# The AP-National Constitution Center Poll 

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Interview dates: August 11 -August 16, 2010
Interviews: 1,007 adults
Margin of error: +/- 4.5 percentage points at the $95 \%$ confidence level
NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.
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NCC1. For each of the following tasks, please say if you think the government is doing a good job, a poor job, or a neither a good nor poor job at that particular one. How about...
[INTERVIEWER:]
FOR EACH "GOOD JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY good job or SOMEWHAT good job? FOR EACH "POOR JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY poor job or SOMEWHAT poor job?

| Making America a better place | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Good job | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ |
| Very good | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| Somewhat good | 32 | 29 | 27 |
| Neither good nor bad | 12 | 14 | 15 |
| Total Poor job | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ |
| Somewhat poor job | 18 | 20 | 19 |
| Very poor job | 24 | 22 | 24 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | $*$ | - | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |


| Making sure that all people are treated <br> equally | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Good job | $\mathbf{4 5}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ |
| Very good | 12 | 18 | 16 |
| Somewhat good | 33 | 31 | 31 |
| Neither good nor bad | 11 | 12 | 9 |
| Total Poor job | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| Somewhat poor job | 18 | 19 | 19 |
| Very poor job | 26 | 20 | 25 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | - | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |

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NCC1. (Continued) For each of the following tasks, please say if you think the government is doing a good job, a poor job, or a neither a good nor poor job at that particular one. How about...

## [INTERVIEWER:]

FOR EACH "GOOD JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY good job or SOMEWHAT good job? FOR EACH "POOR JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY poor job or SOMEWHAT poor job?

| Making sure that our nation is safe from <br> foreign and domestic threats | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Good job | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 2}$ |  |
| Very good | 20 | 21 | 29 |  |
| Somewhat good | 33 | 37 | 33 |  |
| Neither good nor bad | 11 | 9 | 8 |  |
| Total Poor job | 35 | 33 | $\mathbf{2 9}$ |  |
| Somewhat poor job | 16 | 15 | 14 |  |
| Very poor job | 19 | 18 | 15 |  |
| Don't know | $*$ | 1 | 2 |  |
| Refused | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |  |
| Based on: |  |  |  |  |


| Making sure all Americans feel safe, <br> secure and free | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Good job | $\mathbf{5 4}$ | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 8}$ |
| Very good | 17 | 19 | 24 |
| Somewhat good | 37 | 35 | 34 |
| Neither good nor bad | 9 | 10 | 9 |
| Total Poor job | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 2}$ |
| Somewhat poor job | 18 | 18 | 15 |
| Very poor job | 19 | 19 | 16 |
| Don't know | $*$ | $*$ | 1 |
| Refused | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |
| Based on: |  | - | 1 |

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NCC1. (Continued) For each of the following tasks, please say if you think the government is doing a good job, a poor job, or a neither a good nor poor job at that particular one. How about...

## [INTERVIEWER:]

FOR EACH "GOOD JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY good job or SOMEWHAT good job? FOR EACH "POOR JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY poor job or SOMEWHAT poor job?

| Promoting the well-being of all <br> Americans, not just special interests | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Good job | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |  |
| Very good | 8 | 11 | 11 |  |
| Somewhat good | 29 | 27 | 27 |  |
| Neither good nor bad | 12 | 12 | 12 |  |
| Total Poor job | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ |  |
| Somewhat poor job | 23 | 22 | 22 |  |
| Very poor job | 28 | 26 | 27 |  |
| Don't know | $*$ | 2 | 2 |  |
| Refused | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |  |
| Based on: |  |  |  |  |


| Making sure that Americans are free to <br> pursue happiness now and in the future | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Good job | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 5}$ |  |
| Very good | 15 | 18 | 20 |  |
| Somewhat good | 34 | 28 | 35 |  |
| Neither good nor bad | 10 | 13 | 9 |  |
| Total Poor job | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 4}$ |  |
| Somewhat poor job | 18 | 18 | 17 |  |
| Very poor job | 22 | 22 | 17 |  |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| Refused | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |  |
| Based on: |  |  |  |  |

