

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**JANUARY 2011 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**January 5-9, 2011**  
**N=1503**

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

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

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

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

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>
46	Approve	47	48	49	63
27	Very strongly	28	29	30	45
16	Not so strongly	17	17	15	13
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	3	5
44	Disapprove	44	43	42	26
30	Very strongly	32	31	30	18
13	Not so strongly	11	11	11	8
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1	*
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	9	10	11

**RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a 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- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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	April 8, 2003	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 <sup>1</sup>	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
January, 2006	34	61	5	September, 1993	20	75	5
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	May, 1993	22	71	7
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	January, 1993	39	50	11
July, 2005	35	58	7	January, 1992	28	68	4
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	November, 1991	34	61	5
February, 2005	38	56	6	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
January, 2005	40	54	6	August, 1990	47	48	5
December, 2004	39	54	7	May, 1990	41	54	5
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	January, 1989	45	50	5
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

<sup>1</sup> From 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?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?

Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>		<i>Democratic congressional leaders</i>		
		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u> <sup>2</sup>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
34	Approve	41	50	52
43	Disapprove	37	21	28
22	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	22	29	20

**NO QUESTIONS 4-6****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=737]:**

Q.7F1 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>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
<b>Obama</b>				
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
<b>Bush</b>				
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
<b>Clinton</b>				
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

<sup>2</sup> In Nov. 2010 and before, the question began "As best you can tell, do you approve..."

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=737]:**

Q.8F1 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today? **[RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. PROBE FOR CLARITY – DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD IN ORDER OF MENTION]**

Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>		Aug	Feb		Aug		Feb		Early		Jan		Sep		Jan		May		Mid-		Mid-	
		26-29 <u>10</u> <sup>3</sup>	<u>10</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>					
35	Unemployment/Lack of jobs	27	31	19	31	9	5	5	3	5	4	7	7	7	8	10	4					
27	Economy (general)	35	24	27	53	55	39	20	10	5	9	11	15	12	14	28	8					
	Deficit/National debt/Balanced																					
11	budget/Gov't spending	3	11	6	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	1					
	Dissatisfaction with gov't/politics/																					
9	Obama/Gov't control	9	5	5	5	4	3	6	7	8	6	5	6	5	7	3	4					
9	Health care/costs/accessibility	4	13	20	3	4	3	10	7	8	4	6	7	5	5	3	2					
3	War/War in Iraq/War in Afghan.	3	4	5	3	11	17	27	37	42	25	23	24	32	25	14	10					
	Education/schools/affording																					
3	education	1	1	2	1	--	4	4	3	4	4	3	2	3	4	4	4					
2	Immigration	2	1	1	1	1	2	6	6	5	6	3	4	1	1	1	1					
2	Energy costs	--	--	--	--	5	19	3	2	2	7	5	6	--	2	--	1					
2	Morality/Ethics/Family values	4	3	3	1	1	3	2	3	3	2	4	3	5	4	4	8					
2	Finances/money	2	--	--	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--					
2	Inflation	1	--	--	2	5	6	3	1	--	2	2	2	1	1	1	1					
1	Crime/Violence	--	1	1	1	--	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	4					
1	Environment/pollution/																					
	Global warming	1	1	--	1	1	3	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1					
1	Housing market/foreclosures	2	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--					
1	Trade/Jobs moving overseas	--	2	1	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	2	1	1	2	--	--					
1	Poverty/Hunger/Starvation	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	7	2	3	2	3	2					
1	Taxes	1	1	--	--	1	--	2	1	--	--	1	1	1	1	1	1					
1	Terrorism	--	2	1	1	2	3	3	6	5	14	6	8	10	8	9	24					
1	Uneven distribution of wealth	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--					
1	Defense/National security	--	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	4	3	2	3	3	2	5					
1	Drugs/Alcohol	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	4					
1	Wall Street/Corporate America	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--					
10	Other																					
5	Don't know/No answer	7	6	5	3	4	4	5	5	7	7	7	5	5	6	9	8					
	<b>(NET) FOREIGN ISSUES/</b>																					
<b>6</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>					
<b>62</b>	<b>(NET) ECONOMIC</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>					

<sup>3</sup> Complete trend for Q8.F1 not shown; trends available to 1987.

