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JANUARY 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
January 11-16, 2012
N=1502

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

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.1=1,2):

Q.1a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

BASED ON TOTAL:

		Sep 22- Oct 4 <u>2011</u>	Aug 17-21 <u>2011</u>	Feb 22- Mar 1 <u>2011</u>	Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>	Aug 25- Sep 6 <u>2010</u>	Jun 16-20 <u>2010</u>	Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>	Apr 14-21 <u>2009</u>
Jan 11-16 <u>2011</u>									
44	Approve	43	43	51	46	47	48	49	63
27	Very strongly	26	26	32	27	28	29	30	45
15	Not so strongly	15	15	18	16	17	17	15	13
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	5
48	Disapprove	48	49	39	44	44	43	42	26
35	Very strongly	34	38	29	30	32	31	30	18
12	Not so strongly	13	11	10	13	11	11	11	8
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	7	10	10	9	9	10	11

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK 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?

	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>
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	January, 2006	34	61	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	January, 2005	40	54	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	July, 2004	38	55	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	May, 2004	33	61	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	December, 2003	44	47	9
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	October, 2003	38	56	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	<i>April 8, 2003</i>	50	41	9
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	January, 2003	44	50	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	November, 2002	41	48	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	May, 2002	44	44	12
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	January, 2001	55	41	4
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
December, 2008	13	83	4	April, 2000	48	43	9
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	August, 1999	56	39	5
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	January, 1999	53	41	6
August, 2008	21	74	5	November, 1998	46	44	10
July, 2008	19	74	7	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
June, 2008	19	76	5	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
March, 2008	22	72	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	January, 1998	46	50	4
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	September, 1997	45	49	6
October, 2007	28	66	6	August, 1997	49	46	5
February, 2007	30	61	9	January, 1997	38	58	4
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	July, 1996	29	67	4
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	March, 1996	28	70	2
December, 2006	28	65	7	October, 1995	23	73	4
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	June, 1995	25	73	2
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	April, 1995	23	74	3
July, 2006	30	65	5	July, 1994	24	73	3
May, 2006*	29	65	6	March, 1994	24	71	5
March, 2006	32	63	5	October, 1993	22	73	5
				September, 1993	20	75	5
				May, 1993	22	71	7
				January, 1993	39	50	11
				January, 1992	28	68	4

¹ 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>
November, 1991	34	61	5	May, 1990	41	54	5
<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3	January, 1989	45	50	5
August, 1990	47	48	5	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

NO QUESTION 3**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 Looking ahead, so far as you are concerned, do you think that 2012 will be better or worse than 2011?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1993	64	20	16
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1992	61	11	28
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1991	61	31	8
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1990	48	42	10
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1986	53	25	22
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1985	64	20	17
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1984	61	20	19
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1982	50	32	18
<i>Gallup</i> : December, 1981	41	44	15

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:

Q.5F2 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Barack Obama? Just the one word that best describes him. **[OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE].**

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.

<u>Jan 11-16, 2012</u>	<u>Jan 5-9, 2011</u>	<u>January, 2010</u>	<u>Mid-April, 2009²</u>
24 Good	30 Good	25 Intelligent	30 Intelligent
21 Incompetent	25 Trying	21 Inexperienced	29 Good
19 Intelligent	20 Socialist	21 Trying	20 Socialist
17 Socialist	19 Inexperienced	18 Good	17 Liberal
16 Honest	16 Incompetent	15 Socialist	16 Great
16 Trying	14 Great	12 Honest	15 Confident
15 Disappointing	13 Intelligent	12 Unqualified	13 Inexperienced
11 Smart	13 Leader	11 Arrogant	12 Honest
10 Unqualified	12 Liar	11 Fair	12 Trying
9 Inexperienced	11 Strong	11 Incompetent	11 Smart
8 Failure	11 Smart	10 Confident	10 Change
8 Great	10 Determined	10 Different	10 Competent
8 Leader	10 Liberal	10 Strong	10 Excellent
7 Hardworking	9 Disappointing	8 Change	10 Spender/Spending
7 President	9 Honest	8 Great	9 Arrogant
7 Sincere	9 Idiot	7 OK	9 Hope/Hopeful
7 Sucks	8 President	7 Smart	8 Charismatic
6 Arrogant	7 Capable	6 Capable	8 President/Presidential
6 Bad	7 Fair	6 Disappointing	7 Different
6 Competent	6 Alright	6 Excellent	7 Leader
6 Determined	6 Excellent	6 Fake	5 Caring/Cares
6 Hopeful	6 OK	6 Leader	5 Determined
6 Inept	5 Deceitful/Deceptive	6 Liar	5 Efficient
6 Weak	5 Talker	5 Charismatic	5 Strong
5 Brilliant	5 Unqualified	5 Communist	5 Young
5 Capable	4 Arrogant	5 Idiot	4 Ambitious
5 Courageous	4 Dynamic	5 Liberal	4 Awesome
5 Excellent	4 Hope/Hopeful	5 President	4 Capable
5 Fair	4 Naïve	4 Clueless	4 Impressed
5 Ineffective	4 Personable	4 Competent	4 Incompetent
5 Fake	4 Puppet	4 Dedicated	4 Integrity
4 Awesome	4 Weak	4 Determined	4 Naïve
4 Change	(N=766)	4 Dishonest	4 Politician
4 Confused		4 Hopeful	(N=742)
4 Mediocre		4 Integrity	
4 OK		4 Young	
4 Untrustworthy		(N=740)	
(N=748)			

NO QUESTIONS 6-7

² Full trend not shown. Question was also asked in September 2008 and February 2009.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:

Q.8F1 In the long run, do you think Barack Obama will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Too early to tell</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Obama				
Jan 11-16, 2012	27	32	39	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	25	26	47	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	24	21	52	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	27	18	54	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	30	4	65	1
Bush				
January, 2007	24	45	27	4
January, 2006	27	37	32	4
Early October, 2005	26	41	30	3
January, 2005	36	27	35	2
December, 2003	39	20	38	3
Early October, 2002	40	15	44	1
January, 2001	26	15	58	1
Clinton				
January, 1999	44	24	29	3
Early September, 1998	38	24	35	3
February, 1995	18	34	43	5
October, 1994	14	35	48	3
May, 1994	21	26	52	1
January, 1994	21	19	57	3
October, 1993	18	25	56	1
September, 1993	22	22	54	2
August, 1993	13	25	60	2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:

Q.9F2 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Obama Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

	<u>Accomplishments will outweigh failures</u>	<u>Failures will outweigh accomplishments</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Obama			
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	44	12
Bush			
December, 2008	24	64	12
January, 2008	28	59	13
January, 2007	31	53	16
January, 2004	49	36	15
Clinton			
January, 2001	60	27	13
January, 2000	51	37	12
August, 1999	56	38	6
January, 1999	50	34	16
Early September, 1998	52	35	13
Reagan			
<i>Newsweek</i> : May 1987	46	41	13
<i>Newsweek</i> Feb 1987	52	38	10

ASK ALL:

- Q.10 As you may know, Barack Obama will give his annual State of the Union address in a few weeks ... Do you consider this year's State of the Union address to be MORE important than past years', LESS important, or about as important as past years'?

