

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
FEBRUARY 2011 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
February 2-7, 2011
N=1,385

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>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12				

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?

	<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	December, 2008	13	83	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	August, 2008	21	74	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	June, 2008	19	76	5
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	March, 2008	22	72	6
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	October, 2007	28	66	6
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	February, 2007	30	61	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	December, 2006	28	65	7
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	July, 2006	30	65	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	March, 2006	32	63	5
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	January, 2006	34	61	5
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
				Early October, 2005	29	65	6
				July, 2005	35	58	7
				Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
				February, 2005	38	56	6

¹ In 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?"

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
January, 2005	40	54	6	January, 1999	53	41	6
December, 2004	39	54	7	November, 1998	46	44	10
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
July, 2004	38	55	7	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
May, 2004	33	61	6	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	January, 1998	46	50	4
December, 2003	44	47	9	September, 1997	45	49	6
October, 2003	38	56	6	August, 1997	49	46	5
August, 2003	40	53	7	January, 1997	38	58	4
April 8, 2003	50	41	9	July, 1996	29	67	4
January, 2003	44	50	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
November, 2002	41	48	11	October, 1995	23	73	4
September, 2002	41	55	4	June, 1995	25	73	2
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	April, 1995	23	74	3
May, 2002	44	44	12	July, 1994	24	73	3
March, 2002	50	40	10	March, 1994	24	71	5
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	October, 1993	22	73	5
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
June, 2001	43	52	5	May, 1993	22	71	7
March, 2001	47	45	8	January, 1993	39	50	11
February, 2001	46	43	11	January, 1992	28	68	4
January, 2001	55	41	4	November, 1991	34	61	5
October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
September, 2000	51	41	8	August, 1990	47	48	5
June, 2000	47	45	8	May, 1990	41	54	5
April, 2000	48	43	9	January, 1989	45	50	5
August, 1999	56	39	5	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

NO QUESTIONS 3-5**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 Just in general... Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH d AS A BLOCK FIRST, ITEMS e-g SECOND AS A BLOCK]** 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.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a. Labor unions								
Feb 2-7, 2011	45	11	34	41	17	25	1	13
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	9
March, 2002	59	15	44	32	9	23	1	8
July, 2001	51	12	39	36	10	26	1	12
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	*	10
June, 1997	58	15	43	35	10	25	*	7
May, 1997	49	15	34	39	13	26	*	12
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

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	----- 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
July, 1985	46	9	37	47	17	30	*	7
b. Business corporations								
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	7	40	45	15	31	1	7
April, 2008	47	10	37	45	15	30	*	8
January, 2007	57	9	48	30	8	22	2	11
December, 2005	57	9	48	35	10	25	*	8
Late October, 2005	45	8	37	45	16	29	*	10
July, 2005	49	9	40	40	11	29	*	11
March, 2002	62	10	52	29	6	23	1	8
July, 2001	59	9	50	27	6	21	*	14
March, 2001	65	9	56	25	6	19	1	9
August, 1999	73	8	65	22	3	19	0	5
Early September, 1998	64	9	55	26	5	21	*	10
October, 1997	66	11	55	28	5	23	*	6
June, 1997	68	8	60	25	7	18	*	7
May, 1997	59	9	50	28	7	21	1	12
June, 1996	62	10	52	31	6	25	*	7
February, 1996	59	9	50	34	10	24	1	6
October, 1995	60	6	54	36	7	29	0	4
July, 1994	70	8	62	24	5	19	*	6
November, 1991	65	8	57	28	6	22	0	7
January, 1988	59	6	53	32	5	27	*	9
June, 1985	58	8	50	31	7	24	1	10
c. The Republican Party								
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
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

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
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
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
d. The Democratic Party								
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
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

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	----- 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
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
e. The federal government in Washington								
Feb 2-7, 2011	38	6	32	57	19	37	*	5
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
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
f. Your STATE government								
Feb 2-7, 2011	53	10	42	42	14	28	*	5
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
g. Your LOCAL government								
Feb 2-7, 2011	63	15	48	32	10	22	1	5
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

NO QUESTIONS 7-9**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 As you may know, some labor unions represent people who are employed by private companies, while others represent people who are employed by state or local governments. Do you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of unions that represent **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about your opinion of unions that represent **[NEXT ITEM]?**

			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/ Ref
a. People who work for state or local governments				
Feb 2-7, 2011	48	40	1	11

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>(VOL.) Never heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref</u>
b. People who work for private companies Feb 2-7, 2011	48	37	2	13

NO QUESTIONS 11-12**ASK ALL:**

Thinking more generally ...

