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 SEPTEMBER 2010 POLITICAL-INDEPENDENTS SURVEY
 FINAL TOPLINE**

August 25 – September 6, 2010

Total N=3,509

Republican N=926, Democrat N=1,116, Independent¹ N=1,467

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2/Q.2a

ASK ALL:

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	March, 2006	32	63	5
Republican	13	84	2	January, 2006	34	61	5
Democrat	36	58	6	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Independent	23	72	5	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	July, 2005	35	58	7
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	February, 2005	38	56	6
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	January, 2005	40	54	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	July, 2004	38	55	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	May, 2004	33	61	6
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Sep 10-15, 2009 ²	30	64	7	December, 2003	44	47	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	October, 2003	38	56	6
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	August, 2003	40	53	7
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	January, 2003	44	50	6
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	November, 2002	41	48	11
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
December, 2008	13	83	4	May, 2002	44	44	12
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	March, 2002	50	40	10
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
August, 2008	21	74	5	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
July, 2008	19	74	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
June, 2008	19	76	5	March, 2001	47	45	8
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
March, 2008	22	72	6	January, 2001	55	41	4
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
October, 2007	28	66	6	June, 2000	47	45	8
February, 2007	30	61	9	April, 2000	48	43	9
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	August, 1999	56	39	5
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	January, 1999	53	41	6
December, 2006	28	65	7	November, 1998	46	44	10
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
July, 2006	30	65	5	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
May, 2006*	29	65	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
				January, 1998	46	50	4
				September, 1997	45	49	6
				August, 1997	49	46	5
				January, 1997	38	58	4
				July, 1996	29	67	4
				March, 1996	28	70	2
				October, 1995	23	73	4

¹ Independents include those who volunteered another party, no preference, don't know or refused to answer the party identification question.

² From September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

Q.1 CONTINUED...

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
June, 1995	25	73	2	January, 1992	28	68	4
April, 1995	23	74	3	November, 1991	34	61	5
July, 1994	24	73	3	<i>Gallup</i> : Late February, 1991	66	31	3
March, 1994	24	71	5	August, 1990	47	48	5
October, 1993	22	73	5	May, 1990	41	54	5
September, 1993	20	75	5	January, 1989	45	50	5
May, 1993	22	71	7	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
January, 1993	39	50	11				

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2/Q.2a

ASK ALL:

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	Approve	Dis- approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Approve	Dis- approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Republican	14	79	6	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Democrat	81	15	4	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Independent	40	45	15	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
				Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.2=1,2):

Q.2a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

BASED ON TOTAL:

				G.W. Bush				
Aug 25-Sep 6				Jun 16-20	Jan 6-10	Apr 14-21	Oct	
<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2006³</u>	
47	14	81	40	Approve	48	49	63	37
28	5	57	19	Very strongly	29	30	45	23
17	9	22	18	Not so strongly	17	15	13	13
2	1	2	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	3	5	1
44	79	15	45	Disapprove	43	42	26	53
32	67	8	31	Very strongly	31	30	18	43
11	11	7	14	Not so strongly	11	11	8	9
1	1	*	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	*	1
9	6	4	15	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	10	11	10

³ Other trends available for George W. Bush but not shown here.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,736]:

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House in Congress is handling his or her job? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job your own representative in Congress is doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	42	40	17
Republican	38	47	15
Democrat	56	30	14
Independent	35	44	21
September, 2006	46	29	25
May, 2005	49	23	28
September, 1993	54	24	22
August, 1993	52	26	22
March, 1992	45	37	18

NO QUESTIONS 4-5

ASK ALL:

The congressional elections will be coming up later this year ...

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming November election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	<u>Quite a lot</u>	<u>(VOL.) Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>(VOL.) None</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	5	42	3	1
Republican	64	5	29	1	1
Democratic	41	4	51	3	1
Independent	48	5	42	5	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	5	44	6	1
2008 Election					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2
2006 Election					
November, 2006	61	5	28	4	1
Late October, 2006	54	6	35	5	1
Early October, 2006	51	4	40	4	2
September, 2006	45	4	48	3	1
2004 Election					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
2002 Election					
Early November, 2002	52	6	35	6	1
Early October, 2002	45	6	45	4	1
Early September, 2002	36	5	54	4	1
2000 Election					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
1998 Election					
Late October, 1998	49	11	35	4	1
Early October, 1998	42	8	43	6	1
1996 Election					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
1994 Election					
November, 1994	56	7	32	4	1
Late October, 1994	45	7	45	2	1
Early October, 1994	44	2	50	3	1
1992 Election					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1
	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None/ DK/Ref</u>	
1990 Election					
<i>Gallup: October, 1990 (GP)</i> ⁴	43	7	46	4	
1988 Election					
<i>Gallup: November, 1988</i>	73	8	17	2	
<i>Gallup: October, 1988</i>	69	9	20	2	
<i>Gallup: September, 1988</i>	57	18	23	2	
<i>Gallup: August, 1988</i>	61	10	27	2	
1982 Election					
<i>Gallup: October, 1982 (GP)</i>	29	22	37	12	
1978 Election					
<i>Gallup: October, 1978 (GP)</i>	23	22	39	17	
<i>Gallup: September, 1978 (GP)</i> ²¹	18	18	44	18	

⁴ Gallup trends for 1990, 1982 and 1978 are based on general public.

