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2009 RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE**

Survey A: August 11-17, 2009, N=2,010

Survey B: August 20-27, 2009, N=2,003

Combined N=4,013

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.101 AND Q.102

ASK ALL:

Q.101 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]**

NOTE: Q.101 WAS ASKED AS Q.201 IN SURVEY B, CONDUCTED LATE-AUGUST 2009. Q.101 AND Q.201 ARE SHOWN SEPARATELY HERE.

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
August 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
July, 2009	54	34	12
June, 2009	61	30	9
Mid-April, 2009	63	26	11
Early April, 2009	61	26	13
March, 2009	59	26	15
February, 2009	64	17	19

SELECTED AUGUST TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
GW Bush: August, 2001	50	32	18
Clinton: August, 1993	39	46	15
GHW Bush: August, 1989 (<i>Gallup</i>)	64	18	18
Reagan: August, 1981 (<i>Gallup</i>)	60	30	11
Carter: August, 1977 (<i>Gallup</i>)	66	16	18
Nixon: August, 1969 (<i>Gallup</i>)	58	19	17

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.101 AND Q.102

ASK ALL:

Q.102 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

NOTE: Q.102 WAS ASKED AS Q.202 IN SURVEY B, CONDUCTED LATE-AUGUST 2009. Q.102 AND Q.202 ARE SHOWN SEPARATELY HERE.

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

NO QUESTIONS 103 AND 104

RANDOMIZE Q.105-Q.106/Q.107-Q.108 IN BLOCKS

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Now thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.105 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
June, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
March, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
February, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ¹	2	29	42	26	1

1 Earlier trends available from Gallup.

RANDOMIZE Q.105-Q.106/Q.107-Q.108 IN BLOCKS

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.106 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
August 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
June, 2009	48	16	34	2
March, 2009	41	19	37	3
February, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
January, 2001 <i>Newsweek</i>	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
Early October, 1998 (<i>RVs</i>)	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 (<i>RVs</i>)	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
January, 1984 <i>Newsweek (RVs)</i>	35	13	49	3

RANDOMIZE Q.105-Q.106/Q.107-Q.108 IN BLOCKS

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Now thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.107 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
August 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
June, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
February, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
January, 1993 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	33	46	16	1
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	6	34	40	19	1
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	5	30	47	17	1
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	35	45	15	1
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	32	45	18	1

RANDOMIZE Q.105-Q.106/Q.107-Q.108 IN BLOCKS

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.108 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
June, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
February, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	9	51	14	3	15	8
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	6	50	20	5	14	5
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	8	49	22	4	13	4
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	9	46	19	5	16	5

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.109 As you think about your OWN financial situation, which of the following economic issues worries you MOST right now? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

		June <u>2009</u>	March <u>2009</u>	Feb <u>2009</u>	Dec <u>2008</u>	Early Oct <u>2008</u>	March <u>2008</u>
44	The job situation	42	42	45	26	18	19
26	Rising prices	29	22	21	31	38	49
14	Problems in the financial markets [OR]	15	21	21	29	31	14
9	Declining real estate values	8	10	9	9	8	12
4	Other [VOL. DO NOT READ]	2	1	1	1	2	2
2	None / not worried about any [VOL. DO NOT READ]	2	2	1	2	1	2
2	Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]	1	2	2	2	2	2

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.110 In dealing with important issues facing the country, are [RANDOMIZE; Barack Obama and Republican leaders in Congress, Republican leaders in Congress and Barack Obama] working together or not working together?

ASK IF 'NOT WORKING TOGETHER' (Q.110=2):

Q.111 Who do you think is most to blame for them not working together? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

		<u>June 2009</u>	<u>Feb 2009²</u>
24	Working together	39	43
63	Not working together	50	45
17	Barack Obama to blame	12	7
29	Republican leaders in Congress to blame	26	27
9	Both to blame [VOL. DO NOT READ]	9	5
1	Neither to blame [VOL. DO NOT READ]	1	1
2	Other to blame [VOL. DO NOT READ]	1	3
4	Don't know who is to blame [VOL. DO NOT READ]	2	2
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11	12

NO QUESTIONS 112 THROUGH 114

2 In February 2009, question was worded: "In developing a plan to stimulate the economy and create jobs. ..."

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.115 And thinking about your personal finances, have you done any of the following lately? (First,) Have you [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE a-e BLOCK FIRST, THEN ASK f, THEN ASK g LAST], or not? [IF RESPONDENT SAYS THIS DOES NOT APPLY, CODE AS NO]

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Delayed or canceled plans to buy a new home or make major home improvements			
August 11-17, 2009	36	63	1
June, 2009	40	58	2
February, 2009	37	62	1
December, 2008	36	63	1
b. Delayed or canceled plans to make a major purchase for your household, such as a computer or appliance			
August 11-17, 2009	42	58	*
June, 2009	40	59	1
February, 2009	44	55	1
December, 2008	44	56	*
c. Cut back on planned spending for vacation travel			
August 11-17, 2009	59	40	*
June, 2009	59	41	*
February, 2009	59	41	*
December, 2008	57	42	1
d. Been eating out at restaurants less often			
August 11-17, 2009	55	44	1
June, 2009	56	44	*
February, 2009	55	44	1
December, 2008	55	44	1
e. Delayed or canceled plans to buy a new car			
August 11-17, 2009	38	62	*
June, 2009	36	63	*
February, 2009	37	62	1
December, 2008	33	67	*
f. Gotten help from your church or house of worship to help make ends meet			
August 11-17, 2009	9	91	*
g. Gotten help from a non-religious community or volunteer organization to help make ends meet			
August 11-17, 2009	7	93	*

ASK SURVEY A IF CHANGED SPENDING HABITS (1 IN Q.115b, Q.115c, Q.115d or Q.115e) [N=1518]:

Q.116 You mentioned making some cutbacks in spending. Have you been cutting back because your financial situation has GOTTEN worse and made such cutbacks necessary, or because you worry that your financial situation MIGHT GET worse in the future?

		June <u>2009</u>	Feb <u>2009</u>	Dec ³ <u>2008</u>
34	Financial situation has gotten worse	36	30	30
47	Worry that it might get worse in the future	50	56	59
6	Both (VOL.)	5	5	4
9	Other (VOL.)	6	6	4
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3	3

On a different subject...

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.117 How much, if anything, have you heard about the bills being proposed by President Obama and Congress to overhaul the health care system? [READ]

		<i>Trend for comparison</i> July <u>2009</u> ⁴
48	A lot	41
42	A little [OR]	47
9	Nothing at all	10
1	Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]	1

ASK SURVEY A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1011]:

Q.118 If the health care bills being proposed by Barack Obama and Congress are passed into law, would you be [READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]

15	Very happy
29	Pleased
22	Disappointed
18	Angry
16	Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]

ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 ONLY [N=999]:

Q.119 If the health care bills being proposed by Barack Obama and Congress FAIL to pass into law, would you be [READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]

18	Very happy
21	Pleased
31	Disappointed
9	Angry
21	Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]

NO QUESTION 120 THROUGH 124

3 In December 2008, the beginning of the question was worded: "In general, have you been cutting back on spending because...".

