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FINAL TOPLINE
April 7-10, 2011
N=1432

ASK ALL:

CLASS Which of the following labels best describes your household: **[READ ITEMS, IN ORDER]**

	Professional or <u>business class</u>	Working <u>class</u>	Struggling family or <u>household</u>	(VOL.) More than one/ <u>None applies</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April 4-7, 2011	26	42	23	8	1
November, 2009	31	43	19	4	3
April, 2009	27	46	19	4	4
February, 2009	26	52	16	4	2
December, 2008	32	44	19	3	2
Early October, 2008	31	48	15	4	2
April, 2008	33	42	17	6	2
Early February, 2008	32	47	15	3	3
January, 2008	33	46	12	6	3
December, 2007	30	46	15	6	3
September, 2007	35	46	12	4	3
August, 2007	34	44	13	7	2
January, 2007	30	47	16	5	2
October, 2006	34	45	15	4	2
January, 2006	32	46	14	4	4
Mid-October, 2004	32	45	15	5	3
February, 2004 <i>GAP</i>	32	47	15	4	2
August, 2003	31	47	14	6	2
June, 2003	31	44	15	8	2
June, 2002	31	47	14	5	3
February, 2002	32	46	14	6	2
June, 2001	29	47	15	6	3

ASK ALL:

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

IF NOT EMPLOYED (EMPLOY=3) ASK:

EMPLOY1 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

IF PART TIME (EMPLOY=2) ASK:

EMPLOY7 Would you prefer to be working full time, or not?

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- 42 Full-time
- 13 Part-time
- 7 Yes, would prefer full time
- 6 No, would not
- * Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- 45 Not employed
- 12 Yes, looking for work
- 32 No, not looking
- * Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**
- * Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

ASK OF EMPLOYED ONLY (EMPLOY=1,2):

Q.CB1 Are you an employee of a private company or business, an employee of a non-profit organization, a government employee, or self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

**[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS MORE THAN ONE JOB/
EMPLOYER ASK ABOUT THEIR "main job"]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED [N=693]:

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56	Private company or business
10	Non-profit organization (INCLUDES private schools, colleges and universities)
	Government (INCLUDES federal, state, or local government, public schools, college and universities)
15	
16	Self employed or business owner (INCLUDES independent contractor, freelance worker)
2	Other (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.CB2 Would you say you currently have enough income to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

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40	Yes
59	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

IF NO OR DON'T KNOW (QCB2=2,9) ASK:

Q.CB2a Do you think you will have enough income in the future to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL:

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27	Yes, will have enough income in future
28	No, will not have enough income in future
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
40	<i>Currently have enough income to lead kind of life you want</i>

ASK ALL:

OWNRENT Do you own or rent your home?

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61	Own
33	Rent
5	Other arrangement (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.CB3 For each description I read, please tell me if it applies to you or not. (First,) **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Do you follow NASCAR Racing			
	April 7-10, 2011	16	83	*
	NBC/WSJ: June, 2008 ¹	20	80	--
	CBS: November, 2003	25	74	1
b.	Do you regularly buy organic foods			
	Apr 7-10, 2011	26	73	1
c.	Do you regularly volunteer for a charity			
	or other non-profit organization			
	April 7-10, 2011	43	57	*
d.	Do you currently have a valid United States passport			
	Apr 7-10, 2011	42	57	*
	CBS/NYT: November, 2004	36	64	--
	CBS/NYT: May, 1993 ²	20	79	1
	CBS/NYT: May, 1989	23	77	1
e.	Do you live in a gated community			
	April 7-10, 2011	6	92	2
	TREND FOR COMPARISION:			
	Do you live in a gated building complex or community,			
	which is surrounded by a security fence or protected			
	by a security guard, or not?			
	LA Times: January, 1994	7	91	2

ASK ALL:

VET1 Have you or has anyone in your household ever served in the U.S. military or the military reserves?
[IF YES: Is that you or someone else?]

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34	Yes [NET]
13	Self
20	Someone else in household
1	Both
65	No, nobody in household has served
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹ June, 2008 questions was worded: "Please tell me whether each of the following statements applies to you personally ... are a fan of NASCAR racing" and response categories were "applies: and "does not apply." November, 2003 question was worded: "Would you describe yourself as a fan of NASCAR?"