Q.13 In dealing with important issues facing the country, are **[RANDOMIZE; Barack Obama and Republican leaders in Congress, Republican leaders in Congress and Barack Obama]** working together or not working together?

ASK IF 'NOT WORKING TOGETHER':

Q.14 Who do you think is most to blame for them not working together? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

<u>Feb 2-7 2011</u>		<u>Jan 6-10 2010</u>	<u>Aug 11-17 2009</u>	<u>Jun 10-14 2009</u>	<u>Feb 4-8 2009²</u>
27	Working together	25	24	39	43
65	Not working together	67	63	50	45
19	Barack Obama to blame	19	17	12	7
31	Republican leaders in Congress to blame	32	29	26	27
11	Both to blame (VOL.)	9	9	9	5
1	Neither to blame (VOL.)	2	1	1	1
1	Other to blame (VOL.)	2	2	1	3
2	Don't know who is to blame (VOL.)	3	4	2	2
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	13	11	12

NO QUESTIONS 15-16**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the federal budget...

Q.17 If you were making up the budget for the federal government this year, would you increase spending, decrease spending or keep spending the same for **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE, OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? What about for **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY, AT LEAST EVERY THIRD ITEM]**: Would you increase spending, decrease spending or keep spending the same for **[ITEM]**?

	<u>Increase spending</u>	<u>Decrease spending</u>	<u>Keep spending the same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=688]:				
a.F1 Health care				
Feb 2-7, 2011	41	24	30	5
Jun 18-21, 2009	61	10	24	6
February, 2002	69	4	24	3
April, 2001	71	4	23	2
May, 1997	57	7	34	2
December, 1994	52	11	33	4
August, 1990	74	6	18	2
May, 1990	80	3	16	1
May, 1987	72	3	23	2
b.F1 Energy				
Feb 2-7, 2011	36	23	37	4
Jun 18-21, 2009	41	15	35	9
February, 2002	34	9	49	8
April, 2001	52	9	35	4

² In February 2009, question was worded: "In developing a plan to stimulate the economy and create jobs. ..."

Q.17 CONTINUED...		<u>Increase spending</u>	<u>Decrease spending</u>	<u>Keep spending the same</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
c.F1	Anti-terrorism defenses in the U.S.				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	33	21	43	4
	Jun 18-21, 2009	35	17	41	7
	February, 2002	63	4	29	4
d.F1	Veterans benefits and services				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	51	6	40	3
	Jun 18-21, 2009	63	2	29	6
	April, 2001	58	3	34	5
e.F1	Financial aid for college students				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	44	16	37	3
	May, 1997	53	10	35	2
	December, 1994	41	13	43	3
	May, 1990	51	10	37	2
	May, 1987	43	13	41	3
f.F1	The public school systems				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	56	13	29	2
	May, 1997	67	7	23	3
	December, 1994	64	6	28	2
	May, 1990	76	3	20	1
	May, 1987	69	4	25	2
g.F1	Social Security				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	41	12	43	3
	May, 1997	44	7	46	3
	December, 1994	46	7	45	2
	May, 1990	63	3	32	2
	May, 1987	64	3	31	2
h.F1	Rebuilding highways, bridges and roads				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	38	21	37	3
	May, 1990	54	5	40	1
i.F1	Economic assistance to needy people in the U.S.				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	42	20	34	3
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=697]:					
j.F2	Scientific research				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	36	23	37	4
	Jun 18-21, 2009	39	14	40	7
	April, 2001	41	10	46	3
	May, 1997	45	14	38	3
	December, 1994	37	15	44	4
	May, 1990	51	9	37	3
	May, 1987	45	9	42	4
k.F2	Military defense				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	31	30	36	3
	Jun 18-21, 2009	40	18	37	5
	February, 2002	60	5	31	4
	April, 2001	47	11	40	2
	May, 1997	21	30	46	3
	December, 1994	31	23	44	2
	August, 1990	23	43	31	3
	May, 1990	18	40	39	3
	May, 1987	24	29	44	3

