

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 .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>
Cell phone is only telephone .....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Not sure .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>

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 .....	11
25-29 .....	8
30-34 .....	8
35-39 .....	9
40-44 .....	9
45-49 .....	8
50-54 .....	11
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 .....	89
Not sure/refused .....	-

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

White .....	77
Black .....	11
Asian .....	2
Other .....	2
Hispanic (VOL).....	6
Not sure/refused.....	2

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

	<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>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>
Headed in the right direction.....	35	28	32	31	32	32	30	32	72	12
Off on the wrong track .....	56	63	58	60	59	59	61	58	11	78
Mixed (VOL) .....	5	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	11	7
Not sure .....	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	6	3
		<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>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>
		29	34	33	32	34	33	36	39	39
		62	56	59	58	54	55	52	48	49
		5	6	5	7	10	10	9	10	9
		4	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	3
		<u>6/09</u>	<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>8/08+</u>
		42	43	41	26	26	12	12	16	18
		46	43	44	59	60	78	77	73	67
		9	10	9	9	10	7	9	9	12
		3	4	6	6	4	3	2	2	3
		<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>
		13	16	15	20	20	25	28	31	31
		74	71	73	66	68	63	57	54	57
		10	11	10	11	9	9	13	12	10
		3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2
	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>
	32	40	39	47	38	36	42	62	72	49
	57	47	49	43	50	47	43	20	11	34
	8	10	10	6	8	14	12	14	11	15
	3	3	2	4	4	3	3	4	6	2

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

	<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>		
Approve .....	53	45	47	45	47	46		
Disapprove.....	41	48	47	50	49	49		
Not sure .....	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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Q4b Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>1/11*</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/14- 18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>		
Approve.....	45	42	42	43	42		
Disapprove.....	50	54	54	53	54		
Not sure.....	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

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

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

	<u>1/11**</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>8/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>
Approve.....	49	48	44	53	46
Disapprove.....	38	41	45	35	42
Not sure.....	13	11	11	12	12

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

**(ASK ALL)**

Q5 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>
<b>Barack Obama</b>						
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
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

<b>Barack Obama</b>						
<i>High</i>						
February 2009 .....	47	21	12	9	10	1
<i>Presidential Term Low</i>						
August 26-30, 2010 .....	26	20	12	14	27	1
<i>All-time Obama Low</i>						
October 28-30, 2006+ .....	14	17	18	5	6	40
<b>NBC-WSJ All-time Presidential Tracking High/Low within Presidential Term</b>						
<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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Q.5 (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>
<b>The Tea Party Movement</b>						
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
<b>Sarah Palin</b>						
January 2011.....	8	19	21	16	33	3
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
<b>The National Rifle Association or NRA</b>						
January 2011.....	21	20	25	13	16	5
April 2000+ .....	18	19	21	12	25	5
June 1999.....	18	15	19	14	29	5
July 1995 .....	10	17	22	17	30	4
June 1995.....	12	16	19	16	29	8

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Q.5 (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>
<b>The Democratic Party</b>						
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
<b>John Boehner</b>						
January 2011* .....	7	16	23	9	6	39
November 11-15, 2010 .....	8	11	20	7	10	44
October 14-18, 2010+ .....	3	11	16	6	12	52
September 2010 .....	5	9	19	8	9	50
October 2009 .....	2	7	12	7	8	64
January 2007 .....	1	4	12	4	2	77

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

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Q.5 (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>
<b>The Republican Party</b>						
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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 \*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).  
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Q.6 (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>
<b>Nancy Pelosi</b>						
January 2011** .....	6	20	22	12	28	12
November 11-15, 2010* .....	9	15	16	11	37	12
October 28-30, 2010+ .....	8	16	15	11	39	11
September 2010 .....	7	15	17	14	36	11
August 5-9, 2010 .....	7	14	19	11	35	14
January 10-14, 2010 .....	6	15	19	12	32	16
October 2009 .....	8	18	16	9	33	16
September 2009 .....	8	19	16	11	33	13
July 2009 .....	7	18	16	11	33	15
June 2009 .....	5	19	17	12	34	13
February 2009 .....	12	19	15	9	28	17
January 2009 .....	9	17	19	10	26	19
October 4-5, 2008+ .....	7	16	21	14	27	15
January 2008 .....	5	17	21	11	22	24
April 2007 .....	11	18	20	12	18	21
January 2007 .....	10	18	23	9	15	25
December 2006 .....	9	16	21	8	15	31
October 2006+ .....	4	10	18	8	17	43
September 2006+ .....	4	11	12	7	16	50
December 2005 .....	3	10	20	6	12	49
February 2005 .....	5	10	17	6	10	52

