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JANUARY 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
January 11-16, 2012
N=1502

QUESTION 1-2, 4-5, 8-9 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 3, 6-7

ASK ALL:

Q.10 As you may know, Barack Obama will give his annual State of the Union address in a few weeks ... Do you consider this year's State of the Union address to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

	<u>More important</u>	<u>Less important</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Obama				
Jan 11-16, 2012	36	14	46	5
Jan 20-23, 2011 ¹	28	11	53	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	34	11	49	6
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	9	45	7
Bush				
January, 2008	19	27	46	8
January, 2007	32	16	43	9
January, 2006	30	14	47	9
January, 2005	34	9	47	10
Mid-January, 2004	34	9	49	8
January, 2003	52	6	35	7
January, 2002	54	4	36	6
Clinton				
January, 2000	16	22	53	9
January, 1999	27	16	51	6

ASK ALL:

Q.11 Right now, which is more important for President Obama to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

	<u>Domestic policy</u>	<u>Foreign policy</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>(VOL.) Both</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Obama					
Jan 11-16, 2012	81	9	1	5	4
May 25-30, 2011	77	9	1	9	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	78	11	1	7	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	73	12	1	10	3
January 7-11, 2009 ²	71	11	*	14	4
Next President					
September, 2008 ³	60	21	*	15	4
May, 2008	61	22	*	15	4
G.W. Bush					
January, 2008	56	31	1	8	4
January, 2007	39	40	1	15	5
August, 2006	50	32	1	12	5
January, 2006	57	25	1	13	4
October, 2005	64	20	1	12	3
Early January, 2005	53	27	1	16	3
January, 2002	52	34	*	11	3

¹ In 1999-2007 and 2010-2011, question began "Now thinking about Barack Obama's/George W. Bush's/Bill Clinton's upcoming State of the Union address..." In 2008, question began "As you may know, George W. Bush will give his annual State of the Union address in a few weeks..."

² January 7-11, 2009, survey asked about "president-elect Obama."

³ September and May 2008 surveys asked about priorities for the "next president."

Q.11 CONTINUED ...

	Domestic <u>policy</u>	Foreign <u>policy</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Clinton					
Early September, 1998	56	30	0	11	3
January, 1997	86	7	*	5	2
December, 1994	85	7	2	4	2
October, 1993	76	13	*	7	4

NO QUESTIONS 12, 17

QUESTIONS 13-16 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14
Dec 7-11, 2011	23	33	38	3	*	2	12	17
Nov 9-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	1	2	16	15
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	23	33	38	2	1	3	18	16
Aug 17-21, 2011	24	30	40	3	*	3	17	18
Jul 20-24, 2011	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	34	32	4	*	4	13	13
May 25-30, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	15	17
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	25	32	37	3	*	3	17	16
Mar 8-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	17	15
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	16
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	31	39	3	*	2	16	16
Yearly Totals								
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
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
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party			
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	--	--	--	--	--

NO QUESTIONS 18-19, 21-22, 24-28, 32-34

QUESTIONS 20, 23, 29-31 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

Q.35 I'd like to ask you about priorities for President Obama and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think each should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done. (First,) should **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about... **[INSERT ITEM]?** **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY TO BE SURE RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS SCALE: should this be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?]**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<u>SUMMARY TABLE</u>						
m.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	86	11	1	1	2
a.F1	Improving the job situation	82	14	1	2	1
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	69	25	5	1	*
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	69	21	5	2	3
o.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	68	26	2	2	1
n.F2	Improving the educational system	65	27	4	3	1
p.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	61	31	5	1	1
d.F1	Changing the federal income tax system to make it more fair	61	29	5	2	3
f.F1	Reducing health care costs	60	30	4	5	1
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	52	38	6	2	2
q.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	52	36	8	2	2
c.F1	Reducing crime	48	37	11	2	2
r.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	44	30	11	10	5
e.F1	Protecting the environment	43	39	15	3	*
v.F2	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington	40	31	18	5	6
s.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	39	36	15	8	2
h.F1	Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration	39	38	17	4	2
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	38	40	14	4	4
l.F2	Improving the country's roads, bridges, and public transportation systems	30	52	15	2	1
k.F1	Reducing military spending	29	39	12	18	3
g.F1	Reforming the campaign finance system	28	35	24	6	7
u.F2	Dealing with global warming	25	35	20	16	4

