

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**DECEMBER 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**December 5-9, 2012**  
**N=1,503**

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
May 2, 2011	56	38	6	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>		<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5				
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5				
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6				
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7				

<sup>1</sup> In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

**Q.2 CONTINUED...**

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	May, 2002	44	44	12
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	March, 2002	50	40	10
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
December, 2008	13	83	4	June, 2001	43	52	5
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	March, 2001	47	45	8
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
August, 2008	21	74	5	January, 2001	55	41	4
July, 2008	19	74	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
June, 2008	19	76	5	September, 2000	51	41	8
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	June, 2000	47	45	8
March, 2008	22	72	6	April, 2000	48	43	9
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	August, 1999	56	39	5
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	January, 1999	53	41	6
October, 2007	28	66	6	November, 1998	46	44	10
February, 2007	30	61	9	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
December, 2006	28	65	7	February, 1998	59	37	4
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	January, 1998	46	50	4
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	September, 1997	45	49	6
July, 2006	30	65	5	August, 1997	49	46	5
May, 2006*	29	65	6	January, 1997	38	58	4
March, 2006	32	63	5	July, 1996	29	67	4
January, 2006	34	61	5	March, 1996	28	70	2
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	October, 1995	23	73	4
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
July, 2005	35	58	7	April, 1995	23	74	3
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	July, 1994	24	73	3
February, 2005	38	56	6	March, 1994	24	71	5
January, 2005	40	54	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
December, 2004	39	54	7	September, 1993	20	75	5
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	May, 1993	22	71	7
July, 2004	38	55	7	January, 1993	39	50	11
May, 2004	33	61	6	January, 1992	28	68	4
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	November, 1991	34	61	5
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
December, 2003	44	47	9	August, 1990	47	48	5
October, 2003	38	56	6	May, 1990	41	54	5
August, 2003	40	53	7	January, 1989	45	50	5
<i>April 8, 2003</i>	50	41	9	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
January, 2003	44	50	6				

**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 Looking ahead, so far as you are concerned, do you think that 2013 will be better or worse than 2012?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	36	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	57	29	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	55	31	14
Jan 6-10, 2010	67	26	8
Jan 7-11, 2009	52	37	11
December, 2007	50	34	16
December, 2006	57	28	15
December, 1999	66	19	15
December, 1998	59	25	16
December, 1994	59	28	13
Gallup:December, 1993	64	20	16
Gallup:December, 1992	61	11	28
Gallup:December, 1991	61	31	8
Gallup:December, 1990	48	42	10
Gallup:December, 1986	53	25	22
Gallup:December, 1985	64	20	17
Gallup:December, 1984	61	20	19
Gallup:December, 1982	50	32	18
Gallup:December, 1981	41	44	15

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Jan 5-9, 2011 <sup>2</sup>	34	43	22
Nov 4-7, 2010	41	37	22
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18

<sup>2</sup> Question wording for Nov. 4-7, 2010, and Jan. 5-9, 2011, was: "Do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

**Q.4 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 <sup>3</sup>	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17

<sup>3</sup> From December, 1994, through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?".

**Q.4 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 <sup>4</sup>	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 <sup>5</sup>	50	21	29
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22
December, 1994	52	28	20

**NO QUESTION 5**

<sup>4</sup> In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

<sup>5</sup> Question wording in November, 2006, and December, 1994, was: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 If you were setting priorities for the federal government these days, would you place a higher priority on **[OPTION]** or a higher priority on **[OPTION]**?

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Jun 7-17 <u>2012</u>	Sep 22- Oct 4 <u>2011</u>	Aug 17-21 <u>2011</u>	Jun 15-19 <u>2011</u>	Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>
45	Spending to help the economy recover	48	47	47	42	46
49	Reducing the budget deficit	47	48	46	52	49
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	5	7	6	5

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*If you were setting priorities for the government these days, would you place a higher priority on **[OPTION]** or a higher priority on **[OPTION]**?*

	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Jul 15-18 <u>2010</u>	Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>	Jul 22-26 <u>2009</u> <sup>6</sup>	Jun 18-21 <u>2009</u>
Spending more to help the economy recover	43	51	47	53	48
Reducing the budget deficit	50	40	47	38	46
Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7	9	6	9	6

**NO QUESTION 7****RANDOMIZE Q.8 AND Q.9 IN BLOCK WITH Q.10 AND Q.11****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.8 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1

<sup>6</sup> In July, 2009, question was asked as part of a list that included items on: spending on education, spending on health care and spending to develop energy technology.

