

Interviews: 1000 adults, including 200 reached by cell phone

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48 Male
52 Female

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

The margin of error for 1000 interviews is ±3.10%

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

(ASK ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)

Q1 Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline	-	TERMINATE
Cell phone is only telephone.....	100	CONTINUE
Not sure	-	TERMINATE

Q2a For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST.)

18-24	9
25-29	9
30-34	10
35-39	8
40-44	9
45-49	8
50-54	10
55-59	10
60-64	11
65-69	5
70-74	3
75 and over.....	6
Not sure/refused	1

Q2b To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11
No, not Hispanic	88
Not sure/refused	1

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	76
Black	11
Asian	3
Other	4
Hispanic (VOL).....	6
Not sure/refused.....	1

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q4a In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

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

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Q4b Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

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

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Q4c Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling foreign policy?

	<u>8/11*</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>
Approve	50	50	57	49	48	50	49
Disapprove.....	45	44	35	46	44	37	42
Not sure	5	6	8	5	8	13	9
		<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
		51	50	57	54	56	
		39	36	33	36	31	
		10	14	10	10	13	

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Q4d Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Libya?

	<u>8/11**</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>
Approve	46	46	54	48
Disapprove	38	36	40	26
Not sure	16	18	6	26

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Q5 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<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>	<u>6/10</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>
Approve.....	13	18	22	20	22	20	21	21	22	61	12
Disapprove.....	82	74	70	73	69	73	71	72	73	28	79
Not sure	5	8	8	7	9	7	8	7	5	11	9
			<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>	<u>4/09</u>
			21	17	21	22	24	22	24	29	28
			72	77	67	68	65	66	63	57	58
			7	6	12	10	11	12	13	14	14
		<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>	
		31	23	21	12	13	15	15	13	18	
		54	68	69	79	78	73	75	79	70	
		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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Q6 Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, groups, and organizations and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE EXCEPT BARACK OBAMA)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
Barack Obama						
August 2011	24	20	12	14	30	-
June 2011	27	22	14	13	24	-
May 2011	33	21	14	13	18	1
April 2011	28	22	14	13	23	-
February 2011	28	21	15	15	20	1
January 2011	29	23	15	14	18	1
December 2010.....	25	23	14	14	24	-
November 2010.....	28	21	12	13	26	-
October 28-30, 2010+	29	18	12	15	27	-
October 14-18, 2010+	29	19	9	17	26	-
September 2010.....	29	18	12	14	27	-
August 26-30, 2010	26	20	12	14	27	1
August 5-9, 2010.....	27	19	13	14	27	-
June 2010	27	20	13	15	25	-
May 20-23, 2010	28	19	15	14	24	-
May 6-11, 2010	29	20	12	14	24	1
March 2010	31	19	11	14	24	1
January 23-25, 2010	29	23	14	14	20	-
January 10-14, 2010	29	23	12	16	19	1
December 2009.....	29	21	13	15	22	-
October 2009	36	20	11	12	21	-
September 2009.....	38	18	11	14	19	-
July 2009.....	37	18	10	14	20	1
June 2009	41	19	11	12	17	-
April 2009.....	45	19	12	10	13	1
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1
January 2009	43	23	17	8	6	3
December 2008.....	45	22	15	8	8	2
October 17-20, 2008+	37	19	10	10	23	1
October 4-5, 2008+	30	22	12	12	23	1
September 19-22, 2008+	29	19	15	14	22	1
September 6-8, 2008+	33	20	13	12	20	2
August 2008+.....	28	22	13	17	19	1
July 2008+.....	27	21	16	11	23	2
June 2008+	25	23	17	11	22	2
April 2008+	23	23	16	17	20	1
March 2008+	24	25	18	16	16	1
January 2008	19	30	22	11	14	4

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Barack Obama (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
December 2007.....	17	29	22	14	12	6
November 2007.....	15	28	24	12	12	9
September 2007.....	15	27	23	13	12	10
July 2007.....	16	26	24	12	10	12
April 2007.....	19	26	25	8	6	16
March 2007.....	18	19	26	11	6	20
Barack Obama						
<i>High</i>						
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1
<i>Presidential Term Low</i>						
August 2011.....	24	20	12	14	30	-
<i>All-time Obama Low</i>						
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40
NBC-WSJ All-time Presidential Tracking High/Low within Presidential Term						
<i>High</i>						
<i>March 1991</i>						
(George H.W. Bush).....	50	30	9	6	4	1
<i>Low</i>						
<i>October 17-20, 2008+</i>						
(George W. Bush).....	11	18	11	15	45	-