4 In July 2009, question read "the bills in Congress to overhaul the health care system?"

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about the abortion issue...

Q.125 Do you think abortion should be **[READ]****(PLEASE READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE)****NOTE: Q.125 WAS ASKED AS Q.240 IN SURVEY B. Q240 IS PRESENTED HERE WITH Q.125.⁵**

	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. DO NOT READ] <u>DK/Ref</u>	NET <i>Legal in all/most</i>	NET <i>Illegal in all/most</i>
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
February, 2006 <i>AP/Ipsos-Poll</i>	19	32	27	16	6	51	43
December 2005 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	17	40	27	13	3	57	40
April 2005 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	20	36	27	14	3	56	41
December 2004 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	21	34	25	17	3	55	42
May 2004 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	23	31	23	20	2	54	43
January 2003 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	23	34	25	17	2	57	42
August 2001 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	22	27	28	20	3	49	48
June 2001 <i>ABC/BeliefNet</i>	22	31	23	20	4	53	43
January 2001 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	21	38	25	14	1	59	39
September 2000 <i>(RVs) ABC/Wash Post</i>	20	35	25	16	3	55	41
July 2000 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	20	33	26	17	4	53	43
September 1999 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	20	37	26	15	2	57	41
March 1999 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	21	34	27	15	3	55	42
July 1998 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	19	35	29	13	4	54	42
August 1996 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	22	34	27	14	3	56	41
June 1996 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	24	34	25	14	2	58	39
October 1995 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	26	35	25	12	3	61	37
September 1995 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	24	36	25	11	4	60	36
July 1995 <i>ABC/Wash Post</i>	27	32	26	14	1	59	40

⁵ The introduction to Q.240 Survey B read, "On another subject..."

ASK SURVEY A IF Q.125<9:

Q.126 Which one of the following has had the biggest influence on your thinking on the issue of abortion...
[READ AND RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS WITH OPTION 6 ALWAYS LAST]

	Based on <u>Total</u>	---Views on Abortion---	
		<u>Illegal in most/all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most/all cases</u>
Your religious beliefs	29	53	11
Your education	19	12	30
A personal experience	13	9	20
The views of your friends and family	6	5	7
What you have seen or read in the media	4	4	6
OR Something else	18	16	25
Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
<i>No opinion on abortion</i>	(10)		
		[N=890]	[N=926]

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.127 Over the past year or so, have your views on abortion changed, or have they pretty much stayed the same?

ASK IF VIEWS HAVE CHANGED (Q.127=1)

Q.128 And have you become **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

BASED ON TOTAL

- 5 Changed
 - 1 More supportive of restricting access to abortion
 - 3 More supportive of a woman's right to choose an abortion
 - * Other **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**
 - * Don't know/refused **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**
- 93 Stayed the same
- 2 Don't know/refused (VOL.)

ASK IF Q.128=1,2 [N=77]:

Q.129 And just in your own words, what is the main reason that you have become **[IF Q.128=1, INSERT: more supportive of restricting access to abortion?; IF Q.128=2, INSERT: more supportive of a woman's right to choose an abortion?]** **[OPEN END. RECORD ONE MENTION?]**

Q.129 RESULTS NOT SHOWN; USED FOR QUALITATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.130 Which comes closer to your view about the abortion issue **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

		July <u>2006</u>
60	The country needs to find a middle ground on abortion laws, [OR]	66
29	There's no room for compromise when it comes to abortion laws	29
11	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	5

NO QUESTIONS 131 THROUGH 134

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.135 As far as you know, what is Barack Obama’s position on abortion? Is he PRO-CHOICE, that is, supports a woman’s right to choose an abortion, or is he PRO-LIFE, that is, supports restricting access to abortion in most cases?

		<i>Trend for comparison</i>
		<i>(RVs)⁶</i>
		June
		<u>2008</u>
58	Pro choice / supports a woman’s right to choose	52
14	Pro life / supports restricting access in most cases	10
28	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)	38

ASK SURVEY A IF SAYS OBAMA IS PRO-CHOICE (Q.135=1):

Q.136 Do you [worry that Obama will go too far in supporting abortion rights], [worry that Obama won’t go far ENOUGH in supporting abortion rights], OR think that Obama will handle the issue of abortion about right? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON TOTAL SURVEY A:

- 19 Worry that Obama will go too far in supporting abortion rights
- 4 Worry that Obama won’t go far ENOUGH in supporting abortion rights,
- 29 Think he will handle the issue about right
- 6 Don’t know/refused (VOL.)
- (42) Pro-life/DK/Ref in Q.135

NO QUESTIONS 137 THROUGH 139

ASK ALL:

Q.140 Thinking more generally ... Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”] How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]

NOTE: Q.140a/b WERE ASKED AS Q.212a/b IN SURVEY B, CONDUCTED LATE-AUGUST 2009. QUESTIONS Q.140a/b AND Q.212 a/b ARE SHOWN SEPARATELY HERE.

	---- Favorable ----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never	Can’t rate/
							<u>Heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
ASK ALL:								
a. The Republican Party								
August 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
August 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Early April, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
January, 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

⁶ In June 2008, this question was asked about John McCain and Barack Obama among registered voters and those who plan to register.

Q.140 CONTINUED...

	---- Favorable ----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never <u>Heard of</u>	Can't rate/ <u>Ref</u>
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

ASK ALL:

a. The Republican Party								
August 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
August 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Early April, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
January, 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

Q.140 CONTINUED...

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	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			Never Heard of	Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
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

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Due to systematic differences across surveys in the percentage of respondents declining to offer a rating of religious groups, the trends for the following favorability ratings are not reliable. Current data are used for analytical purposes only, and are not compared to past survey results. Overall results from the current survey are shown here in grey for illustrative purposes only. See footnote for more details.

Q.141 Now thinking about some specific religious groups... Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE WITH ITEM f LAST; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**
 How about **(NEXT ITEM)? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never Heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. Catholics								
August 11-17, 2009	67	19	48	13	4	9	*	19 ⁸
August, 2007	76	21	55	14	4	10	*	10
July, 2005	73	24	49	14	4	10	0	13
Mid-July, 2003	69	21	48	18	6	12	*	13
March, 2002	74	19	55	13	4	9	*	13
Mid-November, 2001	78	29	49	8	3	5	*	14
March, 2001	74	19	55	13	3	10	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	78	29	49	9	3	6	*	13
b. Jews								
August 11-17, 2009	63	17	46	11	4	7	1	25 ⁸
August, 2007	76	21	55	9	3	6	*	15
March, 2006	84	27	57	6	2	4	*	10
July, 2005	77	23	54	7	2	5	*	16
Mid-July, 2003	72	20	52	9	3	6	1	18
June, 2003	79	25	54	8	2	6	*	13
March, 2002	74	18	56	9	2	7	*	17
Mid-November, 2001	75	24	51	7	2	5	*	18
March, 2001	72	16	56	10	2	8	*	18
September, 2000 (RVs)	77	27	50	8	3	5	*	15
June, 1997	82	26	56	9	2	7	1	8
c. Evangelical Christians								
August 11-17, 2009	57	16	41	17	4	13	4	22 ⁸
August, 2007	60	18	42	19	6	13	5	16
March, 2006	68	22	46	18	5	13	2	12
July, 2005	57	17	40	19	5	14	5	19
Mid-July, 2003	58	18	40	18	6	12	3	21
June, 2003	62	21	41	17	4	13	7	14
March, 2002	55	13	42	18	5	13	7	20