ASK ALL:

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?
[INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1 FOR REGIST AND REGICERT]

ASK IF REGISTERED (REGIST=1):

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	
76	85	80	67	Yes, Registered
73	83	78	64	Absolutely certain
2	3	2	3	Chance registration has lapsed
*	*	*	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
24	14	20	31	No, not registered
1	*	*	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	
90	94	90	88	Yes
9	6	10	11	No
*	*	*	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL FORM 1 [N=1,736]:

Q.6F1 Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs **[READ]**?

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	
51	61	49	46	Most of the time
25	22	29	24	Some of the time
12	9	12	14	Only now and then
10	7	8	14	Hardly at all
1	*	*	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL FORM 2 [N=1,773]:

Q.7F2 Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs **[READ]**?

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	52	25	14	9	*
Republican	66	18	9	5	1
Democrat	50	26	15	8	1
Independent	46	28	15	11	*
January, 2007	53	28	11	7	1
November, 2006 (RVs)	58	26	10	6	*
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	57	30	8	5	*
December, 2005	50	28	14	8	*
December, 2004	45	35	14	5	1

Q.7F2 CONTINUED...

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

NO QUESTIONS 8-9

ASK ALL:

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... [READ]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	Always	Nearly always	Part of the time	Seldom	(VOL.) Never vote	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref.
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	59	26	9	4	1	*	*
Republican	65	26	6	2	*	0	0
Democrat	60	25	10	4	*	*	*
Independent	54	27	11	6	1	*	*
June 16-20, 2010	52	31	11	5	1	1	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	62	23	7	5	1	1	1
November, 2008	60	23	8	5	2	2	*
Late October, 2008	57	26	8	5	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2008	57	27	7	5	3	1	*
Early October, 2008	53	27	9	6	3	1	1
Late September, 2008	55	27	9	6	2	1	*

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref.
Mid-September, 2008	54	28	10	5	2	1	*
August, 2008	55	29	9	4	2	1	*
July, 2008	53	30	10	4	1	1	1
January, 2007	58	29	9	3	1	*	*
November, 2006	58	26	8	5	2	1	*
Late October, 2006	58	27	9	4	1	1	*
Early October, 2006	47	36	10	3	2	1	1
September, 2006	56	28	9	6	1	*	*
May, 2006	60	26	8	4	1	*	1
December, 2005	60	24	9	4	2	1	1
December, 2004	64	22	8	4	1	*	1
November, 2004	62	21	7	6	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2004	63	22	7	5	2	1	*
Early October, 2004	58	25	9	4	2	1	1
September, 2004	58	27	9	5	2	1	1
August, 2004	56	28	9	5	2	*	1
July, 2004	54	31	9	4	1	*	*
June, 2004	57	29	7	5	1	1	1
May, 2004	56	27	10	4	2	1	1
April, 2004	55	29	9	5	1	1	1
Late March, 2004	50	31	11	6	1	*	1
Mid-March, 2004	55	30	9	5	1	*	*
February, 2004	55	29	12	3	*	*	*
January, 2004	54	30	10	4	2	1	*
August, 2003	53	30	10	5	1	*	*
June, 2003	48	36	11	3	2	1	0
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*
May, 2002	53	31	9	5	1	*	1
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	1	2	0
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	*	3	*
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*
July, 2000	48	30	13	6	2	1	*
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*
May, 2000	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
April, 2000	50	30	12	6	2	1	*
March, 2000	49	34	12	4	1	1	0
February, 2000	53	32	10	4	1	0	*
January, 2000	50	34	12	4	1	*	*
October, 1999	39	47	9	2	1	*	*
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*
Late August, 1998	48	35	13	4	*	0	*
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0
May, 1998	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
November, 1997	42	44	10	3	1	*	*
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*
June, 1997	54	30	10	4	*	*	*
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*
Early September, 1996	53	29	12	4	1	*	*

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	Nearly <u>Always</u>	Part of <u>The time</u>	Seldom	(VOL.) Never <u>Vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>
July, 1996	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*
Late April, 1996	44	37	11	5	1	1	1
Early April, 1996	49	35	10	5	1	*	*
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*
May, 1993	57	31	7	4	1	1	*
Early October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*
Early May, 1992	49	35	10	4	1	*	*
March, 1992	47	36	11	6	*	*	*
February, 1992	50	36	9	4	*	--	2
January 1992 (GP) ⁵	40	35	11	11	4	--	*
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	*	*
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*
January, 1989 (GP)	45	30	10	8	6	1	*
Gallup: November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*
October, 1988	51	37	8	3	1	*	*
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*
September, 1988	51	40	6	2	*	1	*
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.10 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"] for Congress in your district?

