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**2012 METHODOLOGY STUDY**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**Standard Survey: January 4-8, 2012; N=1,507**

**High-effort Survey: January 5-March 15, 2012; N=2,226**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live? **[READ]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Excellent | Good | Only fair | Poor | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 38 | 43 | 14 | 5 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 39 | 44 | 13 | 4 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL** **TREND:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 38 | 43 | 14 | 5 | 1 |
| *Pew Internet & American Life Project* | |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 12-25, 2011 | 38 | 43 | 14 | 4 | 1 |
| Nov 23-Dec 21, 2010 | 38 | 45 | 13 | 4 | 1 |
| *Pew Social & Demographic Trends* |  |  |  |  |  |
| October, 2005 | 41 | 41 | 14 | 4 | 1 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 And, overall are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your personal financial situation?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 65 | 33 | 2 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 65 | 33 | 2 |

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*Pew Research Center’s Social and Demographic Trends*

On the whole, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your personal financial situation?   
**[IF SATISFIED/DISSATISFIED:** Would you say you are VERY satisfied/dissatisfied or   
SOMEWHAT satisfied/dissatisfied?**]**

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--------Satisfied-------- ------Dissatisfied------ Other/

Total *Very* *Somewhat* Total *Very* *Somewhat* DK/Ref

Dec 6-19, 2011 65 *27 38* 33 *17 16* 2

Sept 1-15, 2011 60 *25 35* 37 *18 19* 2

Mar 15-29, 2011 67 *28 39* 31 *14 17* 2

Oct 1-21, 2010 69 *29 40* 28 *14 14* 2

Feb 23-Mar 23, 2009 66 *23 43* 31 *13 18* 3

**NO QUESTIONS 3-4**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 During a typical month in the past year, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors **[READ]**?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Basically every day | A few times a week | A few times a month | Once a month | Not at all | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 20 | 38 | 20 | 10 | 11 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 21 | 37 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Nov 2010 Current Population Survey** | 13 | 28 | 23 | 13 | 19 | 4 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.6 In an average week, about how many days, if any, do you go out in the evenings, either for work or for fun? **[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ CATEGORIES; PROBE FOR SINGLE BEST GUESS; IF R INSISTS ON A RANGE, CODE LOWER NUMBER IN RANGE.]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | None | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref | *Mean* |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 20 | 17 | 19 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 1 | *2.58* |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 16 | 19 | 18 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 2 | *2.69* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 15 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 1 | *2.52* |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 14 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 1 | *2.62* |

**ASK ALL:**

INT1 Do you use the internet, at least occasionally?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 80 | 20 | \* |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 80 | 20 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Oct 2010  Current Population Survey**[[1]](#footnote-1) | 74 | 26 | -- |

**ASK ALL:**

INT2 Do you send or receive email, at least occasionally?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 73 | 27 | \* |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 74 | 26 | \* |

**ASK ALL:**

INT3 Do you access the internet on a cell phone, tablet or other mobile handheld device, at least occasionally?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 54 | 46 | \* |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 52 | 47 | \* |

**INT1/INT2/INT3 COMBINED:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Internet user | Not an internet user |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 83 | 17 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 83 | 17 |

**ASK ALL INTERNET USERS (INT1=1 OR INT2=1 OR INT3=1):**

Q.9 Do you ever... **[INSERT ITEM IN ORDER]**?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref | *Not an internet user* | N |
| a. Use Twitter |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Based on internet users:* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 14 | 86 | \* | *--* | 1,260 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 12 | 87 | \* | *--* | 1,843 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Based on total:* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 12 | 71 | \* | *17* | 1,507 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 10 | 72 | \* | *17* | 2,226 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Use social networking sites, such as Facebook, Google+ or LinkedIn |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Based on internet users:* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 68 | 32 | \* | *--* | 1,260 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 67 | 32 | \* | *--* | 1,843 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Based on total:* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 56 | 26 | \* | *17* | 1,507 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 56 | 27 | \* | *17* | 2,226 |

**NO QUESTION 10**

**ASK ALL:**

We are interested in volunteer activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. We only want you to include volunteer activities that you did through or for an organization, even if you only did them once in a while.

