

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 .....	9
25-29 .....	7
30-34 .....	10
35-39 .....	9
40-44 .....	10
45-49 .....	9
50-54 .....	12
55-59 .....	10
60-64 .....	9
65-69 .....	5
70-74 .....	3
75 and over.....	7
Not sure/refused .....	-

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 .....	3
Hispanic (VOL).....	6
Not sure/refused.....	1

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>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/28- 30/10+</u>	<u>10/14- 18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>
Headed in the right direction.....	31	35	28	32	31	32	32	30	72	12
Off on the wrong track .....	60	56	63	58	60	59	59	61	11	78
Mixed (VOL) .....	6	5	6	6	5	6	5	6	11	7
Not sure .....	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	6	3
		<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>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>
		32	29	34	33	32	34	33	36	39
		58	62	56	59	58	54	55	52	48
		6	5	6	5	7	10	10	9	10
		4	4	4	3	3	2	2	3	3
		<u>7/09</u>	<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>
		39	42	43	41	26	26	12	12	16
		49	46	43	44	59	60	78	77	73
		9	9	10	9	9	10	7	9	9
		3	3	4	6	6	4	3	2	2
	<u>8/08+</u>	<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>
	18	13	16	15	20	20	25	28	31	31
	67	74	71	73	66	68	63	57	54	57
	12	10	11	10	11	9	9	13	12	10
	3	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>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/28- 30/10+</u>	<u>10/14- 18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>		
Approve .....	48	53	45	47	45	47	46		
Disapprove .....	46	41	48	47	50	49	49		
Not sure .....	6	6	7	6	5	4	5		
	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>	<u>8/5- 9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/20- 23/10</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	
	45	47	45	48	50	48	50	48	
	49	48	48	45	44	47	44	43	
	6	5	7	7	6	5	6	9	
	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60	
	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26	
	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14	

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

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

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

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

	<u>2/11</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>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>
Approve .....	22	20	21	21	22	21	17	61	12
Disapprove.....	69	73	71	72	73	72	77	28	79
Not sure .....	9	7	8	7	5	7	6	11	9

  

	<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>	<u>1/09</u>
	21	22	24	22	24	29	28	31	23
	67	68	65	66	63	57	58	54	68
	12	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	9

  

	<u>10/17-12/08</u>	<u>10/4-20/08+</u>	<u>9/19-5/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>
	21	12	13	15	15	18	23	31
	69	79	78	73	75	70	65	53
	10	9	9	12	10	12	12	16

  

	<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>	<u>9/02</u>
	20	29	29	41	40	46	39	42	40
	65	56	53	40	42	41	45	39	44
	15	15	18	19	18	13	16	19	16

  

	<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>
	54	47	48	46	48	40	44	26	33
	29	34	35	41	36	49	42	65	54
	17	19	17	13	16	11	14	9	13

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**(ASK ALL)**

Q6 Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, groups, organizations and countries, 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>						
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
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.6 (cont'd)**

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
<b>John Boehner</b>						
February 2011*	6	14	22	9	12	37
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
<b>Donald Trump</b>						
February 2011**	9	17	40	18	11	5
May 2004+	9	17	38	14	15	7
December 1999	4	12	28	24	25	7
October 1999	3	11	25	23	32	6
July 1990	3	11	28	25	24	9
<b>Mitt Romney</b>						
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
<b>Tim Pawlenty</b>						
February 2011**	3	7	20	6	3	61
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>						
February 2011*	2	10	34	29	20	5
December 2002	1	7	26	34	25	7
<b>Egypt</b>						
February 2011**	10	22	30	17	15	6
<b>Labor Unions</b>						
February 2011*	16	22	22	17	19	4
October 1997	12	23	27	19	13	6
June 1997	13	25	24	18	14	6
<b>Public employee unions</b>						
February 2011	16	22	22	16	18	6
<b>Federal government employees</b>						
February 2011*	14	28	34	14	8	2
<b>State and local government employees</b>						
February 2011**	16	31	27	17	7	2
<b>Teachers</b>						
February 2011*	45	28	15	6	4	2
<b>Teachers unions</b>						
February 2011**	23	24	19	12	18	4