**Q.8 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 <sup>7</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.8 AND Q.9 IN BLOCK WITH Q.10 AND Q.11****ASK ALL:**

- Q.9 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8

<sup>7</sup> Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**Q.9 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
Newsweek: January, 2001	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
Newsweek: January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

**RANDOMIZE Q.8 AND Q.9 IN BLOCK WITH Q.10 AND Q.11****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your personal finances...

Q.10 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1



**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.8 AND Q.9 IN BLOCK WITH Q.10 AND Q.11****ASK ALL:**

- Q.11 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	<u>Improve a lot</u>	<u>Improve some</u>	<u>Get a little worse</u>	<u>Get a lot worse</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Stay the same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5

**Q.11 CONTINUED...**

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
U.S. News: October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
U.S. News: August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
U.S. News: May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
U.S. News: January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	The job <u>situation</u>	The federal budget <u>deficit</u>	Rising <u>prices</u>	Problems in the financial and housing <u>markets</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) None/not worried <u>about any</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	25	22	10	2	*	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	27	19	10	2	1	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	24	22	11	2	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	22	13	12	2	1	2
Sep 1-4, 2011	43	22	17	11	4	2	2
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	29	15	11	3	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	38	28	20	10	2	*	2
Mar 8-14, 2011	34	24	28	10	3	*	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	44	19	23	10	1	1	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	47	19	15	14	1	1	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	19	15	12	2	1	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	41	23	16	13	3	1	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	45	22	17	11	2	*	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	Plenty of <u>jobs available</u>	Jobs are <u>difficult to find</u>	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, <u>few of others</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
U.S. News:August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News:May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News:January, 1992	12	79	6	3

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:**

Q.14F2 What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Mar 31-Apr 6 <u>2009</u>	Jan 7-11 <u>2009</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Sep <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2004</u>
80	More politically divided	64	61	46	66	70	66
17	Not more divided	30	34	45	28	24	26
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	5	9	6	6	8

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

Q.15F1 Thinking about the people you know, are they more divided over politics these days than in the past, or not?

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Jan <u>2009</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Dec <u>2004</u>
60	More divided over politics	47	51	53
35	Not more divided	47	41	40
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	8	7

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. The Democratic Party								
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5

## Q.16 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
b. The Republican Party								
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4

**Q.16 CONTINUED...**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

c.F1 Congress

Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8

**Q.16 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7
d.F1 Military leaders								
Dec 5-9, 2012	71	16	55	18	5	13	1	10
March, 2007	65	17	48	23	7	16	0	12

**NO ITEMS e-f****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:**

g.F2 The Supreme Court								
Dec 5-9, 2012	53	8	45	36	12	24	1	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	10	41	37	14	23	1	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	41	29	10	20	*	18
July 1-5, 2010	58	9	49	25	8	17	1	16
Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
Roper: March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8

h.F2 The military								
Dec 5-9, 2012	83	41	42	12	3	9	0	5
April, 2008	84	49	35	11	3	8	*	5
July, 2007	78	47	31	15	6	9	0	7
March, 2007	77	43	34	17	6	11	0	6
January, 2007	84	47	37	11	3	8	*	5
Late October, 2005	82	44	38	12	4	8	0	6
Late March, 2005	87	49	38	9	3	6	*	4
June, 2004	85	48	37	10	3	7	*	5
Newsweek: May, 2002	93	59	34	5	2	3	--	2
Newsweek: September, 2001	94	58	36	4	2	2	--	2
July, 2001	81	29	52	11	4	7	*	8
January, 2001	82	32	50	12	3	9	0	6
August, 1999	89	30	59	10	2	8	*	1
June, 1999	83	36	47	13	2	11	0	4
Early September, 1998	86	29	57	10	3	7	0	4
October, 1997	78	22	56	18	5	13	0	4
May, 1997	80	23	57	16	5	11	0	4

## Q.16 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
February, 1996	82	33	49	16	4	12	*	2
July, 1994	87	30	57	11	3	8	*	2
May, 1993	85	32	53	10	2	8	0	5
March, 1991	94	60	34	4	2	2	0	2
May, 1990	73	18	55	21	6	15	*	6
January, 1988	77	20	57	17	3	14	*	6
April, 1987	80	17	63	16	4	12	0	4
January, 1987	73	19	54	16	5	11	*	11
July, 1986	85	32	53	10	3	7	0	5
July, 1985	77	24	53	18	5	13	*	5