I'm going to read you some pairs of statements, and for each pair, please tell me which one comes closest to your view. (DO NOT RANDOMIZE NCC2-NCC4)

NCC2. How about these statements...Which comes closest to your view?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The United States Constitution is an enduring <br> document that remains relevant today | 74 | 75 | 70 |
| The United States Constitution is an outdated <br> document that needs to be modernized | 26 | 23 | 28 |
| Don't know | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Refused | - | - | $*$ |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |

NCC3. And which of these comes closest to your view?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The rule of law should be followed in America, <br> even if that comes at the expense of short <br> term public safety considerations OR | 60 | 61 | 54 |
| If it's a matter of public safety, sometimes it's <br> okay to break the law | 35 | 35 | 38 |
| Don't know | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |

NCC4. And how about these, which do you agree with more?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| If a majority of people want something to <br> happen, the rights of a few shouldn't stand in <br> the way; OR | 35 | 37 | 33 |
| The rights of everyone should be protected, <br> even when that means saying no to <br> something the majority of people want to <br> happen. | 62 | 57 | 62 |
| Don't know |  |  |  |
| Refused | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| $N=1,007$ |  |  |  |

NCC18. Which comes closest to your view?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Judges should interpret the laws as narrowly <br> as possible, taking into account only what is <br> clearly the intention of the lawmakers <br> OR | 41 | 43 |
| Judges should interpret laws broadly, taking <br> into account the broader interests of the <br> nation | 56 | 52 |
| Don't know | 3 | 5 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: |  |  |

NCC5. If you thought it would help improve the economy would you favor or oppose giving the President more power at the expense of the power of Congress and the courts?
[INTERVIEWER:
FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly favor or somewhat favor?
FOR EACH "OPPOSE" ASK: Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?]

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Favor | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 9}$ |
| Strongly favor | 12 | 10 | 16 |
| Somewhat favor | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| Total Oppose | $\mathbf{7 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 5}$ | $\mathbf{6 6}$ |
| Somewhat oppose | 21 | 17 | 22 |
| Strongly oppose | 53 | 58 | 44 |
| Don't know | $*$ | 1 | 5 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |

NCC7. Is health care insurance something that the government should make sure everyone has, or should it be up to each individual to secure health insurance if he or she wants it?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, the government should assure that <br> everyone has health care insurance | 47 | 47 |
| No, it is up to each individual to secure health <br> insurance if he or she wants it | 50 | 50 |
| Don't know | 2 | 3 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on:$\quad N=1,007$ |  |  |$\quad N=1,001$

NCC19. Do you think the Federal Government should have the power to require all Americans to buy health insurance, and to pay a fine if they don't or do you think the Federal Government should not have that power?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| The Federal Government should have the <br> power to require | 17 |
| The Federal should not have the power to <br> require | 83 |
| Don't know | 1 |
| Refused | $*$ |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

NCC8. Do you favor or oppose providing a legal way for illegal immigrants already in the United States to become U.S. citizens?
[INTERVIEWER:
FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly favor or somewhat favor?
FOR EACH "OPPOSE" ASK: Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?]

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total Favor | $\mathbf{5 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 7}$ |
| Strongly favor | 27 | 21 |
| Somewhat favor | 23 | 26 |
| Total Oppose | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{5 0}$ |
| Somewhat oppose | 15 | 12 |
| Strongly oppose | 33 | 38 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | $*$ | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ |

NCC9. Do you think freedom of speech should mean that...