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

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

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

	<b>TOTAL POSITIVE</b>	<b>TOTAL NEGATIVE</b>	<b>D/S</b>
Barack Obama	52	32	20
The National Rifle Association or NRA	41	29	12
John Boehner	23	15	8
The Democratic Party	39	35	4
The Republican Party	34	40	-6
The Tea Party Movement	29	38	-9
Nancy Pelosi	26	40	-14
Sarah Palin	27	49	-22



**Now, thinking about something else...**

Q6 Looking ahead, what word or short phrase would you use to describe how you feel about where America is headed in the next year?\*\*\*

<b>Positive words and phrases</b>	<b>35</b>
Hopeful/optimistic/positive.....	14
Right direction.....	12
Improving/seeing progress.....	3
Slowly improving/it's going to take time to see change.....	3
Cautiously optimistic.....	2
Economy is improving.....	1
<b>Negative words and phrases</b>	<b>47</b>
Wrong direction.....	11
Downhill.....	9
Uncertain.....	6
Bad/negative.....	4
National debt/recession.....	4
Bankrupt.....	2
Disaster.....	2
Economic uncertainty/economy not improving.....	2
Unemployment/not enough jobs.....	2
Difficult/challenging.....	2
Scary/worried.....	2
Concerned.....	1
<b>Neutral/Mixed words and phrases</b>	<b>13</b>
Same/don't see things changing much.....	7
We need help/need a lot of work/change.....	3
Politicians need to work together to get things done.....	3
Other (VOL).....	4
Don't know/refused (VOL).....	1

\*\*\* Asked of 372 adults (1/13-1/15)

Q7a Thinking about the direction of the country five years from now, do you think things in the United States will get better, get worse, or be about the same as they are now?

	<u>1/11</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>
Get better.....	53	37
Get worse.....	21	31
Same as they are now.....	22	28
Not sure.....	4	4

Q7b Do you think America is in a state of decline, or do you feel that this is not the case?

	<u>1/11</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>
In a state of decline.....	54	65	61	74	69	57	63	53
Not in a state of decline.....	42	31	35	22	25	38	32	42
Not sure.....	4	4	4	4	6	5	5	5

**(ROTATE Q8a AND Q8b)**

Q8a Which one or two of the following gives you the most confidence about America's future? (RANDOMIZE. ACCEPT UP TO TWO ANSWERS.)

*TABLE RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Opportunity to work hard and get ahead .....	24
Creativity and innovation .....	23
Free enterprise economic system .....	20
Democratic form of government .....	17
Moral and Religious Values.....	16
Work ethic .....	14
Culture of tolerance and diversity .....	14
Military strength.....	12
All (VOL).....	1
Other (VOL).....	1
None (VOL) .....	4

Q8b Which one or two of the following makes you worry most about America's future? (RANDOMIZE. ACCEPT UP TO TWO ANSWERS.)

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Manufacturing jobs going overseas .....	33
Poor quality of public schools .....	25
Decline of the middle class .....	23
Decline of moral and religious values .....	21
Increasing federal deficit.....	20
Increasing role of government .....	14
Lack of safety—terrorist threats.....	6
Decline of America's position as sole superpower.....	6
All (VOL).....	3
Other (VOL).....	1
None (VOL) .....	1

**Moving on...**

Q9 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>1/11</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>President Bush</u>		
			<u>1/07<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>
Short-term setback/likely to get better .....	39	41	25	26	30
Longer-term setback/unlikely to get better.....	39	42	65	58	53
Not facing a setback .....	18	13	7	11	12
Not sure .....	4	4	3	5	5

<sup>1</sup> 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?"

Q10 Do you think Republicans in Congress will mostly bring the right kind of change to the country, mostly bring the wrong kind of change, or will not really bring much change either way?

	<u>1/11</u>	<i>Democratic Congress</i>	<i>Republican Congress</i>
		<u>1/07<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/95<sup>2</sup></u>
Will bring right kind of change .....	25	42	37
Will bring wrong kind of change .....	20	15	11
Will not bring much change either way.....	51	39	44
Not sure .....	4	4	8

<sup>1</sup> In January 2007, the question was stated "Do you think the Democratic Congress will mostly bring the right kind of change to the country, mostly bring the wrong kind of change, or will not really bring much change either way?"

<sup>2</sup> In January 1995, the question was stated "Do you think the Republican Congress will mostly bring the right kind of change to the country, mostly bring the wrong kind of change, or will not really bring much change either way?"

**(ROTATE Q11a AND Q11b)**

Q11a Do you think President Obama will be too inflexible in dealing with Republicans in Congress, will be too quick to give in to Republicans in Congress, or will he strike the right balance in dealing with Republicans in Congress?