## ASK ALL:

Q.17 And is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**?  
**[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. Barack Obama								
Dec 5-9, 2012	59	26	33	40	24	16	*	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	50	24	26	45	26	19	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	57	27	30	40	23	17	*	4
Jul 16-26, 2012	51	24	26	42	27	15	0	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	53	20	33	44	22	21	0	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	56	24	32	41	25	16	*	3
Feb 8-12, 2012	54	22	32	42	26	16	*	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	51	23	28	45	24	21	0	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	52	21	31	45	24	21	*	3
Mar 8-14, 2011	58	22	36	39	20	19	*	3
Dec 2-5, 2010	54	26	29	43	25	18	*	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	21	32	43	23	20	*	5
Jun 10-13, 2010	56	27	30	39	20	19	0	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	65	33	32	30	16	14	*	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	72	37	35	25	11	14	*	3
Apr 14-21, 2009	73	38	35	24	10	14	*	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6
Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6
Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5
Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4
Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9
April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13
b. John Boehner								
Dec 5-9, 2012	28	5	23	40	17	23	22	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	5	16	40	16	24	22	17
Mar 8-14, 2011	26	7	19	27	11	16	32	16
Dec 2-5, 2010	28	8	20	25	12	14	34	12
Jun 10-13, 2010	12	3	9	22	8	15	54	12



**Q.17 CONTINUED...**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:</b>									
<b>NO ITEMS c-g</b>									
h.F1	Harry Reid								
	Dec 5-9, 2012	23	3	20	37	17	20	27	12
	Jan 11-16, 2012	18	4	15	38	20	18	28	16
	Dec 2-5, 2010	23	5	18	39	21	18	26	12
	December, 2006	17	3	14	20	7	13	45	18
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:</b>									
i.F2	Hillary Clinton								
	Dec 5-9, 2012	65	30	35	29	15	15	1	5
	Jun 7-17, 2012	63	24	39	28	11	17	1	8
	Jan 11-16, 2012	62	26	36	31	16	15	1	6
	Dec 2-5, 2010	59	24	35	34	15	20	2	4
	Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	66	26	40	28	11	17	1	6
	Late May, 2008	48	17	31	44	22	22	*	8
	April, 2008	49	16	33	47	23	24	0	4
	March, 2008	50	16	34	44	23	21	*	6
	Late February, 2008	51	19	32	44	23	21	0	5
	Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	24	18	*	6
	January, 2008	52	20	32	44	25	19	*	4
	Late December, 2007	50	21	29	44	26	18	*	6
	August, 2007	55	21	34	39	21	18	2	4
	December, 2006	56	22	34	39	21	18	*	5
	April, 2006	54	20	34	42	21	21	1	3
	Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1	5
	Late March, 2005	57	22	35	36	17	19	*	7
	December, 2002	47	15	32	44	23	21	1	8
	July, 2001	53	20	33	42	23	19	1	4
	January, 2001	60	25	35	35	16	19	*	5
	May, 2000	49	15	34	42	22	20	1	8
	Early December, 1998	66	32	34	31	15	16	*	3
	Early October, 1998 (RVs)	58	24	34	36	18	18	*	6
	Early September, 1998	64	24	40	31	13	18	0	5
	Late August, 1998	63	25	38	34	13	21	*	3
	March, 1998	65	26	39	31	14	17	*	4
	January, 1997	57	17	40	40	17	23	*	3
	June, 1996	53	13	40	43	17	26	*	4
	April, 1996	49	12	37	46	19	27	0	5
	February, 1996	42	14	28	54	27	27	0	4
	January, 1996	42	10	32	54	26	28	0	4
	October, 1995	58	14	44	38	14	24	--	4
	August, 1995	49	16	33	47	22	25	*	4
	December, 1994	50	17	33	45	20	25	1	4
	July, 1994	57	19	38	40	18	22	1	2
	May, 1993	60	19	41	29	11	18	1	10

**NO QUESTIONS 18-29**

**ASK ALL:**

Next I'd like to ask about some things that have been in the news. Please answer as best you can. If you don't know the answer just tell me and we'll move to the next question.

Q.30 When people refer to the upcoming "Fiscal Cliff," is this about...? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Dec 5-9

2012

- 57 Automatic tax increases and spending cuts
- 4 New trade policies with China
- 8 A sudden rise in interest rates
- 31 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

As you may know, automatic tax increases and spending cuts are scheduled to take place in January.