Q.141 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>
	March, 2001	55	13	42	16	4	12	8	21
	September, 2000 (RVs)	63	21	42	16	3	13	3	18
	February, 1996	39	13	26	38	15	23	11	12
	July, 1994	43	10	33	32	10	22	11	14
	May, 1990	43	12	31	38	19	19	7	12
d.	Mormons								
	August 11-17, 2009	44	9	34	26	10	17	1	29 ⁷
	August, 2007	53	10	43	27	9	18	2	18
e.	Muslims								
	August 11-17, 2009	38	6	33	32	12	19	1	29 ⁸
	August, 2007	43	7	36	35	13	22	1	21
	Mid-July, 2003	47	9	38	31	12	19	--	22
	June, 2003	50	12	38	30	10	20	*	20
	March, 2002	47	7	40	29	11	18	--	24
f.	Atheists, that is people who don't believe in God								
	August 11-17, 2009	29	6	23	49	26	23	*	21 ⁸
	August, 2007	35	7	28	53	30	23	*	12
	July, 2005	35	7	28	50	28	22	0	15
	Mid-July, 2003	34	7	27	52	33	19	*	14
	March, 2002	34	5	29	54	31	23	*	12
	Mid-November, 2001	32	7	25	49	28	21	*	19
	March, 2001	29	4	25	57	35	22	*	14
	September, 2000 (RVs)	32	8	24	52	32	20	*	16
ASK SURVEY A FORM 1 ONLY [N=1011]:									
g.	Hindus								
	August 11-17, 2009	39	6	33	21	9	13	2	37
ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 ONLY [N=999]:									
h.	Buddhists								
	August 11-17, 2009	45	10	35	20	9	11	2	33

NO QUESTIONS 142 THROUGH 144

7 Due to unusually high item nonresponse in the August 11-17, 2009 survey, results for these questions cannot be compared with previous trends. Fluctuations in nonresponse are due to variations in interviewing techniques used by different data collection organizations and do not necessarily reflect meaningful changes in opinion. Item nonresponse cannot simply be reallocated proportionally (i.e. repercentaging the responses based upon those offering a rating) because variance in nonresponse is more closely associated with variance in certain response categories. The trends for Hindus and Buddhists are also shown in grey although we do not have trend data for these groups to compare item nonresponse for this survey to previous ones. Current data are used for analytical purposes only.

Now, on some issues...

RANDOMIZE Q.145 a-c AS A BLOCK WITH Q.146a-b AND 147 AS A SEPARATE BLOCK

Q.145 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [READ AND RANDOMIZE WITH ITEM a. ALWAYS FIRST]? And how about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

NOTE: Q.145a WAS ASKED AS Q.249 IN SURVEY B. Q.249 IS PRESENTED HERE WITH Q.145a.

	-----FAVOR-----			-----OPPOSE-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Total	<i>Strongly</i> <i>Favor</i>	<i>Favor</i>	Total	<i>Strongly</i> <i>Oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	
ASK ALL:							
a. Allowing churches and other houses of worship to apply, along with other organizations, for government funding to provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them							
August 11-27, 2009 ⁸	69	25	44	25	10	16	5
August, 2008	67	26	41	29	10	19	4
July, 2005	66	25	41	30	8	22	4
February, 2004	69	28	41	29	10	19	2
March, 2002	70	26	44	27	9	18	3
June, 2001	72	30	42	25	10	15	3
March, 2001	75	30	45	21	8	13	4
February, 2001	64	28	36	30	11	19	6
September, 2000 (RVs)	67	32	35	29	12	17	4

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

b. Making it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion

August 11-17, 2009	41	19	22	50	23	27	9
January, 2007	35	17	18	56	27	29	9
March, 2006	37	15	22	56	24	32	7
December, 2004	36	19	17	55	29	26	9
Early February, 2004	36	17	19	58	30	28	6
November, 2003	35	19	16	57	29	28	8
August, 2003 ⁹	36	17	19	57	30	27	7
May, 1993	32	15	17	60	35	25	8
May, 1992	30	--	--	62	--	--	8
May, 1990	38	21	17	55	29	26	7
May, 1987	41	18	23	51	33	18	8
May, 1985	47	--	--	49	--	--	4

8 Q.145a was asked as part of a list, while Q.249 was asked as a standalone question. The introduction to Q.249 read, "On another subject..."

9 In August 2003 and earlier the question was worded: "Changing the laws to make it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion."

Q.145 CONTINUED...

	----FAVOR----			----OPPOSE----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<i>Strongly</i>		<u>Total</u>	<i>Strongly</i>		
		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>		<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	
ASK ALL SURVEY A:							
c. Requiring that women under the age of 18 get the consent of at least one parent before they are allowed to have an abortion							
August 11-17, 2009	76	45	31	19	8	11	5
July, 2005	73	--	--	22	--	--	5
Sept, 1999	69	--	--	28	--	--	3
May, 1992	73	--	--	23	--	--	4

RANDOMIZE Q.145 a-c AS A BLOCK WITH Q.146a-b AND 147 AS A SEPARATE BLOCK

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.146 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [READ IN ORDER]
And how about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

	----FAVOR----			----OPPOSE----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<i>Strongly</i>		<u>Total</u>	<i>Strongly</i>		
		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>		<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	
a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally							
August 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 ¹⁰	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
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

10 In May and June 2008, November 2007, June and July 2006, mid-March through August 2004, and October 2003, the question was not part of a list of items. In May and June 2008 the question asked about "allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally."

Q.146 CONTINUED...

	----FAVOR----			----OPPOSE----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<i>Strongly</i>			<i>Strongly</i>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	
b. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that would give them many of the same rights as married couples							
August 11-17, 2009	57	22	35	37	21	17	6
Mid-April 2009	53	20	33	39	21	18	8
August, 2008	54	18	36	40	21	19	6
Late May, 2008	51	21	30	41	25	16	8
July, 2006	54	19	35	42	24	18	4
July, 2005	53	22	31	40	24	16	7
August, 2004	48	15	33	45	24	21	7
July, 2004	49	18	31	43	25	18	8
Mid-March, 2004	49	16	33	44	26	18	7
October, 2003	45	14	31	47	27	20	8

ASK SURVEY A IF SUPPORT GAY MARRIAGE (1,2 IN Q.146a) [N=757]:

Q.147 Which of these statements comes closer to your view... [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

		July <u>2006</u>
42	Supporters of gay marriage should not push too hard to make it legal right away, because doing so could create bad feelings against homosexuals OR	41
45	Supporters of gay marriage should push hard to make it legal as soon as possible, despite the risk of creating bad feelings against homosexuals	51
13	Don't know/refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]	8

NO QUESTIONS 148 THROUGH 150

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Thinking again about abortion...