\* 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)

	TOTAL POSITIVE	TOTAL NEGATIVE	D/S
Teachers	73	10	63
State and local government employees	47	24	23
Federal government employees	42	22	20
Teachers unions	47	30	17
Barack Obama	49	35	14
Public employee unions	38	34	4
Labor Unions	38	36	2
Tim Pawlenty	10	9	1
Mitt Romney	25	25	-
Egypt	32	32	-
John Boehner	20	21	-1
Donald Trump	26	29	-3
Saudi Arabia	12	49	-37

Now, thinking about something else...

Q7 I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view. (ROTATE STATEMENTS.)

Statement A: Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people,  
OR

Statement B: Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	<u>2/11</u>	<u>10/10+</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>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>
A/Government should do more .....	51	45	47	47	43	44	46	45	47	51
B/Government is doing too many things ....	46	50	47	49	48	47	48	49	46	40
Some of both (VOL) .....	2	2	3	2	6	7	5	5	6	7
Not sure .....	1	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	2
			<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95<sup>1</sup></u>
			47	48	53	55	52	45	41	32
			45	42	42	38	40	43	51	62
			7	8	NA	6	6	9	5	NA
			1	2	5	1	2	3	3	6

<sup>1</sup> In December 1995, the question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

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Q8 Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which **ONE OR TWO** of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (READ LIST. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, IF ONLY ONE GIVEN THEN ASK) And, which of these issues do you think should be the second highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE PERCENTAGE

	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	Combined Choice
Job creation and economic growth .....	37	19	56
The deficit and government spending .....	22	18	40
Health care .....	12	16	28
National security and terrorism .....	9	11	20
Energy and the cost of gas .....	7	13	20
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan .....	6	7	13
Immigration .....	4	8	12
Egypt, Libya, and the political unrest in Arab countries ..	1	4	5
Other (VOL) .....	-	1	1
All equally (VOL) .....	1	-	1
None of these (VOL) .....	-	1	1
Not sure .....	1	-	1

And, thinking about the next Presidential election...

Q9 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? +

Probably vote for President Obama .....	45
Probably vote for Republican candidate .....	40
Vote for other party (VOL) .....	3
Depends/Depends on who opponent is (VOL) .....	9
Not sure .....	3

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### GEORGE W. BUSH RE-ELECTION TREND

	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03	9/03	7/03	5/03
Definitely vote for President Bush .....	32	34	NA	NA	NA	NA
Probably vote for President Bush .....	12	12	43	42	45	47
Probably vote for Democratic candidate .....	15	17	40	40	36	32
Definitely vote for the Democratic candidate .....	18	23	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vote for another party's candidate (VOL) .....	1	1	2	2	3	2
Depends on who opponent is (VOL) .....	9	6	8	9	10	12
Not sure .....	12	7	8	7	7	7

4/03	1/03	12/02	10/02+
NA	NA	NA	NA
52	41	42	45
24	34	28	31
NA	NA	NA	NA
4	3	4	3
14	16	20	17
6	6	6	4

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Q10 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 .....	17
Not very strong Democrat .....	12
Independent/lean Democrat .....	10
Strictly Independent.....	19
Independent/lean Republican.....	12
Not very strong Republican .....	9
Strong Republican.....	13
Other (VOL).....	6
Not sure.....	2

**ASKED OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAID INDEPENDENT OR DEMOCRAT ON Q10**

Q11 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?+

Vote in the Republican primary .....	8
Vote in the Democratic primary .....	28
Wait until the general election .....	29
Neither/other (VOL).....	1
Not sure.....	2
Republican/Other/Not Sure (Q10) .....	32

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**ASKED ONLY OF GOP PRIMARY VOTERS (N=282) (REPUBLICAN ON Q10 OR INDEPENDENT OR DEMOCRAT ON Q10 BUT WOULD VOTE IN A GOP PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ON Q11)**