Q.17 CONTINUED...		Increase <u>spending</u>	Decrease <u>spending</u>	Keep spending <u>the same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
I.F2	Government assistance for the unemployed				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	27	28	41	4
	Jun 18-21, 2009	44	15	36	6
	February, 2002	40	14	41	5
	May, 1997	20	33	44	3
	December, 1994	25	23	49	3
	February, 1989	26	14	57	3
	May, 1987	41	15	41	3
m.F2	Agriculture				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	32	23	39	5
	Jun 18-21, 2009	35	12	41	13
	April, 2001	46	8	42	4
n.F2	Medicare				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	40	12	43	5
	Jun 18-21, 2009	53	6	37	4
	February, 2002	63	3	31	3
	April, 2001	70	2	26	2
	May, 1997	44	8	44	4
o.F2	Combating crime				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	39	18	40	3
	Jun 18-21, 2009	45	10	39	6
	April, 2001	55	5	37	3
	May, 1997	62	7	29	2
	December, 1994	71	4	23	2
p.F2	Environmental protection				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	36	26	36	3
	Jun 18-21, 2009	43	16	34	6
	February, 2002	43	9	45	3
	April, 2001	48	9	40	3
	May, 1997	46	14	38	2
	December, 1994	40	17	40	3
	May, 1990	71	3	24	2
	May, 1987	59	4	34	3
q.F2	Economic assistance to needy people around the world				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	21	45	29	4
	Jun 18-21, 2009	26	34	33	7
No item r.F2					
s.F2	Education				
	Feb 2-7, 2011	62	11	25	2
	Jun 18-21, 2009	67	6	23	4
	February, 2002	73	3	22	2
	April, 2001	76	5	18	1

ASK ALL:

Q.18 If you were setting priorities for the federal government these days, would you place a higher priority on **[OPTION]** or a higher priority on **[OPTION]**?

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46 Spending to help the economy recover
49 Reducing the budget deficit
5 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

TREND FOR COMPARISON

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

	Nov 4-7	Jul 15-18	Feb 3-9	Jul 22-26	Jun 18-21
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009³</u>	<u>2009</u>
Spending more to help the economy recover	43	51	47	53	48
Reducing the budget deficit	50	40	47	38	46
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	9	6	9	6

NO QUESTIONS 19-24**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.25 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
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

³ In July, 2009, question was asked as part of a list that included items on: spending on education, spending on health care and spending to develop energy technology.

Q.25 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ⁴	2	29	42	26	1

ASK ALL:

Q.26 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>		Dec 1-5 <u>2010</u>	Aug 25-Sep 6 <u>2010</u> ⁵	Jun 3-6 <u>2010</u>	Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>
24	The economy is recovering	17	10	13	13
33	The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon	33	37	35	37
42	It will be a long time before the economy recovers	48	52	50	48
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	2	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 <u>2004</u>	March <u>1994</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>	Jan <u>1993</u>	March <u>1992</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>
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

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.27 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?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
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

⁴ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

⁵ In September 2010 and earlier, the first answer choice read "The economy is now recovering."

Q.27 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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
U.S. News:January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News:October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News:August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News:May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News:January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Overall, which of the following best describes how the recession affected your own personal financial situation? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 3; KEEP OPTION 2 SECOND]**

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- 36 It had a major effect, and your finances have not recovered
 25 It had a major effect, but your finances have mostly recovered
 37 It didn't have a major effect on your finances
 1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=688]:Q.29F1 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>		Dec 1-5 <u>2010</u>	Aug 25-Sep 6 <u>2010</u>	Jun 3-6 <u>2010</u>	Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>
44	The job situation	47	49	41	45
23	Rising prices	15	15	16	17
19	The federal budget deficit	19	19	23	22
10	Problems in the financial and housing markets	14	12	13	11
1	Other (VOL.)	1	2	3	2
1	None/Not worried about any (VOL.)	1	1	1	*
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	2	2	2

NO QUESTIONS 30-35**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=697]:**

Q.36F2 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 <u>as he can</u>	Could be <u>doing more</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 2-7, 2011	39	56	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	43	50	7
Mar 9-12, 2009	60	30	10
G. W. Bush			
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
G. H. W. Bush			
March, 1992	21	76	3
January, 1992	21	76	3

ASK ALL:

Thinking now about the state you live in...

Q.37 Would you describe the economy in your state as excellent, good, only fair or poor?

Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>		ABC/Wash. Post <u>Jan 2003⁶</u>
2	Excellent	1
21	Good	32
47	Only fair	45
30	Poor	21
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

⁶ In 2003 instead of "only fair," the answer category was "not so good."

ASK ALL:

Q.38 As you may know, some state governments are facing budget problems that have forced them to raise taxes or reduce spending. What about in your state: Is your state government currently facing budget problems, or not? **[IF "DEPENDS," PROBE ONCE WITH: "Just your impression... Is your state government currently facing budget problems, or not?]**

ASK IF STATE FACING BUDGET PROBLEMS (Q.38=1):

Q.39 Are these budget problems very serious, fairly serious, or not too serious?

Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>		ABC/Wash. Post <u>Jan 2003</u> ⁷
81	Yes, state facing budget problems	82
36	Very serious	34
36	Fairly serious	37
8	Not too serious	10
0	Not a problem (VOL.)	*
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1
12	No	12
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

ASK ALL:

Q.40 What is the best way to deal with the budget in your state? Should state lawmakers mostly focus on **[RANDOMIZE: Cutting major programs / Increasing taxes]** mostly focus on **[increasing taxes / cutting major programs]** or should your state do a combination of both?

Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>	
19	Cutting major programs
4	Increasing taxes
68	Combination of both
5	Neither (VOL.)
*	No budget problem in my state (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.41 If your state government needs to find ways to balance its budget this year, do you think your state should **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**, or not? Should your state **[NEXT ITEM]**, or not? **[AFTER EVERY THREE ITEMS READ: If your state government needs to find ways to balance its budget this year, do you think your state should [ITEM], or not?]**

		Yes, state <u>should</u>	No, state <u>should not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Decrease funding for K through 12 public schools Feb 2-7, 2011	18	79	3
b.	Decrease health care services Feb 2-7, 2011	21	76	4
c.	Decrease funding for maintaining roads and public transportation systems Feb 2-7, 2011	31	67	2
d.	Decrease the pension plans of government employees Feb 2-7, 2011	47	47	6

⁷ In 2003 the question read, "As you may know, some state governments are facing budget problems that have forced them to raise taxes and reduce state spending on state programs and services. What about in your state? Is your state government currently facing budget problems, or not?."

Q.41 CONTINUED...

	Yes, state should	No, state should not	(VOL.) DK/Ref
e. Increase personal income taxes ⁸ Feb 2-7, 2011	28	68	4
f. Increase sales taxes ⁹ Feb 2-7, 2011	30	67	2
g. Decrease funding for public colleges and universities Feb 2-7, 2011	31	66	3
h. Increase taxes on businesses Feb 2-7, 2011	41	55	4

TREND FOR COMPARISON

If your state government needs to take steps to balance its budget this year, would you favor or oppose [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? What about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: would you favor or oppose [ITEM] as a way to balance you state budget]?

	Favor	Oppose	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Cuts in funding for K through 12 public schools Jun 24-27, 2010	22	73	4
Cuts in health care services provided by the state or local government Jun 24-27, 2010	27	65	8
Cuts in funding for maintaining roads and public transportation systems Jun 24-27, 2010	43	50	7

ASK ALL:

Q.42 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about recent anti-government protests in Egypt?
Have you heard **[READ]**

Feb 2-7

2011

48	A lot
38	A little
13	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 43**ASK ALL:**

Q.44 Do you think the Obama administration is showing **[RANDOMIZE too much support / too little support]** for anti-government protestors in Egypt, **[too little support / too much support]** or handling the situation about right?

Feb 2-7

2011

12	Too much support
12	Too little support
57	Handling the situation about right
20	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁸ **[IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT STATE DOES NOT HAVE INCOME TAXES ASK:** Should your state establish a personal income tax, or not?]

⁹ **[IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT STATE DOES NOT HAVE SALES TAXES ASK:** Should your state establish a sales tax, or not?]

ASK ALL:

Q.45 From what you've read and heard, do you think the anti-government protests and calls for political change in Egypt will end up being good for the United States, bad for the United States, or won't have much effect on the United States?

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2011

15	Good
28	Bad
36	Won't have much effect
5	Depends/Too soon to tell (VOL.)
17	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 46-54**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

ASK ALL:

Q.55 When you hear of a disagreement between labor unions and businesses, is your first reaction **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Feb 2-7

2011

		<i>CBS/NYT</i>	
		<u>Feb 1995¹⁰</u>	<u>Nov 1993</u>
40	To side with the unions	36	34
43	To side with businesses	43	44
4	Both/Neither (VOL.)	7	8
6	Depends (VOL.)	5	6
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	8

ASK ALL:

Q.56 How about when you hear of a disagreement between state or local governments and unions that represent government workers, is your first reaction **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Feb 2-7

2011

38	To side with the governments
44	To side with the unions
3	Both/Neither (VOL.)
5	Depends (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Overall, do you think labor unions have a generally positive, generally negative, or not much of an effect on **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think labor unions have a generally positive, generally negative, or not much of an effect on [ITEM]?**

		<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Not much of an effect</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.	The salary and benefits of union workers Feb 2-7, 2011	53	17	22	9
b.	Working conditions for all American workers Feb 2-7, 2011	51	17	25	7
c.	The ability of American companies to compete globally Feb 2-7, 2011	24	36	30	11

¹⁰ In 1995 and 1993, the question read "When you hear of a disagreement between labor unions and business, and before you know any of the details, is your first reaction to side with the unions or to side with business?"

