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FINAL TOPLINE
February 8-12, 2012
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Q.1-Q.6a, Q.32-Q.37, Q.43-Q.48, Q.62-Q.65, Q.71-Q.72 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
Q.6b-e, Q.7-Q.8, Q.11, Q.13-Q.16, Q.19-Q.21, Q.40-42, Q.66-Q.67, Q.75 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 9-10, 12, 17-18, 22-31, 38-39, 49-54, 58-59, 68-70

ASK ALL:

Thinking about foreign policy...

Q.55 From what you've read and heard, do you think Barack Obama is removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan too quickly, not quickly enough or is he handling this about right?

Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>		Jun 23-26 <u>2011</u> ¹	Feb 22-Mar 1 <u>2011</u>
20	Too quickly	14	12
22	Not quickly enough	29	30
53	About right	44	50
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	13	9

ASK ALL:

Q.56 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard...**[READ]**?

Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>		Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u> ²	Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Sep <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>
38	A lot	42	41	41	32
39	A little	41	41	44	46
23	Nothing at all	15	18	14	21
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	*	1	1

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Do you think tougher international economic sanctions on Iran will or will not work in getting Iran to give up its nuclear program?

Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>		Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u> ³
21	Will work	32
64	Will not work	56
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11

¹ For June 23-26, 2011 and earlier the question asked "...do you think Barack Obama will remove U.S. combat troops..."

² In June 11-16, 2012, the question read: "...recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf." In February 2006, question read: "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this?"

³ In October 2009, the question read: "Do you think tougher international economic sanctions on Iran would or would not work in getting Iran to give up its nuclear program?"

ASK ALL:

Q.60 In your opinion, which is more important **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>		Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>
58	To prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, even if it means taking military action [OR]	61
30	To avoid a military conflict with Iran, even if it means they may develop nuclear weapons	24
2	Neither (VOL.)	4
1	Both (VOL.)	1
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

ASK ALL:

Q.61 If Israel were to attack Iran to stop its nuclear weapons program, what position should the U.S. take? Should it support Israel's military action, oppose Israel's military action, or should the U.S. stay neutral?

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39	Support Israel's military action
5	Oppose Israel's military action
51	Stay neutral
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)