

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**OCTOBER 2011 GENERATIONS SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**September 22- October 4, 2011**  
**N=2410**

**RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q1.a BLOCK AND Q.2****ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

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

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

**RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q1.a BLOCK AND Q.2****ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	January, 2005	40	54	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	July, 2004	38	55	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	May, 2004	33	61	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	December, 2003	44	47	9
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	October, 2003	38	56	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	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
				May, 1993	22	71	7
				January, 1993	39	50	11
				January, 1992	28	68	4
				November, 1991	34	61	5

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

## Q.2 CONTINUED...

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3	January, 1989	45	50	5
August, 1990	47	48	5	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
May, 1990	41	54	5				

## NO QUESTIONS 3-6

## ASK ALL:

Q.7 Would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: do you have a very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of [ITEM]?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

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

## Q. 7 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
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9

## Q.7 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	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6

## ASK ALL:

Q.8 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	41	2	8
Mar 8-14, 2011	50	42	3	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
<i>LA Times/Bloomberg</i> : January 2006	49	38	--	13
<i>LA Times</i> : January 2005	52	36	--	12
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : June 2004	50	46	--	4
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 2003	45	42	4	9
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : July 2003	48	40	5	7
<i>ABC</i> : November 2002 ( <i>Likely voters</i> )	60	35	--	5
<i>Wash Post</i> : September 2002	54	39	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 2002	53	42	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : January 2002	54	41	--	5
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 2002	46	40	3	11
<i>LA Times</i> : November 2001	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 2001	48	39	3	11
<i>LA Times</i> : March 2001	59	29	--	12
<i>CBS</i> : January 2001	51	36	5	8
<i>CBS</i> : November 2000	54	31	5	10
<i>CBS</i> : October 2000	57	32	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : October 2000 ( <i>RVs</i> )	58	32	--	10
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : Early October 2000 ( <i>RVs</i> )	58	33	--	9
<i>LA Times</i> : September 2000 ( <i>RVs</i> )	59	26	--	15
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 2000	59	34	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : April 2000	56	38	--	7
<i>CBS</i> : September 1999	46	43	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : August 1998	59	35	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : August 1996	63	32	--	5
<i>LA Times</i> : April 1996	62	28	--	10
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : February 1996	61	30	4	5
<i>LA Times</i> : October 1995	68	23	--	9
<i>LA Times</i> : September 1995	62	27	--	11
<i>LA Times</i> : January 1995	63	27	--	10
<i>LA Times</i> : June 1993	60	29	--	11
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : February 1993	67	30	--	2
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1992	55	38	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1991	42	43	7	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 1989 <sup>2</sup>	41	48	4	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1988 ( <i>Likely voters</i> )	47	37	7	9
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1988	49	45	--	6
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1988	43	44	5	8

<sup>2</sup> In 1989 and earlier, CBS/NYT question read, "In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services or a bigger government providing more services?"

## Q.8 CONTINUED...

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1984	49	43	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : March 1980	54	32	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1978	53	36	--	11
<i>Wash Post</i> : January 1978	40	39	--	21
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 1976	42	45	--	13
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1976 (RVs)	49	37	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : September 1976 (RVs)	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1976	42	43	--	15
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1976	41	43	--	16
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : April 1976	40	44	--	16

## ASK ALL:

Q.9 Now thinking about all of the U.S. presidents during your lifetime, which ONE has done the best job as president? [OPEN END **DO NOT READ**] [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTIONS: ACCEPT LAST NAME BUT PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GEORGE W. BUSH AND GEORGE H.W. BUSH. IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS A NAME NOT LISTED, CLARIFY "a president during your lifetime"]

## ASK IF NAMED A PRESIDENT (Q.9=1-15)

Q.10 And which president, if any, would you name second?

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011

First <u>choice</u>	Second <u>choice</u>	Total	
34	15	49	Bill Clinton
25	9	34	Ronald Reagan
7	7	15	John F. Kennedy
7	13	20	Barack Obama
5	10	15	George W. Bush
3	9	12	George H.W. Bush
2	4	6	Jimmy Carter
2	1	3	Franklin Roosevelt
2	3	4	Dwight Eisenhower
2	1	2	Harry Truman
1	2	3	Richard Nixon
1	1	2	Lyndon Johnson
*	1	1	Gerald Ford
0	*	*	Herbert Hoover
3	8	3	None
7	7	7	Don't know/Refused
--	10	--	<i>No first choice</i>

## NO QUESTIONS 11-16

## ASK ALL:

Q.17 Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs [READ]?

	Most of <u>the time</u>	Some of <u>the time</u>	Only now <u>and then</u>	Hardly <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	28	15	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	50	29	14	6	1
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	56	29	10	5	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	49	28	12	10	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 <sup>3</sup>	52	25	13	10	1
January, 2007	53	28	11	7	1
November, 2006 (RVs)	58	26	10	6	*

<sup>3</sup> In January 2007 and earlier, the question read: "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 ...?" A wording experiment was conducted in the Aug. 25-Sept. 6, 2010 survey comparing the new and old question wording and no significant differences were found. Results for two questions in that survey are combined.

## Q.17 CONTINUED...

	Most of <u>the time</u>	Some of <u>the time</u>	Only now <u>and then</u>	Hardly <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	57	30	8	5	*
December, 2005	50	28	14	8	*
December, 2004	45	35	14	5	1
November, 2004 (RVs)	61	27	9	3	*
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	63	26	8	3	*
June, 2004	44	34	15	7	*
August, 2003	48	33	12	6	1
November, 2002	49	27	14	9	1
August, 2002	54	30	11	5	*
March, 2001	49	27	13	10	1
Early November, 2000 (RVs)	51	32	12	5	*
September, 2000 (RVs)	51	34	10	4	1
June, 2000	38	32	19	11	*
Late September, 1999	39	32	20	9	*
August, 1999	40	35	17	8	*
November, 1998	46	27	14	13	*
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	57	29	10	4	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	51	33	11	5	*
Early September, 1998	45	34	15	6	*
June, 1998	36	34	21	9	*
November, 1997	41	36	16	7	*
November, 1996 (RVs)	52	32	12	4	*
October, 1996 (RVs)	43	37	13	6	1
June, 1996	41	34	17	8	*
October, 1995	46	35	14	5	*
April, 1995	43	35	16	6	*
November, 1994	49	30	13	7	1
October, 1994	45	35	14	6	*
July, 1994	46	33	15	6	*
May, 1990	39	34	18	9	*
February, 1989	47	34	14	4	1
October, 1988 (RVs)	52	33	12	3	*
May, 1988	37	37	17	6	3
January, 1988	37	35	18	8	2
November, 1987	49	32	14	4	1
May, 1987	41	35	15	7	2
July, 1985	36	33	18	12	1

## ASK ALL:

Q.18 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	Basically <u>content</u>	Frustrated	Angry	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	58	21	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	11	60	26	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	22	59	14	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early Jan, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early Oct, 2006	21	54	20	5
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid Nov, 2001	53	34	8	5
Jun, 2000	28	53	13	6
Feb, 2000	33	54	10	3
Oct, 1997	29	56	12	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	<u>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Only some of the time</u>	<b>(VOL.) Never</b>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	3	17	72	7	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	16	72	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	4	25	65	4	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1
November, 1998 <sup>4</sup>	4	22	61	11	2
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

**NO QUESTION 20****ASK ALL:**

Q.21 Next, we'd like to ask you about how much help the federal government provides to some different groups. First, do you think the government does too much, not enough, or about the right amount for **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: does the government do too much, not enough, or about the right amount for ITEM?]**

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Not enough</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a. Older people Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	6	60	32	3
b. Children Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	8	57	31	4
c. Wealthy people Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	64	8	22	6
d. Poor people Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	18	57	22	3
e. Middle class people Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	7	58	31	4

**NO QUESTIONS 22-24****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election...

Q.25 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2012?  
**[READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	29	29	22	19	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	27	30	23	18	1

<sup>4</sup> The November, 1998 survey was conducted Oct. 26-Dec. 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

## Q.25 CONTINUED...

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	29	27	23	1
May 25-30, 2011	23	30	27	19	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON: 2008 Presidential Election</b>					
December, 2007	35	33	13	18	1
November, 2007	34	35	16	14	1
October, 2007	30	37	17	14	2
September, 2007	27	33	21	17	2
July, 2007	30	38	16	15	1
June, 2007	29	34	20	16	1
April, 2007	26	34	21	17	2
March, 2007	24	36	20	18	2
February, 2007	24	34	22	18	2
December, 2006	23	36	20	20	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 Generally speaking would you say that you personally care a good deal WHO wins the 2012 presidential election or that you don't care very much who wins?