Q.57 CONTINUED...

	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Not much of an effect</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d. The availability of good jobs in America Feb 2-7, 2011	32	33	28	7
e. Workplace productivity Feb 2-7, 2011	34	30	26	9

NO QUESTIONS 58-63**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 Which comes closer to your view: Do you think union agreements **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Feb 2-7

2011

34	Give union workers unfair advantages
55	Ensure that union workers are treated fairly
2	Both (VOL.)
1	Neither (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 65-66**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the issue of immigration...

ASK ALL:

Q.67 What should be the priority for dealing with ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE]**; (one better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements] OR should BOTH be given equal priority?

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2011

35	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws
21	Creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements
42	Should BOTH be given equal priority
1	None of these (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Aug 25-Sep 6 Jul 21-Aug 5

2010

2010

30	33
23	22
44	42
1	1
1	3

NO QUESTION 68**ASK ALL:**

Q.69 As you may know, last year the state of Arizona passed a law that requires police to verify the legal status of someone they have already stopped or arrested if they suspect that the person is in the country illegally. Do you approve or disapprove of Arizona's immigration law?

Feb 2-7

2011

61	Approve
34	Disapprove
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Jun 16-20

2010¹¹

64
32
3

NO QUESTIONS 70-71

¹¹ In June 2010, the question began, "As you may know, the state of Arizona recently passed..."

ASK ALL:

Q.72 Were you aware that a child born to illegal immigrants in the U.S. is automatically a U.S. citizen, or weren't you aware of that?

Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>		Jun 16-20 <u>2010</u>	March <u>2006</u>
87	Yes, aware	85	80
12	No, not aware	14	19
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1

ASK ALL:

Q.73 Would you favor changing the Constitution so that the parents must be legal residents of the U.S. in order for their newborn child to be a citizen, or should the Constitution be left as it is?

Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>		Jun 16-20 <u>2010</u>	March <u>2006</u>
39	Favor changing Constitution	41	42
57	Leave Constitution as is	56	54
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4

ASK ALL:

Q.74 What, if anything, is your biggest concern about illegal immigration? Is it that... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>	
40	It's a burden on government services
27	It hurts American jobs,
9	It contributes to crime
6	It hurts American customs and its way of life
4	Other (VOL.)
7	No concerns (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 75**ASK ALL:**

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

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

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 Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party			
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	31	39	3	*	2	16	16
Jan 5-9, 2011	27	32	35	4	*	2	15	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	25	33	34	5	1	2	13	14
Nov 4-7, 2010	26	30	37	4	*	2	17	13
Oct 27-30, 2010	25	34	31	6	1	4	13	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	25	31	36	4	*	3	16	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	24	32	39	2	*	2	15	17
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	33	34	4	*	3	14	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	27	34	34	3	1	2	15	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	26	33	36	3	1	3	16	13
Mar 11-21, 2010	28	34	32	3	*	3	13	12
Mar 10-14, 2010	22	33	37	6	*	3	14	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	26	31	37	3	*	3	14	17
Yearly Totals								
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party			
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK ALL:

TEAPARTY

From what you know, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	Strongly		Strongly		No opinion	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Not
	agree	Agree	Disagree	disagree	either way	Haven't heard of	Refused	heard of/ DK
Feb 2-7, 2011	5	17	12	10	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	6	18	12	10	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	17	14	12	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	8	19	11	11	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 ¹² (RVs)	12	17	11	14	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	9	19	11	13	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	11	18	12	14	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	8	14	9	9	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	9	15	10	8	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	10	15	8	10	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	9	15	7	7	29	--	1	31

ASK ALL:

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

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56	Employed
42	Full-time
15	Part-time
43	Not employed
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May through October, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March it was described as "the Tea Party Protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

ASK ALL:

LABOR2 Are you or is your spouse a member of a labor union?

ASK IF RESPONDENT OR SPOUSE NOT A MEMBER OF LABOR UNION (LABOR2=2,9):

LABOR3 Have you or your spouse ever been a member of a labor union?

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37	Yes, current or former union member
13	Current member
24	Former member
62	Not ever a union member
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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ASK IF RESPONDENT OR SPOUSE EVER UNION MEMBER (LABOR2=1 OR LABOR3=1):LABOR4 **[IF LABOR2=1 Is] [IF LABOR3=1 Was]** that a union for public employees, such as school teachers or other government jobs, or a union for employees of private businesses?

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37	Yes, current or former union member
12	Union for public employees
23	Union for private businesses
1	Both (VOL.)
*	Other (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
62	Not ever a union member
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)