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	26	46	23	5
December, 2004	20	54	19	7
July, 2004	25	53	18	4
Mid-October, 2001	50	41	7	2
Early September, 2001	32	44	20	4
September, 2000 (RVs)	34	48	14	4
August, 1999	27	54	16	3
June, 1999	31	47	19	3
September, 1997	17	57	24	2
February, 1995 ¹⁵	19	56	24	1
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : October, 1994	18	53	26	3
September, 1993	10	52	36	2
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : November, 1990	12	53	32	3
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : November, 1986	21	55	23	3
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : November, 1982	22	52	24	3
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : November, 1978	32	45	16	7

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In 1995 and previous years, the question was worded: "Do you think that we should expand our spending on national defense, keep it about the same or cut it back?"

Q.A56 CONTINUED...

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Keep same</u>	<u>Cut back</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Chicago CFR: December, 1974	13	47	33	8

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A57 In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	41	12
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	52	34	14

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In general, do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA and the policies of the World Trade Organization, have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 4-7, 2010	35	44	21
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	32	25
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	44	35	21
April, 2008	35	48	17
November, 2007	40	40	20
December, 2006 ¹⁶	44	35	21
Late October, 2005	44	34	22
December, 2004	47	34	19
July, 2004	47	34	19
March, 2004	44	37	19
December, 2003	34	33	33
Early September, 2001	49	29	22
November, 1997	45	34	21
September, 1997	47	30	23

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A58 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

Feb 22-Mar 1

2011

63	Developing alternative sources, such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology
29	Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas
6	Both should be given equal priority (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹⁶

In December 2006, December 2004, July 2004 and March 2004, the question wording asked about: "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the World Trade Organization," and did not mention "policies of" the World Trade Organization. In October 2005 the question asked: "So far, do you think that NAFTA has been a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?" In December 2003 the question wording asked about "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the WTO;" full names of the organizations were read out only if the respondent was uncertain. In Early September 2001 and earlier the question asked about: "...NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement..."

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A59 How do you think the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress last year will affect health care in the U.S.? Will it have a mostly good effect, a mostly bad effect, or a mix of good and bad?

Feb 22-Mar 1

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17	Mostly good
27	Mostly bad
51	Mix of good and bad
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A60 What do you think is more important—to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	Protect right to own guns	Control gun ownership	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	47	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	50	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	46	7
Mar 31-Apr 1, 2009	45	49	6
Apr, 2008	37	58	5
Nov, 2007	42	55	3
Apr, 2007	32	60	8
Feb, 2004	37	58	5
Jun, 2003	42	54	4
May, 2000	38	57	5
Apr, 2000	37	55	8
Mar, 2000	29	66	5
Jun, 1999	33	62	5
May, 1999	30	65	5
Dec, 1993	34	57	9

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A61 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	-----Favor----- Strongly			-----Oppose----- Strongly			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Total	<i>favor</i>	<i>Favor</i>	Total	<i>oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	20	25	46	25	21	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	16	27	47	26	22	10
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 ¹⁷	41	17	24	48	24	24	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	39	14	25	53	31	22	8
Mid-April, 2009	35	14	21	54	31	23	11
August, 2008	39	13	26	52	30	22	9
June, 2008	40	15	25	52	31	21	8
Late May, 2008	38	15	23	49	29	20	13
November, 2007	36	12	24	54	29	25	10
August, 2007	36	13	23	55	31	24	9
Early January, 2007	37	13	24	55	33	22	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	10	20	57	31	26	13
July, 2006	35	12	23	56	31	25	9
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7

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In July 21-Aug 5, 2010, Aug 11-17, 2009, August 2008, August 2007, Early January 2007, Early November 2006, March 2006, July 2005, December 2004, Early February 2004, November 2003, Mid-July 2003, March 2001 and June 1996 the question was asked as part of a list of items. In May and June 2008, the question asked about "allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally."

