

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2012 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**TOPLINE**  
**September 12-16, 2012**  
**N=3,019**

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	70	4	23	2	1
Jul 16-26, 2012	61	5	28	6	1
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	65	3	29	3	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	67	1	30	2	1
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	61	2	33	3	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	64	2	30	4	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	66	2	30	1	1
<b>2008 Election</b>					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2
<b>2004 Election</b>					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
<b>2000 Election</b>					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
<b>1996 Election</b>					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*

## THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
<b>1992 Election</b>					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1
<b>1988 Election</b>					
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0
<i>Gallup</i> : August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0

## ASK ALL:

CAMPN11 How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2012 presidential election... very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:

	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too <u>closely</u>	Not at all <u>closely</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	44	34	15	7	*
<b>2008 Election</b>					
November, 2008	56	33	8	3	*
Late October, 2008	53	33	9	4	1
Mid-October, 2008	54	35	7	4	*
Mid-September, 2008	50	38	8	4	*
<b>2004 Election</b>					
November, 2004	52	36	8	4	*
<b>2000 Election</b>					
November, 2000	39	44	12	5	*
<b>1996 Election</b>					
November, 1996	34	45	15	6	*
<b>1992 Election</b>					
October, 1992	55	36	7	2	0

## ASK ALL:

REG Which of these statements best describes you? [READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1]

Sep 12-16

2012

72	Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address
5	Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed
23	Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:

Sep 12-16

2012

85	Yes
15	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

FOLGOV Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs [READ]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Sep 12-16, 2012	60	26	10	4	*
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	55	28	11	5	1
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	57	28	11	4	*
Oct 27-30, 2010	56	29	10	5	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	59	27	10	4	*
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 <sup>1</sup>	62	25	9	4	*
January, 2007	61	27	8	4	*
November, 2006	58	26	10	6	*
Late October, 2006	57	30	8	5	*
December, 2005	54	29	12	5	0
December, 2004	49	35	12	4	*
November, 2004	61	27	9	3	*
Mid-October, 2004	63	26	8	3	*
June, 2004	49	35	11	4	*
August, 2003	56	31	10	3	*
November, 2002	57	26	11	6	1
August, 2002	60	29	8	2	0
March, 2001	55	26	11	7	1
Early November, 2000	51	32	12	5	*
September, 2000	51	34	10	4	1
June, 2000	45	31	15	8	*
Late September, 1999	46	32	17	5	*
August, 1999 (GP)	40	35	17	8	*
November, 1998	52	27	11	9	*
Late October, 1998	57	29	10	4	*
Early October, 1998	51	33	11	5	*
Early September, 1998	52	33	11	4	*
June, 1998	42	33	18	7	*
November, 1997	47	34	14	4	*
November, 1996	52	32	12	4	*
October, 1996	43	37	13	6	1
June, 1996	47	34	14	5	*
October, 1995	52	34	11	4	*
April, 1995	49	34	13	4	*
November, 1994	57	30	10	3	*
October, 1994	52	34	10	4	0
July, 1994	51	32	13	4	*
May, 1990	43	36	15	6	*
February, 1989 (GP)	47	34	14	4	1
October, 1988	52	33	12	3	*
May, 1988 (GP)	37	37	17	6	3
January, 1988	42	35	17	5	2
November, 1987 (GP)	49	32	14	4	1
May, 1987	47	35	13	5	1
July, 1985	41	34	18	7	1

**NO QUESTIONS 1-4**

<sup>1</sup> In the Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 2010 survey, a wording experiment was conducted with one half of respondents asked the question wording shown above, the other half was asked: "Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...?" No significant differences were found between questions and the combined results are shown above. All survey prior to Sept. 2010 used the longer question wording.

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.5 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote [READ AND RANDOMIZE: for the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden OR the Republican ticket of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan]?

**ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.5=3-9):**

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.5]?

**ASK IF CHOSE ROMNEY OR OBAMA (Q.5=1,2):**

Q.5b Do you support [INSERT LAST NAME OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CHOSEN IN Q.5; DO NOT READ VP CHOICE] strongly or only moderately?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	24	18	*	51	35	16	*	7
Jul 16-26, 2012	41				51				7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	43	15	28	1	50	32	18	*	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	46	17	27	1	50	30	20	*	5
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	42				49				9
Apr 4-15, 2012	45				49				6
Mar 7-11, 2012	42				54				4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44				52				4
Jan 11-16, 2012	45				50				6
Nov 9-14, 2011	47				49				4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48				48				4

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:  
BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS**

	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Barr</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
November, 2008	39	21	18	*	50	35	14	1	1	1	9
Late October, 2008	36	20	15	1	52	39	12	1	3	1	8
Mid-October, 2008	38	21	16	1	52	36	16	*	n/a	n/a	10
Early October, 2008	40	21	18	1	50	36	14	*	n/a	n/a	10
Late September, 2008	42	23	19	*	49	33	15	1	n/a	n/a	9
Mid-September, 2008 <sup>2</sup>	44	25	19	*	46	30	15	1	n/a	n/a	10
August, 2008	43	17	26	*	46	27	19	*	n/a	n/a	11
July, 2008	42	17	24	1	47	24	22	1	n/a	n/a	11
June, 2008	40	14	26	*	48	28	19	1	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>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
November, 2004	45	34	11	*	46	29	16	1	1	8
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	13	*	45	28	16	1	1	9
Early October, 2004	48	35	12	1	41	24	17	*	2	9
September, 2004	49	33	15	1	43	22	20	1	1	7
August, 2004	45	32	13	*	47	28	19	*	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
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>										
June, 2004	48				46				n/a	6
May, 2004	45				50				n/a	5

<sup>2</sup> After August 2008, June 2004, July 2000, July 1996, June 1992, and June 1988 the question specified vice presidential candidates.

## Q.5-Q.5b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Bush</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Kerry</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Nader</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		
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>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Gore</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>			
November, 2000	41	26	15	*	45	25	19	1	4	1	9
Late October, 2000	45	29	16	*	43	24	19	*	4	1	7
Mid-October, 2000	43	25	18	*	45	22	23	*	4	1	7
Early October, 2000	43	26	17	*	44	22	22	*	5	*	8
September, 2000	41	21	19	1	47	25	21	1	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
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6
Mid-June, 2000	45	20	25	*	46	18	27	1	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	19	27	*	45	18	26	1	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>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		
November, 1996	32	17	15	*	51	26	24	1	9	8
October, 1996	34	17	16	1	51	25	26	*	8	7
Late September, 1996	35	16	18	1	51	26	25	*	7	7
Early September, 1996	34	17	17	*	52	26	26	0	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
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>										
July, 1996	42	11	30	*	53	20	31	1	n/a	5
June, 1996	40	13	23	1	55	22	29	1	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

## Q.5-Q.5b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 1992	34	20	14	--	44	26	18	--	19	3
Early October, 1992	35	14	21	--	48	23	25	--	8	9
June, 1992	31				27				36	6
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>										
September, 1992	38	14	21	--	53	25	28	--	n/a	9
August, 1992	37	14	23	--	57	24	33	--	n/a	6
June, 1992	46	13	33	--	41	9	32	--	n/a	13
May, 1992	46	15	31	--	43	10	33	--	n/a	11
Late March, 1992	50	19	31	--	43	9	34	--	n/a	7

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Dukakis</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
October, 1988	50	24	26	--	42	20	22	--	8
September, 1988	50	26	24	--	44	19	25	--	6
May, 1988	40	12	28	--	53	14	39	--	7

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.5 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote [READ AND RANDOMIZE: for the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden OR the Republican ticket of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan]?

**ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.5=3-9):**

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.5]?

**ASK IF CHOSE ROMNEY (Q.5=1 OR Q.5a=1):**

Q.5c Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Mitt Romney or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

**ASK IF CHOSE OBAMA (Q.5=2 OR Q.5a=2):**

Q.5d Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST Mitt Romney?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Pro-Romney</u>	<u>Anti-Obama</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Pro-Obama</u>	<u>Anti-Romney</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	19	22	1	51	38	11	2	7
Jul 16-26, 2012	41				51				7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	43				50				6
Jun 7-17, 2012	46				50				5
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	42	16	24	2	49	35	11	3	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	45				49				6
Mar 7-11, 2012	42				54				4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44				52				4
Jan 11-16, 2012	45				50				6
Nov 9-14, 2011	47				49				4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 <sup>3</sup>	48	15	33	1	48	33	11	3	4

<sup>3</sup> Pro- and Anti- percentages for October 2011 may not sum to candidate's overall percentage, because they were asked only of half-sample.