² May 1993 survey asked whether respondents had a "valid passport."

ASK IF VET IN HOUSEHOLD (VET1=1,2,3):

VET2a Did **[IF VET1=1:you]** **[IF VET1=2:that person]** **[IF VET1=3:you or that person]** serve in the military or military reserves since September 11, 2001?

BASED ON VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS [N=559]:

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26	Yes [NET]
8	Self
17	Someone else in household
1	Both
74	No, nobody in household has served since September 11, 2001
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

And just a couple of questions about current events...

Q.CB4 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?

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20	Cutting major programs
6	Increasing taxes
64	Combination of both
*	Deficit is not a priority/Don't focus on deficit (VOL.)
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Dec 1-5

2010

16
4
65
1
13

ASK ALL:

Q.CB5 All things considered, do you think that the U.S. and its allies made the right decision or the wrong decision to conduct military air strikes in Libya?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
April 7-10, 2011	45	37	19
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	50	37	13
March 24-27, 2011	47	36	17

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:*Military force in Afghanistan*

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	52	38	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 ³	56	34	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	64	25	11
February, 2008	65	24	11
December, 2006	61	29	10
January, 2006	69	20	11

Military force in Iraq

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	51	7
January, 2009	43	49	8
November, 2008	39	50	11
Late October, 2008	38	56	6
Mid-October, 2008	40	54	6
Mid-September, 2008	43	50	7
June, 2008	39	55	6
April, 2008	37	57	6
Late February, 2008	38	54	8
Late December, 2007	36	56	8

³ In October 2009, the question was worded: "Do you think the United States' initial decision to use force in Afghanistan was the right decision or the wrong decision?"

Q.CB5 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 2007	39	54	7
September, 2007	42	50	8
July, 2007	41	53	6
June, 2007	40	51	9
April, 2007	45	47	8
March, 2007	43	49	8
February, 2007	40	54	6
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9
Early January, 2007	40	53	7
December, 2006	42	51	7
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7
Late October, 2006	43	47	10
Early October, 2006	45	47	8
Early September, 2006	49	43	8
August, 2006	45	46	9
July, 2006	44	50	6
June, 2006	49	44	7
April, 2006	47	46	7
March, 2006	45	49	6
February, 2006	51	44	5
January, 2006	45	47	8
December, 2005	47	48	5
Late October, 2005	48	45	7
Early October, 2005	44	50	6
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7
July, 2005	49	44	7
June, 2005	47	45	8
February, 2005	47	47	6
January, 2005	51	44	5
December, 2004	49	44	7
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12
Early October, 2004	50	39	11
September, 2004	53	39	8
August, 2004	53	41	6
July, 2004	52	43	5
June, 2004	55	38	7
May, 2004	51	42	7
Late April, 2004	54	37	9
Early April, 2004	57	35	8
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6
Late February, 2004	60	32	8
Early February, 2004	56	39	5
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5
Early January, 2004	62	28	10
December, 2003	67	26	7
October, 2003	60	33	7
September, 2003	63	31	6
August, 2003	63	30	7
Early July, 2003	67	24	9
May, 2003	74	20	6
April 10-16, 2003	74	19	7
April 8-9, 2003	74	19	7
April 2-7, 2003	72	20	8
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	25	6
March 25-27, 2003	74	21	5
March 23-24, 2003	74	21	5
March 20-22, 2003	71	22	7

Q.CB5 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late January, 1991	77	15	8
<i>Air strikes against Serbia to force them to agree to terms of the peace agreement and end the fighting in Kosovo</i>			
July 9-13, 1999	68	22	10

ASK ALL:

CVOTE10A In the 2010 elections for Congress, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

ASK IF RESPONDENT VOTED (CVOTE10A=1):

CVOTE10B Did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in your district?

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68	Yes, voted
31	Republican
30	Democrat
3	Other/Independent candidate (VOL.)
*	Didn't vote for Congress (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
31	No, didn't vote
1	No, too young to vote (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL

Q.CB6 And one last question to get your view on a topic that has been in the news... Was Barack Obama born in the United States or was he born in another country?

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55	United States
23	Another country
22	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)