Q.A61 CONTINUED...

	-----Favor----- Strongly			-----Oppose----- Strongly			(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12
Mid-March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8
October, 2003	30	9	21	58	33	25	12
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8

ASK ALL SURVEY A:Q.A62 Do you think abortion should be **[READ]**

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <u>Legal in</u> <u>all/most</u>	NET <u>Illegal in</u> <u>all/most</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	18	36	26	16	4	54	42
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	17	33	27	17	7	50	44
August 11-27, 2009	16	31	27	17	8	47	45
April, 2009	18	28	28	16	10	46	44
Late October, 2008	18	35	24	16	7	53	40
Mid-October, 2008	19	38	22	14	7	57	36
August, 2008	17	37	26	15	5	54	41
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6	57	37
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5	51	44
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8	53	39
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5	52	43
AP/Ipsos-Poll: February, 2006	19	32	27	16	6	51	43
ABC/WaPo: December, 2005	17	40	27	13	3	57	40
ABC/WaPo: April, 2005	20	36	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: December, 2004	21	34	25	17	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: May, 2004	23	31	23	20	2	54	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2003	23	34	25	17	2	57	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 2001	22	27	28	20	3	49	48
ABC/BeliefNet: June, 2001	22	31	23	20	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2001	21	38	25	14	1	59	39
ABC/WaPo: September, 2000 (RVs)	20	35	25	16	3	55	41
ABC/WaPo: July, 2000	20	33	26	17	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: September, 1999	20	37	26	15	2	57	41
ABC/WaPo: March, 1999	21	34	27	15	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: July, 1998	19	35	29	13	4	54	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 1996	22	34	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: June, 1996	24	34	25	14	2	58	39
ABC/WaPo: October, 1995	26	35	25	12	3	61	37
ABC/WaPo: September, 1995	24	36	25	11	4	60	36
ABC/WaPo: July, 1995	27	32	26	14	1	59	40

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A63 Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Gallup			
October, 2010	46	50	4
October, 2009	44	54	2

Q.A63 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
October 2005	36	60	4
November, 2003	34	64	2
August, 2001	34	62	4
August, 2000	31	64	5
August, 1995	25	73	2
May, 1985	23	73	4
June, 1980	25	70	5
May, 1979	25	70	5
April, 1977	28	66	6
January, 1973	16	78	6
March, 1972	15	81	4
October, 1969	12	84	4

General Social Survey

2008	35	57	8
2006	32	60	7
2004	33	59	9
2002	32	61	6
2000	31	63	6
1998	27	67	6
1996	25	70	5
1994	22	73	5
1993	22	73	5
1991	17	78	5
1990	16	81	3
1989	16	81	3
1988	17	79	4
1987	16	81	3
1986	17	80	2
1984	22	74	4
1983	19	77	3
1980	24	73	3
1978	30	66	4
1976	28	69	3
1975	20	74	5
1973	19	79	2

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A64 Do you think government should or should not play a significant role in reducing obesity among children?

	<u>Should play a significant role</u>	<u>Should not play a significant role</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	57	39	3

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A65 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

ASK IF EARTH IS GETTING WARMER (Q.A65=1):

Q.A66 Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Feb 22-Mar 1 <u>2011</u>		Oct 13-18 <u>2010</u>	Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	April <u>2008</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>	July <u>2006</u>	June <u>2006</u>
58	Yes	59	57	71	77	77	79	70
	Mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels, [OR] Mostly because of natural patterns in the earth's environment							
36		34	36	47	47	47	50	41
18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	18	16	18	20	20	23	21
5		6	6	6	10	10	6	8
34	No	32	33	21	16	17	17	20
2	Mixed/some evidence (VOL.)	1	2	3	1	1	1	1
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	8	5	6	5	3	9

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A67 From what you've read and heard, do you think Barack Obama will remove U.S. combat troops from Afghanistan too quickly, not quickly enough, or is he handling this about right?