ASK SURVEY A FORM 1 [N=1011]:

Q.151 Regardless of whether or not you think abortion should be legal, do you think it would be a good thing to reduce the number of abortions performed in the United States, or don't you feel this way?

		July <u>2005</u>
65	Good thing to reduce the number of abortions	59
26	Don't feel this way	33
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

ASK SURVEY A FORM 1 [N=1011]:

Q.152 And from what you know, does Barack Obama think it would be a good thing to reduce the number of abortions performed in the United States, or doesn't he feel this way?

38	Obama thinks it would be good thing to reduce the number of abortions
19	Obama doesn't feel this way
44	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 [N=999]:

Q.153 As you may know, Barack Obama has said that he favors reducing the number of abortions. What about you? Regardless of whether or not you think abortion should be legal, do you think it would be a good thing to reduce the number of abortions performed in the United States, or don't you feel this way?

69 Good thing to reduce the number of abortions
 20 Don't feel this way
 11 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 154 THROUGH 169

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Moving on...

Q.170 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against [INSERT; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS], or not? And is there a lot of discrimination against [INSERT NEXT ITEM], or not?

		Yes, there is a <u>lot of discrimination</u>	No, there is not <u>a lot of discrimination</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Evangelical Christians	27	56	17
b.	Muslims	58	29	13
c.	Jews	35	54	11
d.	Atheists, that is, people who don't believe in God	26	59	14
e.	Mormons	24	56	20
ASK FORM 1 SURVEY A ONLY [N=1011]:				
f.	Blacks	49	46	5
g.	Gays and lesbians	64	30	6
ASK FORM 2 SURVEY A ONLY [N=999]:				
h.	Hispanics	52	41	7
i.	Women	37	59	4

NO QUESTIONS 171 THROUGH 174

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.175 Do you, yourself happen to know anyone who is Muslim?

BASED ON ALL SURVEY A NON-MUSLIMS [N=2004]

		August <u>2007</u>	Mid-Nov <u>2001</u>
45	Yes	45	38
54	No	54	61
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.176 As I read a pair of statements, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right [READ].

		August <u>2007</u>	July <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>
38	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers	45	36	46	44	25
	-OR-					
45	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others	39	47	37	41	51
1	Neither (VOL.)	4	3	2	3	3
15	Don't know (VOL.)	12	14	15	12	21

NO QUESTION 177

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.178 AND Q.179

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.178 Do you happen to know what name Muslims use to refer to God?

		July <u>2005</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>
53	Yes, Correct Answer [Allah]	48	45	47
7	Yes, Incorrect Answer	14	9	11
40	No/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	38	46	42

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.178 AND Q.179

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.179 Do you happen to know the name of the Islamic equivalent to the Bible?

		July <u>2005</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u>
52	Yes, Correct Answer [Koran]	51	42	43
4	Yes, Incorrect Answer	9	4	8
45	No/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	40	54	49

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

On another subject...

Q.180 Do you personally believe that [INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE] is morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue. [IF NECESSARY] And is [INSERT ITEM] morally acceptable, morally wrong, or is it not a moral issue?

		Morally <u>Acceptable</u>	Morally <u>Wrong</u>	Not a Moral <u>Issue</u>	(VOL.) Depends on <u>the Situation</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a.	Having an abortion					
	August 11-17, 2009	10	52	25	8	4
	February, 2006	12	52	23	11	2
b.	Homosexual behavior					
	August 11-17, 2009	9	49	35	2	6
	February, 2006	12	50	33	1	4

Q.180 CONTINUED...

		Morally	Morally	Not a Moral	(VOL.) Depends on	(VOL.) Don't know/
		<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Wrong</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>the Situation</u>	<u>Refused</u>

		<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Wrong</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>the Situation</u>	<u>Refused</u>
ASK FORM 1 SURVEY A ONLY						
[N=1001]:						
c.	Divorce					
	August 11-17, 2009	20	29	40	6	4

ASK FORM 2 SURVEY A ONLY

[N=999]:

d.	Drinking alcohol					
	August 11-17, 2009	20	15	56	6	3

ASK ALL:

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that’s atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK/REF (RELIG=11, 12, 99) ASK:

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?

NOTE: RELIG AND CHR FOR BOTH SURVEY A AND SURVEY B ARE PRESENTED HERE.

40	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)
23	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
*	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
*	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
*	Hindu
2	Atheist (do not believe in God)
3	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
2	Something else (SPECIFY)
12	Nothing in particular
11	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
2	Don’t Know/Refused (VOL.)

IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR ((RELIG=11 OR RELIG=99) AND CHR=1)):

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

NOTE: BORN FOR BOTH SURVEY A AND SURVEY B ARE PRESENTED HERE.

BASED ON TOTAL

34	Yes, would
40	No, would not
<u>4</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
78%	Christian

ASK ALL:

ATTEND

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

NOTE: ATTEND FOR BOTH SURVEY A AND SURVEY B ARE PRESENTED HERE.

	<u>More than once a week</u>	<u>Once a week</u>	<u>Once or twice a month</u>	<u>A few times a year</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
August 11-27, 2009	14	23	16	18	16	11	1
August, 2008	13	26	16	19	15	10	1
Aug, 2007	14	26	16	18	16	9	1
July, 2006	15	25	15	18	14	12	1
July, 2005	14	27	14	19	14	11	1
Aug, 2004	13	25	15	20	15	11	1
July, 2003	16	27	15	18	14	10	*
March, 2003	15	24	15	21	15	9	1
March, 2002	15	25	17	18	15	9	1
Mid-Nov, 2001	16	26	14	17	16	10	1
March, 2001	17	26	17	17	15	7	1
Sept, 2000 (RVs)	17	28	16	17	13	8	1
June, 1997	12	26	17	20	15	10	*
June, 1996	14	25	17	21	13	9	1

NO QUESTIONS 181 THROUGH 184

ASK ALL:

Q.185 How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

NOTE: Q.185 WAS ASKED AS Q.280 ON SURVEY B. Q.280 IS PRESENTED HERE WITH Q.185.

		<u>August 2008</u>	<u>August 2007</u>
57	Very important	58	61
25	Somewhat important	27	24
8	Not too important	7	8
8	Not at all important	7	6
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

ASK ALL

Q.186 Which comes closest to your view? [READ, IN ORDER]
 [Holy book: If Christian or no religion (RELIG=1-4, 9, 10, 12, 13 OR CHR=1) insert "the Bible"; If Jewish (RELIG=5), insert "the Torah"; If Muslim (RELIG=6), insert, "the Koran"; If other non-Christian affiliations (RELIG=7,8,14 OR (RELIG=11 AND CHR=2,9)), insert "the Holy Scripture"; IF DK/REF IN RELIGION (RELIG=99) AND CHR=2,9, insert "the Bible"]

IF BELIEVE HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD (Q.186=1), ASK:

Q.187 And would you say that [READ, IN ORDER]?
NOTE: Q.186/Q.187 WERE ASKED AS Q.286/Q.287 IN SURVEY B. Q.286/Q.287 ARE PRESENTED HERE WITH Q.186/Q.187

		August <u>2008</u>
69	[Holy book] is the word of God	66
34	[Holy book] is to be taken literally, word for word [OR] Not everything in [Holy book] should	34
35	be taken literally, word for word/Other/DK	32
23	[Holy book] is a book written by men and is not the word of God	25
8	Other/Don't know (VOL.)	9

ASK ALL:

Q.188 People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?