Q.11 In the last 12 months, that is since January 1st of last year, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

**ASK IF HAVE NOT VOLUNTEERED (Q.11=2,9):**

Q.12 Sometimes people don’t think of activities they do infrequently or activities they do for children’s schools or youth organizations as volunteer activities. Since January 1st of last year, have you done any of these types of volunteer activities?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BASED ON TOTAL:** | Yes | No | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 55 | 44 | \* |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort)[[2]](#footnote-2) | 56 | 44 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Sep 2011 Current Population Survey** | 27 | 73 | \* |

**NO QUESTIONS 13-16**

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | More than once a week | Once a week | Once or twice a month | A few times a year | Seldom | Never | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 12 | 23 | 12 | 16 | 14 | 21 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 13 | 21 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 19 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 13 | 24 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 9 | 1 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 13 | 23 | 16 | 19 | 18 | 11 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 12 | 26 | 17 | 20 | 15 | 10 | \* |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 11 | 26 | 17 | 22 | 15 | 9 | \* |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Here are some pairs of statements. For each please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **[INSERT FIRST PAIR; RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**.The next pair is **[INSERT NEXT PAIR]**.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| a. | Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents |  | Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 48 |  | 37 | 15 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 52 |  | 35 | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 46 |  | 44 | 10 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 45 |  | 44 | 11 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 41 |  | 48 | 11 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 40 |  | 52 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 48 |  | 37 | 15 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 45 |  | 44 | 12 |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 *(RVs)* | 44 |  | 42 | 14 |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 42 |  | 45 | 13 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 39 |  | 50 | 11 |
| Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 | 46 |  | 40 | 14 |
| October, 2006 | 41 |  | 41 | 18 |
| March, 2006 | 41 |  | 52 | 7 |
| December, 2005 | 45 |  | 44 | 11 |
| December, 2004 | 45 |  | 44 | 11 |
| June, 2003 | 46 |  | 44 | 10 |
| September, 2000 | 50 |  | 38 | 12 |
| August, 1999 | 46 |  | 44 | 10 |
| October, 1997 | 41 |  | 48 | 11 |
| June, 1997 | 41 |  | 48 | 11 |
| April, 1997 | 38 |  | 52 | 10 |

**Q.17 CONTINUED…**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents |  | Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| June, 1996 | 37 |  | 54 | 9 |
| July, 1994 | 31 |  | 63 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. | Homosexuality should be accepted by society |  | Homosexuality should be discouraged by society | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 56 |  | 32 | 12 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 56 |  | 34 | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 47 |  | 45 | 8 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 51 |  | 43 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 45 |  | 50 | 5 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 48 |  | 46 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 56 |  | 32 | 12 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 58 |  | 33 | 8 |
| October, 2006[[3]](#footnote-3) | 51 |  | 38 | 11 |
| December, 2004 | 49 |  | 44 | 7 |
| June, 2003 | 47 |  | 45 | 8 |
| September, 2000 | 50 |  | 41 | 9 |
| August, 1999 | 49 |  | 44 | 7 |
| October, 1997 | 46 |  | 48 | 6 |
| June, 1997 | 45 |  | 50 | 5 |
| October, 1996 | 44 |  | 49 | 7 |
| April, 1996 | 44 |  | 49 | 7 |
| October, 1995 | 45 |  | 50 | 5 |
| April, 1995 | 47 |  | 48 | 5 |
| October, 1994 | 46 |  | 48 | 6 |
| July, 1994 | 46 |  | 49 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| c. | Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days |  | Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are  mostly responsible for  their own condition | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 21 |  | 60 | 19 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 23 |  | 61 | 15 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 24 |  | 64 | 12 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 25 |  | 62 | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 33 |  | 54 | 13 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 29 |  | 61 | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**Q.17 CONTINUED…**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **FULL TREND:** | Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days |  | Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are  mostly responsible for  their own condition | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 21 |  | 60 | 19 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 26 |  | 60 | 14 |
| Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 | 18 |  | 67 | 15 |
| September, 2005 | 26 |  | 59 | 15 |
| December, 2004 | 27 |  | 60 | 13 |
| June, 2003 | 24 |  | 64 | 12 |
| September, 2000 | 31 |  | 54 | 15 |
| August, 1999 | 28 |  | 59 | 13 |
| October, 1997 | 25 |  | 61 | 14 |
| June, 1997 | 33 |  | 54 | 13 |
| October, 1996 | 28 |  | 58 | 14 |
| October, 1995 | 37 |  | 53 | 10 |
| April, 1995 | 34 |  | 56 | 10 |
| October, 1994 | 34 |  | 54 | 12 |
| July, 1994 | 32 |  | 59 | 9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| d. | Wall Street helps the American economy  more than it hurts |  | Wall Street hurts the American economy  more than it helps | **(VOL.)** Neither/DK |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 36 |  | 48 | 16 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 37 |  | 47 | 16 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 36 |  | 48 | 16 |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 36 |  | 51 | 13 |
| Mar 8-14, 2011 | 38 |  | 47 | 15 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can’t be too careful in dealing with people?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Most people can be trusted | Can’t be too careful in dealing  w/ people | **(VOL.)**Other/ Depends | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 40 | 56 | 2 | 2 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 42 | 55 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **General Social Survey 2010[[4]](#footnote-4)** | 33 | 62 | 5 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 35 | 58 | 4 | 3 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 31 | 62 | 5 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 42 | 54 | 3 | 1 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 43 | 54 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 40 | 56 | 2 | 2 |

