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ASK ALL:

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

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?"

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	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 1995	23	74	3
July, 1994	24	73	3
March, 1994	24	71	5
October, 1993	22	73	5
September, 1993	20	75	5
May, 1993	22	71	7
January, 1993	39	50	11
January, 1992	28	68	4
November, 1991	34	61	5
Late February, 1991 (<i>Gallup</i>)	66	31	3
August, 1990	47	48	5
May, 1990	41	54	5
January, 1989	45	50	5
September, 1988 (<i>RVs</i>)	50	45	5

ASK ALL:

PEW.2 Now I'd like to ask your impression of some groups and individuals. Would you say **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say [ITEM] is doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job?]**

		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Congress					
	May 13-16, 2010	2	11	38	44	5
	Mar 11-21, 2010	2	15	40	40	3
b.	Barack Obama ²					
	May 13-16, 2010	12	27	31	27	3
	Mar 11-21, 2010	10	30	28	30	3

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 How much confidence do you have that the government in Washington D.C. will make progress over the next year on the most important problems facing the country? **[READ IN ORDER]**

May 13-16

2010

10	A lot of confidence
32	Some confidence
31	Not much confidence [OR]
25	No confidence at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

² March 11-21 survey asked about "the Obama administration."

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 Over the coming months, how important is it for Congress to act on each of the following? First, is passing legislation to [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important? What about legislation to [NEXT ITEM]? (IF NECESSARY: Is passing legislation to [ITEM] very, somewhat, not too, or not at all important?)

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	No too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	(VOL.) <u>Oppose/ not needed</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	More strictly regulate financial institutions and markets May 13-16, 2010	54	28	7	6	*	5
b.	Address the job situation May 13-16, 2010	81	13	2	2	*	2
c.	Address climate change May 13-16, 2010	32	33	13	16	1	4
d.	Address immigration policy May 13-16, 2010	59	27	8	4	*	2
NO ITEM e							
f.	Address the country's energy needs May 13-16, 2010	67	25	4	3	*	2

QUESTIONS 5-6 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEW.7 From what you've seen and heard so far, do you think the Senate should or should not confirm Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court?

<i>Elena Kagan</i>		<i>Sonia Sotomayor</i>		<i>Samuel Alito</i>			<i>Harriet Miers</i>	<i>John Roberts</i>				
May 13-16 <u>2010</u>		July <u>2009</u>	June <u>2009</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Early <u>2005</u>	Dec <u>2005</u>	Nov <u>2005</u>	Early <u>2005</u>	Oct <u>2005</u>	Mid-Sept <u>2005</u>	Early <u>2005</u>	Sept <u>2005</u>
33	Should	50	50	33	32	40	33	46	35			
21	Should not	23	25	19	19	23	27	21	19			
46	Don't know/Refused	27	25	48	49	37	40	33	46			

QUESTIONS 8-10 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

[OPTIONAL: On another subject...]

ASK ALL:

PEW.11 Thinking about financial regulation, what worries you more [READ AND RANDOMIZE]:

May13-16 <u>2010</u>	That the government will go too far in regulating financial institutions and markets, making it harder for the economy to grow [OR]
46	
44	That the government will not go far enough in regulating financial institutions and markets, leaving the country at risk of another financial crisis
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

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

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

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.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
May 13-16, 2010	23	32	35	6	1	3	14	14