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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	
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4
1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48	11	37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/27/12 RV	50	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
10/23/12 RV	50	29	21	47	9	37	3
10/22/12 RV	50	30	20	47	10	38	3
10/21/12 RV	51	31	20	47	10	37	2
10/13/12	50	30	21	44	10	34	6
9/29/12	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
9/9/12	49	29	20	45	11	35	6
8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
5/20/12	47	26	21	49	13	36	3
4/8/12	50	30	20	45	10	35	6
3/10/12	46	28	18	50	11	39	4
2/4/12	50	29	22	46	11	36	3
1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3

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10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
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
10/3/10	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 the economy? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	44	24	20	52	10	42	4
1/13/13	50	24	25	47	10	37	3
12/16/12	50	27	23	48	10	38	3
10/13/12 RV	47	26	21	51	10	41	2
9/29/12 RV	47	23	25	52	10	41	1
9/9/12 RV	45	24	21	53	8	45	2
8/25/12	44	20	23	54	12	42	3
7/8/12	44	21	23	54	13	41	2
5/20/12	42	20	22	55	11	44	2
4/8/12	44	23	21	54	12	42	2
3/10/12	38	20	18	59	9	50	2
2/4/12	44	23	22	53	11	41	3
1/15/12	41	19	22	57	11	46	2
12/18/11	41	17	24	56	13	43	2
11/3/11	38	18	20	61	13	48	2
10/2/11	35	17	19	61	13	48	4
9/1/11	36	15	21	62	15	47	2
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
10/3/10		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

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3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion	
3/10/13	16	3	12	80	22	58	4	
1/13/13	19	4	15	76	21	55	4	
1/15/12	13	3	11	84	19	65	3	
10/2/11	14	3	11	82	20	62	4	
3/13/11	27	7	20	69	24	45	4	
1/16/11	28	6	21	66	24	43	7	
10/28/10	RV	23	6	17	74	21	53	3
10/3/10		24	6	18	73	22	51	3
9/2/10		25	5	20	72	21	51	4
6/6/10		26	7	20	71	20	51	2
3/26/10		24	7	18	72	18	54	4
2/8/10		26	NA	NA	71	NA	NA	3
7/13/08		23		71				6
2/1/08		33		59				8
12/9/07		32		60				8
11/1/07		28		65				7
9/30/07		29		65				6
7/21/07		37		60				4
6/1/07		39	"	53	"	"		8
4/15/07		44	8	36	54	25	29	3
2/25/07		41	NA	NA	54	NA	NA	5
1/19/07		43		50				8
12/11/06		37	"	"	57	"	"	6
11/4/06	RV	36	7	29	60	25	35	4
10/22/06		31	5	25	65	27	38	4
10/8/06		32	5	27	66	29	37	2
9/7/06		40	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	5
8/6/06		36		60				4
5/15/06		33		63				4
4/9/06		35		62				3
3/5/06		36		62				3
1/26/06		43		53				4
1/8/06		41		55				5
12/18/05		43		53				4
11/2/05		37		59				4

8/28/05	37	59	4
6/5/05	41	54	4
10/29/03	40	52	9
4/30/03	57	37	6
9/26/02	51	43	6
7/15/02	57	36	7
2/21/02	57	39	4
1/27/02	58	35	7
12/19/01	59	34	7
9/9/01	45	48	7
7/30/01	48	48	4
4/22/01	58	33	8
10/31/99	42	53	6
9/2/99	46	47	7
6/6/99	48	46	6
3/14/99	44	49	7
2/14/99	46	50	4
12/20/98	44	51	5
12/19/98	45	50	5
12/13/98	49	46	5
11/7/98	41	55	4
11/1/98	49	47	5
10/25/98	45	44	11
10/18/98	46	45	8
9/28/98	52	44	4
8/21/98	55	39	6
7/12/98	46	44	11
5/12/98	45	45	9
4/4/98	47	45	8
1/31/98	55	35	10
1/30/98	55	35	10
1/25/98	56	37	8
1/24/98	55	38	7
1/19/98	47	49	5
10/13/97	36	57	7
8/27/97	39	54	7
7/8/97	40	53	6
4/24/97	40	53	7
3/9/97	35	60	5
1/15/97	38	56	6
8/5/96	42	52	7
6/30/96	35	58	7
5/22/96	35	60	5
3/10/96	30	64	6
1/7/96	31	65	5
11/19/95	27	68	5
10/1/95	32	65	3
7/17/95	34	63	3
4/5/95	37	57	6
3/19/95	39	56	5
1/29/95	42	52	6
10/31/94	21	72	8
10/23/94	18	78	4
9/11/94	24	70	5
6/26/94	34	61	5
3/27/94	35	62	3
2/27/94	32	64	4
1/23/94	29	60	11
11/14/93	28	66	6
8/8/93	33	64	3
4/26/93	30	69	2
1/17/93	29	66	6

