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**FEBRUARY 2010 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**February 3-9, 2010**  
**N=1,383**

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 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>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**

**ASK ALL:**

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

1 From 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:**

Thinking about the earthquake in Haiti ...

Q.4 All in all, do you approve or disapprove of the way the Obama Administration has handled the government's response to the earthquake in Haiti?<sup>2</sup>

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Jan 14-17 <u>2010</u>
66	Approve	64
16	Disapprove	14
18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	21

**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Have you or anyone in your household made a donation to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti, are you planning to do so, or is this something you don't think you will do right now?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Jan 14-17 <u>2010</u>	<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>	
			<i>Hurricane Katrina</i> Sept 6-7 <u>2005</u>	<i>Earthquake/Tsunami in Indian Ocean</i> Jan 5-9 <u>2005</u>
52	Yes, have made a donation	18	56	30
12	Planning to do so	30	28	30
35	No, don't think will donate right now	46	15	37
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	1	3

**NO QUESTIONS 6-7**

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2 January 14-17, 2010, survey asked about "the government's response to the situation" in Haiti.

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject, the next congressional elections will be coming up later this year...

Q.8 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE: “the Republican Party’s candidate” OR “the Democratic Party’s candidate”] for Congress in your district?

**ASK IF ANSWERED OTHER OR DON’T KNOW (Q.8=3 OR Q.8=9):**

Q.9 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.8 IF NECESSARY: for U.S. Congress in your district]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,129]:**

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
<b>2008 Election</b>			
June, 2008	37	52	11
<b>2006 Election</b>			
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
June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
<b>2004 Election</b>			
June, 2004	41	48	11
<b>2002 Election</b>			
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
<b>2000 Election</b>			
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
<b>1998 Election</b>			
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

**Q.8/Q.9 CONTINUED...**

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
<b>1996 Election</b>			
November, 1996 <sup>3</sup>	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
<b>1994 Election</b>			
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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district – national issues, local or state issues, the candidate’s political party, or the candidate’s character and experience? **[IF MORE THAN ONE, PROBE WITH: Well, which is most important?]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,129]:**

	National <u>issues</u>	Local/State <u>issues</u>	Political <u>party</u>	Character/ <u>Experience</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/ Ref.</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	31	27	5	30	2	*	5
<b>2006 Election</b>							
November, 2006	34	29	6	22	3	1	5
September, 2006	29	33	5	27	1	2	3
June, 2006	30	26	6	33	2	*	3
<b>2002 Election</b>							
Early November, 2002	23	38	7	26	2	*	4
Early October, 2002	28	35	5	25	2	1	4
June, 2002	26	30	5	33	2	1	3
<b>2000 Election</b>							
Early October, 2000	21	42	9	21	1	1	5
July, 2000	18	40	6	32	1	1	2
<b>1998 Election</b>							
Late October, 1998	20	39	5	27	3	2	4
Early October, 1998	23	36	7	28	1	*	5
Early September, 1998	22	34	5	33	2	*	4
Early August, 1998	20	38	5	31	2	*	4
June, 1998	22	37	4	32	1	1	3
March, 1998	18	37	6	35	1	1	2
<b>1996 Election</b>							
November, 1996	23	38	6	25	2	*	6
October, 1996	19	45	7	26	1	1	1
Late September, 1996	25	38	6	24	2	*	5
Early September, 1996	18	42	6	30	1	*	3

<sup>3</sup> November 1996 trends based on likely voters.

**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

	National <u>issues</u>	Local/State <u>issues</u>	Political <u>party</u>	Character/ <u>Experience</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/</u> <u>Ref.</u>
<b>1994 Election</b>							
November, 1994	22	38	5	30	1	*	4
Late October, 1994	22	38	3	29	3	1	4
Early October, 1994	22	27	5	39	2	1	4
<b>1986 Election</b>							
CBS/NYT: 10/24-28, 1986	22	25	6	40	1	1	5
CBS/NYT: 9/28-10/1, 1986	20	23	9	41	3	*	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.11 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,129]:**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) Congressperson <u>not running</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	31	*	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	52	29	1	18
<b>2008 Election</b>				
Late February, 2008	60	22	1	17
<b>2006 Election</b>				
November, 2006	55	25	1	19
Late October, 2006	55	26	1	18
Early October, 2006	50	27	1	22
September, 2006	53	27	1	19
August, 2006	51	30	*	19
June, 2006	51	32	1	16
April, 2006	57	28	1	14
February, 2006	59	28	1	12
Mid-September, 2005	57	25	1	17
<b>2002 Election</b>				
Early October, 2002	58	19	2	21
June, 2002	58	23	1	18
<b>2000 Election</b>				
Early November, 2000	59	16	2	23
October, 2000	60	17	1	22
July, 1999	66	23	*	11
<b>1998 Election</b>				
Late October, 1998	64	19	1	16
Early October, 1998	58	20	2	20
Early September, 1998	63	20	1	16
March, 1998	63	21	1	15
January, 1998	66	23	0	11
August, 1997	66	22	0	12
<b>1996 Election</b>				
Early November, 1996	60	16	3	21
October, 1996	62	19	2	17
Late September, 1996	55	17	2	26
Early September, 1996	62	19	2	17
<b>1994 Election</b>				
November, 1994	58	25	1	16