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Q6. (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Democratic Party						
August 2011	11	22	21	19	25	2
June 2011	13	25	21	19	20	2
May 2011	15	26	22	18	17	2
April 2011	12	26	22	18	21	1
January 2011	15	24	25	19	16	1
December 2010.....	9	28	20	18	23	2
November 2010.....	14	26	18	18	23	1
October 28-30, 2010+	16	23	17	19	23	2
October 14-18, 2010+	14	24	16	19	26	1
September 2010.....	15	22	20	20	22	1
August 26-30, 2010.....	11	25	19	19	24	2
August 5-9, 2010.....	11	22	22	18	26	1
June 2010	11	24	21	20	24	-
May 20-23, 2010	15	26	18	18	22	1
May 6-11, 2010	11	26	19	18	24	2
March 2010	9	28	19	19	24	1
January 23-25, 2010	14	25	22	17	21	1
January 10-14, 2010	11	27	20	18	23	1
December 2009.....	10	25	19	19	26	1
October 2009.....	14	28	20	14	22	2
September 2009.....	14	27	18	17	22	2
July 2009.....	13	29	19	17	20	2
June 2009	19	26	16	16	21	2
April 2009.....	17	28	19	15	19	2
February 2009.....	20	29	18	14	17	2
December 2008.....	17	32	22	15	13	1
October 17-20, 2008+	16	23	22	17	21	1
October 4-5, 2008+	15	26	20	18	19	2
September 19-22, 2008+	19	23	20	16	20	2
September 6-8, 2008+	24	25	17	19	14	1
August 2008+.....	17	26	21	16	19	1
July 2008+.....	15	28	18	18	19	2
June 2008+	16	27	24	13	19	1
April 2008+	17	27	22	15	17	2
March 7-10, 2008+	20	25	18	16	19	2
January 2008	22	25	19	18	15	1
November 2007.....	12	27	24	18	17	2
September 2007.....	8	26	27	22	16	1
July 2007.....	15	27	21	20	15	2
January 2007	13	29	26	16	14	2
October 28-30, 2006+	14	25	25	18	17	1
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2
January 2006	11	25	28	20	15	1
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1
January 2002	16	33	23	15	11	2
January 1998	13	30	30	16	9	2
January 1994	11	29	29	17	11	3
<i>High</i>						
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2
<i>Low</i>						
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Republican Party						
August 2011	8	24	21	23	23	1
June 2011	8	22	24	23	21	2
May 2011	8	24	22	21	23	2
April 2011	7	24	24	22	22	1
January 2011	7	27	24	21	19	2
December 2010.....	11	27	23	17	20	2
November 2010.....	11	23	24	20	19	3
October 28-30, 2010+	12	22	24	18	23	1
October 14-18, 2010+	8	23	25	19	23	2
September 2010.....	8	23	25	21	22	1
August 26-30, 2010.....	7	23	25	22	21	2
August 5-9, 2010.....	6	18	28	24	22	2
June 2010	6	24	26	23	19	2
May 20-23, 2010	10	23	26	21	19	1
May 6-11, 2010	8	22	26	22	20	2
March 2010	6	25	24	20	23	2
January 23-25, 2010	7	25	27	18	20	3
January 10-14, 2010	7	23	27	24	18	1
December 2009.....	5	23	27	24	19	2
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2
September 2009.....	5	23	27	22	21	2
July 2009.....	9	19	29	21	20	2
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2
April 2009	7	22	25	22	22	2
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3
December 2008.....	7	20	20	26	26	1
October 17-20, 2008+	11	21	18	23	25	2
October 4-5, 2008+	12	23	17	21	26	1
September 19-22, 2008+.....	13	21	18	19	28	1
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	15	18	25	2
August 2008+	10	25	22	19	23	1
July 2008+	8	23	20	22	26	1
June 2008+	7	21	24	22	25	1
April 2008+	8	19	23	22	26	2
March 7-10, 2008+	10	24	15	21	28	2
January 2008	13	21	26	19	18	3
November 2007.....	8	24	24	20	22	2
September 2007.....	8	23	20	27	20	2
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2
January 2007	10	23	21	23	21	2
Oct 28-30, 2006+	15	20	16	20	28	1
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3
January 2006	13	24	20	20	22	1
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1
January 2002	20	32	24	12	9	3
January 1998	9	29	30	18	12	2
January 1994	12	30	29	16	9	4
<i>High</i>						
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3
<i>Low</i>						
August 5-9, 2010	6	18	28	24	22	2