**Q.18 CONTINUED…**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Most people can be trusted | Can’t be too careful in dealing  w/ people | **(VOL.)**Other/ Depends | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 35 | 61 | 3 | 2 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010[[5]](#footnote-5) | 36 | 60 | 2 | 1 |
| Jan 14-17, 2010 *Social & Demographic Trends* | 31 | 64 | 4 | 1 |
| Oct, 2006 | 41 | 54 | 3 | 2 |
| Jun, 2003 | 35 | 58 | 4 | 3 |
| Mid-Nov, 2001 | 42 | 55 | 2 | 1 |
| Nov, 1998 | 36 | 57 | 6 | 1 |
| Jun, 1997 | 42 | 54 | 3 | 1 |
| Feb, 1997 | 45 | 52 | 2 | 1 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Smaller government, fewer services | Bigger government, more services | **(VOL.)** Depends | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 52 | 39 | 2 | 7 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 49 | 43 | 1 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 52 | 39 | 2 | 7 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 48 | 41 | 2 | 8 |
| Mar 8-14, 2011 | 50 | 42 | 3 | 5 |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 50 | 42 | 3 | 5 |
| Apr 1-5, 2010 | 50 | 39 | 4 | 8 |
| Feb 3-9, 2010 | 50 | 40 | 3 | 7 |
| Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 51 | 40 | 4 | 6 |
| Mar 9-12, 2009 | 48 | 40 | 3 | 9 |
| Late October 2008 | 42 | 43 | 4 | 11 |
| November 2007 | 47 | 42 | 4 | 7 |
| January 2007 | 45 | 43 | 4 | 8 |
| *LA Times/Bloomberg:* January 2006 | 49 | 38 | -- | 13 |
| *LA Times:* January 2005 | 52 | 36 | -- | 12 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* June 2004 | 50 | 46 | -- | 4 |
| *CBS/NYT:* November 2003 | 45 | 42 | 4 | 9 |
| *CBS/NYT:* July 2003 | 48 | 40 | 5 | 7 |
| *ABC:* November 2002 *(Likely voters)* | 60 | 35 | -- | 5 |
| *Wash Post:* September 2002 | 54 | 39 | -- | 7 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* July 2002 | 53 | 42 | -- | 6 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* January 2002 | 54 | 41 | -- | 5 |
| *CBS/NYT:* January 2002 | 46 | 40 | 3 | 11 |
| *LA Times:* November 2001 | 48 | 41 | -- | 11 |
| *CBS/NYT:* October 2001 | 48 | 39 | 3 | 11 |
| *LA Times:* March 2001 | 59 | 29 | -- | 12 |
| *CBS:* January 2001 | 51 | 36 | 5 | 8 |
| *CBS:* November 2000 | 54 | 31 | 5 | 10 |
| *CBS:* October 2000 | 57 | 32 | 5 | 6 |