Q.35 CONTINUED...FULL TREND:

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
ASK ITEMS a THRU k OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:						
a.F1	Improving the job situation					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	82	14	1	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	84	13	*	1	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	81	15	1	1	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	82	15	1	1	1
	January, 2008	61	31	4	2	2
	January, 2007	57	30	10	1	2
	January, 2006	65	28	4	1	2
	January, 2005	68	28	2	1	1
	January, 2004	67	28	3	1	1
	January, 2003	62	32	4	1	1
	January, 2002	67	27	4	1	1
	January, 2001	60	30	6	2	2
	January, 2000	41	35	16	4	4
	July, 1999	54	30	10	3	3
	January, 1999	50	34	10	2	4
	January, 1998	54	32	10	3	1
	January, 1997	66	26	5	2	1
	December, 1994	64	27	5	2	2
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	69	21	5	2	3
	Jan 5-9, 2011	64	27	3	2	4
	Jan 6-10, 2010	60	29	5	2	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	53	33	7	2	4
	January, 2008	58	33	5	1	3
	January, 2007	53	34	7	2	4
	January, 2006	55	35	5	1	4
	January, 2005	56	34	5	2	3
	January, 2004	51	38	6	3	2
	January, 2003	40	44	11	2	3
	January, 2002	35	44	13	3	5
	January, 1997	60	30	5	2	3
	December, 1994	65	26	5	1	3
TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
<i>Paying off the national debt</i>						
	January, 2001	54	32	8	2	4
	January, 2000	44	38	11	3	4
	July, 1999	45	41	10	2	2
	January, 1999	42	43	10	1	4
	January, 1998	46	40	9	3	2
c.F1	Reducing crime					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	48	37	11	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	44	43	10	2	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	39	8	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	46	41	9	2	2
	January, 2008	54	36	7	1	2
	January, 2007	62	31	5	1	1
	January, 2006	62	29	6	1	2
	January, 2005	53	39	5	2	1
	January, 2004	53	34	9	2	2
	January, 2003	47	42	8	2	2
	January, 2002	53	39	6	*	2
	January, 2001	76	19	3	2	*
	January, 2000	69	24	4	1	2
	July, 1999	76	20	2	1	1

Q.35 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
January, 1999	70	24	3	1	2
January, 1998	71	25	2	1	1
January, 1997	70	25	3	2	*
December, 1994	78	17	2	1	2
d.F1 Changing the federal income tax system to make it more fair Jan 11-16, 2012	61	29	5	2	3
e.F1 Protecting the environment Jan 11-16, 2012	43	39	15	3	*
Jan 5-9, 2011	40	44	12	3	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	42	11	2	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	41	42	12	3	2
January, 2008	56	34	8	1	1
January, 2007	57	32	9	1	1
January, 2006	57	35	6	1	1
January, 2005	49	42	8	1	*
January, 2004	49	40	10	1	*
January, 2003	39	50	9	1	1
January, 2002	44	42	12	1	1
January, 2001	63	30	3	3	1
January, 2000	54	37	6	2	1
July, 1999	59	32	7	1	1
January, 1999	52	39	7	1	1
January, 1998	53	37	8	1	1
January, 1997	54	35	8	2	1
f.F1 Reducing health care costs Jan 11-16, 2012	60	30	4	5	1
Jan 5-9, 2011	61	28	4	4	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	57	31	5	4	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	59	30	5	4	2
January, 2008	69	24	3	3	1
January, 2007	68	24	4	3	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2006	60	28	6	3	3
January, 2005	54	33	7	4	2
January, 2004	50	35	8	4	3
January, 2003	48	38	7	3	4
January, 2002	50	37	7	4	2
Early September, 2001	54	34	5	5	2
January, 2001	66	22	4	5	3
January, 2000	56	30	7	3	4
July, 1999	57	29	7	4	3
g.F1 Reforming the campaign finance system Jan 11-16, 2012	28	35	24	6	7
January, 2004	24	38	23	8	7
January, 2002	23	35	28	6	8
Early September, 2001	29	35	23	8	5
January, 2001	37	32	18	6	7
January, 2000	32	34	20	6	8
July, 1999	28	37	23	7	5
January, 1999	29	36	21	6	8
January, 1998	32	34	24	5	5