Q12a 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 1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE PERCENTAGE*

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Choice</u>
Mike Huckabee .....	25	13
Mitt Romney .....	21	16
Sarah Palin .....	12	14
Newt Gingrich.....	13	8
Ron Paul .....	6	6
Tim Pawlenty.....	3	8
Mitch Daniels.....	3	2
Rick Santorum.....	2	4
Jon Huntsman .....	1	2
Haley Barbour .....	-	3
Other (VOL) .....	2	-
None (VOL) .....	4	3
Not sure .....	8	9

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**ASKED ONLY OF GOP PRIMARY VOTERS (N=282) (REPUBLICAN ON Q10 OR INDEPENDENT OR DEMOCRAT ON Q10 BUT WOULD VOTE IN A GOP PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ON Q11)**

Q12b Suppose a candidate running in the 2012 Republican primary for president says the party should focus MORE on issues such as the economy and federal budget deficit and focus LESS on social issues such as gay marriage and abortion. Would you be (ROTATE) -- more likely or less likely -- to vote for a Republican Presidential candidate who says this, or would this make no difference in how you might vote one way or the other?+

More likely .....	65
Less likely .....	8
No difference .....	25
Not sure .....	2

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**(ROTATE Q13a-Q13b)**

Q13a And, if the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Tim Pawlenty were Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?+

Tim Pawlenty .....	31
Barack Obama.....	50
Depends (VOL) .....	3
Neither/other (VOL) .....	6
Not sure .....	10

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q13b 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>2/11+</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>
Mitt Romney .....	40	40	35	36	34
Barack Obama.....	49	47	48	48	51
Depends (VOL).....	-	1	2	1	1
Neither/other (VOL) .....	6	6	7	6	7
Not sure .....	5	6	8	9	7

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Now, thinking about something else...

Q14a Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?+

	<u>2/11+</u>	<u>1/11+</u>	<u>12/10+</u>	<u>11/10+</u>	<u>10/28-30/10+</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>
Yes .....	29	27	29	30	28	30	28
No .....	61	62	61	59	61	59	61
Depends (VOL) .....	3	3	3	4	3	2	3
Not sure .....	7	8	7	7	8	10	8

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

**ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SUPPORT THE TEA PARTY (Q14a:1) AND ARE REPUBLICAN (Q10:5-7).**

Q14b Which better describes you, (ROTATE:) a supporter of the Tea Party Movement or a Republican?+

	2/11+		1/11+		12/10+	
	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters
Supporter of the Tea Party Movement .....	9	46	8	46	10	49
Republican .....	9	47	9	48	9	49
Both (VOL) .....	-	2	-	1	-	2
Not sure .....	1	5	1	5	-	1
Not Republican and Tea Party Supporters.....	81	n/a	82	n/a	81	n/a

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered Voters

	11/10+		10/28-30/10+		10/14-18/10+	
	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters
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

Now, changing topics...

**(ROTATE Q15 AND Q16)**

Q15 Let me read you a number of steps that elected officials are considering to deal with state budget deficits that affect public employees who work for state government, city government, or a school district. For each one, please tell me if you find this totally acceptable, mostly acceptable, mostly unacceptable, or totally unacceptable. (RANDOMIZE)

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST TOTAL ACCEPTABLE PERCENTAGE*

	Totally acceptable	Mostly acceptable	Mostly unacceptable	Totally unacceptable	Not sure
<b>Require public employees to contribute more of their pay for their retirement benefits</b>					
February 2011 .....	27	41	16	13	3
<b>Require public employees to contribute more of their pay for their health care benefits</b>					
February 2011 .....	26	37	19	15	3
<b>Freeze public employees' salaries for one year</b>					
February 2011 .....	25	33	19	21	2
<b>Eliminate public employees' right to collectively bargain over health care, pensions and other benefits when negotiating a union contract</b>					
February 2011 .....	14	19	25	37	5

Q16 Do you think public employees who belong to a union and work for state government, city government, or a school district should have the same right to bargain when it comes to their health care, pension and other benefits as employees who belong to a union and work for private companies?