**Q.19 CONTINUED…**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Smaller government, fewer services | Bigger government, more services | **(VOL.)** Depends | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* October 2000 *(RV)* | 58 | 32 | -- | 10 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* Early October 2000 *(RV)* | 58 | 33 | -- | 9 |
| *LA Times:* September 2000 *(RV)* | 59 | 26 | -- | 15 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* July 2000 | 59 | 34 | -- | 7 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* April 2000 | 56 | 38 | -- | 7 |
| *CBS:* September 1999 | 46 | 43 | 5 | 6 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* August 1998 | 59 | 35 | -- | 6 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* August 1996 | 63 | 32 | -- | 5 |
| *LA Times:* April 1996 | 62 | 28 | -- | 10 |
| *CBS/NYT:* February 1996 | 61 | 30 | 4 | 5 |
| *LA Times:* October 1995 | 68 | 23 | -- | 9 |
| *LA Times:* September 1995 | 62 | 27 | -- | 11 |
| *LA Times:* January 1995 | 63 | 27 | -- | 10 |
| *LA Times:* June 1993 | 60 | 29 | -- | 11 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* February 1993 | 67 | 30 | -- | 2 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* July 1992 | 55 | 38 | -- | 7 |
| *CBS/NYT:* October 1991 | 42 | 43 | 7 | 8 |
| *CBS/NYT:* January 1989[[6]](#footnote-6) | 41 | 48 | 4 | 7 |
| *CBS/NYT:* October 1988 *(Likely voters)* | 47 | 37 | 7 | 9 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* July 1988 | 49 | 45 | -- | 6 |
| *CBS/NYT:* May 1988 | 43 | 44 | 5 | 8 |
| *ABC/Wash Post:* July 1984 | 49 | 43 | -- | 7 |
| *CBS/NYT:* March 1980 | 54 | 32 | -- | 14 |
| *CBS/NYT:* June 1978 | 53 | 36 | -- | 11 |
| *Wash Post:* January 1978 | 40 | 39 | -- | 21 |
| *CBS/NYT:* November 1976 | 42 | 45 | -- | 13 |
| *CBS/NYT:* October 1976 *(RV)* | 49 | 37 | -- | 14 |
| *CBS/NYT:* September 1976 *(RV)* | 48 | 41 | -- | 11 |
| *CBS/NYT:* June 1976 | 42 | 43 | -- | 15 |
| *CBS/NYT:* May 1976 | 41 | 43 | -- | 16 |
| *CBS/NYT:* April 1976 | 40 | 44 | -- | 16 |

**ASK ALL:**

And a few questions about you…

Q.20 In the last 12 months, that is between January 2011 and now, have you contacted or visited a public official - at any level of government - to express your opinion?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 31 | 69 | \* |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort)[[7]](#footnote-7) | 29 | 71 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Nov 2010 Current Population Survey** | 10 | 88 | 2 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 Do you currently have a valid United States passport, or not?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 45 | 54 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Feb 29, 2012 (High-effort) | 43 | 56 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 45 | 54 | 1 |
| Apr 7-10, 2011[[8]](#footnote-8) | 42 | 57 | \* |
| *CBS/NYT:* November, 2004 | 36 | 64 | -- |
| *CBS/NYT:* May, 1993 | 20 | 79 | 1 |
| *CBS/NYT*: May, 1989 | 23 | 77 | 1 |

**NO QUESTION 22**

**ASK ALL:**

HH1 How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

**[INTERVIEWER NOTE: HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO THINK OF THIS HOUSEHOLD AS THEIR PRIMARY PLACE OF RESIDENCE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE TEMPORARILY AWAY ON BUSINESS, VACATION, IN A HOSPITAL, OR AWAY AT SCHOOL. THIS INCLUDES INFANTS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS.]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | One | Two | Three-Four | Five or more | Mean |
| **2012 methods**[[9]](#footnote-9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 15 | 31 | 39 | 15 | 2.99 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 15 | 32 | 38 | 15 | 2.94 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 14 | 33 | 36 | 16 | 2.54 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 18 | 31 | 38 | 12 | 2.44 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 23 | 31 | 36 | 11 | 2.35 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 19 | 32 | 35 | 13 | 2.42 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 11 | 34 | 40 | 15 | 2.60 |

**ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HH (HH1>1):**

HH3 How many, including yourself, are adults, age 18 and older?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **BASED ON TOTAL:** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | One | Two | Three-Four | Five or more | Mean |
| **2012 methods**10 | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | | 18 | 52 | 26 | 3 | 2.11 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | | 20 | 52 | 25 | 4 | 2.09 |
|  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | | 17 | 53 | 26 | 4 | 2.17 |
|  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods**[[10]](#footnote-10) | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | | 25 | 53 | 21 | 2 | 2.00 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | | 29 | 54 | 17 | 1 | 1.89 |
|  | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | | 29 | 53 | 16 | 2 | 1.90 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | | 15 | 59 | 24 | 3 | 2.15 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 At any time during 2011, did **[IF HH1=1:** you**;** **IF HH1>1:** anyone in this household**]** receive any State or Federal unemployment compensation?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| **2012 methods**[[11]](#footnote-11) |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 11 | 89 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 13 | 87 |
|  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 11 | 89 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 During 2011, did **[IF HH1=1:** you**;** **IF HH1>1:** anyone in this household**]** receive any Social Security payments from the U.S. Government?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| **2012 methods**12 |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 32 | 68 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 33 | 67 |
|  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 27 | 73 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 At any time during 2011, even for one month, did **[IF HH1=1:** you**;** **IF HH1>1:** anyone in this household**]** receive any food assistance from a supplemental nutrition or food stamp program or a food assistance benefit card, such as an EBT card? **[INTERVIEWER NOTE:** do not include benefits from WIC, the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program**]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No |
| **2012 methods**12 |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 17 | 83 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 18 | 82 |
|  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey**[[12]](#footnote-12) | 10 | 90 |
|  |  |  |
| **2003 methods**[[13]](#footnote-13) |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 6 | 94 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 7 | 93 |

**NO QUESTION 26**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 Would you say your health in general is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Excellent | Very good | Good | Fair | Poor | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 20 | 30 | 31 | 12 | 5 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 23 | 27 | 30 | 13 | 5 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey**[[14]](#footnote-14) | 26 | 32 | 27 | 10 | 4 | -- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2010 National Health Interview Survey**[[15]](#footnote-15) | 29 | 31 | 27 | 10 | 3 | \* |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.28 The next question is about cigarette smoking. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your ENTIRE LIFE **[INTERVIEWER NOTE:** 5 packs=100 cigarettes**]**?

**ASK IF HAS SMOKED 100 CIGARETTES (Q.28=1):**

Q.29 Do you NOW smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes, have smoked 100 cig. | *-----------Now smoke…-----------* | | | | No, have not smoked 100 cig. |  |
|  | *Every day* | *Some days* | *Not at all* | ***(VOL.)*** *DK/Ref* | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 47 | *16* | *6* | *24* | *0* | 53 | \* |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 45 | *15* | *6* | *24* | *\** | 54 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2010 National Health Interview Survey** | 41 | *15* | *4* | *22* | *0* | 59 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 50 | *20* | *6* | *24* | *0* | 50 | \* |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 50 | *18* | *5* | *27* | *0* | 50 | \* |

**NO QUESTIONS 30-38**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.39 And how much do you enjoy keeping up with political news about campaigns and elections – a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A lot | Some | Not much | Not at all | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 23 | 34 | 26 | 17 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 27 | 35 | 21 | 16 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 23 | 34 | 26 | 17 | 1 |
| December, 2007 | 26 | 39 | 23 | 11 | 1 |
| Early January, 2004 | 17 | 37 | 29 | 16 | 1 |

**ASK ALL:**

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far? **[INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON’T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1 FOR REGIST AND REGICERT]**

**ASK IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST:**

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BASED ON TOTAL:** | Yes, registered | *Absolutely certain* | *Chance has lapsed* | ***(VOL.)*** *DK/Ref* | No, not registered | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 74 | *71* | *3* | *\** | 26 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 74 | *69* | *5* | *\** | 24 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 76 | *72* | *4* | *\** | 24 | \* |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 73 | *67* | *5* | *1* | 27 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 77 | *73* | *3* | *1* | 22 | 1 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 77 | *72* | *4* | *1* | 22 | \* |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BASED ON CITIZENS:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 78 | *75* | *3* | *\** | 21 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 79 | *74* | *5* | *\** | 19 | 1 |

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*November 2010 Current Population Survey*

ASK IF CITIZEN: In any election, some people are not able to vote because they are sick or busy or have some other reason, and others do not want to vote. Did you vote in the election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010? IF DID NOT VOTE: Were you registered to vote in the November 2, 2010 election?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BASED ON CITIZENS:** | Yes, registered | No, not registered | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **Nov 2010 Current Population Survey**[[16]](#footnote-16) | 75 | 21 | 5 |

**ASK ALL:**

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote...**[READ IN ORDER]**?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,165/1,598]:** | | | | | | | |
|  | Always | Nearly always | Part of the time | Seldom | **(VOL.)** Never vote | **(VOL.)** Other | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 60 | 24 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | \* |
| Jan 5-Feb 29, 2012 (High-effort) | 56 | 28 | 10 | 5 | 1 | \* | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 48 | 36 | 11 | 3 | 1 | \* | 0 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 51 | 34 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 54 | 30 | 10 | 4 | 1 | \* | \* |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 52 | 32 | 10 | 4 | 1 | \* | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full OFTVOTE trend available at <http://www.people-press.org/files/2012/04/OFTVOTE-full-trend.pdf> | | | | | | | |