Q.35 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	January, 1997	31	37	23	5	4
h.F1	Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	39	38	17	4	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	38	12	3	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	40	41	14	2	3
	Jan 7-11, 2009	41	36	18	3	2
	January, 2008	51	32	11	3	3
	January, 2007	55	29	11	3	2
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	69	25	5	1	*
	Jan 5-9, 2011	73	22	3	1	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	80	17	2	*	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	76	18	3	1	2
	January, 2008	74	22	2	*	2
	January, 2007	80	16	2	1	1
	January, 2006	80	18	1	*	1
	January, 2005	75	21	2	1	1
	January, 2004	78	18	2	1	1
	January, 2003	81	16	2	1	0
	January, 2002	83	15	1	*	1
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	38	40	14	4	4
	Jan 5-9, 2011	34	44	13	3	5
	Jan 6-10, 2010	32	46	12	4	7
	Jan 7-11, 2009	31	49	11	2	7
	January, 2008	37	45	11	2	5
	January, 2007	34	46	12	2	6
	January, 2006	30	46	11	5	8
	January, 2005	32	47	13	2	6
	January, 2004	32	47	14	3	4
	January, 2002	25	55	13	2	5
	January, 2001	37	46	8	3	6
	January, 2000	30	48	14	1	7
k.F1	Reducing military spending					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	29	39	12	18	3
ASK ITEMS 1 THRU v FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:						
l.F2	Improving the country's roads, bridges, and public transportation systems					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	30	52	15	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	33	48	16	2	2
m.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	86	11	1	1	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	87	11	1	1	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	1	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	85	12	*	1	1
	January, 2008	75	20	2	1	2
	January, 2007	68	25	4	2	1
	January, 2006	66	26	5	1	2
	January, 2005	75	22	2	*	1
	January, 2004	79	16	2	1	2
	January, 2003	73	23	2	1	1
	January, 2002	71	26	2	*	1

Q.35 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Early September, 2001 ⁴	80	18	1	*	1
January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1
January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1
n.F2 Improving the educational system					
Jan 11-16, 2012	65	27	4	3	1
Jan 5-9, 2011	66	26	5	2	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	65	28	4	2	1
Jan 7-11, 2009	61	30	5	2	2
January, 2008	66	26	4	2	2
January, 2007	69	25	4	1	1
January, 2006	67	26	4	2	1
January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1
Mid-January, 2004	71	23	4	1	1
January, 2003	62	31	4	1	2
January, 2002	66	27	4	1	2
Early September, 2001	76	19	3	1	1
January, 2001	78	17	1	3	1
January, 2000	77	18	3	1	1
July, 1999	74	19	4	1	2
January, 1999	74	22	2	1	1
January, 1998	78	17	3	2	*
January, 1997	75	20	3	2	*
o.F2 Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound					
Jan 11-16, 2012	68	26	2	2	1
Jan 5-9, 2011	66	26	4	1	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	66	28	3	2	1
Jan 7-11, 2009	63	31	3	1	2
January, 2008	64	28	4	2	2
January, 2007	64	28	5	2	1
January, 2006	64	28	4	2	2
January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1
January, 2004	65	28	4	2	1
January, 2003	59	34	4	1	2
January, 2002	62	32	3	1	2
Early September, 2001	74	22	2	1	1
January, 2001	74	21	1	2	2
January, 2000	69	27	2	1	1
July, 1999	73	23	3	*	1
January, 1999	71	24	3	1	1
January, 1998	71	24	4	1	*
January, 1997	75	20	2	2	1
p.F2 Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound					
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	31	5	1	1
Jan 5-9, 2011	61	31	4	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	63	30	4	1	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	60	32	5	1	2
January, 2008	60	33	4	1	2
January, 2007	63	31	3	1	2
January, 2006	62	30	4	2	2
January, 2005	67	29	3	1	*
January, 2004	62	32	4	1	1

⁴ In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded: "Keeping the economy strong."