## Q.5/Q.5a/Q.5c/Q.5d TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Pro-McCain</u>	<u>Anti-Obama</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Pro-Obama</u>	<u>Anti-McCain</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u> <sup>4</sup>	<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	24	12	2	52	40	10	2	n/a	n/a	10
Early October, 2008	40				50				n/a	n/a	10
Late September, 2008	44				49				n/a	n/a	9
Mid-September, 2008	44	29	13	2	46	32	11	3	n/a	n/a	10
August, 2008	43	25	16	2	46	33	12	1	n/a	n/a	11
July, 2008	42	25	14	3	47	32	12	3	n/a	n/a	11
June, 2008	40				48				n/a	n/a	12
Late May, 2008	44	28	14	2	47	35	11	1	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	27	14	2	50	38	10	2	n/a	n/a	7

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Pro-Bush</u>	<u>Anti-Kerry</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Pro-Kerry</u>	<u>Anti-Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Fourth party</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
November, 2004	45	34	9	2	46	20	23	3	1	n/a	8
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	10	3	45	18	24	3	1	n/a	9
Early October, 2004	48	36	10	2	41	15	23	3	2	n/a	9
September, 2004	49	38	9	2	43	15	26	2	1	n/a	7
August, 2004	45	34	8	3	47	20	24	3	2	n/a	6
July, 2004	44				46				3	n/a	7
June, 2004	46				42				6	n/a	6
May, 2004	43				46				6	n/a	5
Late March, 2004	44				43				6	n/a	7
Mid-March, 2004	42				49				4	n/a	5
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
June, 2004	48	35	11	2	46	17	27	2	n/a	n/a	6
May, 2004	45	33	10	2	50	15	32	3	n/a	n/a	5
Late March, 2004	46	36	8	2	47	17	27	3	n/a	n/a	7
Mid-March, 2004	43	34	7	2	52	21	29	2	n/a	n/a	5
Late February, 2004	44				48				n/a	n/a	8
Early February, 2004	47	39	6	2	47	15	30	2	n/a	n/a	6
Early January, 2004	52				41				n/a	n/a	7
October, 2003	50				42				n/a	n/a	8

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Pro-Bush</u>	<u>Anti-Gore</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Pro-Gore</u>	<u>Anti-Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
November, 2000	41	27	12	2	45	29	14	2	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	24	14	3	47	30	14	3	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
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
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

<sup>4</sup> The question regarding whether a vote was more for one's candidate of choice or more against his opponents was not asked of Nader or Barr supporters in 2008, Nader supporters in 2004, or Nader or Buchanan supporters in 2000.

## Q.5/Q.5a/Q.5c/Q.5d TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED ...

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Pro-Bush</u>	<u>Anti-Gore</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Pro-Gore</u>	<u>Anti-Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>		
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		
September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7		
	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Pro-Dole</u>	<u>Anti-other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Pro-Clinton</u>	<u>Anti-other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Pro-Perot</u>	<u>Anti-other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
November, 1996	32	15	15	2	51	33	15	3	9	4	5	*	8
October, 1996	34	15	18	1	51	33	16	2	8	4	4	*	7
Late September, 1996	35				51				7				7
Early September, 1996	34	16	17	1	52	35	15	2	8	3	5	0	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
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>													
July, 1996	42				53				n/a				5
June, 1996	40				55				n/a				5
April, 1996	40				54				n/a				6
March, 1996	41	15	25	1	53	30	20	3	n/a				6
February, 1996	44				52				n/a				4
January, 1996	41				53				n/a				6
July, 1994	49				46				n/a				5
	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Pro-Bush</u>	<u>Anti-other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Pro-Clinton</u>	<u>Anti-other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Pro-Perot</u>	<u>Anti-other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 1992	34	19	13	2	44	25	17	2	19	10	7	2	3
Early October, 1992	35	19	13	3	48	23	22	3	8	3	5	*	9
June, 1992	31				27				36				6
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>													
September, 1992	38	20	16	2	53	21	29	3	n/a				9
August, 1992	37	20	16	1	57	27	28	2	n/a				6
June, 1992	46				41				n/a				13
May, 1992	46				43				n/a				11
Late March, 1992	50	33	15	2	43	13	28	2	n/a				7
	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Pro-Bush</u>	<u>Anti-Dukakis</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Du-kakis</u>	<u>Pro-Dukakis</u>	<u>Anti-Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Third party</u>	<u>Fourth party</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>		
October, 1988	50	31	16	3	42	23	15	4	n/a	n/a	8		
September, 1988	50	31	15	4	44	21	19	4	n/a	n/a	6		
May, 1988	40	26	11	3	53	23	26	4	n/a	n/a	7		

## NO QUESTION 6

**ASK IF DID NOT CHOOSE ROMNEY IN Q.5 OR Q.5a (Q.5=2 OR Q.5a=2,3,8,9):**

Q.7 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Mitt Romney in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Romney</b>			
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	45	5=58%
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	8	44	4=57%
Jun 7-17, 2012	9	42	3=54%
Apr 4-15, 2012	10	40	5=55%
<b>McCain</b>			
November, 2008	7	47	7=61%
Late October, 2008	7	51	6=64%
Mid-October, 2008	9	47	6=62%
Early October, 2008	10	45	5=60%
Late September, 2008	10	42	6=58%
Mid-September, 2008	9	40	7=56%
August, 2008	14	37	6=57%
July, 2008	13	38	7=58%
June, 2008	12	41	7=60%
<b>Bush</b>			
November, 2004	6	44	5=55%
Mid-October, 2004	5	43	7=55%
Early October, 2004	9	39	4=52%
September, 2004	9	38	4=51%
August, 2004	10	42	3=55%
July, 2004	10	41	5=56%
June, 2004 <sup>5</sup>	9	41	2=52%
May, 2004	9	42	4=55%
Late March, 2004	11	40	3=54%
Mid-March, 2004	11	44	2=57%
Late February, 2004	10	43	3=56%
Early February, 2004	10	41	2=53%
November, 2000	8	44	7=59%
Late October, 2000	10	41	4=55%
Mid-October, 2000	12	40	5=57%
Early October, 2000	11	39	7=57%
September, 2000	15	38	6=59%
Mid-June, 2000	15	33	6=54%
<b>Dole</b>			
November, 1996	8	54	6=68%
October, 1996	11	51	4=66%
Late September, 1996	16	44	5=65%
Early September, 1996	14	47	5=66%
July, 1996	15	40	3=58%
<b>Bush Sr.</b>			
Late October, 1992	11	53	2=66%
Early October, 1992	13	46	6=65%
September, 1992	12	44	6=62%
August, 1992	15	45	4=64%
May, 1992	8	40	5=53%

<sup>5</sup> In June 2004, May 2004, Late March 2004, Mid-March 2004, Mid-June 2000 and July 1996 the head-to-head match-up was asked both as a three-way and a two-way trial heat. In those surveys, this question followed the two-way trial heat.

**ASK IF DID NOT CHOOSE OBAMA IN Q.5 OR Q.5a (Q.5=1 OR Q.5a=1,3,8,9):**

Q.8 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Barack Obama in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>			
Sep 12-16, 2012	7	39	4=49%
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	6	41	3=50%
Jun 7-17, 2012	6	42	2=50%
Apr 4-15, 2012	6	42	3=51%
November, 2008	6	38	6=50%
Late October, 2008	7	35	6=48%
Mid-October, 2008	8	35	5=48%
Early October, 2008	7	38	5=50%
Late September, 2008	8	37	6=51%
Mid-September, 2008	11	38	5=54%
August, 2008	12	36	6=54%
July, 2008	12	34	7=53%
June, 2008	14	32	6=52%
<b>Kerry</b>			
November, 2004	6	43	5=54%
Mid-October, 2004	6	42	7=55%
Early October, 2004	9	45	5=59%
September, 2004	11	42	4=57%
August, 2004	11	39	3=53%
July, 2004	13	36	5=54%
June, 2004 <sup>6</sup>	10	41	3=54%
May, 2004	11	35	4=50%
Late March, 2004	13	37	3=53%
Mid-March, 2004	13	32	3=48%
Late February, 2004	13	36	3=52%
Early February, 2004	15	33	5=53%
<b>Gore</b>			
November, 2000	8	41	6=55%
Late October, 2000	9	44	4=57%
Mid-October, 2000	10	40	5=55%
Early October, 2000	11	38	7=56%
September, 2000	13	35	5=53%
June, 2000	14	34	6=54%
<b>Clinton</b>			
November, 1996	6	37	6=49%
October, 1996	10	35	4=49%
Late September, 1996	11	35	3=49%
Early September, 1996	10	34	4=48%
July, 1996	8	36	4=48%
Late October, 1992	11	43	2=56%
Early October, 1992	14	32	6=52%
September, 1992	12	28	6=46%
August, 1992	14	26	3=43%
May, 1992	11	38	6=55%

<sup>6</sup> In June 2004, May 2004, Late March 2004, Mid-March 2004, Mid-June 2000 and July 1996 the head-to-head match-up was asked both as a three-way and a two-way trial heat. In those surveys, this question followed the two-way trial heat.