**Q.11 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) Congressperson <u>not running</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 1994	55	30	2	13
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20
<b>1990 Election</b>				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	62	22	2	14

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,129]:**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	53	15
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	34	53	13
<b>2008 Election</b>			
Late February, 2008	36	49	15
<b>2006 Election</b>			
November, 2006	37	46	17
Late October, 2006	34	49	17
Early October, 2006	32	48	20
September, 2006	35	49	16
August, 2006	36	49	15
June, 2006	29	57	14
April, 2006	34	53	13
February, 2006	36	49	15
September, 2005	36	48	16
<b>2002 Election</b>			
Early October, 2002	39	38	23
June, 2002	45	37	18
<b>2000 Election</b>			
October, 2000	40	34	26
July, 1999	41	47	12
<b>1998 Election</b>			
Late October, 1998	41	37	22
Early October, 1998	39	39	22
Early September, 1998	46	37	17
March, 1998	45	41	14
January, 1998	44	43	13
August, 1997	45	42	13
<b>1996 Election</b>			
Early September, 1996	43	43	14
<b>1994 Election</b>			
November, 1994	31	51	18
Late October, 1994	31	56	13
Early October, 1994	28	56	16

**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,129]:**

	Yes, will be <u>a factor</u>	No, <u>will not</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	45	6
<b>2008 Election</b>			
June, 2008	44	51	5
<b>2006 Election</b>			
November, 2006	61	36	3
Late October, 2006	61	36	3
Early October, 2006	57	40	3
September, 2006	55	41	4
June, 2006	58	39	3
April, 2006	56	39	5
<b>2004 Election</b>			
June, 2004	43	51	6
<b>2002 Election</b>			
Early November, 2002	48	49	3
Early October, 2002	42	55	3
Early September, 2002	44	51	5
June, 2002	47	50	3
February, 2002	46	49	5
<b>2000 Election</b>			
Early October, 2000	46	50	4
July, 2000	46	49	5
<b>1998 Election</b>			
Late October, 1998	46	50	4
Early October, 1998	47	49	4
Early September, 1998	41	56	3
Early August, 1998	44	53	3
June, 1998	45	51	4



**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote FOR Barack Obama, as a vote AGAINST Barack Obama, or isn't Barack Obama much of a factor in your vote?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,129]:**

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	(VOL.) <u>Not a</u> <u>factor</u>	<u>DK/</u> <u>Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	20	51	5
<b>2006 Election</b>				
<b>Bush:</b> November, 2006	21	35	41	3
<b>Bush:</b> Late October, 2006	20	37	38	5
<b>Bush:</b> Early October, 2006	18	39	40	3
<b>Bush:</b> September, 2006	20	36	40	4
<b>Bush:</b> August, 2006	17	35	43	5
<b>Bush:</b> June, 2006	15	38	44	3
<b>Bush:</b> April, 2006	17	34	46	3
<b>Bush:</b> February, 2006	18	31	47	4
<b>2002 Election</b>				
<b>Bush:</b> Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6
<b>Bush:</b> Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6
<b>Bush:</b> Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5
<b>Bush:</b> February, 2002	34	9	50	7
<b>1998 Election</b>				
<b>Clinton:</b> Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5
<b>Clinton:</b> Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6
<b>Clinton:</b> Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3
<b>Clinton:</b> Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2
<b>Clinton:</b> Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4
<b>Clinton:</b> June, 1998	20	18	57	5
<b>Clinton:</b> March, 1998	21	15	59	5
<b>1996 Election</b>				
<b>Clinton:</b> Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7
<b>1994 Election</b>				
<b>Clinton:</b> November, 1994	17	21	55	7
<b>Clinton:</b> Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5
<b>Clinton:</b> Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6
<b>1990 Election</b>				
<b>CBS/NYT Bush:</b> 10/28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6
<b>1986 Election</b>				
<b>CBS/NYT Reagan:</b> 10/24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7
<b>CBS/NYT Reagan:</b> 9/28-10/1, 1986	26	16	51	7
<b>1982 Election</b>				
<b>CBS/NYT Reagan:</b> 10/23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5

**NO QUESTIONS 15 AND 16**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? **[RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