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=766]:**

Q.9F2 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 5-9, 2011</u>	<u>January, 2010</u>	<u>Mid-April, 2009</u>	<u>February, 2009<sup>4</sup></u>			
30	Good	25	Intelligent	30	Intelligent	33	Intelligent/Intellectual
25	Trying	21	Inexperienced	29	Good	17	Change
20	Socialist	21	Trying	20	Socialist	16	Honest
19	Inexperienced	18	Good	17	Liberal	15	Confident
16	Incompetent	15	Socialist	16	Great	15	Inexperienced
14	Great	12	Honest	15	Confident	14	Hope/Hopeful
13	Intelligent	12	Unqualified	13	Inexperienced	13	Smart
13	Leader	11	Arrogant	12	Honest	13	Socialist
12	Liar	11	Fair	12	Trying	12	Good
11	Strong	11	Incompetent	11	Smart	11	Charismatic
11	Smart	10	Confident	10	Change	10	Great
10	Determined	10	Different	10	Competent	9	Fantastic
10	Liberal	10	Strong	10	Excellent	9	Leader
9	Disappointing	8	Change	10	Spender/Spending	9	Trying
9	Honest	8	Great	9	Arrogant	8	Determined
9	Idiot	7	OK	9	Hope/Hopeful	8	Different
8	President	7	Smart	8	Charismatic	8	Liberal
7	Capable	6	Capable	8	President/Presidential	8	President
7	Fair	6	Disappointing	7	Different	8	Sincere
6	Alright	6	Excellent	7	Leader	7	Arrogant
6	Excellent	6	Fake	5	Caring/Cares	7	Awesome
6	OK	6	Leader	5	Determined	7	Competent
5	Deceitful/Deceptive	6	Liar	5	Efficient	7	Energetic
5	Talker	5	Charismatic	5	Strong	6	Dedicated
5	Unqualified	5	Communist	5	Young	6	Excellent
4	Arrogant	5	Idiot	4	Ambitious	6	Fresh/Refreshing
4	Dynamic	5	Liberal	4	Awesome	6	Naive
4	Hope/Hopeful	5	President	4	Capable	5	Committed
4	Naïve	4	Clueless	4	Impressed	5	New
4	Personable	4	Competent	4	Incompetent	5	Outstanding
4	Puppet	4	Dedicated	4	Integrity	5	Young
4	Weak	4	Determined	4	Naïve	4	Amazing
		4	Dishonest	4	Politician	4	Capable
		4	Hopeful		<b>(N=742)</b>	4	Dynamic
		4	Integrity			4	Enthusiastic
		4	Young			4	Fair
			<b>(N=740)</b>			4	Integrity
						4	OK
						4	Good speaker
						4	Strong
						4	Surprising
							<b>(N=660)</b>

<sup>4</sup> Full trend not shown. Question was also asked in Sept. 2008.

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=766]:**

Q.10F2 Barack Obama has been president for nearly two years now. Do you think most of the things he has done since he became president will turn out to be **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

		<i>ABC:</i>
		<b>Reagan</b>
Jan 5-9		Jan
<u>2011</u>		<u>1983</u> <sup>5</sup>
47	Good for the country in the long run	50
42	Bad for the country in the long run	31
2	Too soon to tell <b>(VOL.)</b>	5
3	Some good/some bad <b>(VOL.)</b>	8
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7

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<sup>5</sup> In Jan 1983, the answer choice "Good for the country in the long run" was always the first option read and the question ended with "...or what?"

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=737]:**

Q.AF1 And a different kind of question about the Tea Party. What one word best describes your impression of the Tea Party movement? Just the one word that best describes it. **[OPEN END. PROBE FOR CLARITY ONLY. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE. DO NOT READ PRECODE LIST. DO NOT SUGGEST ANSWERS]**?