**NO QUESTIONS 40-77**

**DEMOGRAPHICS FOR HH1, HH3, SEX, AGE, EDUC, RACE, NATIVITY, CITIZENSHIP AND REGION ARE REPERCENTAGED BASED ON THOSE WHO PROVIDED A RESPONSE. DEMOGRAPHICS FOR SEX, AGE, EDUC, RACE, AND REGION ARE WEIGHTED TO ACCOUNT ONLY FOR PROBABILITY OF SELECTION. ALL OTHER DEMOGRAPHICS ARE BASED ON FULLY WEIGHTED DATA THAT ALSO INCLUDES THE POSTSTRATIFICATION ADJUSTMENTS.**

**ASK ALL:**

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

SEX **[ENTER RESPONDENT'S SEX:]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Male | Female |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 48 | 52 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 48 | 52 |
|  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 49 | 51 |
|  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 47 | 53 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 43 | 57 |
|  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 45 | 55 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 42 | 58 |

**ASK ALL:**

AGE What is your age?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| **2012 methods**[[17]](#footnote-17) |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 21 | 29 | 31 | 20 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 18 | 29 | 31 | 22 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 22 | 35 | 25 | 17 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 20 | 39 | 24 | 17 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 16 | 38 | 26 | 19 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 21 | 45 | 17 | 17 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 17 | 46 | 19 | 19 |

**ASK ALL:**

EDUC What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? **[DO NOT READ]**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Less than high school | High school graduate | Some college | College graduate |
| **2012 methods**18 |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 9 | 25 | 27 | 39 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 9 | 27 | 31 | 33 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 13 | 30 | 28 | 28 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods**[[18]](#footnote-18) |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 8 | 33 | 24 | 35 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 11 | 33 | 25 | 32 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 11 | 38 | 23 | 28 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 9 | 34 | 24 | 33 |

**ASK ALL:**

HISP Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino?

RACE Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply. **[READ LIST. RECORD UP TO FOUR RESPONSES IN ORDER MENTIONED BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *-------------Non-Hispanic-------------* | | | |  |
|  | White | Black or African American | Asian or Asian American | Other | Hispanic[[19]](#footnote-19) |
| **2012 methods**[[20]](#footnote-20) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 73 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 11 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 66 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey**[[21]](#footnote-21) | 68 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 14 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 76 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 74 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 11 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 76 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 81 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 6 |

**ASK IF NOT HISPANIC (HISP=2,9):**

USBORN1 Were you born in the United States or in another country?

**ASK IF HISPANIC (HISP=1):**

BIRTH\_HISP Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Born in   U.S.[[22]](#footnote-22) | Born in  another country |
| **2012 methods**[[23]](#footnote-23) |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 88 | 12 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 87 | 13 |
|  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 84 | 16 |

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Were you, either of your parents, or any of your grandparents born in a country other than the United States or Canada?* | | | |
|  | Born in  U.S. or Canada | Born in  another country | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 93 | 6 | 1 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 92 | 7 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 94 | 4 | 2 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 96 | 3 | 1 |

**ASK IF NOT BORN IN US, PUERTO RICO OR US TERRITORIES (USBORN1=2,9 OR BIRTH\_HISP=3,9):**

CITIZEN Are you a citizen of the United States, or not?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BASED ON TOTAL:** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Yes | *Born in U.S* | *Naturalized citizen* | No |
| **2012 methods**[[24]](#footnote-24) |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 95 | *88* | *7* | 5 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 94 | *87* | *7* | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 92 | *85* | *7* | 8 |

**ASK ALL:**

MARITAL Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, never married or living with a partner? **[IF R SAYS “SINGLE,” PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Married | Widowed | Divorced | Separated | Never married | Living w/ partner[[25]](#footnote-25) | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 50 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 22 | 7 | 2 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 48 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 23 | 7 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2010 National Health Interview Survey** | 54 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 21 | 7 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 53 | 9 | 13 | 3 | 22 | -- | \* |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 52 | 9 | 15 | 2 | 22 | -- | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 54 | 7 | 13 | 3 | 23 | -- | \* |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 60 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 20 | -- | \* |