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1) WHO CHOOSE OBAMA OR ROMNEY (Q.5=1,2 OR Q.5a=1,2):**

Q.9F2 What is the main reason why you would like to see [CHOICE FROM Q.5/Q.5a LAST NAME ONLY; DO NOT READ VP CHOICE] win the presidential election [OPEN END.]?

	<i>Obama</i>	<i>Romney</i>
	Sept	Sept
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>ISSUES (NET)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>
Economy/jobs	8	18
Middle class/in touch with the people	10	--
Health/medical care/Medicare	7	4
Negative on issues of other candidate	6	1
Republican/conservative	--	6
Like his stand on issues/domestic issues (general)	5	2
Democrat (positive)	5	--
Will do a better job	--	4
Supports reducing debt/deficit	--	3
Support position on issues (other)	3	1
Foreign policy	2	2
Supports reducing size of government	--	2
Taxes	1	1
War/terrorism	1	1
Education	1	--
Social security	1	--
Environment	1	--
<b>PERSONAL QUALITIES (NET)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>
Shares my values/beliefs	2	5
Better candidate/agree with more	4	1
Business experience	--	4
Better for the country	3	3
Smart/intelligent	2	--
Honesty/integrity	2	1
Just like him	2	--
Black president/diversity	1	--
Qualified/capable	1	1
Experience (general)	1	2
<b>RECORD (NET)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>--</b>
Done a good job	13	--
Deserves another chance/four more years	9	--
Allow Obama to continue his policies	9	--
<b>ANTI-OPPONENT (NET)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>
Anti-Obama/Get rid of Obama/One term for Obama	--	19
Obama's policy failures	--	7
Under Obama country is in bad shape/going wrong direction	--	5
Obama is a socialist	--	1
Anti-Democrat	--	1
Anti-Romney (general comments)	6	--
Romney is for the rich, not the middle class	2	--
Anti-Republican	2	--
Better than alternative of (Obama/Romney)/lesser of two evils	1	4
(Romney/Obama) is dishonest or misleading	1	2
<b>OTHER (NET)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
(N)	(622)	(552)

**Q.9F2 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

	<i>Obama</i>	<i>McCain</i>
	Sept	Sept
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>ISSUES (NET)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>
Iraq/war/military	6	6
Economy/jobs	8	3
Terrorism/security/9-11	--	4
Like his stand on issues/platform/domestic issues (general)	13	12
Health/medical care/medicare	3	--
Middle class/in touch with the people	5	2
Democrat/liberal (positive)	9	--
Republican/conservative (positive)	--	11
Foreign policy/foreign affairs	2	2
Plan to move forward/will do a better job	7	3
Education	1	--
Negative on issues of other candidate	--	2
Taxes	1	5
Supreme Court appointments	--	1
Abortion/pro-life	--	3
<b>QUALITIES (NET)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>41</b>
Experience	--	17
Smart/intelligent	3	--
Better man/best candidate	3	3
Honesty/integrity	2	3
Leadership/strong leader/great leader	1	3
Just like him	2	1
Moral/Christian values	--	6
Qualified/capable	--	2
Better for country	1	1
First black president/history/diversity	4	--
Young/age	1	--
Older/age	--	1
Veteran/war hero	--	3
Like Biden/running mate	1	--
Like Palin/running mate	--	6
Shares my beliefs	--	1
Patriotic/patriotism	--	1
<b>ANTI-OPPONENT (NET)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>
Anti-Obama (general comments)	--	9
Obama inexperienced/young	--	3
Obama dishonest/misleading	--	1
Anti-McCain	6	--
Anti-Palin	1	--
<b>CHANGE (NET)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>
Change (general comments)	26	2
Want Republicans out/Bush did poor job/don't want repeat of last 8 years	7	--
Country in bad shape/wrong direction	1	--
Anti-Republican	7	--
Anti-Democrat	--	1
<b>OTHER (NET)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

## Q.9F2 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<i>Kerry</i>	<i>-- Clinton --</i>	
	Oct	Late Sept	July
	<u>2004</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>
<b>STANDS ON ISSUES (NET)</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>
Iraq/War/military	18	--	--
Economy/jobs	14	--	--
Like his stand on the issues/platform/domestic issues (general)	8	16	12
Health/medical care/medicare	5	--	--
Middle class/for the little person/in touch with the people	4	--	--
Democrat/liberal (positive)	4	--	--
Foreign policy/foreign affairs	3	--	--
Plan to move forward/will do a better job	3	--	--
Education	3	3	1
Negative on issues of other candidate	2	--	--
Environment	2	--	--
Taxes	2	--	--
Other	7	--	--
<b>NEGATIVE COMMENT ABOUT BUSH, SR/BUSH, JR (NET)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>
Time for a change/new start	12	--	--
Anti-Bush	10	17	13
Did poor job/made major mistakes/bad president	6	--	--
Dishonest/misleading	3	--	--
Idiot/not smart	2	--	--
Country in bad shape/wrong direction	2	--	--
Other	3	--	--
<b>POSITIVE QUALITIES (NET)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>
Smart/Intelligent	3	--	--
Best qualified/better man/best candidate	2	3	7
Honesty/Integrity	1	1	*
Leadership/strong leader/great leader	1	--	--
Just like him	1	--	--
Moral/Christian values	1	--	--
Capable/qualified	1	--	--
Better for country	1	--	--
Other	1	--	--
<b>RECORD (NET)</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>OTHER (NET)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>

## Q.9F2 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>Dole</i>	
	Oct	Late Sept	
	2004	1996	
	2004	1996	
<b>STANDS ON ISSUES (NET)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>
Terrorism/Security/9-11	10	--	--
Iraq/War/military	7	2	1
Like his stand on the issues/platform/domestic issues	6	18	14
Abortion/Pro-Life	5	4	3
Taxes	4	9	5
Economy/Jobs	3	--	--
Republican/conservative	2	--	--
Foreign policy/foreign affairs	2	--	--
Other	9	--	--
<b>POSITIVE QUALITIES (NET)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Moral/Christian values	12	--	--
Honesty/integrity	5	9	9
Leadership/strong leader/great leader	5	--	--
Keeps promises/man of his word/does what he stands for	3	--	--
Just like him	3	--	--
Best qualified/better man/better candidate	2	--	--
Other	7	--	--
<b>RECORD (NET)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Done a good job/good president/agree with what he is doing	16	--	--
Finish the job/finish the war	3	--	--
He's been there/done the job/knows what he's doing	3	--	--
Other	1	--	--
<b>NEGATIVE COMMENT ABOUT KERRY OR CLINTON (NET)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>
Anti Kerry or Clinton	6	27	22
Wrong time for a change/need continuity	3	--	--
Dishonest/misleading	2	4	6
Other	5	--	--
<b>OTHER (NET)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>DON'T KNOW/REFUSED</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>--</b>

NO QUESTION 10

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Just in general...

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... **[READ]****BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Never vote</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Other</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	64	22	7	4	2	1	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	64	24	6	4	1	*	*
Apr 4-15, 2012	57	29	8	4	1	*	*
Jan 4-8, 2012	60	24	8	6	1	1	*
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	62	24	8	4	1	*	*
Oct 27-30, 2010	58	24	11	5	2	1	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	57	27	10	4	2	1	*
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	59	26	9	4	1	*	*
June 16-20, 2010	52	31	11	5	1	1	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	62	23	7	5	1	1	1
November, 2008	60	23	8	5	2	2	*
Late October, 2008	57	26	8	5	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2008	57	27	7	5	3	1	*
Early October, 2008	53	27	9	6	3	1	1
Late September, 2008	55	27	9	6	2	1	*
Mid-September, 2008	54	28	10	5	2	1	*
August, 2008	55	29	9	4	2	1	*
July, 2008	53	30	10	4	1	1	1
January, 2007	58	29	9	3	1	*	*
November, 2006	58	26	8	5	2	1	*
Late October, 2006	58	27	9	4	1	1	*
Early October, 2006	47	36	10	3	2	1	1
September, 2006	56	28	9	6	1	*	*
May, 2006	60	26	8	4	1	*	1
December, 2005	60	24	9	4	2	1	1
December, 2004	64	22	8	4	1	*	1
November, 2004	62	21	7	6	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2004	63	22	7	5	2	1	*
Early October, 2004	58	25	9	4	2	1	1
September, 2004	58	27	9	5	2	1	1
August, 2004	56	28	9	5	2	*	1
July, 2004	54	31	9	4	1	*	*
June, 2004	57	29	7	5	1	1	1
May, 2004	56	27	10	4	2	1	1
April, 2004	55	29	9	5	1	1	1
Late March, 2004	50	31	11	6	1	*	1
Mid-March, 2004	55	30	9	5	1	*	*
February, 2004	55	29	12	3	*	*	*
January, 2004	54	30	10	4	2	1	*
August, 2003	53	30	10	5	1	*	*
June, 2003	48	36	11	3	1	*	0
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*
May, 2002	53	31	9	5	1	*	1

## OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>(VOL.) Never vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	1	2	0
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	*	3	*
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*
July, 2000	48	30	13	6	2	1	*
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*
May, 2000	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
April, 2000	50	30	12	6	2	1	*
March, 2000	49	34	12	4	1	1	0
February, 2000	53	32	10	4	1	0	*
January, 2000	50	34	12	4	1	*	*
October, 1999	39	47	9	2	1	*	*
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*
Late August, 1998	48	35	13	4	*	0	*
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0
May, 1998	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
November, 1997	42	44	10	3	1	*	*
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*
June, 1997	54	30	10	4	1	*	*
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*
Early September, 1996	53	29	12	4	1	*	*
July, 1996	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*
Late April, 1996	44	37	11	5	1	1	1
Early April, 1996	49	35	10	5	1	*	*
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*
May, 1993	57	31	7	4	1	1	*
Early October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*
Early May, 1992	49	35	10	4	1	*	*
March, 1992	47	36	11	6	*	*	*
February, 1992	50	36	9	4	*	--	2
7January 1992 (GP) <sup>8</sup>	40	35	11	11	4	--	*
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	*	*
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*

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Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

## OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>(VOL.) Never vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
January, 1989 (GP)	45	30	10	8	6	1	*
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*
October, 1988	51	37	8	3	1	*	*
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*
September, 1988	51	40	6	2	*	1	*
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*

## ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

WHERE Do you happen to know where people in your area go to vote? [INTERVIEWER  
INSTRUCTION: IF R EXPLAINS VOTING PROCEDURES OR SAYS WHERE  
SPECIFICALLY THEY GO TO VOTE CODE AS 'YES' (1). IF R EXPLAINS A 'NO' OR 'DK'  
ANSWER WITH WORDS FROM 3 OR 4, CODE AS 3 OR 4.]

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) Vote absentee or by mail</u>	<u>(VOL.) Vote early at a central polling place or election office</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	86	10	3	0	1
Oct 27-30, 2010 <sup>9</sup>	88	9	2	--	1
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No/DK/Ref</u>			
November, 2008	85	15			
Late October, 2008	83	17			
November, 2006	84	16			
Late October, 2006	86	14			
Early October, 2006	88	12			
November, 2004	85	15			
November, 2002	88	12			
November, 2000	84	16			
Late October, 1998	90	10			
Early October, 1998	87	13			
November, 1996	88	12			
October, 1996	85	15			
November, 1994	93	7			
November, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	89	11			
October, 1988 ( <i>Gallup</i> )	86	14			

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In October, 2010 half the sample was asked about "people in your neighborhood," the other half was asked about "people in your area." No significant differences were found; combined data is shown here. For November 2008 and earlier, question asked about "people in your neighborhood."

**ASK ALL:**

PLANTO1 Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November?

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (PLANTO1=1):**

PLANTO2 How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	<b>Yes, plan to vote</b>	<b>Absolutely certain</b>	<b>Fairly certain</b>	<b>Not certain<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>No, don't plan to</b>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
<b>2012 Election</b>						
Sep 12-16, 2012	<b>97</b>	89	7	1	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Jun 7-17, 2012	<b>97</b>	86	10	*	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2010 Election</b>						
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	<b>94</b>	--	--	--	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 <sup>11</sup>	<b>91</b>	70	17	3	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
Jun 16-20, 2010	<b>90</b>	69	19	2	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
Mar 11-21, 2010	<b>91</b>	69	20	2	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2008 Election</b>						
Mid-October, 2008 <sup>12</sup>	<b>97</b>	92	5	*	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Early October, 2008	<b>97</b>	92	4	1	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Late September, 2008	<b>97</b>	91	6	*	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Mid-September, 2008	<b>97</b>	90	6	1	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
August, 2008	<b>97</b>	--	--	--	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
July, 2008	<b>97</b>	--	--	--	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
June, 2008	<b>95</b>	85	8	2	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2006 Election</b>						
November, 2006	<b>90</b>	--	--	--	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
Late October, 2006	<b>94</b>	--	--	--	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Early October, 2006	<b>93</b>	75	17	1	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
Early September, 2006	<b>92</b>	--	--	--	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2004 Election</b>						
November, 2004	<b>97</b>	--	--	--	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Mid-October, 2004	<b>98</b>	--	--	--	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Early October, 2004	<b>98</b>	91	6	1	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
September, 2004	<b>98</b>	91	6	1	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
August, 2004	<b>98</b>	89	8	1	<b>2</b>	<b>*</b>
June, 2004	<b>96</b>	85	10	1	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2002 Election</b>						
Early November, 2002	<b>90</b>	--	--	--	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
Early October, 2002	<b>95</b>	--	--	--	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2000 Election</b>						
Early November, 2000	<b>96</b>	--	--	--	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Late October, 2000	<b>97</b>	--	--	--	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Mid-October, 2000	<b>96</b>	--	--	--	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Early October, 2000	<b>97</b>	87	9	1	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
September, 2000	<b>95</b>	84	10	1	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
June, 2000	<b>95</b>	84	10	1	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>1998 Election</b>						
Late October, 1998	<b>91</b>	--	--	--	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Early October, 1998	<b>92</b>	--	--	--	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Early September, 1998	<b>95</b>	--	--	--	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Late August, 1998	<b>93</b>	75	17	1	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
June, 1998	<b>95</b>	74	19	2	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>1996 Election</b>						
November, 1996	<b>96</b>	--	--	--	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

<sup>10</sup> Don't know responses to PLANTO2 not shown.<sup>11</sup> From March 11-21, 2010 to July 21-August 5, 2010, question asked "Thinking ahead to November, do you yourself plan to vote in the Congressional election this November, or not?"<sup>12</sup> In Mid-October 2008 and from Mid-October 2004 to November 2006 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted. In November 2006, Early November 2002, Early November, 2000, Late October 1998, November 1996 and November 1994 the question was worded: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?"

## PLANTO1/PLANTO2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes, plan to vote</u>	<u>Absolutely certain</u>	<u>Fairly certain</u>	<u>Not certain</u>	<u>No, don't plan to</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
October, 1996	98	87	10	1	1	1
Late September, 1996	98	89	8	1	1	1
Early September, 1996	96	83	11	2	2	2
July, 1996	95	82	12	1	3	2
June, 1996	96	84	11	1	2	2
<b>1994 Election</b>						
November, 1994	93	--	--	--	5	2
October, 1994	95	--	--	--	3	2
<b>1992 Election</b>						
October, 1992	98	91	6	1	1	1
September, 1992	98	85	11	2	1	1
August, 1992	97	89	8	*	1	2
June, 1992	97	88	8	1	1	2
<b>1988 Election</b>						
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	97	87	9	1	2	1
October, 1988	98	--	--	--	1	1

## Q.11 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## NO QUESTIONS 12-14

## ASK ALL FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

Q.15F2 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

## BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,263]:

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>		<u>(VOL.) Other/DK</u>
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	<i>Romney</i>	53	<i>Obama</i>	23
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	<i>Romney</i>	52	<i>Obama</i>	15
Mar 7-11, 2012 <sup>13</sup>	32	<i>Romney</i>	59	<i>Obama</i>	9
<b>2008 Election</b>					
Mid-October, 2008	17	<i>McCain</i>	61	<i>Obama</i>	22
Mid-September, 2008	39	<i>McCain</i>	39	<i>Obama</i>	22
June, 2008	27	<i>McCain</i>	53	<i>Obama</i>	20
April, 2008 <sup>14</sup>	42	<i>McCain</i>	47	<i>Obama</i>	11
March, 2008	38	<i>McCain</i>	50	<i>Obama</i>	12
<b>2004 Election</b>					
November, 2004	48	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	25
Mid-October, 2004	54	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	19
Early October, 2004	61	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	12
September, 2004	60	<i>Bush</i>	22	<i>Kerry</i>	18
August, 2004	44	<i>Bush</i>	37	<i>Kerry</i>	19
July, 2004	42	<i>Bush</i>	38	<i>Kerry</i>	20
June, 2004	51	<i>Bush</i>	35	<i>Kerry</i>	14
May, 2004	52	<i>Bush</i>	31	<i>Kerry</i>	17
Early February, 2004	56	<i>Bush</i>	32	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	12
Mid-January, 2004	61	<i>Bush</i>	21	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	18
September, 2003	47	<i>Bush</i>	34	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	19
June, 2003	66	<i>Bush</i>	22	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	12

<sup>13</sup> In March 2012, this question was asked both about Mitt Romney/Barack Obama and Rick Santorum/ Barack Obama, and read: "Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election if it is between..."

<sup>14</sup> In March and April 2008, this question was asked both about John McCain/Barack Obama and John McCain/Hillary Clinton, and read: "Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election if it is between..."

## Q.15F2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>		
<b>2000 Election</b>					
November, 2000	43	<i>Bush</i>	32	<i>Gore</i>	25
Late October, 2000	48	<i>Bush</i>	38	<i>Gore</i>	14
Early October, 2000	33	<i>Bush</i>	46	<i>Gore</i>	21
June, 2000	51	<i>Bush</i>	33	<i>Gore</i>	16
October, 1999	70	<i>Bush</i>	23	<i>Gore</i>	7
<b>1996 Election</b>					
Late September, 1996 <sup>15</sup>	12	<i>Dole</i>	79	<i>Clinton</i>	9
Early September, 1996	16	<i>Dole</i>	75	<i>Clinton</i>	9
July, 1996	19	<i>Dole</i>	72	<i>Clinton</i>	9
<b>1992 Election</b>					
October, 1992	30	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	61	<i>Clinton</i>	9
March, 1992	72	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	20	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	8
February, 1992	66	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	25	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	9
October, 1991	78	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	11	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	11

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.16F1 As far as making progress on the important issues facing the country is concerned, does it really matter who wins the 2012 presidential election, or will things be pretty much the same regardless of who is elected president?

## BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,161]:

Sep 12-16 <u>2012</u>		Jun 7-17 <u>2012</u>	Oct <u>2008</u>	Mid-Sep <u>2008</u>	Jun <u>2008</u>	Jun <u>2004</u>	Mid Mar <u>2004</u>	Jun <u>2000</u>	Aug <u>1976</u> <sup>16</sup>
76	Really matters who wins the 2012 presidential election	63	72	70	63	67	70	50	45
20	Things will pretty much be the same regardless	34	24	24	32	29	26	44	46
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	6	5	4	4	6	9

## Q.17 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## NO QUESTIONS 18-20

<sup>15</sup> In 1996 and October 1992, the question also asked about Ross Perot. Results here are included in the "Other/DK" category.

<sup>16</sup> August 1976 question asked by Opinion Research Corporation, based on general public.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 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.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/ Ref
a. The Democratic Party								
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
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

## Q.21 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
b. The Republican Party								
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
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

## Q.21 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6

## ASK ALL:

Q.22 Is your overall opinion of [INSERT NAME, RANDOMIZE a-b, FOLLOWED BY cF1-ff2, FOLLOWED BY gF2-hf2; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] 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.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. Barack Obama								
Sep 12-16, 2012	57	27	30	40	23	17	*	4
Jul 16-26, 2012	51	24	26	42	27	15	0	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	53	20	33	44	22	21	0	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	56	24	32	41	25	16	*	3
Feb 8-12, 2012	54	22	32	42	26	16	*	5
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. Mitt Romney								
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	12	28	53	27	26	1	7
Jul 16-26, 2012	34	11	23	50	26	24	3	13
Jun 7-17, 2012	38	7	31	47	21	25	3	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	29	6	23	51	21	30	5	15
Feb 8-12, 2012	32	7	25	49	20	29	6	13
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

ASK ITEMS c-d OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,455]:

## Q.22 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
c.F1 Joe Biden								
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	15	26	43	22	21	4	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	40	10	30	37	18	19	6	17
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-October, 2008	55	20	34	35	10	19	6	10
Early October, 2008 (callback)	61	20	41	30	10	20	1	8
Late September, 2008	49	15	34	30	10	20	8	13
Mid-September, 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14
April, 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14
Late October, 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16
September, 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38
d.F1 Paul Ryan								
Sep 12-16, 2012	35	15	20	44	23	21	8	13
<b>ASK ITEMS e-h OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,564]:</b>								
e.F2 Michelle Obama								
Sep 12-16, 2012	67	39	28	22	11	11	*	10
Jun 7-17, 2012	68	33	35	21	11	10	1	10
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
f.F2 Ann Romney								
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	16	24	28	12	16	7	25
Jun 7-17, 2012 <sup>17</sup>	29	9	19	17	7	9	14	41
g.F2 Bill Clinton								
Sep 12-16, 2012	68	34	34	26	11	15	*	5
Mar 8-14, 2011	67	27	40	29	10	18	1	3
February, 2008	52	20	32	42	22	20	*	6
Late December, 2007	54	22	32	40	20	20	0	6
December, 2006	63	29	34	33	16	17	1	3
April, 2006	61	27	34	36	18	18	0	3
Late October, 2005	62	26	36	34	18	16	*	4
Late March, 2005	64	24	40	32	13	19	0	4
December, 2002	46	17	29	49	27	22	*	5
July, 2001	50	20	30	46	27	19	0	4
January, 2001	64	23	41	34	17	17	0	2
May, 2000	48	17	31	47	28	19	*	5
March, 1999	55	21	34	42	23	19	*	3
December, 1998	55	23	32	43	24	19	0	2
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	15	37	44	24	20	0	4
Early September, 1998	57	18	39	41	23	18	0	2
Late August, 1998	54	18	36	44	24	20	0	2
March, 1998	62	22	40	35	16	19	*	3

<sup>17</sup> June 7-17, 2012 survey asked about "Mitt Romney's wife, Ann Romney."

## Q.22 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
November, 1997	63	19	44	35	14	21	0	2
October, 1997	62	15	47	36	16	20	*	2
September, 1997	62	18	44	35	14	21	0	3
August, 1997	61	16	45	38	17	21	0	1
April, 1997	61	17	44	37	16	21	*	2
January, 1997	66	17	49	32	14	18	*	2
October, 1996 (RVs)	57	12	45	41	19	22	0	2
June, 1996	61	16	45	37	14	23	*	2
April, 1996	57	16	41	40	16	24	0	3
February, 1996	55	20	35	43	21	22	0	2
January, 1996	56	13	43	42	15	27	0	2
August, 1995	49	13	36	49	20	29	0	2
February, 1995	55	14	41	42	17	25	0	3
December, 1994	51	17	34	46	22	24	0	3
July, 1994	58	15	43	41	16	25	*	1
May, 1993	60	18	42	35	12	23	0	5
July, 1992	59	17	42	34	9	25	0	7
June, 1992	46	10	36	47	14	33	1	6
May, 1992	53	11	42	42	10	32	*	5
March, 1992	53	10	43	40	11	29	1	6
February, 1992	59	15	44	31	7	24	2	8
January, 1992	37	9	28	15	4	11	27	21
November, 1991	30	5	25	10	2	8	39	21
h.F2 George W. Bush								
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	14	27	53	29	24	*	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	42	12	31	54	27	27	*	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	37	10	27	57	34	24	*	6
Mid-April, 2009	35	9	26	60	33	27	*	5
January, 2009	37	9	28	60	35	25	0	3
April, 2008	31	9	22	65	42	23	*	4
March, 2008	34	8	26	61	37	24	0	5
Late February, 2008	35	10	25	60	39	21	0	5
Early February, 2008	34	9	25	61	39	22	*	5
January, 2008	36	11	25	60	37	23	0	4
Late December, 2007	33	10	23	63	41	22	0	4
August, 2007	40	12	28	57	34	23	*	3
December, 2006	39	12	27	57	34	23	*	4
April, 2006	40	15	25	57	35	22	*	3
Late October, 2005	46	17	29	51	29	22	*	3
July, 2005	51	22	29	46	25	21	0	3
Late March, 2005	53	23	30	45	27	18	0	2
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	26	30	42	23	19	*	2
Early October, 2004 (RVs)	57	27	30	40	20	20	0	3
September, 2004	52	25	27	43	24	19	*	5
August, 2004	58	27	31	39	22	17	0	3
June, 2004	52	19	33	45	22	23	*	3
Early February, 2004	53	21	32	44	25	19	0	3
Gallup: Jan 29-Feb 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jan 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*
Gallup: Oct 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jun 9-10, 2003	66	--	--	33	--	--	--	1
April, 2003	72	37	35	25	11	14	0	3
January, 2003	70	28	42	28	10	18	0	2
December, 2002	68	35	33	27	11	16	0	5
July, 2001	61	22	39	35	14	21	*	4
January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7
May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10

## Q.22 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
March, 1999 <sup>18</sup>	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14
November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.23 And as I read a list of phrases, tell me if you think each phrase better describes [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES: Mitt Romney or Barack Obama]. [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] – does this better describe [READ IN SAME ORDER: Romney or Obama]? What about [INSERT ITEM]? [REPEAT IF NECESSARY: “Would you say this better describes [READ IN SAME ORDER: Romney or Obama]?”

**BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,263]:**

	<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both Equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F2 Would use good judgment in a crisis					
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	37	51	3	3	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	37	50	3	5	6
<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Late September, 2008	45	42	2	6	5
August, 2008	51	36	3	5	5
June, 2008	47	38	3	5	7
<b>2004 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
Mid-October, 2004	48	41	3	2	6
Early October, 2004	51	37	2	3	7
Mid-September 22-26, 2004	49	36	3	3	9
September, 2004	53	34	2	4	7
August, 2004	50	38	2	3	7
May, 2004	47	35	4	5	9
Late March, 2004	46	36	2	3	13
Mid-March, 2004	48	39	2	5	6
<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late-October, 2000	43	42	2	5	8
Mid-October, 2000	40	42	5	8	5
Early October, 2000	36	43	4	10	7
September, 2000	38	44	3	8	7
June, 2000	44	37	5	6	8
b.F2 Can get things done					
<b>2012 Election</b>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	45	7	1	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	39	41	11	3	7
<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
August, 2008	42	40	7	4	7
June, 2008	37	43	5	7	8
<b>2004 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
Late March, 2004	49	30	4	4	13
Mid-March, 2004	50	34	4	4	8
<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late October, 2000	43	39	5	6	7
Mid-October, 2000	41	39	6	8	6
Early October, 2000	37	38	5	11	9
September, 2000	40	40	4	8	8
June, 2000	43	33	8	6	10

<sup>18</sup> In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: “Texas Governor George W. Bush.”

## Q.23 CONTINUED...

c.F2 Willing to take a stand, even if it's unpopular

	Mitt <u>Romney</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>Equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	37	52	3	2	5
Jun 7-17, 2012	35	54	4	3	4
<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Late September, 2008	50	37	2	5	6
August, 2008	49	38	3	5	5
June, 2008	44	41	3	7	5
<b>2004 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
Mid-October, 2004	63	27	2	4	4
Early October, 2004	68	23	1	3	5
Mid-September 22-26, 2004	63	23	3	3	8
September, 2004	69	23	1	3	4
August, 2004	62	29	1	5	3
May, 2004	65	23	3	4	5
Late March, 2004	59	28	3	3	7
Mid-March, 2004	63	27	1	5	4
<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late October, 2000	49	35	7	4	5
Mid-October, 2000	49	35	6	5	5
Early October, 2000	43	35	8	6	8
September, 2000	45	37	8	5	5
June, 2000	46	32	9	5	8

d.F2 Shares my values

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	50	5	2	3
Jun 7-17, 2012	40	46	8	3	4
<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
August, 2008	39	47	6	3	5
June, 2008	38	44	8	4	6
<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
June, 2000	40	35	11	5	9

**Q.23 CONTINUED...**

e.F2 Connects well with ordinary Americans

			(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Neither</u>	Both <u>Equally</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	23	66	5	2	3
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	59	7	3	4
<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
August, 2008	30	57	4	5	4
June, 2008	26	58	4	6	6
<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late October, 2000	45	42	5	4	4
Mid-October, 2000	45	39	6	7	3
June, 2000	40	39	7	7	7

f.F2 Honest and truthful

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	34	48	9	3	5
Jun 7-17, 2012	32	46	11	4	6
<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
August, 2008	39	36	9	10	6
June, 2008	37	36	11	9	7
<b>2004 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
Mid-October, 2004	40	37	14	3	6
Early October, 2004	47	34	10	3	6
Mid-September 22-26, 2004	41	32	15	3	9
September, 2004	43	35	12	4	6
August, 2004	42	38	12	2	6
May, 2004	34	36	17	4	9
Late March, 2004	37	38	12	3	10
Mid-March, 2004	35	39	16	5	5
<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late October, 2000	43	32	15	5	5
Mid-October, 2000	38	30	19	6	7
Early October, 2000	36	32	17	8	7
September, 2000	35	37	13	9	6
June, 2000	35	31	19	7	8

g.F2 A strong leader

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	38	51	5	2	4
<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Late September, 2008	43	42	3	7	5
<b>2004 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
Mid-October, 2004	50	36	5	4	5
Early October, 2004	57	32	3	2	6
Mid-September, 2004	54	28	5	3	10
Early September, 2004	58	30	4	3	5
August, 2004	57	34	2	3	4
May, 2004	50	31	8	4	7
Late March, 2004	51	33	4	2	10
Mid-March, 2004	52	34	4	4	6
<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late-October, 2000	44	41	6	6	3
Mid-October, 2000	42	39	9	6	4
Early October, 2000	41	38	7	10	4
September, 2000	44	38	7	6	5

h.F2 Takes consistent positions on issues

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
<b>2012 Election</b>					
Sep 12-16, 2012	34	50	7	3	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	46	10	3	7

**ASK ALL FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.24 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates [**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES: Mitt Romney or Barack Obama**] do you think would do the best job of [**INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE**]? And who do you think would do the best job of [**INSERT NEXT ITEM**]? [**IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN ROMNEY OR OBAMA PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose between (READ IN SAME ORDER: Romney or Obama)**]?

**BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,161]:**

		<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Improving the job situation				
	<b>2012 Election</b>				
	Sep 12-16, 2012	45	46	4	5
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	46	42	6	6
b.F1	Dealing with Medicare				
	<b>2012 Election</b>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Sep 12-16, 2012	38	51	4	6
c.F1	Reducing the federal budget deficit				
	<b>2012 Election</b>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Sep 12-16, 2012	46	43	7	5
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 <sup>19</sup>	50	36	8	6
	<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	30	50	9	11
	<b>1996 Election</b>	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>		
	September, 1996	41	38	11	10
	July, 1996	39	40	11	10
d.F1	Representing your views about abortion				
	<b>2012 Election</b>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Sep 12-16, 2012	35	48	5	12
e.F1	Making wise decisions about foreign policy				
	<b>2012 Election</b>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Sep 12-16, 2012	38	53	3	6
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	48	4	8
	<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	45	44	1	10
	Late September, 2008	49	42	2	7
	Mid-September, 2008	51	40	2	7
	July, 2008	43	42	2	13
	<b>2004 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>		
	September, 2004	53	37	3	7
	August, 2004	43	47	2	8
	May, 2004	43	42	4	11
	Late March, 2004	44	38	4	14
	Mid-March, 2004	44	45	3	8
	<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>		
	March, 2000	40	46	4	10
	<b>1996 Election</b>	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>		
	Early September, 1996	39	44	7	10
	July, 1996	42	42	5	11
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u>
	<b>1992 Election</b>				<u>DK/Ref</u>
	October, 1992	53	27	6	3
					11

<sup>19</sup> In 2012 the word "federal" was added to the question.

## Q.24 CONTINUED...

		<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
f.F1	Dealing with taxes					
	<b>2012 Election</b>					
	Sep 12-16, 2012	42	48	3	6	
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	48	5	7	
	<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	Mid-October, 2008	35	50	5	10	
	Late-September, 2008	36	49	6	9	
	Mid-September, 2008	39	44	5	12	
	June, 2008	36	47	6	11	
	Late May, 2008	44	39	5	12	
	<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
	Late October, 2000	45	41	5	9	
	Mid-October, 2000	41	42	5	12	
	Early October, 2000	39	42	6	13	
	September, 2000	41	41	5	13	
	June, 2000	41	34	7	18	
	March, 2000	40	44	5	11	
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>					
	<i>Cutting taxes</i>					
	<b>1996 Election</b>	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
	September, 1996	42	34	14	10	
	July, 1996	42	35	12	11	
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	<i>Not increasing taxes</i>					
	<b>1992 Election</b>					
	October, 1992	35	25	8	16	16
g.F1	Dealing with health care					
	<b>2012 Election</b>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	39	52	4	5	
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	41	49	5	5	
	Jun 7-17, 2012	44	45	5	6	
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>					
	<i>Improving the health care system</i>					
	<b>2008 Election</b>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	Mid-October, 2008	27	57	6	10	
	Mid-September, 2008	31	52	7	10	
	Late May, 2008	32	49	6	13	
	<b>2004 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
	Early October, 2004	31	49	8	12	
	September 22-26, 2004	32	48	7	13	
	Early September, 2004	32	50	8	10	
	August, 2004	29	55	5	11	
	May, 2004	29	51	7	13	
	Late March, 2004	33	46	6	15	
	Mid-March, 2004	29	57	4	10	
	<b>2000 Election</b>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
	Late October, 2000	38	47	5	10	
	Mid-October, 2000	37	48	4	11	
	Early October, 2000	36	49	5	10	
	September, 2000	32	51	6	11	
	June, 2000	31	44	6	19	
	March, 2000	31	51	6	12	
h.F1	Dealing with problems in the Middle East					
	<b>2012 Election</b>	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	39	50	4	7	

**RANDOMIZE Q.25F1 AND Q.27F1****ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.25 Please tell me whether you think each of the following describes Barack Obama. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** do you think of Barack Obama as **[FIRST ITEM]** or not? Do you think of Obama as **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

**BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,161]:**

		Yes, describes <u>Obama</u>	No	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Decisive			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	57	38	5
	Mar 10-14, 2010	56	38	7
b.F1	Inspiring			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	64	34	1
	Mar 10-14, 2010	59	38	2
	November, 2008 <sup>20</sup>	81	18	1
	Mid-October, 2008	71	26	3
	Mid-September, 2008	71	26	3
	April, 2008	66	31	3
	March, 2008	70	26	4
c.F1	Hard to like			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	24	75	2
	April, 2008	25	71	4
	March, 2008	17	78	5

**RANDOMIZE Q.26F2 AND Q.28F2****ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.26 Does Barack Obama make you feel **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not? Does Obama make you feel **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

**BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,263]:**

		<u>Yes</u>	No	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F2	Hopeful			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	50	48	2
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	55	2
	Mar 10-14, 2010	52	46	2
	November, 2008 <sup>21</sup>	69	29	2
	March, 2008 <sup>22</sup>	54	43	3
b.F2	Proud			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	51	45	3
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	52	3
	Mar 10-14, 2010	48	48	4
	November, 2008	65	32	3
	March, 2008	42	53	5
c.F2	Angry			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	31	68	1
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	31	68	1
	Mar 10-14, 2010	31	67	2
	November, 2008	9	91	*
	March, 2008	26	71	3

<sup>20</sup> All November 2008 trends from post-election callback survey of voters.

<sup>21</sup> All November 2008 trends from post-election callback survey of voters.

<sup>22</sup> For all March 2008 trends, the question was worded "Has Barack Obama ever made you feel [INSERT ITEM] or not?"

**Q.26 CONTINUED ...**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
d.F2	Disappointed			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	49	50	1
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	55	44	2
	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	51	3

**RANDOMIZE Q.25F1 AND Q.27F1****ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.27 Please tell me whether you think each of the following describes Mitt Romney. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** do you think of Mitt Romney as **[FIRST ITEM]** or not? Do you think of Romney as **[NEXT ITEM]** or not? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW CANDIDATE WELL ENOUGH ENTER AS DON'T KNOW AND EMPHASIZE THAT THAT IS A LEGITIMATE ANSWER]**

**BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,161]:**

		Yes, describes <u>Romney</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Decisive			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	55	38	7
b.F1	Inspiring			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	36	60	3
c.F1	Hard to like			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	43	52	5

**RANDOMIZE Q.26F2 AND Q.28F2****ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.28 Does Mitt Romney make you feel **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not? Does Romney make you feel **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

**BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,263]:**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.F2	Hopeful			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	44	54	2
b.F2	Proud			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	35	59	6
c.F2	Angry			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	26	72	2
d.F2	Worried			
	Sep 12-16, 2012	48	50	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.29F2 AND Q.30F2****ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**Q.29F2 In general, do you think Barack Obama's positions on the issues are **[READ IN ORDER]**:**BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,263]:**

	Too <u>liberal</u>	Not liberal <u>enough</u>	About <u>right</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 12-16, 2012	39	9	47	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	41	12	42	5
February, 2008	33	7	48	12

**RANDOMIZE Q.29F2 AND Q.30F2****ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**Q.30F2 In general, do you think Mitt Romney's positions on the issues are **[READ IN ORDER]**:**BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,263]:**

	Too <u>conservative</u>	Not conservative <u>enough</u>	About <u>right</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 12-16, 2012	35	19	38	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	29	23	35	14

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	Too <u>conservative</u>	Not conservative <u>enough</u>	About <u>right</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
John McCain February, 2008	26	22	37	15

**NO QUESTION 31****RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.32 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
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

## Q.32 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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 <sup>23</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,455]:**

Q.33F1 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>
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
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

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Earlier trends available from Gallup.

## Q.33F1 CONTINUED ...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
<i>Newsweek</i> : 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
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.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,564]:

Q.34F2 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

	<u>The economy is recovering</u>	<u>The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon</u>	<u>It will be a long time before the economy recovers</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	25	30	43	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	25	29	44	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	20	24	54	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	33	42	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	17	33	48	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 <sup>24</sup>	10	37	52	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	13	35	50	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	13	37	48	2

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In September 2010 and earlier, the first answer choice read "The economy is now recovering."

**RANDOMIZE Q.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,455]:**

Thinking now about your own personal finances...

Q.35F1 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.) DK/Ref</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
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
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.32 AND Q.33F1/Q.34F2 IN BLOCK WITH Q.35F1 AND Q.36F1 BLOCK  
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,455]:**

Q.36F1 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?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
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
<i>U.S. News: October, 1992</i>	9	51	14	3	15	8
<i>U.S. News: August, 1992</i>	6	50	20	5	14	5
<i>U.S. News: May, 1992</i>	8	49	22	4	13	4
<i>U.S. News: January, 1992</i>	9	46	19	5	16	5

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,564]:**Q.37F2 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>The job situation</u>	<u>The federal budget deficit</u>	<u>Rising prices</u>	<u>Problems in the financial and housing markets</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>(VOL.) None/not worried about any</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	27	19	10	2	1	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	24	22	11	2	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	22	13	12	2	1	2
Sep 1-4, 2011	43	22	17	11	4	2	2
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	29	15	11	3	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	38	28	20	10	2	*	2
Mar 8-14, 2011	34	24	28	10	3	*	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	44	19	23	10	1	1	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	47	19	15	14	1	1	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	19	15	12	2	1	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	41	23	16	13	3	1	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	45	22	17	11	2	*	2

**ASK ALL:**Q.38 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to fixing the economy – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount, not too much, or no confidence at all?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Barack Obama					
Sep 12-16, 2012	22	32	16	27	2
Dec 9-13, 2009 <sup>25</sup>	20	32	17	27	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	21	38	18	21	2
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 <sup>26</sup>	32	38	13	13	4
Jan 7-11, 2009	33	42	14	7	4
b. Mitt Romney					
Sep 12-16, 2012	14	31	26	26	4

**Q.39 THROUGH Q.44 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTION 45**<sup>25</sup> In December, September and January of 2009, economy was asked in a list of issues.<sup>26</sup> Item asked in a list about confidence in Obama, Democratic leaders in Congress, and Republican leaders in Congress.