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Tea Party Movement						
August 2011	11	17	20	14	29	9
June 2011	13	15	20	14	27	11
April 2011	13	16	20	14	30	7
January 2011	13	16	22	14	24	11
December 2010	15	18	20	14	23	10
November 2010	14	16	21	13	25	11
October 28-30, 2010+	14	18	18	12	28	10
October 14-18, 2010+	14	16	20	11	27	12
September 2010	15	15	21	13	23	13
August 26-30, 2010	12	16	19	12	24	17
August 5-9, 2010	14	16	23	12	22	13
June 2010	15	19	21	12	19	14
May 6-11, 2010	16	15	21	10	20	18
March 2010	13	16	22	10	18	21
January 23-25, 2010	14	14	20	6	15	31
Mitt Romney						
August 2011	5	19	32	18	11	15
June 2011	7	20	30	16	10	17
February 2011	6	19	30	13	12	20
December 9-13, 2010	10	18	30	10	10	22
September 2010	6	15	29	20	10	20
March 2010	7	20	29	16	9	19
July 2009	10	18	30	12	8	22
April 2008+	9	19	31	17	11	13
January 2008	7	21	24	19	13	16
December 2007	9	16	26	16	11	22
November 2007	4	18	27	17	12	22
September 2007	6	18	26	14	11	25
June 2007	5	16	23	13	7	36
March 2007	4	11	24	11	6	44
December 2006	3	8	22	7	4	56
Rick Perry						
August 2011	9	12	23	9	16	31
June 2011	4	8	18	6	9	55
Sarah Palin						
August 2011	8	16	20	19	35	2
June 2011	7	17	19	16	38	3
April 2011	9	16	18	12	41	4
December 2010	13	15	20	16	34	2
September 2010	14	16	19	15	33	3
June 2010	13	16	24	12	31	4
March 2010	12	18	21	13	32	4
December 2009	14	18	23	14	26	5
October 2009	11	16	22	15	31	5
July 2009	14	18	20	16	27	5
April 2009	14	18	24	11	27	6
December 2008	15	20	16	15	30	4
October 17-20, 2008+	23	15	13	13	34	2
October 4-5, 2008+	26	18	15	15	22	4
September 19-22, 2008+	26	16	17	12	24	5
September 6-8, 2008+	30	17	17	10	17	9

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Bill Clinton						
August 2011*	32	25	21	11	11	-
September 2010	29	26	21	13	10	1
January 2009	25	27	16	14	17	1
December 2008	23	26	21	12	17	1
August 2008+	20	25	16	19	20	-
June 2008+	16	24	17	17	25	1
April 2008+	18	21	18	18	24	1
March 24-25, 2008+	20	22	15	18	25	-
March 7-10, 2008+	20	22	11	13	32	2
January 2008	24	23	14	11	27	1
November 2007	25	23	13	14	25	-
March 2007	27	21	16	14	21	1
April 2006	27	23	16	12	21	1
June 2004+	20	22	16	14	27	1
January 2002	17	19	13	13	36	2
June 2001	18	21	15	15	31	-
January 2001	32	24	11	12	21	-
<i>High</i>						
January 1993	33	31	15	9	7	5
<i>Low</i>						
March 2001	17	17	13	14	38	1
Michele Bachmann						
August 2011*	5	18	21	12	24	20
April 2011	5	9	18	3	14	51
George W. Bush						
August 2011**	15	20	20	20	24	-
May 2011	13	24	22	16	24	1
October 28-30, 2010+	12	20	16	17	34	1
August 26-30, 2010+	8	22	22	15	32	1
June 2010	7	22	21	19	31	-
January 2010	10	20	18	17	34	1
April 2009	9	17	15	16	41	2
January 2009	13	18	11	17	41	-
December 2008	11	20	10	16	43	-
October 17-20, 2008+	11	18	11	15	45	-
October 4-5, 2008+	12	18	12	13	45	-
September 19-22, 2008+ ...	13	17	11	13	46	-
September 6-8, 2008+	15	18	12	14	41	-
August 2008+	15	19	11	15	40	-
July 2008+	14	18	10	16	42	-
June 2008+	11	19	10	16	44	-
April 2008+	12	19	13	14	42	-
March 24-25, 2008+	16	17	12	13	41	1
March 7-10, 2008+	16	18	10	12	43	1
January 2008	14	18	10	17	40	1
June 2007	12	20	11	15	42	-
January 2007	17	18	12	17	35	1
June 2006	18	21	9	15	37	-
January 2006	24	17	12	13	33	1
July 2005	27	20	10	15	28	-
January 2005	32	19	9	15	25	-
June 2004+	33	15	8	14	30	-
January 2004	38	17	8	13	24	-
July 2003	38	21	9	14	17	-

George W. Bush (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/Not Sure</u>
January 2003	36	20	12	16	16	-
June 2002	43	27	11	10	9	-
January 2002	53	26	10	7	4	-
June 2001	30	23	16	15	15	1
January 2001	25	25	18	13	17	2
<i>High</i>						
December 2001	54	26	9	6	5	-
<i>Low</i>						
April 2009.....	9	17	15	16	41	2

Ben Bernanke

August 2011**	2	15	22	13	10	38
January 23-25, 2010.....	4	14	19	11	7	45
September 2007	2	9	15	5	2	67

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** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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SUMMARY TABLE OF IMAGES – BY D/S (POSITIVE – NEGATIVE)

	TOTAL POSITIVE	TOTAL NEGATIVE	D/S
Bill Clinton	57	22	35
Barack Obama	44	44	-
Rick Perry	21	25	-4
Mitt Romney	24	29	-5
Ben Bernanke	17	23	-6
George W. Bush.....	35	44	-9
The Democratic Party	33	44	-11
Michele Bachmann.....	23	36	-13
The Republican Party.....	32	46	-14
The Tea Party Movement.....	28	43	-15
Sarah Palin	24	54	-30

Even though it is a long way off, I'd like to ask you some questions about the 2012 elections...