		<i>George Bush/ Democratic Congress</i>	<i>Bill Clinton/ Republican Congress</i>
	<u>1/11</u>	<u>1/07<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/95<sup>2</sup></u>
Too inflexible .....	26	50	17
Too quick to give in .....	15	7	20
Right balance .....	55	37	55
Not sure.....	4	6	8

<sup>1</sup> In January 2007, the question was stated "Do you think President Bush will be too inflexible in dealing with the Democratic Congress, will be too quick to give in to the Democratic Congress, or will strike the right balance in dealing with the Democratic Congress?"

<sup>2</sup> In January 1995, the question was stated "Do you think President Clinton will be too inflexible in dealing with the Democratic Congress, will be too quick to give in to the Republican Congress, or will strike the right balance in dealing with the Democratic Congress?"

Q11b Do you think Republicans in Congress will be too inflexible in dealing with President Obama, will be too quick to give in to President Obama, or will they strike the right balance in dealing with President Obama?

		<i>Democratic Congress/ George Bush</i>	<i>Republican Congress/ Bill Clinton</i>
	<u>1/11</u>	<u>1/07<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/95<sup>2</sup></u>
Too inflexible .....	55	38	47
Too quick to give in.....	8	8	4
Right balance.....	32	48	43
Not sure.....	5	6	6

<sup>1</sup> In January 2007, the question was stated "Do you think the Democratic Congress will be too inflexible in dealing with the Democratic Congress, will be too quick to give in to the Democratic Congress, or will strike the right balance in dealing with President Bush?"

<sup>2</sup> In January 1995, the question was stated "Do you think the Democratic Congress will be too inflexible in dealing with the Democratic Congress, will be too quick to give in to the Republican Congress, or will strike the right balance in dealing with President Clinton?"

Q12 As President Obama prepares to deliver his State of the Union address, please tell me which one of the following issues you are most interested in hearing him address. (READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Job creation and economic growth.....	34
The deficit and government spending .....	18
Bringing the country together .....	15
Health care.....	10
Public education.....	6
Illegal immigration .....	6
Dealing with Iraq and Afghanistan.....	4
National security and terrorism.....	2
All equally (VOL) .....	3
Other (VOL).....	-
None (VOL).....	1
Not sure.....	1

Q13 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>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 .....	27	33	37	36	27	33	35	30
Somewhat liberal.....	18	22	20	23	22	23	23	25
Moderate .....	40	30	33	30	37	29	24	24
Somewhat conservative .....	8	6	2	4	3	5	6	5
Very conservative.....	3	3	2	3	4	3	3	3
Not sure.....	4	6	6	4	7	7	9	13

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**On a different topic...**

Q14 Now I'm going to list some institutions in American society, and I'd like you to tell me how much confidence you have in each one--a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or none at all?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR QUITE A BIT*

	Confidence					Not Sure
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Very Little	None At All	
<b>The military</b>						
January 2011* .....	46	25	23	5	1	-
August 26-30, 2010.....	48	24	21	4	1	2
December 2009 <sup>6</sup> .....	53	24	16	3	3	1
January 2009 .....	42	27	22	5	2	2
July 2007 .....	45	22	22	6	4	1
July 2002 .....	54	28	14	3	1	-
January 2002 .....	54	31	11	2	1	1
December 2000 .....	36	27	25	7	3	2
June 1998 <sup>1</sup> .....	33	31	25	9	1	2
May 1996 <sup>1</sup> .....	30	36	25	7	-	2
January 1996 <sup>2</sup> .....	32	38	22	7	-	1
December 1991 <sup>3</sup> .....	47	31	15	6	NA	1
December 1988 <sup>4</sup> .....	15	31	33	15	NA	7
October 1986 <sup>4</sup> .....	29	34	24	10	1	2
November 1981 <sup>4</sup> .....	22	28	29	14	6	2
January 1977 <sup>4</sup> .....	23	34	25	11	1	6
June 1975 <sup>4</sup> .....	27	31	25	11	1	5
<b>The high-tech industry</b>						
January 2011** .....	28	24	34	8	2	4
January 2009 .....	21	30	30	8	5	6
July 2002 .....	19	22	38	11	5	5
December 2000 .....	26	28	31	9	2	4
<b>The automobile industry</b>						
January 2011** .....	12	13	50	18	5	2
August 26-30, 2010.....	7	12	49	21	9	3
January 2009 .....	6	7	34	32	19	2
<b>Religious leaders and organizations</b>						
January 2011* .....	11	11	45	21	10	2
January 2009 .....	13	16	38	17	13	3
July 2007 .....	11	16	35	20	15	3
July 2002 .....	12	13	38	21	13	3
<b>The pharmaceutical industry</b>						
January 2011** .....	9	9	42	25	13	2
January 2009 .....	11	14	33	21	18	3
July 2007 .....	8	9	34	27	20	2
July 2002 .....	10	14	40	23	11	2