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>		Oct <u>2007</u> <sup>5</sup>	Feb <u>2007</u>	Oct <u>2003</u>	Feb <u>1999</u>	Oct <u>1995</u>	Oct <u>1991</u>	May <u>1987</u>
81	Care a good deal	84	83	77	83	78	73	76
18	Don't care very much	14	14	21	16	19	22	20
1	Don't know/Refused	2	3	2	1	3	5	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 As I name some possible Republican candidates for president in 2012, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]** <sup>6</sup>

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>		Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>	Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>
16	Mitt Romney	16	14	13
10	Rick Perry	6	--	--
9	Sarah Palin	10	13	15
8	Ron Paul	8	8	9
6	Herman Cain	4	--	--
5	Michele Bachmann	8	--	--
5	Newt Gingrich	3	6	6
3	Jon Huntsman	2	--	--
1	Rick Santorum	1	2	2
1	Other <b>(VOL.)</b> <sup>7</sup>	1	1	4
*	Tim Pawlenty	2	2	4
*	Mike Huckabee	0	13	15
*	Mitch Daniels	0	2	--
0	Haley Barbour	0	2	3
20	None <b>(VOL.)</b>	21	21	14
4	Too early to tell <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	2	--
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	13	12	14

5 In 2007, the question referred to the 2008 presidential election; in 2003, the question referred to the 2004 presidential election; in 1999, it referred to the 2000 presidential election; in 1995, it referred to the 1996 presidential election; in 1991, it referred to the 1992 presidential election; in 1987, it referred to the 1988 presidential election.

6 In November 2010, the question read, "Now I am going to read you the names of some possible candidates for the Republican nomination for President in 2012. After I read all the names, please tell me which one you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate for President or if there is someone else you support."

7 Pawlenty, Huckabee, Daniels and Barbour were explicitly named in previous surveys. In surveys where they get less than 1% support, they are included in other.

**ASK IF SARAH PALIN IS FIRST CHOICE (Q.27=5):**

Q.28 Who, if anyone, would be your second choice for the Republican nomination in 2012? **[READ OPTIONS IF NECESSARY]**

*Republican primary preference , with second choice substituted for those who chose Sarah Palin in Q.27.*

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>		Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>	Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>
18	Mitt Romney	18	15
11	Rick Perry	6	--
9	Ron Paul	9	10
7	Michele Bachmann	10	--
7	Herman Cain	5	--
6	Newt Gingrich	3	8
3	Jon Huntsman	2	--
2	Rick Santorum	1	3
1	Other <b>(VOL.)</b> <sup>8</sup>	1	2
*	<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	2	3
*	<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	0	17
*	<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	0	3
0	<i>Haley Barbour</i>	0	3
21	None <b>(VOL.)</b>	23	23
4	Too early to tell <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	2
11	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	14	13

**NO QUESTIONS 29-34****RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.35-Q.35a IN BLOCK & Q.36-Q36a IN BLOCK****ASK BEFORE FIRST BLOCK:**

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

**ASK BEFORE SECOND BLOCK:**

And if the 2012 election were being held TODAY...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.35 If you had to choose between,-**[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**, who would you vote for?

**ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.35=3,9):**

Q.35a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.35]**?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1901]:**

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>	
48	Barack Obama, the Democrat
47	Vote for Obama
1	Lean towards Obama
48	Mitt Romney, the Republican
46	Vote for Romney
2	Lean towards Romney
1	Other candidate <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

8 Pawlenty, Huckabee, Daniels and Barbour were explicitly named in previous surveys. In surveys where they get less than 1% support, they are included in other.

**ASK ALL:****RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.35-Q.35a IN BLOCK & Q.36-Q36a IN BLOCK**

Q.36 If you had to choose between, [READ AND RANDOMIZE], who would you vote for?

**ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.36=3,9):**

Q.36a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.36]?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1901]:**

Sep 22-Oct 4

2011

50	Barack Obama, the Democrat
49	Vote for Obama
1	Lean towards Obama
46	Rick Perry, the Republican
44	Vote for Perry
2	Lean towards Perry
1	Other candidate (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK IF Q35/Q35a FOLLOWS Q36/Q36a AND CHOSE MITT ROMNEY (Q.35=2 OR Q.35a=2):**

Q.37a Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Mitt Romney or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

**ASK IF Q35/Q35a FOLLOWS Q36/Q36a AND CHOSE BARACK OBAMA (Q.35=1 OR Q.35a=1):**

Q.37b Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST Mitt Romney?

**BASED ON RVS WHO WERE ASKED OBAMA-ROMNEY MATCHUP SECOND [N=933]:**

	<u>Romney</u>	<i>Pro-Romney</i>	<i>Anti-Obama</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Obama</u>	<i>Pro-Obama</i>	<i>Anti-Romney</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 <sup>9</sup>	48	15	33	1	48	33	11	3	4

**ASK IF Q36/Q36a FOLLOWS Q35/Q35a AND CHOSE RICK PERRY (Q.36=2 OR Q.36a=2):**

Q.38a Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Rick Perry or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

**ASK IF Q36/Q36a FOLLOWS Q35/Q35a AND CHOSE BARACK OBAMA (Q.36=1 OR Q.36a=1):**

Q.38b Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST Rick Perry?

**BASED ON RVS WHO WERE ASKED OBAMA-PERRY MATCHUP SECOND [N=968]:**

	<u>Perry</u>	<i>Pro-Perry</i>	<i>Anti-Obama</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Obama</u>	<i>Pro-Obama</i>	<i>Anti-Perry</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 <sup>10</sup>	46	12	31	2	50	34	15	2	4

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

	<u>McCain</u>	<i>Pro-McCain</i>	<i>Anti-Obama</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Obama</u>	<i>Pro-Obama</i>	<i>Anti-McCain</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Nader</u> <sup>11</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 <sup>42</sup>					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

<sup>9</sup> Pro- and Anti- percentage may not sum to candidate's overall percentage, because they were asked only of half-sample.<sup>10</sup> Pro- and Anti- percentage may not sum to candidate's overall percentage, because they were asked only of half-sample.<sup>11</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.37a/Q.37b AND Q.38a/Q.38b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>McCain</u>	<i>Pro-McCain</i>	<i>Anti-Obama</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Obama</u>	<i>Pro-Obama</i>	<i>Anti-McCain</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Nader</u> <sup>12</sup>	<u>Barr</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
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>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-Kerry</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Kerry</u>	<i>Pro-Kerry</i>	<i>Anti-Bush</i>	<i>DK</i>	<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>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-Gore</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Gore</u>	<i>Pro-Gore</i>	<i>Anti-Bush</i>	<i>DK</i>	<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
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

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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.37a/Q.37b AND Q.38a/Q.38b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**

	<u>Dole</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Dole</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Clinton</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Perot</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>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>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Bush</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Clinton</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Perot</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>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>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Bush</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>Dukakis</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Du-</u> <u>kakis</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Dukakis</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>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 QUESTIONS 39-41**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.42 Which ONE of the following issues matters most to you in deciding your vote for president next year? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

**ASK IF CHOSE ISSUE (Q.42=1-7):**

Q.42a And what would be the next most important issue? **[READ FULL LIST IN SAME ORDER AS Q.42, ELIMINATING ISSUE CHOSEN IN Q.42]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1901]:**

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011			
<u>First choice</u>	<u>Second choice</u>	<u>Total</u>	
39	25	63	Jobs
23	20	43	The budget deficit
14	25	40	Health care
13	16	29	Social Security
6	9	15	Immigration
2	2	4	Abortion
2	1	3	Other, not on this list (VOL.)
2	1	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
--	2	--	No first choice

## NO QUESTIONS 43-47

## ASK ALL:

Q.48 If you were setting priorities for the federal government these days, would you place a higher priority on [OPTION] or a higher priority on [OPTION]?

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>		Aug 17-21 <u>2011</u>	Jun 15-19 <u>2011</u>	Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>
47	Spending to help the economy recover	47	42	46
48	Reducing the budget deficit	46	52	49
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	6	5

## TREND FOR COMPARISON

If you were setting priorities for the government these days, would you place a higher priority on [OPTION] or a higher priority on [OPTION]?

	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Jul 15-18 <u>2010</u>	Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>	Jul 22-26 <u>2009</u> <sup>13</sup>	Jun 18-21 <u>2009</u>
Spending more to help the economy recover	43	51	47	53	48
Reducing the budget deficit	50	40	47	38	46
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	9	6	9	6

## ASK ALL:

Q.49 When it comes to the deficit and the economy, would you like lawmakers who share your views to [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>	
35	Stand by their principles, even if that means the problems don't get dealt with-[OR]
56	Be willing to compromise, even if that means a deal that includes things you don't like
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## NO QUESTIONS 50-58

Thinking about the political parties ...

## ASK ALL:

Q.59 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First.) which party do you think is better described by the phrase... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE.] Which party [NEXT ITEM]?

