

Interviews: 1000 adults, including 200 cell phone only respondents
 GOP Primary Voters: An oversample of 167 interviews was conducted to achieve a total of 441 GOP Primary Voters

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48 Male
52 Female

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1000 interviews is ±3.10%
The margin of error for 441 interviews is ±4.67%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

Q3 All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/12</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>
Headed in the right direction.....	30	22	19	17	19	25	29	36	72	12
Off on the wrong track.....	61	69	73	74	73	67	62	50	11	78
Mixed (VOL).....	5	6	5	5	5	5	6	10	11	7
Not sure.....	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	6	3
			<u>4/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/28-30/10+</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>
			28	31	35	28	32	31	32	32
			63	60	56	63	58	60	59	59
			6	6	5	6	6	5	6	5
			3	3	4	3	4	4	3	4
				<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23-25/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>
				30	32	29	34	33	32	34
				61	58	62	56	59	58	54
				6	6	5	6	5	7	10
				3	4	4	4	3	3	2
			<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>
			33	36	39	39	42	43	41	26
			55	52	48	49	46	43	44	59
			10	9	10	9	9	10	9	9
			2	3	3	3	3	4	6	6

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q4 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	<u>1/12</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<i>High</i> <u>4/09</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>8/11</u>
Approve	48	46	44	44	44	47	49	52	49	61	44
Disapprove	46	48	51	51	51	48	46	41	45	30	51
Not sure	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	9	5
			<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/28-30/10+</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>		
			48	53	45	47	45	47	46		
			46	41	48	47	50	49	49		
			6	6	7	6	5	4	5		
		<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/20-23/10</u>	<u>5/6-11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23-25/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>		
		45	47	45	48	50	48	50	48		
		49	48	48	45	44	47	44	43		
		6	5	7	7	6	5	6	9		
		<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>		
		47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60		
		46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26		
		7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14		

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Q5a Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/12</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<i>High</i> <u>2/09</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>8/11</u>
Approve	45	39	40	39	37	43	41	37	56	37
Disapprove	50	57	57	57	59	54	54	58	31	59
Not sure	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	5	13	4
		<u>4/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>		
		45	46	45	42	42	43	42		
		52	49	50	54	54	53	54		
		3	5	5	4	4	4	4		
		<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23-25/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>		
		39	44	46	48	47	47	43		
		56	52	50	46	50	49	49		
		5	4	4	6	3	4	8		
		<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>		
		42	47	50	49	51	55	56		
		51	46	42	44	38	37	31		
		7	7	8	7	11	8	13		

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Q6 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>1/12</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>
Approve	13	13	18	22	20	22	20	21	21	61	12
Disapprove	80	82	74	70	73	69	73	71	72	28	79
Not sure.....	7	5	8	8	7	9	7	8	7	11	9

	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>
	22	21	17	21	22	24	22	24	29
	73	72	77	67	68	65	66	63	57
	5	7	6	12	10	11	12	13	14

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	<u>10/4-5/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>
	28	31	23	21	12	13	15	15	13	18
	58	54	68	69	79	78	73	75	79	70
	14	15	9	10	9	9	12	10	8	12

	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>
	23	31	20	29	29	41	40	46	39	42
	65	53	65	56	53	40	42	41	45	39
	12	16	15	15	18	19	18	13	16	19

	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>1/94</u>
	40	54	47	48	46	48	40	44	26	33
	44	29	34	35	41	36	49	42	65	54
	16	17	19	17	13	16	11	14	9	13

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Now turning to the economy...

Q32 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>1/12</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>
Economy will get better	37	30	25	21	22	26	29	33
Economy will get worse.....	17	22	28	32	30	31	30	21
Economy will stay about the same ...	44	47	47	45	47	41	39	46
Not sure.....	2	1	-	2	1	2	2	-

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the next year..."
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>
	29	40	32	37	37	32	26
	29	17	24	15	20	24	26
	41	42	42	46	41	41	45
	1	1	2	2	2	3	3

	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-10/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>
	34	33	40	41	41	42	47	44
	25	23	20	22	19	22	20	21
	39	43	38	36	38	33	30	32
	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	3

	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9-10/06+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>10/94</u>
	46	38	38	22	43	41	17	31
	22	30	20	22	10	20	24	24
	29	30	37	51	33	34	54	40
	3	2	5	5	14	5	5	5