	<u>More important</u>	<u>Less important</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Obama				
Jan 11-16, 2012	36	14	46	5
Jan 20-23, 2011 ³	28	11	53	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	34	11	49	6
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	9	45	7
Bush				
January, 2008	19	27	46	8
January, 2007	32	16	43	9
January, 2006	30	14	47	9
January, 2005	34	9	47	10
Mid-January, 2004	34	9	49	8
January, 2003	52	6	35	7
January, 2002	54	4	36	6
Clinton				
January, 2000	16	22	53	9
January, 1999	27	16	51	6

ASK ALL:

- Q.11 Right now, which is more important for President Obama to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

	<u>Domestic policy</u>	<u>Foreign policy</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>(VOL.) Both</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Obama					
Jan 11-16, 2012	81	9	1	5	4
May 25-30, 2011	77	9	1	9	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	78	11	1	7	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	73	12	1	10	3
January 7-11, 2009 ⁴	71	11	*	14	4
Next President					
September, 2008 ⁵	60	21	*	15	4
May, 2008	61	22	*	15	4
G.W. Bush					
January, 2008	56	31	1	8	4
January, 2007	39	40	1	15	5
August, 2006	50	32	1	12	5
January, 2006	57	25	1	13	4
October, 2005	64	20	1	12	3
Early January, 2005	53	27	1	16	3
January, 2002	52	34	*	11	3
Clinton					
Early September, 1998	56	30	0	11	3
January, 1997	86	7	*	5	2
December, 1994	85	7	2	4	2
October, 1993	76	13	*	7	4

NO QUESTION 12**ASK ALL:**

³ In 1999-2007 and 2010-2011, question began "Now thinking about Barack Obama's/George W. Bush's/Bill Clinton's upcoming State of the Union address..." In 2008, question began "As you may know, George W. Bush will give his annual State of the Union address in a few weeks..."

⁴ January 7-11, 2009, survey asked about "president-elect Obama."

⁵ September and May 2008 surveys asked about priorities for the "next president."

- Q.13 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? 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 Republican Party								
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
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

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
b. The Democratic Party								
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
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
c. Congress								
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

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
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
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

ASK ALL:

Q.14 And how about **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME]** is 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	(VOL.) Can't
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	heard of	rate/Ref
a. Barack Obama								
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. Michelle Obama								
Jan 11-16, 2012	66	33	34	21	10	12	*	12
Mar 8-14, 2011	69	30	39	21	9	12	1	9
Dec 2-5, 2010	62	30	31	27	15	12	1	10
Jun 10-13, 2010	69	31	38	22	9	12	1	9
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	71	33	38	16	8	8	1	11
Jun 10-14, 2009	76	36	39	14	5	9	1	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	76	36	40	13	4	9	1	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	68	28	40	15	4	11	2	15
Mid-September, 2008	56	23	33	25	11	14	2	17
Late May, 2008	43	14	29	21	8	13	4	32
c. Mitt Romney								
Jan 11-16, 2012	31	7	24	45	17	27	9	14
Nov 9-14, 2011	36	7	29	42	16	26	9	12
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	35	11	25	21	9	13	25	18
Jun 10-14, 2009	40	9	31	28	8	20	19	13
Early February, 2008	30	6	24	44	15	29	8	18
January, 2008	31	7	24	43	13	30	8	18
Late December, 2007	29	4	25	35	11	24	17	19
August, 2007	28	5	23	24	7	17	29	19
d. John Boehner								
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.14 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	heard of	rate/Ref
e. Harry Reid								
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

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:

f.F1 Joe Biden								
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	10	28	41	18	22	9	12
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	50	13	36	29	13	16	8	13
Mid-Apr 2009	51	14	37	28	10	18	8	13
Jan 2009	63	22	41	20	7	13	6	11
Mid-Oct 2008	55	20	34	35	10	19	6	10
Early Oct 2008 (callback)	61	20	41	30	10	20	1	8
Late Sep 2008	49	15	34	30	10	20	8	13
Mid-Sep 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14
Apr 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14
Late Oct 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16
Sep 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:

g.F2 Hillary Clinton								
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

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:Q.15F1 This year should the Republican leaders in Washington... **[READ IN ORDER]**

Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u>		Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u> ⁶	Voters Nov <u>2008</u> ⁷
58	Try as best they can to work with Barack Obama to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Republican supporters?	61	55	66
	[OR]			
35	Should they stand up to Barack Obama on issues that are important to Republican supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	33	38	28
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	8	6

TREND FOR COMPARISON:*This year should the Democratic leaders in Washington... [READ]*

	Jan <u>2007</u> ⁸	Nov <u>2006</u>
Try as best they can to work with George W. Bush to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters?	52	54
[OR]		
Should they stand up to George W. Bush on issues that are important to Democratic supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	43	36
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	11

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:Q.16F2 This year should Barack Obama... **[READ IN ORDER]**

Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u>		Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u> ⁹
59	Try as best he can to work with Republican leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters?	65	62
	[OR]		
28	Should he stand up to the Republicans on issues that are important to Democratic supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	28	27
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	11

NO QUESTION 17⁶ In Nov 2010 and before, the question began "Next year..."⁷ November 2008 trend is based on voters, not the general public. The question was rotated and figures are based only on those who received the question first in the rotation.⁸ In January 2007 and November 2006 the question was rotated. Figures are based only on those who received this question first in the rotation.⁹ In Nov 2010 the question began "Next year..."

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?

Jan 11-16

2012

77 Yes, registered
72 Absolutely certain
4 Chance registration has lapsed
* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
23 No, not registered
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent					
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14
Dec 7-11, 2011	23	33	38	3	*	2	12	17
Nov 9-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	1	2	16	15
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	23	33	38	2	1	3	18	16
Aug 17-21, 2011	24	30	40	3	*	3	17	18
Jul 20-24, 2011	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	34	32	4	*	4	13	13
May 25-30, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	15	17
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	25	32	37	3	*	3	17	16
Mar 8-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	17	15
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	16
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	31	39	3	*	2	16	16
Yearly Totals								
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
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
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	--	--	--	--	--

NO QUESTIONS 18-19

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election...

