**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**

**NEWS INTEREST INDEX/KNOWLEDGE QUIZ**

**July 1-4, 2010 OMNIBUS**

**FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

**July 1, 2010**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]?** **[IF NECESSARY:** would you say your overall opinion of **[ITEM]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

a. The Republican Party *{4-10 omni}* {QID:x930524-17i}

b. The Democratic Party *{4-10 omni}* {QID:x930524-17h}

c. Congress *{4-10 omni}* {QID:x930524-17k}

d. The Supreme Court *{2-10 omni}* {QID: x930524-17j}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very favorable

2 Mostly favorable

3 Mostly unfavorable

4 Very unfavorable

5 Never heard of **(VOL.)**

8 Can't rate **(VOL.)**

9 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the Supreme Court…

PEW.2 In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is conservative, middle of the road, or liberal? *{4-10; 7-07}* {QID:qid20070701\_q36}

1 Conservative

2 Middle of the road

3 Liberal

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 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 *{June 24-27, 2010}* {QID:NII}

b. The major oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico *{June 24-27, 2010}* {QID:NII}

c. The confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan *{Kagan nomination: May 13-16, 2010; Sotomayor confirmation: Aug 7-10, 2009}* {QID:NII}

d. The issue of immigration *{May 7-10 AZ law; Oct 12-14 2007}* {QID:NII}

e. The arrest of 11 suspected undercover Russian spies working in the U.S. *{Reports about hacking into U.S. electrical grid: April 10-13, 2009; Wen Ho Lee released: Oct 5-8, 2000}* {QID:NII}

f. The current situation and events in Afghanistan *{June 16-20, 2010}* {QID:NII}

**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.4 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.]** {QID:DO NOT INDEX}

**PRECODES:**

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2 The major oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico

3 The confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan

4 The issue of immigration

5 The arrest of 11 suspected undercover Russian spies working in the U.S.

6The current situation and events in Afghanistan

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

9Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.5 How much if anything, have you heard about each of the following? Have you heard a lot, a little or nothing at all? **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**

a. Congressional negotiations on a financial regulation reform bill {QID:NIIHEARD}

b. The death of Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia {QID:NIIHEARD}

c. Larry King announcing he will retire from his CNN talk show in the fall

{QID:NIIHEARD}

d. NBA teams negotiating with free-agent LeBron James {QID:NIIHEARD}

e. A Supreme Court ruling on the constitutionality of state and local gun control laws {QID:NIIHEARD}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 A lot

2 A little [OR]

3 Nothing at all

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about recent economic news …

PEW.6 Are you hearing mostly good news about the economy these days, mostly bad news about the economy or a mix of both good and bad news?*{June 24-27, 2010}* {QID:ECONNEWS}

1 Hearing mostly good news about the economy

2 Hearing mostly bad news about the economy **[OR]**

3 A mix of good and bad

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.7 Thinking about some specific aspects of the nation’s economy… Please tell me if you are hearing mostly good news, mostly bad news or a mix of both good and bad news about each of the following. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** *{May 7-10, 2010}*

* 1. The financial markets {QID:MARKETNEWS}
  2. Real estate values {QID:REALESTNEWS}
  3. Prices for food and consumer goods {QID:PRICENEWS}
  4. The job situation {QID:JOBNEWS}

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Hearing mostly good news

2 Hearing mostly bad news **[OR]**

3 A mix of good and bad

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**READ TO 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.

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.8 Do you happen to know if children born to illegal immigrants in the U.S. are automatically U.S. citizens, or are they NOT automatically U.S. citizens? *{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew8}

**1 Yes they are**

2 No they are not

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.9 Can you tell me who the Prime Minister of Great Britain is? Is it… **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** *{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew9}

**1 David Cameron**

2 Angela Merkel **[PRONOUNCED: MAIR-kl]**

3 Tony Hayward [OR]

4 Richard Branson

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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.10 Do you happen to know who is the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court? Is it… **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**? *{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew10}

**1 John Roberts**

2 John Paul Stevens

3 Thurgood Marshall **[OR]**

4 Harry Reid

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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.11 Was the government bailout of banks and financial institutions, also known as TARP, passed and signed into law under… **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** *{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew11}

**1 President George W. Bush** [OR]

2 President Barack Obama

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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.12 What European country recently received a major bailout from the European Union? Is it… **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** *{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew12}

**1 Greece**

2 France

3 Germany [OR]

4 Poland

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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.13 Do you happen to know who is the current military commander of American forces in Afghanistan? Is it…**[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** *{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew13}

**1 David Petraeus**

2 Wesley Clark

3Stanley McChrystal[OR]

4 Colin Powell

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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.14 Thinking about the major oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico. About how deep is the water where the leaking well is located? **[READ IN ORDER]**… *{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew14}

1 50 feet

2 500 feet

**3 5,000 feet [OR]**

4 50,000 feet

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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.15 Do you happen to know if Congress passed a health care reform bill this year, or not?

