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PEW1 AND PEW2 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the economy...

PEW.3 Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?

Jun 3-6 <u>2010</u>		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>
23	Better	24	30	31	24	26	26	14
29	Worse	27	24	20	21	16	17	15
35	No effect so far	42	39	42	46	49	47	64
3	Too soon/early to tell (VOL.)	3	3	4	3	4	6	4
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	4	3	6	4	4	3

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 As you may know Congress is working on major legislation dealing with the regulation of banks and financial institutions. From what you have read and heard, do you generally favor or oppose the financial reform legislation being discussed in Congress?

Jun 3-6 <u>2010</u>	
39	Favor
33	Oppose
28	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON

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?

	Mar 11-21 <u>2010</u>	Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>	Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Mar 31-Apr 6 <u>2009</u>
Good idea	61	59	54	60
Bad idea	31	33	38	31
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	8	8	9

PEW5 AND PEW6 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

RANDOMIZE PEW.7-PEW.8/PEW.9 IN BLOCKS:

ASK ALL:

Thinking now about the nation's economy...

PEW.7 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>
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
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 ¹	2	29	42	26	1

1 Earlier trends available from Gallup.

ASK ALL:

PEW.8 Which of the these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

Jun 3-6 2010		Mar 10-14 2010
13	The economy is now recovering [OR]	13
35	The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon [OR]	37
50	It will be a long time before the economy recovers	48
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How would you describe economic conditions in this country? Would you say the economy is now recovering OR that we are in a recession that will pass fairly soon OR that we are in an economic depression that will last a long time?

	Jan 2004	March 1994	Dec 1993	Jan 1993	March 1992	Jan 1992
The economy is now recovering	45	40	37	34	16	7
We are in a recession that will pass fairly soon	33	33	27	35	41	51
We are in a depression that will last a long time	18	21	29	27	40	38
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	7	4	3	4

RANDOMIZE PEW.7-PEW.8/PEW.9 IN BLOCKS:**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about your own personal finances...

PEW.9 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?

	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 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

PEW.9 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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

ASK ALL:

PEW.10 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

<u>Jun 3-6 2010</u>		<u>Mar 10-14 2010</u>
41	The job situation	45
23	The federal budget deficit	22
16	Rising prices [OR]	17
13	Problems in the financial and housing markets	11
3	Other (VOL.)	2
1	None / not worried about any (VOL.)	*
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

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>	<u>(VOL.) No preference</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other party</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
May 20-23, 2010	25	31	34	5	1	5	13	12