Feb <u>10</u> <sup>4</sup>		Early					Mid-					Mid-							
		Aug <u>09</u>	Feb <u>09</u>	Oct <u>08</u>	July <u>08</u>	Jan <u>08</u>	Sept <u>07</u>	Jan <u>07</u>	Sept <u>06</u>	Jan <u>06</u>	May <u>05</u>	Jan <u>05</u>	July <u>04</u>	Jan <u>04</u>	Apr <u>03</u>	Feb <u>03</u>	Mar <u>02</u>	May <u>01</u>	Feb <u>01</u>
31	Unemployment/Lack of jobs	19	31	9	5	5	3	5	4	7	7	7	8	13	10	6	4	5	6
24	Economy (general)	27	53	55	39	20	10	5	9	11	15	12	14	20	28	21	8	7	7
13	Health care/costs/accessibility	20	3	4	3	10	7	8	4	6	7	5	5	5	3	2	2	6	7
	Deficit/National debt/Balanced																		
11	budget/Govt spending	6	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	--	1	1	1
	Dissatisfaction with govt/politics/																		
5	Obama/Gov't control/socialism	5	5	4	3	6	7	8	6	5	6	5	7	5	3	5	4	2	5
4	War/War in Iraq/War in Afghan.	5	3	11	17	27	37	42	25	23	24	32	25	16	14	34	10	--	--
4	Financial crisis	7	16	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
3	Morality/Ethics/Family values	3	1	1	3	2	3	3	2	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	8	6	12
2	Trade/Jobs moving overseas	1	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	2	1	1	2	1	--	--	--	--	--
2	Terrorism	1	1	2	3	3	6	5	14	6	8	10	8	14	9	16	24	1	--
	Education/schools/affording																		
1	education	2	1	--	4	4	3	4	4	3	2	3	4	3	4	1	4	8	11
	Defense issues/Military spending/																		
1	National & homeland security	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	5	1	1
1	Immigration	1	1	1	2	6	6	5	6	3	4	1	1	3	1	--	1	1	2
1	Poverty/Hunger/Starvation	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	7	2	3	2	3	3	1	2	3	3
1	Taxes	--	--	1	--	2	1	--	--	1	1	1	1	1	1	--	1	3	3
	Crime/Violence/gangs/																		
1	justice system	1	1	--	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	4	4	8
1	Homelessness	--	--	--	--	1	--	2	--	2	1	1	1	1	1	--	1	1	2
	Recession/Depression/Slowing																		
1	down of the economy	2	3	1	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2
	Environment/pollution/																		
1	Global warming	--	1	1	3	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	3	1
11	Other																		
6	Don't know/No answer	5	3	4	4	5	5	7	7	7	5	5	6	4	9	4	8	8	7
	<b>(NET) FOREIGN ISSUES/</b>																		
<b>11</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>65</b>	<b>(NET) ECONOMIC</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>

<sup>4</sup> Complete trend for Q.17 not shown.

**ASK IF ANSWER GIVEN IN Q.17 (Q.17=1) [N=1,305]:**

Q.18 Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you just mentioned – the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? [IF NECESSARY: thinking about what you see as the most important problem ...]

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) No difference	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Feb 3-9, 2010	31	38	19	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	23	38	28	11
January, 2007	24	42	21	13
January, 2006	27	41	19	13
January, 2005	36	35	18	11
Mid-January, 2004	35	35	14	16
March, 2002	38	27	21	14
January, 1999 <sup>5</sup> (Gallup)	33	43	n/a	24
April, 1998 (Gallup)	40	42	10	8
July, 1996	36	35	18	11
April, 1995	42	32	17	9
July, 1994	36	33	16	15
June, 1993	28	35	23	14
January, 1992	32	41	12	15
May, 1990 (RVs)	29	30	31	10
May, 1988	26	38	22	14
January, 1988	30	35	24	11
May, 1987	28	38	24	10

**ASK IF ‘REPUBLICAN PARTY’ (Q.18=1) [N=433]:**

Q.19 Should Republican political leaders be willing to compromise with the Democrats on this issue, or should they stick to their position without compromising?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		January <u>2007</u>
52	Should be willing to compromise	63
39	Should stick to their positions	30
9	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)	7

**ASK IF ‘DEMOCRATIC PARTY’ (Q.18=2) [N=473]:**

Q.20 Should Democratic political leaders be willing to compromise with the Republicans on this issue, or should they stick to their position without compromising?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		January <u>2007</u>
71	Should be willing to compromise	60
24	Should stick to their positions	34
6	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)	6

**NO QUESTIONS 21 THROUGH 24**

<sup>5</sup> In January 1999, the “no difference” and “don’t know” categories are combined.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 Thinking more generally ... Is your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THROUGH d. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS e. THROUGH h. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS i. THROUGH k. FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS l. AND m. LAST] 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
<b>ASK ALL:</b>								
a. The Republican Party								
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

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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>
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
<b>b. The Democratic Party</b>								
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
<b>c. Congress</b>								
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
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8

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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 Supreme Court								
Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13

**Q.25 CONTINUED...**

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July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
March 1985 (Roper)	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8
<b>e. Labor unions</b>								
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	1
March, 2002	59	15	44	32	9	23	1	8
July, 2001	51	12	39	36	10	26	1	1
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	*	1
June, 1997	58	15	43	35	10	25	*	7
May, 1997	49	15	34	39	13	26	*	1
April, 1996	47	10	37	45	17	28	*	8
February, 1996	54	17	37	41	14	27	*	5
July, 1994	57	14	43	38	10	28	*	5
January, 1988	52	10	42	39	10	29	*	9
July, 1985	46	9	37	47	17	30	*	7
<b>f. Major U.S. banks and financial institutions</b>								
Feb 3-9, 2010	25	4	21	68	29	39	*	7
<b>g. U.S. automakers</b>								
Feb 3-9, 2010	43	7	36	45	12	34	1	11
<b>h. Technology companies</b>								
Feb 3-9, 2010	71	17	54	13	3	10	1	15
March, 2005	78	19	59	12	3	9	0	10
<b>i. The federal government in Washington</b>								
Feb 3-9, 2010	43	6	38	50	16	34	*	7
Jul 22-26, 2009	42	4	38	50	18	31	*	8
April, 2008	37	6	31	58	21	37	1	4
January, 2007	45	7	38	46	15	31	1	8
February, 2006	43	6	37	50	16	34	*	7
December, 2005	46	7	39	49	18	31	*	5
Late October, 2005	45	6	39	48	16	32	*	7
February, 2004	59	10	49	36	11	25	*	5
April, 2003	73	14	59	22	5	17	0	5
December, 2002	64	11	53	27	7	20	*	9

**Q.25 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>
Mid-November, 2001	82	17	65	15	3	12	0	3
Late October, 2000 (RVs)	54	7	47	40	10	30	*	6
October, 1997	38	4	34	59	18	41	0	3
<b>j. Your STATE government</b>								
Feb 3-9, 2010	53	9	44	41	14	27	0	6
Jul 22-26, 2009	50	6	44	44	16	28	*	6
April, 2008	59	9	50	37	16	21	0	4
December, 2005	57	8	49	37	11	26	*	6
December, 2002	62	15	47	31	10	21	1	7
Mid-November, 2001	77	15	62	18	4	14	*	5
October, 1997	66	10	56	29	7	22	*	5
<b>k. Your LOCAL government</b>								
Feb 3-9, 2010	64	11	53	30	10	20	*	6
Jul 22-26, 2009	60	8	52	32	9	23	0	8
April, 2008	63	11	52	33	12	21	1	3
December, 2005	66	12	54	28	10	18	*	6
December, 2002	67	16	51	25	9	16	*	7
Mid-November, 2001	78	15	63	17	4	13	*	5
October, 1997	68	12	56	25	7	18	*	7
<b>l. The Tea Party movement</b>								
Feb 3-9, 2010	33	10	23	25	10	14	19	23

**NO QUESTION 26**

**ASK FORM A ONLY [N=679]:**

Q.27a What do you think the Republican Party stands for these days? [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW." ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE.]

Feb 3-9

2010

- 7 For the rich/Against the poor
- 6 Money/greed
- 6 Own political gain/What is best for them
- 5 For big business/corporate interests
- 4 Anti-Obama/Anti-Democrats/Party of "No"
- 4 Conservatism/Conservative values
- 4 For smaller/less government
- 3 Unclear/they don't know/nothing
- 3 Cutting/lowering taxes
- 3 Concern for the country
- 2 More jobs/improving economy
- 2 Smaller budgets/Less gov't spending/Fiscal responsibility
- 2 Against terrorism/For national security
- 1 Pro-business/free enterprise
- 1 Not for change/Old-fashioned
- 1 Against Democrats'/Obama's health care
- 1 Individual responsibility/rights
- 1 Christian/Traditional values
- 1 Honesty/Integrity



**Q.27a CONTINUED...**

Feb 3-9

2010

1	The Constitution
1	Keeping whites/"good old boys" in power
1	Pro-life/Anti-abortion
1	Dishonesty/Corruption
1	Common sense
1	Radical right/Extreme
*	Other
33	Don't know/Refused

**ASK FORM B ONLY [N=704]:**

Q.27b What do you think the Democratic Party stands for these days? [**OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW." ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE.**]

Feb 3-9

2010

12	Average person/middle class
7	Big government
6	Working class/Poor people
5	Own political gains/What is best for them
5	Socialism/Communism
4	Equality/Equal rights
4	Health care/reform
3	Liberalism/Progressivism
3	Trying to improve the economy/increase jobs
3	Unclear/they don't know/nothing
3	Change
3	Taxes/Higher taxes
2	Making nation stronger/solving problems
2	Government control
1	Abortion/Pro-choice
1	They are liars/crooks/corrupt
1	Wall Street/Big business/The rich
1	Social issues
1	Unions
1	Godless/against moral values
*	Other
29	Don't know/Refused

**ASK FORM A ONLY [N=679]:**

Q.28 Over the past year, do you think the Republican Party has done a good job or a poor job of offering solutions to the country's problems?