**ASK ALL:****RANDOMIZE Q.31 AND Q.32**

Q.31 If these automatic spending cuts take place, which area of government spending would be reduced the most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Dec 5-9

2012

- 38 Military defense
- 28 Social Security
- 20 Food stamps
- 14 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:****RANDOMIZE Q.31 AND Q.32**

Q.32 If these automatic tax increases take place, will taxes go up for ... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Dec 5-9

2012

- 25 Only high-income tax payers
- 70 Nearly all tax payers
- 5 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 33-39**

Thinking about the political parties ...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.40 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase... **[INSERT ITEM; READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE.]** Which party **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is more extreme in its positions					
	Dec 5-9, 2012	53	33	4	1	9
	Mar 7-11, 2012	50	35	5	1	9
	Dec 7-11, 2011	53	33	4	1	9
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	50	38	3	1	7
	Jul 20-24, 2011	50	35	4	2	9

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

b.F1 Can better manage the federal government

Dec 5-9, 2012	36	45	2	10	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	42	1	9	9
Dec 7-11, 2011	35	41	3	13	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	38	2	14	7

**Q.40 CONTINUED...**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	41	39	2	8	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	43	36	2	11	8
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	41	3	8	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	41	37	3	12	7
Feb 3-9, 2010	40	40	4	9	8
Aug 27-30, 2009	34	38	4	14	10
October, 2007	32	44	5	9	10
March, 2007	31	47	3	8	11
Early October, 2006	34	44	3	9	10
April, 2006 <sup>8</sup>	35	39	3	15	8
January, 2006	34	40	4	12	10
Early October, 2005	35	41	3	13	8
July, 2004	37	40	4	9	10
Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11
August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8
July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7
April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5
July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5
May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13
July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10
May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9
May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10
January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10
May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:**

c.F2 Is more influenced by lobbyists  
and special interests

Dec 5-9, 2012	41	35	12	1	12
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	37	12	1	11
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	44	34	11	2	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	40	32	14	2	11
Aug 27-30, 2009	37	31	17	3	12
March, 2007	40	30	15	1	14
Early October, 2006	41	27	16	2	14
April, 2006	45	28	14	2	11

**ASK ALL:**

d. Is more willing to work with political  
leaders from the other party

Dec 5-9, 2012	27	53	2	10	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	25	51	3	12	10
Jul 20-24, 2011	26	51	1	12	9
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	49	2	10	6

<sup>8</sup> In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Able to manage the federal government well."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.41 And which party could do a better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]**

**NO ITEM a**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
b. Dealing with the federal budget deficit					
Dec 5-9, 2012	43	38	4	7	9
Mar 7-11, 2012	42	41	2	7	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	37	4	6	7
Jul 22-24, 2011	43	37	5	6	8
May 25-30, 2011 <sup>9</sup>	41	38	4	9	8
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	46	34	8	6	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	7	16	14
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	36	5	9	7
May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
Early October, 2005	29	47	6	10	8
June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

c.F1 Dealing with the Medicare system					
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	50	3	6	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	48	3	7	7
May 25-30, 2011	34	44	5	8	9
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<i>Reforming the Medicare system</i>					
Sep 16-19, 2010	33	38	7	9	12
d.F1 Improving the education system					
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	53	4	6	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	46	7	6	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	29	48	8	8	8
Aug 27-30, 2009	22	47	8	12	10
February, 2008	26	55	6	6	7
October, 2006	27	45	5	6	17
September, 2006	28	46	7	6	13
February, 2006	33	44	8	7	8
Mid-September, 2005	35	44	6	7	8
July, 2004	29	45	7	7	12
January, 2002	37	34	--	6	23
May, 2001	36	38	11	6	9
January, 2001	40	41	--	7	12
June, 1999	29	52	7	5	7
March, 1999	33	46	6	5	10
January, 1999	26	46	--	7	21
Early September, 1998	34	42	10	4	10
March, 1998	29	49	10	5	7
July, 1994	37	46	4	5	8

<sup>9</sup> From February 2006 to May 2011 item read "Reducing the federal budget deficit;" and the experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a stand alone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

**Q.41 CONTINUED...**

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>equally</u>		
	January, 1992	28	48	--	10	14
	May, 1990	30	42	--	14	14
e.F1	Improving the job situation					
	Dec 5-9, 2012	40	44	4	5	7
	Mar 7-11, 2012	39	44	3	6	9
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	42	42	3	6	7
	Jul 20-24, 2011	39	39	5	7	9
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	39	10	6	6
	Oct 13-18, 2010	35	31	8	13	13
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	39	41	6	8	7
	Apr 21-26, 2010	36	37	8	9	10
	September, 2006	29	47	6	5	13
	March, 1998	30	51	7	5	7
	October, 1994	37	42	6	7	8
f.F1	Dealing with the nation's energy problems					
	Dec 5-9, 2012	35	47	4	4	11
	Mar 7-11, 2012	35	46	2	6	10
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	37	42	7	5	9
	Oct 13-18, 2010	28	38	8	11	15
	May 20-23, 2010	28	35	10	12	15
	Apr 21-26, 2010	32	40	8	9	12
	Feb 3-9, 2010	32	44	8	6	10
	Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	7	9	12
	February, 2008	23	57	5	5	10
	September, 2006	27	47	4	7	15
	February, 2006	32	45	6	7	10
	Mid-September, 2005	31	44	6	8	11
	May, 2001	36	34	10	7	13
	October, 2006	28	44	5	6	17
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:</b>						
g.F2	Dealing with immigration					
	Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
	May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
	Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
	May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
	Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
	Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
	February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
	October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
	September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
	April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
	February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11
h.F2	Dealing with taxes					
	Dec 5-9, 2012	37	45	6	4	7
	Jul 20-24, 2011	43	40	4	6	8
	Oct 13-18, 2010	36	35	7	9	12
	Sep 16-19, 2010	40	34	8	8	9
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	37	4	11	11
	February, 2008	37	49	2	5	7
	October, 2006	32	40	5	7	16
	September, 2006	30	45	4	9	12
	February, 2006	35	46	5	6	8
	May, 2001	37	40	8	6	9

**Q.41 CONTINUED...**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 1999	38	38	5	7	12
September, 1998	41	37	7	5	10
March, 1998	39	40	6	7	8
October, 1994	43	34	5	9	9
<b>i.F2</b>	<b>Dealing with the Social Security system</b>				
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	45	6	4	9
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	39	45	3	5	8
Jul 22-24, 2011	37	42	7	5	9
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 <sup>10</sup>	39	39	9	6	7
Sep 16-19, 2010	35	35	9	11	11
September, 2006	26	46	4	11	13
September, 2005	33	45	6	9	7
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	31	42	6	9	12
Early September, 2002	30	38	8	10	14
May, 2002	32	38	--	9	21
January, 2002	28	40	--	6	26
May, 2001	35	43	6	5	11
January, 2001	36	44	--	7	13
June, 1999	33	41	4	9	13
January, 1999	27	46	--	7	20
Early September, 1998	37	42	7	5	9
May, 1990	28	41	--	16	15
<b>j.F2</b>	<b>Dealing with health care</b>				
Dec 5-9, 2012	38	48	4	4	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	49	1	7	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	38	49	3	4	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	42	6	5	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	39	5	11	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2002	20	45	--	6	29
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10

<sup>10</sup> From January 2002 to May 2011 item read "Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound;" experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. For May 2001, June 1999, Early September 1998 and May 1990, the question was worded, "Please tell me if you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job in each of the following areas ... keeping Social Security financially sound?"

**Q.41 CONTINUED...**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

**NO QUESTION 42****ASK ALL:**

Q.43 In your view, what is the best way to reduce the federal budget deficit? Should we mostly focus on **[RANDOMIZE: Cutting major programs / Increasing taxes]** mostly focus on **[increasing taxes / cutting major programs]** or should we do a combination of both?

		Sep 12-16 <u>2012</u>	Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>	Apr 7-10 <u>2011</u>	Dec 1-5 <u>2010</u>
Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>						
11	Cutting major programs	16	17	19	20	16
7	Increasing taxes	6	8	8	6	4
74	Combination of both	69	62	60	64	65
1	Deficit is not a priority/Don't focus on deficit (VOL.)	1	1	1	*	1
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	11	12	9	13

**NO QUESTIONS 44-45****ASK ALL:**

Q.46 Looking ahead five years or so, do you think we will have made significant progress in reducing the federal budget deficit, or not?

		Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>	Apr 21-25 <u>2011</u>	Dec 1-5 <u>2010</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>
Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>					
44	Yes	39	31	37	40
50	No	51	55	52	46
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	14	11	14

**ASK ALL:**

Q.47 Thinking about ways to reduce the deficit and size of the national debt, please tell me if you would approve or disapprove of each of the following. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** Would you approve or disapprove of this as a way to reduce the size of the national debt? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you approve or disapprove of this as a way to reduce the size of the national debt?]**

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Reduce military defense spending			
	Dec 5-9, 2012	43	55	2
	Oct 4-7, 2012	40	56	4
b.	Raise the income tax rate on incomes over \$250,000 a year			
	Dec 5-9, 2012	69	28	3
	Oct 4-7, 2012	64	29	6
	Sep 22-25, 2011	67	29	4
	May 25-30, 2011	66	31	3

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

c.F1	Limit the amount of deductions a taxpayer can claim			
	Dec 5-9, 2012	54	40	6

**Q.47 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
d.F1	Gradually raising the age at which people can begin receiving Medicare benefits Dec 5-9, 2012	41	56	2
e.F1	Reduce Medicare benefits for seniors with higher incomes Dec 5-9, 2012	51	46	3
	Oct 4-7, 2012	49	47	4
f.F1	Reduce federal funding for programs that help lower-income Americans Dec 5-9, 2012	38	58	4
	Oct 4-7, 2012	43	50	6
	Sep 22-25, 2011	41	55	4
	May 25-30, 2011	40	54	6
g.F1	Reduce federal funding for roads and transportation Dec 5-9, 2012	30	67	4

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:**

h.F2	Gradually raise the age at which people can begin receiving Social Security benefits Dec 5-9, 2012	42	56	2
	Oct 4-7, 2012	41	56	3
	May 25-30, 2011	36	59	5
	Dec 1-5, 2010	38	58	4
i.F2	Reduce Social Security benefits for seniors with higher incomes Dec 5-9, 2012	51	46	3
	May 25-30, 2011	42	54	5
	Dec 1-5, 2010	48	47	5
j.F2	Raise the tax rate on investment income Dec 5-9, 2012	52	43	5
	Oct 4-7, 2012	44	49	7
k.F2	Reduce federal funding for education Dec 5-9, 2012	21	77	2
	Oct 4-7, 2012	22	75	3
l.F2	Limit tax deductions for interest paid on home mortgages Dec 5-9, 2012	41	52	6
	Oct 4-7, 2012	47	44	9
	May 25-30, 2011	49	43	8
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Eliminate tax deductions for interest paid on home mortgages</i> Dec 1-5, 2010	34	56	10



**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 From what you've read and heard, can the nation's long-term debt problem be solved **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or can it be solved **[ITEM]**?

Dec 5-9

2012

59	Only if some taxes go up
32	Without having to raise any taxes
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF (Q.48=1):**

Q.49 To solve the nation's long-term debt problem, will taxes need to go up ... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Dec 5-9, 2012

*Based on total*      *Based on only if taxes go up (Q48=1)*

27	45	Just for wealthy Americans
31	53	For both middle class and wealthy Americans
1	2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
41	--	Can solve long-term debt without having to raise taxes/DK to Q.48
[N=1,503]	[N=909]	

**NO QUESTION 50****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the current debate in Washington over the debt and deficit ...

**RANDOMIZE Q.51 AND Q.52****ASK ALL:**

Q.51 Are Republicans in Congress making a serious effort to work with Barack Obama to reach an agreement on the budget deficit, or not?

Dec 5-9

2012

32	Yes, making serious effort
57	No, not making serious effort
11	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**RANDOMIZE Q.51 AND Q.52****ASK ALL:**

Q.52 Is Barack Obama making a serious effort to work with Republicans in Congress to reach an agreement on the budget deficit, or not?

Dec 5-9

2012

55	Yes, making serious effort
38	No, not making serious effort
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 53-59**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject,

Q.60 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	50	10	4	13	23
May 25-30, 2011	48	11	4	15	21
Apr 21-26, 2010	49	16	4	12	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	12	4	14	19
January 7-11, 2009	49	11	5	15	20
May, 2007	49	11	5	17	18
August, 2006	52	11	5	15	17
July, 2006	44	9	5	20	22
May, 2006	48	13	4	14	20
Late October, 2005	43	17	5	16	19
July, 2005	37	12	5	19	27
July, 2004	40	13	7	18	22
Late February, 2004	46	12	8	15	19
April, 2002	41	13	6	21	19
Mid-October, 2001	47	10	8	18	17
Early September, 2001	40	17	6	23	14
September, 1997	48	13	5	16	18
September, 1993	45	21	3	18	12
<i>Chicago CFR</i> 1990	34	14	7	26	20
<i>Chicago CFR</i> 1982	40	17	8	19	16
<i>Chicago CFR</i> 1978 <sup>11</sup>	45	14	9	18	15

**NO QUESTIONS 61-63**

<sup>11</sup> In the 1978 Chicago Council on Foreign Relations survey conducted by the Gallup Organization, results are based on respondents who said they had "heard or read about the situation in the Middle East", which represented 87% of the public. As a context note, in both the 1978 and 1982 CCFR/Gallup surveys, this question followed a broader question: "In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with Israel or more with the Arab nations?" and in 1982, a question regarding "U.S. military aid and arms sales to Israel".

**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about recent political violence in Syria? Have you heard...**[READ]**

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Mar 7-11 <u>2012</u>
38	A lot	36
44	A little	39
18	Nothing at all	25
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.65 Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Syria between government forces and anti-government groups, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

	<u>U.S. has responsibility</u>	<u>U.S. doesn't have responsibility</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	63	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	25	64	11
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
Mar 10-13, 2011: <i>Fighting in Libya</i>	27	63	10
June, 2007: <i>Ethnic genocide in Darfur</i>	49	34	17
December, 2006: <i>Ethnic genocide in Darfur</i>	51	36	13
March, 1999: <i>Fighting between ethnic groups in Kosovo, a province of Serbia</i>	47	46	7
June, 1995: <i>Fighting between Serbs and Bosnians in what used to be Yugoslavia</i>	30	64	6

**ASK ALL:**

Q.66 Would you favor or oppose the U.S. and its allies sending arms and military supplies to anti-government groups in Syria?

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Mar 7-11 <u>2012</u>
24	Favor	29
65	Oppose	63
11	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	9

**NO QUESTIONS 67-78**

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.79 Do you happen to know if Mitt Romney is Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, agnostic, or some other religion? **[INTERVIEWERS: IF R SAYS "MULTIPLE FAITHS/ALL OF THE ABOVE," RECORD AS "8-SOME OTHER RELIGION" AND RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE]**

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>	Mar 7-11 <u>2012</u>	Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>
65	Mormon	51	48	39
4	Catholic	5	3	3
1	Protestant	3	2	3
*	Jewish	*	1	*
*	Muslim	1	*	1
*	Atheist	*	*	*
0	Agnostic	*	*	*
1	Some other religion	*	0	0
1	Christian <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1	1
26	Don't know <b>(VOL.)</b>	37	42	51
1	Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]**

**ASK IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK/REF (RELIG=11,12,99):**

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not? **[IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)]**

Dec 5-9

2011

37	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
22	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
*	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
3	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
3	Something else
13	Nothing in particular
12	Christian <b>(VOL.)</b>
*	Unitarian (Universalist) <b>(VOL.)</b>
2	Don't Know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the Mormon religion, also known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints...

Q.80 How much would you say you know about the Mormon religion and its practices? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	Aug <u>2007</u> <sup>12</sup>
12	A great deal	14	11
38	Some	36	38
30	Not very much	28	32
20	Nothing at all	21	19
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	*

<sup>12</sup> In August 2007, question began "Now thinking about Mormonism, also known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints...."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.81 Please tell me what one word best describes your impression of the Mormon religion. Tell me just the one best word that comes to mind. **[OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE]**

Dec 5-9 2012		Nov 9-14 2011		Aug 2007	
70	Cult	100	Cult	73	Family/Family values
51	Good/Good people	57	Family/Family values	60	Cult
45	Family/Family values	55	Different	56	Polygamy/Bigamy
29	Faith/Faithful	49	Polygamy/Bigamy	36	Different
27	Different	45	Good/Good people	34	Dedicated
24	Devout/Devoted	35	Strict/Restrictive	32	Devout/Devoted
23	Conservative	34	Conservative	31	Good/Good people
23	Polygamy/Bigamy	28	Dedicated	30	Strict/Restrictive
22	Christian	25	Christian	24	Faith/Faithful
21	Strict/Restrictive	24	Confused/Confusing	19	Utah
19	Dedicated	19	Devout/Devoted	16	Religious
18	Religion	19	Faith/Faithful	15	Confused/Confusing
17	OK	18	Strange	15	False
15	Weird				Multiple marriages/ Multiple wives
		17	Honest	15	Conservative
14	Honest	17	Interesting		
13	Crazy		Multiple marriages/ Multiple wives	12	Misguided
		17	Multiple wives	12	OK
12	Confused/Confusing	15	OK	9	Christian
12	Nice	14	Friendly	9	Committed/Commitment
10	Religious	14	Misguided	8	Belief/Believers
10	Strange	14	Utah	8	True
9	False	13	False	8	Weird
9	Kind	12	Crazy	8	Pushy
9	Multiple marriages/ Multiple wives				
9	Utah	10	Odd	8	
8	Interesting	10	Religion	8	Sincere
8	Non-Christian	9	Peaceful		
8	Sincere	9	True		
7	Caring	9	Wrong		
7	Control/Controlling	8	Acceptable		
7	Fair	8	Belief/Believers		
7	Fanatical	8	Hypocrite		
7	Helpful	8	Nice		
7	Peaceful	8	Misunderstood		
7	Secretive	8	Religious		
		8	Weird		
		7	Fake		
		7	Favorable		
		7	Strong		
536	Other	695	Other	521	Other
383	Don't Know/Refused	541	Don't Know/Refused	388	Don't Know/Refused
[N=1503]		[N=2001]		[N=1461]	

*NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages. Based on first mention only.*

**ASK IF R IS NOT A MORMON (RELIG#3):**

Q.82 From what you know, do you think that the Mormon religion and your own **[IF R HAS A RELIGION OTHER THAN MORMONISM (RELIG=1-2, 4-8, 11, 13-14 OR {RELIG=99 AND CHR=1}): religion; IF R IS ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK & NOT CHRISTIAN (RELIG=9, 10, 12 OR {RELIG=99 AND CHR=2, 9}): beliefs]** have a lot in common, or do you think that the Mormon religion and your [religion/beliefs] are very different?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>	Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	Aug <u>2007</u>
24	A lot in common	23	22	23
60	Very different	60	64	63
14	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	16	12	13
2	<i>Respondent is Mormon</i>	2	2	2

**ASK IF R IS NOT A MORMON (RELIG#3):**

Q.83 Based on what you have read or heard about Mormons, do you think their religion is a Christian religion, or do you think it is not a Christian religion?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>	Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	Aug <u>2007</u>
52	Yes, their religion is a Christian religion	49	51	51
29	No, their religion is not a Christian religion	31	31	31
17	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	18	16	17
2	<i>Respondent is Mormon</i>	2	2	2

**NO QUESTIONS 84-85****ASK ALL:**

Q.86 How much, if anything, would you say you learned about the Mormon religion over the course of the 2012 presidential campaign? **[READ]**

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>	
3	A great deal
13	Some
32	Not very much
50	Nothing at all
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**RANDOMIZE Q.87 AND Q.88****ASK ALL:**

Q.87 Do you happen to know when the Mormon religion was founded? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Pew Forum May 19-Jun 4 <u>2010</u>
3	Before the year 1200 A.D.	5
9	Between 1200 and 1800 A.D.	10
43	Sometime after 1800 A.D.	44
44	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	41

**RANDOMIZE Q.87 AND Q.88****ASK ALL:**

Q.88 Just as far as you know ... The Book of Mormon tells the story of Jesus Christ appearing to people in what area of the world? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Pew Forum May 19-Jun 4 <u>2010</u>	
43	The Americas	40	
22	Middle East	25	
2	Asia	3	
33	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	32	

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=753]:**

Q.89F1 In your view, would you prefer if stores and businesses greet their customers by saying "merry Christmas," OR would you prefer if stores and businesses use less religious terms such as "happy holidays" and "season's greetings?"

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Dec <u>2005</u>	
57	Prefer "Merry Christmas"	60	
27	Prefer less religious terms	23	
15	Doesn't matter/don't care <b>(VOL.)</b>	17	
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	*	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=750]:**

Q.90F2 In your view, would you prefer if stores and businesses greet their customers by saying "merry Christmas," OR would you prefer if stores and businesses use less religious terms such as "happy holidays" and "season's greetings", or doesn't it matter to you?

Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>		Dec <u>2005</u>	
42	Prefer "Merry Christmas"	42	
12	Prefer less religious terms	12	
46	Doesn't matter	45	
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1



## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

## ASK ALL:

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Not
	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>Haven't heard of</u>	<u>Refused</u>	<u>heard of/ DK</u>
Dec 5-9, 2012	18	29	50	2	1	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	19	29	47	1	3	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	19	25	52	2	2	--
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--

## TEAPARTY2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Haven't heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>13</sup>	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

## ASK ALL:

Q.91 When you file your federal income tax next year, will you probably itemize your personal deductions or will you take the standard deduction?

Dec 5-9

2012

35	Itemize
47	Standard deduction
18	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

<sup>13</sup> In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."