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

<u>Jan 5-9, 2011</u>		<u>April 16-19, 2010</u>			
15	Good/Good thing	34	Great	5	Positive
12	Radical	34	Interesting	5	Waste/Wasteful/ Waste of time
11	Crazy	31	Patriots/Patriotic	4	Active/Activists
11	OK	23	Good	4	Bad
9	Ridiculous	18	Ridiculous	4	Boring
9	Undecided/Uncertain/ Undetermined	16	Misinformed/Not informed/Uninformed	4	Disgusting/Disgusted
8	Confused/Confusing	15	Radical	4	Hopeful
8	Conservative	14	Stupid	4	Justified/Justifiable
8	Great	11	Needed	4	Noisy
7	Hopeful	10	Angry	4	Nonsense
7	Interesting	10	Conservative	4	Protest
7	Unknown	10	Not interested/ Uninterested	4	Rebellion/Rebellious
6	Disapprove	9	Excellent	4	Silly
6	Extreme/Extremists	9	Fantastic	4	Terrible
6	Idiots	9	Necessary	4	Unorganized/Disorganized
6	Patriotic/Patriots	9	Concern/Concerned		
6	Scary	8	Crazy		<b>(N=1,008)</b>
6	Silly	8	Freedom		
5	Aggressive	8	Idiot/Idiotic/Idiocy		
5	Change	8	Politics/Political		
5	Constitutionalists/ Constitution	7	American		
5	Hate/Hateful	6	Awesome		
5	Impressed	6	Confused/Confusing		
5	Uniformed/Misinformed	6	Extreme/Extremist		
5	Nuts	6	Ignorant		
4	Bad	6	Nuts		
4	Disgusted/Disgusting	6	Racist		
4	Encouraging	6	Republican		
4	Favorable	6	Useless		
4	Grassroots	5	Fringe		
4	Positive	5	Frustration/Frustrated		
4	Reactionary	5	Go		
4	Successful	5	Grassroots		
4	Unnecessary	5	Important		
		5	Impressive/Impressed		
		5	Misguided		

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the new Congress ...

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=737]:**

Q.11F1 In your view, will members of Congress who support the Tea Party have a mostly positive effect, mostly negative effect or not much of an effect?

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27	Mostly positive
18	Mostly negative
39	Not much of an effect
16	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=766]:**

Q.12F2 How much, if anything, have you heard or read about Republican leaders in Congress planning major investigations into how the government has operated under the Obama administration?

**[READ IN ORDER]?**

Jan 5-9

2011

15	A lot
48	A little
35	Nothing at all
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q12F2=1,2):**Q.13F2 Do you think these investigations are **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?****BASED ON THOSE WHO HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE [N=507]**

Jan 5-9

2011

56	The right thing to do
32	The wrong thing to do
1	Too early to tell <b>(VOL.)</b>
11	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 Now thinking about Barack Obama's upcoming State of the Union address... 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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Obama</b>				
Jan 5-9, 2011	34	11	49	6
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	9	45	7
<b>Bush</b>				
January, 2008 <sup>6</sup>	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
<b>Clinton</b>				
January, 2000	16	22	53	9
January, 1999	27	16	51	6

**NO QUESTION 15**


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<sup>6</sup> In 2008, question began "As you may know, George W. Bush will give his annual State of the Union address in a few weeks..."

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 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]**?

	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>
a.	58	Trustworthy	58	61	64	76
	36	Not trustworthy	37	31	30	15
	2	Neither particularly <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	2	2	1
	4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	5	5	8
b.	70	Warm and friendly	68	77	78	87
	23	Cold and aloof	26	16	16	8
	2	Neither particularly <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	3	2	2
	5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	4	4	3
c.	54	Able to get things done	55	57	58	70
	38	Not able to get things done	39	35	31	15
	3	Neither particularly <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	3	3	2
	5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	5	8	13
d.	64	Well informed	67	69	70	79
	31	Not well informed	30	26	23	15
	2	Neither particularly <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	1	2	1
	4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	4	4	5
e.	77	Stands up for what he believes in	--	--	--	--
		Doesn't stand up for what				
	16	he believes in	--	--	--	--
	1	Neither particularly <b>(VOL.)</b>	--	--	--	--
	5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	--	--	--	--
f.	75	A good communicator	77	83	83	92
	21	Not a good communicator	20	14	13	6
	1	Neither particularly <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	1	1	*
	4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	2	3	2
g.		Someone who cares about				
	60	people like me	60	64	68	81
		Someone who doesn't care				
	34	about people like me	35	30	25	14
	1	Neither particularly <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	1	1	1
	5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	4	6	4
h.	53	A strong leader	53	62	65	77
	41	Not a strong leader	42	32	29	13
	2	Neither particularly <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	2	2	1
	4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	3	5	9

**NO QUESTIONS 17-18**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 Right now, which is more important for President Obama to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

	Domestic policy	Foreign policy	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<b>Obama</b>					
Jan 5-9, 2011	78	11	1	7	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	73	12	1	10	3
January 7-11, 2009 <sup>7</sup>	71	11	*	14	4
<b>Next President</b>					
September, 2008 <sup>8</sup>	60	21	*	15	4
May, 2008	61	22	*	15	4
<b>G.W. Bush</b>					
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
<b>Clinton</b>					
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

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=737]:**

Q.20F1 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.]**

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

<sup>7</sup> January 7-11, 2009, survey asked about "president-elect Obama."