Feb 3-9		<b>GALLUP</b> Mar 28-30	
<u>2010</u>		<u>1994</u>	
29	Good job	41	
60	Poor job	51	
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	

**ASK FORM B ONLY [N=704]:**

Q.29 Over the past year, do you think the Democratic Party has done a good job or a poor job of offering solutions to the country's problems?

Feb 3-9	
<u>2010</u>	
40	Good job
52	Poor job
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.30 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the Supreme Court's decision on campaign finance rules that now allows corporations to spend on behalf of candidates in elections? Have you heard...

**[READ]**

Feb 3-9	
<u>2010</u>	
19	A lot
46	A little
35	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.31 Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court's decision that allows corporations to spend on behalf of candidates in elections?

Feb 3-9	
<u>2010</u>	
17	Approve
68	Disapprove
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=678]:**

Q.32F1 Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?

Feb 3-9		Dec 9-13	Sep 30-Oct 4	Jul 22-26	Jun 10-14	Apr 14-21	Mar 9-12
<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
24	Better	30	31	24	26	26	14
27	Worse	24	20	21	16	17	15
42	No effect so far	39	42	46	49	47	64
3	Too soon/early to tell (VOL.)	3	4	3	4	6	4
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	3	6	4	4	3

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=678]:**

Q.33F1 So far, do you think Barack Obama is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Jul 22-26 <u>2009</u>	Apr 14-21 <u>2009</u>	Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>
47	Trying to address too many issues at once	45	45	41	34	35
8	Focusing on too few issues [OR]	8	9	3	4	4
37	Doing about right	42	41	48	56	56
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	6	8	6	5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 When it comes to national policy, who do you think Barack Obama is listening to more... **[READ, RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Jul 22-26 <u>2009</u>	Jun 10-14 <u>2009</u>	Apr 14-21 <u>2009</u>	Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>	Jan 7-11 <u>2009</u>
44	Liberal members of his party [OR]	43	44	41	39	40	44	34
35	Moderate members of his party	31	32	31	35	33	30	44
21	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	25	24	27	26	27	26	22

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=678]:**

On a different subject...

Q.35F1 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>	Late- Oct <u>2008</u>	Nov 2007 <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	----CBS/New York Times ----					
							Nov 2003 <u>2003</u>	July <u>2003</u>	Jan 2002 <u>2002</u>	Jan 2001 <u>2001</u>	Sept 1999 <u>1999</u>	Feb 1996 <u>1996</u>
50	Smaller government, fewer services	51	48	42	47	45	45	48	46	51	46	61
40	Bigger government, more services	40	40	43	42	43	42	40	40	36	43	30
3	Depends (VOL.)	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	4
7	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	6	9	11	7	8	9	7	11	8	6	5

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=678]:**

Q.36F1 Is it now a good idea or a bad idea for the government to exert more control over the economy than it has in recent years?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>
46	Good idea	54
42	Bad idea	37
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=705]:**

Q.37F2 All in all, do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the government to more strictly regulate the way major financial companies do business?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Mar 31-Apr 6 <u>2009</u>
59	Good idea	54	60
33	Bad idea	38	31
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	9

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=705]:**

Q.38F2 If you were setting priorities for the government these days, would you place a higher priority on [OPTION] or a higher priority on [OPTION]?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Jul 22-26 <sup>6</sup> <u>2009</u>	Jun 18-21 <u>2009</u>
47	Spending more to help the economy recover	53	48
47	Reducing the budget deficit	38	46
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	6

**ASK ALL:**

Q.39 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>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 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 <sup>7</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

6 In July, 2009, question was asked as part of a list.

7 Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 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?

	(VOL.)			
	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 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 (RVs)	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 (RVs)	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
January, 1984 <i>Newsweek</i> (RVs)	35	13	49	3

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=705]:**

Q.AF2 Who do you think is more responsible for the current economic conditions [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

		<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>					
		----- CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll <sup>8</sup> :-----					
Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Nov 13-15 <u>2009</u>	Aug 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Jul 31-Aug 3 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Jan 12-15 <u>2009</u>
39	The Republican Party	39	38	41	44	53	50
27	The Democratic Party	27	27	27	23	21	22
19	Both (VOL.)	19	27	26	24	22	20
5	Neither/Other (VOL.)	6	6	4	7	4	6
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	2	1	3	1	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=705]:**

Q.41F2 In your opinion, is President Obama doing as much as he can to improve economic conditions or do you think he could be doing more?