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Is more concerned with the needs of people like me					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	35	51	1	6	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	51	2	11	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	54	2	5	8
Oct 13-18, 2010	36	46	2	8	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	33	53	2	7	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	34	50	2	9	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	31	51	3	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	51	4	10	7
October, 2007	25	54	4	8	9
March, 2007	26	55	2	7	10
Early October, 2006	27	55	3	8	7
April, 2006 <sup>14</sup>	28	52	3	10	7
Early October, 2005	30	52	5	7	6

<sup>13</sup> In July, 2009, question was asked as part of a list that included items on: spending on education, spending on health care and spending to develop energy technology.

<sup>14</sup> In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Is concerned with the needs of people like me."

## Q.59 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7
Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9
March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7
August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7
July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6
April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3
July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4
May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7
May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7
January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7
b. Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	43	3	10	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	36	43	3	9	8
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	41	44	2	8	5
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	41	3	10	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	35	46	4	8	6
Jun 16-20, 2010	33	45	3	12	7
Feb 3-9, 2010	34	46	4	9	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	5	13	9
October, 2007	26	48	5	11	10
March, 2007	26	52	4	9	9
Early October, 2006	28	48	4	10	10
April, 2006	32	47	2	12	7
Early October, 2005	32	48	4	9	7
July, 2004	35	46	3	7	9
Early September, 1998	34	40	7	8	11
March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8
August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7
July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6
April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4
July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5
May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9
July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11
May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11
May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10
January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10
May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10
c. Is more extreme in its positions					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	50	38	3	1	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	50	35	4	2	9

## ASK ALL:

Q.60 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas. First, which party could do a better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Improving the job situation					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	42	42	3	6	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	39	5	7	9
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	39	10	6	6
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	31	8	13	13

## Q.60 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	39	41	6	8	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	37	8	9	10
September, 2006	29	47	6	5	13
March, 1998	30	51	7	5	7
October, 1994	37	42	6	7	8
<b>b. Dealing with the federal budget deficit</b>					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	37	4	6	7
Jul 22-24, 2011	43	37	5	6	8
May 25-30, 2011 <sup>15</sup>	41	38	4	9	8
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	46	34	8	6	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	7	16	14
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	36	5	9	7
May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
Early October, 2005	29	47	6	10	8
June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15
<b>c. Dealing with the Social Security system</b>					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	39	45	3	5	8
Jul 22-24, 2011	37	42	7	5	9
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 <sup>16</sup>	39	39	9	6	7
Sep 16-19, 2010	35	35	9	11	11
September, 2006	26	46	4	11	13
September, 2005	33	45	6	9	7
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	31	42	6	9	12
Early September, 2002	30	38	8	10	14
May, 2002	32	38	--	9	21
January, 2002	28	40	--	6	26
May, 2001	35	43	6	5	11
January, 2001	36	44	--	7	13
June, 1999	33	41	4	9	13
January, 1999	27	46	--	7	20
Early September, 1998	37	42	7	5	9
May, 1990	28	41	--	16	15
<b>d. Dealing with immigration</b>					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13

<sup>15</sup> From February 2006 to May 2011 item read "Reducing the federal budget deficit;" experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a stand alone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

<sup>16</sup> From January 2002 to May 2011 item read "Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound;" experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. For May 2001, June 1999, Early September 1998 and May 1990, the question was worded, "Please tell me if you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job in each of the following areas ... keeping Social Security financially sound?"

## Q.60 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11
e. Representing your views on abortion					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	44	2	5	13
August 27-30, 2009	33	41	3	9	14
September, 2006	33	44	2	6	15
January, 1992 <sup>17</sup>	29	39	--	11	21
August, 1990	30	40	--	12	18
f. Dealing with health care					
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	38	49	3	4	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	42	6	5	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	39	5	11	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
<b>TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2002	20	45	--	6	29
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

## NO QUESTIONS 61-63

<sup>17</sup> In January 1992 and August 1990, the item was worded, "Which political party - the Republican Party or the Democratic party do you think could do a better job of: representing your views on abortion?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.64 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	<u>Protect right to own guns</u>	<u>Control gun ownership</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	49	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	47	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	50	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	46	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	49	6
April, 2008	37	58	5
November, 2007	42	55	3
April, 2007	32	60	8
February, 2004	37	58	5
June, 2003	42	54	4
May, 2000	38	57	5
April, 2000	37	55	8
March, 2000	29	66	5
June, 1999	33	62	5
May, 1999	30	65	5
December, 1993	34	57	9

**ASK ALL:**

Q.65 Thinking about the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress last year, what, if anything, do you think Congress should do with the law now? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

<u>Sep 22-Oct 4 2011</u>		<u>Jan 5-9 2011<sup>18</sup></u>	<u>Nov 4-7 2010</u>
31	Expand it	35	30
22	Leave it as is	20	22
38	Repeal it	37	40
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	8

**NO QUESTIONS 66-68****ASK ALL:**

Q.69 Do you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. The death penalty for persons convicted of murder			
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	58	36	6
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	62	30	8
August, 2007	62	32	6
Early January, 2007	64	29	7
March, 2006	65	27	8
July, 2005	68	24	8
Mid-July, 2003	64	30	6
March, 2002	67	26	7
March, 2001	66	27	7
September, 1999	74	22	4
June, 1996	78	18	4

<sup>18</sup>

In January 2011 and November 2010, question read "What, if anything, do you think Congress should do with the health care law?" and followed the question "Do you approve or disapprove of the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress last year?"

## Q.69 CONTINUED...

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
b. Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally			
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	44	9
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 <sup>19</sup>	45	46	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	47	10
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	41	48	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	39	53	8
Mid-April, 2009	35	54	11
August, 2008	39	52	9
June, 2008	40	52	8
Late May, 2008	38	49	13
November, 2007	36	54	10
August, 2007	36	55	9
Early January, 2007	37	55	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	57	13
July, 2006	35	56	9
June, 2006	33	55	12
March, 2006	39	51	10
July, 2005	36	53	11
December, 2004	32	61	7
August, 2004	29	60	11
July, 2004	32	56	12
Mid-March, 2004	32	59	9
Early February, 2004	30	63	7
November, 2003	30	62	8
October, 2003	30	58	12
Mid-July, 2003	38	53	9
March, 2001	35	57	8
June, 1996	27	65	8

c. Building a fence along the entire border with Mexico			
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	47	6

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Building a fence along 700 miles of the border with Mexico?*

January, 2007	46	48	6
CNN: September, 2006	54	44	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.70 Do you think abortion should be **[READ]**

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>NET Legal in all/most</u>	<u>NET Illegal in all/most</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	35	25	16	5	54	41
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	18	36	26	16	4	54	42
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	17	33	27	17	7	50	44
August 11-27, 2009	16	31	27	17	8	47	45
April, 2009	18	28	28	16	10	46	44
Late October, 2008	18	35	24	16	7	53	40
Mid-October, 2008	19	38	22	14	7	57	36
August, 2008	17	37	26	15	5	54	41
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6	57	37
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5	51	44

<sup>19</sup> In March 2011, September 2010, May and June 2008, November 2007, June and July 2006, mid-March through August 2004, and October 2003, the question was not part of a list of items. In May and June 2008 the question asked about "allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally."

## Q. 70 CONTINUED...

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	NET <i>Legal in all/most</i>	NET <i>Illegal in all/most</i>
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8	53	39
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5	52	43
AP/Ipsos-Poll: February, 2006	19	32	27	16	6	51	43
ABC/WaPo: December, 2005	17	40	27	13	3	57	40
ABC/WaPo: April, 2005	20	36	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: December, 2004	21	34	25	17	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: May, 2004	23	31	23	20	2	54	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2003	23	34	25	17	2	57	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 2001	22	27	28	20	3	49	48
ABC/BeliefNet: June, 2001	22	31	23	20	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2001	21	38	25	14	1	59	39
ABC/WaPo: September, 2000 (RVs)	20	35	25	16	3	55	41
ABC/WaPo: July, 2000	20	33	26	17	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: September, 1999	20	37	26	15	2	57	41
ABC/WaPo: March, 1999	21	34	27	15	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: July, 1998	19	35	29	13	4	54	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 1996	22	34	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: June, 1996	24	34	25	14	2	58	39
ABC/WaPo: October, 1995	26	35	25	12	3	61	37
ABC/WaPo: September, 1995	24	36	25	11	4	60	36
ABC/WaPo: July, 1995	27	32	26	14	1	59	40

## ASK ALL:

Q.71 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>	(VOL.) <u>Too soon/ early to tell</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	20	38	37	1	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	27	34	33	2	5
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

## NO QUESTIONS 72-76

Next,

## ASK ALL:

Q.77 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the budget deficit or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are?