NOTE: Q.188 ASKED AS Q.288 IN SURVEY B. Q.288 IS PRESENTED HERE WITH Q.188

		August <u>2007</u>
36	Several times a day	35
19	Once a day	21
14	A few times a week	15
4	Once a week	4
6	A few times a month	6
11	Seldom	11
8	Never	6
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.189 Do you think of yourself as a member of a minority because of your religious beliefs, or not?

		March <u>2001</u>
19	Yes	19
78	No	78
3	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	3

ASK SURVEY A IF AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION (RELIG=1-8,11,13,14 OR (RELIG=99 & CHR=1)):

Q.190 From what you know, do you think that [INSERT; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FILTERS] and your own religion are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different, or very different. How about [INSERT NEXT ITEM] and your own religion? [READ AS NECESSARY: are they very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different, or very different?] [READ RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]

	Very similar	Somewhat similar	Somewhat different	Very different	(VOL.) DK/Ref
ASK IF AFFILIATED AND NOT CATHOLIC (RELIG#2) [N=1269]:					
a. the Catholic religion	15	31	29	20	5
ASK IF AFFILIATED AND NOT PROTESTANT/ OTHER CHRISTIAN (RELIG#1,13) [N=615]:					
b. the Protestant religion	17	37	22	12	13
ASK IF AFFILIATED AND NOT MORMON (RELIG#3) [N=1684]:					
c. the Mormon religion	3	18	24	36	19
ASK IF AFFILIATED AND NOT JEWISH (RELIG#5) [N=1671]:					
d. the Jewish religion	8	29	26	21	16
ASK IF AFFILIATED AND NOT MUSLIM (RELIG#6) [N=1709]:					
e. the Muslim religion	3	14	19	47	17
ASK FORM 1 IF AFFILIATED AND NOT BUDDHIST (RELIG#7) [N=841]:					
f. the Buddhist religion	2	9	16	51	23
ASK FORM 2 IF AFFILIATED AND NOT HINDU (RELIG#8) [N=864]:					
g. the Hindu religion	2	9	15	44	30

ASK SURVEY A IF R IS ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK & NOT CHRISTIAN (RELIG=9, 10, 12 OR (RELIG=99 AND CHR=2, 9)), [N=295]:

Q.191 From what you know, do you think that [INSERT; RANDOMIZE;] and your own beliefs are very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different, or very different. How about [INSERT NEXT ITEM] and your own beliefs? [READ AS NECESSARY: are they very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different, or very different?] [READ RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]

	Very similar	Somewhat similar	Somewhat different	Very different	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. the Catholic religion	4	27	23	29	17
b. the Protestant religion	4	22	20	26	28
c. the Mormon religion	1	15	16	41	27
d. the Jewish religion	4	22	18	29	28

Q.191 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>similar</u> *	Somewhat <u>similar</u> 14	Somewhat <u>different</u> 21	Very <u>different</u> 38	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> 27
e. the Muslim religion					
f. the Buddhist religion	3	23	15	30	29
g. the Hindu religion	1	13	20	31	36

ASK ALL:

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

IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:

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

NOTE: PARTY/PARTYLN FOR BOTH SURVEY A AND SURVEY B ARE PRESENTED HERE.

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
August 20-27, 2009	26	32	36	3	*	3	14	16
August 11-17, 2009	23	33	38	3	*	3	16	15
July, 2009	22	34	37	5	*	2	15	14
June, 2009	25	34	34	3	*	3	11	16
May, 2009	23	39	29	4	*	4	9	14
April, 2009	22	33	39	3	*	3	13	18
March, 2009	24	34	35	5	*	2	12	17
February, 2009	24	36	34	3	1	2	13	17
January, 2009	25	37	33	3	*	2	11	16
December, 2008	26	39	30	2	*	3	8	15
Late October, 2008	24	39	32	2	*	3	11	15
Mid-October, 2008	27	35	31	4	*	3	9	16
Early October, 2008	26	36	31	4	*	3	11	15
Late September, 2008	25	35	34	3	1	2	13	15
Mid-September, 2008	28	35	32	3	*	2	12	14
August, 2008	26	34	34	4	*	2	12	17
July, 2008	24	36	34	3	*	3	12	15
June, 2008	26	37	32	3	*	2	11	16
Late May, 2008	25	35	35	2	*	3	13	15
April, 2008	24	37	31	5	1	2	11	15
March, 2008	24	38	29	5	*	4	9	14
Late February, 2008	24	38	32	3	*	3	10	17
Early February, 2008	26	35	31	5	*	3	11	14
January, 2008	24	33	37	4	*	2	12	18
Yearly Totals								
2008	25.3	35.8	31.7	3.8	.3	3.1	10.5	15.4
2007	25.4	32.9	33.7	4.6	.4	3.1	10.7	16.7
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	.4	3.9	10.2	14.5
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	.3	2.8	10.2	14.9
2004	29.7	33.4	29.8	3.9	.4	2.9	11.7	13.4
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	.5	2.5	12.1	13.0
2002	30.3	31.2	30.1	5.1	.7	2.7	12.6	11.6
2001	29.2	33.6	28.9	5.1	.5	2.7	11.7	11.4
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

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No Other DK/ *Lean Lean*

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28.2	34.6	29.5	5.0	.5	2.1	11.7	12.5
2000	27.5	32.5	29.5	5.9	.5	4.0	11.6	11.6
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.5	33.2	31.9	4.6	.4	2.4	11.8	13.5
1997	28.2	33.3	31.9	4.0	.4	2.3	12.3	13.8
1996	29.2	32.7	33.0	5.2	--	--	12.7	15.6
1995	31.4	29.7	33.4	5.4	--	--	14.4	12.9
1994	29.8	31.8	33.8	4.6	--	--	14.3	12.6
1993	27.4	33.8	34.0	4.8	--	--	11.8	14.7
1992	27.7	32.7	35.7	3.9	--	--	13.8	15.8
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	4.5	--	--	14.6	10.8
1990	31.0	33.1	29.1	6.8	--	--	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.201 AND Q.202

ASK ALL:

- Q.201 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]
NOTE: Q.201 WAS ASKED AS Q.101 IN SURVEY A, CONDUCTED EARLY-AUGUST 2009. RESULTS FROM Q.201 REPORTED WITH Q.101 ABOVE.

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.201 AND Q.202

ASK ALL:

- Q.202 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?
NOTE: Q.202 WAS ASKED AS Q.102 IN SURVEY A, CONDUCTED EARLY-AUGUST 2009. RESULTS FROM Q.202 REPORTED WITH Q.102 ABOVE.

NO QUESTIONS 203 TO 209

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

- Q.210 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

IF ANSWERED '3' OTHER OR '9' DON'T KNOW IN Q.210, ASK:

- Q.211 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,669]:

	<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
August 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
2008 Election			
June, 2008	37	52	11
2006 Election			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9

Q.210/Q.211 CONTINUED...