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

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Q14 Cont'd	Confidence					Not Sure
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Very Little	None At All	
<b>The federal government</b>						
January 2011**	8	10	46	26	9	1
August 26-30, 2010	7	11	38	27	15	1
January 2009	6	13	47	23	10	1
September 19-22, 2008+	5	14	45	23	12	1
July 2007	7	9	41	29	13	1
July 2002	13	21	47	13	5	1
December 2000	9	19	52	14	5	1
February 1997 <sup>5</sup>	6	16	45	32	NA	1
May 1994 <sup>4</sup>	4	16	44	35	NA	2
May 1990 <sup>4</sup>	10	26	45	18	NA	2
<b>The national news media</b>						
January 2011**	8	10	39	28	14	1
August 26-30, 2010	5	8	32	28	23	4
January 2009	8	11	38	24	18	1
September 2008+	7	10	38	26	18	1
July 2007	9	9	39	24	18	1
July 2002	9	18	37	23	12	1
December 2000	7	13	39	25	15	1
February 1997 <sup>5</sup>	5	15	39	40	NA	1
January 1996 <sup>2</sup>	6	14	40	37	2	1
December 1991 <sup>3</sup>	16	21	38	25	NA	1
<b>Online social networking websites such as Facebook or LinkedIn</b>						
January 2011*	11	6	34	23	17	9
<b>Large corporations</b>						
January 2011*	6	7	42	29	15	1
August 26-30, 2010	5	7	42	26	16	4
January 2009	6	7	31	35	20	1
September 19-22, 2008+	2	9	33	33	21	2
July 2007	5	6	37	30	19	3
July 2002	4	8	37	32	17	2
January 2002	8	14	44	23	9	2
December 2000	9	17	42	22	8	2
July 1998	13	18	42	22	2	3
January 1996 <sup>2</sup>	6	15	45	30	2	2
December 1991 <sup>3</sup>	11	15	47	26	NA	2
December 1988 <sup>4</sup>	6	16	39	32	NA	8
October 1986 <sup>4</sup>	7	21	40	26	2	4
November 1981 <sup>4</sup>	6	14	36	29	11	3
January 1977 <sup>4</sup>	11	21	35	25	2	6
June 1975 <sup>4</sup>	10	24	36	23	2	5

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Q14 Cont'd	Confidence					Not Sure
	A Great Deal	Quite A Bit	Some	Very Little	None At All	
<b>Wall Street</b>						
January 2011** .....	4	6	41	32	14	3
January 2009 .....	6	7	25	31	28	3
<b>The financial industry</b>						
January 2011* .....	4	5	39	35	16	1
August 26-30, 2010.....	4	6	33	33	20	4
December 2009 <sup>6</sup> .....	2	8	29	31	26	4
January 2009 .....	4	6	28	34	26	2
September 19-22, 2008+ .....	5	5	33	37	18	2
July 2007 .....	5	11	48	21	9	6
July 2002 .....	5	10	49	27	8	1
December 2000 .....	11	25	45	13	4	2
<b>Health insurance companies</b>						
January 2011* .....	4	5	29	39	23	-
August 26-30, 2010.....	7	5	30	36	20	2
December 2009 <sup>6</sup> .....	5	12	33	26	23	1
January 2009 .....	6	11	31	30	21	1
July 2007 .....	5	5	26	37	25	2

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**And, thinking about something else...**

Q15 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 .....	20
Not very strong Democrat .....	11
Independent/lean Democrat .....	10
Strictly Independent.....	18
Independent/lean Republican.....	11
Not very strong Republican .....	9
Strong Republican.....	12
Other (VOL).....	7
Not sure.....	2



**(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS AND STRICT INDEPENDENTS)**

Q16 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 IS RANKED BY 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE*

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</u>	<u>Combined Choice</u>
Mitt Romney .....	19	15	34
Mike Huckabee .....	18	16	34
Sarah Palin .....	14	12	26
Newt Gingrich .....	10	9	19
Ron Paul .....	8	8	16
Tim Pawlenty .....	5	3	8
Mitch Daniels .....	3	2	5
Rick Santorum .....	3	2	5
Haley Barbour .....	2	2	4
John Thune .....	1	2	3
Other (VOL) .....	2	1	3
None (VOL) .....	6	4	10
Not sure .....	8	7	15

**(ROTATE Q17a-Q17b)**

Q17a If the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Mike Huckabee were Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

Mike Huckabee.....	41
Barack Obama.....	51
Depends (VOL) .....	1
Neither/other (VOL) .....	4
Not sure.....	3

Q17b If the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Newt Gingrich were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

Newt Gingrich.....	35
Barack Obama.....	54
Depends (VOL) .....	1
Neither/other (VOL) .....	5
Not sure.....	5

**Now, thinking about something else...**

Q18a Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	<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>
Yes .....	27	29	30	28	30	28
No .....	62	61	59	61	59	61
Depends (VOL) .....	3	3	4	3	2	3
Not sure .....	8	7	7	8	10	8

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**ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SUPPORT THE TEA PARTY (Q18a:1) AND ARE REPUBLICAN (Q16:5-7).**

Q18b Which better describes you, (ROTATE:) a supporter of the Tea Party Movement or a Republican?