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>		Jun 15-19 <u>2011</u>	Feb <u>1995</u>
35	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit	32	24
58	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are	60	70
2	Both equally (VOL.)	4	2
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	4

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking specifically about Social Security

Q.78 Which do you think is MORE important when it comes to Social Security's future **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>		Jun 15-19 <u>2011</u>	Feb <u>2005</u> <sup>20</sup>	<i>Americans Discuss Soc. Sec.</i>		
				May <u>1999</u>	Feb <u>1999</u>	Aug <u>1998</u>
32	Avoiding any Social Security tax increases for workers and employers	33	30	34	32	33
59	Avoiding any future cuts in Social Security benefit amounts	56	60	53	59	55
3	Both/Neither/Other (VOL.)	4	4	8	5	7
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	6	5	4	5

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1191]:**Q.79F1 To address financial concerns about the Social Security program would you favor or oppose **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM] [REPEAT AS NECESSARY: would you favor or oppose (ITEM)?]**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Gradually raising the age at which people can begin receiving Social Security benefits Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	39	59	2
b. Reducing Social Security benefits for seniors with higher incomes Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	53	42	5
c. Changing the program so younger workers can invest their Social Security taxes in private retirement accounts Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	67	28	5

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1219]:**Q.80F2 To address financial concerns about the Medicare program would you favor or oppose **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM] [REPEAT AS NECESSARY: would you favor or oppose (ITEM)?]**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Gradually raising the age at which people can begin receiving Medicare benefits Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	38	58	4
b. Reducing Medicare benefits for seniors with higher incomes Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	55	40	5
c. Changing the program so future participants can use their Medicare benefit towards purchasing private health insurance Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	62	29	9

<sup>20</sup>

In 2005 and Americans Discuss Social Security trend, first response option read "Avoiding any tax increases for workers and employers." In February 2005 question began "When decisions about Social Security's future are being made, which do you think is more important?" For surveys in May 1999, February 1999, and August 1998, question was asked as part of a list and began "People have different opinions about how the Social Security system might be changed for the future. We'd like your opinion on what policymakers' priorities should be when they are making decisions about Social Security's future."

Next,

**ASK ALL:**

Q.81 Does Barack Obama make you feel **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not? Does Obama make you feel **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.	Hopeful			
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	54	3
	Mar 10-14, 2010	54	43	3
	November, 2008 ( <i>Voters</i> )	69	29	2
	March, 2008 <sup>21</sup> ( <i>RVs</i> )	54	43	3
b.	Proud			
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	52	4
	Mar 10-14, 2010	49	47	5
	November, 2008 ( <i>Voters</i> )	65	32	3
	March, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	42	53	5
c.	Angry			
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	29	70	1
	Mar 10-14, 2010	30	68	2
	November, 2008 ( <i>Voters</i> )	9	91	*
	March, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	26	71	3
d.	Disappointed			
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	53	45	2
	Mar 10-14, 2010	44	53	3
e.	Uneasy			
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	40	58	2
	November, 2008 ( <i>Voters</i> )	35	64	1
	March, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	38	60	2

**NO QUESTIONS 82-85****ASK ALL:**

Q.86 As I read a few statements on some different topics, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with each. First **[INSERT ITEM; READ IN ORDER]**. Next **[INSERT ITEM] [IF NECESSARY: Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?]** **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: If respondent indicates only that they agree or disagree, probe "Do you completely (dis)agree or mostly (dis)agree?]**

		-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
		<u>Net</u>	<u>pletely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>pletely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	
a.	I often don't have enough money to make ends meet							
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	52	25	27	46	18	28	2
b.	The growing number of newcomers from other countries are a threat to traditional American customs and values							
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	19	23	54	28	26	3
	Late October, 2008	37	13	24	57	23	34	6
	March, 2008	45	19	26	50	20	30	5
c.	We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country							
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	40	14	25	57	31	26	4

<sup>21</sup> In March 2008, the question was worded "Has Barack Obama ever made you feel [INSERT ITEM] or not?"

**Q.86 CONTINUED...**

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
	Com-			Com-			
	<u>Net</u>	<u>pletely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>pletely</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	
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>d. I think it's all right for blacks and whites to date each other</b>							
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	87	62	25	9	4	5	3
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

**ASK ALL:**

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

Sep 22-Oct 4  
2011

44	Full-time
14	Part-time
42	Not employed
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF NOT FULL TIME (EMPLOY=2-9):**

RETIRED Are you currently retired, or not?

**BASED ON TOTAL**Sep 22-Oct 4  
2011

22	Yes, retired
3	Yes, semi-retired or "still do some type of work for pay" <b>(VOL.)</b>
32	No, not retired
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

44 *Employed full-time***ASK IF NOT RETIRED (EMPLOY=1 OR RETIRED=2-9):**

Q.87 Do you think Social Security will be your main source of income during retirement, or not?

**ASK IF NOT RETIRED AND SS IS MAIN SOURCE (Q.87=1):**

Q.87a Do you think Social Security will be your ONLY source of income in retirement, or do you think you will have any other source of income during retirement?

**ASK IF NOT RETIRED AND SS NOT MAIN SOURCE (Q.87=2)**

Q.87b Do you think you will receive any money from Social Security in retirement, or not?

**BASED ON NOT RETIRED [N=1656]:**Sep 22-Oct 4  
2011

32	Yes, Social Security will be main source of income
15	Social Security will be only source of retirement income
15	Expect to have other source of retirement income
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
65	No, Social Security will not be main source of income
30	Yes, think will receive money from Social Security
31	No, no money from Social Security
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
3	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK IF RETIRED (RETIRED=1):**

Q.88 Is Social Security your main source of income, or not?

**ASK IF RETIRED AND SS IS MAIN SOURCE (Q.88=1):**

Q.88a Is Social Security your ONLY source of income, or do you have any other source of income?

**ASK IF RETIRED AND SS NOT MAIN SOURCE (Q.88=2)**

Q.88b Do you receive any money from Social Security, or not?

**BASED ON RETIRED [N=754]:**

Sep 22-Oct 4

2011

56	Yes, Social Security is main source of income
29	Social Security only source of income
26	Have other source of income
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
43	No, Social Security is not main source of income
34	Yes, get any money from Social Security
9	No, get no money from Social Security
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

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

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

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

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

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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 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>22</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

## 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=1901]:

	Voted	Obama	McCain	Other candidate	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Did not vote	(VOL.) Don't remember/Ref
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

22 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 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."

## PVOTE08A/PVOTE08B CONTINUED...

	<u>Voted</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>candidate</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>	Did not vote	<b>(VOL.)</b> Don't remember/ <u>Ref</u>
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	*

PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
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 SEPTEMBER 2011 GENERATIONAL CHANGE SURVEY  
 FINAL TOPLINE  
 SEPTEMBER 1-SEPTEMBER 15, 2011  
 TOTAL N=2,003

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN 0.5 % ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL TRENDS REFERENCE SURVEYS FROM SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS. PERCENTAGES FOR SUB-GROUPS ARE NOT REPORTED WHEN N IS LESS THAN 100.**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Generally, how would you say things are these days in your life -- would you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

	<i>Millennial</i>	<i>Gen X</i>	<i>Boomers</i>	<i>Silent</i>	
<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
30	32	32	25	31	Very happy
47	53	46	48	43	Pretty happy
20	13	20	25	22	Not too happy
3	1	2	3	5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
	(n=353)	(n=435)	(n=719)	(n=412)	

**Trends:**

	<u>Very</u>	<u>Pretty</u>	<u>Not too</u>	<u>DK/Refused</u>
	<u>happy</u>	<u>happy</u>	<u>happy</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u>
Sep 2011	30	47	20	3
Mar 2011	30	52	16	2
Jan 2010	28	54	16	2
Jul 2009	33	50	14	3
Apr 2009	29	52	16	4
Feb 2009	32	49	15	4
Oct 2008	29	51	17	3
Jun 2008	35	48	14	3
Sep 2006	36	51	12	1
Oct 2005	34	50	15	1
Late Mar 2003	29	51	16	4
Feb 2003	29	51	17	3
Sep 1996	34	53	11	2

**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 Next, please tell me whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied, on the whole, with the following aspects of your life:  
(First/Next) **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**  
**[IF NECESSARY: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied?]**

**REQUIRED PROBE:** Would you say you are VERY (dis)satisfied or SOMEWHAT (dis)satisfied?

## a. Your family life

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
89	89	90	89	89	Satisfied ( <b>NET</b> )
67	68	66	68	65	Very satisfied
22	20	24	21	24	Somewhat satisfied
8	9	8	10	5	Dissatisfied ( <b>NET</b> )
5	6	4	5	2	Somewhat dissatisfied
4	3	4	5	3	Very dissatisfied
3	2	2	1	6	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