<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
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June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
2004 Election			
June, 2004	41	48	11
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
1996 Election			
November, 1996 ¹¹	44	48	8
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

¹¹ November 1996 trends based on likely voters.

Q.212 Thinking more generally ... Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”] How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]

----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never Heard of	Can't rate/ Ref

ASK ALL:

a. The Republican Party

NOTE: Q.212A WAS ASKED AS Q.140A IN SURVEY A, CONDUCTED EARLY-AUGUST 2009.

RESULTS FROM Q.212A REPORTED WITH Q.140A ABOVE.

ASK ALL:

b. The Democratic Party

NOTE: Q.212B WAS ASKED AS Q.140B IN SURVEY A, CONDUCTED EARLY-AUGUST 2009.

RESULTS FROM Q.212B REPORTED WITH Q.140B ABOVE.

ASK SURVEY B ONLY:

c. Congress

August 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Early April, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
January, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
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

Q.212 CONTINUED...

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	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			Never	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>
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

NO QUESTIONS 213 AND 214

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.215 How much, if anything, have you heard about the bills in Congress to overhaul the health care system?
[READ]

		July <u>2009</u>
53	A lot	41
40	A little [OR]	47
7	Nothing at all	10
1	Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]	1

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.216 As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care proposals being discussed in Congress?

ASK IF Q.216=1,2:

Q.217 Do you (favor/oppose) these health care proposals very strongly, or not so strongly?

		July <u>2009</u>
39	Generally favor	38
25	Very strongly	--
13	Not so strongly	--
1	Don't know (how strongly)	--
46	Generally oppose	44
34	Very strongly	--
12	Not so strongly	--
1	Don't know (how strongly)	--
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	18

NO QUESTIONS 218 AND 219

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.220 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to dealing with health care reform – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all?

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	No confidence <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Barack Obama	26	30	21	22	3
b. Democratic leaders in Congress	12	33	28	24	4
c. Republican leaders in Congress	7	32	36	21	4

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.221 Do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** would be **[RANDOMIZE: better off (or) worse off]** if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference?

	Better <u>off</u>	Worse <u>off</u>	Not much <u>different</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. You and your family	27	30	36	2	5
b. The country as a whole	39	33	19	4	6

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you think **(INSERT AND ROTATE)** would be (better off) or (worse off) if the president and Congress passed health care reform, or don't you think it would make much difference? **(ROTATE VERBIAGE IN PARENTHESES)**

	Better <u>off</u>	Worse <u>off</u>	Not much <u>different</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. You and your family					
August, 2009 Kaiser	36	31	27	2	4
July, 2009 Kaiser	39	21	32	4	3
June, 2009 Kaiser	39	16	36	3	5
April, 2009 Kaiser	43	14	36	4	4
February, 2009 Kaiser	38	11	43	4	3
b. The country as a whole					
August, 2009 Kaiser	45	34	14	3	4
July, 2009 Kaiser	51	23	16	4	6
June, 2009 Kaiser	57	16	19	3	5
April, 2009 Kaiser	56	15	21	3	5
February, 2009 Kaiser	59	12	19	5	5

NO QUESTIONS 222 TO 239

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.240 Do you think abortion should be [READ]

(PLEASE READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE)

NOTE: Q.240 WAS ASKED AS Q.125 IN SURVEY A.

RESULTS FROM Q.240 REPORTED WITH Q.125 ABOVE.

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.241 Do you ever wonder whether your own position on abortion is the right one or not?

		<i>Gallup</i>	
		July	Dec
		<u>2006</u>	<u>1988</u>
26	Yes	30	33
66	No	66	60
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	7

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.242 Do you think the issue of abortion is a critical issue facing the country, one among many important issues, or not that important compared to other issues?

		March
		<u>2006</u>
15	A critical issue facing the country	28
33	One among many important issues	38
48	Not that important compared to other issues	32
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK SURVEY B IF ABORTION SHOULD BE LEGAL (Q.240=1,2) [N=973]:

Q.243 And do you think the view that abortion should be against the law is a respectable opinion for someone to hold, or not?

50	Yes
42	No
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL)

ASK SURVEY B IF ABORTION SHOULD BE ILLEGAL (Q.240=3,4) [N=882]:

Q.244 And do you think the view that abortion should be legal is a respectable opinion for someone to hold, or not?

44	Yes
47	No
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL)

NO QUESTIONS 245 TO 248

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.249 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing churches and other houses of worship to apply, along with other organizations, for government funding to provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them?

NOTE: Q.249 WAS ASKED AS Q.145A IN SURVEY A.

RESULTS FROM Q.249 REPORTED WITH Q.145A ABOVE.

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.250 As I name some groups, please tell me whether you feel each one is generally FRIENDLY toward religion, NEUTRAL toward religion, or UNFRIENDLY toward religion? First, do you feel that [INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE] [is/are] generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion? How about [NEXT ITEM; REPEAT OPTIONS AS NECESSARY]

	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. The Democratic Party				
August 20-27, 2009	29	39	22	11
August, 2008	38	37	15	10
August, 2007	30	37	15	18
July, 2006	26	42	20	12
July, 2005	29	38	20	13
August, 2004	40	34	13	13
Mid-July, 2003	42	36	12	10
b. The Republican Party				
August 20-27, 2009	48	29	12	12
August, 2008	52	29	9	10
August, 2007	50	23	9	18
July, 2006	47	28	13	12
July, 2005	55	23	9	13
August, 2004	52	24	10	14
Mid-July, 2003	52	27	10	11
c. Hollywood and the makers of movies and TV entertainment shows				
August 20-27, 2009	11	34	47	9
July, 2003	16	31	45	8
d. News reporters and the news media				
August 20-27, 2009	14	42	35	9
July, 2003	16	41	34	9
NO ITEM e.				
f. The Obama administration				
August 20-27, 2009	37	36	17	10
g. Scientists				
August 20-27, 2009	12	42	35	11

NO QUESTIONS 251 TO 259

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.260 In general, who do you think can do the best job of providing services to people in need... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>Aug 2008</u>	<u>Mar 2001</u>
37	Religious organizations	31	37
28	Non-religious, community-based organizations [OR]	29	27
25	Federal and state government agencies	31	28
*	Family/friends/other [VOL. DO NOT READ]	--	--
2	None of the above [VOL. DO NOT READ]	3	2
8	Don't know/Refused [VOL. DO NOT READ]	6	6

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.261 Now, thinking about some specific problem areas. For each item that I read, please tell me WHO you think could do the best job of providing services to people in need. (First,) **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE AND OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**... who could do the best job providing these types of services: a religious organization, a non-religious community-based group, or a federal or state government agency?