	Doing as much as he can	Could be doing more	(VOL.) Can't say/ DK/Ref
Feb 3-9, 2010	43	50	7
Mar 9-12, 2009	60	30	10
<b>G. W. Bush</b>			
February, 2004	30	65	5
September, 2003	26	70	4
Early July, 2003	33	62	5
May, 2003	42	53	5
Late March, 2003	41	52	7
January, 2003	33	61	6
Early October, 2002	31	63	6
June, 2002	33	62	5
January, 2002	48	46	6
<b>Bush, Sr.</b>			
March, 1992	21	76	3
January, 1992	21	76	3

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=705]:**

Q.42F2 Do you think Barack Obama has proposed spending [READ ANSWER CHOICES BELOW AND RANDOMIZE] to address the economic situation?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Mar 9-12 <u>2009</u>
35	Too much money	39
20	Not enough money [OR]	13
33	About the right amount	34
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	14

**NO QUESTIONS 43 THROUGH 47**

<sup>8</sup> CNN/Opinion Research Corporation question was worded "Do you think the Democrats or the Republicans are more responsible for the country's current economic problems?"

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=678]:**

Q.48F1 From what you've read and heard, do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's 800 billion dollar economic stimulus plan passed by Congress last February?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Jun 10-14 <sup>9</sup> <u>2009</u>
38	Approve	44	55
49	Disapprove	44	39
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	6

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=678]:**

Q.49F1 In 2008, the government made loans of roughly 700 billion dollars to try to keep financial institutions and markets secure. Do you think this was the right thing or the wrong thing for the government to do?

Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>		Mar 9-12 <sup>10</sup> <u>2009</u>	Dec <u>2008</u>	-NII- Nov 14-17 <u>2008</u>	Mid Oct <u>2008</u>	Late Sept <u>2008</u>	-NII- Sept 19-22 <u>2008</u>
40	Right thing	48	47	40	47	45	57
51	Wrong thing	40	43	43	37	38	30
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	10	17	16	17	13

**NO QUESTIONS 50 THROUGH 63**

<sup>9</sup> In June 2009, the question was worded "roughly 800 billion ..."

<sup>10</sup> In March 2009, question read "In addition to the economic stimulus program Congress recently passed, the government is investing roughly 700 billion dollars to try to keep financial institutions and markets secure. ..." In December 2008 the question was worded: "As you may know, the government is investing billions of dollars to try to keep financial institutions and markets secure. Do you think this is the right thing or the wrong thing for the government to be doing?" November and October surveys did not include the phrase "of dollars" after "billions." In Late September 2008 and in the September 19-22 News Interest Index (NII) the question was worded, "As you may know, the government is potentially investing billions to try to keep financial institutions and markets secure. Do you think this is the right thing or the wrong thing for the government to be doing?" In Late September 2008, an experiment testing the word "committing" instead of "investing" showed no difference in the results. Results for the two versions have been combined.

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the political parties for a moment...

**RANDOMIZE Q.64 AND Q.65****ASK ALL:**

Q.64 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] How about [NEXT ITEM]?

			(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	
	Republican	Democratic	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	
	Party	Party	equally			
a.	Can better manage the federal government					
	Feb 3-9, 2010	40	40	4	9	8
	Aug 27-30, 2009	34	38	4	14	10
	October, 2007	32	44	5	9	10
	March, 2007	31	47	3	8	11
	Early October, 2006	34	44	3	9	10
	April, 2006 <sup>11</sup>	35	39	3	15	8
	January, 2006	34	40	4	12	10
	Early October, 2005	35	41	3	13	8
	July, 2004	37	40	4	9	10
	Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11
	August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8
	July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7
	April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5
	July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5
	May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13
	July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10
	May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9
	May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10
	January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10
	May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10
b.	Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs					
	Feb 3-9, 2010	34	46	4	9	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	5	13	9
	October, 2007	26	48	5	11	10
	March, 2007	26	52	4	9	9
	Early October, 2006	28	48	4	10	10
	April, 2006	32	47	2	12	7
	Early October, 2005	32	48	4	9	7
	July, 2004	35	46	3	7	9
	Early September, 1998	34	40	7	8	11
	March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8
	August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7
	July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6
	April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4
	July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5
	May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9
	July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11
	May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11
	May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10

<sup>11</sup>

In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Able to manage the federal government well."



**Q.64 CONTINUED ...**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10
May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10
c. Is more concerned with the needs of people like me					
Feb 3-9, 2010	31	51	3	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	51	4	10	7
October, 2007	25	54	4	8	9
March, 2007	26	55	2	7	10
Early October, 2006	27	55	3	8	7
April, 2006 <sup>12</sup>	28	52	3	10	7
Early October, 2005	30	52	5	7	6
July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7
Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9
March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7
August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7
July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6
April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3
July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4
May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7
May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7
January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7
d. Selects better candidates for office					
Feb 3-9, 2010	35	42	3	10	10
Aug 27-30, 2009	28	46	3	13	11
October, 2007	32	41	6	10	11
July, 1998	34	33	9	12	12
March, 1998 <sup>13</sup>	32	33	12	12	11
July, 1994	40	36	6	13	5
May, 1990	32	22	21	17	8
May, 1988	28	30	13	19	10
January, 1988	31	24	18	18	9
May, 1987	27	26	25	13	9
e. Is more influenced by lobbyists and special interests					
Feb 3-9, 2010	40	32	14	2	11
Aug 27-30, 2009	37	31	17	3	12
March, 2007	40	30	15	1	14
Early October, 2006	41	27	16	2	14
April, 2006	45	28	14	2	11

<sup>12</sup> In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Is concerned with the needs of people like me."

<sup>13</sup> In March 1998 and earlier, the item was worded: "Selects good candidates for office."

**RANDOMIZE Q.64 AND Q.65**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.65 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... (First,) which party could do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] How about [NEXT ITEM]?

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both Equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Dealing with the economy					
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	41	7	6	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	32	42	6	12	9
February, 2008	34	53	2	5	6
October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14
September, 2006	32	46	5	5	12
February, 2006	36	46	5	5	8
Mid-September, 2005	38	44	5	7	6
July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13
Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13
January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18
May, 2001 <sup>14</sup>	33	44	8	5	10
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28
b. Reforming the U.S. health care system					
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
January, 2002 <sup>15</sup>	20	45	--	6	29
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

<sup>14</sup> In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous?"

<sup>15</sup> From 1999 to 2002, the item was worded: "Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans." In December 1993, the item was worded: "Reforming health care." In January 1992 and May 1990 the item was worded: "Improving health care in the U.S."

**Q.65 CONTINUED ...**

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>		
c.	Reducing the federal budget deficit					
	Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
	September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
	February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
	Early October, 2005 <sup>16</sup>	29	47	6	10	8
	June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
	July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
	December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15
d.	Dealing with the terrorist threat at home					
	Feb 3-9, 2010	46	29	10	5	10
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	32	10	9	12
	February, 2008	45	38	6	4	7
	October, 2006	39	33	7	6	15
	September, 2006	41	32	7	6	14
	February, 2006	46	30	8	7	9
	Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6	8
	July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	44	27	11	6	12
	Early October, 2002 (RVs)	44	28	7	5	16
	Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14
	January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28
e.	Dealing with the nation's energy problems					
	Feb 3-9, 2010	32	44	8	6	10
	Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	7	9	12
	February, 2008	23	57	5	5	10
	October, 2006	28	44	5	6	17
	September, 2006	27	47	4	7	15
	February, 2006	32	45	6	7	10
	Mid-September, 2005	31	44	6	8	11
	May, 2001	36	34	10	7	13
f.	Improving the educational system					
	Feb 3-9, 2010	29	48	8	8	8
	Aug 27-30, 2009	22	47	8	12	10
	February, 2008	26	55	6	6	7
	October, 2006	27	45	5	6	17
	September, 2006	28	46	7	6	13
	February, 2006	33	44	8	7	8
	Mid-September, 2005	35	44	6	7	8
	July, 2004	29	45	7	7	12
	January, 2002	37	34	--	6	23
	May, 2001	36	38	11	6	9
	January, 2001	40	41	--	7	12
	June, 1999	29	52	7	5	7
	March, 1999	33	46	6	5	10
	January, 1999	26	46	--	7	21

<sup>16</sup> In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a stand alone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

**Q.65 CONTINUED ...**

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Equally</u>		
Early September, 1998	34	42	10	4	10
March, 1998	29	49	10	5	7
July, 1994	37	46	4	5	8
January, 1992	28	48	--	10	14
May, 1990	30	42	--	14	14

**ASK ALL:**

Next ...

Q.66 Please tell me if each of the following is something that makes you angry, something that bothers you but doesn't make you angry, or is this something that does not bother you. (First,) Does **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** make you angry, bother you but not make you angry, or does this not bother you? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	<u>Angry</u>	<u>Bothers, but not angry</u>	<u>Doesn't bother</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. The growing federal budget deficit				
Feb 3-9, 2010	37	48	13	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	37	46	14	3
b. The government bailing out banks and financial institutions that made poor financial decisions <sup>17</sup>				
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	38	12	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	39	12	1
c. Banks and financial institutions paying large bonuses to their executives				
Feb 3-9, 2010	62	24	12	2
d. The gridlock between Republicans and Democrats in Washington				
Feb 3-9, 2010	39	36	21	4

**NO QUESTIONS 67 THROUGH 70**

<sup>17</sup>

In March 2009, question read "Bailing out banks and financial institutions that made poor financial decisions."

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=678]:**

Q.71F1 How much, if anything, have you heard about a policy being considered by the president and Congress called “Cap-and-Trade” that would set limits on carbon dioxide emissions? Have you heard...**[READ]**

Feb 3-9		Sep 30-Oct 4
<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>
17	A lot	14
37	A little [OR]	30
46	Nothing at all	55
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=678]:**

**IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.71F1=1,2) [N=405]:** From what you've read and heard

**IF HEARD NOTHING/DK (Q.71F1=3,9) [N=273]:** Just in general,

Q.72F1 Do you favor or oppose setting limits on carbon dioxide emissions and making companies pay for their emissions, even if it may mean higher energy prices?