Q.35 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
January, 2003	56	39	4	*	1
January, 2002	55	38	5	1	1
January, 2001	71	24	2	1	2
January, 2000	64	30	3	1	2
July, 1999	71	24	3	1	1
January, 1999	62	33	2	1	2
January, 1998	64	31	3	1	1
January, 1997	64	31	3	1	1
q.F2 Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people					
Jan 11-16, 2012	52	36	8	2	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	52	36	8	2	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	53	38	6	2	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	50	39	6	3	2
January, 2008	51	37	7	2	3
January, 2007	55	36	6	2	1
January, 2006	55	36	6	1	2
January, 2005	59	34	5	1	1
January, 2004	50	42	6	1	1
January, 2003	48	45	5	1	1
January, 2002	44	46	7	2	1
January, 2001	63	28	6	1	2
January, 2000	55	38	4	1	2
July, 1999	60	33	5	1	1
January, 1999	57	37	4	1	1
January, 1998	57	34	6	2	1
January, 1997	57	35	6	2	*
r.F2 Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country					
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	30	11	10	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	43	30	12	9	6
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	31	13	7	4
Jan 7-11, 2009	45	29	16	6	4
January, 2008	43	31	13	8	5
January, 2007	47	30	12	8	3
January, 2006	47	26	14	9	4
January, 2005	41	32	14	10	3
January, 2004	45	31	13	9	2
January, 2003	39	34	16	7	4
January, 2002	45	32	12	7	4
January, 2001	51	27	10	7	5
January, 2000	48	34	9	6	3
July, 1999	55	28	8	5	4
January, 1999	50	31	10	5	4
January, 1998	48	31	13	6	2
January, 1997	52	29	10	6	3
s.F2 Strengthening the U.S. military					
Jan 11-16, 2012	39	36	15	8	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	43	35	14	6	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	35	10	5	1
Jan 7-11, 2009	44	39	8	4	5
January, 2008	42	38	12	5	3
January, 2007	46	35	10	5	4
January, 2006	42	36	13	6	3
January, 2005	52	35	8	3	2
January, 2004	48	31	15	5	1
January, 2003	48	34	11	4	3

Q.35 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	January, 2002	52	37	7	2	2
	January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	52	38	6	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	50	39	7	2	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	39	7	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	60	32	5	1	2
	January, 2008	59	32	6	1	2
	January, 2007	57	35	6	1	1
	January, 2006	58	33	6	1	2
	January, 2005	47	42	7	1	3
	January, 2004	46	41	10	1	2
	January, 2003	40	46	10	1	3
	January, 2002	42	46	7	2	3
	Early September, 2001 ⁵	46	41	6	2	5
u.F2	Dealing with global warming					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	25	35	20	16	4
	Jan 5-9, 2011	26	35	21	14	4
	Jan 6-10, 2010	28	36	20	14	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	30	37	19	10	4
	January, 2008	35	38	15	7	5
	January, 2007	38	34	16	8	4
v.F2	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	40	31	18	5	6
	Jan 5-9, 2011	37	31	19	6	7
	Jan 6-10, 2010	36	34	18	7	6
	Jan 7-11, 2009	36	34	18	5	7
	January, 2008	39	32	16	4	9
	January, 2007	35	30	23	4	8

⁵ In Early September 2001 the item was worded: "Passing a comprehensive energy plan."

ASK ALL:

Thinking about foreign policy...

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:

Q.36F2 What country in the world, if any, represents the greatest danger to the United States? **[OPEN END; DO NOT READ ITEMS; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION. IF MULTIPLE MENTIONS ONLY RECORD EXPLANATION IF NECESSARY FOR CLARIFICATION. IF RESPONDENT SAYS "KOREA" PROBE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY MEAN NORTH OR SOUTH KOREA]**

Jan 11-16 2012		Jan Oct 28- Mid-					Late		Early		Jan 1993	Feb 1992	Mar 1990
		5-9 2011	Nov 8 2009	Sep 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2006	Oct 2005	Sep 2001	Sep 1993	Apr 1993			
28	Iran	12	21	21	25	27	9	5	7	7	6	4	6
22	China	20	11	16	14	20	16	32	11	7	9	8	8
8	North Korea	18	10	6	17	11	13	1	1	--	--	--	--
7	Iraq	8	14	13	19	17	18	16	18	14	17	12	--
5	Afghanistan	10	14	5	2	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
3	United States	4	5	4	5	5	7	2	--	6	6	3	4
2	Mexico	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Russia ⁶	2	2	14	2	3	2	9	8	16	13	13	32
1	Pakistan	4	3	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	South Korea	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Israel	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Japan	1	--	1	1	1	1	3	11	9	8	31	8
4	Other	4	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
4	None/Not just one country	3	4	5	3	2	8	2	6	12	9	5	6
13	Don't know/Refused	17	16	14	13	10	17	20	24	17	21	13	13

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:

Q.37F1 Compared with the past, would you say the U.S. is MORE respected by other countries these days, LESS respected by other countries, or AS respected as it has been in the past?