## b. Your personal financial situation

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
60	58	57	60	70	Satisfied ( <b>NET</b> )
25	23	21	26	35	Very satisfied
35	36	36	34	35	Somewhat satisfied
37	39	42	39	25	Dissatisfied ( <b>NET</b> )
19	22	21	19	12	Somewhat dissatisfied
18	17	20	19	13	Very dissatisfied
2	2	2	2	5	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

## c. Your health

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
82	90	86	78	73	Satisfied ( <b>NET</b> )
53	62	54	47	45	Very satisfied
30	28	31	31	28	Somewhat satisfied
16	9	13	21	22	Dissatisfied ( <b>NET</b> )
9	5	7	12	14	Somewhat dissatisfied
7	4	6	9	9	Very dissatisfied
2	1	2	1	5	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

**Trends:**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>Doesn't Apply (VOL.)</u>	<u>DK/Ref (VOL.)</u>
a. Your family life						
Sep 2011	67	22	5	4	n/a	3
Mar 2011	72	19	4	3	*	2
Oct 2010	75	19	4	2	*	1
Oct 2005	72	19	4	3	1	1
Jan 1999	71	20	4	3	0	2
Dec 1996	69	21	6	3	0	1
b. Your personal financial situation						
Sep 2011	25	35	19	18	n/a	2
Mar 2011	28	39	17	14	*	2
Oct 2010	29	40	14	14	*	2
Feb 2009	23	43	18	13	*	3

## NO QUESTIONS 3-5

## ASK ALL:

Now thinking about the country...

Q.6 Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States today? **[READ IN ORDER; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE]**

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
48	32	48	50	64	The U.S. is the greatest country in the world,
42	55	43	40	27	The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world
8	11	7	9	6	The U.S. is not one of the greatest countries in the world.
2	3	2	2	2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

## ASK ALL:

Q.7 Please tell me how important you think each of the following is in contributing to America's success. (First/Next) **[READ AND RANDOMIZE][READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT ONLY IF NECESSARY:]** Would you say this is very important, somewhat important or not important in contributing to America's success?

a. Our democratic system of government

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
72	62	72	77	78	Very important
19	30	18	16	14	Somewhat important
5	7	6	4	3	Not important
3	2	4	3	4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

b. The racial and ethnic makeup of our population

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
58	58	60	57	58	Very important
27	28	24	28	25	Somewhat important
13	13	14	12	10	Not important
3	1	2	3	7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

c. Our religious faith and values

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
63	46	64	69	78	Very important
24	35	22	21	16	Somewhat important
12	19	14	9	4	Not important
1	*	1	1	1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

d. Our work ethic

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
85	86	83	86	84	Very important
12	12	13	11	11	Somewhat important
1	1	2	1	*	Not important
2	1	1	2	5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

## Q.7 CONTINUED...

## e. Our natural resources

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
82	79	82	85	84	Very important
15	18	15	14	13	Somewhat important
1	2	1	1	1	Not important
1	1	2	1	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## f. Our free market economy

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
70	66	71	75	69	Very important
22	27	22	20	18	Somewhat important
3	3	3	3	4	Not important
5	4	4	3	9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## g. Our military strength

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
77	72	73	80	84	Very important
18	22	22	17	11	Somewhat important
3	5	3	2	2	Not important
1	1	2	*	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## h. The freedoms we have

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
91	90	92	92	93	Very important
7	8	7	7	5	Somewhat important
1	1	1	1	*	Not important
1	0	*	1	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## ASK ALL:

Q.8 In general, do you think America's best days are ahead of us or behind us?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
51	55	55	48	47	Ahead of us
39	37	37	42	40	Behind us
4	3	2	5	2	Depends (VOL.)
6	5	6	5	11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

Q.9 Who do you think should be MAINLY responsible for making sure that retired older adults have at least a minimum standard of living? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

**ASK Q.9a IF INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES (Q.9=2):**

Q.9a If individuals and their families cannot do this, should the government be responsible for making sure that retired older adults have at least a minimum standard of living, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
43	44	47	43	36	The government
40	42	34	39	44	Individuals and their families
30	33	26	29	30	If they cannot, government should be responsible
9	8	7	9	12	If they cannot, government should not be responsible
1	1	1	2	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
14	13	16	14	14	Both equally (VOL.)
*	0	*	*	*	Other [SPECIFY] (VOL.)
3	2	2	3	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTION 10****ASK ALL:**

Q.11 At some point in your life do you think you will be responsible for caring for an aging parent or another elderly person, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
75	90	86	71	45	Yes (NET)
62	86	78	52	25	Will in future
13	4	8	20	21	Already have/currently doing (VOL.)
22	8	11	26	49	No
1	2	1	2	2	Depends (VOL.)
2	1	2	1	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

MARITAL Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? (IF R SAYS "SINGLE," PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE)

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
48	20	58	62	51	Married
51	80	42	38	47	Not Married (NET)
7	13	8	4	5	Living with a partner
10	2	9	16	10	Divorced
4	3	7	3	2	Separated
7	*	1	4	27	Widowed
24	61	18	10	4	Never been married
1	0	*	*	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

F.1 Is your mother living?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
62	97	85	46	6	Yes
37	3	14	54	94	No
*	*	*	*	0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

F.2 Is your father living?

Total	18-30	31-46	47-65	66-83	
48	89	66	26	1	Yes
50	8	31	73	99	No
2	2	3	1	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK F.6 IF MOTHER IS LIVING (F.1=1): [n=1,071]**

F.6 How old is your mother [READ IF NECESSARY: Just your best guess is fine.]

57	Younger than 65
41	65 or older
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK F.7 IF FATHER IS LIVING (F.2=1): [n=809]**

F.7 How old is your father? [READ IF NECESSARY: Just your best guess is fine.]

58	Younger than 65
40	65 or older
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK Q.12 IF MOTHER OR FATHER IS 65 OR OLDER (F.7>64 OR F.6>64): [n= 658]**

Q.12 Have you GIVEN any financial support to your [IF F1=1 &amp; F2=2, 9: mother/ IF F2=1 &amp; F1=2,9: father/IF F1=1 &amp; F2=1: parents] in the past 12 months, or not?

**IF YES (Q12=1), ASK:**

Q.13 Was the financial support for help with ONGOING expenses, or not?

39	Yes
31	Ongoing expenses
8	Not
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
61	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK Q.14 IF MOTHER OR FATHER IS 65 OR OLDER (F.7>64 OR F.6>64): [n=658]**

Q.14 Have you RECEIVED any financial support from your [IF F1=1 and F2=2,9 mother/ IF F2=1 and F1=2,9 father/ IF F1=1 and F2=1: parents] in the past 12 months or not?

**IF YES (Q14=1), ASK:**

Q.15 Was the financial support for help with ONGOING expenses, or not?

21	Yes
14	Ongoing expenses
6	Not
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
79	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK Q.12P IF AGE 65+ AND HAVE ADULT CHILDREN AGES 25 OR OLDER: [n=445]**

Q.12P Have you GIVEN any financial support to [IF AKID=1: your adult child/ IF AKID=2-4: your adult children] in the past 12 months, or not?

**IF YES (Q12P=1), ASK:**

Q.13P Was the financial support for help with ONGOING expenses, or not?

44	Yes
30	Ongoing expenses
13	Not
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
55	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK Q.14P IF AGE 65+ AND HAVE ADULT CHILDREN AGES 25 OR OLDER: [n=445]**

Q.14P Have you RECEIVED any financial support from [IF AKID=1: your adult child/ IF AKID=2-4: your adult children] in the past 12 months or not?

**IF YES (Q14P=1), ASK:**

Q.15P Was the financial support for help with ONGOING expenses, or not?

10	Yes
8	Ongoing expenses
3	Not
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
88	No
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 Here are a few things family members sometimes do for each other. I'd like to know if you think each is a responsibility or is it not really a responsibility, regardless of whether it might be a good thing to do. (First/Next)...  
[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE a-d, e Always comes last]

**READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you think this is a responsibility or is it not really a responsibility?

a. Parents paying for a child's college education

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
59	58	62	59	55	Responsibility
37	40	35	37	37	Not really a responsibility
4	2	2	3	8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

b. Parents allowing an adult child to live in their home if the child wants to

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
32	33	33	31	32	Responsibility
64	65	65	67	61	Not really a responsibility
3	2	2	3	7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

c. Adult children allowing an elderly parent to live in their home if the parent wants to

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
61	71	64	60	48	Responsibility
35	27	35	38	46	Not really a responsibility
3	3	2	3	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q.16 CONTINUED...

d. Parents saving money to hand down to their children after they die

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
33	46	36	26	22	Responsibility
65	54	62	72	75	Not really a responsibility
2	1	1	2	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

e. Adult children taking care of elderly parents if they need help

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
85	93	91	83	73	Responsibility
12	7	8	15	22	Not really a responsibility
2	*	1	3	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Trends:

	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Not really a Responsibility</u>	<u>DK/Ref (VOL.)</u>
a. Parents paying for a child's college education			
Sep 2011	59	37	4
Oct 2005	62	34	4
b. Parents allowing an adult child to live in their home if the child wants to			
Sep 2011	32	64	3
Oct 2005	32	63	5
c. Adult children allowing an elderly parent to live in their home if the parent wants to			
Sep 2011	61	35	3
Oct 2005	56	39	5
d. Parents saving money to hand down to their children after they die			
Sep 2011	33	65	2
Oct 2005	31	66	3

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.17 Do you believe moral values in this country have changed in the past 50 years, or not?

