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POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE UPDATE
FINAL TOPLINE
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PEW.1 AND PEW.4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

READ TO ALL: Next I'd like to ask about some things that have been in the news. Please answer as best you can. If you don't know the answer just tell me and we'll move to the next question.

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19

ASK ALL:

PEW.5 Who is likely to be the next Speaker of the House when the new congress convenes in January? Is it
[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
Nov 11-14 2010	Dec 4-7 2008 ¹	Nancy Pelosi (<i>Correct</i>)	Dennis Hastert	Barbara Boxer	Eric Holder	Aug 16-19 2007
38 John Boehner (<i>Correct</i>)	72	74	5	7	5	Nancy Pelosi (<i>Correct</i>)
13 Nancy Pelosi	3	5	7	5	7	Dennis Hastert
4 Newt Gingrich	3	7	5	9	7	Barbara Boxer
7 Mitch McConnell	3	5	9	9	5	Scooter Libby
38 DK/Refused (VOL.)	19	DK/Refused (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)	DK/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19

ASK ALL:

PEW.6 Can you tell me who the Prime Minister of Great Britain is? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	Jul 1-5 2010	Apr 30-Jun 1 2008	
15 David Cameron (<i>Correct</i>)	19	28	Gordon Brown (<i>Correct</i>)
2 Angela Merkel	2	5	Rupert Murdoch
18 Tony Hayward	17	4	Robert Gates
5 Richard Branson	4	5	John Howard
60 DK/Ref (VOL.)	57	58	DK/Ref (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19

ASK ALL:

PEW.7 Are relations between India and Pakistan generally considered to be...**[READ IN ORDER]**

Nov 11-14 2010	
12	Friendly
41	Unfriendly (<i>Correct</i>)
20	Neutral
27	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK PEW.8 AND PEW.9 IN ORDER AS A PAIR, RANDOMIZE WITH OTHER ITEMS

ASK ALL:

PEW.8 Generally, which political party was regarded as doing best in the midterm elections last week?
[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

Nov 11-14 2010	
10	Democrats
75	Republicans (<i>Correct</i>)
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹ For December 4-7, 2010 and August 16-19, 2007 the question read: "Do you happen to know the name of the current Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?"

ASK PEW.8 AND PEW.9 IN ORDER AS A PAIR, RANDOMIZE WITH OTHER ITEMS**ASK ALL:**

PEW.9 When the new Congress convenes in January, will Republicans have a majority in... **[READ IN ORDER]**

Nov 11-14

2010

46 The House of Representatives (*Correct*)
 8 The Senate
 14 Both the House and Senate
 5 Neither the House nor the Senate
 27 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19**ASK ALL:**

PEW.10 The federal government loaned money to banks under the bank bailout program known as TARP. How much of that money has been paid back to the government? **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**

Nov 11-14

2010

4 All of it
 16 More than half of it (*Correct*)
 36 Less than half of it
 16 None of it
 28 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

NO QUESTIONS PEW.11-PEW.12**RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19****ASK ALL:**

PEW.13 In the past few years, have people in the U.S. bought more foreign goods than we have sold overseas, or have we sold more than we have bought, or has it pretty much balanced out?

Nov 11-14

2010

64 Bought more foreign goods than sold (*Correct*)
 4 Sold more overseas than bought
 11 Balanced out
 20 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

Feb 1-13

2007²

68
 7
 9
 16

May

1989

81
 5
 6
 8

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19**ASK ALL:**

PEW.14 Compared to the 1990s, is the current federal budget deficit **[RANDOMIZE: larger, smaller]** or is it no different?

Nov 11-14

2010

77 Larger (*Correct*)
 3 Smaller
 9 No different
 11 Don't know/Refused (**VOL.**)

²

For February 1-13, 2007 and May, 1989 the question read: "...Have people in the U.S. bought more foreign goods than we have sold to people overseas, or have we sold more to them than we have bought, or has it pretty much balanced out?"

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19**ASK ALL:**

PEW.15 Do you happen to know which company operated the oil well that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico last spring? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 11-14

2010

88	BP (<i>Correct</i>)
2	Exxon/Mobil
1	Chevron
1	Shell
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19**ASK ALL:**

PEW.16 Do you happen to know the name of the Google operating system for smartphones? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 11-14

2010

26	Android (<i>Correct</i>)
8	iPhone
4	Windows Mobile
8	Blackberry
54	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19**ASK ALL:**

PEW.17 On which of these activities does the US government currently spend the most money? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 11-14

2010

39	National defense (<i>Correct</i>)
4	Education
15	Medicare
23	Interest on the national debt
19	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19**ASK ALL:**

PEW.18 Do you happen to know if the national inflation rate reported by the government is closer to...**[READ IN ORDER]**

Nov 11-14

2010

14	1% (<i>Correct</i>)
15	5%
15	10%
7	20%
49	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW.5-PEW.19**ASK ALL:**

PEW.19 Do you happen to know if the national unemployment rate as reported by the government is currently closer to **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Nov 11-14		Jul 1-5	Jan 14-17	Oct 1-4	Mar 26-29	
<u>2010</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2010³</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	
3	5%	3	2	4	3	4%
53	10% (<i>Correct</i>)	54	55	53	53	8% (<i>Correct</i>)
16	15%	16	15	15	24	12%
11	20%	10	15	18	18	16%
17	DK/Refused (VOL.)	18	12	10	2	DK/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>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Nov 11-14, 2010	26	29	33	8	1	4	14	14

³ For January 14-17, 2010 and before the question did not include the phrase: "... as reported by the government..."