<sup>8</sup> September and May 2008 surveys asked about priorities for the "next president."

<sup>9</sup> In November 2009 and before, Russia also included mentions of the former Soviet Union.

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=766]:**

Q.21F2 The United States has had strong political, economic and military ties with the nations of **[INSERT, RANDOMIZE]** on the one hand and the nations of **[NEXT ITEM]** on the other hand. Which area do you think is most important to the United States **[READ IN ORDER OF ABOVE]**

Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>		Sep <u>2001</u> <sup>10</sup>	Sep <u>1997</u>	Sep <u>1993</u>
37	Europe	44	49	50
47	Asia	34	31	31
7	Equally important <b>(VOL)</b>	9	6	8
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL)</b>	13	14	10

**ASK ALL:**

Q.22 Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	No effect <u>so far</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Too soon/ early to tell</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 5-9, 2011	28	31	35	2	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	27	32	36	2	4
Jun 3-6, 2010	23	29	35	3	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	27	42	3	5
Dec 9-13, 2009	30	24	39	3	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	31	20	42	4	3
Jul 20-26, 2009	24	21	46	3	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	26	16	49	4	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	26	17	47	6	4
Mar 9-12, 2009	14	15	64	4	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?

	<u>Work together more</u>	Bicker and <u>oppose one another more than usual</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Same as in past</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 5-9, 2011 <sup>11</sup>	30	63	3	5
January, 2009	50	39	6	5
May, 2005	13	64	8	15
January, 2005	30	59	4	7
June, 2004	21	60	7	12
October, 2003	21	55	10	14
May, 2002	44	31	8	17
January, 2002	53	39	5	3
July, 2001	30	46	10	14
May, 2001	34	41	9	16
January, 2001	41	50	4	5
July, 2000	21	54	10	15
August, 1999	20	68	4	8
August, 1998	27	51	8	14
November, 1997	38	45	7	10
August, 1997	43	46	3	8
June, 1997	34	49	6	11
October, 1995	21	72	3	4
August, 1993	20	57	13	10

<sup>10</sup> In Sept. 2001 and before the question read "...with the nations of Europe on the one hand, and with Japan and the Pacific rim nations of Asia, on the other hand," and the answer choices were not randomized. In Sept. 1993 Europe was described as "... friendly nations of Europe."

<sup>11</sup> In surveys that were not conducted in January of a given year the question was worded: "This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?"

## NO QUESTIONS 24-25

## ASK ALL:

Q.26 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?]

		Important				(VOL.) DK/Ref
		Top priority	but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	
<u>SUMMARY TABLE</u>						
m.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy	87	11	1	1	1
a.F1	Improving the job situation	84	13	*	1	2
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	73	22	3	1	1
n.F2	Improving the educational system	66	26	5	2	1
o.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	66	26	4	1	2
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	64	27	3	2	4
p.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	61	31	4	2	3
f.F1	Reducing health care costs	61	28	4	4	2
w.F2	Revising the health care legislation passed last year	56	23	7	10	5
q.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	52	36	8	2	2
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	50	39	7	2	2
h.F1	Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration	46	38	12	3	1
c.F1	Reducing crime	44	43	10	2	1
s.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	43	35	14	6	3
r.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	43	30	12	9	6
e.F1	Protecting the environment	40	44	12	3	2
v.F2	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington	37	31	19	6	7
d.F1	Changing the federal income tax system to make it simpler	37	37	17	5	4
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	34	44	13	3	5
g.F1	Improving the country's roads, bridges, and public transportation systems	33	48	16	2	2
u.F2	Dealing with global warming	26	35	21	14	4
k.F1	Dealing with obesity in this country	19	39	25	14	3

**Q.26 CONTINUED...**FULL TREND:**ASK ITEMS a THRU k OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=737]:**

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F1 Improving the job situation					
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 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
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<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 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
January, 1999	70	24	3	1	2
January, 1998	71	25	2	1	1
January, 1997	70	25	3	2	*

## Q.26 CONTINUED...

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	December, 1994	78	17	2	1	2
d.F1	Changing the federal income tax system to make it simpler					
	Jan 5-9, 2011	37	37	17	5	4
	January, 2006	40	35	16	6	3
	January, 2005	39	36	15	6	4
e.F1	Protecting the environment					
	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 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
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
	<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	Improving the country's roads, bridges, and public transportation systems					
	Jan 5-9, 2011	33	48	16	2	2
h.F1	Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration					
	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