	<u>Too quickly</u>	Not quickly <u>enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	12	30	50	9

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B68 Thinking about ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S. ... Do you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Providing a way for illegal immigrants currently in the country to gain legal citizenship if they pass background checks, pay fines and have jobs?			
Mar 8-14, 2011	72	24	3
Jun 16-20, 2010 ¹⁸	68	30	2
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	63	34	3
December, 2007	58	35	7
June, 2007	63	30	7
b. Stronger enforcement of immigration laws and border security			
Mar 8-14, 2011	78	19	3

NO QUESTIONS 69-70

¹⁸ In June 2010 and earlier, the question was not part of a list, and the question began "Thinking about immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally...".

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B71 Considering what the president and Congress need to deal with, do you think reducing the budget deficit should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or does it not need to be addressed this year?

Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>		Oct <u>2005</u>	Mar <u>2005</u>
53	Top priority	42	39
33	Important but lower priority	38	46
3	Not too important	6	6
7	Does not need to be addressed this year	10	5
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B72 Would you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** as a way to reduce the budget deficit?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Raising taxes			
Mar 8-14, 2011	30	67	3
October, 2005	26	70	4
March, 2005	31	66	3
b. Lowering defense and military spending			
Mar 8-14, 2011	49	47	4
October, 2005	36	58	6
March, 2005	35	60	5
c. Lowering domestic spending			
Mar 8-14, 2011	61	30	9
October, 2005	47	41	12
March, 2005	54	35	11
d. Changes to Social Security and Medicare			
Mar 8-14, 2011	30	65	4

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B73 Who has the better approach to the budget deficit: **[RANDOMIZE: Barack Obama/the Republicans in Congress]**, or is there not much difference?

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>Republicans in Congress</u>	<u>Not much difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 8-14, 2011	20	21	52	7
Nov 4-7, 2010 ¹⁹	24	35	33	8

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>President Clinton</u>	<u>Republicans in Congress</u>	<u>Not much difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996</i>	29	31	34	6
<i>NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996</i>	28	34	29	9
<i>NBC/WSJ: Oct 1995</i>	25	40	27	8
<i>NBC/WSJ: Sep 1995</i>	30	35	25	10
<i>NBC/WSJ: Jul 1995</i>	27	39	24	10
<i>NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995</i>	25	37	29	9
<i>NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)</i>	23	46	27	4

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In November 2010 the question asked about "President Obama" and was asked as part of a list.

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B74 If the government makes major cuts in federal spending this year in an effort to reduce the budget deficit, do you think these cuts will **[RANDOMIZE: help the job situation/hurt the job situation]**, or not have much of an effect either way?

Mar 8-14

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18	Help
34	Hurt
41	Not much of an effect either way
1	Mixed effect (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 75-89**ASK ALL SURVEY B:**

Q.B90 Please tell me if you think each of the following trends is generally a good thing for American society, a bad thing for American society, or doesn't make much difference? (First/Next) **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b FOLLOWED BY ITEM c] [READ IF NECESSARY: Is this generally a good thing for American society, a bad thing for American society, or doesn't it make much difference?]**

	Good thing for society	Bad thing for society	Doesn't make much difference	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. More gay and lesbian couples raising children				
Mar 8-14, 2011	14	35	48	3
SDT: October, 2010 ²⁰	12	43	41	4
SDT: January, 2010	13	42	40	4
SDT: February, 2007	11	50	34	5
b. More people of different races marrying each other				
Mar 8-14, 2011	25	9	64	2
SDT: October, 2010	25	14	60	2
SDT: January, 2010	24	13	61	3
c. More people practicing religions other than Christianity				
Mar 8-14, 2011	24	22	51	3

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B91 Have you participated in a political campaign, meeting, or rally over the last 5 years, or not?

Mar 8-14

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20	Yes
80	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.B92 Over the past 12 months, has there been a time when you or someone in your household has been without a job and looking for work, or not?

