**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**

**MARCH 28-April 1, 2012 OMNIBUS**

**Final Questionnaire**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE;] [IF NECESSARY** “Did you follow **[ITEM]** very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?”**]**

a. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy

b. Pope Benedict’s visit to Cuba and Mexico

c. Supreme Court hearings about the 2010 health care reform law

d. Controversy over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, an African American teen in Florida

e. The NCAA basketball tournament

f. News about candidates for the 2012 presidential elections

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very closely

2 Fairly closely

3 Not too closely

4 Not at all closely

9 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.2 Which ONE of the stories I just mentioned have you followed most closely, or is there another story you’ve been following MORE closely? **[DO NOT READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]**

**PRECODES:**

1 Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy

2 Pope Benedict’s visit to Cuba and Mexico

3 Supreme Court hearings about the 2010 health care reform law

4 Controversy over the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, an African American teen in Florida

5 The NCAA basketball tournament

6 News about candidates for the 2012 presidential elections

8 Some other story **(VOL. SPECIFY)**

9Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 Do you think news organizations are giving too much coverage, too little coverage or the right amount of coverage to each of the following? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

a. Supreme Court hearings about the health care reform law

b. The 2012 presidential elections

c. The killing of Trayvon Martin

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES**

1 Too much

2 Too little

3 Right amount

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO PEW.4-PEW.9**

**ASK ALL:**

PEWWP.1 Thinking about the Supreme Court hearings on the 2010 health care law this past week, has what you’ve seen and heard given you a MORE favorable opinion of **[INSERT, RANDOMIZE]**, a LESS favorable opinion of **[INSERT]**, or hasn’t your opinion of **[INSERT]** changed?

a. The Supreme Court

b. The health care law

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 More favorable opinion

2 Less favorable opinion

3 Opinion hasn’t changed

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.10 Thinking about where the political parties stand on important issues, please tell me whether you think **[RANDOMIZE:** the Republican Party OR the Democratic Party**; KEEP PARTIES IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL ITEMS]** is generally more supportive of each of the following. Which party is generally more supportive of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? **Next, [INSERT NEXT ITEM] [IF NECESSARY:** “Which political party is generally more supportive of this?”**]**

a. Reducing the size and scope of the federal government

b. Repealing the 2010 health care reform law

c. Increasing taxes on higher income people to reduce the federal budget deficit

d. Restricting access to abortion

e. Creating a way for immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally to eventually become citizens

f. Reducing the size of the defense budget

g. Expanding the rights of gays and lesbians

h. Allowing drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 The Republican Party

2 The Democratic Party

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE PEW.11-PEW.12**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.11 Which political party uses the donkey as its mascot or symbol? Is it the… **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 The Republican Party

**2 The Democratic Party**

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**RANDOMIZE PEW.11-PEW.12**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.12 The initials “G-O-P” are usually associated with… **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

**1 The Republican Party**

2 The Democratic Party

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don’t know/Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.13 And as I read the names of a few current and past political leaders, please tell me whether each one is a **[RANDOMIZE:** Republican OR a Democrat; **KEEP PARTIES IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL ITEMS]** First, is/was **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** a **[**Republican or a Democrat**]**?

a. Bill Clinton

b. Franklin Roosevelt

c. Ronald Reagan

d. John Boehner

e. Nancy Pelosi

f. John F. Kennedy

g. Abraham Lincoln

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Republican

2 Democrat

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.14 Overall, which party is considered to be the more conservative party on most political issues? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

1 The Republican Party

2 The Democratic Party

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NOTE: ADD IDEOLOGY TO THE DEMOGRAPHICS FOLLOWING PARTY/PARTYLN  
**ASK ALL:**

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ]**

1 Very conservative

2 Conservative

3 Moderate

4 Liberal [OR]

5 Very liberal

9 **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Don't know/Refused