	<u>Religious organization</u>	<u>Non-religious community- based group</u>	<u>Federal/ state govt. agency</u>	(VOL.) None of the above	(VOL.) DK/Ref
ASK FORM 1 SURVEY B [N=1034]:					
a.F1	Treatment for drug and alcohol addiction				
	29	40	24	2	6
	August 20-27, 2009				
	27	36	31	2	4
	March, 2001				
ASK FORM 2 SURVEY B [N=969]:					
b.F2	Literacy training				
	13	36	43	1	8
	August 20-27, 2009				
	12	31	49	2	6
	March, 2001				
ASK FORM 1 SURVEY B [N=1034]:					
c.F1	Mentoring programs for young people				
	42	38	12	2	6
	August 20-27, 2009				
	40	39	15	2	4
	March, 2001				
ASK FORM 2 SURVEY B [N=969]:					
d.F2	Feeding the homeless				
	52	21	21	1	5
	August 20-27, 2009				
	40	25	28	2	5
	March, 2001				
ASK FORM 1 SURVEY B [N=1034]:					
e.F1	Counseling teens about pregnancy				
	39	39	15	3	5
	August 20-27, 2009				
	39	42	12	3	4
	March, 2001				
ASK FORM 2 SURVEY B [N=969]:					
f.F2	Child care				
	32	34	27	2	5
	August 20-27, 2009				
	29	32	29	4	6
	March, 2001				

Q.261 CONTINUED...

	<u>Religious organization</u>	<u>Non-religious community-based group</u>	<u>Federal/ State govt. agency</u>	<u>(VOL.) None of the above</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 1 SURVEY B [N=1034]:					
g.F1 Health care					
August 20-27, 2009	12	34	43	4	7
March, 2001	9	28	56	2	5

ASK FORM 2 SURVEY B [N=969]:

h.F2 Job training					
August 20-27, 2009	7	35	51	1	6
March, 2001	5	28	61	1	5

ASK FORM 1 SURVEY B [N=1034]:

i.F1 Counseling and educating prisoners					
August 20-27, 2009	38	23	31	2	6
March, 2001	40	18	35	2	5

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.262 I'm going to read the names of some specific religious groups. For each one that I name, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose this group applying for government funds to provide social services to people who need them. First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE WITHIN BLOCKS, BEGINNING WITH a./b., THEN c. THRU h.; ITEM i. SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS.]

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Individual churches, synagogues and other houses of worship			
August 20-27, 2009	59	36	6
August, 2008	60	36	4
March, 2001	60	35	5
b. Charitable organizations that have a religious affiliation			
August 20-27, 2009	68	27	5
August, 2008	68	28	4
March, 2001	69	26	5

ASK FORM 1 SURVEY B [N=1034]:

c.F1 Catholic churches			
August 20-27, 2009	60	36	4
August, 2008	61	35	4
March, 2001	62	32	6

ASK FORM 2 SURVEY B [N=969]:

d.F2 Protestant churches			
August 20-27, 2009	56	35	9
August, 2008	59	35	6
March, 2001	61	31	8

Q.262 CONTINUED...

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 1 SURVEY B [N=1034]:			
e.F1 Muslim mosques			
August 20-27, 2009	39	52	9
August, 2008	40	53	7
March, 2001	38	46	16

ASK FORM 2 SURVEY B [N=969]:

f.F2 Jewish synagogues			
August 20-27, 2009	52	36	11
August, 2008	55	39	6
March, 2001	58	34	8

ASK FORM 2 SURVEY B [N=969]:

g.F2 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or Mormon churches			
August 20-27, 2009	48	43	9
August, 2008	50	44	6
March, 2001	51	41	8

ASK FORM 1 SURVEY B [N=1034]:

h.F1 Evangelical Christian churches			
August 20-27, 2009	55	38	7
August, 2008	55	38	7
March, 2001	52	35	13

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

i. Groups that encourage religious conversion as part of the services they provide			
August 20-27, 2009	28	63	9
August, 2008	32	61	7
March, 2001	32	59	9

RANDOMIZE Q.263 AND Q.264

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.263 Here are a few reasons why some people OPPOSE the idea of allowing churches and other houses of worship to use government money to provide social services. Please tell me whether each one is an important concern of yours, or not. (First,) **[READ AND RANDOMIZE WITH ITEM a. ALWAYS FIRST]**... Is this an important concern of yours, or not?

	<u>Important</u> <u>concern</u>	<u>Not important</u> <u>concern</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. This would interfere with the separation between church and state			
August 20-27, 2009	52	45	3
March, 2001	52	45	3
b. The people who receive these services might be forced to take part in religious practices			
August 20-27, 2009	60	38	3
March, 2001	60	38	2

Q.263 CONTINUED...

Important Not important (VOL.)

	<u>concern</u>	<u>concern</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
c. The programs may not meet the same standards as government-based programs			
August 20-27, 2009	48	48	4
March, 2001	47	48	5
d. This might increase religious divisions within this country			
August 20-27, 2009	47	49	4
March, 2001	48	48	4
e. Government might get too involved in what religious organizations do			
August 20-27, 2009	69	28	3
March, 2001	68	30	2

RANDOMIZE Q.263 AND Q.264

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.264 Here are a few reasons why some people FAVOR the idea of allowing churches and other houses of worship to use government money to provide social services. Please tell me whether you think each one is an important reason to favor this, or not? (First,) [READ AND RANDOMIZE]... Do you think this is an important reason, or not?

	<u>Important reason</u>	<u>Not important reason</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Religious groups could do a better job because the power of religion can change people's lives			
August 20-27, 2009	59	37	3
March, 2001	62	35	3
b. The people who provide the services would be more caring and compassionate			
August 20-27, 2009	68	28	4
March, 2001	72	25	3
c. Religious groups could provide services more efficiently than government programs			
August 20-27, 2009	59	36	5
March, 2001	60	36	4
d. People who need social services should have a variety of options to pick from			
August 20-27, 2009	78	19	3
March, 2001	77	20	3

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.265 If religious organizations do use government funds to provide social services, do you think these organizations should be allowed to ONLY hire people who share their religious beliefs, or should they not be allowed to do this?

		Aug <u>2008</u>	March <u>2001</u>
21	Should be allowed to only hire people who share their religious beliefs	22	18
74	Shouldn't be allowed to do this	73	78
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	4

NO QUESTIONS 266 TO 269

RANDOMIZE Q.270/Q.271 BLOCK WITH Q.272

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.270 From what you know, does Barack Obama favor or oppose allowing churches and other houses of worship to apply for government funding to provide social services?

27	Favor
18	Oppose
54	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE Q.270/Q.271 BLOCK WITH Q.272

ASK SURVEY B IF Q.270=1 [N=492]

Q.271 Do you think Barack Obama emphasizes this issue too much, too little, or about the right amount?

10	Too much
18	Too little
66	About the right amount
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE Q.270/Q.271 BLOCK WITH Q.272

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.272 From what you know, did George W. Bush favor or oppose allowing churches and other houses of worship to apply for government funding to provide social services?

36	Favor
16	Oppose
48	Don't know/refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK/REF (RELIG=11, 12, 99) ASK:

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?

NOTE: RELIG AND CHR FOR BOTH SURVEY A AND SURVEY B REPORTED ABOVE.

IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR ((RELIG=11 OR RELIG=99) AND CHR=1)):

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

NOTE: BORN FOR BOTH SURVEY A AND SURVEY B ARE REPORTED ABOVE.