	Yes	No	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 8-14, 2011	51	48	*
Dec 1-5, 2010	46	53	*
Oct 27-30, 2010	38	60	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	56	1
Mar 10-14, 2010 ²¹	54	45	1

²⁰ Trends from October 2010 and before are from Pew Social and Demographic Trends. Items were part of a longer list and the question asked about "our society" instead of "American society."

²¹ In March 10-14, 2010 and February 4-8, 2009, those who were not employed and looking for work, identified on an earlier question, were not asked this question, but are included in "yes."

Q.B92 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	42	58	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	39	61	*
December, 2008	35	65	*
Early February, 2008	28	71	1
May, 2005	31	69	*

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>(VOL.)</u> <u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Other</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Rep</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Dem</u>
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
Mar 8-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	17	15
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	16
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

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 IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2):

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG [Republican/Democrat] or NOT a strong [Republican/Democrat]?

	Strong <u>Republican</u>	Not strong/ <u>DK</u>	Strong <u>Democrat</u>	Not strong/ <u>DK</u>
Mar 8-14, 2011	12	12=24%	20	13=33%
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	14	10=24%	18	15=33%
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	14	10=24%	19	13=32%
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	13	12=25%	20	11=32%
April, 2009	12	10=22%	20	13=33%
October, 2007 ²²	13	12=25%	19	14=33%
August, 2007	14	12=26%	18	14=32%
July, 2007	16	11=27%	19	13=32%
June, 2007	13	12=25%	19	15=34%
April, 2007	14	11=25%	15	13=28%
January, 2007	12	11=23%	17	14=31%
Mid-November, 2006	14	11=25%	22	14=36%
Late October, 2006	14	12=26%	18	14=32%
Early October, 2006	15	12=27%	19	15=34%
September, 2006	17	13=30%	18	16=34%
December, 2005	16	13=29%	20	14=34%
December, 2004	18	13=31%	19	15=34%
July, 2004	17	12=29%	20	13=33%
August, 2003	14	13=27%	15	16=31%
September, 2000	14	13=27%	19	15=34%
Late September, 1999	10	14=24%	15	16=31%
August, 1999	11	14=25%	15	18=33%
November, 1997	11	14=25%	14	18=32%
October, 1995	11	19=30%	14	16=30%
April, 1995	15	15=30%	14	15=29%
October, 1994	16	15=31%	18	14=32%
July, 1994	13	16=29%	15	18=33%
June, 1992	11	17=28%	14	18=32%
May, 1990	13	15=28%	16	17=33%
February, 1989	15	16=31%	17	21=38%
May, 1988	13	15=28%	19	19=38%
January, 1988	12	15=27%	19	20=39%
May, 1987	11	14=25%	18	19=37%

ASK ALL:

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ²³	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13

²² Data from Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends.

²³ In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May through October, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March it was described as "the Tea Party Protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

PVOTE08A In the 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

ASK IF YES (PVOTE08A=1):

PVOTE08B Did you vote for Obama, McCain or someone else?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1251]:

	<u>Voted</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Other candidate</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Did not vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Don't remember/ Ref</u>
Mar 8-14, 2011	88	46	32	5	5	12	*
Nov 4-7, 2010	89	45	33	6	4	11	1
Oct 27-30, 2010	88	44	35	4	5	10	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	89	45	35	4	4	10	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	89	46	34	4	4	10	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	92	44	37	4	6	8	*
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	93	47	34	5	7	7	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	93	48	33	4	8	7	*
Jan 7-11, 2009	93	48	35	4	6	7	*
December, 2008	93	50	32	3	9	7	*

ASK ALL:

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote...[READ IN ORDER]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2482]:

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>(VOL.) Never vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	62	24	8	4	1	*	*
Oct 27-30, 2010	58	24	11	5	2	1	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	57	27	10	4	2	1	*
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	59	26	9	4	1	*	*
June 16-20, 2010	52	31	11	5	1	1	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	62	23	7	5	1	1	1
November, 2008	60	23	8	5	2	2	*
Late October, 2008	57	26	8	5	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2008	57	27	7	5	3	1	*
Early October, 2008	53	27	9	6	3	1	1
Late September, 2008	55	27	9	6	2	1	*
Mid-September, 2008	54	28	10	5	2	1	*
August, 2008	55	29	9	4	2	1	*
July, 2008	53	30	10	4	1	1	1
January, 2007	58	29	9	3	1	*	*
November, 2006	58	26	8	5	2	1	*
Late October, 2006	58	27	9	4	1	1	*
Early October, 2006	47	36	10	3	2	1	1
September, 2006	56	28	9	6	1	*	*
May, 2006	60	26	8	4	1	*	1
December, 2005	60	24	9	4	2	1	1
December, 2004	64	22	8	4	1	*	1
November, 2004	62	21	7	6	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2004	63	22	7	5	2	1	*

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)		(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly</u>	<u>Part of</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
		<u>always</u>	<u>the time</u>		<u>vote</u>		
Early October, 2004	58	25	9	4	2	1	1
September, 2004	58	27	9	5	2	1	1
August, 2004	56	28	9	5	2	*	1
July, 2004	54	31	9	4	1	*	*
June, 2004	57	29	7	5	1	1	1
May, 2004	56	27	10	4	2	1	1
April, 2004	55	29	9	5	1	1	1
Late March, 2004	50	31	11	6	1	*	1
Mid-March, 2004	55	30	9	5	1	*	*
February, 2004	55	29	12	3	*	*	*
January, 2004	54	30	10	4	2	1	*
August, 2003	53	30	10	5	1	*	*
June, 2003	48	36	11	3	2	1	0
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*
May, 2002	53	31	9	5	1	*	1
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	1	2	0
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	*	3	*
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*
July, 2000	48	30	13	6	2	1	*
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*
May, 2000	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
April, 2000	50	30	12	6	2	1	*
March, 2000	49	34	12	4	1	1	0
February, 2000	53	32	10	4	1	0	*
January, 2000	50	34	12	4	1	*	*
October, 1999	39	47	9	2	1	*	*
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*
Late August, 1998	48	35	13	4	*	0	*
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0
May, 1998	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
November, 1997	42	44	10	3	1	*	*
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*
June, 1997	54	30	10	4	*	*	*
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*
Early September, 1996	53	29	12	4	1	*	*
July, 1996	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*
Late April, 1996	44	37	11	5	1	1	1
Early April, 1996	49	35	10	5	1	*	*
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*
May, 1993	57	31	7	4	1	1	*
Early October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)		(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Always</u>	Nearly <u>always</u>	Part of <u>the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	Never <u>vote</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*
Early May, 1992	49	35	10	4	1	*	*
March, 1992	47	36	11	6	*	*	*
February, 1992	50	36	9	4	*	--	2
January 1992 (GP) ²⁴	40	35	11	11	4	--	*
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	*	*
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*
January, 1989 (GP)	45	30	10	8	6	1	*
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*
October, 1988	51	37	8	3	1	*	*
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*
September, 1988	51	40	6	2	*	1	*
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*

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Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

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ASK ALL:

CLASS Which of the following labels best describes your household: **[READ ITEMS, IN ORDER]**

