

# Washington Post-ABC News Poll

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\*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11*	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/28/10 LV	46	31	15	52	8	44	2
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

7/17/11 - Summary Table\*

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. The economy	39	18	22	57	15	43	3
b. The federal budget deficit	38	22	16	60	14	45	2
c. held for release							
d. Taxes	45	24	21	47	13	34	8
e. Creating jobs	41	16	25	52	13	39	7

\*Full sample asked item a; half sample asked items b-c; other half sample asked items d-e.

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/17/11	39	18	22	57	15	43	3
6/5/11	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
5/2/11*	40	18	22	55	16	39	4
4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2
3/13/11	43	22	21	55	13	41	2
1/16/11	46	22	24	51	13	38	2

12/12/10	43	21	22	54	15	39	3
10/28/10 RV	44	21	23	54	15	39	3
10/28/10 LV	42	23	19	55	10	45	2
10/3/10	45	22	23	53	13	41	2
9/2/10	41	20	21	57	13	44	2
7/11/10	43	20	23	54	13	41	4
6/6/10	50	26	24	49	12	37	2
4/25/10	49	24	25	49	10	39	2
3/26/10	45	23	22	52	12	40	3
2/8/10	45	22	23	53	15	38	2
1/15/10	47	22	24	52	13	39	1
12/13/09	46	23	24	52	12	40	2
11/15/09	51	26	25	47	12	36	2
10/18/09	50	29	22	48	13	35	1
9/12/09	51	28	24	46	13	33	2
8/17/09	52	27	25	46	13	33	2
7/18/09	52	29	23	46	10	35	3
6/21/09	56	28	28	41	13	27	3
4/24/09	58	31	28	38	13	25	4
3/29/09	60	34	25	38	12	26	3
2/22/09	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6

\*Washington Post/Pew Research Center poll

b. The federal budget deficit

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/17/11	38	22	16	60	14	45	2
6/5/11	33	16	17	61	12	49	6
4/17/11	39	21	18	58	11	47	3
3/13/11	39	18	20	55	13	42	6
1/16/11	43	21	22	52	11	41	6
12/12/10	38	16	22	55	19	36	7
9/2/10	39	18	20	58	13	45	3
7/11/10	40	20	20	56	11	45	4
6/6/10	39	22	17	56	13	42	6
4/25/10	40	20	20	55	14	42	5
3/26/10	43	22	21	52	14	38	5
2/8/10	40	17	23	56	16	40	4
1/15/10	38	18	20	56	15	41	6
12/13/09	37	16	21	56	12	44	6
11/15/09	42	19	23	53	10	43	5
10/18/09	45	20	25	51	14	37	4
9/12/09	39	17	22	55	13	42	6
8/17/09	41	19	22	53	12	41	5
7/18/09	43	19	24	49	11	38	8
6/21/09	48	22	26	48	13	35	5
4/24/09	51	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	7
3/29/09	52	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	5

d. Taxes

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/17/11	45	24	21	47	13	34	8
1/16/11	50	23	27	44	14	31	6
8/17/09	51	23	28	40	12	28	8
4/24/09	56	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	6

e. Creating jobs

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/17/11	41	16	25	52	13	39	7
2/8/10	47	25	22	51	15	35	3

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling [ITEM]?

7/17/11 - Summary Table\*

Approve    Disapprove    No opinion

a. The economy	28	67	5
b. The federal budget deficit	27	68	5
c. Creating jobs	26	65	9
d. Taxes	31	65	4

\*Full sample asked items a-b; half sample asked item c; other half sample asked item d.

Trend:

a. The economy

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/17/11	28	67	5
4/17/11	34	62	3
11/4/90 LV*	26	69	5

\* "the nation's economy"

b. The federal budget deficit

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/17/11	27	68	5
4/17/11	33	64	3
10/14/90	23	72	5
10/7/90	33	59	8

c-d. No trend.

4. As you may know, there is a debate in Washington right now about reducing the federal budget deficit and increasing the government's debt limit. Who do you trust more to handle this issue (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Obama -----			----- Republicans -----			(vol.)	(vol.)	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	Both	Neither	op.
7/17/11	48	34	14	39	11	28	1	10	3

5. Who do you think cares more about protecting the economic interests of [ITEM] - (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

7/17/11 - Summary Table

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. You and your family	47	37	2	12	2
b. Wall Street financial institutions	26	59	4	4	7
c. Small businesses	48	39	2	8	3
d. Middle class Americans	53	35	1	9	2
e. Large business corporations	24	67	3	3	3

6. I am going to mention four phrases and ask you which one best describes how you feel about the way the federal government works. Do you feel enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			None/Other	No opinion
	NET	Enthusi- astic	Satis- fied	NET	Dissat- isfied	Angry		
7/17/11	20	2	18	80	54	25	NA	1
6/5/11	30	3	27	69	44	25		1
10/28/10	27	4	23	72	51	21		1
10/28/10 LV	23	3	20	76	50	25		1
10/3/10	29	4	25	71	46	25		*
9/2/10	22	2	20	78	52	25		*
7/11/10	36	4	32	64	43	21		1
6/6/10	30	2	28	69	45	25		1
4/25/10	30	4	26	69	51	18		1
2/8/10	32	3	29	67	48	19		*
10/29/03	42	2	41	57	42	15		*
11/4/02 LV	49	4	45	50	41	9		1
11/3/02 LV	50	5	45	49	40	9		1
11/2/02 LV	51	6	45	49	40	9		1

10/27/02		50	4	47	49	42	7		1
10/27/02	LV	53	3	50	47	41	6		1
2/21/02		56	7	49	43	36	7		1
12/15/00		59	4	55	39	34	6		1
2/14/99		52	3	48	47	35	12		1
9/28/98		50	4	46	49	36	12		1
9/28/98	LV	48	4	44	50	37	14		1
8/16/98*		41	2	39	57	46	11	"	1
1/19/98		46	2	43	53	45	8	1	*
8/27/97		34	2	33	64	52	11	2	1
3/17/96		29	2	27	70	54	16	NA	*
5/14/95		48	3	45	50	41	9	NA	1
1/4/95		29	2	27	69	53	16	*	1
11/6/94	RV	28	2	26	70	49	21	1	1
10/31/94		26	1	25	73	55	18	1	1
10/23/94		28	1	26	71	52	20	*	*
10/9/94		25	2	24	72	53	19	2	*
9/11/94		26	2	25	73	53	20	NA	*
3/27/94		30	1	29	68	48	20	1	1
2/28/93		33	4	29	66	50	16	*	*
10/4/92	LV	17	1	16	81	56	25	1	1
10/4/92	RV	17	1	16	81	56	25	1	1
7/8/92		23	1	22	76	53	23	*	1
6/7/92		21	1	20	79	58	21	*	1
4/9/92		21	1	20	79	55	24	1	*
3/18/92		22	1	21	77	54	23	1	*
3/11/92		18	1	17	80	60	20	1	1

\*After 8/16/98: No "None/other" option recorded

7. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----				No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor		
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*	
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*	
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*	
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1	
10/28/10	LV	8	*	7	92	42	50	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*	
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0	
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0	
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0	
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*	
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*	
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*	
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0	
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*	
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*	
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*	
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*	
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*	
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*	
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*	
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*	
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*	
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*	
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1	
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*	
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*	
9/26/04	RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04	RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*	
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*	
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*	
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1	
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0	
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1	
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*	
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*	
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*	

4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02 LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02 LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02 LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99	74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99	76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99	80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98	73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98 LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97	61	12	49	39	27	11	*

8. Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community, or are jobs difficult to find? (IF DIFFICULT TO FIND) Are jobs very or somewhat difficult to find in your community?

	Plenty of jobs available	- Difficult to find -			Lots of some jobs, few of others (vol.)	No opinion
		NET	Somewhat	Very		
7/17/11*	14	82	33	49	2	2
12/13/09	12	84	NA	NA	2	2
10/4/09**	14	79			3	3
2/8/09	11	80			3	6
12/8/08	19	73			4	4
10/12/08	25	64			4	7
7/27/08	31	58			4	7
4/27/08	30	61			4	5
2/2/08	34	53			5	8
11/07	41	48			4	7
9/16/07	36	50			6	8
6/3/07	39	49			5	7
2/11/07	39	48			6	7
12/10/06	40	49			5	6
3/7/06	37	56			3	4
1/8/06	33	56			6	5
10/10/05	36	56			4	4
5/15/05	30	60			6	4
1/9/05	32	58			5	5
9/21/04	31	52			6	11
8/10/04	34	55			4	7
4/25/04	30	57			4	9
2/29/04	31	59			5	6
1/11/04	27	60			6	7
10/19/03	24	66			5	5
6/23/02	31	59			4	6
6/17/01	42	44			8	6
8/9/92	15	76			6	3
5/7/92	16	77			4	3
1/21/92	12	79	"	"	6	3

\*Prior to 7/17/11, very or somewhat follow was not asked

\*\*10/09 to 6/01 Pew; 1992 U.S. News & World Reports

9. Which best describes your family's financial situation? Do you feel as if you are getting ahead financially, have just enough money to maintain your standard of living, or are you falling behind financially?

Getting    Just enough    Falling    No

	ahead	to maintain	behind	opinion
7/17/11	15	58	27	*
2/9/11*	18	60	21	*
10/3/10*	15	56	28	1
1/12/08	21	61	17	1
9/7/07	26	53	20	1
6/3/07*	27	53	19	1
11/4/06 RV	28	48	23	1
10/22/06 RV	25	53	21	1
11/4/96*	28	48	23	1

\*Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard

10. Has the economic situation caused you to change your personal lifestyle in a significant way, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
7/17/11	54	46	*
4/24/09	56	43	*

11. (IF HAD TO CHANGE LIFESTYLE) How would you describe your feelings about the changes you've had to make - are you angry about it, upset but not angry, not upset but concerned, or is it not a cause of concern?

	--- Angry/Upset ---			----- Not Angry/Upset -----			No	
	NET	Angry	Upset	NET	Cncd	Not cncd	Pos. (vol.)	opinion
7/17/11	61	23	38	38	31	7	1	*
4/24/09	45	13	32	55	43	11	*	*

10/11 NET

	----- Caused changes -----				
	NET	Angry/Upset	Not Angry/Upset	No change	No opinion
7/17/11	54	33	21	46	*
4/24/09	56	25	31	43	*

12. In the last year, have you or has anyone living in your household been laid off or lost their job?

	Yes	No	No opinion
7/17/11	29	71	*
12/12/10	34	65	*
11/15/09	30	70	*
9/12/09	27	73	*
4/24/09*	23	77	0
2/22/09	18	82	*
12/14/08	18	82	*

\*4/24/09 and previous: "In the last few months..."

13. Thinking beyond your own household, do you have any close friends or immediate family members who have been laid off or lost their job?

	Yes	No	No opinion
7/17/11	71	29	*
12/12/10	72	28	0
4/24/09	63	36	*
2/22/09	60	40	1

14. Thinking about the economic challenges facing the country would you say the actions taken by the [ITEM] made things better, made things worse, or had no effect? (IF BETTER or WORSE) Would that be much better/worse or somewhat better/worse?

7/17/11 - Summary Table

	----- Better -----			----- Worse -----			No	No
	NET	Much	Smwt.	NET	Smwt.	Much	effect	opin.
a. Obama administration	29	5	23	37	13	24	33	2
b. Bush administration	16	4	12	57	22	35	24	3
c. Republicans in Congress	16	3	12	39	20	19	42	3

Trend:

a. Obama administration

	----- Better -----			----- Worse -----			No	No
	NET	Much	Smwt.	NET	Smwt.	Much	effect	opinion
7/17/11	29	5	23	37	13	24	33	2
10/3/10*	40	10	30	31	12	19	26	2

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b. Bush administration

	----- Better -----			----- Worse -----			No	No
	NET	Much	Smwt.	NET	Smwt.	Much	effect	opinion
7/17/11	16	4	12	57	22	35	24	3
10/3/10*	15	3	12	63	26	37	19	3

\*Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard

c. No trend.

15. Has the leadership of the Republican Party been too willing or not willing enough to compromise with Obama on the budget deficit?

	Too willing	Not willing enough	About right (vol.)	No opinion
7/17/11	14	77	3	6
3/13/11	16	71	5	8

Compare to: Has the leadership of the Democratic Party been too willing or not willing enough to compromise with Bush on the issue of the budget deficit?

	Too willing	Not willing enough	About right (vol.)	No opinion
10/29/03	30	56	4	10

16. Has Obama been too willing or not willing enough to compromise with the leadership of the Republican Party on the budget deficit?

	Too willing	Not willing enough	About right (vol.)	No opinion
7/17/11	29	58	8	6
3/13/11	30	52	10	8

Compare to: Has Bush been too willing or not willing enough to compromise with the leadership of the Democratic Party on the issue of budget deficit?

	Too willing	Not willing enough	About right (vol.)	No opinion
10/29/03	22	64	6	8

17. Just your best guess, do you think Obama and the Republicans will or will not resolve this issue before the August second deadline the administration has set for raising the debt limit?

	Will	Will not	No opinion
7/17/11	54	43	3

18. If the government cannot borrow more money after August second to fund its operations and pay its debts, do you think that would or would not cause serious harm to [ITEM]? How about [NEXT ITEM]?

7/17/11 - Summary Table

	Would	Would not	No opinion
a. The U.S. economy	82	16	2
b. The reputation of the United States as a safe place to invest	77	20	3
c. Your own personal financial situation	60	37	3

Compare item a to: As you may have heard, in August the federal government will reach its debt limit. Unless Congress raises the amount of money the government can borrow, the government would not be able to borrow more to fund its operations and pay its debts. If the limit is not raised, do you think that would or would not cause serious harm to the U.S. economy?

Would    Would not    No opinion

19. Overall, what do you think is the best way to reduce the federal budget deficit - (by cutting federal spending), (by increasing taxes), or by a combination of both?

	Cutting federal spending	Increasing taxes	Combination of both	No opinion
7/17/11	32	4	62	3
6/5/11	37	4	57	2
4/17/11	36	3	59	2
3/13/11	31	3	64	3
12/12/10	36	2	60	1

20. In order to reduce the national debt, would you support or oppose [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

7/17/11 - Summary Table\*

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	op.
a. Cutting spending on Medicaid, which is the government health insurance program for the poor	26	11	16	72	18	54	2
b. Cutting military spending	43	23	20	56	17	39	2
c. Raising taxes on Americans with incomes over 250-thousand dollars a year	72	55	17	27	10	17	1
d. Gradually raising the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67	46	25	21	54	12	42	1
e. Changing the way Social Security benefits are calculated so that benefits increase at a slower rate than they do now	42	18	24	53	14	38	5
f. Raising taxes on oil and gas companies	59	42	17	39	9	31	2
g. Raising Medicare premiums for wealthier retirees	61	31	30	36	15	21	3
h. Increasing the amount of Social Security tax paid by people with incomes over 107-thousand dollars a year	66	36	30	33	16	16	1
i. Raising taxes on people who manage financial investments known as hedge funds	64	37	27	25	16	9	11

\*Full sample asked items a-c; half sample asked items d-f; other half sample asked items g-i.

Trend:

a. Cutting spending on Medicaid, which is the government health insurance program for the poor

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	opinion
7/17/11	26	11	16	72	18	54	2
4/17/11	30	14	16	69	17	52	2

b. Cutting military spending

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	opinion
7/17/11	43	23	20	56	17	39	2
4/17/11	42	22	20	56	15	41	2



c. Raising taxes on Americans with incomes over 250-thousand dollars a year

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	
7/17/11	72	55	17	27	10	17	1
4/17/11	72	54	18	27	10	17	1

d. Gradually raising the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	
7/17/11	46	25	21	54	12	42	1

Compare to: Would you favor or oppose gradually raising the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 67 over the next 30 years?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
7/8/97	33	64	3

e-i. No trend.

21. Do you think large cuts in federal spending would do more to (create jobs) or do more to (cut jobs) in this country?

	Create jobs	Cut jobs	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
7/17/11	47	44	3	6
3/13/11	41	45	7	7

22. If the debt limit is not raised, the federal government will have to start shutting down many of its activities, and may not be able to send out Social Security checks, pay salaries for government workers or meet its obligations to bondholders. If this occurs, who do you think will be mainly to blame – (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
7/17/11	36	42	19	1	2

Compare to: As you may know, unless Congress and the president can agree to raise the federal debt limit soon, the government will not be able to borrow more money to fund its operations and pay its debts. If the limit is not raised, who do you think would mainly be responsible for this – (the Obama administration) or (the Republicans in Congress)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Obama admin			Reps in Congress			Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
	NET	Strongly	Smwt.	NET	Smwt.	Strongly			
6/19/11*	33	24	10	42	12	30	13	4	7

\*Washington Post/Pew Research Center poll

23. On another subject: Thinking about the next election in November 2012, right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress, or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

		Re-elect	Look around	Depends (vol.)		No opinion
7/17/11	All	30	63	2	5	
7/17/11	RV	32	63	2	3	
6/5/11	All	34	55	4	6	
6/5/11	RV	37	53	4	6	
10/28/10	All	32	50	7	11	
10/28/10	RV	35	52	7	6	
10/28/10	LV	40	49	6	5	
10/3/10	All	29	55	9	7	
10/3/10	RV	31	55	8	6	
9/2/10	All	31	58	5	6	
9/2/10	RV	33	57	5	5	
7/11/10	All	25	60	6	8	
7/11/10	RV	26	62	6	6	
6/6/10	All	29	60	5	6	

6/6/10	RV	30	59	5	5
4/25/10	RV	32	57	7	4
2/8/10	ALL	36	56	4	4
2/8/10	RV	37	56	5	3
11/15/09	All	38	50	6	5
5/15/06	All	35	55	6	4
5/15/06	RV	37	54	6	3
6/5/05	All	40	50	8	3
2/21/02	All	40	48	7	6
2/21/02	RV	43	47	7	4
10/31/99	RV	43	47	9	2
9/28/98	LV	52	42	NA	6
7/12/98	All	42	44	5	10
7/12/98	RV	46	43	5	6
1/19/98	All	47	41	7	4
1/19/98	RV	49	41	7	3
8/27/97	All	34	52	9	5
11/6/94	RV	37	47	7	8
10/31/94	RV	37	56	2	5
10/23/94	RV	34	58	4	5
9/11/94	RV	39	52	4	5
6/26/94	All	35	54	6	5
6/26/94	RV	38	53	6	3
3/27/94	All	32	56	6	7
3/27/94	RV	34	55	6	5
1/23/94	All	32	46	10	12
1/23/94	RV	35	44	10	10
11/14/93	All	38	52	5	5
11/14/93	RV	40	51	5	4
8/21/92	RV	35	48	5	12
7/8/92	All	34	54	3	9
7/8/92	RV	36	54	3	6
6/7/92	All	36	53	4	7
6/7/92	RV	39	53	4	5
4/9/92	All	33	56	3	8
4/9/92	RV	35	56	3	7
3/18/92	All	35	56	3	5
3/18/92	RV	36	56	4	4
3/11/92	All	36	54	3	7
2/2/92	All	38	51	4	7
2/2/92	RV	41	49	4	5
10/21/91	All	31	55	7	6
10/21/91	RV	32	56	8	5
6/2/91	All	37	49	5	9
11/4/90	LV	41	50	NA	8
10/14/90	All	36	57	"	7
5/21/90	All	43	50	3	3
5/23/89	All	45	44	4	6

24. How closely are you following the 2012 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely -----			---- Not closely -----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	opinion
7/17/11		61	18	43	39	23	15	*
7/17/11	RV	66	20	46	34	21	13	*
6/5/11		61	22	39	38	23	15	*
6/5/11	RV	65	25	41	35	22	13	-
11/3/08	RV	91	64	28	8	5	4	*
11/2/08	RV	90	63	28	9	5	4	*
11/1/08	RV	90	61	29	10	6	4	*
10/31/08	RV	89	60	29	11	7	4	*
10/30/08	RV	89	59	29	11	7	4	*
10/29/08	RV	89	60	30	10	6	4	*
10/28/08	RV	90	59	31	10	6	4	*
10/27/08	RV	91	60	31	9	5	4	*
10/26/08	RV	90	60	30	9	5	4	*
10/25/08	RV	89	59	30	11	6	5	*
10/24/08	RV	89	60	28	11	6	5	*
10/23/08	RV	88	58	30	12	6	6	*

10/22/08	RV	89	57	32	11	6	5	*
10/21/08	RV	90	58	32	10	6	4	*
10/20/08	RV	90	57	34	10	6	4	*
10/19/08	RV	90	57	33	10	6	3	*
10/11/08	RV	92	59	33	8	4	4	*
9/29/08	RV	89	58	31	11	7	5	*
9/22/08	RV	91	55	36	9	5	4	0
9/7/08	RV	89	51	38	10	6	5	*
8/22/08	RV	84	42	42	16	11	5	*
7/13/08	RV	79	36	42	21	12	9	1
6/15/08		75	34	41	25	12	13	*
5/11/08		83	39	44	17	13	5	0
4/13/08		84	37	47	16	11	5	*
3/2/08		84	42	42	15	11	4	*
2/1/08		81	35	46	19	12	7	*
1/12/08		79	32	47	21	15	6	*
12/9/07		72	21	51	28	19	8	*
11/1/07		67	21	46	33	22	12	0
9/30/07		69	21	48	30	21	10	*
7/21/07		70	22	48	30	20	10	*
6/1/07		66	18	48	34	22	13	*
4/15/07		66	20	45	34	20	14	*
2/25/07		65	20	44	35	25	10	*

25. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for the Republican nomination for president next year - are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

	----- Satisfied -----			--- Dissatisfied ---			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	opinion
7/17/11	54	8	46	38	29	10	8
7/17/11 RV	51	9	42	41	31	11	7
6/5/11	47	7	40	46	38	9	7
6/5/11 RV	47	7	40	45	37	8	8
4/17/11	43	5	38	40	30	10	17
4/17/11 RV	40	6	34	42	31	11	18
11/1/07	69	16	54	28	22	7	2
9/7/07	68	19	49	26	21	6	5
7/21/07	65	13	53	32	26	6	3
6/1/07	68	11	56	28	22	6	4
4/15/07	65	16	49	31	27	5	3
2/25/07	73	14	58	24	20	5	3

26. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) If the 2012 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, and the candidates were (Michele Bachmann), (Herman Cain), (Newt Gingrich), (Jon Huntsman), (Sarah Palin), (Ron Paul), (Tim Pawlenty), (Rick Perry), (Mitt Romney), (Rick Santorum). For whom would you vote? Which candidate would you lean toward?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	AMONG RVs	
	7/17/11	7/17/11
Mitt Romney	26	26
Sarah Palin	18	16
Michele Bachmann	12	13
Ron Paul	9	7
Rick Perry	8	8
Herman Cain	6	7
Newt Gingrich	5	4
Jon Huntsman	3	3
Tim Pawlenty	2	2
Rick Santorum	2	2
Other (vol.)	1	1
No one/None of them (vol.)	1	1
Would not vote (vol.)	1	*
No opinion	8	8

27. (IF NAMED A CANDIDATE) Do you support (CANDIDATE) strongly, or somewhat?

Strongly    Somewhat    No opinion

7/17/11	34	66	0
7/17/11 RV	35	65	0

	Strongly	Somewhat	No opinion
Mitt Romney	29	71	0

28. (IF WOULD VOTE FOR PALIN OR PERRY) If (PALIN/PERRY) does not run for president, for whom would you vote? Which candidate would you lean toward?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	---Without Palin---		----Without Perry---	
	AMONG RVS		AMONG RVS	
	7/17/11	7/17/11	7/17/11	7/17/11
Mitt Romney	30	30	28	28
Sarah Palin	NA	NA	19	17
Michele Bachmann	16	17	13	14
Ron Paul	11	10	10	8
Rick Perry	8	8	NA	NA
Herman Cain	7	7	7	7
Newt Gingrich	6	6	5	4
Jon Huntsman	3	3	3	3
Rick Santorum	3	3	3	3
Tim Pawlenty	3	3	2	2
Other (vol.)	1	1	1	1
No one/None of them (vol.)	2	2	1	2
Would not vote (vol.)	1	*	1	1
No opinion	8	9	8	8

29. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICAN) Regardless of who you may support, which of the Republican candidates do you think [ITEM]? (IF NEEDED) I can repeat the list. Is it (Michele Bachmann), (Herman Cain), (Newt Gingrich), (Jon Huntsman), (Sarah Palin), (Ron Paul), (Tim Pawlenty), (Rick Perry), (Mitt Romney), or (Rick Santorum)?

Full item wording:

- is the strongest leader
- best understands the problems of people like you
- has the best experience to be president
- is the closest to you on the issues
- best reflects the core values of the Republican Party

7/17/11 – Summary Table

	Leader	Understands	Experience	Issues	Values
Mitt Romney	27	18	27	21	19
Sarah Palin	16	23	11	20	20
Michele Bachmann	8	11	7	10	11
Newt Gingrich	11	4	16	5	9
Ron Paul	5	9	6	10	8
Rick Perry	8	5	8	5	7
Herman Cain	4	5	3	5	4
Jon Huntsman	2	2	2	3	1
Tim Pawlenty	1	1	1	1	1
Rick Santorum	2	3	2	3	3
Other (vol.)	1	1	1	1	1
All of them (vol.)	*	1	2	*	*
Any 2 or more equally (vol.)	1	1	1	*	1
No one/None of them (vol.)	1	4	4	1	1
No opinion	13	12	11	15	14

7/17/11 – Summary Table among registered voters

	Leader	Understands	Experience	Issues	Values
Mitt Romney	27	18	28	20	18
Sarah Palin	14	21	9	17	19
Michele Bachmann	10	12	7	12	13
Newt Gingrich	11	3	14	5	9
Ron Paul	5	8	6	9	7
Rick Perry	9	5	8	5	7
Herman Cain	4	5	4	6	4

Jon Huntsman	3	3	3	3	1
Tim Pawlenty	1	2	1	1	1
Rick Santorum	2	3	2	3	3
Other (vol.)	1	1	1	2	1
All of them (vol.)	*	1	2	1	1
Any 2 or more equally (vol.)	1	1	1	*	1
No one/None of them (vol.)	1	5	4	1	1
No opinion	13	13	10	14	13

30. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Now thinking ahead to November 2012: Which Republican presidential candidate do you think has the best chance to defeat Barack Obama in the general election? (IF NEEDED) I can repeat the list. Is it (Michele Bachmann), (Herman Cain), (Newt Gingrich), (Jon Huntsman), (Sarah Palin), (Ron Paul), (Tim Pawlenty), (Rick Perry), (Mitt Romney), or (Rick Santorum)?

	AMONG RVs	
	7/17/11	7/17/11
Mitt Romney	32	32
Sarah Palin	14	12
Michele Bachmann	7	8
Rick Perry	6	7
Newt Gingrich	6	5
Ron Paul	3	3
Jon Huntsman	2	3
Herman Cain	2	2
Tim Pawlenty	2	2
Rick Santorum	1	2
Other (vol.)	1	1
All of them (vol.)	7	8
Any 2 or more equally (vol.)	2	2
None of them (vol.)	4	4
No opinion	11	10

31. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Barack Obama, the Democrat) and ([ITEM], the Republican), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Obama) or toward (ITEM)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

7/17/11 - Summary Table

	Obama	Rep.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Mitt Romney	51	44	*	2	1	2
b. Ron Paul	53	41	*	2	1	3
c. Michele Bachmann	56	39	0	2	2	2
d. Rick Perry	55	38	*	2	1	4

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS

7/17/11 - Summary Table

	Obama	Rep.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Mitt Romney	49	47	*	2	1	1
b. Ron Paul	52	42	*	2	2	2
c. Michele Bachmann	55	40	0	2	2	2
d. Rick Perry	53	40	*	2	2	3

Trend where available:

a. Mitt Romney

	Obama	Romney	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
7/17/11	51	44	*	2	1	2
7/17/11 RV	49	47	*	2	1	1
6/5/11	47	47	*	2	1	2
6/5/11 RV	46	49	*	2	1	2
4/17/11	49	45	*	3	1	2

b. No trend.

c. Michele Bachmann

	Obama	Bachmann	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
7/17/11	56	39	0	2	2	2
7/17/11 RV	55	40	0	2	2	2
6/5/11	52	39	*	3	2	4
6/5/11 RV	51	40	*	3	1	4
4/17/11	51	39	*	4	2	3

d. No trend.

32. On another subject: What is your view of the Tea Party political movement – would you say you support it strongly, support it somewhat, oppose it somewhat or oppose it strongly?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/17/11	44	13	31	46	23	24	10
6/5/11	46	13	33	44	21	24	10
4/17/11	42	16	26	49	21	27	10

33. On another subject, do you think it should be legal or illegal for gay and lesbian couples to get married? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Legal			Illegal			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/17/11	51	32	19	45	9	36	4
3/13/11	53	36	17	44	9	35	3
2/8/10	47	31	16	50	9	42	3
4/24/09*	49	31	18	46	7	39	5
6/4/06	36	24	13	58	7	51	5
8/28/05	39	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	3
8/29/04 RV	32	18	14	62	10	52	5
3/7/04	38	24	14	59	11	48	3
2/22/04	39	25	13	55	6	49	6
1/18/04	41	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	4
9/7/03	37	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	7

\*2009 "gay and lesbian" and "homosexual" wordings half sampled. 2005 "gay and lesbian", others "homosexual".

34. New York recently passed a law that allows gay and lesbian couples to marry. Do you think this is a positive or negative development? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Positive			Negative			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/17/11	50	32	18	46	10	36	5

35. On another subject, do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

	Legal			Illegal			No opinion
	NET	All cases	Most cases	NET	Most cases	All cases	
7/17/11	54	19	35	44	30	15	2
3/26/10	53	17	35	45	27	18	2
11/23/09	54	19	35	43	28	16	2
6/21/09	55	20	35	43	26	17	2
9/7/08 RV	57	19	38	39	24	15	4
8/22/08	54	22	32	44	26	18	3
6/15/08	53	18	35	44	28	16	3
1/12/08	57	21	36	40	25	15	3
12/9/07	53	18	35	44	27	17	3
11/1/07	55	19	36	43	27	16	2
7/21/07	56	23	34	41	28	14	2
2/25/07	56	16	39	42	31	12	2
12/18/05	56	17	40	41	27	13	3
4/24/05	56	20	36	42	27	14	3
12/19/04	55	21	34	42	25	17	3
5/23/04	54	23	31	44	23	20	2
1/20/03	57	23	34	42	25	17	2
8/12/01	49	22	27	48	28	20	3
6/24/01	52	22	31	43	23	20	4

1/15/01	59	21	38	39	25	14	1	
9/6/00	RV	55	20	35	42	25	16	3
7/23/00		53	20	33	43	26	17	4
9/2/99		56	20	37	42	26	15	2
3/14/99		55	21	34	42	27	15	3
7/12/98		54	19	35	42	29	13	4
8/5/96		56	22	34	41	27	14	3
6/30/96		58	24	34	40	25	14	2
10/1/95		60	26	35	37	25	12	3
9/21/95		60	24	36	36	25	11	4
7/17/95		59	27	32	40	26	14	1

901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what? IF NOT DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN: Do you lean more towards the (Democratic Party) or (Republican Party)?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.	--Non-Partisans--		
						Lean Dem.	Lean Rep.	No Lean
7/17/11	32	26	34	6	2	17	16	9
6/5/11	31	25	39	4	1	18	17	9
4/17/11	32	22	41	4	*	17	18	8
3/13/11	33	24	37	5	1	17	14	11
1/16/11	33	23	38	5	1	17	17	9
12/12/10	31	26	38	5	1	18	17	7
10/28/10	34	24	34	5	2	17	16	6
10/3/10	33	23	39	4	1	15	19	9
9/2/10	31	25	39	4	1	17	21	6
7/11/10	31	24	40	3	1	18	18	9
6/6/10	32	24	39	3	1	19	19	6
4/25/10	34	23	38	4	1	19	17	6
3/26/10	34	24	38	3	1	17	17	7
2/8/10	32	26	39	3	*	17	19	6
1/15/10	32	23	38	7	*	17	20	9
12/13/09	32	26	37	5	1	13	18	11
11/15/09	35	21	39	4	1	19	17	8
10/18/09	33	20	42	4	1	20	19	8
9/12/09	32	21	43	4	*	19	20	9
8/17/09	35	25	34	6	1	15	14	11
7/18/09	33	22	41	4	*	20	16	9
6/21/09	35	22	37	7	*	17	16	10
4/24/09	35	21	38	5	*	18	16	10
3/29/09	36	25	33	5	1	15	16	8
2/22/09	36	24	34	5	1	18	13	9
1/16/09	35	23	36	5	1	20	12	11
12/14/08	37	24	35	4	1	16	13	10
11/3/08	35	26	30	6	2	13	10	15
10/11/08	36	26	31	4	2	15	12	10
9/29/08	34	26	31	8	2	17	12	12
9/22/08	36	26	31	5	2	18	9	11
9/7/08	35	26	33	5	2	15	14	11
8/22/08	36	23	34	6	1	16	14	10
7/13/08	37	24	33	6	1	16	14	10
6/15/08	38	24	34	4	1	16	14	8
5/11/08	34	28	34	4	1	19	11	8
4/13/08	35	29	30	5	1	15	13	8
3/2/08	40	28	28	3	1	15	8	9
2/1/08	37	26	32	4	1	16	11	10
1/12/08	39	27	29	5	1	13	9	12

908a. Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't think in those terms (vol.)	No op.
7/17/11	23	40	35	1	2
6/5/11	22	36	40	1	1
4/17/11	21	39	36	2	2
3/13/11	23	37	36	1	2
1/16/11	22	38	36	2	2
12/12/10	19	39	38	2	2

10/28/10	21	39	37	1	2
10/3/10	21	43	34	2	1
9/2/10	19	37	40	3	1
7/11/10	22	35	39	2	1
6/6/10	23	39	36	1	1
4/25/10	22	40	35	1	2
3/26/10	24	32	42	1	2
2/8/10	24	36	37	2	1
1/15/10	25	34	38	1	1
12/13/09	23	35	41	1	1
11/15/09	19	41	38	1	1
10/18/09	23	36	38	2	1
9/12/09	24	39	36	*	1
8/17/09	20	40	37	2	1
7/18/09	20	39	38	2	1
6/21/09	22	40	36	1	*
4/24/09	23	39	35	2	2
3/29/09	20	38	38	2	2
2/22/09	23	38	37	1	1
1/16/09	24	42	32	*	1
12/14/08	22	37	37	1	2
10/11/08 RV	22	44	34	*	1
9/29/08 RV	19	44	34	1	1
9/22/08 RV	23	41	32	2	1
9/7/08 RV	22	39	36	1	2
8/22/08	22	41	33	2	2
7/13/08	19	43	35	2	1
6/15/08	21	43	33	1	2
5/11/08	24	39	34	2	1
4/13/08	24	38	35	1	2
3/2/08	19	48	30	2	2
2/1/08	25	38	34	2	1
1/12/08	24	36	36	2	1
12/9/07	24	38	36	1	1
11/1/07	24	41	32	1	1
9/30/07	24	45	30	1	1
9/7/07	20	39	39	1	2
7/21/07	25	39	32	3	1
6/1/07	24	36	37	2	1
4/15/07	24	42	32	1	1
2/25/07	23	40	35	1	1
1/19/07	23	41	33	1	1
12/11/06	23	42	33	2	1
11/4/06	19	42	36	2	1
10/22/06	22	42	32	2	2
10/8/06	21	43	33	1	1
9/7/06	24	39	33	2	2
8/6/06	18	42	38	1	1
6/25/06	21	41	35	1	1
5/15/06	19	48	31	1	1
5/11/06	18	49	33	*	*
4/9/06	21	41	35	2	1
3/5/06	22	42	33	2	1
1/26/06	21	40	37	1	1
1/8/06	20	40	37	2	1
12/18/05	22	42	34	1	1
11/2/05	23	44	32	1	*
9/11/05	22	44	31	2	2
8/28/05	20	44	34	2	1
6/26/05	21	44	33	1	1
6/5/05	23	40	35	1	*
4/24/05	20	47	30	1	1

INCOME. Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources?

	-----Less than \$50k-----				-----More than \$50k-----			
	NET	LT20k	20-35k	35-50k	NET	50-75k	75-100k	100k+
7/17/11	54	19	18	17	46	17	12	17
6/5/11	49	18	16	15	49	15	12	21
4/17/11	51	20	16	14	47	15	11	21



3/13/11	49	16	16	17	48	18	11	19
1/16/11	51	17	19	15	46	17	12	16
12/12/10	55	21	17	17	42	16	11	15
10/28/10	47	17	15	15	51	18	15	18
10/3/10	53	19	18	16	42	15	12	15
9/2/10	48	15	18	15	47	17	14	17
7/11/10	52	19	15	17	45	16	13	17
6/6/10	55	22	17	17	45	15	11	19
4/25/10	52	19	16	16	46	17	11	18
3/26/10	50	16	18	15	47	18	13	16
2/8/10	49	20	16	14	49	18	13	18
1/15/10	49	17	14	18	48	17	13	18
12/13/09	54	19	18	17	42	15	12	15
11/15/09	53	20	18	15	45	16	13	16
10/18/09	53	17	19	17	44	18	12	15
9/12/09	50	17	17	15	48	17	13	18
8/17/09	46	15	16	14	52	19	15	18
7/18/09	49	18	17	14	48	19	12	19
6/21/09	51	18	16	17	47	17	12	18
4/24/09	50	16	16	18	48	17	12	19
3/29/09	49	15	16	17	48	18	13	17
2/22/09	48	16	16	17	50	19	13	19
1/16/09	52	17	18	17	48	16	13	19
12/14/08	44	14	15	15	54	18	15	21
10/11/08	RV 41	12	14	16	56	20	15	22
9/29/08	RV 42	10	14	17	56	18	16	22
9/22/08	46	16	16	14	50	18	12	20
9/7/08	RV 44	13	14	17	56	17	15	24
8/22/08	RV 39	10	11	18	59	19	16	24
8/22/08	43	15	12	17	53	18	15	21
7/13/08	48	18	15	15	50	16	12	21
6/15/08	47	18	15	15	51	18	15	18
5/11/08	47	15	16	17	50	18	13	19
4/13/08	47	17	13	17	51	18	14	18
3/2/08	44	14	13	17	52	17	13	22
2/1/08	48	17	16	15	48	18	12	18
1/12/08	46	12	18	16	51	19	13	19
12/9/07	49	14	17	18	48	15	15	18
11/1/07	48	14	16	17	49	16	13	21
9/30/07	53	17	16	20	44	18	12	14
9/7/07	43	10	17	16	54	19	15	20
7/21/07	46	16	14	16	51	18	13	19
6/1/07	49	15	18	16	49	18	13	18
4/15/07	46	15	16	15	51	20	13	18
2/25/07	46	10	16	20	51	20	14	17
1/19/07	49	16	17	15	49	16	13	20
12/11/06	46	11	16	19	51	18	16	17
10/22/06	52	16	20	17	45	16	11	17
10/8/06	46	13	16	17	51	22	13	16
9/7/06	51	16	18	17	47	17	15	15
8/6/06	49	14	16	18	48	20	12	16
6/25/06	50	16	16	19	47	19	11	17
5/15/06	52	14	18	21	46	16	13	17
5/11/06	46	9	18	18	53	18	15	20
4/9/06	53	16	20	17	47	19	12	16
3/5/06	50	16	18	16	48	20	12	16
1/26/06	52	20	15	17	46	18	12	16
12/18/05	54	17	19	18	44	18	12	15
11/2/05	52	14	18	20	46	19	13	14
9/11/05	55	18	20	17	42	18	11	14
8/28/05	52	18	15	19	46	18	11	16
6/26/05	49	14	17	18	49	19	14	16
6/5/05	55	15	20	20	43	17	13	14
4/24/05	55	15	21	19	45	18	12	15

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