6/7/92	16			77			6
4/9/92	17			78			5
3/18/92	19			76			5
3/8/92	22			73			6
2/2/92	32			64			4
12/15/91	35			59			6
10/21/91	45			50			5
6/2/91	49			46			5
10/14/90	34			63			3
2/4/90	41			55			4
1/16/90	39			55			6
8/21/89	42			53			5
5/23/89	54			44			2
2/14/89	53			44			3
1/23/88*	43			53			4
6/1/87	56			40			4
6/22/85	54			37			9
5/83	33			43			24
6/81	38			40			22
6/79	19			61			20
9/78	29			49			22
6/77	34			42			24
6/75	29			54			17
8/74	48	"	"	35	"	"	17

*1/23/88 and previous: Gallup

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way [ITEM] are doing their job?

3/10/13 - Summary Table

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. The Democrats in Congress	34	62	4
b. The Republicans in Congress	24	72	3

Trend:

a. The Democrats in Congress

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
3/10/13	34	62	4
1/13/13	37	59	3
12/16/12	39	56	5
3/10/12	34	60	6
1/15/12	33	62	5
12/18/11	27	66	7
4/17/11	36	60	4
10/3/10	36	61	3
7/18/09	47	48	5
4/24/09	45	49	6
2/22/09	50	44	6
7/13/08	35	57	8
2/1/08	39	54	7
12/9/07	40	53	6
11/1/07	36	58	6
9/30/07	38	57	5
7/21/07	46	51	2
6/1/07	44	49	6
4/15/07	54	44	2
10/8/06	48	50	3
5/15/06	39	58	4
11/2/05	41	54	5

6/5/05	42	56	3
6/6/99	51	42	7
3/14/99	51	42	7
7/8/97	45	49	6
4/5/95	36	60	4
10/31/94	39	53	8
10/23/94	36	59	5
9/11/94	41	53	6

b. The Republicans in Congress

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
3/10/13	24	72	3
1/13/13	24	71	4
12/16/12	25	70	5
3/10/12	23	71	6
1/15/12	21	75	4
12/18/11	20	72	7
9/1/11	28	68	3
4/17/11	34	63	3
10/3/10	30	67	3
7/18/09	36	58	6
4/24/09	30	64	6
2/22/09	38	56	6
7/13/08	25	69	6
2/1/08	30	63	7
12/9/07	32	63	5
11/1/07	32	63	6
9/30/07	29	67	4
7/21/07	34	64	2
6/1/07	36	58	6
4/15/07	39	59	2
10/8/06	35	63	2
5/15/06	33	64	3
11/2/05	35	61	4
6/5/05	42	56	2
6/6/99	41	52	7
3/14/99	40	56	4
7/8/97	40	54	6
9/15/96 RV	46	48	6
6/30/96	38	56	6
4/5/95	45	50	5
10/31/94	33	59	7
10/23/94	31	64	5
9/11/94	35	59	6

5. Who do you trust to do a better job [ITEM] - (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

3/10/13 - Summary Table

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Handling the economy	44	40	1	11	4
b. Handling immigration issues	45	39	1	9	6
c. Handling the issue of gun control	42	41	1	10	6

Trend:

a. Handling the economy

Both Neither No

	Obama	Reps	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
3/10/13	44	40	1	11	4
12/16/12	54	36	1	7	1
1/15/12	43	41	1	12	3
12/18/11	44	40	1	13	2
11/3/11	42	42	1	12	2
10/2/11	43	42	1	11	2
9/1/11	42	39	1	16	2
6/5/11	42	45	2	9	2
3/13/11	46	34	2	15	4
1/16/11	46	41	3	7	3
12/12/10	44	45	2	7	2
4/25/10	49	38	1	9	2
2/8/10	47	42	1	7	2
12/13/09	48	36	1	12	3
11/15/09	52	37	1	8	1
9/12/09	48	37	1	12	2
7/18/09	56	33	1	9	2
6/21/09	55	31	2	9	2
4/24/09	61	24	2	11	2
3/29/09	58	25	1	14	2
2/22/09	61	26	1	9	3

b. Handling immigration issues

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/10/13	45	39	1	9	6

Compare to: Who do you trust to do a better job handling immigration issues - (Bush) or (the Democrats in Congress)?

	Bush	Dems	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
6/1/07	31	48	2	13	5
12/11/06	34	49	1	10	6
1/18/04	38	44	2	8	8

c. No trend.

6. In terms of your own personal experience, do you feel the economy has or has not begun to recover?

	Has	Has not	No opinion
3/10/13	53	46	2
12/16/12*	53	45	2
3/10/12	49	49	2
1/15/12	45	54	1
11/3/11	36	63	1
6/5/11	42	57	1
3/13/11	46	53	1
12/12/10	41	57	2
10/5/10	34	63	2
2/8/10	45	53	1
12/13/09**	50	49	1
11/15/09	44	54	1

*12/16/12 to 12/13/09: "Regardless of whether or not the recession is over..."

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7. When it comes to finding the right balance between cutting government spending that is not needed and continuing government spending that is needed, who do you trust to do a better job - (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/10/13	43	44	1	9	3
10/2/11	44	39	1	14	2
6/5/11	41	44	2	11	2
4/17/11	45	44	2	7	2
3/13/11	43	42	2	10	3

8. Automatic across-the-board cuts in federal spending have begun to take effect because Obama and the Republicans in Congress were unable to reach a budget agreement last week. Overall do you approve or disapprove of these budget cuts taking place? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	39	16	23	53	19	34	8

9. Who do you think is mainly responsible for these cuts occurring - (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	No opinion
3/10/13	33	47	14	7

10. Have you personally felt any negative impact of these budget cuts, or not? (IF YES) Has it been a major impact or minor?

	----- Yes -----			No	
	NET	Major	Minor	No	opinion
3/10/13	25	14	11	73	2

11. Just your best guess, do you think the budget cuts will hurt [ITEM], or not? (IF YES) Do you think they'll hurt it a great deal or somewhat?

3/10/13 - Summary Table

	----- Yes -----			No	
	NET	A great deal	Somewhat	No	opinion
a. The economy	64	32	33	32	4
b. Your personal finances	48	21	28	48	4
c. The government's ability to provide basic services	60	30	30	36	4
d. The U.S. military	69	35	34	27	4

12. Do you think Obama and the Republicans should (work to try to avoid these budget cuts from continuing), or (let the budget cuts proceed)?

	Work to avoid budget cuts	Let budget cuts proceed	No opinion
3/10/13	68	28	5

13. As part of a budget agreement that would replace these across-the-board budget cuts, would you support or oppose [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

3/10/13 - Summary Table

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	op.
a. Limiting the deductions businesses can take to reduce their federal income taxes	48	23	25	44	20	24	8
b. Limiting the deductions higher-income individuals can take to reduce their federal income taxes	56	34	21	38	13	25	6
c. Cutting military spending in a more targeted way	58	32	26	38	11	27	4
d. Cutting spending on Medicaid, which is the government health insurance program for the poor	26	13	14	71	19	52	3
e. Raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67	39	20	19	60	12	48	1

Trend:

a. Limiting the deductions businesses can take to reduce their federal income taxes

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	48	23	25	44	20	24	8

Compare to: Would you support or oppose changing federal tax law to make it harder for businesses to reduce their taxes by taking tax deductions?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/2/11	42	46	11

b. Limiting the deductions higher-income individuals can take to reduce their federal income taxes

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	56	34	21	38	13	25	6

Compare to: Would you support or oppose changing federal tax law to make it harder for individuals to reduce their taxes by taking tax deductions?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
10/2/11	43	47	11

c. Cutting military spending in a more targeted way

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	58	32	26	38	11	27	4

Compare to: In order to strike a budget deal that avoids the so-called "fiscal cliff", would you accept cutting military spending, or is this something you would find unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Accept			Unacceptable			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/16/12	42	23	20	55	14	41	3
7/17/11*	43	23	20	56	17	39	2

4/17/11 42 22 20 56 15 41 2
 *7/17/11 and previous: "In order to reduce the national debt, would you support or oppose..."

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

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	26	13	14	71	19	52	3

Compare to: In order to strike a budget deal that avoids the so-called "fiscal cliff", would you accept cutting spending on Medicaid, which is the government health insurance program for the poor, or is this something you would find unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Accept			Unacceptable			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/16/12	28	13	16	68	16	53	3
7/17/11*	26	11	16	72	18	54	2
4/17/11	30	14	16	69	17	52	2

*7/17/11 and previous: "In order to reduce the national debt, would you support or oppose..."

e. Raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67

	Support			Oppose			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	39	20	19	60	12	48	1

Compare to: In order to strike a budget deal that avoids the so-called "fiscal cliff", would you accept raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67, or is this something you would find unacceptable? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Accept			Unacceptable			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/16/12	36	19	17	60	14	46	3
11/25/12*	30	14	16	67	18	49	3
7/17/11**	46	25	21	54	12	42	1

*"Overall, do you support or oppose raising the age for Medicare coverage from 65 to 67?"

**"In order to reduce the national debt, would you support or oppose..."

14. Changing topics: Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws in this country? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Favor			Oppose			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	52	42	10	45	9	36	3
12/16/12	54	44	10	43	11	32	3
8/5/12**	51	39	11	47	10	37	2
1/16/11	52	39	13	45	12	33	3
4/24/09	51	36	14	48	12	36	1
9/7/08 RV	50	31	19	45	14	30	5
4/22/07	61	41	20	36	12	23	3
10/8/06	61	45	16	37	15	22	2
5/12/02	57	39	19	37	15	22	6
1/15/01	59	46	13	39	13	26	2
5/10/00	67	50	17	30	9	22	3
4/2/00	64	49	14	34	13	21	2
9/2/99	63	52	11	35	11	25	2

8/15/99	63	46	16	34	12	22	3
5/16/99	67	55	12	31	10	21	1
10/13/93*	64	40	24	33	13	20	3
6/8/89*	60	28	32	34	11	23	6

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*Gallup trend: "Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose enacting tougher gun control laws?"

15. Would you support or oppose a law [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

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	NET	Support Strg.	Smwt.	NET	Oppose Smwt.	Strg.	No opin.
a. Requiring a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons	57	46	11	41	11	30	2
b. Requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows	91	82	9	8	2	6	1
c. Requiring placing an armed guard in every school in the country	50	36	14	48	18	29	3
d. Making illegal gun sales a federal crime	82	73	9	15	4	11	3

Trend:

a. Requiring a nationwide ban on the sale of assault weapons

	NET	Support Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Oppose Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
3/10/13	57	46	11	41	11	30	2
1/13/13	58	50	9	39	12	26	3
1/19/11*	63	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	3
4/26/09*	54	"	"	41	"	"	5
4/22/07**	67	54	13	30	10	21	3
5/10/00	71	60	11	27	11	16	2
9/2/99	77	68	9	22	8	14	1
5/16/99	79	67	12	19	7	12	2
6/14/94	80	NA	NA	18	NA	NA	2

*CBS/NYT "Do you favor or oppose a nationwide ban on assault weapons"

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b. Requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows

	NET	Support Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Oppose Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
3/10/13	91	82	9	8	2	6	1
1/13/13	88	76	12	11	3	8	1
5/10/00	92	82	10	6	3	3	2
9/2/99	90	80	10	9	7	3	1
5/16/99	89	77	12	11	7	4	*

c. Requiring placing an armed guard in every school in the country

	NET	Support Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Oppose Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
3/10/13	50	36	14	48	18	29	3
1/13/13	55	39	16	42	14	29	2

d. No trend.

16. Do you or does anyone in your house own a gun, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
3/10/13	42	57	1
1/13/13	44	56	1
1/16/11	44	55	*
4/24/09	41	58	*
6/15/08	42	58	*
4/22/07	45	55	0
10/8/06	42	58	*
10/20/02	41	59	*
5/10/00	45	55	*
4/2/00	43	56	*
9/2/99	44	56	*
5/16/99	46	53	*

17. On another subject, all in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think [ITEM], or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

3/10/13 - Summary Table

	---- Worth fighting ----			-- Not worth fighting --			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
a. The war in Iraq was worth fighting	38	19	18	58	15	43	4
b. The war in Afghanistan has been worth fighting	39	18	21	56	17	38	5

Trend:

a. The war in Iraq was worth fighting

	----- Worth fighting -----			--- Not worth fighting ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	38	19	18	58	15	43	4
11/3/11	33	20	14	62	17	45	5
9/2/10	34	21	14	62	16	46	4
7/11/10	42	26	16	55	13	42	3
7/18/09	34	21	12	62	11	51	4
2/22/09	38	24	14	60	13	48	2
1/16/09	39	21	17	61	12	49	1
12/14/08	34	21	13	64	14	50	2
9/7/08	36	24	13	61	13	48	3
8/22/08	35	22	13	63	13	50	2
7/13/08	36	22	13	63	13	50	1
6/15/08	34	21	13	63	9	54	3
4/13/08	34	24	11	64	11	52	2
3/2/08	34	24	11	63	12	51	2
2/1/08	34	23	11	65	11	53	1
1/12/08	35	21	13	64	13	51	2
12/9/07	37	25	12	61	11	50	2
11/1/07	35	23	12	63	12	51	2
9/30/07	38	25	14	59	12	47	3
9/7/07	36	23	13	62	11	51	2
7/21/07	36	25	12	63	10	53	1
6/1/07	37	24	12	61	12	50	2
4/15/07	33	22	11	66	12	54	1
2/25/07	34	22	12	64	13	51	2

1/10/07	40	28	12	58	11	47	2
12/11/06	36	25	11	61	12	50	2
11/4/06 RV	44	33	12	53	10	44	2
10/22/06	40	28	12	57	11	47	2
10/8/06	35	25	10	63	13	50	2
9/7/06	42	29	13	56	11	45	2
8/6/06	39	29	10	59	12	47	1
6/25/06	40	25	15	58	13	45	2
5/15/06	37	24	14	62	12	50	1
4/9/06	41	30	11	58	10	48	1
3/5/06	42	29	14	57	11	46	1
1/26/06	44	32	12	55	13	42	1
1/8/06	43	30	13	55	12	43	2
12/18/05	46	33	14	52	11	42	1
11/2/05	39	25	13	60	12	48	1
8/28/05	46	33	12	53	9	44	1
6/26/05	46	33	13	53	10	43	1
6/5/05	41	29	12	58	12	46	1
4/24/05	44	31	13	54	12	42	2
3/13/05	45	34	11	53	11	42	2
1/16/05	44	32	12	55	10	45	1
12/19/04	42	31	11	56	10	47	2
10/3/04 LV	49	34	15	48	11	37	3
9/26/04 RV	46	35	12	51	8	42	3
9/8/04 RV	51	38	13	45	10	34	4
8/29/04 RV	48	34	14	50	11	39	2
7/25/04	49	36	13	48	11	37	3
7/11/04	45	34	10	53	12	42	2
6/20/04	47	32	14	52	13	39	2
5/23/04	48	35	13	50	13	37	1
5/6/04	49	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	5
4/18/04	51			47			2
3/7/04	52			44			3
2/11/04	48			50			2
1/18/04	56			41			3
12/21/03	59			39			2
12/14/03	53			42			5
11/16/03	52			44			4
10/29/03	54			44			2
10/13/03	54			44			2
9/13/03	61			37			2
9/7/03	54			42			4
8/24/03	57			37			5
8/11/03	61			35			4
7/10/03	57			40			3
6/22/03	64			33			3
4/30/03	70			27			4
2/2/92*	66			32			2
7/28/91	67			30			3
6/2/91	70			26			3
3/4/91	86	"	"	13	"	"	1

*2/2/92 and previous: "the Persian Gulf war"; 3/4/91: "this war"

b. The war in Afghanistan has been worth fighting

	----- Worth fighting -----			--- Not worth fighting ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/10/13	39	18	21	56	17	38	5
4/8/12	30	15	15	66	19	47	4
3/10/12	35	17	18	60	16	44	5
6/5/11	43	23	20	54	15	40	3

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3/13/11	31	17	14	64	16	49	5
12/12/10	34	18	16	60	18	43	5
7/11/10	43	24	19	53	15	38	4
6/6/10	44	26	18	53	13	41	3
4/25/10	45	26	19	52	15	38	3
12/13/09	52	33	19	44	10	35	4
11/15/09	44	30	14	52	14	38	4
10/18/09*	47	28	19	49	13	36	4
9/12/09	46	28	18	51	14	37	3
8/17/09	47	31	15	51	10	41	3
7/18/09	51	34	18	45	11	34	4
3/29/09	56	37	19	41	12	28	4
2/22/09	50	34	17	47	9	37	3
12/14/08	55	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	5
7/13/08	51			45			4
2/25/07	56	"	"	41	"	"	3

*10/18/09 "was" and "has been" wording half sampled. Previous "was."

18. Do you think the war in [ITEM] has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States? (IF YES) Has it contributed to the long-term security of the United States a great deal or somewhat?

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	----- Contributed -----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opinion
a. Iraq	46	21	26	48	6
b. Afghanistan	51	21	30	42	6

Trend:

a. Iraq

	----- Contributed -----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opinion
3/10/13	46	21	26	48	6
7/11/10	50	25	25	46	4
12/9/07	46	26	20	50	4
9/7/07	44	NA	NA	52	4
6/1/07	44	NA	NA	53	3
12/11/06	46	25	21	51	3
10/8/06	48	26	21	50	3
9/7/06	50	28	21	47	3
6/25/06	51	28	22	48	1
5/15/06	48	28	20	51	2
4/9/06	52	32	20	46	1
3/5/06	50	28	23	48	2
1/26/06	53	32	21	45	1
12/18/05	54	32	22	44	2
11/2/05	46	25	21	52	2
8/28/05	49	29	20	49	2
6/26/05	52	31	22	46	1
6/5/05	47	24	22	52	1
3/13/05	52	29	23	46	2
1/16/05	50	30	21	47	3
12/19/04	51	27	23	46	4
10/3/04 LV	53	32	22	42	4
9/26/04 RV	54	36	18	42	4
9/8/04 RV	57	36	22	40	3
8/29/04 RV	54	33	20	42	4
7/25/04	51	32	19	45	3

6/20/04	51	28	23	46	2
5/23/04	54	30	24	43	3
4/18/04	57	33	24	40	3
3/7/04	57	29	29	40	3
2/11/04	58	32	26	38	4
1/18/04	59	34	25	38	3
12/21/03	62	34	29	34	4
7/10/03*	62	33	29	35	3
*"did or did not"					

b. Afghanistan

	----- Contributed -----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opinion
3/10/13	51	21	30	42	6
6/5/11	57	25	32	39	4
12/12/10	53	22	32	40	6
7/11/10	53	25	28	44	3

19. On another subject: In the Middle East, are your sympathies more with (Israel) or more with (the Palestinian Authority)?

	Israel	Palestinian Authority	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
3/10/13	55	9	3	14	18
4/21/02	49	14	7	21	9
4/7/02	41	9	8	26	16
10/9/01	52	14	7	15	11

Compare to: On another subject, in the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with Israel or more with the Arab nations?

	Israel	Arab nations	Neither (vol.)	No opin.
9/15/91	57	20	14	10
4/3/89	69	16	10	4
6/23/86	62	13	13	13
7/1/85	49	11	18	22
9/26/83	49	13	14	24
3/2/83	52	16	13	19
1/22/83	47	17	15	21
9/26/82	48	27	12	13
8/17/82	52	18	16	13
3/8/82	55	18	13	14

20. In trying to arrange a peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians, do you think the Obama administration is putting too much pressure on [ITEM], too little pressure or about the right amount?

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	Too much pressure	Too little pressure	About the right amount	No opinion
a. The Israeli government	17	21	41	20
b. The Palestinian Authority	8	34	38	21

21. Do you think the United States should take the leading role in trying to arrange a peace settlement between the Israelis and the Palestinians, or should the U.S. mainly leave that to the Israelis and the Palestinians themselves?

	Leading role	Leave it to them	No opinion
3/10/13	26	69	5
4/21/02	42	54	4

22. 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	
3/10/13	58	41	17	36	6	30	6
8/5/12*	53	39	14	42	11	32	5
5/20/12	53	39	14	39	7	32	8
3/10/12	52	36	17	43	7	36	5
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	"	"	55	"	"	7

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

23. Do you think each state should make its own law on whether same-sex marriage is legal or illegal there, or do you think this should be decided for all states on the basis of the U.S. Constitution?

	States should make own laws	Should be decided by U.S. Constitution	No opinion
3/10/13	33	64	3
5/20/12*	49	46	5

*"Do you think each state should make its own laws on same-sex marriage, or do you think the federal government should make one law for all states on this issue?"

24. Do you think being homosexual is something that people choose to be, or do you think it's just the way they are?

	Something that people choose	The way they are	No opinion
3/10/13	24	62	15
10/14/04 LV	33	57	10
6/26/94	40	49	11

25. How would you rate the job the former pope, Benedict the sixteenth, did as leader of the Catholic church - excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
3/10/13 All	47	9	38	26	15	11	27
Cath.	68	19	49	25	16	10	7

Compare to: Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Pope Benedict the Sixteenth? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
2/17/13	54	22	32	27	17	10	19
4/13/08	48	NA	NA	24	NA	NA	28

Among Catholics:

2/17/13	76	43	33	14	8	6	9
4/13/08	74	NA	NA	13	NA	NA	14

Compare to Pope John Paul the Second:

	Favorable	Unfavorable	No opinion
All:			
3/13/05	67	16	17
10/13/03	65	24	11
1/13/98	71	10	19
10/1/95	64	20	16
8/8/93	68	12	20
8/23/87	51	8	41

Catholic:

3/13/05	87	8	5
10/13/03	84	11	5
10/1/95	83	10	7
8/23/87	76	4	20

26. How relevant do you think the Catholic Church is in the world today - very relevant, somewhat relevant, not so relevant or not relevant at all?

	----- Relevant -----			----- Not relevant -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
3/10/13 All	70	18	52	24	16	8	5
Cath.	86	30	56	14	10	4	0

27. (ASKED OF CATHOLICS) In general, do you think the Roman Catholic Church is in touch with the views of Catholics in America today, or is it out of touch?

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
3/10/13	34	60	7
4/13/08	34	62	4
4/24/05	44	52	4
10/13/03	34	62	3
10/1/95	38	58	5

28. (ASKED OF CATHOLICS) Currently, Roman Catholic priests cannot get married. Do you favor or oppose that policy?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
3/10/13	34	55	10
4/13/08	36	60	4
10/13/03	30	67	2
3/28/02	34	60	6
10/1/95	37	61	1
8/8/93	39	58	4
8/23/87	45	49	6
3/24/86	46	50	5

29. (ASKED OF CATHOLICS) Currently, women cannot become priests in the Roman Catholic Church. Do you favor or oppose that policy?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
3/10/13	34	58	8
4/13/08	36	60	3
10/13/03	32	64	4
3/28/02	35	61	4
10/1/95	33	65	2
8/8/93	34	63	2
8/23/87	42	53	5
3/24/86	43	53	4

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Catholic Church has handled the issue of sexual abuse of children by priests? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
3/10/13	10	3	7	81	11	69	10
4/13/08	17	5	12	74	16	58	9
2/22/04*	23	8	15	66	19	47	11
10/13/03	17	4	13	77	15	62	6
12/15/02	20	7	12	76	18	58	4
6/23/02	23	8	15	66	21	46	11
6/9/02	22	8	15	73	20	53	5
4/30/02	25	7	17	59	18	41	16

Among Catholics:

3/10/13	18	2	16	78	11	67	3
4/13/08	24	10	15	73	15	58	3
2/22/04*	40	17	23	53	21	32	7
10/13/03	27	8	19	70	17	53	3
12/15/02	27	16	11	69	18	51	4
6/23/02	32	12	20	61	17	44	7
6/9/02	34	16	17	63	22	41	3
4/30/02	35	13	22	59	17	42	7

*2/22/04 and prior: "is handling"

31. (ASKED OF CATHOLICS) Thinking about the next pope... Do you think the new pope should (maintain the traditional policies of the Church), or should he (change Church policies to reflect the attitudes and lifestyles of Catholics today)?

	Maintain policies	Change policies	No opinion
3/10/13	38	54	8
4/13/08*	50	45	5
4/24/05*	50	48	1
3/13/05**	41	57	1
10/13/03	33	64	3

*4/13/08 and 4/24/05: "Pope Benedict"

**3/13/05 and prior: "the next pope"

Party ID: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

Democrat Republican Independent Other (vol.) No opinion

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3/10/13	33	25	35	5	2
1/13/13	33	24	37	5	1
12/16/12	31	24	38	4	4
11/4/12	33	25	34	4	5
11/4/12 RV	33	27	35	3	2
11/4/12 LV	35	29	32	3	1
10/13/12	33	22	37	4	4
9/29/12	31	25	36	5	3
9/9/12	33	23	37	4	3
8/25/12	31	22	39	6	3
7/8/12	33	24	36	4	3
5/20/12	32	22	38	7	2
4/18/12	34	23	34	5	3
3/10/12	31	27	36	3	3
2/12/12	34	23	37	5	1
1/15/12	32	25	36	5	2

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