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| People should have the right to say what they <br> believe even if they take positions that seem <br> deeply offensive to most people OR | 70 | 76 | 67 |
| People should have the right to say what they <br> believe, except when they want to say things <br> that seem deeply offensive to most people | 28 | 21 | 30 |
| Don't know | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Refused | $*$ | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |

NCC10. Should couples of the same sex be entitled to the same government benefits as married couples of the opposite sex, or should the government distinguish between them?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ | $8 / 22-29 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, should be entitled to the same benefits | 58 | 54 | 51 |
| No, should distinguish between them | 38 | 42 | 43 |
| Don't know | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ | $N=1,000$ |

NCC12. Should the Federal Government give legal recognition to marriages between couples of the same sex, or not?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 52 | 46 |
| No | 46 | 53 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ |

NCC15. Do you think that laws limiting gun ownership infringe on the public's right to bear arms under the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution, or do you think they do not infringe on the public's right to bear arms?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Infringe on the public's right to bear arms | 51 | 55 |
| Do not infringe on the public's right to bear arms | 45 | 40 |
| Don't know | 4 | 5 |
| Refused | $*$ | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ |

NCC16. The U.S. government sometimes restricts the access of the public and the news media to various kinds of information for national security reasons. Do you think the government tends to hold back too little information, too much information or the right amount of information from the public?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ | $9 / 3-8 / 09$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Too little | 18 | 19 |
| Too much | 42 | 43 |
| About the right amount | 37 | 34 |
| Don't know | 3 | 4 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ | $N=1,001$ |

NCC20. Do you think the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court have an impact on your daily life, or do you think that the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court don't really affect your daily life?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Have an impact on my daily life | 72 |
| Don't really affect my daily life | 26 |
| Don't know | 2 |
| Refused | $N=1,007$ |
| Based on: |  |

NCC21. Do you think the U.S. Supreme Court Justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to partisan politics, or do you think they sometimes let their own partisan political views influence their decisions?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Decide only on legal analysis | 19 |
| Sometimes let their own partisan political <br> views influence their decisions | 78 |
| Don't know | 4 |
| Refused | $*$ |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

NCC22. As you may know, the Supreme Court will hear a case this year about whether a state can legally ban minors from buying violent video games. What do you think is more important to protect?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| The right of a state government to pass a law <br> it feels will protect young people from <br> potential harm caused by video games that <br> may be too violent OR | 64 |
| The rights of young people to be free to buy <br> any kind of video game they want, without <br> the government telling them what games they <br> should or should not buy | 34 |
| Don't know |  |
| Refused | 2 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

NCC24. Do you think that setting policies for education should be the responsibility of the federal government, the state governments or feel both the federal and state governments?

|  | $8 / 11-16 / 10$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Responsibility of the federal government | 4 |  |  |
| Responsibility of the state governments | 25 |  |  |
| Responsibility of both the federal government <br> and state governments | 69 |  |  |
| Don't know | 2 |  |  |
| Refused | $*=1,007$ |  |  |
| Based on: |  |  |  |

TI1. Now I'm going to read you a list of institutions in this country. For each one, please tell me if you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running each institution.

The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

| RANDomIZE | Extremely <br> confident | Very <br> confident | Somewhat <br> confident | Not too <br> confident | Not <br> confident <br> at all | DK | REF |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Banks and financial institutions | 2 | 4 | 42 | 27 | 25 | $*$ | $*$ |
| Major companies | 8 | 31 | 50 | 26 | 16 | 2 | $*$ |
| Small and local businesses | 3 | 8 | 49 | 6 | 5 | 1 | $*$ |
| Organized labor | 4 | 9 | 49 | 19 | 22 | 2 | $*$ |
| The print media, such as newspapers <br> and news magazines | 5 | 8 | 49 | 21 | 18 | $*$ | $*$ |
| The broadcast news media, such as <br> television and cable news | 3 | 8 | 53 | 21 | 13 | 3 | - |
| The online news media, such as news <br> websites | 3 | 5 | 33 | 31 | 23 | 5 | $*$ |
| Independent or citizen media, such as <br> online blogs | 3 | 22 | 53 | 10 | 7 | 1 | - |
| The scientific community, such as <br> universities and research institutes | 8 | 22 | 1 | - |  |  |  |
| Organized religion | 5 | 13 | 44 | 16 | 19 | 3 | 1 |
| Public schools | 3 | 10 | 49 | 24 | 13 | $*$ | - |
| The military | 13 | 30 | 43 | 8 | 5 | 1 | $*$ |
| The federal government | 3 | 7 | 48 | 19 | 24 | $*$ | - |
| State government | 3 | 7 | 53 | 23 | 14 | $*$ | - |
| Local government | 3 | 11 | 55 | 18 | 12 | $*$ | $*$ |
| The U.S. Supreme Court | 3 | 13 | 58 | 14 | 11 | $*$ | - |
| State courts | 3 | 9 | 62 | 14 | 10 | 1 | $*$ |
| The U.S. Congress | 3 | 4 | 44 | 23 | 26 | $*$ | - |