ASK Q.17a IF Q.17=1:

Q.17a Has this been a change for the better, a change for the worse, or hasn't this made much difference for society?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
93	92	93	91	94	Yes, changed
10	19	9	6	3	For the better
69	54	70	77	78	For the worse
9	14	8	6	7	No difference
3	4	3	2	3	Mixed (VOL.)
2	1	3	1	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
5	5	4	7	4	No, not changed
1	1	1	*	*	Not sure (VOL.)
2	2	2	2	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 I'm going to read a list of some changes that have taken place over the last 50 years in our society. Please tell me if you think each one has been a change for the better, a change for the worse, or hasn't made much difference. (First,) Has **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE a-g, Note Form Spilt ONLY for h and i, h or i always comes at the end]** been a change for the better, a change for the worse, or hasn't this made much difference? How about...**(INSERT NEXT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY:** Has this been a change for the better, a change for the worse, or hasn't this made much difference?

## a. A growing population of immigrants

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
27	35	30	23	22	Change for the better
37	28	33	43	40	Change for the worse
29	33	30	26	27	Hasn't made much difference
3	1	2	4	4	Mixed changes (VOL.)
4	2	5	4	7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## b. More people of different races marrying each other

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
43	60	47	36	29	Change for the better
11	6	5	14	16	Change for the worse
44	33	46	49	49	Hasn't made much difference
1	*	1	*	1	Mixed changes (VOL.)
2	1	1	1	6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## c. More people having children without getting married

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
4	6	6	3	2	Change for the better
64	52	62	67	76	Change for the worse
29	40	29	27	18	Hasn't made much difference
1	*	1	1	1	Mixed changes (VOL.)
2	2	3	1	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## d. More women in the workforce

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
73	82	73	72	62	Change for the better
9	3	8	11	13	Change for the worse
15	13	16	14	20	Hasn't made much difference
2	1	2	2	2	Mixed changes (VOL.)
1	*	2	1	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## e. The invention of the Internet

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
66	79	70	65	45	Change for the better
17	11	16	19	27	Change for the worse
7	4	6	7	11	Hasn't made much difference
7	5	7	7	8	Mixed changes (VOL.)
3	1	1	3	9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO ITEM F

## Q.18 CONTINUED...

g. A growing variety of family and living arrangements

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
32	47	34	27	16	Change for the better
26	16	24	33	30	Change for the worse
33	32	34	31	37	Hasn't made much difference
1	*	2	1	1	Mixed changes (VOL.)
8	5	6	7	17	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## ASK FORM A ONLY:

h. A growing population of Hispanics

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
28	33	34	21	22	Change for the better
22	13	18	30	24	Change for the worse
45	49	43	44	47	Hasn't made much difference
3	3	5	3	3	Mixed changes (VOL.)
2	2	0	3	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
(n=984)	(n=180)	(n=230)	(n=335)	(n=199)	

## ASK FORM B ONLY:

i. A growing population of Asians

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
30	43	30	24	27	Change for the better
12	5	11	15	12	Change for the worse
51	47	52	55	51	Hasn't made much difference
1	1	1	1	2	Mixed changes (VOL.)
5	4	5	5	7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
(n=1,019)	(n=173)	(n=205)	(n=384)	(n=213)	

## NO QUESTIONS 19-20

## ASK ALL:

E1 Are you currently retired?

<u>Total</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
26	28	90	Retired (NET)
22	24	84	Yes
3	4	6	Yes, semi-retired or "still do some type of work" (VOL.)
72	67	9	No
2	5	*	Disabled (VOL.)
*	*	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## ASK Q.21 IF NOT RETIRED AND AGE= 62 OR OLDER [n=94]:

Q.21 Have you had to delay your retirement because of current economic conditions, or not?

<u>All 62+</u>		<u>July 2009</u>
42	Yes	38
58	No	61
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

**ASK Q.22 IF NOT RETIRED AND AGE=50-61 [n=336]:**

Q.22 Do you think you might have to delay your retirement because of current economic conditions, or not?

<u>All 50-61</u>		<u>July 2009</u>
66	Yes	63
30	No	31
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

**ASK ALL:**

E2 Are you now enrolled in school, either full or part-time, or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	
16	42	14	Enrolled
10	33	5	Full time
6	9	9	Part time
84	58	86	Not enrolled
*	*	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

E3 (IF E1=1,2 & E2=3,9 : Some people who have retired do some type of work for pay.../IF E2=1,2 & E1=3,9: Some students also do some type of work for pay/IF E1=4: Some people who are disabled do some type of work for pay... )  
Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
60	67	73	65	22	Employed
44	38	60	52	8	Full time
16	29	12	12	14	Part time
39	32	27	35	78	Not employed
1	*	*	*	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK E3a. IF EMPLOYED:**

E3a Are you now employed by a private company or business, a private non-profit organization; the federal, state, or local government, or are you self-employed in your own business or professional practice?

**[Interviewer: IF R MENTIONS MORE THAN ONE JOB/EMPLOYER ASK ABOUT THEIR "main job"]**

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
56	64	58	51	35	A private company or business
8	8	6	8	7	A private non-profit organization
17	12	17	20	23	The federal, state, or local government
17	11	16	20	32	Self-employed
3	4	3	1	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
(n=1,168)	(n=240)	(n=329)	(n=475)	(n=103)	

**IF NOT EMPLOYED, ASK:**

E4 Are you currently looking for work or not?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>		<u>July 2009</u>	<u>Feb 2009</u>
33	63	59	27	6	Yes, looking for work	27	27
67	37	41	72	94	No, not looking for work	73	72
*	0	0	1	0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	1
(n=826)	(n=112)	(n=104)	(n=242)	(n=306)			

**IF EMPLOYED OR LOOKING FOR WORK AND NEVER RETIRED, ASK:**

E5 At what age do you expect to retire and not work?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>		<u>July 2009</u>	<u>Feb 2009</u>
12	17	15	5	Before age 60	18	20
14	17	10	16	60-64	18	18
28	25	28	34	65-69	29	25
22	17	24	23	70 or older	14	18
14	13	15	12	Never plan to retire <b>(VOL.)</b>	9	11
10	11	9	10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	11	8
65	63	65	66	Mean age	63	63
(n=1,172)	(n=301)	(n=372)	(n=445)			

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:<sup>1</sup>**

	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2002</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1989</u>
Mean age	66	65	65	64	64	65	64	64	63	63	62

**IF RETIRED AND NOT WORKING AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK, ASK: [n=475]**

E6 At what age did you retire?

		<u>July 2009</u>	<u>Feb 2009<sup>2</sup></u>
13	Before age 50	12	15
26	50-59	22	29
34	60-64	32	25
15	65-69	16	15
8	70 or older	9	8
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	9	9
59	Mean age	59	58

**1. TREND FOR COMPARISON:<sup>3</sup>**

	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>2002</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Gallup</u> <u>1991</u>
Mean age	60	60	60	60	60	59	59	57	58	57

1 Trend numbers are from the Gallup Poll. All trends are from the month of April. The question wording was "At what age do you expect to retire?" The question was asked of all non-retired respondents through telephone interviews with a national adult sample. The 1989 Gallup Poll was based on a mail survey.

2 Trend for February 2009 includes all those who were retired and not working, including those who were looking for work (n=61). July 2009 trend uses the same filter as the current survey.

3 Trend numbers are from the Gallup Poll and are based on all retired adults. Trends for 1992-2008 are from the month of April; 1991 Trend is from May.

**IF RETIRED AND WORKING OR RETIRED AND LOOKING FOR WORK, ASK:**

E7 At what age do you expect to stop working completely?

<u>Sep 2011</u>		<u>July 2009</u>	<u>Feb 2009<sup>4</sup></u>
3	Before age 50	2	0
5	50-59	2	15
8	60-64	4	5
11	65-69	16	14
27	70 or older	31	21
25	Never plan to stop working completely (VOL.)	27	30
21	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	20	15
67	Mean age	69	67
(n=190)		(n=183)	(n=214)

**IF RETIRED AND WORKING OR LOOKING FOR WORK, ASK:**

E8 (IF E1=1,2 &amp; E3=1,2: Are you currently working.../IF E1=1,2 &amp; E3=3 &amp; E4=1: Are you currently looking for work...) because you need the money or because you want to work?

<u>Sep 2011</u>		Retired & working <sup>5</sup>	
		<u>Sep 2011</u>	<u>Feb 2009</u>
21	Need the money	19	22
52	Want to work	55	54
27	Both (VOL.)	26	21
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	3
(n=190)		(n=151)	(n=214)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 Overall, how confident are you that you (IF MARITAL=1: and your spouse) will have enough income and assets to last throughout your retirement years? Are you [READ LIST]?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>		<u>May 2010</u>	<u>Feb 2009</u>
63	72	53	60	72	Confident (NET)	64	71
25	33	18	20	31	Very confident	23	30
39	39	35	41	41	Somewhat confident	41	41
35	26	46	38	25	Not confident (NET)	32	25
19	14	25	20	13	Not too confident	19	16
16	12	21	17	13	Not at all confident	13	9
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Won't have anything/haven't been able to save (VOL.)	1	n/a
2	2	1	2	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 Thinking about the economic challenges that the nation faces, which of the following concerns you more... [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
50	56	41	50	56	A lack of job opportunities for young adults who are just starting out
29	29	37	28	15	A lack of job opportunities for older adults who need to work
20	15	19	22	27	Neither/both (VOL.)
1	0	2	*	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

4 Trend for February 2009 only includes those who were retired and working; it does not include those who were retired and looking for work (n=61). July 2009 trend uses the same filter as the current survey.

5 Trend for February 2009 does not include those who were retired and looking for work (n=61). Data from this survey were filtered accordingly for comparison.

## ROTATE Q.25a AND Q25b

## ASK ALL:

Q.25a [IF Q25a ASKED FIRST, READ: Thinking about Social Security and Medicare... /IF Q25a ASKED SECOND, READ: Still thinking about these programs...] How concerned are you, if at all, that in the future there may not be enough money to provide these benefits at their current levels to older Americans. Are you... [READ IN ORDER]?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
89	86	90	92	87	Concerned (NET)
65	57	70	71	59	Very concerned
24	28	20	21	29	Somewhat concerned
11	14	10	8	11	Not concerned (NET)
6	10	5	4	6	Not too concerned
4	4	5	3	5	Not at all concerned
1	1	*	1	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## ASK ALL:

Q.25b [IF Q25b ASKED FIRST, READ: Thinking about Social Security and Medicare... /IF Q25b ASKED SECOND, READ: Still thinking about these programs...] How concerned are you, if at all, that keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits at their current levels may put too much of a financial burden on younger generations? Are you... [READ IN ORDER]?

<u>Total</u>	<u>18-30</u>	<u>31-46</u>	<u>47-65</u>	<u>66-83</u>	
78	80	77	78	75	Concerned (NET)
43	41	45	45	44	Very concerned
34	39	33	34	31	Somewhat concerned
20	19	20	19	22	Not concerned (NET)
11	13	12	9	14	Not too concerned
9	7	9	10	9	Not at all concerned
2	1	2	2	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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**QUESTIONS PEW1-4 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.5 Now I am going to read you a series of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly DISagree with it or completely disagree with it. The first one is... **[READ ITEMS, IN ORDER. DO NOT ROTATE.]** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree?

**[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: READ ANSWER CHOICES FOR FIRST TWO ITEMS AND THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY]**

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Net	Com- pletely	Mostly	Net	Com- pletely	Mostly	
a. People like me don't have any say about what the government does							
September 22-25, 2011	52	18	34	46	17	30	1
March 31-April 21, 2009	51	16	35	46	14	32	3
January, 2007	48	13	35	50	14	36	2
August, 2003	47	17	30	51	16	35	2
August, 2002	46	16	30	51	18	33	3
Late September, 1999	47	16	31	52	17	35	1
November, 1997	46	15	31	53	18	35	1
July, 1994	54	22	32	46	15	31	*
May, 1993	52	15	37	47	16	31	1
June, 1992	50	14	36	49	17	32	1
November, 1991	50	22	28	49	21	28	1
May, 1990	57	19	38	42	11	31	1
February, 1989	62	22	40	37	8	29	1
May, 1988	55	16	39	44	11	33	1
May, 1987	52	14	38	46	12	34	2
b. Generally speaking, elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly							
September 22-25, 2011	78	39	39	19	6	13	3
March 31-April 21, 2009	76	29	47	21	4	17	3
January, 2007	79	31	48	18	4	14	3
August, 2003	75	33	42	22	4	18	3
August, 2002	74	28	46	22	4	18	4
Late September, 1999	77	28	49	21	5	16	2
November, 1997	76	32	44	23	5	18	1
July, 1994	83	39	44	16	3	13	1
May, 1993	82	29	53	16	3	13	2
June, 1992	84	35	49	15	3	12	1
November, 1991	84	41	43	15	4	11	1
May, 1990	78	30	48	19	2	17	3
February, 1989	80	30	50	18	2	16	2
May, 1988	76	26	50	22	3	19	2
May, 1987	73	22	51	24	3	21	3
c. Most elected officials care what people like me think							
September 22-25, 2011	34	7	27	63	24	39	3
March 31-April 21, 2009	38	6	32	59	18	41	3
January, 2007	34	3	31	62	21	41	4

## PEW.5 CONTINUED...

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Com-			Com-			
	Net	pletely	Mostly	Net	pletely	Mostly	
August, 2003	39	6	33	59	20	39	2
August, 2002	44	7	37	52	17	35	4
Late September, 1999	39	5	34	59	18	41	2
November, 1997	41	6	35	57	19	38	2
July, 1994	33	4	29	66	25	41	1
May, 1993	40	5	35	58	16	42	2
June, 1992	36	5	31	62	16	46	2
November, 1991	36	7	29	62	23	39	2
May, 1990	44	7	37	53	14	39	3
February, 1989	44	5	39	54	12	42	2
May, 1988	47	5	42	51	11	40	2
May, 1987	47	5	42	49	9	40	4
d. Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things							
September 22-25, 2011	65	25	40	33	12	22	2
March 31-April 21, 2009	68	21	47	28	8	20	4
January, 2007	71	23	48	26	8	18	3
August, 2003	73	27	46	24	8	16	3
August, 2002	72	28	44	25	9	16	3
Late September, 1999	73	27	46	24	7	17	3
November, 1997	67	27	40	32	9	23	1
July, 1994	66	24	42	32	11	21	2
November, 1991	74	32	42	24	9	15	2
May, 1990	73	23	50	25	7	18	2
February, 1989	73	25	48	25	5	20	2
May, 1988	75	26	49	23	5	18	2
May, 1987	78	23	55	19	4	15	3
NO ITEMS e-g							
h. The strength of this country today is mostly based on the success of American business							
September 22-25, 2011	71	26	45	25	8	17	4
March 31-April 21, 2009	76	26	50	20	5	15	4
January, 2007	72	19	53	24	6	18	4
August, 2003	75	26	49	21	6	15	4
August, 2002	72	22	50	24	6	18	4
February, 2002	76	25	51	20	4	16	4
Late September, 1999	76	23	53	19	5	14	5
November, 1997	76	22	54	21	5	16	3
July, 1994	78	26	52	20	5	15	2
June, 1992	78	24	54	20	5	15	2
November, 1991	76	29	47	21	6	15	3
May, 1990	77	20	57	17	3	14	6
February, 1989	77	23	54	18	4	14	5
May, 1988	79	25	54	17	3	14	4
May, 1987	76	16	60	19	3	16	5
i. Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good							
September 22-25, 2011	59	29	30	36	10	26	6
March 31-April 21, 2009	54	23	31	39	8	31	7
January, 2007	57	18	39	35	5	30	8
August, 2003	53	15	38	39	9	30	8
August, 2002	48	16	32	43	8	35	9
Late September, 1999	55	19	36	37	6	31	8
November, 1997	57	20	37	37	5	32	6