	<u>1/11+</u>		<u>12/10+</u>	
	<u>All Reg Voters</u>	<u>GOP and Tea Party Supporters</u>	<u>All Reg Voters</u>	<u>GOP and Tea Party Supporters</u>
Supporter of the Tea Party Movement.....	8	46	10	49
Republican .....	9	48	9	49
Both (VOL) .....	-	1	-	2
Not sure .....	1	5	-	1
Not Republican and Tea Party Supporters.....	82	n/a	81	n/a

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered Voters

	<u>11/10+</u>		<u>10/28-30/10+</u>		<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	
	<u>All Reg Voters</u>	<u>GOP and Tea Party Supporters</u>	<u>All Reg Voters</u>	<u>GOP and Tea Party Supporters</u>	<u>All Reg Voters</u>	<u>GOP and Tea Party Supporters</u>
Supporter of the Tea Party Movement .....	8	40	9	46	10	45
Republican .....	11	51	8	44	10	46
Both (VOL) .....	1	5	1	8	1	6
Not sure .....	1	4	1	2	-	3
Not Republican and Tea Party Supporters...	79	n/a	81	n/a	79	n/a

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

**On a different topic...**

Q19 Today the United States is generally considered to be the world's leading nation. Twenty years from now, which country do you think will be the leader? (READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>5/97<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/95<sup>1</sup></u>
China .....	38	39	9	3
The United States .....	35	37	56	54
No country will be the leader .....	14	11	16	26
Japan.....	4	2	10	6
The European Union <sup>2</sup> .....	3	5	4	6
Russia .....	1	1	1	1
India.....	1	2	NA	NA
Not sure.....	4	3	4	4

<sup>1</sup>Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Hart-Teeter for WSJ/Nikkei.

<sup>2</sup>Prior to December 2009, the item was phrased, "European nations."

**Now, thinking about something else...**

Q20 In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	<u>1/11</u>
More strict .....	52
Less strict .....	10
Kept as now .....	37
No opinion .....	1

<b>Gallup Trend</b>
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	<u>10/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>10/08</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>10/06</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>10/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>
More strict .....	44	44	49	51	56	57	54	60
Less strict.....	12	12	8	8	9	7	11	6
Kept as now .....	42	43	41	39	33	35	34	34
No opinion.....	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	*

  

	<u>10/03</u>	<u>10/02</u>	<u>10/01</u>	<u>5/00</u>	<u>4/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>8/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>
	55	51	53	62	61	60	66	62
	9	11	8	5	7	10	6	6
	36	36	38	31	30	29	27	31
	*	2	1	2	2	1	1	1

  

	<u>5/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>2/99</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>9/90</u>
	65	66	60	62	67	70	68	78
	5	7	9	12	7	4	5	2
	28	25	29	24	25	24	25	17
	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	3

**Now turning to the economy...**

Q21 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>1/11</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>	<u>8/5- 9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6- 10/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>
Economy will get better .....	40	32	37	37	32	26	34	33	40	41
Economy will get worse .....	17	24	15	20	24	26	25	23	20	22
Economy will stay about the same ...	42	42	46	41	41	45	39	43	38	36
Not sure .....	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	1
		<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>
		41	42	47	44	46	38	36	38	25
		19	22	20	21	22	30	28	20	43
		38	33	30	32	29	30	34	37	28
		2	3	3	3	3	2	2	5	4
			<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9- 10/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>
			21	19	16	21	22	16	17	24
			49	45	31	16	22	39	44	27
			27	29	49	60	51	43	36	46
			3	7	4	3	5	2	3	3
		<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	
		24	26	28	43	43	43	42	44	
		30	34	30	17	10	13	16	18	
		42	37	36	36	33	33	34	35	
		4	3	6	4	14	11	8	3	
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
		50	49	44	45	49	35	40	41	
		10	15	19	16	17	25	20	20	
		37	33	33	34	31	37	35	34	
		3	3	4	4	3	3	5	5	
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	
		39	41	50	50	36	28	17	19	
		18	20	13	15	25	29	24	22	
		39	37	32	32	34	37	54	53	
		4	2	5	3	5	6	5	6	
		<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	
		19	21	20	24	31	31	28	28	
		22	21	21	23	17	24	24	17	
		57	52	54	50	46	40	44	52	
		2	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	
		<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>
		27	29	44	21	23	20	23	33	39
		21	16	16	27	24	29	27	21	15
		49	52	36	50	51	48	47	44	43
		3	3	4	2	2	3	3	2	3

<sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q22 When it comes to your current job security, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	<u>1/11</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>8/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>
Very satisfied.....	35	33	33	36	30	32	35	46	45
Somewhat satisfied.....	32	32	34	30	30	36	35	35	33
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	13	15	14	16	15	13	14	9	10
Very dissatisfied.....	18	19	18	17	24	17	15	9	11
Does not apply (VOL).....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1

  

	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>
	40	41	38	37	36	37	38	36	30
	38	37	36	40	38	39	37	37	31
	11	10	12	12	13	10	12	14	10
	10	11	13	11	12	13	12	12	10
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	19

<sup>1</sup> Data shown does not include the responses of those who say the question does not apply to them (16% of respondents).  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q23 When it comes to the effect of the Obama administration's policies in improving economic conditions, would you say they have had (ROTATE TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP) – a very positive effect, a somewhat positive effect, a somewhat negative effect, or a very negative effect, -- or has it been a mix of some positive, some negative?

	<u>1/11</u>	<u>10/14-18/10</u>
Very positive effect.....	5	6
Somewhat positive effect.....	18	20
Somewhat negative effect.....	12	12
Very negative effect.....	15	21
Some positive/some negative.....	49	40
Not sure.....	1	1

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

Q24 Now thinking about 2010, were there important and real indications the economy improved a lot, somewhat, only a little, not at all?

A lot.....	4
Somewhat.....	31
Only a little.....	37
Not at all.....	28
Not sure.....	-

Q25 I'd like to list some economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>1/11**</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>
Unemployment.....	49	35	33	36	7	5	16	24	23	41	48
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....	17	24	15	12	15	11	18	20	19	16	13
The cost of health care.....	11	11	12	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gas prices and energy costs <sup>1</sup> .....	9	7	6	5	26	40	30	17	NA	NA	NA
Federal taxes.....	3	4	4	3	6	5	6	7	6	9	6
Pension security.....	3	2	4	4	5	6	7	NA	NA	NA	NA
Housing prices.....	2	3	8	8	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Changes in the stock market <sup>3</sup> .....	1	6	7	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All equally important (VOL).....	3	8	10	11	11	9	8	11	10	13	14
None (VOL).....	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Not sure.....	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
		<u>7/03</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>
Gas prices <sup>1</sup> .....		NA	6	38	8	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....		14	11	9	11	18	30	24	33	31	25
Unemployment.....		41	25	13	35	10	35	35	33	37	40
Federal taxes.....		7	8	11	NA	11	11	12	10	8	11
Pension security.....		NA	NA	NA	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All equally important (VOL).....		15	11	7	10	12	4	6	5	5	7
None (VOL).....		-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Not sure.....		2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2
		<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	
Gas prices <sup>1</sup> .....		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The federal budget deficit <sup>2</sup> .....		26	26	31	28	28	28	28	24	22	
Unemployment.....		43	40	37	40	44	44	44	46	46	
Federal taxes.....		12	11	10	11	9	7	5	5	5	
Pension security.....		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
All equally important (VOL).....		4	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	8	
None (VOL).....		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Not sure.....		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	

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

<sup>1</sup> Between July 2002 and January 2001, the item was phrased, "Energy prices." In September 2005, item was phrased "gas prices "

<sup>2</sup> Between January 2005 and March 2001, the item was phrased, "The federal budget." Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased, "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

<sup>3</sup> Prior to January 2011 the item was phrased, "The drop in the stock market."

**Now, thinking about something slightly different...**

Q26 Do you think the federal budget deficit can be eliminated solely by cutting wasteful federal spending, or do you think it will be necessary to cut important programs or raise taxes in order to eliminate the deficit?

	<u>1/11</u>	<u>6/95</u>
Eliminated solely by cutting wasteful spending .....	47	50
Cut important programs or raise taxes .....	46	37
Not sure .....	7	13

Q27 If the deficit cannot be eliminated solely by cutting wasteful federal spending, which one of these steps would you most favor--(ROTATE) cutting important programs, raising taxes, or postponing elimination of the deficit?

	<u>1/11*</u>	<u>6/95</u>
Cutting important programs.....	32	27
Raising taxes .....	29	23
Postponing elimination of the deficit.....	30	37
Combination (VOL).....	2	4
Not sure .....	7	9

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

**Now, changing topics...**

Q28 Which is your view of government regulations--most are necessary and protect consumers or the environment, or most are unnecessary and harm the economy?

	<u>1/11</u>	<u>1/95</u>
Most are necessary .....	52	40
Most are unnecessary .....	41	47
Both (VOL).....	4	6
Not sure .....	3	7

**Turning to the issue of health care...**

Q29 From what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan that was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President last year, do you think his plan is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so. (IF GOOD IDEA/BAD IDEA, THEN ASK) And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?

	<u>1/11</u>	10/14- <u>18/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>5/6-10/10^</u>	
<b>Total Good idea</b> .....	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	
Strongly .....	29	25	28	28	
Not so strongly .....	10	11	10	10	
<b>Total Bad idea</b> .....	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	
Strongly .....	34	41	39	38	
Not so strongly .....	5	5	7	6	
Do not have an opinion .....	21	16	15	17	
Not sure .....	1	2	1	1	

  

	<u>3/10</u>	1/23- <u>25/10</u>	1/10- <u>14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>
Good idea .....	36	31	33	32	38
Bad idea .....	48	46	46	47	42
Do not have an opinion .....	15	22	18	17	16
Not sure .....	1	1	3	4	4

  

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>
Good idea .....	39	36	36	33	33
Bad idea .....	41	42	42	32	26
Do not have an opinion .....	17	17	17	30	34
Not sure .....	3	5	5	5	7

^Prior to May 2010, the question did not ask "And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?"  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

Q30 And, would you favor or oppose repealing and eliminating this new health care law? (IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, THEN ASK) And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?

Strongly favor eliminating .....	35
Not so strongly favor eliminating .....	10
Not so strongly oppose eliminating .....	12
Strongly oppose eliminating .....	34
No opinion (VOL).....	7
Not sure.....	2



**Now, thinking about Afghanistan...**

Q31 Thinking of the situation in Afghanistan over the past three months, do you think the situation there has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>1/11</u>	<u>3/10*</u>
Gotten better.....	12	25
Gotten worse .....	18	22
Stayed about the same .....	64	50
Not sure .....	6	3

Q32a The President has announced that he plans to begin reducing American troop levels in Afghanistan in July 2011. Which of these statements comes closest to your point of view on this? (ROTATE TOP-TO-BOTTOM, BOTTOM-TO-TOP)

**Statement A:** The troops should be removed now.

**Statement B:** The troops should be removed on the timetable of July 2011.

**Statement C:** The troops should be removed depending upon the military conditions in July 2011.^

**Statement D:** The troops should only be removed after the Afghan government has stabilized and the Taliban has been defeated.

	<u>1/11*</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>
A/Removed now.....	23	18
B/Removed on this timetable .....	21	16
C/Removed depending on military conditions .....	34	37
D/Removed after gov't stabilized and Taliban defeated .....	21	25
Not sure.....	1	4

^ In August 2010, the statement read "...depending upon the military conditions in 2011"

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

Q32b Do you think that the United States will eventually be able to prevail and leave Afghanistan with a stable democratic government, or do you think the United States will eventually have to withdraw and leave Afghanistan without a stable democratic government?\*

Will prevail and leave Afghanistan with a stable democratic government .....	22
Will have to withdraw and leave Afghanistan without a stable democratic government .....	71
Not sure.....	7

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

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Will prevail and leave Iraq with a stable democratic government .....	27
Will have to withdraw and leave Iraq without a stable democratic government....	65
Not sure.....	8

**Now, getting toward the end of the survey...**

Q33 In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

All Adults								
	1/11	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	7	8	13	7	4	8	2	4
Fairly good.....	66	64	59	70	54	55	32	45
Fairly bad.....	18	16	14	16	28	20	41	31
Very bad.....	7	7	8	5	10	10	20	15
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	NA	4	NA	NA	5	4	4
Not sure.....	2	5	2	2	4	2	1	1

Whites								
	1/11	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	7	7	12	6	3	9	1	4
Fairly good.....	67	65	63	73	56	58	33	45
Fairly bad.....	17	17	13	16	28	19	42	32
Very bad.....	7	7	6	4	8	7	18	13
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	NA	4	NA	NA	5	5	5
Not sure.....	2	4	2	1	5	2	1	1

African Americans								
	1/11	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94
Very good.....	1	8	6	7	3	3	3	5
Fairly good.....	56	58	44	57	37	45	28	39
Fairly bad.....	27	20	22	18	34	28	35	26
Very bad.....	11	8	16	12	24	19	30	26
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	NA	7	NA	NA	3	3	3
Not sure.....	5	6	5	6	2	2	1	1

Hispanics						
	1/11	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05
Very good.....	6	11	15	13	11	8
Fairly good.....	63	57	57	63	44	49
Fairly bad.....	19	13	13	17	32	17
Very bad.....	12	10	12	6	10	19
Mixed (VOL).....	NA	NA	2	NA	NA	7
Not sure.....	-	9	1	1	3	-

**And, thinking about something else...**

Q34 As you may know, under our constitution and current laws, all children born in the United States are automatically granted citizenship. Do you think we should continue to grant citizenship to all children born in the U.S. or do you think this should be changed so children of illegal immigrants are not automatically granted citizenship?

All Adults		
	1/11	5/20-23/10
Continue to grant automatic citizenship .....	50	49
Change/not automatic citizenship .....	47	46
Not sure .....	3	5

Hispanics		
	1/11	5/20-23/10
Continue to grant automatic citizenship .....	79	79
Change/not automatic citizenship .....	19	18
Not sure .....	2	3

**And, switching topics again...**

Q35 Thinking about the shootings of a Member of Congress, a Federal judge and others in Tucson, Arizona last weekend, do you feel the extreme political rhetoric used by some in the media and by political leaders was an important contributor to the incident or do you feel this is more of an isolated incident by a disturbed person that occurs from time to time?

Isolated incident by disturbed person .....	71
Rhetoric an important contributor .....	24
Some of both (VOL).....	3
Not sure.....	2

Q36 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the shootings of a Member of Congress, a Federal judge and others in Tucson, Arizona?

Approve.....	74
Disapprove .....	11
Not sure.....	15

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Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling the bombing of the federal office building in Oklahoma City?

Approve.....	84
Disapprove .....	7
Not sure.....	9

Q37 How much responsibility — If any— might the following groups bear for contributing to a climate that some say encouraged the shootings of a Member of Congress, a Federal judge and others in Tucson Arizona last weekend – a great deal, a good amount, not too much, or none at all? (RANDOMIZE)

*THIS TABLE RANKED BY PERCENTAGE THAT SAID A GREAT DEAL/GOOD AMOUNT*

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A good amount</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Radio and Television political commentators .....	22	22	24	29	3
Blogs on the Internet .....	18	20	28	23	11
Television shows and movies .....	17	18	31	31	3
Political groups like the Tea Party and MoveOn.org.....	17	16	25	34	8
Elected officials .....	11	18	32	35	4
Democratic and Republican Party Officials .....	11	17	32	36	5

**And, thinking about you...**

Q38 From which ONE of the following television news sources do you get MOST of your information about politics and current events? If you do not watch any of these, please just say so. (READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC, or CBS.....	36
The cable channel CNN .....	18
The cable channel MSNBC .....	8
The cable channel Fox News .....	22
None of these (VOL) .....	14
Not sure.....	1

Q39 Do you regularly listen to political call-in shows on the radio?

Yes, regularly listen to call-in radio shows.....	19
No, do not regularly listen to call-in radio shows .....	81
Not sure.....	-

Q40 Do you, personally, have a profile on a social networking website like Facebook or LinkedIn?

	<u>1/11</u>	<i>Marist</i>
Yes.....	51	<u>6/10</u>
No .....	49	43
		57

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

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	85
Not registered.....	15
Not sure.....	-

F1b/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?

<b>Yes, Voted</b>	<b>81</b>
Voted for Barack Obama.....	42
Voted for John McCain.....	29
Voted for someone else.....	5
Not sure.....	5
<b>No, Did Not Vote</b>	<b>19</b>
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?

<b>Currently Employed</b>	
Professional, manager.....	21
White-collar worker.....	19
Blue-collar worker.....	17
Farmer, rancher.....	1
<b>Not Currently Employed</b>	
Student.....	6
Homemaker.....	6
Retired.....	21
Unemployed, looking for work.....	8
Other.....	-
Not sure.....	1

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

Grade school.....	1
Some high school.....	4
High school graduate.....	25
Some college, no degree.....	19
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	12
Doctoral/law degree.....	3
Not sure/refused.....	-

QF4 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 .....	15
Moderate .....	41
Somewhat conservative .....	20
Very conservative.....	14
Not sure.....	3

QF5 Do you, or does anyone in your household, own a gun of any kind?

Yes, gun in household .....	39
No, no gun in household.....	58
Not sure .....	2

QF6a What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) .....	48
Catholic .....	24
Jewish .....	2
Muslim .....	-
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	2
Other .....	10
None.....	12
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 .....	15
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical .....	53
Not sure .....	4
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F5a).....	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.....	14
Union household.....	8
Non-union household.....	78
Not sure .....	-

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 .....	-

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "BLACK" IN Q.2c.)**

QF9 When someone refers to your race, do you prefer to be referred to as black, African American, or do you prefer some other term?

	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>7/90</u>
Black.....	42	38	35	36	29	41	38	37	58	59
African-American.....	35	40	29	27	39	32	33	28	23	25
Some other term.....	7	9	10	8	9	7	7	9	11	8
Doesn't make any difference (VOL).....	13	12	20	27	20	15	20	24	-	NA
Not sure/refused.....	3	1	6	2	3	5	2	2	8	8

QF10 What is your current marital status?

Now married.....	54
Single, not married.....	24
Living together, not married .....	4
Divorced.....	10
Separated .....	1
Widowed .....	6
Not sure/refused .....	1

QF11 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 .....	10
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 .....	12
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 .....	8
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 .....	9
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 .....	17
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000 .....	13
More than \$100,000.....	18
Not sure/refused .....	8