ASK IF LESS RESPECTED (Q.37F1=2):

Q.38F1 Do you think less respect for America is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?

Jan 11-16 2012		(RV)							Newsweek Jan 1984
		Nov 12-15 2009	Mid-Sep 2008	May 2008	Aug 2006	Late Oct 2005	July 2004	May 1987 ⁷	
13	More respected	21	5	7	7	9	10	19	27
56	Less respected	56	70	71	65	66	67	55	36
40	Major problem	38	48	56	48	43	43	--	--
12	Minor problem	14	19	11	14	18	19	--	--
4	Not a problem	4	2	3	2	4	4	--	--
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1	1	1	1	1	--	--
27	As respected as in the past	20	22	18	23	21	20	23	29
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3	4	5	4	3	3	8

NO QUESTION 39

⁶ In November 2009 and before, Russia also included mentions of the former Soviet Union.

⁷ In May 1987 the question asked "Compared to five years ago, would you say the U.S. is more respected by other countries, less respected by other countries, or as respected as it was five years ago by other countries?" In January 1984, the Newsweek question asked "Compared to four years ago..."

QUESTIONS 40-42 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

Q.43 Thinking about the future of the U.S. military, do you think a smaller military will reduce effectiveness, or do you think a smaller military can be just as effective in facing future challenges?

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44	Smaller military reduces effectiveness
45	Smaller military can be just as effective
3	Depends (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 44-49**QUESTIONS 50-61 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 62-63**

Thinking about IRAN...

ASK ALL:

Q.64 How much, if anything, have you heard about recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf? **[READ]**

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42	A lot
41	A little
15	Nothing at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute about Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard...**[READ]***

Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>		Sep <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u> ⁸
41	A lot	41	32
41	A little	44	46
18	Nothing at all	14	21
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

⁸ In February 2006, question was worded "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this ..."

ASK ALL:

Q.65 In your opinion, which is more important **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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- 50 To take a firm stand against Iranian actions [OR]
 41 To avoid a military conflict with Iran
 1 Neither **(VOL.)**
 2 Both **(VOL.)**
 7 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*In your opinion, which is more important **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?*

Sep 30-Oct 4

2009

- 61 To prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, even if it means
 taking military action
 [OR]
 To avoid a military conflict with Iran, even if it means they may
 develop nuclear weapons
 24
 4 Neither **(VOL.)**
 1 Both **(VOL.)**
 10 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTIONS 66-67**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about Afghanistan

Q.68 How well is the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	45	26	11	8
Jun 15-19, 2011	10	43	28	12	7
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	43	29	15	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	8	39	28	15	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	9	40	31	9	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	8	40	32	13	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	43	22	13	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	39	32	11	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	4	32	41	16	6
Jan 7-11, 2009	7	38	34	11	10
February, 2008	10	38	31	10	11

ASK ALL:

Q.69 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should remove troops as soon as possible?

	Keep troops <u>in Afghanistan</u>	Remove <u>troops</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	56	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	39	56	4
May 5-8, 2011	43	49	8
May 2, 2011	47	48	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 ⁹	44	50	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	44	47	8
Jul 8-11, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	40	6
Apr 15-May 5, 2010 (GAP)	48	45	7
Sep 10-15, 2009 (GAP)	50	43	7
June, 2009 (GAP)	57	38	5
Mid-Sept, 2008	61	33	6
April, 2008 (GAP)	50	44	6
Late Feb, 2008	61	32	7
May, 2007 (GAP)	50	42	7

⁹ In surveys conducted March 30-April 3, 2011 and before, the question was worded "Do you think the U.S. and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible?"