## PEW.5 CONTINUED...

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Com-			Com-			
	Net	pletely	Mostly	Net	pletely	Mostly	
July, 1994	63	27	36	33	5	28	4
June, 1992	61	19	42	33	5	28	6
May, 1990	58	16	42	33	4	29	9
May, 1988	57	17	40	35	4	31	8
May, 1987	55	12	43	34	4	30	11
j. The federal government should run ONLY those things that cannot be run at the local level							
September 22-25, 2011	68	30	38	28	9	19	4
March 31-April 21, 2009	70	26	44	25	7	18	5
January, 2007	74	27	47	20	4	16	6
August, 2003	71	29	42	24	7	17	5
August, 2002	69	29	40	26	6	20	5
Late September, 1999	74	32	42	22	5	17	4
November, 1997	74	33	41	24	7	17	2
July, 1994	78	38	40	19	5	14	3
May, 1990	77	26	51	18	2	16	5
May, 1987	75	22	53	19	3	16	6
k. When something is run by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful							
September 22-25, 2011	64	29	35	33	7	26	3
March 31-April 21, 2009	57	25	32	39	7	32	4
January, 2007	62	24	38	34	6	28	4
August, 2003	57	23	34	39	8	31	4
August, 2002	53	20	33	43	8	35	4
Late September, 1999	59	23	36	38	7	31	3
November, 1997	64	27	37	34	7	27	2
July, 1994	69	33	36	30	5	25	1
May, 1993	69	24	45	29	5	24	2
June, 1992	70	29	41	28	4	24	2
November, 1991	68	32	36	30	7	23	2
May, 1990	67	22	45	29	4	25	4
February, 1989	65	26	39	31	5	26	4
May, 1988	66	24	42	29	3	26	5
May, 1987	63	19	44	31	4	27	6
l. The federal government controls too much of our daily lives							
September 22-25, 2011	64	36	28	35	9	26	1
March 31-April 21, 2009	55	26	29	42	8	34	3
January, 2007	64	28	36	33	6	27	3
August, 2003	56	24	32	42	8	34	2
August, 2002	54	25	29	43	8	35	3
Late September, 1999	60	30	30	38	6	32	2
November, 1997	64	29	35	35	6	29	1
July, 1994	69	37	32	30	5	25	1
May, 1993	65	26	39	34	4	30	1
June, 1992	64	28	36	34	5	29	2
November, 1991	63	32	31	35	7	28	2
May, 1990	62	22	40	34	5	29	4
February, 1989	57	22	35	43	9	34	3
May, 1988	61	25	36	36	5	31	3
May, 1987	58	18	40	37	5	32	5
m. The government is really run for the benefit of all the people							
September 22-25, 2011	41	9	32	56	22	34	2

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March 31-April 21, 2009	49	11	38	48	14	34	3
January, 2007	45	10	35	52	15	37	3
August, 2003	52	13	39	46	15	31	2
August, 2002	55	13	42	43	14	29	2
Late September, 1999	49	11	38	48	14	34	3
November, 1997	48	9	39	50	15	35	2
July, 1994	42	10	32	57	19	38	1
June, 1992	44	8	36	54	17	37	2
November, 1991	48	11	37	50	16	34	2
May, 1990	52	10	42	45	10	35	3
February, 1989	57	12	45	41	10	31	2
May, 1988	53	11	42	44	10	34	3
May, 1987	57	9	48	39	8	31	4
<b>n. Business corporations generally strike a fair balance between making profits and serving the public interest</b>							
September 22-25, 2011	41	9	32	54	21	33	5
March 31-April 21, 2009	37	6	31	58	19	39	5
January, 2007	38	6	32	58	19	39	4
August, 2003	38	6	32	57	22	35	5
August, 2002	41	7	34	55	17	38	4
February, 2002	40	7	33	54	16	38	6
Late September, 1999	45	7	38	50	13	37	5
November, 1997	45	7	38	52	12	40	3
July, 1994	45	7	38	53	15	38	2
June, 1992	40	5	35	56	14	42	4
November, 1991	40	8	32	57	19	38	3
May, 1990	43	5	38	50	13	37	7
February, 1989	38	5	33	56	12	44	6
May, 1988	42	6	36	52	13	39	6
May, 1987	43	4	39	48	10	38	9
<b>NO ITEM o.</b>							
<b>p. Our society should do what is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed</b>							
September 22-25, 2011	89	53	36	10	4	6	1
March 31-April 21, 2009	87	48	39	11	3	8	2
January, 2007	91	49	42	7	2	5	2
August, 2003	91	53	38	8	2	6	1
August, 2002	89	52	37	9	3	6	2
Late September, 1999	90	50	40	9	2	7	1
November, 1997	90	52	38	9	3	6	1
July, 1994	91	52	39	8	2	6	1
June, 1992	93	59	34	6	2	4	1
Nov, 1991	94	64	30	5	2	3	1
May, 1990	91	45	46	7	1	6	2
Feb, 1989	91	49	42	8	2	6	1
May, 1988	91	48	43	7	1	6	2
May, 1987	90	37	53	8	1	7	2
<b>q. We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country</b>							
September 22-25, 2011	39	17	22	59	31	28	2
March 31-April 21, 2009	41	16	25	56	25	31	3
January, 2007	45	17	28	51	19	32	4

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August, 2003	43	17	26	54	26	28	3
August, 2002	49	20	29	48	21	27	3
Late September, 1999	48	20	28	50	21	29	2
November, 1997	45	17	28	53	21	32	2
July, 1994	48	21	27	50	22	28	2
May, 1993	43	14	29	54	20	34	3
June, 1992	40	16	24	57	27	30	3
November, 1991	38	16	22	59	27	32	3
May, 1990	43	15	28	53	21	32	4
February, 1989	41	17	24	56	22	34	3
May, 1988	45	17	28	52	20	32	3
May, 1987	42	11	31	53	16	37	5
r.	It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can't take care of themselves						
September 22-25, 2011	56	23	33	41	15	26	3
March 31-April 21, 2009	63	24	39	33	11	22	4
January, 2007	69	27	42	28	8	20	3
August, 2003	66	25	41	31	11	20	3
August, 2002	61	22	39	35	11	24	4
Late September, 1999	62	20	42	35	14	21	3
November, 1997	61	23	38	37	11	26	2
July, 1994	57	20	37	41	15	26	2
May, 1993	62	19	43	35	9	26	3
June, 1992	69	28	41	28	8	20	3
May, 1990	67	23	44	29	6	23	4
May, 1988	74	26	48	23	6	17	3
May, 1987	71	21	50	24	4	20	5
s.	The government should help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt						
September 22-25, 2011	42	16	27	54	25	29	4
March 31-April 21, 2009	48	16	32	46	14	32	6
January, 2007	54	19	35	40	11	29	6
August, 2003	54	17	37	42	12	30	4
August, 2002	48	16	32	47	15	32	5
Late September, 1999	49	15	34	47	14	33	4
November, 1997	44	14	30	53	16	37	3
July, 1994	41	13	28	56	19	37	3
May, 1993	43	9	34	52	12	40	5
June, 1992	53	18	35	43	12	31	4
November, 1991	51	20	31	46	15	31	3
May, 1990	51	15	36	44	10	34	5
May, 1988	52	17	35	42	12	30	6
May, 1987	53	13	40	40	7	33	7
t.	The government should guarantee every citizen enough to eat and a place to sleep						
September 22-25, 2011	56	26	29	42	18	24	2
March 31-April 21, 2009	62	28	34	35	12	23	3
January, 2007	69	31	38	29	8	21	2
August, 2003	65	30	35	33	10	23	2
August, 2002	63	28	35	34	11	23	3
Late September, 1999	64	29	35	33	11	22	3
November, 1997	62	29	33	36	11	25	2
July, 1994	59	27	32	39	14	25	2
June, 1992	65	32	33	32	10	22	3
November, 1991	73	41	32	25	9	16	2

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May, 1990	62	27	35	34	9	25	4
February, 1989	65	35	30	32	10	22	3
May, 1988	66	28	38	31	9	22	3
May, 1987	62	22	40	33	7	26	5
u.	I like political leaders who are willing to make compromises in order to get the job done						
September 22-25, 2011	76	36	40	22	8	14	2
March 31-April 21, 2009	79	37	42	17	5	12	4
January, 2007	79	29	50	16	5	11	5
August, 2003	77	28	49	19	6	13	4
August, 2002	78	30	48	18	6	12	4
Late September, 1999	77	32	45	19	4	15	4
November, 1997	78	32	46	19	5	14	3
May, 1990	71	23	48	23	6	17	6
May, 1988	72	23	49	22	5	17	6
May, 1987	72	16	56	20	4	16	8
v.	I am very patriotic						
September 22-25, 2011	85	54	31	13	4	9	2
March 31-April 21, 2009	88	54	34	9	3	6	3
January, 2007	90	49	41	8	2	6	2
August, 2003	91	56	35	7	2	5	2
August, 2002	92	54	38	6	2	4	2
Late September, 1999	87	49	38	11	3	8	2
November, 1997	90	48	42	8	2	6	2
July, 1994	91	51	40	8	2	6	1
June, 1992	91	52	39	7	2	5	2
November, 1991	91	58	33	7	2	5	2
May, 1990	88	48	40	10	2	8	2
February, 1989	91	51	40	7	1	6	2
May, 1988	89	51	38	8	2	6	3
May, 1987	89	43	46	8	1	7	3