Q7 If President Obama runs for re-election in the year 2012, do you think you will probably vote for President Obama or probably vote for the Republican candidate?

	<u>8/11+</u>	<u>7/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>5/11+</u>	<u>4/11+</u>	<u>2/11+</u>
Probably vote for President Obama.....	40	42	45	45	43	45
Probably vote for Republican candidate	44	39	40	30	38	40
Vote for other party (VOL).....	3	4	2	4	3	3
Depends/Depends on who opponent is (VOL).....	9	10	11	16	11	9
Not sure	4	5	2	5	5	3

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q8a And, if the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Rick Perry were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?+

Rick Perry.....	42
Barack Obama	47
Depends (VOL)	2
Neither/other (VOL).....	4
Not sure.....	5

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q8b And, if the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Mitt Romney were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>8/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>2/11+</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>
Mitt Romney.....	45	43	40	40	35	36	34
Barack Obama	46	49	49	47	48	48	51
Depends (VOL)	2	1	-	1	2	1	1
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	3	6	6	7	6	7
Not sure	3	4	5	6	8	9	7

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q9 What is your preference for the outcome of next year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE:) a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>8/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>10/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>	<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>
Republican-controlled Congress	47	44	44	44	43	42	45	44	44	42
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	41	44	46	44	43	43	43	43	44	45
Not sure.....	12	12	10	12	14	15	12	13	12	13
		<u>1/23- 25/10+</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10+</u>	<u>12/09+</u>	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08+</u>	<u>10/08+</u>
		42	41	41	38	40	39	39	36	36
		44	41	43	46	43	46	48	48	49
		14	18	16	16	17	15	13	16	15
			<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>
			37	36	36	33	34	35	37	35
			50	47	49	52	49	49	46	47
			13	17	15	15	17	16	17	18
			<u>10/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>
			37	39	38	38	39	37	38	38
			52	48	48	49	45	50	47	46
			11	13	14	13	16	13	15	16
			<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>
			37	39	40	40	43	42	42	41
			48	48	45	47	44	46	44	44
			15	13	15	13	13	12	14	15
			<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>
			42	42	42	43	42	43	42	44
			45	43	42	42	42	41	41	40
			13	15	16	15	16	16	17	16
			<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>
			42	40	39	39	42	41	37	41
			40	44	41	43	41	40	43	43
			18	16	20	18	17	19	20	16
			<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>
			40	41	39	41	40	41	41	45
			39	40	40	37	42	37	39	39
			21	19	21	22	18	22	20	16

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q10 In the next election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

	<u>8/11+*</u>	<u>10/28- 30/10+</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10+</u>	<u>12/09+</u>	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>
Deserves to be reelected	42	37	31	35	39	38	41	40
Give new person a chance	47	51	56	57	49	49	49	49
Not sure	11	12	13	8	12	13	10	11
		<u>7/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>6/07+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>
		40	39	41	39	38	41	38
		47	51	48	45	45	43	48
		13	10	11	16	17	16	14
		<u>6/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>
		42	41	41	41	37	42	49
		45	48	46	44	51	45	34
		13	11	13	15	12	13	17
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>
		42	41	50	49	49	42	48
		39	42	35	38	39	47	37
		19	17	15	13	12	11	15
		<u>12/97+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>
		41	39	30	34	35	34	37
		45	49	53	50	47	52	47
		14	12	17	16	18	14	16
		<u>7/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	<u>1/92+</u>
		30	31	31	27	33	37	42
		55	56	56	62	57	52	48
		15	13	13	11	10	11	10

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q11 If there were a place on your ballot that allowed you to vote to defeat and replace every single member of Congress, including your own representative, would you do this, or not?

	<u>8/11+**</u>	<u>10/28- 30/10+</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>3/10+</u>
Yes	54	45	48	47	50
No.....	41	50	49	50	47
Not sure	5	5	3	3	3

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

Q12 Which of the following statements is closest to your own view of the two-party system today, in terms of how well it defines issues and provides choices for voters?

	<u>8/11</u>	<u>5/10</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/95</u>
The two-party system works fairly well.....	13	15	20	15	15
The two-party system has real problems, but with some improvements it can still work well	52	52	47	55	54
The two-party system is seriously broken, and the country needs a third party	34	31	29	27	28
Not sure	1	2	4	3	3

Moving on...

Q13 How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "five" means a very good rating, a "one" means a very poor rating, and a "three" means a mixed rating? (RANDOMIZE) (IF "NOT SURE," RECORD AS "DK.")