Feb 3-9		Sep 30-Oct 4
<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>
52	Favor	50
35	Oppose	39
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=705]:**

Q.73F2 As I read some possible government policies to address America’s energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]? How about the government... [INSERT NEXT ITEM]

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.F2	Promoting the increased use of nuclear power			
	Feb 3-9, 2010	52	41	7
	Apr 14-21, 2009	45	48	7
	September, 2008	50	43	7
	Late-February, 2008	44	48	8
	February, 2006	44	49	7
	Mid-September, 2005	39	53	8
b.F2	Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems			
	Feb 3-9, 2010	70	25	4
	Apr 14-21, 2009	70	25	5
	Late-February, 2008	72	23	5
	February, 2006	68	26	6
	Mid-September, 2005	68	27	5
c.F2	Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology			
	Feb 3-9, 2010	78	17	5
	Apr 14-21, 2009	82	15	3
	September, 2008	82	14	4
	Late-February, 2008	81	14	5
	February, 2006	82	14	4
d.F2	Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters			
	Feb 3-9, 2010	63	31	6
	Apr 14-21, 2009	68	27	5
	September, 2008	67	28	5

**NO QUESTION 74**

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about health care...

Q.75 How much, if anything, have you heard about the bills in Congress to overhaul the health care system? Have you heard...[READ]

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	39	11	*
Jan 6-10, 2010	46	45	8	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	51	39	9	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	49	42	7	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	46	43	10	1
Sep 10-15, 2009	60	34	5	1
Aug 20-27, 2009	53	40	7	1
Jul 22-26, 2009	41	47	10	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.76 As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?

Feb 3-9 2010		Jan 6-10 2010	Dec 9-13 2009	Nov 12-15 2009	Oct 28- Nov 8 2009	Sep 30- Oct 4 2009	Sep 10-15 2009	Aug 20-27 2009	Jul 22-26 2009
38	Generally favor	39	35	42	38	34	42	39	38
50	Generally oppose	48	48	39	47	47	44	46	44
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	13	17	19	15	19	14	15	18

**ASK IF OPPOSE (Q.76=2) [N=722]:**

Q.77 If you had to choose, would prefer that Congress keep working on a health care bill, or would you prefer Congress to pass nothing and leave the current system as it is?

Feb 3-9 2010	
46	Keep working
51	Pass nothing
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about another topic...

Q.78 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?

	-----FAVOR-----			-----OPPOSE-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Total	<i>Favor</i>	<i>Favor</i>	Total	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	
Feb 3-9, 2010	61	18	43	27	10	17	12
Mar 9-12, 2009 <sup>18</sup>	59	19	40	32	13	19	9
March, 2006	60	20	40	32	13	19	8
July, 2005	58	15	43	32	15	17	10
July, 1994	52	16	36	45	26	19	3

<sup>18</sup>

In March 2009 and earlier, question appeared on a list.

**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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	26	31	37	3	*	3	14	17
Jan 6-10, 2010	22	33	42	2	1	2	17	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	25	32	38	2	*	2	14	15
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	27	35	32	3	*	2	13	13
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	23	34	37	3	1	3	16	14
Sep 10-15, 2009	23	34	34	4	*	5	13	17
Aug 20-27, 2009	26	32	36	3	*	3	14	16
Aug 11-17, 2009	23	33	38	3	*	3	16	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	22	34	37	5	*	2	15	14
Jun 10-14, 2009	25	34	34	3	*	3	11	16
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	23	39	29	4	*	4	9	14
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	22	33	39	3	*	3	13	18
Mar 9-12, 2009	24	34	35	5	*	2	12	17
Feb 4-8, 2009	24	36	34	3	1	2	13	17
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
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
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	--	--	--	--	--



**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

REPJOB How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — in general, would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=597]:**

		Mar 31- Mid-		Late		Mid- Late								(RVs)
Feb 3-9		Apr 21	Sep	Oct	Nov	Jun	Apr	Sep	Mar	Jul	Aug	May	May	Sep
<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
3	Excellent	3	4	5	7	6	6	4	8	12	6	6	10	6
31	Good	18	31	31	35	36	41	44	43	49	51	49	50	43
49	Only fair	54	44	49	41	44	41	41	36	33	37	38	32	44
14	Poor	23	19	13	15	10	10	8	9	4	5	5	5	5
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	2	2	4	2	3	4	2	1	2	3	2

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):**

DEMJOB How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — in general, would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=637]:**

		Mar 31- Mid-		Late		Mid- Late								(RVs)
Feb 3-9		Apr 21	Sep	Oct	Nov	Jun	Apr	Sep	Mar	Jul	Aug	May	May	Sep
<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
8	Excellent	10	9	4	6	4	5	3	3	6	5	5	8	11
47	Good	45	41	35	37	30	35	32	30	43	33	39	39	52
36	Only fair	39	36	48	45	51	48	49	51	40	51	43	40	32
7	Poor	4	11	9	7	13	11	14	14	8	9	10	7	4
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	3	4	5	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	6	1