	Professional or <u>business class</u>	Working <u>class</u>	Struggling family or <u>household</u>	(VOL.) More than one/ <u>None applies</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April 4-7, 2011	26	42	23	8	1
November, 2009	31	43	19	4	3
April, 2009	27	46	19	4	4
February, 2009	26	52	16	4	2
December, 2008	32	44	19	3	2
Early October, 2008	31	48	15	4	2
April, 2008	33	42	17	6	2
Early February, 2008	32	47	15	3	3
January, 2008	33	46	12	6	3
December, 2007	30	46	15	6	3
September, 2007	35	46	12	4	3
August, 2007	34	44	13	7	2
January, 2007	30	47	16	5	2
October, 2006	34	45	15	4	2
January, 2006	32	46	14	4	4
Mid-October, 2004	32	45	15	5	3
February, 2004 GAP	32	47	15	4	2
August, 2003	31	47	14	6	2
June, 2003	31	44	15	8	2
June, 2002	31	47	14	5	3
February, 2002	32	46	14	6	2
June, 2001	29	47	15	6	3

ASK ALL:

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

IF NOT EMPLOYED (EMPLOY=3) ASK:

EMPLOY1 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

IF PART TIME (EMPLOY=2) ASK:

EMPLOY7 Would you prefer to be working full time, or not?

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- 42 Full-time
- 13 Part-time
- 7 Yes, would prefer full time
- 6 No, would not
- * Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- 45 Not employed
- 12 Yes, looking for work
- 32 No, not looking
- * Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- * Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK OF EMPLOYED ONLY (EMPLOY=1,2):

Q.CB1 Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a government employee, or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?
[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS MORE THAN ONE JOB/ EMPLOYER ASK ABOUT THEIR "main job"]

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED [N=693]:

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56	Private company or business
10	Non-profit organization (INCLUDES private schools, colleges and universities)
	Government (INCLUDES federal, state, or local government, public schools, college and universities)
15	
16	Self employed or business owner (INCLUDES independent contractor, freelance worker)
2	Other (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.CB2 Would you say you currently have enough income to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

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40	Yes
59	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

IF NO OR DON'T KNOW (QCB2=2,9) ASK:

Q.CB2a Do you think you will have enough income in the future to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL:

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27	Yes, will have enough income in future
28	No, will not have enough income in future
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
40	<i>Currently have enough income to lead kind of life you want</i>

ASK ALL:

OWNRENT Do you own or rent your home?

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61	Own
33	Rent
5	Other arrangement (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.CB3 For each description I read, please tell me if it applies to you or not. (First,) **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Do you follow NASCAR Racing			
	April 7-10, 2011	16	83	*
	NBC/WSJ: June, 2008 ²⁵	20	80	--
	CBS: November, 2003	25	74	1
b.	Do you regularly buy organic foods			
	Apr 7-10, 2011	26	73	1
c.	Do you regularly volunteer for a charity			
	or other non-profit organization			
	April 7-10, 2011	43	57	*
d.	Do you currently have a valid United States passport			
	Apr 7-10, 2011	42	57	*
	CBS/NYT: November, 2004	36	64	--
	CBS/NYT: May, 1993 ²⁶	20	79	1
	CBS/NYT: May, 1989	23	77	1
e.	Do you live in a gated community			
	April 7-10, 2011	6	92	2
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:			
	Do you live in a gated building complex or community,			
	which is surrounded by a security fence or protected			
	by a security guard, or not?			
	LA Times: January, 1994	7	91	2

ASK ALL:

VET1 Have you or has anyone in your household ever served in the U.S. military or the military reserves?
[IF YES: Is that you or someone else?]

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34	Yes [NET]
13	Self
20	Someone else in household
1	Both
65	No, nobody in household has served
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

25 June, 2008 question was worded: "Please tell me whether each of the following statements applies to you personally ... are a fan of NASCAR racing" and response categories were "applies: and "does not apply." November, 2003 question was worded: "Would you describe yourself as a fan of NASCAR?"

26 May 1993 survey asked whether respondents had a "valid passport."

ASK IF VET IN HOUSEHOLD (VET1=1,2,3):

VET2a Did **[IF VET1=1:you]** **[IF VET1=2:that person]** **[IF VET1=3:you or that person]** serve in the military or military reserves since September 11, 2001?

BASED ON VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS [N=559]:

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26	Yes [NET]
8	Self
17	Someone else in household
1	Both
74	No, nobody in household has served since September 11, 2001
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

And just a couple of questions about current events...