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
Being easygoing and likable						
August 2011	44	21	17	7	11	-
December 2010.....	41	27	16	8	8	-
June 2010.....	43	21	19	7	10	-
January 10-14, 2010	52	20	17	5	6	-
October 2009.....	54	18	15	5	7	1
July 2009	54	19	12	6	8	1
April 2009	60	21	8	5	5	1
January 2009.....	54	23	16	2	3	2
June 2008+.....	37	32	18	7	5	1
March 2008+	39	30	17	5	7	2
November 2007+.....	34	30	21	6	5	4
Being honest and straightforward						
August 2011*	30	19	18	10	23	-
May 2011.....	31	20	18	11	18	2
December 2010.....	29	19	18	12	22	-
June 2010.....	28	18	19	10	24	1
January 10-14, 2010	35	16	19	9	21	-
October 2009.....	33	18	17	8	23	1
April 2009	40	24	14	7	13	2
January 2009.....	41	22	20	6	8	3
June 2008+.....	25	27	22	12	13	1
March 2008	29	24	22	7	14	4
November 2007+.....	26	25	27	8	9	5

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
Having strong leadership qualities						
August 2011	21	21	20	11	27	-
May 2011	34	20	22	8	15	1
December 2010	26	23	19	12	21	-
June 2010	27	22	19	10	22	-
January 10-14, 2010	34	23	18	11	13	1
October 2009	36	20	17	9	17	1
July 2009	38	23	15	9	15	-
April 2009	46	22	15	8	9	-
January 2009 ¹	44	26	16	6	7	1
June 2008+	23	24	30	10	12	1
March 2008+	24	22	27	9	16	2
November 2007+	15	24	28	14	15	4
Being a good commander-in-chief						
August 2011	21	20	20	13	26	-
May 2011	29	22	22	10	16	1
December 2010	22	19	22	13	23	1
January 10-14, 2010	28	21	19	12	20	-
October 2009	26	20	18	10	25	1
April 2009	33	22	20	8	15	2
January 2009	32	23	20	8	12	5
June 2008+	13	20	26	15	24	2
March 2008+	19	22	28	13	16	2
November 2007+	12	17	30	15	21	5

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

¹Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president."

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THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
Having the ability to handle a crisis						
August 2011**	17	22	23	14	24	-
May 2011	33	20	24	9	13	1
December 2010	22	20	21	13	22	-
June 2010	20	20	21	13	26	-
January 10-14, 2010	29	22	18	10	20	1
October 2009	27	18	20	12	21	2
April 2009	31	23	20	9	14	3
January 2009	25	21	25	14	9	6
Sharing your positions on the issues						
August 2011*	17	21	23	9	29	1
May 2011	17	21	29	11	21	1
December 2010	17	18	27	13	25	1
January 10-14, 2010	20	18	24	10	27	1
October 2009	21	18	22	11	27	1
July 2009	23	21	21	9	25	1
April 2009	26	22	21	11	19	1
January 2009	29	23	22	12	13	1
June 2008+	21	18	23	14	23	1
March 2008+	18	21	23	13	21	4
November 2007+	13	20	28	12	21	6
Achieving his goals						
August 2011**	10	17	30	18	24	1
May 2011	15	26	33	10	13	3
December 2010	11	22	35	15	16	1
January 10-14, 2010	17	23	32	13	14	1
October 2009	17	20	30	14	18	1
April 2009	25	35	25	5	8	2
January 2009	32	24	24	9	5	6

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q14 Would you describe Barack Obama as liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) And would you say Barack Obama is very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	<u>8/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>3/08</u>
Very liberal	32	30	27	33	37	36	27	33	35	30
Somewhat liberal	16	20	18	22	20	23	22	23	23	25
Moderate	37	38	40	30	33	30	37	29	24	24
Somewhat conservative	7	6	8	6	2	4	3	5	6	5
Very conservative	2	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	3	3
Not sure	6	3	4	6	6	4	7	7	9	13

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q15 Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? (READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just one statement, which would you choose?

	<u>8/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>5/6-10/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>
Like personally and approve most policies.....	36	37	43	42	44	46	48	51	55
Like personally but disapprove of many policies ..	34	35	26	33	30	31	27	30	22
Don't like personally, approve most of policies	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	3	5
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies ...	25	21	25	19	19	18	16	12	10
None of these (VOL)	1	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	3
Not sure	1	1	-	1	2	1	3	2	5

Q16 How confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>8/11*</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
Extremely confident	21	28	31	33
Quite confident	24	23	28	22
Only somewhat confident.....	24	23	28	28
Not at all confident	30	25	12	15
Not sure	1	1	1	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q17 How confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>8/11**</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>1/23-25/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>
Extremely confident.....	13	20	15	19	21	19	23
Quite confident	23	18	21	21	19	20	21
Only somewhat confident	24	31	28	22	22	32	25
Not at all confident.....	39	30	36	38	37	29	30
Not sure.....	1	1	-	-	-	-	1

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
	19	24	25	25	31	29	30
	20	21	21	27	23	25	24
	28	23	23	25	26	30	29
	33	31	30	23	19	15	16
	-	1	1	-	1	1	1

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q18 And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to improve the economy--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>8/11</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>
Extremely confident.....	11	16	16	13	18	16	20
Quite confident	20	21	19	20	22	23	26
Only somewhat confident	28	24	31	29	27	28	24
Not at all confident.....	40	39	33	36	32	32	29
Not sure.....	1	-	1	2	1	1	1

Q19 Now, thinking about events of the past couple months, do you feel that President Obama is facing a short-term setback from which things are likely to get better for him, that he is facing a longer-term setback from which things are unlikely to get better for him, or that he is not facing a setback at this time?