Q.20 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2012? [READ IN ORDER]

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	27	19	16	1
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	30	18	19	1
Nov 9-14, 2011 ¹⁰	36	26	21	15	1
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	29	29	22	19	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	27	30	23	18	1
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	29	27	23	1
May 25-30, 2011	23	30	27	19	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
2008 Presidential Election					
February, 2008	48	29	10	11	2
January, 2008	44	32	11	11	2
December, 2007	35	33	13	18	1
November, 2007	34	35	16	14	1
October, 2007	30	37	17	14	2
September, 2007	27	33	21	17	2
July, 2007	30	38	16	15	1
June, 2007	29	34	20	16	1
April, 2007	26	34	21	17	2
March, 2007	24	36	20	18	2
February, 2007	24	34	22	18	2
December, 2006	23	36	20	20	1

NO QUESTIONS 21-22

¹⁰

In 2011 question read "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2012?" In 2006, and 2007 and, question read "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2008?"

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.23 As I name some possible Republican candidates for president in 2012, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]**

BASED ON REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=527]:

Jan 11-16 2012		Jan 4-8 2012	Dec 7-11 2011	Nov 9-14 2011	Sep 22- Oct 4 2011	Jul 20-24 2011	Mar 8-14 2011	Nov 4-7 2010
31	Mitt Romney	27	21	23	21	21	21	17
16	Newt Gingrich	16	33	16	7	3	11	9
15	Ron Paul	12	8	8	11	9	8	10
14	Rick Santorum	16	3	2	2	1	2	2
5	Rick Perry	6	4	8	16	12	--	--
2	Jon Huntsman	2	3	1	1	2	--	--
2	Other (VOL.) ¹¹	1	*	*	1	1	1	5
--	Michele Bachmann	--	6	5	4	11	--	--
--	Herman Cain	--	--	22	12	8	--	--
--	Sarah Palin	--	--	--	9	11	13	16
--	Tim Pawlenty	--	--	--	--	3	3	5
--	Mike Huckabee	--	--	--	--	--	20	19
--	Mitch Daniels	--	--	--	--	--	2	--
--	Haley Barbour	--	--	--	--	--	2	2
--	Chris Christie	--	--	--	--	--	2	--
4	None (VOL.)	4	10	4	5	5	5	4
6	Too early to tell (VOL.)	5	4	5	5	7	3	--
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	7	5	5	8	7	10

NO QUESTIONS 24-28**ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):**

Q.29 Apart from who you would like to see nominated, which Republican candidate do you think has the best chance of defeating Barack Obama next November? **[OPEN END; RECORD FIRST MENTION ONLY.] [IF PERSON OFFERS MULTIPLE CANDIDATES, PROBE WITH: Which of those do you think has the best chance of defeating Obama?]**

BASED ON REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=527]:

Jan 11-16 2012		Dec 7-11 2011	Nov 9-14 2011	Aug 17-21 2011 ¹²
58	Mitt Romney	28	30	22
11	Newt Gingrich	35	13	4
5	Ron Paul	2	2	3
4	Rick Santorum	1	0	1
3	Rick Perry	2	6	28
*	Jon Huntsman	1	*	1
0	Michele Bachmann	1	1	7
0	Herman Cain	0	18	3
*	Sarah Palin	0	0	9
1	Other (VOL.)	*	2	1
0	All (VOL.)	1	1	0
3	None (VOL.)	4	4	3
16	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	25	21	19

¹¹ Bachmann, Cain, Palin, Pawlenty, Huckabee, Daniels and Barbour were explicitly asked in some previous surveys. Chris Christie was never asked in any surveys. In surveys in which they received less than 1% support, these responses are included in other. Dashes indicate that candidates were not explicitly asked about and received less than 1% support.

¹² In August 2011, question began "Apart from your opinions about the Republican candidates, which one..."

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Now, suppose the 2012 presidential election were being held TODAY and...

Q.30 You had to choose between, **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**, who would you vote for?

ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.30=3,9):

Q.30a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.30]**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1207]:

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 11-16, 2012	45	50	2	4
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	49	1	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	48	1	4

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.31 And suppose Ron Paul was running as a third party candidate. If you had to choose between **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**, who would you vote for?

ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.31=3,9):

Q.31a Do you think you would LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.31]**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1207]:

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Paul</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 11-16, 2012	32	44	18	1	5

Q.30/Q.30a/Q.31/Q.31a TREND FOR COMPARISON:**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:**

	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Barr</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
November, 2008	39	50	1	1	9
Late October, 2008	36	52	3	1	8
Mid-October, 2008	38	52	n/a	n/a	10
Early October, 2008	40	50	n/a	n/a	10
Late September, 2008	42	49	n/a	n/a	9
Mid-September, 2008 ¹³	44	46	n/a	n/a	10
August, 2008	43	46	n/a	n/a	11
July, 2008	42	47	n/a	n/a	11
June, 2008	40	48	n/a	n/a	12
Late May, 2008	44	47	n/a	n/a	9
April, 2008	44	50	n/a	n/a	6
March, 2008	43	49	n/a	n/a	8
Late February, 2008	43	50	n/a	n/a	7

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
November, 2004	45	46	1	8
Mid-October, 2004	45	45	1	9
Early October, 2004	48	41	2	9
September, 2004	49	43	1	7
August, 2004	45	47	2	6
July, 2004	44	46	3	7
June, 2004	46	42	6	6
May, 2004	43	46	6	5
Late March, 2004	44	43	6	7
Mid-March, 2004	42	49	4	5

¹³ After August 2008, June 2004, July 2000, July 1996, June 1992, and June 1988 the question specified vice presidential candidates.