Q.CB4 In your view, what is the best way to reduce the federal budget deficit? Should we mostly focus on **[RANDOMIZE: Cutting major programs / Increasing taxes]** mostly focus on [increasing taxes / cutting major programs] or should we do a combination of both?

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20	Cutting major programs
6	Increasing taxes
64	Combination of both
*	Deficit is not a priority/Don't focus on deficit (VOL.)
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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16
4
65
1
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ASK ALL:

Q.CB5 All things considered, do you think that the U.S. and its allies made the right decision or the wrong decision to conduct military air strikes in Libya?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
April 7-10, 2011	45	37	19
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	50	37	13
March 24-27, 2011	47	36	17

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:*Military force in Afghanistan*

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	52	38	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	56	34	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	64	25	11
February, 2008	65	24	11
December, 2006	61	29	10
January, 2006	69	20	11

Military force in Iraq

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	51	7
January, 2009	43	49	8
November, 2008	39	50	11
Late October, 2008	38	56	6
Mid-October, 2008	40	54	6
Mid-September, 2008	43	50	7
June, 2008	39	55	6
April, 2008	37	57	6
Late February, 2008	38	54	8
Late December, 2007	36	56	8

27 In October 2009, the question was worded: "Do you think the United States' initial decision to use force in Afghanistan was the right decision or the wrong decision?"

Q.CB5 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 2007	39	54	7
September, 2007	42	50	8
July, 2007	41	53	6
June, 2007	40	51	9
April, 2007	45	47	8
March, 2007	43	49	8
February, 2007	40	54	6
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9
Early January, 2007	40	53	7
December, 2006	42	51	7
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7
Late October, 2006	43	47	10
Early October, 2006	45	47	8
Early September, 2006	49	43	8
August, 2006	45	46	9
July, 2006	44	50	6
June, 2006	49	44	7
April, 2006	47	46	7
March, 2006	45	49	6
February, 2006	51	44	5
January, 2006	45	47	8
December, 2005	47	48	5
Late October, 2005	48	45	7
Early October, 2005	44	50	6
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7
July, 2005	49	44	7
June, 2005	47	45	8
February, 2005	47	47	6
January, 2005	51	44	5
December, 2004	49	44	7
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12
Early October, 2004	50	39	11
September, 2004	53	39	8
August, 2004	53	41	6
July, 2004	52	43	5
June, 2004	55	38	7
May, 2004	51	42	7
Late April, 2004	54	37	9
Early April, 2004	57	35	8
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6
Late February, 2004	60	32	8
Early February, 2004	56	39	5
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5
Early January, 2004	62	28	10
December, 2003	67	26	7
October, 2003	60	33	7
September, 2003	63	31	6
August, 2003	63	30	7
Early July, 2003	67	24	9
May, 2003	74	20	6
April 10-16, 2003	74	19	7
April 8-9, 2003	74	19	7
April 2-7, 2003	72	20	8
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	25	6
March 25-27, 2003	74	21	5
March 23-24, 2003	74	21	5
March 20-22, 2003	71	22	7

Q.CB5 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	Right <u>decision</u>	Wrong <u>decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late January, 1991	77	15	8
<i>Air strikes against Serbia to force them to agree to terms of the peace agreement and end the fighting in Kosovo</i>			
July 9-13, 1999	68	22	10

ASK ALL:

CVOTE10A In the 2010 elections for Congress, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

ASK IF RESPONDENT VOTED (CVOTE10A=1):

CVOTE10B Did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in your district?

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68	Yes, voted
31	Republican
30	Democrat
3	Other/Independent candidate (VOL.)
*	Didn't vote for Congress (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
31	No, didn't vote
1	No, too young to vote (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL

Q.CB6 And one last question to get your view on a topic that has been in the news... Was Barack Obama born in the United States or was he born in another country?

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