**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?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Rep | Dem | Ind | **(VOL.)** No pref. | **(VOL.)** Other party | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref | *Lean Rep* | *Lean Dem* |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 26 | 31 | 35 | 4 | \* | 4 | *14* | *14* |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 27 | 32 | 32 | 5 | \* | 4 | *12* | *14* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 32 | 31 | 30 | 5 | 1 | 1 | *13* | *13* |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 26 | 30 | 35 | 6 | \* | 3 | *14* | *13* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 28 | 32 | 35 | 3 | \* | 2 | *13* | *15* |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 29 | 34 | 32 | 3 | \* | 2 | *11* | *15* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 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* |

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED…**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Yearly Totals*** | Rep | Dem | Ind | **(VOL.)** No pref. | **(VOL.)** Other party | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref | *Lean Rep* | *Lean Dem* |
| 2011 | 24.3 | 32.3 | 37.4 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 15.7 | 15.6 |
| 2010 | 25.2 | 32.7 | 35.2 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 14.5 | 14.1 |
| 2009 | 23.9 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 3.4 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 |
| 2008 | 25.7 | 36 | 31.5 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 3 | 10.6 | 15.2 |
| 2007 | 25.3 | 32.9 | 34.1 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 10.9 | 17 |
| 2006 | 27.8 | 33.1 | 30.9 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 10.5 | 15.1 |
| 2005 | 29.3 | 32.8 | 30.2 | 4.5 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 10.3 | 14.9 |
| 2004 | 30 | 33.5 | 29.5 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 3 | 11.7 | 13.4 |
| 2003 | 30.3 | 31.5 | 30.5 | 4.8 | 0.5 | 2.5 | 12 | 12.6 |
| 2002 | 30.4 | 31.4 | 29.8 | 5 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 12.4 | 11.6 |
| 2001 | 29 | 33.2 | 29.5 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 11.9 | 11.6 |
| *2001 Post-Sept 11* | *30.9* | *31.8* | *27.9* | *5.2* | *0.6* | *3.6* | *11.7* | *9.4* |
| *2001 Pre-Sept 11* | *27.3* | *34.4* | *30.9* | *5.1* | *0.6* | *1.7* | *12.1* | *13.5* |
| 2000 | 28 | 33.4 | 29.1 | 5.5 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 11.6 | 11.7 |
| 1999 | 26.6 | 33.5 | 33.7 | 3.9 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 13 | 14.5 |
| 1998 | 27.9 | 33.7 | 31.1 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 11.6 | 13.1 |
| 1997 | 28 | 33.4 | 32 | 4 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 12.2 | 14.1 |
| 1996 | 28.9 | 33.9 | 31.8 | 3 | 0.4 | 2 | 12.1 | 14.9 |
| 1995 | 31.6 | 30 | 33.7 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 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 | 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:**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very conservative | Conservative | Moderate | Liberal | Very liberal | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 7 | 28 | 34 | 15 | 8 | 7 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 6 | 30 | 34 | 17 | 5 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 6 | 33 | 36 | 14 | 7 | 4 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 5 | 30 | 40 | 13 | 5 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 7 | 30 | 40 | 14 | 5 | 4 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 5 | 30 | 41 | 15 | 5 | 4 |

**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?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Agree | Disagree | No opinion either way | **(VOL.)** Haven’t heard of | **(VOL.)** Refused | *Not heard of/DK* |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 18 | 25 | 52 | 2 | 3 | -- |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 18 | 22 | 54 | 2 | 3 | -- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FULL TREND:** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 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 | -- |
| Feb 2-7, 2011[[26]](#footnote-26) | 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:**

OWNRENT Do you own or rent your home?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Own | Rent | **(VOL.)** Other arrangement | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 63 | 33 | 3 | 1 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 61 | 34 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 69 | 29 | 1 | -- |
| **2010 National Health Interview Survey**[[27]](#footnote-27) | 62 | 33 | 3 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 70 | 26 | 4 | \* |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 65 | 29 | 5 | 1 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.78 How long have you lived at this address **[OPEN END; DO NOT READ PRECODE LIST]**?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **BASED ON TOTAL:** | Less than 1 year | 1-2 years | 3-4 years | 5 years or more | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 16 | 13 | 13 | 56 | 2 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 14 | 14 | 13 | 59 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **BASED ON CITIZENS:**  **November 2010 Current Population Survey**[[28]](#footnote-28) | 13 | 13 | 12 | 59 | 2 |

**ASK ALL:**

ZIPCODE What is your zipcode?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Region that respondent lives in, based on self-reported zipcode:* | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| **2012 methods**[[29]](#footnote-29) |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 16 | 24 | 36 | 25 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 18 | 22 | 40 | 21 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **March 2011 Current Population Survey** | 18 | 22 | 37 | 23 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **2003 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 4-8, 2003 (Standard) | 18 | 26 | 38 | 18 |
| Jun 4-Oct 30, 2003 (High-effort) | 17 | 23 | 39 | 20 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **1997 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 18-22, 1997 (Standard) | 20 | 26 | 35 | 19 |
| Jun 18-Aug 12, 1997 (High-effort) | 21 | 24 | 36 | 18 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.79 And thinking about this interview, would you say that you enjoyed the interview **[READ]**?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A lot | A little | Not at all | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| **2012 methods** |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 (Standard) | 37 | 51 | 10 | 2 |
| Jan 5-Mar 15, 2012 (High-effort) | 46 | 43 | 7 | 3 |

1. For the 2010 Current Population Survey, an internet user is defined as someone who said yes to either of the following questions: “At home, do you access the Internet?” and “Do you access the Internet at any location outside the home?”. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For the High-effort survey, the month changed from January to February to March when each new month began. In the September 2011 Current Population Survey, both questions read “Since September 1st of last year, have you done…” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. In 2006 and before, both answer choices began “Homosexuality is a way of life that should be…” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. See General Social Survey for complete trend. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. In March 2010, question began, “Thinking about people more generally…” [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. In 1989 and earlier, CBS/NYT question read, “In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services or a bigger government providing more services?” [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. For the High-effort survey, the month changed from January to February to March when each new month began. In the November 2010 Current Population Survey, question read “I am going to read a list of things some people have done to express their views. Please tell me whether or not you have done any of the following in the last 12 months, that is between November 2009 and now: Contacted or visited a public official – at any level of government – to express your opinion?” [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. In April 2011 item was asked as part of a list. In May 1993 survey asked whether respondents had a “valid passport.” [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Results have been repercentaged to exclude those who did not provide a response. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. In 2003 and 1997 question read “How many of these, including yourself, are adults 18 years of age or older?” [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Results have been repercentaged to exclude those who did not provide a response. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. In the March 2011 Current Population Survey, question read “At any time during 2010, even for one month, did (you/anyone in this household) receive any food assistance from [State program name] or a food assistance benefit card [such as State EBT card name)?” [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. In 2003 question read “Did you/anyone in this household get food stamps at any time during 2002?” [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. In the March 2011 Current Population Survey, question was preceded by “An important factor in evaluating a person’s or family’s health insurance situation is their current health status and/or the current health status of other family members.” [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. In the 2010 National Health Interview Survey, this question came after a series of questions asking about various illnesses and ailments. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. For the November 2010 Current Population Survey, those who did not answer the voting supplement are excluded from the analysis. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Results have been repercentaged to exclude those who did not provide a response and based on data weighted to account for probability of selection but not any additional poststratification. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. 2003 and earlier question read “What was the last grade or class that you completed in school?” [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Spanish language interviewing was offered on both the standard and High-effort surveys in 2012 and on the High-effort survey in 2003 but not on the standard survey or on either the standard or High-effort surveys in 1997. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. Results have been repercentaged to exclude those who did not provide a response and based on data weighted to account for probability of selection but not any additional poststratification. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. In the March 2011 Current Population Survey, race question read “I am going to read you a list of five race categories. Please choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be: White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, OR Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander?” In 2003, Hispanic question read “Are you, yourself, of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?” and race question read “What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other?”; if respondent was Hispanic, race question read “Are you white Hispanic, black Hispanic, or some other race?”. In 1997, Hispanic and race questions were the same except Asian was not read. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. Includes those born in Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. Results have been repercentaged to exclude those who did not provide a response. [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. Results have been repercentaged to exclude those who did not provide a response. [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. In 2003 and 1997, “living with a partner” was not offered as an option. [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
26. 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.” [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
27. In the 2010 National Health Interview survey, question read “Is this (house/apartment) owned or being bought, rented, or occupied by some other arrangement by you (or someone in your family)?” [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
28. In November 2010 Current Population Survey, question asked only of citizens; those who did not answer the voting supplement are excluded from the analysis. [↑](#footnote-ref-28)
29. Results are based on data weighted to account for probability of selection but not any additional poststratification. [↑](#footnote-ref-29)