	<u>8/11*</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>President Bush</u>		
				<u>1/07¹</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>
Short-term setback/likely to get better	32	39	41	25	26	30
Longer-term setback/unlikely to get better	54	39	42	65	58	53
Not facing a setback	9	18	13	7	11	12
Not sure	4	4	4	3	5	5

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ From November 2005 to January 2007, the question was phrased, "Now, thinking about events of the past couple months, do you feel that President Bush is facing a short-term setback from which things are likely to get better for him, that he is facing a longer-term setback from which things are unlikely to get better for him, or that he is not facing a setback at this time?"

Q20 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as (ROTATE:) a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	18
Not very strong Democrat	13
Independent/lean Democrat	8
Strictly Independent	17
Independent/lean Republican	10
Not very strong Republican	11
Strong Republican	13
Other (VOL)	10
Not sure	-

Q21 If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?

	<u>7/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>4/11+</u>
Vote in the Republican primary	32	29	28
Vote in the Democratic primary	27	32	31
Wait until the general election	39	34	36
Neither/other (VOL)	1	2	2
Not sure	1	3	3

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

Q22 Let me read you a list of people who might seek the 2012 Republican nomination for president. If you were voting today in the 2012 Republican primary for president, which **one** of the following candidates would you favor? (READ LIST. RANDOMIZE. IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean? (ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.) (IF CHOICE, THEN ASK:) And, which candidate would be your second choice?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

1 st Choice		
	8/11 [^]	7/11 [^]
Rick Perry	38	11
Mitt Romney	23	30
Ron Paul.....	9	9
Michele Bachmann	8	16
Newt Gingrich	5	8
Herman Cain.....	5	5
Rick Santorum	3	3
Jon Huntsman.....	2	2
Tim Pawlenty	NA	2
Other (VOL)	-	2
None (VOL)	2	2
Not sure	5	10
2 nd Choice		
	8/11 [^]	7/11 [^]
Rick Perry	19	9
Mitt Romney	18	19
Michele Bachmann	17	15
Herman Cain.....	10	8
Newt Gingrich	9	6
Ron Paul.....	5	9
Rick Santorum	4	3
Jon Huntsman.....	2	3
Tim Pawlenty	NA	4
Other (VOL)	2	1
None (VOL)	2	6
Not sure	5	5
Combined Choice		
	8/11 [^]	7/11 [^]
Rick Perry	57	20
Mitt Romney	42	49
Michele Bachmann	25	31
Ron Paul.....	15	18
Newt Gingrich	14	14
Herman Cain.....	14	13
Rick Santorum	7	6
Jon Huntsman.....	4	5
Tim Pawlenty	NA	6
Other (VOL)	2	3
None (VOL)	4	8
Not sure	10	15

[^] Results shown reflect responses among registered voters who say they would vote in the Republican Primary

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED 6/11 DATA

	6/11^	4/11^
Mitt Romney	30	21
Sarah Palin	14	10
Herman Cain	12	NA
Rick Perry	8	NA
Ron Paul	7	NA
Newt Gingrich	6	11
Tim Pawlenty	4	6
Rick Santorum	4	3
Michele Bachmann	3	5
Jon Huntsman	1	NA
Mike Huckabee	NA	17
Donald Trump	NA	17
Haley Barbour	NA	1
Other (VOL)	1	1
None (VOL)	2	4
Not sure	8	4

^ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters who say they would vote in the Republican Primary

Q23 Now, which of the following best describes how you would feel if **(READ ITEM)** were elected president -- optimistic and confident that he/she would do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he/she would do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he/she would do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he/she would do a bad job?

	Optimistic And Confident	Satisfied And Hopeful	Uncertain And Wondering	Pessimistic And Worried	Not Sure
Barack Obama					
August 2011+	23	23	14	40	-
November 1-2, 2008++	34	24	16	25	1
October 17-20, 2008 ++	28	29	19	23	1
Joe Biden					
August 2011+	10	18	28	40	4
Hillary Clinton					
August 2011+	24	30	21	24	1
March 2008+	28	24	19	28	1
Mitt Romney					
August 2011+	13	24	35	21	7
Rick Perry					
August 2011+	15	19	25	28	13
Michele Bachmann					
August 2011+	9	15	30	36	10
Rudy Giuliani					
August 2011+	11	25	32	26	6

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

++ Results shown reflect responses among likely voters.

	Optimistic	Satisfied	Uncertain	Pessimistic	Not Sure
George W. Bush					
October 2004 ++	33	18	11	37	1
John Kerry					
October 2004 ++	25	24	20	30	1

++ Results shown reflect responses among likely voters.

	<u>Optimistic</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Pessimistic</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
George W. Bush					
October 2000++.....	30	27	22	20	1
Al Gore					
October 2000++.....	24	26	21	28	1

++ Results shown reflect responses among likely voters.

	<u>Optimistic</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Pessimistic</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
Bob Dole					
October 1996++.....	23	23	30	21	3
Bill Clinton					
October 1996++.....	29	28	20	22	1

++ Results shown reflect responses among likely voters.

Now turning to the economy...

Q24 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>
Economy will get better.....	22	26	29	33	29	40	32	37
Economy will get worse.....	30	31	30	21	29	17	24	15
Economy will stay about the same....	47	41	39	46	41	42	42	46
Not sure.....	1	2	2	-	1	1	2	2
				<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>
				37	32	26	34	33
				20	24	26	25	23
				41	41	45	39	43
				2	3	3	2	1
		<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>	<u>6/09</u>
		40	41	41	42	47	44	46
		20	22	19	22	20	21	22
		38	36	38	33	30	32	29
		2	1	2	3	3	3	3
				<u>9-10/06+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>10/94</u>
		<u>4/09</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	22	43	41	17	31
		38	38	22	43	41	17	31
		30	20	22	10	20	24	24
		30	37	51	33	34	54	40
		2	5	5	14	5	5	5

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

Q25 Just thinking about your own personal economic situation, do you feel that over the past twelve months things have gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>
Things have gotten better	14	18	18	21	24	22
Things have gotten worse.....	39	35	35	31	28	36
Things have stayed about the same	47	47	47	48	48	41
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	1

Q26 When you think about the current economic conditions, do you feel that this is a situation that Barack Obama has inherited or is this a situation his policies are mostly responsible for?

	<u>8/11*</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>
Situation Obama inherited	56	62	65	56	65	63	72	84
Situation Obama's policies mostly responsible for.....	33	25	21	32	17	20	14	8
Some of both (VOL).....	9	10	12	10	16	15	10	6
Not sure	2	3	2	2	2	2	4	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q27 When it comes to the effect of President Obama's policies in improving economic conditions, would you say his policies have (ROTATE) helped or hurt economic conditions, or have they not made much of a difference one way or the other?*

Helped.....	23
Hurt	37
Not much of a difference	39
Not sure	1

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q28 Which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view? (ROTATE STATEMENTS)

Statement A: The president and the Congress should worry more about boosting the economy even though it may mean larger budget deficits now and in the future.

Statement B: The president and the Congress should worry more about keeping the budget deficit down, even though it may mean it will take longer for the economy to recover.

	<u>8/11*</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>
Statement A /Worry more about boosting the economy.....	38	31	34	31	30	35
Statement B /Worry more about keeping budget deficit down ..	56	63	63	62	62	58
Depends (VOL)	2	1	-	3	4	2
Not sure.....	4	5	3	4	4	5

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q29 Thinking about the country's economic conditions, have we pretty much hit the bottom, or is there still a ways to go before we hit the bottom?

	<u>8/11**</u>	<u>8/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>
Pretty much hit the bottom	21	29	31	29	35	27
Still ways to go	72	64	53	58	52	58
Hit bottom already (VOL)	3	3	13	8	9	10
Not sure	4	4	3	5	4	5

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q30 Over the next few months, do you think the U.S. economy is headed into another recession, where unemployment rises again, housing prices decline again, and there is NO economic growth, or do you think this will not happen?

	8/11*	6/11
Headed into another recession	49	44
Will not happen	44	42
Depends/too soon to tell (VOL).....	3	8
Not sure	4	6

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q31a As you may know, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law a bill that raises the federal government's debt ceiling through the year 2013 and makes major cuts in government spending over the next few years. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of what was passed? If you do not have strong feelings about this, please say so.

Favorable	23
Unfavorable.....	40
No strong feelings	34
Not sure	3

Q31b And, thinking some more about the debt ceiling, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the way the budget negotiation that took place in Washington was handled? If you do not have strong feelings about this, please say so.

Favorable	6
Unfavorable.....	71
No strong feelings	22
Not sure	1

Q32 As you may know, Standard and Poor's, also known as S&P, downgraded the U.S. government's credit rating, indicating the company sees United States government bonds as no longer among the safest investments in the world. Who is most to blame for the S&P credit rating downgrade (ROTATE) President Obama, Republicans in Congress, or Democrats in Congress? If you do not have strong feelings about this, please say so.

President Obama	13
Republicans in Congress	30
Democrats in Congress.....	15
No strong feelings	22
None (VOL)	3
All (VOL)	15
Not sure	2

Q33 As you may know, Congress has appointed a twelve member committee made up of six Republican and six Democratic Members of Congress, known as the "super committee". This committee is tasked with continuing to reduce the federal deficit. I'm going to read you some things that might be considered by the super committee. For each one, please tell me if you would find this totally acceptable, mostly acceptable, mostly unacceptable, or totally unacceptable as a way to help reduce the federal deficit. (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY % TOTAL ACCEPTABLE

	<u>Totally acceptable</u>	<u>Mostly acceptable</u>	<u>Mostly unacceptable</u>	<u>Totally unacceptable</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Reduce the deficit by ending the Bush tax cuts for families earning two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or more per year					
August 2011	32	28	16	21	3
Reduce the deficit by a combination of increasing taxes and cutting spending					
August 2011	20	36	22	20	2
Reduce the deficit by significantly reducing defense spending					
August 2011	16	30	24	27	3
Reduce the deficit by only cutting spending and not raising any taxes including not raising taxes on corporations or the wealthy					
August 2011	15	22	26	34	3
Reduce the deficit by reducing spending on Medicare, the federal government health care program for seniors					
August 2011	5	15	27	51	2

Moving on...