**ASK IF UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF ROMNEY (Q.22b=3,4) AND NOT TOO MUCH OR NO CONFIDENCE IN OBAMA TO FIX THE ECONOMY (Q.38a=3,4) [N=241]:**

Q.46 Just one more question about the candidates. Which worries you more - **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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38 That Barack Obama may not be able to make progress on the economy  
 39 That Mitt Romney may not be trustworthy  
 14 Both **(VOL.)**  
 4 Neither **(VOL.)**  
 4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 47-48**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.49 Here is a series of statements on some different topics. The first one is ... **[READ ITEM; RANDOMIZE.]** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree. Next... **[ITEM; RANDOMIZE]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: Repeat answer choices as necessary. If respondent indicates only that they agree or disagree, probe "Do you completely (dis)agree or mostly (dis)agree?]**

		-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			(VOL.)
		Comp-			Comp-			
		Net	letely	Mostly	Net	letely	Mostly	DK/Ref
a.	We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country							
	Sep 12-16, 2012	38	14	25	57	31	26	4
	Late October, 2008	33	13	20	62	30	32	5
	June, 2008	34	15	19	61	34	27	5
	March, 2008	34	12	22	61	32	29	5
b.	I think it's all right for blacks and whites to date each other							
	Sep 12-16, 2012	86	64	22	10	5	5	4
	Late October, 2008	83	59	24	12	7	5	5
	June, 2008	81	58	23	14	8	6	5
	March, 2008	79	52	27	16	8	8	5
c.	The best way to ensure peace is though military strength							
	Sep 12-16, 2012	60	23	37	37	13	24	3
d.	The growing number of newcomers from other countries are a threat to traditional American customs and values							
	Sep 12-16, 2012	39	14	25	57	26	31	4
	Late October, 2008	37	13	24	57	23	34	6
	March, 2008	45	19	26	50	20	30	5
e.	It is the responsibility of the government to take care of those who can't take care of themselves							
	Sep 12-16, 2012	63	22	41	34	10	24	3
f.	Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good							
	Sep 12-16, 2012	57	22	35	35	9	27	7

**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?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	28	37	31	1	*	2	14	13
Jul 16-26, 2012	25	38	33	2	1	2	15	12
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	36	34	1	*	2	15	15
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	35	35	1	*	1	17	14
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	28	35	31	2	*	3	13	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	28	34	35	1	*	1	16	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	28	38	31	1	1	1	15	14
Feb 8-12, 2012	32	34	31	1	*	1	13	15
Jan 11-16, 2012	24	33	38	2	*	2	17	14
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	32	32	3	*	2	15	12

**BASED ON GENERAL PUBLIC:**

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 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

**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
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	--	--	--	--	--

**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
Sep 12-16, 2012	18	26	53	2	2	--
Jul 16-26, 2012	16	27	54	2	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 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 <sup>27</sup>	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

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<sup>27</sup>

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."

**ASK ALL:**

PVOTE08A In the 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

**ASK IF YES (PVOTE08A=1):**

PVOTE08B Did you vote for Obama, McCain or someone else?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	<u>Voted</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Other candidate</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	Did not vote	(VOL.) Don't remember/Ref
Sep 12-16, 2012	86	47	32	4	3	13	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	88	45	33	7	3	11	1
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	88	46	32	5	4	12	*
Aug 17-21, 2011	89	46	33	6	5	11	1
Mar 8-14, 2011	88	46	32	5	5	12	*
Nov 4-7, 2010	89	45	33	6	4	11	1
Oct 27-30, 2010	88	44	35	4	5	10	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	89	45	35	4	4	10	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	89	46	34	4	4	10	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	92	44	37	4	6	8	*
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	93	47	34	5	7	7	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	93	48	33	4	8	7	*
Jan 7-11, 2009	93	48	35	4	6	7	*
December, 2008	93	50	32	3	9	7	*

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE AND DID NOT VOTE IN 2008 (PLANTO1=1 AND PVOTE08A=2,8,9):**

FIRST Will the election this November be the FIRST time that you have voted, or have you voted before?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

Sep 12-16 <u>2012</u>		Oct <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Mid- Oct <u>2004</u> <sup>28</sup>
5	FIRST time voting	5	13	11
91	Voted before	88	87	89
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	*	*
--	Already voted	*	--	--
3	Don't plan to vote/Don't know	7	--	--

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:****ASK ALL WHO VOTED (Q.1=1):**

PVOTE04A In the 2004 presidential election between George W. Bush and John Kerry, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

**ASK IF DID NOT VOTE IN 2004 (PVOTE04A=2-9):**

FIRST Is this the first year you have ever voted, or have you voted in elections before this year?

<u>Nov 2008</u> <sup>29</sup>	<u>Oct 2008</u>		<u>Nov 2004</u> <sup>30</sup>	<u>Oct 2004</u>
8	7	First time	13	11
92	92	Had voted before	87	89
1	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*

<sup>28</sup> In Mid-October 2004, the question was asked as part of a series of items about whether they applied to the respondent.  
<sup>29</sup> In 2008, those who voted in the presidential primary but not in 2004 were asked "Had you ever voted before this year's primary, or was this the FIRST time you voted?" Non-primary registered voters were asked "Have you ever voted before, or would this election be your first time voting?" The percentage reported here as first time voters does not include those who said they had first voted in the 2008 primaries.

<sup>30</sup> In 2004, the question was worded "Was this election the FIRST time that you have voted, or have you voted before?"

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

SCALE10 I'd like you to rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 10 to 1. If TEN represents a person who definitely will vote and ONE represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,424]:**

	Definitely will vote								Definitely will not vote		(VOL.) DK/Ref
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Sep 12-16, 2012	84	5	4	2	1	2	*	*	*	1	1
<b>2010 Election</b>											
Oct 27-30, 2010 <sup>31</sup>	72	6	5	4	1	4	*	1	1	3	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	71	8	7	3	2	2	1	1	*	4	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	71	9	7	3	2	4	1	1	*	2	1
<b>2008 Election</b>											
November, 2008	86	5	3	1	*	2	*	*	*	2	1
Late October, 2008	86	5	2	1	*	2	*	*	*	3	1
Mid-October, 2008	86	5	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	84	6	3	1	1	2	0	*	1	1	1
August, 2008	80	6	5	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1
July, 2008	80	7	4	2	1	3	*	1	*	2	0
<b>2006 Election</b>											
November, 2006	72	7	5	3	2	4	*	1	1	4	1
Late October, 2006	71	8	9	4	2	3	*	1	*	1	1
Early October, 2006	68	10	9	4	1	4	*	1	*	2	1
September, 2006	67	9	9	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	1
<b>2004 Election</b>											
November, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
<b>2002 Election</b>											
Early November, 2002	66	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	1
Early October, 2002	64	10	10	4	3	4	1	*	*	2	2
<b>2000 Election</b>											
Early November, 2000	80	6	5	2	1	3	*	*	*	3	1
Late October, 2000	83	5	5	1	1	2	*	1	1	1	*
Mid-October, 2000	80	7	4	3	1	3	1	*	*	1	1
Early October, 2000	78	7	5	2	2	2	*	1	1	1	1
<b>1998 Election</b>											
Late October, 1998	70	6	7	4	1	4	1	1	1	4	1
Early October, 1998	64	9	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	2	1
<b>1996 Election</b>											
November, 1996	77	7	7	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1
October, 1996	77	9	7	2	2	2	*	*	*	1	*
Late September, 1996	78	10	6	2	1	1	*	*	*	1	1
<b>1994 Election</b>											
November, 1994	67	9	8	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	2
Late October, 1994	66	10	9	4	2	4	1	1	*	2	1
<b>1992 Election</b>											
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1992	77	5	4	3	2	4	*	1	*	4	*
<b>1988 Election</b>											
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	77	7	6	2	1	3	*	*	*	2	2
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1988	73	8	7	3	2	3	1	*	*	1	2

<sup>31</sup> In Oct 27-30, 2010 and Oct 13-18,2010, Late October, Mid-October and November 2008, November 2006, November 2004 and Early November 2002, the "10 – definitely will vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**  
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**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**N=1,001**

**PEW.1-PEW.3 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.4 Next, I'm going to name some third party presidential candidates. Not everyone will have heard of them. Have you heard of **[INSERT NAME, RANDOMIZE]**, or not? **[IF HEARD OF: Have you heard a lot or just a little?]**

		Yes, <u>heard a lot</u>	Yes, <u>heard a little</u>	No, <u>not heard of</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party September 13-16, 2012	4	17	78	1
b.	Jill Stein of the Green Party September 13-16, 2012	2	14	83	1
c.	Virgil Goode of the Constitution Party September 13-16, 2012	1	7	91	1

**NO QUESTION PEW.5**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about foreign policy and national security ...

**RANDOMIZE PEW.6 AND PEW.7**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.6 Do you think Barack Obama is too tough, not tough enough or about right in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=824]:**

Sep 13-16 <u>2012</u>		Apr 21-26 <u>2010</u>	Oct 28-Nov 8 <u>2009</u>	June 10-14 <u>2009</u>
1	Too tough	2	3	2
47	Not tough enough	47	47	38
40	About right	41	43	51
12	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	10	7	8

**RANDOMIZE PEW.6 AND PEW.7**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.7 Do you think Mitt Romney would be too tough, not tough enough, or about right in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=824]:**

Sep 13-16 <u>2012</u>	
16	Too tough
22	Not tough enough
34	About right
28	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

## PEW.7 CONTINUED...

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:  
BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS**

	<u>Too tough</u>	<u>Not tough enough</u>	<u>About right</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>John McCain</i>				
September, 2008	25	15	51	9
Late May, 2008	22	16	51	11
Late February, 2008	25	16	47	12