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

NOTE: ATTEND FOR BOTH SURVEY A AND SURVEY B REPORTED ABOVE.

NO QUESTIONS 273 TO 279

ASK ALL:

Q.280 How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

NOTE: Q.280 WAS ASKED AS Q.185 ON SURVEY B.

RESULTS FROM Q.280 REPORTED WITH Q.185 ABOVE.

ASK SURVEY B IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR (ATTEND=1-4):

Q.281 Aside from when you're traveling and special events like weddings and funerals, do you always attend religious services at the same place, mostly attend at one place but occasionally go to different places, or do you go to different places on a regular basis?

BASED ON TOTAL SURVEY B

36	Always attend at the same place
26	Mostly attend at one place but occasionally go to different places
9	Go to different places on a regular basis
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
(28)	<i>Attend religious services less than yearly</i>

ASK SURVEY B IF ATTEND AT MORE THAN ONE PLACE (Q.281=2,3):

Q.282 And aside from weddings and funerals, do you ever [INSERT; RANDOMIZE]? Do you ever [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

	---Multiple places---			Don't attend multiple places	Attend less than yearly
	Yes	No	DK/Ref (VOL.)		
ASK IF PROTESTANT/JUST CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1,13) [N=1099]:					
a. attend services at a Protestant denomination different than your own	24	13	2	44	17

ASK IF NOT PROTESTANT/JUST CHRISTIAN (RELIG≠1,13) [N=904]:

b. attend services at a Protestant church 13 18 * 29 40

ASK IF NOT CATHOLIC (RELIG≠2) [N=1566]:

c. attend Catholic mass 14 20 * 35 31

ASK IF NOT JEWISH (RELIG≠5) [N=1968]:

d. attend services at a Jewish synagogue 4 31 * 37 28

ASK IF NOT MUSLIM (RELIG≠6) [N=1991]:

e. attend services at a Muslim mosque 2 34 0 37 28

ASK ALL WHO ATTEND AT MORE THAN ONE PLACE (Q.281=2,3) [N=2003]:

f. attend services of a religion different than yours that I haven't mentioned (SPECIFY) 8 26 1 37 28

ASK SURVEY B IF ALWAYS AT THE SAME PLACE: (Q.281=1):

Q.283 Are the religious services you attend held at a church or house of worship, or are they held at some other location such as at a restaurant or a person's home?

ASK SURVEY B IF NOT ALWAYS AT THE SAME PLACE: (Q.281=2-9):

Q.284 In general, are the religious services you attend held at houses of worship such as churches, synagogues or mosques, are they held at other locations such as at restaurants or people's homes, or do you attend services both in houses of worship and at other locations?

BASED ON TOTAL SURVEY B

- 60 At church(es)/house(es) of worship
- 3 At other location(s)
- 8 Both churches/houses of worship and other locations
- 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL)
- (28) Attend religious services less than yearly

Q.285 IF 'OTHER LOCATIONS' (Q.283=2 OR Q.284=2) ASK: And what kind of place or location is this? IF "BOTH" (Q.284=3) ASK: What kinds of places are these other locations? [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: We are interested in the type of place R attends other than a church/house of worship, for example a restaurant, home, park or other location. We are not interested in a specific address or geographic place, such as a city. Please clarify for R as needed, such as "For example, is it a restaurant, or someone's home, or a park, or what?"] [N=192]

94 Answer Given
6 Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL

Q.286 Which comes closest to your view? [READ, IN ORDER]
[Holy book: If Christian or no religion (RELIG=1-4, 9, 10, 12, 13 OR CHR=1) insert "the Bible"; If Jewish (RELIG=5), insert "the Torah"; If Muslim (RELIG=6), insert, "the Koran"; If other non-Christian affiliations (RELIG=7,8,14 OR (RELIG=11 AND CHR=2,9)), insert "the Holy Scripture"; IF DK/REF IN RELIGION (RELIG=99) AND CHR=2,9, insert "the Bible"]

IF BELIEVE HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD (Q.286=1), ASK:

Q.287 And would you say that [READ, IN ORDER]?
NOTE: Q.286/Q.287 WERE ASKED AS Q.186/Q.187 IN SURVEY A.
Q.286/Q.287 REPORTED WITH Q.186/Q.187 ABOVE.

ASK ALL:

Q.288 People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, do you pray several times a day, once a day, a few times a week, once a week, a few times a month, seldom, or never?
NOTE: Q.288 ASKED AS Q.188 IN SURVEY A.
Q.288 REPORTED WITH Q.188 ABOVE.

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.290 Would you say that you have ever had a 'religious or mystical experience'-- that is, a moment of sudden religious insight or awakening?

		<i>Ipsos Newsweek</i>		<i>---Gallup---</i>	
		April	Nov	Aug	Feb
		<u>2006</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1962</u>
49	Yes	47	33	31	22
48	No	51	65	69	78
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	0	0

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.291 Which, if any, of the following do you believe in? Do you believe [INSERT; RANDOMIZE]? Do you believe [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

	Yes, <u>believe in</u>	No, don't <u>believe</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. in reincarnation, that people will be reborn in this world again and again	24	69	6
b. in spiritual energy located in physical things, such as mountains, trees or crystals	26	69	5
c. in yoga, not just as exercise, but as a spiritual practice	23	70	7

NO ITEM d.

Q.291 CONTINUED...

	Yes, <u>believe in</u>	No, don't <u>believe</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
e. in the "evil eye" or that certain people can cast curses or spells that cause bad things to happen to someone	16	81	2
f. in astrology, or that the position of the stars and planets can affect people's lives	25	71	4

ASK ALL SURVEY B:

Q.292 Have you ever [INSERT; RANDOMIZE]? Have you ever [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. felt that you were in touch with someone who has already died			
August 20-27, 2009	29	69	2
September, 1996 <i>Gallup</i>	18	81	1
June, 1990 <i>Gallup</i>	17	82	1
b. consulted a fortune-teller or psychic			
August 20-27, 2009	15	85	1
September, 1996 <i>Gallup</i>	17	83	*
June, 1990 <i>Gallup</i>	14	85	1
c. seen or been in the presence of a ghost			
August 20-27, 2009	18	80	2
September, 1996 <i>Gallup</i>	9	90	2
June, 1990 <i>Gallup</i>	9	90	1

ASK SURVEY B IF MARRIED OR PARTNERED (MARITAL=1,2) [N=1219]:

SPREL And what is your [IF MARITAL=1: spouse's/IF MARITAL=2: partner's] religion, if any? Are they Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: and would you say they are atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

IF SOMETHING ELSE, OR DK (SPREL=11, 99), ASK:

SPCHR And is that a Christian religion, or not?

42	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
25	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
*	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
*	Hindu
1	Atheist (do not believe in God)
2	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
3	Something else (SPECIFY)
10	Nothing in particular
9	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
2	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK SURVEY B IF SPOUSE CHRISTIAN (SPREL=1-4, 13 OR SPCHR=1):

SPBORN Would you describe your spouse as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

36	Yes, would
41	No, would not
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
(80)	Total married to Christian