*{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew15}

1. **Yes**
2. No
3. Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.16 Do you happen to know if the national unemployment rate as reported by the government is currently closer to **[READ IN ORDER]**? *{1-10}* {QID:qid20090302q9}

1 5%

**2 10%**

3 15%

4 20%

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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.17 The World Cup soccer tournament is being held in what country? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** *{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew17}

**1 South Africa**

2 Ghana

3 Canada **[OR]**

4 South Korea

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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.8 THROUGH PEW.18**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.18 Do you happen to know what Twitter is? Is it… **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

*{new}* {QID:201007wkly04pew18}

**1 An information sharing network**

2 A children’s cartoon character

3 A rock band **[OR]**

4 A new cell phone

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

**ASK ALL:**

SEX. Respondent’s Sex **(DO NOT READ)**

1 Male

2 Female

**ASK ALL:**

AGE. What is your age?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[Record exact age up to age 96]

97 97 or older

99 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

PAR. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 years of age now living in your household?

1 Yes

2 No

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK ALL:**

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

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 Independent

4 No preference **(VOL.)**

5 Other party **(VOL.)**

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5, 8 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:**

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

1 Republican

2 Democrat

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK ALL:**

EDUC. What is the last grade or class you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ BUT CAN PROBE FOR CLARITY IF NEEDED)**

1 None, or grade 1 to 8

2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)

3 High school graduate, Grade 12, or GED certificate

4 Technical, trade or vocational school AFTER high school

5 Some college or university work, but no four-year degree

6 College or university graduate (BA, BS or other four-year degree received)

7 Post graduate or professional schooling after college (including work towards an MA, MS, Ph.D., JD, DDS, or MD degree)

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK ALL:**

HISP. Are you of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

1 Yes

2 No

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK ALL:**

RACE. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? **[IF R SAYS HISPANIC OR LATINO, PROBE:** Do you consider yourself a WHITE (Hispanic/Latino) or a BLACK (Hispanic/Latino)? **IF R DOES NOT SAY WHITE, BLACK OR ONE OF THE RACE CATEGORIES LISTED, RECORD AS “OTHER” (CODE 6)]**

1 White

2 Black or African-American

3 Asian or Pacific Islander

4 Mixed race

5 Native American/American Indian

6 Other (SPECIFY)

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK ALL:**

INC. Last year, that is in 2009, approximately what was your total family income before taxes – just tell me when I get to the right category. **(READ)**

01 Less than $10,000

02 $10,000 to under $20,000

03 $20,000 to under $30,000

04 $30,000 to under $40,000

05 $40,000 to under $50,000

06 $50,000 to under $75,000

07 $75,000 to under $100,000

08 $100,000 to under $150,000

09 $150,000 or over

98 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK IF ANSWERED INCOME “DON’T KNOW/REFUSED” (INC=98,99):**

INC1. It’s important for us to have some information about household finances to make sure our survey is accurate. Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey, can you please tell me if your total household income BEFORE taxes last year was over or under $75,000? **(INTERVIEWER: EXACTLY $75,000 SHOULD BE RECORDED AS PUNCH 1** – “OVER $75,000”**)**

1 Over $75,000

2 Under $75,000

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK IF INCOME UNDER $75K (INC1=2):**

INC2. Was it over or under $50,000? **(INTERVIEWER: EXACTLY $50,000 SHOULD BE RECORDED AS PUNCH 1** – “OVER $50,000”**)**

1 Over $50,000

2 Under $50,000

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK IF INCOME UNDER $50K (INC2=2):**

INC3. Was it over or under $30,000? **(INTERVIEWER: EXACTLY $30,000 SHOULD BE RECORDED AS PUNCH 1** – “OVER $30,000”**)**

1 Over $30,000

2 Under $30,000

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ASK ALL:**

HH1. How many adults, age 18 and over, currently live in your household INCLUDING YOURSELF?

\_\_\_\_ RECORD EXACT NUMBER [RANGE 1-5]

6 6 or more

8 **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused