Interviews: 1000 Adults, including 300 cell phone only respondents Date: December 6-9, 2012

Study #122262 NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey 48 Male 52 Female

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Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

Q2a For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST.)

18-24	11
25-29	7
30-34	11
35-39	9
40-44	9
45-49	8
50-54	8
55-59	9
60-64	10
65-69	5
70-74	4
75 and over	•
Not sure/refused	-

Q2b To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic	11
No, not Hispanic	89
Not sure/refused	_

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	74
Black	12
Asian	2
Other	4
Hispanic (VOL)	6
Not sure/refused	2

Q3 All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

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<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q4 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

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	12/12	10/12+	9/26- 30/12+	9/12- 16/12+	8/12+	7/12+	6/12	5/12	4/12	4/09	8/11
Approve	53	49	49	50	48	49	47	48	49	61	44
Disapprove	43	48	48	48	49	48	48	46	46	30	51
Not sure	4	3	3	2	3	3	5	6	5	9	5
	3/12	1/12	12/11	11/11	10/11	8/11	7/11	6/11	5/11	4/11	2/11
	50	48	46	44	44	44	47	49	52	49	48
	45	46	48	51	51	51	48	46	41	45	46
	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	6
				10/28-	10/14-		8/26-	8/5-		5/20-	5/6-
	<u>1/11</u>	12/10	11/10	30/10+	18/10+	9/10	30/10	9/10	6/10	23/10	11/10
	53	45	47	45	47	46	45	47	45	48	50
	41	48	47	50	49	49	49	48	48	45	44
	6	7	6	5	4	5	6	5	7	7	6
		1/23-	1/10-								
	3/10	25/10	14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09
	48	50	48	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60
	47	44	43	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26
	5	6	9	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q5 Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

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		51	50	57	57	57	59	54	54	58	52
		4	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	5	3
						10/14-		8/26-	8/5-		5/6-
		2/11	<u>1/11</u>	12/10	11/10	<u>18/10</u> +	9/10	30/10	9/10	6/10	11/10
		46	45	42	42	43	42	39	44	46	48
		49	50	54	54	53	54	56	52	50	46
		5	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	6
			1/23-	1/10-							
		3/10	25/10	14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09
		47	47	43	42	47	50	49	51	55	56
		50	49	49	51	46	42	44	38	37	31
		3	4	8	7	7	8	7	11	8	13

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q6 Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling foreign policy?

Approve  Disapprove  Not sure	12/12* 52 40 8	10/12+ 49 46 5	9/26- 30/12+ 49 46 5	9/12- <u>16/12</u> + 49 46 5	8/12+ 54 40 6	7/12+ 53 41 6	5/12 51 42 7	1/12 51 41 8	11/11 52 41 7	8/11 50 45 5	6/11 50 44 6
		5/11 57 35 8	4/11 49 46 5	11/10 48 44 8	1/10 50 37 13	12/09 49 42 9	10/09 51 39 10	9/09 50 36 14	7/09 57 33 10	6/09 54 36 10	4/09 56 31 13

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE EXCEPT BARACK OBAMA)

December 2012		Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
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April 2009	July 2009	37	18	10	14	20	1
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·		45	19	12		13	1
January 2009		47		12	9	10	
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Q7 (Cont'd)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
December 2008	45	22	15	8	8	2
	37	19	10	10	23	1
October 17-20, 2008+						
October 4-5, 2008+	30	22	12	12	23	1
September 19-22, 2008+	29	19	15	14	22	1
September 6-8, 2008+	33	20	13	12	20	2
Barack Obama						
High						
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
Presidential Term Low						
August 2011	24	20	12	14	30	-
All-time Obama Low						
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40
NBC-WSJ All-time	e Presidenti	al Tracking Hid	h/Low with	hin Presidenti	al Term	
High			,			
March 1991						
(George H.W. Bush)	50	30	9	6	4	1
Low	30	30	9	U	7	'
October 17-20, 2008+	44	40	44	45	45	
(George W. Bush)	11	18	11	15	45	-
The Democratic Party						
December 2012	21	23	19	16	19	2
October 2012+	21	21	17	17	23	1
September 26-30, 2012+	21	21	17	17	22	2
August 2012+	19	23	16	17	23	2
July 2012+	17	23	20	17	23	-
June 2012	14	23	25	18	19	1
May 2012	17	22	19	21	19	1
April 2012	15	24	21	19	19	1
March 2012	15	23	24	18	18	2
January 2012	15	23	23	21	18	-
December 2011	9	23	25	23	19	1
November 2011	15	25	22	18	19	1
	12	25	19	20	22	2
October 2011	11	22	21	20 19	22 25	2
August 2011					_	
June 2011	13	25	21	19	20	2
May 2011	15	26	22	18	17	2
April 2011	12	26	22	18	21	1
January 2011	15	24	25	19	16	1
December 2010	9	28	20	18	23	2
November 2010	14	26	18	18	23	1
October 28-30, 2010+	16	23	17	19	23	2
October 14-18, 2010+	14	24	16	19	26	1
September 2010	15	22	20	20	22	1
August 26-30, 2010	11	25	19	19	24	2
August 5-9, 2010	11	22	22	18	26	1
June 2010	11	24	21	20	24	-
May 20-23, 2010	15	26	18	18	22	1
May 6-11, 2010	11	26	19	18	24	2
March 2010	9	28	19	19	24	1
January 23-25, 2010	14	25	22	17	21	1
January 10-14, 2010	11	27	20	18	23	1
December 2009	10	25	19	19	26	1
October 2009	14	28	20	14	22	2
	14	26 27	20 18	17	22	2
September 2009						2
July 2009	13	29	19 16	17 16	20	
June 2009	19	26	16	16	21	2
April 2009	17	28	19	15	19	2
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The Democratic Party (cont'd)						Don't Know
The Democratic Farty (conta)	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very <u>Negative</u>	Name/ Not Sure
February 2009	20	29	18	14	17	2
December 2008	17	32	22	15	13	1
High						
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2
Low						
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2
The Republican Party				•••••		
December 2012	9	21	23	18	27	2
October 2012+	15	21	20	18	25	1
September 26-30, 2012+	14	24	18	18	25	1
August 2012+	12	24	18	16	29	1
July 2012+	11	23	22	18	25	1
June 2012	10	21	23	18	26	2
May 2012	9	23	23	19	24	2
April 2012	11	22	23	19	24	1
March 2012	8	24	23	19	24	2
January 2012	8	23	24	19	25	1
December 2011	6	21	23	23	25	2
November 2011	9	21	23	18	26	3
October 2011	11	22	21	18	26	2
August 2011	8	24	21	23	23	1
June 2011	8	22	24	23	21	2
May 2011	8	24	22	21	23	2
April 2011	7	24	24	22	22	1
January 2011	7	27	24	21	19	2
December 2010	11	27	23	17	20	2
November 2010	11	23	24	20	19	3
October 28-30, 2010+	12	22	24	18	23	1
October 14-18, 2010+	8	23	25	19	23	2
September 2010	8	23	25	21	22	1
August 26-30, 2010	7	23	25	22	21	2
August 5-9, 2010	6	18	28	24	22	2
June 2010	6 10	24 23	26 26	23 21	19 19	2 1
May 20-23, 2010 May 6-11, 2010	8	23 22	26	22	20	2
March 2010	6	25 25	24	20	23	2
January 23-25, 2010	7	25 25	27	18	20	3
January 10-14, 2010	7	23	27	24	18	1
December 2009	5	23	27	24	19	2
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2
September 2009	5	23	27	22	21	2
July 2009	9	19	29	21	20	2
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2
April 2009	7	22	25	22	22	2
February 2009	7	19	24	25	22	3
December 2008	7	20	20	26	26	1
High						
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3
Low						
August 5-9, 2010	6	18	28	24	22	2
John Boehner						
December 2012*	3	16	23	14	15	29
January 2012	4	14	22	16	16	28
February 2011	6	14	22	9	12	37
January 2011	7	16	23	9	6	39
November 11-15, 2010	8	11	20	7	10	44
October 14-18, 2010+	3	11	16	6	12	52
September 2010	5	9	19	8	9	50
October 2009	2	7	12	7	8	64
January 2007	1	4	12	4	2	77
* Asked of one helf the respondent / CODA	π Λ \					

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q7 (cont'd)						Don't Know
	Very	Somewhat		Somewhat	Very	Name/
	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Negative	Not Sure
Hillary Clinton						
December 2012*	34	24	14	16	12	-
November 2011	33	22	22	12	10	1
May 2011	26	29	23	12	9	1
April 2011	29	27	21	11	11	1
December 2010	26	28	18	11	16	1
January 10-14, 2010	25	27	22	13	12	1
July 2009	26	27	15	15	16	1
January 2009	27	29	14	15	14	1
December 2008	27	26	20	14	12	1
September 2008+	23	24	15	17	20	1
August 2008+	17	25	16	18	23	1
June 2008+	18	28	14	17	22	1
April 2008+	20	22	14	19	25	-
March 24-25, 2008+	17	20	15	21	27	_
March 7-10, 2008+	22	23	11	14	29	1
January 2008	24	23	11	11	30	1
June 2007	18	24	15	16	26	1
March 2007	16	23	17	15	28	1
December 2006	21	22	17	12	26	2
April 2006	19	19	19	13	28	2
December 2004	24	21	14	11	29	1
July 2003	16	21	20	13	27	3
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2
High				,_		_
February 2009	32	27	18	11	11	1
Low	02	_,	10	• •		'
March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1
Paul Ryan	10	10	10	10	01	•
December 2012*	14	16	23	15	19	13
October 2012+	23	16	16	12	25	8
September 26-30, 2012+	23	14	18	13	20	12
August 2012+	19	14	18	11	21	17
June 2011	6	11	19	8	10	46
David Petraeus	O	1.1	19	O	10	40
December 2012*	7	17	31	11	5	29
					5	
July 2007 <sup>1</sup>	14	22	27	6	7	24
Susan Rice						
December 2012**	9	11	25	11	13	31

In July 2007, the item read "David Petraeus, the U.S. Commander in Iraq"

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q7 (cont'd)						Don't Know
•	Very	Somewhat		Somewhat	Very	Name/
	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Negative	Not Sure
Bill Clinton					_	
December 2012**	39	21	16	16	8	-
September 2012+	39	18	15	15	12	1
August 2012+	34	23	18	13	10	2
August 2011	32	25	21	11	11	-
September 2010	29	26	21	13	10	1
January 2009	25	27	16	14	17	1
December 2008	23	26	21	12	17	1
August 2008+	20	25	16	19	20	-
June 2008+	16	24	17	17	25	1
April 2008+	18	21	18	18	24	1
	20	22	15	18	25	Į.
March 24-25, 2008+					_	-
March 7-10, 2008+	20	22	11	13	32	2
January 2008	24	23	14	11	27	1
November 2007	25	23	13	14	25	-
March 2007	27	21	16	14	21	1
April 2006	27	23	16	12	21	1
June 2004+	20	22	16	14	27	1
January 2002	17	19	13	13	36	2
June 2001	18	21	15	15	31	<del>-</del>
January 2001	32	24	11	12	21	_
	32	24	11	12	۷۱	
High	00	0.4	45	0	7	_
January 1993	33	31	15	9	7	5
Low						
March 2001	17	17	13	14	38	1
Mitt Romney						
December 2012**	12	23	21	18	26	-
October 2012+	24	19	12	15	29	1
September 26-30, 2012+	19	22	14	14	30	1
September 12-16, 2012+	18	20	18	16	27	1
August 2012+	18	20	17	15	29	1
July 2012+	13	22	23	16	24	2
June 2012	9	24	22	17	22	6
		24			19	
May 2012	10		23	19		5
April 2012	10	23	26	18	18	6
March 2012	6	22	28	20	19	5
January 2012	6	25	26	21	15	7
December 2011	4	20	30	21	11	14
November 2011	5	21	32	17	13	12
October 2011	6	21	30	17	12	14
August 2011	5	19	32	18	11	15
June 2011	7	20	30	16	10	17
February 2011	6	19	30	13	12	20
December 9-13, 2010	10	18	30	10	10	22
September 2010	6	15	29	20	10	20
March 2010	7	20	29	16	9	19
March 2010						
July 2009	10	18	30	12	8	22
April 2008+	9	19	31	17	11	13
January 2008	7	21	24	19	13	16
December 2007	9	16	26	16	11	22
November 2007	4	18	27	17	12	22
September 2007	6	18	26	14	11	25
June 2007	5	16	23	13	7	36
March 2007	4	11	24	11	6	44
December 2006	3	8	22	7	4	56
* Asked of one-half the respondents (FOR		Ŭ		•	•	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q7 (cont'd)						Don't Know
	Very	Somewhat		Somewhat	Very	Name/
	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Negative	Not Sure
Joe Biden						
December 2012**	21	18	18	15	23	5
October 2012+	21	19	15	13	29	3
September 26-30, 2012+	18	19	19	14	24	6
August 2012+	15	21	20	14	26	4
July 2012+	15	20	23	14	23	5
May 2012	15	20	21	16	21	7
December 2010	10	24	25	15	18	8
August 26-30, 2010	13	21	21	15	20	9
January 10-14, 2010	15	23	25	15	14	8
July 2009	13	25	20	17	19	6
January 2009	20	27	22	12	9	10
December 2008	20	25	25	12	11	7
October 17-20, 2008+	28	23	19	12	14	4
October 4-5, 2008+	21	22	24	12	15	6
September 19-22, 2008+	17	20	25	13	16	9
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	23	13	12	12
September 2007	4	13	26	11	11	35
December 2006	3	14	23	10	6	44
June 2004+	5	11	25	6	4	49

# SUMMARY TABLE OF IMAGES – BY D/S (POSITIVE – NEGATIVE)

	TOTAL POSITIVE	TOTAL NEGATIVE	D/S
Bill Clinton	60	24	36
Hillary Clinton	58	28	30
Barack Obama	53	38	15
The Democratic Party	44	35	9
David Petraeus	24	16	8
Joe Biden	39	38	1
Paul Ryan	30	34	-4
Susan Rice	20	24	-4
Mitt Romney	35	44	-9
John Boehner	19	29	-10
The Republican Party	30	45	-15

Compared with other years, do you think that 2012 was one of the best years for the United States, above average, about average, below average, or one of the worst years for the United States? Q8

	12/12	12/11	12/08	12/05	12/04	12/02	12/94	12/93	12/92	12/91+
One of the best years	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	3
Above-average year	7	3	3	9	12	7	19	12	9	11
About average year	27	20	12	28	32	32	51	43	28	30
Below-average year	43	49	36	34	27	39	21	32	39	39
One of the worst years	21	27	47	27	25	19	6	10	21	16
Not sure	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1

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<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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# Moving on...

Q9a Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country—Barack Obama or the Congress?

	12/12	11/10	12/06 <sup>2</sup>	1/06	1/02	3/99 <sup>1</sup>	1/99	1/98
Barack Obama	40	39	21	25	44	35	38	28
Congress	46	52	59	49	32	47	43	49
Shared/equal role (VOL)	5	4	13	16	22	10	12	17
Neither (VOL)	7	3	4	7	1	5	5	4
Not sure	2	2	3	3	1	3	2	2
	9/97	6/97	4/97	1/97	12/96	3/95	12/94	11/94+
	35	35	38	34	38	33	31	30
	43	45	44	43	44	54	55	55
	14	12	12	18	14	6	8	11
	4	5	3	2	2	3	2	1
	4	3	3	3	2	4	4	3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior to January 2002, this question was phrased, "Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--*President Clinton* or the Congress?"

# (ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY CONGRESS IN Q9a)

And when you say you want to see Congress take the lead role in setting policy for the country, do you mean the Democrats in the U.S. Senate or the Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives?

	12/12	11/10	
Democrats in the U.S. Senate	7	8	
Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives	25	33	
Shared/equal roles (VOL)	12	8	
Not sure	2	3	
Not Asked – Want to see Barack Obama take the lead role,			
shared/equal role, neither, or not sure on Q9a	54	48	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 2006 and 2002, this question was phrased, "Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country—George W. Bush or the Congress?"

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q10 Now, which of the following best describes how you feel about Barack Obama being reelected as president-optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	12/12	<u>10/12</u> +	9/12+	<u>4/12</u> +	<u>8/11</u> +
Optimistic	30	27	23	20	23
Satisfied	23	23	27	29	23
Uncertain	17	13	11	16	14
Pessimistic	30	37	39	34	40
Not sure	_	_	_	1	_

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

George W. Bush December 2004	
Optimistic	30
Satisfied	22
Uncertain	17
Pessimistic	30
Not sure	1

Q11 When it comes to the presidency of Barack Obama, do you strongly relate to him as your president, somewhat relate to him as your president, relate to him only a little as your president, or not really relate to him as your president?

	12/12	8/10	6/10	10/09	6/09	2/09	1/09	12/08
Strongly relate to him	34	32	29	35	36	43	50	47
Somewhat relate to him	23	24	27	25	27	26	26	27
Relate to him only a little	14	16	14	16	13	13	12	12
Do not really relate to him	28	27	30	23	22	16	8	9
Not sure	1	1	_	1	2	2	4	5

Q12 What word or short phrase would you use to describe how you feel about the election of Barack Obama as president?\*

TOTAL POSITIVE	45%
Hopeful/ optimistic	9
Happy	5
Positive	4
Pleased	4
Satisfied	3
He will continue to move the country forward	3
Good	3
Relieved	2
Excited	2
Great	2
Fantastic	2
He's for the people/ for the good of the country	1
He had a good campaign without negative ads	1
Excellent	1
Wonderful	1
Justified	1
I like him	1
Inspired/ proud	-
TOTAL NEGATIVE	34%
Disappointed	16
Uncertain/ worried	3
Negative	3
Disaster	3
Continuing in the wrong direction	3
Sad	2
It was a scam/ fixed	2
Unhappy	2
Disgusted	1
Don't agree with his policies	-
Controlled by the media	_
TOTAL NEUTRAL	13%
Disbelief/ surprised/ shocked	3
Lesser of the two evils	3
Indifferent/ neutral	3
Another chance to prove himself	1
Predictable	1
Adequate	1
A miracle	-
Corporate	-
Revealing	-
Other	6
Don't know; no response	3
* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).	-

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Happy, pleased, satisfied, positive, feel good	18%
Need the change, step in the right direction, will turn things around	10
Hope, hopeful	8
Excited, thrilled, fantastic, exciting, elated, refreshing	6
Great wonderful, awesome, excellent, amazing, outstanding	6
Historic	5
Will be a good president, will work hard/take us in right direction	3
Disappointed	4
Don't know; no response	4%

Now, thinking about last month's election and whether voters gave President Obama a mandate--meaning that the voters have backed his positions on the issues and want him to pursue policies that he advocated during the campaign -- for each of the following policies that I read you, please tell me whether, speaking for yourself, you think that President Obama has a mandate from the voters to pursue this policy. (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY YES, OBAMA HAS MANDATE

	No, Obama			
	Yes, Obama	Does Not		
	Has	Have	Depends	Not
	<u>Mandate</u>	<u>Mandate</u>	(VOL)	Sure
Cutting taxes for working families earning less than				
two hundred and fifty thousand dollars per year	68	28	1	3
Reducing the federal deficit by both increasing taxes				
on the wealthy and reducing federal spending	65	30	1	4
Eliminating the Bush tax cuts for those with higher				
incomes over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars				
per year	59	36	1	4
Moving forward and implementing the healthcare law				
passed by Congress and upheld by the Supreme				
Court sometimes referred to as Obamacare	53	42	1	4

DECEME	BER 2004			
THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERC	ENTAGE WHO	SAY YES, BU	SH HAS MANE	)ATE
	Yes, Bush Has <u>Mandate</u>	No, Bush Does Not Have Mandate	Depends (VOL)	Not Sure
Continuing to fight the war on terrorism, both here at home and overseas	74	20	3	3
Promoting legislation that addresses moral values and standards	55	38	2	5
Staying in Iraq as long as is necessary to create a stable Iraqi democracy	52	41	3	4
Making the tax cuts of the past few years permanent	48	41	2	9
Nominating judges who have a conservative judicial philosophy	46	44	2	8
Amending the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriages	41	51	2	6
Establishing more restrictions on abortion	38	53	2	7
Allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security taxes in the stock market	35	51	3	11
Limiting the role of the federal government in the funding of stem cell research	34	52	4	10

Changing topics...
Q14 When you think about the Democratic Party what word or short phrase would you use to describe the Democratic Party?\*

TOTAL POSITIVE	35%
For the people/ working class	9
Doing a good job	4
Trying/ doing their best	3
Good	3
Progressive	3
Hopeful	2
Fair	2
Optimistic	1
Positive	1
Generous	1
Headed in the right direction	1
Realistic	1
Inclusive	1
Better	1
Reasonable	
TOTAL NEGATIVE	37%
Confused/ misguided	5
Weak/ lazy	4
Needs improvement	3
Socialist/ communists	3
Negative	3
Overspending	2
Handouts/ welfare	2
Out of touch	2
Liars/ dishonest	2
Self-serving/ selfish	2
Headed in the wrong direction	1
Incompetent	1
Disappointed	1
Crooks	1
Big government party	1
Unrealistic	1
Foolish	1
Doing a bad job	1
Stubborn	1
TOTAL NEUTRAL	10′%
Liberal/ left	5
Neutral	2
I'm a Democrat/ I support the Democrats	1
Moderate	1
Politics	-
Other	10
Don't know; no response	9
* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).	

Q15 When you think about the Republican Party what word or short phrase would you use to describe the Republican Party?\*\*

TOTAL POSITIVE	17
Conservative	(
Doing a good job	:
Patriotic	2
Trying hard	•
Capitalism	
Better	
Fair	
Positive	
Realistic	
Optimistic	
Smart	
TOTAL NEGATIVE	65
Bad/ weak/ negative	;
Uncompromising/ need to work together	(
Broken/ disorganized/ lost	(
Out of touch	
For the wealthy	•
Lacking leadership	
Mean/ aggressive	
Outdated	
Selfish	
Stubborn	
Rich/ wealthy	
Racist	
Narrow minded	
Idiots	
Dishonest	
Misguided	
Greedy	
Not for the people	
Incompetent/ inept	
Wimps	
Disappointing	
Too conservative	
Ignorant	
Shortsighted	
Indecisive	
Arrogant	
Exclusive	
Too religious	•
TOTAL NEUTRAL	2
Neutral	:
Other	
Don't know; no response	9

Q16 Now, looking ahead, do you feel that in 2013 the country will find the Democrats and Republicans in Congress in a period of unity by working together and reaching consensus, or will it be a period of division where the parties hold fast to their positions and show little willingness to compromise?

	12/12	11/10	12/08	12/04
Period of unity/working together	26	19	52	27
Period of division/little willingness to compromise	69	76	42	65
Depends (VOL)	2	2	3	4
Not sure	3	3	3	4

Q17 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	24
Not very strong Democrat	8
Independent/lean Democrat	13
Strictly Independent	16
Independent/lean Republican	12
Not very strong Republican	7
Strong Republican	13
Other (VOL)	5
Not sure	2

### (ASKED IF STRONG DEMOCRAT OR NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT IN Q17)

Q17a And, although you think of yourself as a Democrat, in the last year or two was there a time when you would have thought of yourself as (ROTATE) an independent or a Republican? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

RESULTS SHOWN AMONG DEMOCRATS	
Yes, independent	28
Yes, Republican	5
No	67
Not sure	-
RESULTS SHOWN AMONG ALL RESPONDENT	S
Yes, independent	9
Yes, Republican	2
No	21
Not sure	-

# (ASKED IF INDEPENDENT/LEAN DEMOCRAT, OR STRICTLY INDEPENDENT, OR INDEPENDENT/LEAN REPUBLICAN IN Q17)

Q17c And, although you think of yourself as an independent, in the last year or two was there a time when you would have thought of yourself as (ROTATE) a Republican or a Democrat? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

RESULTS SHOWN AMONG INDEPENDENTS	
Yes, Republican	28
Yes, Democrat	27
No	43
Not sure	2
RESULTS SHOWN AMONG ALL RESPONDENTS	S
Yes, Republican	12
Yes, Democrat	11
No	18
Not sure	

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# (ASKED IF STRONG REPUBLICAN OR NOT VERY STRONG REPUBLICAN IN Q17)

Q17b And, although you think of yourself as a Republican, in the last year or two was there a time when you would have thought of yourself as (ROTATE) an independent or a Democrat? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

RESULTS SHOWN AMONG REPUBLICANS	
Yes, independent	30
Yes, Democrat	7
No	63
Not sure	-
RESULTS SHOWN AMONG ALL RESPONDENT	s
Yes, independent	6
Yes, Democrat	1
No	12
Not sure	1

Changing topics...

# (ROTATE Q18A AND Q18B AMONG INDEPENDENTS) (ASKED ONLY OF DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS (Q17:1-4))

Neither (VOL) .....

Q18a Do you want Democratic leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on the current budget debate, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on the budget?

	Total	Total Democrats and Independents				
	12/12	12/12 7/11 4/11 1				
Make compromises	71	65	71	64		
Stick to their positions	23	27	23	29		
Depends (VOL)	2	-	1	2		
Neither (VOL)	1	1	-	1		
Not sure	3	7	5	4		
		Demo	crats			
	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 <sup>1</sup>		
Make compromises	70	62	68	63		
Stick to their positions	25	30	26	29		
Depends (VOL)	2	-	1	2		
Neither (VOL)	-	-	-	1		
Not sure	3	8	5	5		
		Indepe	ndents			
	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 <sup>1</sup>		
Make compromises	74	73	76	65		
Stick to their positions	17	18	18	27		
Depends (VOL)	2	-	1	2		
N (1/OL)	_		4	_		

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# (ASKED ONLY OF REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS (Q17:4-7))

Q18b Do you want Republican leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on current budget debate, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on the budget?

	Total R	epublicans a	and Indepe	ndents
	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 <sup>1</sup>
Make compromises	62	53	48	53
Stick to their positions	32	42	47	38
Depends (VOL)	1	1	1	3
Neither (VOL)	1	-	-	-
Not sure	4	4	4	6
		Republ	icans	
	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 <sup>1</sup>
Make compromises	59	43	38	47
Stick to their positions	37	52	56	47
Depends (VOL)	1	1	1	2
Neither (VOL)	-	-	-	-
Not sure	3	4	5	4
		Indeper	idents	
	12/12	7/11	4/11	12/10 <sup>1</sup>
Make compromises	69	68	66	64
Stick to their positions	22	24	30	23
Depends (VOL)	1	-	-	3
Neither (VOL)	1	1	-	1
Not sure	7	7	4	9
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In December 2010, the question was phrased "Do you want Republican leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on legislation, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on legislation?"

# Now, turning to the economy...

Q19 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Economy will get better  Economy will get worse  Economy will stay about the same  Not sure	12/12 38 28 33 1	10/12+ 45 9 34 12	9/26- 30/12+ 44 13 35 8	9/12- 16/12+ 42 18 32 8	8/12+ 36 18 38 8	7/12+ 27 25 45 3	6/12 35 20 41 4		
	<u>5/12</u>	4/12	3/12	1/12	12/11	11/11	10/11	<u>8/11</u>	
	33	38	40	37	30	25	21	22	
	19	19	23	17	22	28	32	30	
	46 2	42 1	35 2	44 2	47 1	47	45 2	47 1	
	2	'	2	2	I	-	2	1	
								10/14-	
	7/11	6/11	4/11	2/11	1/11	12/10	11/10	18/10+	
	26	29	33	29	40	32	37	37	
	31	30	21	29	17	24	15	20	
	41	39	46	41	42	42	46	41	
	2	2	-	1	1	2	2	2	
		8/26-	8/5-		5/6-		1/10-		
	<u>9/10</u>	<u>30/10</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>10/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>14/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	9/09
	32	26	34	33	40	41	41	42	47
	24	26 45	25	23 43	20	22 36	19 20	22	20
	41 3	45 3	39 2	43 1	38 2	36 1	38 2	33 3	30 3
	3	3	2	'	2	1	2	3	3
					9-				
	7/09	6/09	4/09	10/08+	10/06+	10/04+	10/02+	10/98+	10/94
	44	46	38	38	22	43	41	17	31
	21	22	30	20	22	10	20	24	24
	32	29	30	37	51	33	34	54	40
	3	3	2	5	5	14	5	5	5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the next year..."

And how confident are you that **Barack Obama** has the right set of goals and policies to improve the economy--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

						1/10-				
	12/12	10/12+	8/12+	5/12	8/10	14/10	12/09	9/09	7/09	6/09
Extremely confident	19	18	16	13	16	16	13	18	16	20
Quite confident	21	19	18	19	21	19	20	22	23	26
Only somewhat confident	23	22	22	26	24	31	29	27	28	24
Not at all confident	36	41	44	41	39	33	36	32	32	29
Not sure	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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Q21 Right now, do you think the United States is in an economic recession, or not?

						CBS/I	NYT Surv	eys	
			9/19-						9/20-
	12/12	5/10	22/08+	<u>4/08</u> +	3/08 <sup>1</sup>	1/08	8/02	1/02	23/01
Yes, in a recession	64	76	77	81	66	53	56	70	63
No, not in a recession	34	22	19	15	27	41	39	25	32
Not sure	2	2	4	4	7	6	5	5	6
							4/23-	4/4-	
					9/12/01	8/01	25/01	5/01	2/01
					48	44	42	42	35
					42	50	52	51	57
					10	6	6	7	7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Comparative data prior to April 2008 comes from surveys conducted for CBS/New York Times.

### Switching topics...

Q22 Which of the following comes closer to your point of view about reducing the federal deficit? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

This is something that needs to be solved now	58
This is something that needs to be worked on and that	
we need to continue to address	37
This is something that we can address in the future	4
Not sure	1

Q23 Have you seen, read, or heard the news coverage about the package of tax increases and spending cuts that is currently scheduled to automatically take place on January first, sometimes call the fiscal cliff? (IF YES, THEN ASK:) And, have you seen, read, or heard a lot or just some about this?

	12/12	<u>11/12</u> '
Yes, Have Seen, Read, Or Heard News Coverage	77	70
Seen, heard, read a lot	40	36
Seen, heard, read just some	37	33
Not sure	1	1
No, have not seen, read, or heard news coverage	22	30
Not sure	-	-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Comparative data from November 2012 comes from a survey conducted for CNBC by Hart/McInturff.

Q24 How serious a problem do you think the so-called fiscal cliff is – (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP) a very serious problem, a fairly serious problem, just somewhat a serious problem, or not that serious a problem?

Very serious	46
Fairly serious	
Somewhat serious	
Not that serious	6
Not a problem at all (VOL)	-
Not sure	7

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

Now, as you may know, if Congress does not reach consensus on federal deficit reduction by the end of the current legislative session this month, then on January first 2013 there will be automatic across the board federal spending cuts equally divided between military and domestic programs. At the same time, income, payroll, capital gains, and estate tax rates would go back up automatically for all Americans. This is sometimes referred to as the fiscal cliff.

Q25 Are you optimistic or pessimistic that Congress will reach a consensus that would avoid the fiscal cliff? (IF OPTIMISTIC/PESSIMISTIC, ASK:) And are you very/somewhat (optimistic/pessimistic)?

Very optimistic	14
Somewhat optimistic	34
Somewhat pessimistic	27
Very pessimistic	21
Not sure	4

Q26 Who do you trust more on handling the fiscal cliff -- Barack Obama or John Boehner and Republicans in Congress, do you trust them both equally, or do you trust neither?

Barack Obama	38
John Boehner and Republicans in Congress	19
Both equally	14
Neither	28
Not sure	1

Q27 Would you be willing to accept cuts to an important federal government program you care about or an increase in federal taxes in order to reach an agreement between Republicans and Democrats to deal with the fiscal cliff?

Yes	67
No	24
Not sure	9

Q28 If the plan to avoid the fiscal cliff and reduce the deficit included an income tax rate increase for people who earn more than \$250,000 per year would that be acceptable or unacceptable to you?\*

Acceptable	76
Unacceptable	22
Not sure	2

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

And, if there is no compromise on the fiscal cliff and the automatic spending cuts and tax increases go into effect, who do you think will be to blame for this--President Obama and the Democrats in Congress, the Republicans in Congress, or do you think they will be equally to blame?

	12/12**	11/12 <sup>1</sup>	11/11 <sup>2</sup>
President Obama/Democrats more to blame	19	21	10
Republicans more to blame	24	23	23
Equally to blame	56	52	62
Not sure	1	4	5

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Comparative data from November 2012 and November 2011 come from surveys conducted for CNBC by Hart/McInturff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In November 2011, the question was phrased, "Who do you think is more to blame for the failure of the special committee to come up with a plan to reduce the deficit—the Democrats on the committee, the Republicans on the committee, or do you think they are equally to blame?"

Now, if the spending cuts and tax increases set to automatically go into place January first were enacted how much of an impact do you think it would have on you and your family—(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP) a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or not much at all?

Great deal	26
Quite a bit	29
Just some	30
Not much	13
None at all (VOL)	1
Not sure	1

# (ASKED IF GREAT DEAL/QUITE A BIT, THEN ASK)

Q30a And, which one of these, if any, would cause you the most concern (RANDOMIZE) – increase in tax rates, spending cuts to military programs, or spending cuts to domestic programs or would none of these cause you concern?

RESPONSES RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCEN	ITAGE
Increase in tax rates	21
Spending cuts to military programs	13
Spending cuts to domestic programs	11
None would cause concern	4
All equally (VOL)	5
Not sure	1
Not Asked - Just some/not much/none	
at all/no impact or not sure (Q30)	45

Q31 When it comes to dealing with the budget deficit, which of these two statements comes closer to your point of view, would it be? (ROTATE)

Statement A: Leaders in Congress should make compromises to gain consensus on the budget deficit, even if it means Democrats would have to accept targeted spending cuts in <u>Social Security and Medicare</u> and Republicans would have to accept <u>targeted increases in tax rates</u>.

Statement B: Leaders in Congress should stick to their positions on the budget deficit, even if it means there would be automatic across the board spending cuts equally divided between military and domestic programs and tax rates would go back up automatically.\*\*

A: Make compromises	65
B: Stick to their positions	28
Mixed (VOL)	1
Neither (VOL)	3
Not sure	
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM	B)

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Statement A: Leaders in Congress should make	
compromises to gain consensus on the budget deficit, even if	
it means Democrats would have to accept targeted domestic	
spending cuts and Republicans would have to accept targeted	
tax increases	75
Statement B: Leaders in Congress should stick to their	
positions on the budget deficit, even if it means there would	
be automatic across the board spending cuts equally divided	
between military and domestic programs and tax rates would	
go back up automatically	15
Mixed (VOL)	2
Neither (VOL)	3
Not sure	5

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

# (ASKED ONLY OF DEMOCRATS (Q17:1-3))

Q32a Some people say that Democrats in Congress need to make compromises in their positions in order to come to an agreement on how to avoid the fiscal cliff. Which ONE of the following compromises would be the MOST acceptable to you? If none of these are acceptable to you please say so.

RESULTS RANKED BY MOST ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE AMONG DEMOCRATS	
Continuing the Bush tax cuts for people with incomes of \$250,000 per year or more	36
Having larger spending cuts in programs such as education, highways and Infrastructure,	
and jobless benefits	11
Having larger spending cuts in Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid	
None would be acceptable	42
Not sure	2

# (ASKED ONLY OF REPUBLICANS (Q17:5-7))

Q32b Some people say that Republicans in Congress need to make compromises in their positions in order to come to an agreement on how to avoid the fiscal cliff. Which ONE of the following compromises would be the MOST acceptable to you? If none of these are acceptable to you please say so.

RESULTS RANKED BY MOST ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE AMONG REPUBLICANS Increasing tax rates for people with incomes of \$250,000 per year or more Having larger spending cuts in military and defense programs	
vote of Congress	6
None would be acceptable	
Not sure	2

# Now, switching topics...

Q33 Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into same-sex marriages? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE," ASK:) Would you say that you strongly (favor/oppose), or just somewhat (favor/oppose)?

	12/12	3/12	10/09	3/041	12/13/03	7/03
Favor Allowing Same-Sex Marriages	51	49	41	30	{32	{32
Strongly favor	33	32	26	18		
Somewhat favor	18	17	15	12		
Oppose Allowing Same-Sex Marriages	40	40	49	62	{56	{51
Somewhat oppose	10	9	9	10	-	-
Strongly oppose	30	31	40	51		
Depends (VOL)	2	3	3	3	2	4
Not sure	7	8	7	5	9	13

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Prior to March 2004, the question was phrased, "Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into same-sex marriages?"

Q34 If a law passed that allowed same-sex marriages to become legal in your state, would you actively support such a law, be in favor but not actively support it, be opposed to it but not actively try to have it overturned, or be opposed to such a law and actively work to overturn it?

	12/12	5/12
Support same-sex marriage if law passed in state	55	54
Actively support	25	24
Favor but not actively support it	30	30
Oppose same-sex marriage if law passed in state	41	40
Opposed but not actively try to have it overturned	25	23
Opposed and actively work to overturn it	16	17
Not sure	3	6

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote [LANDLINE: at this address; CELL: in (state from Q1x)]?

Registered	87
Not registered	12
Not sure	1

QF1b/c A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, or someone else?

Yes, Voted	
Voted for Barack Obama	40
Voted for Mitt Romney	34
Voted for someone else	4
Not sure	4
No, Did Not Vote	18
Not sure	-

QF2 Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do? (RECORD UNDER "6--OTHER.") (IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

Currently Employed	59
Professional, manager	19
White-collar worker	20
Blue-collar worker	19
Farmer, rancher	1
Not Currently Employed	40
Student	5
Homemaker	5
Retired	24
Unemployed, looking for work	5
Other	1
Not sure	1

QF3 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	-
Some high school	4
High school graduate	26
Some college, no degree	17
Vocational training/2-year college	10
4-year college/bachelor's degree	25
Some postgraduate work, no degree	4
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	11
Doctoral/law degree	3
Not sure/refused	_

QF5 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	15
Moderate	36
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	16
Not sure	4

# QF6a What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal,	
Presbyterian, and other Christians)	49
Catholic	22
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	2
Other	8
None	14
Not sure/refused	3

# (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN QF6a.)

QF6b Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	15
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	56
Not sure	3
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (QF6a)	26

QF7a/b Are you a current or retired labor union member? (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "NO" OR "NOT SURE" IN QF7a.) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member	14
Union household	6
Non-union household	80
Not sure	-

QF8 Are you married, widowed, separated, divorced, single and never been married, or are you unmarried and living with a partner?

Married	53
Widowed	7
Separated	2
Divorced	12
Single/never been married	21
Unmarried and living with a partner	5
Refused	-

QF9 If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	6
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	9
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	10
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	8
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	11
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	14
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	14
More than \$100,000	19
Not sure/refused	9

F10a Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian?

	12/12	5/12	3/12	3/04
Yes	65	67	64	62
No	33	30	33	35
Not sure	2	3	3	3

# (ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY YES IN QF10a.)

F10b Is that person yourself, a member of your family, a close friend, a co-worker, or an acquaintance? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

	12/12	5/12	<u>3/12</u>	3/04
Self	2	3	3	1
Family member	16	16	15	12
Close friend	24	27	23	18
Co-worker	24	28	26	20
Acquaintance	23	24	22	25
Other (VOL)	1	-	1	-
Not sure/refused	-	1	1	-
Do not know or work with anyone who is gay or				
lesbian or not sure (QF10a)	35	33	36	38