Q34 President Obama is expected to outline a jobs plan in the coming weeks. I'm going to read some different proposals that could be considered by the president. For each one please tell me if you think this proposal is a good idea, a bad idea, or do you not know enough about it to have an opinion. (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY % GOOD IDEA

	<u>Good Idea</u>	<u>Bad Idea</u>	<u>Don't Know Enough</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Paying for long-term unemployed workers to train at private companies for eight weeks, and then giving the companies an option to hire them				
August 2011**	62	17	21	-
Funding a new road construction bill				
August 2011*	47	26	27	-
Continuing to extend unemployment benefits				
August 2011**	44	39	16	1
Continuing to cut the payroll tax rate				
August 2011*	40	20	38	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

And, changing topics...

Q35 Do you think that, as a country, we are more safe, about as safe, or less safe than we were before the terrorist attacks of September eleventh, 2001?

	<u>8/11*</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>9/02</u>
More safe than we were before	42	33	29	33	34	42	31	41	38
About as safe as we were before	36	36	40	33	27	32	37	31	41
Less safe than we were before.....	21	28	28	32	37	23	31	27	20
Not sure.....	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	1	1

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

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Q36 Over the last decade which of these events had the greatest effect on you personally? (READ. RANDOMIZE, ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

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	<u>8/11**</u>	<u>12/10</u>
The economic recession	46	39
The terrorists attacks on September 11, 2001	20	33
U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.....	13	11
The federal budget deficit.....	11	7
The BP oil spill in the Gulf	4	2
Hurricane Katrina	3	5
Other (VOL)	-	1
None (VOL)	2	1
Not sure	1	1

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q37-39 embargoed for later release

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote [LANDLINE: at this address; CELL: in (state from Q1x)]?

Registered.....	84
Not registered.....	15
Not sure.....	1

QF1b/c A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

Yes, Voted	
Voted for Barack Obama.....	43
Voted for John McCain.....	34
Voted for someone else.....	4
Not sure.....	2
No, Did Not Vote	
Not sure.....	-

QF2 Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do? (RECORD UNDER "6--OTHER.") (IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

Currently Employed	
Professional, manager.....	20
White-collar worker.....	22
Blue-collar worker.....	18
Farmer, rancher.....	-
Not Currently Employed	
Student.....	5
Homemaker.....	5
Retired.....	22
Unemployed, looking for work.....	6
Other.....	-
Not sure.....	1

QF3 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school.....	-
Some high school.....	4
High school graduate.....	25
Some college, no degree.....	19
Vocational training/2-year college.....	9
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	24
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	13
Doctoral/law degree.....	3
Not sure/refused.....	-

Now, thinking about something else...

QF4a Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?+

	<u>8/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>5/11+</u>	<u>4/11+</u>	<u>2/11+</u>	<u>1/11+</u>
Yes	27	26	26	25	29	27
No	62	63	62	67	61	62
Depends (VOL)	4	3	2	3	3	3
Not sure	7	8	10	5	7	8

	<u>12/10+</u>	<u>11/10+</u>	<u>10/28-30/10+</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>
	29	30	28	30	28
	61	59	61	59	61
	3	4	3	2	3
	7	7	8	10	8

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

ASK ONLY RESPONDENTS WHO SUPPORT THE TEA PARTY (QF4a:1) AND ARE REPUBLICAN (Q20:5-7).

QF4b Which better describes you, (ROTATE:) a supporter of the Tea Party Movement or a Republican?+

	<u>All Reg Voters</u>	<u>GOP and Tea Party Supporters</u>
Supporter of the Tea Party Movement.....	8	45
Republican	8	47
Both (VOL)	1	5
Not sure	1	3
Not Republican and Tea Party Supporters.....	82	n/a

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

QF5 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal	7
Somewhat liberal	10
Moderate	40
Somewhat conservative	23
Very conservative	17
Not sure.....	3

QF6a What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	48
Catholic	24
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	2
Other	12
None.....	10
Not sure/refused.....	2

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN QF6a.)

QF6b Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	17
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	51
Not sure	4
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (QF6a).....	28

QF7a/b Are you a current or retired labor union member? (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "NO" OR "NOT SURE" IN QF7a.) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member.....	13
Union household.....	7
Non-union household.....	79
Not sure	1

QF8 Do you have any children under the age of 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, children in household.....	36
No, no children in household	64
Not sure	-

QF9 If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	5
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	8
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	10
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	9
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	14
More than \$100,000.....	22
Not sure/refused	5