Base: $N=1,007$

PID1/
PID2. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?
[IF "DEMOCRAT," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat? [IF "REPUBLICAN," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican? [IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," ASK:] Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & \underset{O}{0} \\ & \underset{D}{1} \\ & \underset{\infty}{-1} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & \frac{1}{7} \\ & \underset{\sim}{1} \\ & \frac{\sigma}{6} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { O} \\ & \underset{i}{I} \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{1} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \underset{\sim}{\lambda} \\ \underset{\sim}{7} \\ \stackrel{1}{7} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & \stackrel{O}{\infty} \\ & \stackrel{1}{m} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\stackrel{9}{8}$ $\underset{7}{1}$ $\stackrel{1}{1}$ $\underset{\sim}{7}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\circ}{\circ} \\ & \stackrel{9}{i} \\ & \stackrel{i}{7} \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{\circ}{\circ}$ <br> $\stackrel{+}{4}$ <br> $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{4}$ <br> -1 | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\circ}{\partial} \\ & \underset{\infty}{\circ} \\ & \stackrel{1}{\sigma} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\stackrel{2}{0}$ $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{N}$ $\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{7}$ $\stackrel{7}{7}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\circ}{\partial} \\ & \frac{7}{1} \\ & \frac{\alpha}{7} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\infty}{\circ} \\ & \underset{\sim}{\infty} \\ & \stackrel{\sim}{\eta} \end{aligned}$ | $\infty$ $\stackrel{\circ}{0}$ $\stackrel{1}{6}$ $\stackrel{1}{6}$ $\cdots$ |
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| Total Democrat | 43 | 46 | 45 | 41 | 45 | 44 | 37 | 43 | 43 | 39 | 44 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 47 | 44 | 48 |
| Democrat - strong | 14 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 14 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 17 | 21 |
| Democrat moderate | 18 | 19 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 20 | 15 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 19 | 19 |
| Independent - lean Democratic | 12 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| None - lean Democratic | * | - | * | - | * | - | * | * | * | - | * | * | * | * | 1 | 1 | - |
| Total Republican | 39 | 35 | 39 | 40 | 34 | 33 | 32 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 33 | 32 | 28 | 30 | 27 | 33 | 34 |
| Republican - strong | 11 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 13 |
| Republican moderate | 14 | 15 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 11 |
| Independent - lean Republican | 14 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 10 |
| None - lean Republican | - | * | * | - | * | - | - | * | * | - | * | * | * | * | 1 | * | - |
| [VOL] Independent don't lean | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| [VOL] None - don't lean | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| [VOL] Other | * | * | * | * | 1 | 1 | * | * | * | * | 1 | * | * | * | * | * | - |
| Don't know | 14 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 18 | 24 | 19 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 14 |
| Refused | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

[^0]G11a. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
IF "Liberal," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal? IF "Conservative," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline & \begin{array}{c}8 / 11- \\ 16 / 10\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}6 / 9- \\ 14 / 10\end{array} & 5 / 7-11 / 10 & 4 / 7 / 10- & & & \\ 12 / 10\end{array}\right)$

EM1. Are you, yourself, currently employed... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Full-time | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 46 | 44 | 44 | 47 | 50 |
| Part-time | 16 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 13 | 13 |
| Not employed | 38 | 42 | 39 | 39 | 41 | 44 | 41 | 42 | 45 | 42 | 39 | 37 |
| Don't know | * | * | * | - | * | - | * | * | * | - | 1 | * |
| Refused | * | * | - | * | * | * | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Based on: $N=1,007 \quad N=1,044 \quad N=1,002 \quad N=1,001 \quad N=1,002 \quad N=1,008 \quad N=1,001 \quad N=1,006 \quad N=1,003 \quad N=1,001 \quad N=1,006 \quad N=1,000$

EM2. [IF "NOT EMPLOYED" IN EM1, ASK:] Are you... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Retired | 44 | 47 | 42 | 50 | 49 | 48 | 47 | 49 | 52 | 52 | 48 | 50 |
| Homemaker | 21 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 15 | 13 | 16 | 18 | 15 | 15 | 17 |
| Student | 14 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| Temporarily unemployed | 20 | 25 | 27 | 21 | 23 | 27 | 32 | 24 | 18 | 22 | 24 | 22 |
| Don't know | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | * | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | * | - | 1 | - | 1 | * | 1 | * | * | 2 | 2 |

Based on: $N=400 \quad N=472 \quad N=416 \quad N=415 \quad N=420 \quad N=420 \quad N=423 \quad N=404 \quad N=451 \quad N=438 \quad N=415 \quad N=402$

CUR38. Thinking of the last 6 months - that is, since February of this year - have you or has someone in your family lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?


CUR39. And thinking of the last 6 months - that is, since February of this year - has someone you know personally, other than a family member, lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 65 | 70 | 63 | 64 | 64 | 71 | 69 | 66 | 65 | 66 | 64 | 60 | 67 | 65 |
| No | 35 | 29 | 36 | 36 | 35 | 29 | 30 | 34 | 34 | 32 | 34 | 39 | 33 | 35 |
| Don't know | * | 1 | * | * | 1 | 1 | * | * | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | * | - | - | * | - | - | * | - | * | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |

[INTERVIEWER READ:] The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM1. What is your marital status? Are you... [READ EACH ITEM]

| Married/Living as Married/Co-habitating | 61 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Separated | 2 |
| Divorced | 10 |
| Widowed | 6 |
| Never Married | 21 |
| Don't know [VOL] | $*$ |
| Refused [VOL] | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed? [READ EACH ITEM]

| Less than high school graduate | 6 |
| :--- | :---: |
| High school graduate | 37 |
| Technical/trade school | 4 |
| Some college | 25 |
| College graduate | 13 |
| Some graduate school | 3 |
| Graduate degree | 11 |
| Don't know [VOL] | $*$ |
| Refused [VOL] | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM4. In what year were you born?
Age group:

| $18-29$ | 21 |
| :--- | :---: |
| $30-49$ | 38 |
| $50-64$ | 24 |
| $65+$ | 17 |
| Refused | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live? [READ EACH ITEM]

| Urban area | 27 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Suburban area | 40 |
| Rural area | 30 |
| Don't know [VOL] | 2 |
| Refused [VOL] | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

| Own | 64 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Rent | 26 |
| Other arrangement | 10 |
| Don't know | - |
| Refused | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18 , or not?

| Yes | 37 |
| :--- | :---: |
| No | 63 |
| Don't know | - |
| Refused | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

| None | 24 |
| :--- | :---: |
| One Line | 72 |
| Two lines | 2 |
| Three or more lines | 1 |
| Don't know | $*$ |
| Refused | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

| None | 9 |
| :--- | :---: |
| One | 68 |
| Two | 16 |
| Three or more | 6 |
| Don't know | $*$ |
| Refused | 1 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM10. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

| Landline | 25 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Cell phone | 38 |
| Both equally | 36 |
| Don't know | - |
| Refused | $*$ |
| Based on: | $N=674$ |

DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

| None | 46 |
| :--- | :---: |
| One | 32 |
| Two | 15 |
| Three or more | 6 |
| Don't know | $*$ |
| Refused | 2 |
| Based on: | $N=301$ |

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

| Yes, born-again/evangelical | 36 |
| :--- | :---: |
| No | 60 |
| Don't know | 2 |
| Refused | 2 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM13. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

| Protestant | 27 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Catholic | 24 |
| Mormon | 1 |
| Jewish | 1 |
| Muslim | $*$ |
| Other religion [SPECIFY] | 21 |
| Don't belong to religious denomination | 24 |
| Don't know | - |
| Refused | $N=1,007$ |
| Based on: |  |

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13, ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

| Yes, a Christian | 88 |
| :--- | :---: |
| No, not a Christian | 13 |
| Don't know | - |
| Refused | - |

Based on:
$N=158$

DM15. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

| Never | 16 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Less often than a few times a year | 11 |
| A few times a year | 22 |
| Once or twice a month | 13 |
| Once a week | 24 |
| More than once a week | 11 |
| Don't know | $*$ |
| Refused | 2 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

DM16. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

| Yes | 14 |
| :--- | :---: |
| No | 85 |
| Don't know | $*$ |
| Refused | 2 |

Based on:
$N=1,007$

DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=1), ASK:] In addition to being Hispanic, Latino or Spanish, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

| White | 71 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Black, African-American, or Negro | 12 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 1 |
| Asian Indian | 1 |
| Vietnamese | - |
| Chinese | $*$ |
| Filipino | $*$ |
| Korean | $*$ |
| Native Hawaiian | - |
| Guamanian or Chamorro | - |
| Samoan | - |
| Japanese | - |
| Other Asian | $*$ |
| Other Pacific Islander | - |
| Some other race [SPECIFY] | 10 |
| Multiple races [VOL] | 3 |
| Don't know [VOL] | $*$ |
| Refused [VOL] | 3 |

Based on: $N=1,007$

DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it $\$ 50,000$ or higher? [READ LIST]

| Below $\$ 50,000$ | 47 |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\$ 50,000+$ | 48 |
| Don't know [VOL] | 1 |
| Refused [VOL] | 4 |

Based on:

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

| Under $\$ 10,000$ | 5 |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\$ 10,000$ to under $\$ 20,000$ | 10 |
| $\$ 20,000$ to under $\$ 30,000$ | 11 |
| $\$ 30,000$ to under $\$ 40,000$ | 8 |
| $\$ 40,000$ to under $\$ 50,000$ | 9 |
| $\$ 50,000$ to under $\$ 75,000$ | 16 |
| $\$ 75,000$ to under $\$ 100,000$ | 14 |
| $\$ 100,000$ to under $\$ 150,000$ | 8 |
| $\$ 150,000$ or more | 8 |
| Don't know $[\mathrm{VOL}]$ | 5 |
| Refused $[\mathrm{VOL}]$ | 7 |

Based on:
$N=1,007$

DM21. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

| Yes | 39 |
| :--- | :---: |
| No | 58 |
| Don't know | $*$ |
| Refused | 3 |
| Based on: | $N=1,007$ |

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[ASK DM22 ONLY IF "YES" IN DM21:]
DM22. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investmentsbuying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

| None | 47 |
| :--- | :---: |
| 1 | 18 |
| 2 | 8 |
| 3 | 6 |
| 4 | 3 |
| $5-9$ times | 7 |
| $10-14$ times | 3 |
| $15-19$ times | 1 |
| $20-24$ times | 1 |
| 25 times or more | 1 |
| Don't know | 4 |
| Refused | 1 |

Based on: $\quad N=498$

DM25. [INTERVIEWER RECORD:] Respondent's Gender:

| Male | 49 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Female | 51 |

Based on:
$N=1,007$

REGION:

|  | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Northeast | 19 |
| Midwest | 22 |
| South | 37 |
| West | 23 |

Based on:

## AP-National Constitution Center Poll Methodology

The Associated Press-National Constitution Center Poll was conducted from August 11 through August 16, 2010, by GfK Roper Public Affairs \& Corporate Communications - a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationallyrepresentative probability sample of 1,007 general population adults adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 706 respondents on landlines and 301 respondents on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2009 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2009 Fall estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.5 percentage points at the $95 \%$ confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100\%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than $100 \%$, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at http://www.ap-gfkpoll.com.


[^0]:    Based on:

