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PEW.1-PEW.4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEW.5 Now thinking about political leaders... All things considered, which do you admire most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**:

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42	Political leaders who make compromises with people they disagree with [OR]
49	Political leaders who stick to their positions without compromising
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

PEW.6 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 <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Dealing with the economy					
	Sep 16-19, 2010	38	37	8	10	8
	May 20-23, 2010	33	34	9	14	10
	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 ¹	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.	Dealing with taxes					
	Sep 16-19, 2010	40	34	8	8	9
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	37	4	11	11
	February, 2008	37	49	2	5	7
	October, 2006	32	40	5	7	16
	September, 2006	30	45	4	9	12
	February, 2006	35	46	5	6	8
	May, 2001	37	40	8	6	9

¹ In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous?"

PEW.6 CONTINUED ...

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>			
June, 1999	38	38	5	7	12
September, 1998	41	37	7	5	10
March, 1998	39	40	6	7	8
October, 1994	43	34	5	9	9
c. Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound					
Sep 16-19, 2010	35	35	9	11	11
September, 2006	26	46	4	11	13
September, 2005	33	45	6	9	7
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	31	42	6	9	12
Early September, 2002	30	38	8	10	14
May, 2002	32	38	--	9	21
January, 2002	28	40	--	6	26
May, 2001 ²	35	43	6	5	11
January, 2001	36	44	--	7	13
June, 1999	33	41	4	9	13
January, 1999	27	46	--	7	20
Early September, 1998	37	42	7	5	9
May, 1990	28	41	--	16	15
d. Reforming the Medicare system					
Sep 16-19, 2010	33	38	7	9	12
e. Dealing with immigration					
Sep 16-19, 2010	39	32	7	10	12
May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11

ASK ALL:

PEW.7 As you may know, the federal income tax cuts passed under George W. Bush are set to expire at the end of the year and Congress is debating the issue of whether to end the tax cuts on annual income above \$250,000. In your opinion, if the tax cuts on income above \$250,000 were allowed to expire, would this **[RANDOMIZE: help the economy, hurt the economy]** or not have much of an effect on the economy?

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26	Help the economy
39	Hurt the economy
26	No effect on the economy
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

² For May 2001, June 1999, Early September 1998 and May 1990, the question was worded, "Please tell me if you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job in each of the following areas ... keeping Social Security financially sound?"

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?

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>		<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
Sep 16-19, 2010	25	34	34	4	1	2	13	16

ASK ALL:

PEW.8 Thinking about other kinds of political parties and groups, which of the following groups would you say best reflects your views right now? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1-4 WITH ITEMS 5 AND 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

Sep 16-19 <u>2010</u>		Apr 8-11 <u>2010</u>
20	The Republican Party	17
32	The Democratic Party	31
15	The Tea Party	14
4	The Green Party	4
1	Some other group	3
1	The Libertarian Party (VOL.)	1
22	None of these	28
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3