Q.30/Q.30a/Q.31/Q.31a TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
<i>Two-way trial heats:</i>				
June, 2004	48	46	n/a	6
May, 2004	45	50	n/a	5
Late March, 2004	46	47	n/a	7
Mid-March, 2004	43	52	n/a	5
Late February, 2004	44	48	n/a	8
Early February, 2004	47	47	n/a	6
Early January, 2004	52	41	n/a	7
October, 2003	50	42	n/a	8

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
November, 2000	41	45	4	1	9
Late October, 2000	45	43	4	1	7
Mid-October, 2000	43	45	4	1	7
Early October, 2000	43	44	5	*	8
September, 2000	41	47	2	1	9
July, 2000	42	41	6	2	9
Late June, 2000	42	35	2	2	19
Mid-June, 2000	41	42	4	3	10
January, 2000	51	39	n/a	4	6
September, 1999	49	35	n/a	10	6
<i>Two-way trial heats:</i>					
July, 2000	48	46	n/a	n/a	6
Mid-June, 2000	45	46	n/a	n/a	9
May, 2000	46	45	n/a	n/a	9
March, 2000	43	49	n/a	n/a	8
February, 2000	46	45	n/a	n/a	9
December, 1999	55	40	n/a	n/a	5
October, 1999	54	39	n/a	n/a	7
September, 1999	54	39	n/a	n/a	7
July, 1999	53	42	n/a	n/a	5
March, 1999	54	41	n/a	n/a	5
January, 1999	50	44	n/a	n/a	6
Early September, 1998	53	40	n/a	n/a	7

	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
November, 1996	32	51	9	8
October, 1996	34	51	8	7
Late September, 1996	35	51	7	7
Early September, 1996	34	52	8	6
July, 1996	34	44	16	6
March, 1996	35	44	16	5
September, 1995	36	42	19	3
July, 1994	36	39	20	5
<i>Two-way trial heats:</i>				
July, 1996	42	53	n/a	5
June, 1996	40	55	n/a	5
April, 1996	40	54		6
March, 1996	41	53		6
February, 1996	44	52		4
January, 1996	41	53		6
July, 1994	49	46		5

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 1992	34	44	19	3
Early October, 1992	35	48	8	9

Q.30/Q.30a/Q.31/Q.31a TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
June, 1992	31	27	36	6
Two-way trial heats:				
September, 1992	38	53	n/a	9
August, 1992	37	57	n/a	6
June, 1992	46	41	n/a	13
May, 1992	46	43	n/a	11
Late March, 1992	50	43	n/a	7

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Dukakis</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
October, 1988	50	42	8
September, 1988	50	44	6
May, 1988	40	53	7

NO QUESTIONS 32-34

ASK ALL:

- Q.35 I'd like to ask you about priorities for President Obama and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think each should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done. (First,) should **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about... **[INSERT ITEM]? [REPEAT AS NECESSARY TO BE SURE RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS SCALE: should this be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?]**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<u>SUMMARY TABLE</u>						
m.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	86	11	1	1	2
a.F1	Improving the job situation	82	14	1	2	1
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	69	25	5	1	*
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	69	21	5	2	3
o.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	68	26	2	2	1
n.F2	Improving the educational system	65	27	4	3	1
p.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	61	31	5	1	1
d.F1	Changing the federal income tax system to make it more fair	61	29	5	2	3
f.F1	Reducing health care costs	60	30	4	5	1
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	52	38	6	2	2
q.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	52	36	8	2	2
c.F1	Reducing crime	48	37	11	2	2
r.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	44	30	11	10	5
e.F1	Protecting the environment	43	39	15	3	*
v.F2	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington	40	31	18	5	6
s.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	39	36	15	8	2
h.F1	Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration	39	38	17	4	2
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	38	40	14	4	4
l.F2	Improving the country's roads, bridges, and public transportation systems	30	52	15	2	1
k.F1	Reducing military spending	29	39	12	18	3
g.F1	Reforming the campaign finance system	28	35	24	6	7
u.F2	Dealing with global warming	25	35	20	16	4

Q.35 CONTINUED...**FULL TREND:****ASK ITEMS a THRU k OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F1	Improving the job situation					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	82	14	1	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	84	13	*	1	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	81	15	1	1	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	82	15	1	1	1
	January, 2008	61	31	4	2	2
	January, 2007	57	30	10	1	2
	January, 2006	65	28	4	1	2
	January, 2005	68	28	2	1	1
	January, 2004	67	28	3	1	1
	January, 2003	62	32	4	1	1
	January, 2002	67	27	4	1	1
	January, 2001	60	30	6	2	2
	January, 2000	41	35	16	4	4
	July, 1999	54	30	10	3	3
	January, 1999	50	34	10	2	4
	January, 1998	54	32	10	3	1
	January, 1997	66	26	5	2	1
	December, 1994	64	27	5	2	2
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	69	21	5	2	3
	Jan 5-9, 2011	64	27	3	2	4
	Jan 6-10, 2010	60	29	5	2	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	53	33	7	2	4
	January, 2008	58	33	5	1	3
	January, 2007	53	34	7	2	4
	January, 2006	55	35	5	1	4
	January, 2005	56	34	5	2	3
	January, 2004	51	38	6	3	2
	January, 2003	40	44	11	2	3
	January, 2002	35	44	13	3	5
	January, 1997	60	30	5	2	3
	December, 1994	65	26	5	1	3
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	<i>Paying off the national debt</i>					
	January, 2001	54	32	8	2	4
	January, 2000	44	38	11	3	4
	July, 1999	45	41	10	2	2
	January, 1999	42	43	10	1	4
	January, 1998	46	40	9	3	2
c.F1	Reducing crime					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	48	37	11	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	44	43	10	2	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	39	8	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	46	41	9	2	2
	January, 2008	54	36	7	1	2
	January, 2007	62	31	5	1	1
	January, 2006	62	29	6	1	2
	January, 2005	53	39	5	2	1
	January, 2004	53	34	9	2	2
	January, 2003	47	42	8	2	2
	January, 2002	53	39	6	*	2
	January, 2001	76	19	3	2	*
	January, 2000	69	24	4	1	2
	July, 1999	76	20	2	1	1

Q.35 CONTINUED...