Yes .....	77
No .....	19
Not sure .....	4

Q17 And, now more specifically, have you seen, read, or heard the news coverage about people protesting against the proposal by Wisconsin Republican Governor Scott Walker to eliminate the right of public employee unions to collectively bargain over health care, pensions and other benefits? (IF YES:) And, have you seen, read or heard a lot or just some about this?

Total Yes.....	73
Yes, A lot .....	40
Yes, Just some .....	33
No .....	26
Not sure .....	1

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Have you seen, read, or heard the news coverage about people protesting against the health care plan at town hall meetings with Members of Congress?

Yes.....	85
No .....	14
Not sure .....	1

Now turning to the economy...

Q18 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

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

Q18 (Cont'd)

	<u>9/98</u>	<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>
Economy will get better .....	19	19	21	20	24	31	31	28	28
Economy will get worse .....	22	22	21	21	23	17	24	24	17
Economy will stay about the same ...	53	57	52	54	50	46	40	44	52
Not sure .....	6	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.

Now, thinking about something slightly different...

**(ROTATE Q19 AND Q20)**

Q19 Thinking (now/again) about YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY, when you think about our federal budget problems, including our growing federal budget deficit and our increasing national debt, how much does this concern you personally, in terms of how it impacts you and your family's future— a great deal, quite a bit, only a little, or not at all?

A great deal .....	48
Quite a bit .....	32
Only a little .....	17
Not at all .....	3
Not sure .....	-

Q20 Thinking (now/again) about YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY, if the Congress decided to make major cuts across the board on most programs in order to reduce government spending, how much does this concern you personally, in terms of how it impacts you and your family's future— a great deal, quite a bit, only a little, or not at all?

A great deal .....	36
Quite a bit .....	26
Only a little .....	26
Not at all .....	10
Not sure .....	2

Q21 Which concerns you more about the current budget debate --that [INSERT ITEM] will (ROTATE)...go too far or not go far enough... in cutting programs and reducing federal spending to deal with the budget deficit? (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST 'NOT GO FAR ENOUGH' PERCENTAGE (VOL)

	<u>Go Too Far</u>	<u>Not Go Far Enough</u>	<u>About right/ Right Balance</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
<b>The Democrats in Congress</b>				
February 2011 .....	28	63	3	6
<b>President Obama</b>				
February 2011 .....	26	62	5	7
<b>The Republicans in Congress</b>				
February 2011 .....	52	40	3	5
<b>The Tea Party Supporters in Congress</b>				
February 2011 .....	51	32	4	13

Q22a Do you think it will be necessary to cut spending on Medicare, the federal government health care program for seniors, in order to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit? If you don't know enough to have an opinion, please just say so.\*

Yes .....	18
No .....	54
No opinion.....	27
Not sure .....	1

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

Q22b Do you think it will be necessary to cut spending on Social Security in order to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit? If you don't know enough to have an opinion, please just say so.\*\*

Yes .....	22
No .....	49
No opinion .....	27
Not sure .....	2

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

Q23 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>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>6/95</u>
Cutting important programs.....	35	32	27
Raising taxes .....	33	29	23
Postponing elimination of the deficit .....	26	30	37
Combination (VOL).....	1	2	4
Not sure .....	5	7	9

Q24a Do you think the budget disagreement between President Obama and Democrats in Congress with Republicans in Congress<sup>1</sup> will lead to a major shutdown of the federal government, or do you think they will reach an agreement in time to avoid a shutdown?

	<u>2/11*</u>	<u>10/95<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>9/95</u>
Disagreement will lead to a shutdown .....	25	13	15
Will reach agreement in time to avoid shutdown.....	71	79	77
Not sure .....	4	8	8

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

<sup>1</sup> In 1995, question read: "...disagreement between President Clinton and Congress..."

