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MAY OSAMA BIN LADEN SURVEY
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ASK ALL:

Q.1a All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

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

¹ In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

Q.1a CONTINUED...

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September, 1993	20	75	5	<i>Gallup: Late Feb, 1991</i>	66	31	3
May, 1993	22	71	7	August, 1990	47	48	5
January, 1993	39	50	11	May, 1990	41	54	5
January, 1992	28	68	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
November, 1991	34	61	5	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

ASK ALL:

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]**

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

ASK ALL:

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]**

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

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
b. The situation in Afghanistan			
May 2, 2011	60	29	11
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	43	45	11
Jan 6-9, 2011	44	42	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	46	9
Apr 21-26, 2010	41	42	17
Mar 10-14, 2010	51	35	15
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	43	12
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	49	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	47	33	19
c. The threat of terrorism			
May 2, 2011	69	21	10
Jan 6-9, 2011	55	33	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	51	39	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 ²	52	34	14
Apr 14-21, 2009	57	26	17
Feb 4-8, 2009	50	21	29

QUESTION 2a, 3 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTION 4****ASK ALL:**

Q.5 How much, if anything, have you heard about the U.S. military strike that killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. Have you heard **[READ]**?

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68	A lot
28	A little [OR]
4	Nothing at all
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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In surveys conducted October 28-November 8, 2009 and before, the item was worded "Terrorist threats."

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.5=1,2):

Q.6 How did you FIRST learn about the news that Osama bin Laden was killed by U.S. military forces?
Was it from **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

ASK IF TELEVISION (Q.6=3):

Q.7a Did you hear this on **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**: a cable news channel, such as CNN, Fox Cable news or MSNBC; a network news broadcast on ABC, CBS or NBC; OR a local television news broadcast in your area]?

ASK IF TALKING WITH SOMEONE (Q.6=1):

Q.7b Were you talking **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**: in person OR over the phone]?

ASK IF INTERNET (Q.6=5):

Q.7c Was this **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**: through social networking like Facebook or Twitter; in an email; OR on a news website or blog]?

BASED ON TOTAL

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15	Talking with someone
8	In person
7	Over the phone
1	Other (VOL.)
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
6	The radio
58	Television
20	Cable news channel
23	Network news broadcast
12	Local news broadcast
2	Other (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
3	A newspaper [OR]
11	The internet
6	Through social networking
*	In an email
5	On a news website or blog
*	Other (VOL.)
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
2	Other (VOL.)
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
4	<i>Heard nothing about it</i>

Q6/Q7a/Q7b/Q7c CONTINUED...**TREND FOR COMPARISON:****ASK ALL:**

How did you FIRST learn about the capture of Saddam Hussein? Was it from talking with others; listening to the radio; watching television; reading a newspaper; or going online over the Internet?

ASK IF TELEVISION:

Was this on an all-news cable channel such as CNN, MSNBC or the Fox CABLE news channel; on network broadcast television such as ABC, NBC, or CBS; or on a local television news broadcast in your area?

ASK IF TALKING WITH OTHERS:

Was this in a face-to-face conversation with someone or in a telephone call?

ASK IF INTERNET:

Was this from e-mail, an instant message, or from a web site?

	<i>Hussein's capture</i>	<i>Iraq War starts</i>	<i>Terrorist attacks</i>
	Dec <u>2003</u>	March <u>2003</u> ³	Sept <u>2001</u>
Talking with others	22	8	31
Face to face	11	5	16
Telephone calls	11	2	15
Radio	10	13	22
Television	60	73	44
Cable channel	26	37	11
Network news	20	22	20
Local news	11	11	9
Newspaper	1	2	*
Internet	6	3	1
Email	*	*	*
Instant message	1	*	0
Web Site	5	2	*
Other		1	12
Did not know about it (Vol.)	0	0	0
Don't know/Refused (Vol.)	*	*	*

QUESTION 8-11X HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

³ In March 2003 the question was worded "... such as CNN, MSNBC, FOX News or CNBC." The September 2001 trend is from a survey conducted for the Pew Internet and American Life Project (N=2039). The question was worded "... such as CNN or CNBC."

ASK ALL:

Q.12 How much credit, if any, do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE A AND B FOLLOWED BY C AND D]** should get for the killing of Osama bin Laden – a great deal, some, not much or none at all?

		A great <u>deal</u>	<u>Some</u>	Not <u>much</u>	None <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Barack Obama May 2, 2011	35	41	13	8	2
b.	George W. Bush May 2, 2011	15	36	15	31	3
c.	The U.S. military May 2, 2011	86	10	*	2	2
d.	The CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies May 2, 2011	66	23	3	3	5

QUESTION 13 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about the death of Osama bin Laden? The first is **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**. Does this describe your own personal feelings about the death of Osama bin Laden, or not? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Does this describe your own personal feelings about the death of Osama bin Laden, or not?]**

		Yes, <u>does</u>	No, <u>does not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Happy May 2, 2011	58	37	4
b.	Relieved May 2, 2011	72	26	2
c.	Afraid May 2, 2011	16	83	1
d.	Proud May 2, 2011	60	36	3

ASK ALL:

Q.901 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as **[RANDOMIZE: a Republican, a Democrat]**, an independent, or what?

ASK IF INDEP/OTHER/DK/REF (Q.901=3,4,9):

Q.904 Do you lean more towards the **[RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.901: Republican Party OR the Democratic Party]**?

	A <u>Republican</u>	A <u>Democrat</u>	An <u>Independent</u>	<u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
May 2, 2011	22	35	32	6	5	9	18