		Top <u>priority</u>	Important but lower <u>priority</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Should not <u>be done</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	January, 1999	70	24	3	1	2
	January, 1998	71	25	2	1	1
	January, 1997	70	25	3	2	*
	December, 1994	78	17	2	1	2
d.F1	Changing the federal income tax system to make it more fair Jan 11-16, 2012	61	29	5	2	3
e.F1	Protecting the environment Jan 11-16, 2012	43	39	15	3	*
	Jan 5-9, 2011	40	44	12	3	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	44	42	11	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	41	42	12	3	2
	January, 2008	56	34	8	1	1
	January, 2007	57	32	9	1	1
	January, 2006	57	35	6	1	1
	January, 2005	49	42	8	1	*
	January, 2004	49	40	10	1	*
	January, 2003	39	50	9	1	1
	January, 2002	44	42	12	1	1
	January, 2001	63	30	3	3	1
	January, 2000	54	37	6	2	1
	July, 1999	59	32	7	1	1
	January, 1999	52	39	7	1	1
	January, 1998	53	37	8	1	1
	January, 1997	54	35	8	2	1
f.F1	Reducing health care costs Jan 11-16, 2012	60	30	4	5	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	61	28	4	4	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	57	31	5	4	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	59	30	5	4	2
	January, 2008	69	24	3	3	1
	January, 2007	68	24	4	3	1
	TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
	January, 2006	60	28	6	3	3
	January, 2005	54	33	7	4	2
	January, 2004	50	35	8	4	3
	January, 2003	48	38	7	3	4
	January, 2002	50	37	7	4	2
	Early September, 2001	54	34	5	5	2
	January, 2001	66	22	4	5	3
	January, 2000	56	30	7	3	4
	July, 1999	57	29	7	4	3
g.F1	Reforming the campaign finance system Jan 11-16, 2012	28	35	24	6	7
	January, 2004	24	38	23	8	7
	January, 2002	23	35	28	6	8
	Early September, 2001	29	35	23	8	5
	January, 2001	37	32	18	6	7
	January, 2000	32	34	20	6	8
	July, 1999	28	37	23	7	5
	January, 1999	29	36	21	6	8
	January, 1998	32	34	24	5	5

Q.35 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	January, 1997	31	37	23	5	4
h.F1	Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	39	38	17	4	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	38	12	3	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	40	41	14	2	3
	Jan 7-11, 2009	41	36	18	3	2
	January, 2008	51	32	11	3	3
	January, 2007	55	29	11	3	2
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	69	25	5	1	*
	Jan 5-9, 2011	73	22	3	1	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	80	17	2	*	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	76	18	3	1	2
	January, 2008	74	22	2	*	2
	January, 2007	80	16	2	1	1
	January, 2006	80	18	1	*	1
	January, 2005	75	21	2	1	1
	January, 2004	78	18	2	1	1
	January, 2003	81	16	2	1	0
	January, 2002	83	15	1	*	1
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	38	40	14	4	4
	Jan 5-9, 2011	34	44	13	3	5
	Jan 6-10, 2010	32	46	12	4	7
	Jan 7-11, 2009	31	49	11	2	7
	January, 2008	37	45	11	2	5
	January, 2007	34	46	12	2	6
	January, 2006	30	46	11	5	8
	January, 2005	32	47	13	2	6
	January, 2004	32	47	14	3	4
	January, 2002	25	55	13	2	5
	January, 2001	37	46	8	3	6
	January, 2000	30	48	14	1	7
k.F1	Reducing military spending					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	29	39	12	18	3
ASK ITEMS 1 THRU v FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:						
l.F2	Improving the country's roads, bridges, and public transportation systems					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	30	52	15	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	33	48	16	2	2
m.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	86	11	1	1	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	87	11	1	1	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	1	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	85	12	*	1	1
	January, 2008	75	20	2	1	2
	January, 2007	68	25	4	2	1
	January, 2006	66	26	5	1	2
	January, 2005	75	22	2	*	1
	January, 2004	79	16	2	1	2
	January, 2003	73	23	2	1	1
	January, 2002	71	26	2	*	1

Q.35 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Early September, 2001 ¹⁴	80	18	1	*	1
	January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1
	January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1
n.F2	Improving the educational system					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	65	27	4	3	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	66	26	5	2	1
	Jan 6-10, 2010	65	28	4	2	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	61	30	5	2	2
	January, 2008	66	26	4	2	2
	January, 2007	69	25	4	1	1
	January, 2006	67	26	4	2	1
	January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1
	Mid-January, 2004	71	23	4	1	1
	January, 2003	62	31	4	1	2
	January, 2002	66	27	4	1	2
	Early September, 2001	76	19	3	1	1
	January, 2001	78	17	1	3	1
	January, 2000	77	18	3	1	1
	July, 1999	74	19	4	1	2
	January, 1999	74	22	2	1	1
	January, 1998	78	17	3	2	*
	January, 1997	75	20	3	2	*
o.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	68	26	2	2	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	66	26	4	1	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	66	28	3	2	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	63	31	3	1	2
	January, 2008	64	28	4	2	2
	January, 2007	64	28	5	2	1
	January, 2006	64	28	4	2	2
	January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1
	January, 2004	65	28	4	2	1
	January, 2003	59	34	4	1	2
	January, 2002	62	32	3	1	2
	Early September, 2001	74	22	2	1	1
	January, 2001	74	21	1	2	2
	January, 2000	69	27	2	1	1
	July, 1999	73	23	3	*	1
	January, 1999	71	24	3	1	1
	January, 1998	71	24	4	1	*
	January, 1997	75	20	2	2	1
p.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	61	31	5	1	1
	Jan 5-9, 2011	61	31	4	2	3
	Jan 6-10, 2010	63	30	4	1	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	60	32	5	1	2
	January, 2008	60	33	4	1	2
	January, 2007	63	31	3	1	2
	January, 2006	62	30	4	2	2
	January, 2005	67	29	3	1	*
	January, 2004	62	32	4	1	1

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In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded: "Keeping the economy strong."

Q.35 CONTINUED...

		Top <u>priority</u>	Important but lower <u>priority</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Should not <u>be done</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	January, 2003	56	39	4	*	1
	January, 2002	55	38	5	1	1
	January, 2001	71	24	2	1	2
	January, 2000	64	30	3	1	2
	July, 1999	71	24	3	1	1
	January, 1999	62	33	2	1	2
	January, 1998	64	31	3	1	1
	January, 1997	64	31	3	1	1
q.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	52	36	8	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	52	36	8	2	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	53	38	6	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	50	39	6	3	2
	January, 2008	51	37	7	2	3
	January, 2007	55	36	6	2	1
	January, 2006	55	36	6	1	2
	January, 2005	59	34	5	1	1
	January, 2004	50	42	6	1	1
	January, 2003	48	45	5	1	1
	January, 2002	44	46	7	2	1
	January, 2001	63	28	6	1	2
	January, 2000	55	38	4	1	2
	July, 1999	60	33	5	1	1
	January, 1999	57	37	4	1	1
	January, 1998	57	34	6	2	1
	January, 1997	57	35	6	2	*
r.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	44	30	11	10	5
	Jan 5-9, 2011	43	30	12	9	6
	Jan 6-10, 2010	45	31	13	7	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	45	29	16	6	4
	January, 2008	43	31	13	8	5
	January, 2007	47	30	12	8	3
	January, 2006	47	26	14	9	4
	January, 2005	41	32	14	10	3
	January, 2004	45	31	13	9	2
	January, 2003	39	34	16	7	4
	January, 2002	45	32	12	7	4
	January, 2001	51	27	10	7	5
	January, 2000	48	34	9	6	3
	July, 1999	55	28	8	5	4
	January, 1999	50	31	10	5	4
	January, 1998	48	31	13	6	2
	January, 1997	52	29	10	6	3
s.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	39	36	15	8	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	43	35	14	6	3
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	35	10	5	1
	Jan 7-11, 2009	44	39	8	4	5
	January, 2008	42	38	12	5	3
	January, 2007	46	35	10	5	4
	January, 2006	42	36	13	6	3
	January, 2005	52	35	8	3	2
	January, 2004	48	31	15	5	1
	January, 2003	48	34	11	4	3

Q.35 CONTINUED...