Q24b As you may know, if Congress does not agree on a new federal budget by March fourth the federal government will shut down until a budget is passed. If this happens do you think it would be (ROTATE) more because of partisan politics or more because real and significant issues could not be resolved between the members of both parties? \*\*

Partisan politics.....	64
Issues could not be resolved .....	31
A little of both (VOL) .....	2
Not sure .....	3

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

Q25 Let me you read you a number of programs that could be cut significantly as a way to reduce the current federal budget deficit. For each one, please tell me if you think significantly cutting the funding for this program is totally acceptable, mostly acceptable, mostly unacceptable, or totally unacceptable as a way to help reduce the federal deficit.

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>
<b>Subsidies to build new nuclear power plants</b>					
February 2011* .....	21	36	20	20	3
<b>Federal assistance to state governments</b>					
February 2011** .....	14	38	30	15	3
<b>The EPA, that is the Environmental Protection Agency</b>					
February 2011* .....	21	30	27	19	3
<b>Transportation and infrastructure projects</b>					
February 2011** .....	11	40	30	16	3
<b>Scientific and medical research</b>					
February 2011** .....	13	35	33	18	1
<b>National defense</b>					
February 2011* .....	19	27	24	28	2
<b>Unemployment insurance</b>					
February 2011** .....	13	30	35	20	2
<b>The Head Start pre-kindergarten program</b>					
February 2011* .....	15	26	26	30	3
<b>College student loans</b>					
February 2011** .....	11	28	33	26	2
<b>Heating assistance to low-income families</b>					
February 2011* .....	8	26	35	30	1
<b>Medicaid, the federal government health care program for the poor</b>					
February 2011* .....	9	23	32	35	1
<b>Medicare, the federal government health care program for seniors</b>					
February 2011** .....	7	16	30	46	1
<b>K thru12 education</b>					
February 2011** .....	7	15	26	51	1
<b>Social Security</b>					
February 2011* .....	6	16	25	52	1

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

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

Q26 Let me you read you a number of other things that might be cut or eliminated as a way to reduce the current federal budget deficit. 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.

*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>
<b>Placing a surtax on federal income taxes for people earning over one million dollars a year.</b>					
February 2011*.....	55	26	11	6	2
<b>Eliminating spending on so-called earmarks for special projects and specific areas of the country.</b>					
February 2011**.....	44	34	8	9	5
<b>Eliminating funding for weapons systems the Defense Department says are not necessary.</b>					
February 2011**.....	49	27	12	10	2
<b>Eliminating tax credits for the oil and gas industries.</b>					
February 2011**.....	47	27	11	11	4
<b>Phasing out the Bush tax cuts for families earning two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or more per year.</b>					
February 2011**.....	42	26	13	16	3
<b>Freezing annual domestic spending at its current level for the next five years.</b>					
February 2011*.....	26	41	17	9	7
<b>Reducing Medicare and Social Security benefits for wealthier retirees.</b>					
February 2011*.....	25	37	21	16	1
<b>Gradually raising the Social Security retirement age to sixty-nine by the year 2075.</b>					
February 2011**.....	25	31	17	25	2
<b>Cutting funding for the new health care law so that parts of it will not be put into effect or enforced.</b>					
February 2011*.....	28	23	24	22	3
<b>Reducing agriculture subsidies or supports to farmers and ranchers.</b>					
February 2011*.....	21	24	31	23	1
<b>Eliminating funding to Planned Parenthood for family planning and preventive health services.</b>					
February 2011*.....	21	24	26	27	2
<b>Gradually turning Medicare from a system in which the government pays for most beneficiaries' medical bills into a program in which seniors would receive government-issued vouchers in order to purchase private health insurance.</b>					
February 2011**.....	12	32	22	28	6

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

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



Q27 Having discussed all this some more, which one of these steps would you most favor to deal with the federal deficit --(ROTATE) cutting important programs, raising taxes, or postponing elimination of the deficit?