**Q.26 CONTINUED...**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks					
	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 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	Dealing with obesity in this country					
	Jan 5-9, 2011	19	39	25	14	3
<b>NO ITEM I</b>						
<b>ASK ITEMS m THRU w OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=766]:</b>						
m.F2	Strengthening the nation's economy					
	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
	Early September, 2001 <sup>12</sup>	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 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

<sup>12</sup>

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

## Q.26 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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 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 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
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 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

## Q.26 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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 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 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
January, 2002	52	37	7	2	2
January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2
t.F2 Dealing with the nation's energy problem					
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 <sup>13</sup>	46	41	6	2	5
u.F2 Dealing with global warming					
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

<sup>13</sup>

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

## Q.26 CONTINUED...

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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 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
w.F2 Revising the health care legislation passed last year					
Jan 5-9, 2011	56	23	7	10	5

## ASK ALL:

Q.27 Next, we're interested in how you think the U.S. is doing on some international issues. First, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**. Do you think the U.S. is making progress, losing ground, or are things about the same as they have been when it comes to **[ITEM]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you think the U.S. is making progress, losing ground, or are things about the same as they have been on this issue?]**

	Making progress	About the same	Losing ground	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. The situation in Iraq				
Jan 5-9, 2011	32	48	15	5
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>The war in Iraq</i>				
December, 2008 <sup>14</sup>	36	34	26	4
b. The situation in Afghanistan				
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	45	24	7
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
<i>The war in Afghanistan</i>				
December, 2008 <sup>15</sup>	21	42	31	6
c. Dealing with Iran				
Jan 5-9, 2011	13	53	26	9
d. Dealing with North Korea				
Jan 5-9, 2011	9	50	26	14
e. Drug violence along the Mexican border				
Jan 5-9, 2011	12	38	43	7

## NO QUESTION 28

<sup>14</sup> Item was not part of a list in Dec. 2008.

<sup>15</sup> Item was not part of a list in Dec. 2008.

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.29 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress last year?

Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u> <sup>16</sup>	Sep 9-12 <u>2010</u>	Aug 25-Sep 6 <u>2010</u>	Jul 8-11 <u>2010</u>	Apr 1-5 <u>2010</u>
41	Approve	43	38	44	35	40
48	Disapprove	47	45	46	47	44
11	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	10	17	10	17	16

**ASK ALL:**

Q.30 What, if anything, do you think Congress should do with the health care law? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>
35	Expand it	30
20	Leave it as is	22
37	Repeal it	40
8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	8

**NO QUESTIONS 31-35****ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about China...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of China today... Do you think China is **[READ]**:

Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>		Oct 28- Nov 8 <u>2009</u>	Mid- Sep <u>2008</u>	Oct <u>2005</u>	Jul <u>2004</u>	Feb <u>2002</u>	Early Sep <u>2001</u>	May <u>2001</u>	Mar <u>2000</u>	Jun <u>1999</u>	Mar <u>1999</u>	Sep <u>1997</u>
22	An adversary	19	19	16	14	17	23	19	17	18	20	14
43	A serious problem, but not an adversary	41	49	45	40	39	48	51	44	53	48	46
27	Not much of a problem	30	26	30	36	33	23	22	26	22	25	32
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	9	6	9	10	11	6	8	13	7	7	8

**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 What is your impression... These days are relations between the U.S. and China **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 3 – KEEP 2 ALWAYS IN THE MIDDLE]?**

Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>		Jul <u>2004</u>	Feb <u>2002</u>	May <u>2001</u>	Mar <u>2000</u>	Jun <u>1999</u>	Mar <u>1999</u>	Aug <u>1995</u>
16	Improving	18	16	6	13	7	13	16
55	Staying about the same	58	61	48	55	50	60	53
22	Getting worse	13	14	40	19	35	19	22
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11	9	6	13	8	8	9

<sup>16</sup> In November 2010 the question asked about legislation passed "earlier this year." In September, August and July the question asked about legislation passed "in March." In April, the question asked about the legislation passed "last month."

**ASK ALL:**Q.38 Which concerns you more about China **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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60	Its economic strength
27	Its military strength
7	Both <b>(VOL.)</b>
2	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.39 And thinking about U.S. policy toward China, how important do you think each of the following is? First, do you think it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the U.S. to **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Build a stronger relationship with China Jan 5-9, 2011	58	30	6	3	3
b.	Get tougher with China on economic and trade issues Jan 5-9, 2011	53	32	8	3	5

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=737]:**

c.F1 Do more to promote human rights in China  
Jan 5-9, 2011

40	32	14	8	6
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**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=766]:**

d.F2 Do more to promote better environmental  
policies and practices in China  
Jan 5-9, 2011

39	33	16	7	5
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**NO QUESTION 40****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=737]:**Q.41F1 This year should the Republican leaders in Washington... **[READ IN ORDER]**

Jan 5-9 <u>2011</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u> <sup>17</sup>	<b>Voters</b> Nov <u>2008</u> <sup>18</sup>
61	Try as best they can to work with Barack Obama to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Republican supporters? [OR]	55	66
33	Should they stand up to Barack Obama on issues that are important to Republican supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington?	38	28
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	8	6

<sup>17</sup> In Nov 2010 and before, the question began "Next year..."

<sup>18</sup> 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.

**Q.41F1 CONTINUED...****TREND FOR COMPARISON:***This year should the Democratic leaders in Washington... [READ]*

	Jan 2007 <sup>19</sup>	Nov 2006
Try as best they can to work with George W. Bush to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters? [OR]	52	54
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 <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	11

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=766]:**Q.42F2 This year should Barack Obama... **[READ IN ORDER]**

Jan 5-9 2011		Nov 4-7 2010 <sup>20</sup>
65	Try as best he can to work with Republican leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters? [OR]	62
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?	27
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11

**NO QUESTIONS 43-44****ASK ALL:**Q.45 Which of the following, if any, do you think has been Barack Obama and the Congress's biggest accomplishment over the last two years? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]****ASK IF ANSWER GIVEN (Q45=1-7):**Q.46 And which, if any, do you think has been Barack Obama's second biggest accomplishment so far? **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.45 EXCLUDING PRIOR SELECTION]**

Jan 5-9, 2011			
First	Second	Combined	
25	16	41	Health care legislation
21	16	37	Extending tax cuts
18	19	37	The economic stimulus package
9	14	23	Financial regulation legislation
11	10	21	Allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military
1	*	1	Other <b>(VOL.)</b>
7	5	7	No successes/None <b>(VOL.)</b>
8	4	8	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
--	15	--	No first choice

<sup>19</sup> In January 2007 and November 2006 the question was rotated. Figures are based only on those who received this question first in the rotation.

<sup>20</sup> In Nov 2010 the question began "Next year..."

**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.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Jan 5-9, 2011	27	32	35	4	*	2	15	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	25	33	34	5	1	2	13	14
Nov 4-7, 2010	26	30	37	4	*	2	17	13
Oct 27-30, 2010	25	34	31	6	1	4	13	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	25	31	36	4	*	3	16	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	24	32	39	2	*	2	15	17
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	33	34	4	*	3	14	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	27	34	34	3	1	2	15	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	26	33	36	3	1	3	16	13
Mar 11-21, 2010	28	34	32	3	*	3	13	12
Mar 10-14, 2010	22	33	37	6	*	3	14	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	26	31	37	3	*	3	14	17
Jan 6-10, 2010	22	33	42	2	1	2	17	16
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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:**

TEAPARTY

From what you know, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	Strongly <u>agree</u>	Agree	Disagree	Strongly <u>disagree</u>	No opinion <u>either way</u>	(VOL.) Haven't <u>heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
Jan 5-9, 2011	6	18	12	10	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	17	14	12	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	8	19	11	11	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 <sup>21</sup> (RVs)	12	17	11	14	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	9	19	11	13	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	11	18	12	14	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	8	14	9	9	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	9	15	10	8	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	10	15	8	10	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	9	15	7	7	29	--	1	31

**ASK ALL:**

CVOTE10A

In the 2010 elections for CONGRESS, did things come up which kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

**ASK IF RESPONDENT VOTED (CVOTE10A=1):**

CVOTE10B

Did you happen to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress in your district?

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66	Yes, voted
30	Republican
27	Democrat
2	Other/Independent candidate (VOL.)
1	Didn't vote for Congress (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
33	No, didn't vote
*	No, too young to vote (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

<sup>21</sup>

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 through October, 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 it was described as "the Tea Party Protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."