		Top <u>priority</u>	Important but lower <u>priority</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Should not <u>be done</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	January, 2002	52	37	7	2	2
	January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	52	38	6	2	2
	Jan 5-9, 2011	50	39	7	2	2
	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	39	7	2	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	60	32	5	1	2
	January, 2008	59	32	6	1	2
	January, 2007	57	35	6	1	1
	January, 2006	58	33	6	1	2
	January, 2005	47	42	7	1	3
	January, 2004	46	41	10	1	2
	January, 2003	40	46	10	1	3
	January, 2002	42	46	7	2	3
	Early September, 2001 ¹⁵	46	41	6	2	5
u.F2	Dealing with global warming					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	25	35	20	16	4
	Jan 5-9, 2011	26	35	21	14	4
	Jan 6-10, 2010	28	36	20	14	2
	Jan 7-11, 2009	30	37	19	10	4
	January, 2008	35	38	15	7	5
	January, 2007	38	34	16	8	4
v.F2	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington					
	Jan 11-16, 2012	40	31	18	5	6
	Jan 5-9, 2011	37	31	19	6	7
	Jan 6-10, 2010	36	34	18	7	6
	Jan 7-11, 2009	36	34	18	5	7
	January, 2008	39	32	16	4	9
	January, 2007	35	30	23	4	8

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In Early September 2001 the item was worded: "Passing a comprehensive energy plan."

ASK ALL:

Thinking about foreign policy...

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:

Q.36F2 What country in the world, if any, represents the greatest danger to the United States? **[OPEN END; DO NOT READ ITEMS; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION. IF MULTIPLE MENTIONS ONLY RECORD EXPLANATION IF NECESSARY FOR CLARIFICATION. IF RESPONDENT SAYS "KOREA" PROBE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY MEAN NORTH OR SOUTH KOREA]**

Jan 11-16 2012		Jan Oct 28- Mid-					Late Early		Sep 1993	Apr 1993	Jan 1993	Feb 1992	Mar 1990
		5-9 2011	Nov 8 2009	Sep 2008	Feb 2007	Feb 2006	Oct 2005	Sep 2001					
28	Iran	12	21	21	25	27	9	5	7	7	6	4	6
22	China	20	11	16	14	20	16	32	11	7	9	8	8
8	North Korea	18	10	6	17	11	13	1	1	--	--	--	--
7	Iraq	8	14	13	19	17	18	16	18	14	17	12	--
5	Afghanistan	10	14	5	2	1	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
3	United States	4	5	4	5	5	7	2	--	6	6	3	4
2	Mexico	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2	Russia ¹⁶	2	2	14	2	3	2	9	8	16	13	13	32
1	Pakistan	4	3	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	South Korea	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Israel	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Japan	1	--	1	1	1	1	3	11	9	8	31	8
4	Other	4	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	None/Not just one country	3	4	5	3	2	8	2	6	12	9	5	6
13	Don't know/Refused	17	16	14	13	10	17	20	24	17	21	13	13

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:

Q.37F1 Compared with the past, would you say the U.S. is MORE respected by other countries these days, LESS respected by other countries, or AS respected as it has been in the past?

ASK IF LESS RESPECTED (Q.37F1=2):

Q.38F1 Do you think less respect for America is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?

Jan 11-16 2012		(RV)					Late		Newsweek	
		Nov 12-15 2009	Mid-Sep 2008	May 2008	Aug 2006	Oct 2005	July 2004	May 1987 ¹⁷	Jan 1984	
13	More respected	21	5	7	7	9	10	19	27	
56	Less respected	56	70	71	65	66	67	55	36	
40	Major problem	38	48	56	48	43	43	--	--	
12	Minor problem	14	19	11	14	18	19	--	--	
4	Not a problem	4	2	3	2	4	4	--	--	
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1	1	1	1	1	--	--	
27	As respected as in the past	20	22	18	23	21	20	23	29	
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3	4	5	4	3	3	8	

NO QUESTION 39

¹⁶ In November 2009 and before, Russia also included mentions of the former Soviet Union.

¹⁷ In May 1987 the question asked "Compared to five years ago, would you say the U.S. is more respected by other countries, less respected by other countries, or as respected as it was five years ago by other countries?" In January 1984, the Newsweek question asked "Compared to four years ago..."

ASK ALL:

Now, thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues...

Q.40 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	The economy			
	Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
	Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
	Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
	May 2, 2011	40	55	4
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
	Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
	Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
	May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
	Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
	Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
	Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
	Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
	Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
	Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:

b.F1	The federal budget deficit			
	Jan 11-16, 2012	34	62	5
	Nov 9-14, 2011	34	57	9
	Aug 17-21, 2011	32	60	8
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	33	59	8
	Jan 6-9, 2011	35	53	12
	Jun 16-20, 2010	35	56	9
	Jan 6-10, 2010	32	58	11
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	58	11
	Jul 22-26, 2009	32	53	15
	April 14-21, 2009	50	38	12
c.F1	The environment			
	Jan 11-16, 2012	49	36	15
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	51	35	14
d.F1	Dealing with Iran			
	Jan 11-16, 2012	48	41	11
	Jan 6-9, 2011	42	39	19
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	43	19
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	40	17
dd.F1	The situation in Afghanistan			
	Jan 11-16, 2012	56	37	7
	May 2, 2011	60	29	11
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	43	45	11
	Jan 6-9, 2011	44	42	13
	Jun 16-20, 2010	45	46	9
	Apr 21-26, 2010	41	42	17
	Mar 10-14, 2010	51	35	15
	Jan 6-10, 2010	45	43	12
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	49	15
	Jul 22-26, 2009	47	33	19

Q.40 CONTINUED...