	Q23 Initial	Q27 Post
Cutting important programs .....	35	37
Raising taxes.....	33	29
Postponing elimination of the deficit .....	26	28
Combination (VOL) .....	1	2
Not sure.....	5	4

Q28 If at the end of the day, Republicans in Congress and President Obama and the Democrats in Congress cannot come to an agreement---who do you feel would be more responsible for this stalemate---the Republicans in Congress, or President Obama and the Democrats in Congress or both would be equally responsible.

The Republicans in Congress .....	21
President Obama and the Democrats in Congress .....	21
Both equally.....	57
Not sure.....	1

Now, getting near the end of the survey and thinking about something else...

Q29a Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Egypt and the political unrest in other Arab countries? \*

Approve .....	55
Disapprove .....	30
Not sure .....	15

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

Q29b Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Libya? \*\*

Approve .....	48
Disapprove.....	26
Not sure .....	26

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

Q30 Thinking about the whole Middle East, do you feel that over the past few months, the United States has gotten closer to its objectives of peace and democracy for the region, further away from its objectives of peace and democracy, or have things stayed about the same?\*

Gotten closer to objectives of peace and democracy .....	19
Gotten further away from objectives of peace and democracy .....	21
Things have stayed about the same.....	55
Not sure.....	5

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

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Thinking about the whole Middle East, including Iraq, Iran, Palestine and Israel, do you feel that over the past few months, the United States has gotten closer to its objectives of peace and democracy for the region, further away from its objectives of peace and democracy, or have things stayed about the same?

Gotten closer to objectives of peace and democracy .....	17
Gotten further away from objectives of peace and democracy .....	41
Things have stayed about the same.....	40
Not sure.....	2

Q31 Will the current events in Egypt and protests in other Arab countries increase or decrease the chances for peace and stability in that region, or not make much difference either way?

Increase the chances .....	31
Decrease the chances.....	28
Not make much difference .....	33
Too early to tell (VOL) .....	2
Not sure .....	6

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.....	87
Not registered.....	13
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>	
Voted for Barack Obama.....	43
Voted for John McCain.....	32
Voted for someone else .....	6
Not sure.....	2
<b>No, Did Not Vote</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><u>Currently Employed</u></b>	
Professional, manager.....	27
White-collar worker.....	20
Blue-collar worker.....	14
Farmer, rancher.....	1
<b><u>Not Currently Employed</u></b>	
Student.....	4
Homemaker.....	6
Retired.....	20
Unemployed, looking for work .....	6
Other .....	-
Not sure.....	2

(ASK IF EMPLOYED ON QF2)

QF3 Are you a currently a public employee --that is, are you employed by federal, state, or local government, a public school system, or some other government agency? (IF YES, SPECIFY)

Total public employee .....	14
Yes, federal .....	2
Yes, State.....	3
Yes, Local.....	3
Yes, Public school system.....	5
Yes, Other Government agency .....	1
Not a public employee .....	47
Not sure .....	1
Student, retired, homemaker, unemployed, other (QF2) .....	38

QF4 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school.....	-
Some high school.....	4
High school graduate .....	26
Some college, no degree .....	19
Vocational training/2-year college .....	8
4-year college/bachelor's degree .....	24
Some postgraduate work, no degree .....	4
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree .....	11
Doctoral/law degree .....	3
Not sure/refused.....	1

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 .....	8
Somewhat liberal.....	16
Moderate .....	38
Somewhat conservative .....	21
Very conservative.....	15
Not sure.....	2

QF6a What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) .....	49
Catholic .....	23
Jewish .....	2
Muslim .....	-
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	1
Other .....	13
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 .....	14
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical .....	55
Not sure .....	5
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (QF6a).....	26

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.....	77
Not sure .....	1

QF8 What is your current marital status?

Now married.....	54
Single, not married.....	23
Living together, not married .....	3
Divorced.....	10
Separated .....	2
Widowed .....	6
Not sure/refused .....	2

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 .....	6
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000 .....	7
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 .....	9
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 .....	11
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 .....	9
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 .....	16
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000 .....	13
More than \$100,000.....	20
Not sure/refused .....	9