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:				
e.F2	The nation's foreign policy			
	Jan 11-16, 2012	46	45	10
	Nov 9-14, 2011	46	40	13
	Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
	Mar 10-14, 2010	42	40	18
	Jan 6-10, 2010	44	40	16
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	38	18
	Jul 22-26, 2009	47	32	21
	Jun 10-14, 2009	57	31	12
	Apr 14-21, 2009	61	22	17
	Feb 4-8, 2009	52	17	31
f.F2	Energy policy			
	Jan 11-16, 2012	36	46	18
	Nov 9-14, 2011	44	38	18
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	44	16
	Jan 6-9, 2011	46	37	18
	Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
	Apr 21-26, 2010	43	34	23
	Jan 6-10, 2010	45	35	20
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	50	34	16
	Jul 22-26, 2009	46	31	22
g.F2	The threat of terrorism			
	Jan 11-16, 2012	65	28	7
	Aug 17-21, 2011	56	33	12
	May 2, 2011	69	21	10
	Jan 6-9, 2011	55	33	12
	Jan 6-10, 2010	51	39	10
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 ¹⁸	52	34	14
	Apr 14-21, 2009	57	26	17
	Feb 4-8, 2009	50	21	29

ASK ALL:

Q.41 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Barack Obama. (First,) does Barack Obama impress you as... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?

NO ITEM a.

			Aug 17-21 <u>2011</u>	May 25-30 <u>2011</u>	Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>	Jun 16-20 <u>2010</u>	Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>	Sep 10-15 <u>2009</u>	Feb 4-8 <u>2009</u>
	Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u>								
b.	46	Able to get things done	44	55	54	55	57	58	70
	50	Not able to get things done	50	38	38	39	35	31	15
	2	Neither particularly (VOL.)	2	3	3	2	3	3	2
	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	5	5	4	5	8	13
c.	52	A strong leader	49	58	53	53	62	65	77
	45	Not a strong leader	47	37	41	42	32	29	13
	2	Neither particularly (VOL.)	1	1	2	2	2	2	1
	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3	4	3	3	5	9

¹⁸ In surveys conducted in, 2009, the item was worded "Terrorist threats."

Q.41 CONTINUED...

Jan 11-16 2012		Aug 17-21 2011	May 25-30 2011	Jan 5-9 2011	Jun 16-20 2010	Jan 6-10 2010	Sep 10-15 2009	Feb 4-8 2009
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:								
d.F1								
75	Stands up for what he believes in	71	75	77	--	--	--	--
19	Doesn't stand up for what he believes in	22	18	16	--	--	--	--
1	Neither particularly (VOL.)	1	1	1	--	--	--	--
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	5	5	--	--	--	--
e.F1								
71	Warm and friendly	70	73	70	68	77	78	87
23	Cold and aloof	22	20	23	26	16	16	8
2	Neither particularly (VOL.)	3	1	2	4	3	2	2
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	5	5	2	4	4	3
f.F1								
69	Well informed	63	67	64	67	69	70	79
28	Not well informed	33	27	31	30	26	23	15
1	Neither particularly (VOL.)	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	4	2	4	4	5
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=748]:								
g.F2								
43	Liberal	--	40	--	--	42	44	38
37	Middle of the road [OR]	--	32	--	--	36	36	40
13	Conservative	--	16	--	--	14	9	13
1	None particularly (VOL.)	--	3	--	--	1	2	2
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	--	9	--	--	7	9	7
h.F2								
78	A good communicator	75	75	75	77	83	83	92
20	Not a good communicator	22	20	21	20	14	13	6
*	Neither particularly (VOL.)	1	1	1	2	1	1	*
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	3	4	1	2	3	2
i.F2								
61	Someone who cares about people like me	63	64	60	60	64	68	81
35	Someone who doesn't care about people like me	31	30	34	35	30	25	14
1	Neither particularly (VOL.)	1	*	1	2	1	1	1
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	5	5	3	4	6	4
j.F2								
61	Trustworthy	59	62	58	58	61	64	76
36	Not trustworthy	37	31	36	37	31	30	15
*	Neither particularly (VOL.)	1	2	2	1	2	2	1
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	5	4	3	5	5	8

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:

Q.42F1 When it comes to national policy, who do you think Barack Obama is listening to more... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	Liberal members of his party	Moderate members of his party	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 11-16 2012	42	41	18
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	34	20
Feb 3-9, 2010	44	35	21
Dec 9-13, 2009	43	31	25
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	44	32	24
Jul 22-26, 2009	41	31	27
Jun 10-14, 2009	39	35	26
Apr 14-21, 2009	40	33	27
Mar 9-12, 2009	44	30	26
Jan 7-11, 2009	34	44	22

ASK ALL:

Q.43 Thinking about the future of the U.S. military, do you think a smaller military will reduce effectiveness, or do you think a smaller military can be just as effective in facing future challenges?

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44 Smaller military reduces effectiveness
 45 Smaller military can be just as effective
 3 Depends **(VOL.)**
 8 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

NO QUESTIONS 44-49**RANDOMIZE Q.50/Q.51 IN BLOCK WITH Q.52/Q.53 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about the nation's economy...

Q.50 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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

Q.50 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ¹⁹	2	29	42	26	1

RANDOMIZE Q.50/Q.51 IN BLOCK WITH Q.52/Q.53 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 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>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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

¹⁹ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.51 CONTINUED...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

RANDOMIZE Q.50/Q.51 IN BLOCK WITH Q.52/Q.53 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about your own personal finances...

Q.52 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>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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

Q.52 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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.50/Q.51 IN BLOCK WITH Q.52/Q.53 BLOCK

ASK ALL:

Q.53 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>	<u>(VOL.) Stay the same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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
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.54 Overall, which of the following best describes how the recession affected your own personal financial situation? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 3; KEEP OPTION 2 SECOND]**

Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u>		Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>	Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>
36	It had a major effect, and your finances have not recovered	40	36
28	It had a major effect, but your finances have mostly recovered	24	25
33	It didn't have a major effect on your finances	34	37
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1

ASK ALL:

Q.55 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>
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 ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):

Q.56 Regardless of who you may support for the Republican nomination in 2012, who do you think would do the best job of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; IF "Don't know" PROBE ONCE WITH: "In general, which Republican candidate do you think would do the best job"]? And how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Who do you think would do the best job of [ITEM]?] [READ AND RANDOMIZE NAMES FOR EACH RESPONDENT, BUT KEEP SAME ORDER ACROSS ITEMS. AFTER LIST OF NAMES IS READ FOR FIRST ITEM, IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS NAME, INTERVIEWER CAN ACCEPT NAME AND DOES NOT HAVE TO READ FULL LIST OF NAMES]:

BASED ON REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=527]:

a. Reducing the federal budget deficit

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29	Mitt Romney
20	Newt Gingrich
19	Ron Paul
7	Rick Santorum
5	Rick Perry
1	Jon Huntsman
1	All/Multiple (VOL.)
1	Other/None (VOL.)
17	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO ITEM b.

c. Improving job opportunities for Americans

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2012

33	Mitt Romney
14	Ron Paul
12	Newt Gingrich
9	Rick Santorum
9	Rick Perry
2	Jon Huntsman
1	All/Multiple (VOL.)
3	Other/None (VOL.)
16	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

d. Dealing with immigration

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Rep/Rep-leaning RVs

Nov

2007

Jan 11-16

2012

18	Newt Gingrich
17	Mitt Romney
14	Ron Paul
14	Rick Perry
8	Rick Santorum
2	Jon Huntsman
*	All/Multiple (VOL.)
2	Other/None (VOL.)
25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

21	Rudy Giuliani
17	John McCain
10	Fred Thompson
8	Mike Huckabee
7	Mitt Romney
3	Ron Paul
2	Tom Tancredo
2	Duncan Hunter
1	All/Multiple (VOL.)
4	Other/None (VOL.)
25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q.56 CONTINUED...

e. Reflecting your views on social issues like abortion

TREND FOR COMPARISON:***Rep/Rep-leaning RVs***

Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u>		Nov <u>2007</u> ²⁰	
20	Rick Santorum	20	Rudy Giuliani
18	Mitt Romney	12	Mitt Romney
14	Ron Paul	12	Mike Huckabee
12	Newt Gingrich	10	Fred Thompson
6	Rick Perry	10	John McCain
1	Jon Huntsman	2	Ron Paul
1	All/Multiple (VOL.)	1	Duncan Hunter
3	Other/None (VOL.)	1	Tom Tancredo
26	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	All/Multiple (VOL.)
		5	Other/None (VOL.)
		20	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):

Q.57 And thinking about foreign policy, which Republican candidate do you trust most to handle America's foreign policy? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

BASED ON REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=527]:

Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u>	
33	Newt Gingrich
25	Mitt Romney
10	Ron Paul
8	Rick Santorum
4	Rick Perry
4	Jon Huntsman
*	All/Multiple (VOL.)
1	Other/None (VOL.)
15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):

Q.58 And are there any Republican candidates who you do not trust to handle America's foreign policy? **[OPEN END; RECORD UP TO THREE MENTIONS. IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "YES" PROBE FOR CANDIDATE NAME]**

BASED ON REPUBLICAN/REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=527]:

Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u>	
32	Ron Paul
10	Newt Gingrich
7	Rick Perry
4	Rick Santorum
4	Mitt Romney
3	Jon Huntsman
25	None
1	Other
20	Don't know/Refused

Figures add to more than 100% because of multiple responses.

²⁰

In 2007, item read "Reflecting your views on social issues like abortion and gay rights."

ASK ALL:

Q.59 How much, if anything, have you heard about a 2010 Supreme Court decision allowing corporations and individuals to spend as much as they want on political ads for or against candidates as long as they don't coordinate with the candidates or campaigns. Have you heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all about this?

Jan 11-16

2012

15	A lot
35	A little
50	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q59=1,2):

Q.60 How much is this decision affecting the 2012 presidential campaign? [READ]

BASED ON TOTAL:		BASED ON HEARD A LOT/LITTLE:	
Jan 11-16		Jan 11-16	
<u>2012</u>		<u>2012</u>	
25		51	A lot
16		33	A little
5		10	Not at all
3		5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
51		--	Heard nothing/DK/Ref
N	1502	803	

ASK IF HAVING AN EFFECT (Q60=1,2):

Q.61 Do you think the effect on the campaign is positive or negative?

BASED ON TOTAL:		BASED ON HEARD A LOT/LITTLE:		BASED ON HAVING AN EFFECT:	
Jan 11-16		Jan 11-16		Jan 11-16	
<u>2012</u>		<u>2012</u>		<u>2012</u>	
9		19		22	Positive effect
30		61		72	Negative effect
1		2		3	Mixed (VOL.)
1		3		3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
8		16		--	No effect/DK/Ref
51		--		--	Heard nothing/DK/Ref
N	1502	803		668	

NO QUESTIONS 62-63

Thinking about IRAN...

ASK ALL:

Q.64 How much, if anything, have you heard about recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf? [READ]

Jan 11-16

2012

42	A lot
41	A little
15	Nothing at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q.64 CONTINUED...**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute about Iran's nuclear program?
Have you heard...[READ]*

Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>		Sep <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u> ²¹
41	A lot	41	32
41	A little	44	46
18	Nothing at all	14	21
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

ASK ALL:

Q.65 In your opinion, which is more important **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 11-16

2012

50	To take a firm stand against Iranian actions [OR]
41	To avoid a military conflict with Iran
1	Neither (VOL.)
2	Both (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In your opinion, which is more important [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	
61	To prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, even if it means taking military action [OR]
24	To avoid a military conflict with Iran, even if it means they may develop nuclear weapons
4	Neither (VOL.)
1	Both (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 66-67**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about Afghanistan

Q.68 How well is the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	45	26	11	8
Jun 15-19, 2011	10	43	28	12	7
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	43	29	15	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	8	39	28	15	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	9	40	31	9	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	8	40	32	13	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	43	22	13	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	39	32	11	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	4	32	41	16	6
Jan 7-11, 2009	7	38	34	11	10
February, 2008	10	38	31	10	11

²¹

In February 2006, question was worded "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this ..."

ASK ALL:

Q.69 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should remove troops as soon as possible?

	Keep troops in Afghanistan	Remove troops	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	56	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	39	56	4
May 5-8, 2011	43	49	8
May 2, 2011	47	48	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 ²²	44	50	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	44	47	8
Jul 8-11, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	40	6
Apr 15-May 5, 2010 (GAP)	48	45	7
Sep 10-15, 2009 (GAP)	50	43	7
June, 2009 (GAP)	57	38	5
Mid-Sept, 2008	61	33	6
April, 2008 (GAP)	50	44	6
Late Feb, 2008	61	32	7
May, 2007 (GAP)	50	42	7

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
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 ²³	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

²² In surveys conducted March 30-April 3, 2011 and before, the question was worded "Do you think the U.S. and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible?"

²³ 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."