ASK IF ANSWERED OTHER OR DON'T KNOW (Q.10=3,9):

Q.10a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.10; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
Republican	94	3	3
Democrat	6	91	3
Independent	42	39	19
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	45	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	45	10
Mar 11-21, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
2008 Election			
June, 2008	37	52	11

⁵ Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

Q.10/Q.10a CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>Undecided</u>
2006 Election			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9
June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
2004 Election			
June, 2004	41	48	11
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
1996 Election			
November, 1996 (LVs) ⁶	44	48	8
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

⁶ November 1996 trend based on likely voters.

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

PLANTO1 Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	Yes, plan to vote	No, don't plan to	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	94	4	3
Republican	97	2	1
Democrat	95	2	4
Independent	90	6	3
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 ⁷	91	7	2
Jun 16-20, 2010	90	8	2
Mar 11-21, 2010	91	6	3
2008 Election			
Mid-October, 2008 ⁸	97	2	1
Early October, 2008	97	2	1
Late September, 2008	97	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	97	2	1
August, 2008	97	2	1
July, 2008	97	2	1
June, 2008	95	2	3
2006 Election			
November, 2006	90	8	2
Late October, 2006	94	3	3
Early October, 2006	93	4	3
Early September, 2006	92	5	3
2004 Election			
November, 2004	97	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	98	1	1
Early October, 2004	98	1	1
September, 2004	98	1	1
August, 2004	98	2	*
June, 2004	96	2	2
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	90	8	2
Early October, 2002	95	3	2
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	96	3	1
Late October, 2000	97	2	1
Mid-October, 2000	96	2	2
Early October, 2000	97	2	1
September, 2000	95	3	2
June, 2000	95	2	3
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	91	6	3
Early October, 1998	92	4	4
Early September, 1998	95	2	3
Late August, 1998	93	3	4
June, 1998	95	3	2
1996 Election			
November, 1996	96	2	2
October, 1996	98	1	1
Late September, 1996	98	1	1
Early September, 1996	96	2	2

⁷ Surveys from March to August 2010 asked specifically about voting in the "Congressional" election this November and began with "Thinking ahead to November...".

⁸ In Mid-October 2008 and from Mid-October 2004 to November 2006 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted. In November 2006, Early November 2002, Early November, 2000, Late October 1998, November 1996 and November 1994 the question was worded: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?"

PLANTO1 CONTINUED...

	Yes, plan to vote	No, don't plan to	(VOL.) DK/Ref
July, 1996	95	3	2
June, 1996	96	2	2
1994 Election			
November, 1994	93	5	2
October, 1994	95	3	2
1992 Election			
October, 1992	98	1	1
September, 1992	98	1	1
August, 1992	97	1	2
June, 1992	97	1	2
1988 Election			
Gallup: November, 1988	97	2	1
October, 1988	98	1	1

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

SCALE10 I'd like you to rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 10 to 1. If TEN represents a person who definitely will vote and ONE represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	Definitely will vote									Definitely will not vote (VOL.)	
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	71	9	7	3	2	4	1	1	*	2	1
Republican	83	6	4	2	1	2	*	1	*	1	1
Democrat	69	10	7	3	3	4	1	*	*	1	1
Independent	65	10	8	4	2	5	1	1	1	4	*
2008 Election											
November, 2008	86	5	3	1	*	2	*	*	*	2	1
Late October, 2008	86	5	2	1	*	2	*	*	*	3	1
Mid-October, 2008	86	5	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	84	6	3	1	1	2	0	*	1	1	1
August, 2008	80	6	5	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1
July, 2008	80	7	4	2	1	3	*	1	*	2	0
2006 Election											
November, 2006 ⁹	72	7	5	3	2	4	*	1	1	4	1
Late October, 2006	71	8	9	4	2	3	*	1	*	1	1
Early October, 2006	68	10	9	4	1	4	*	1	*	2	1
September, 2006	67	9	9	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	1
2004 Election											
November, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1
2002 Election											
Early November, 2002	66	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	1
Early October, 2002	64	10	10	4	3	4	1	*	*	2	2
2000 Election											
Early November, 2000	80	6	5	2	1	3	*	*	*	3	1
Late October, 2000	83	5	5	1	1	2	*	1	1	1	*
Mid-October, 2000	80	7	4	3	1	3	1	*	*	1	1
Early October, 2000	78	7	5	2	2	2	*	1	1	1	1
1998 Election											
Late October, 1998	70	6	7	4	1	4	1	1	1	4	1
Early October, 1998	64	9	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	2	1

⁹ In Late October, Mid-October and November 2008, November 2006, November 2004 and Early November 2002, the "10 - definitely will vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

SCALE10 CONTINUED...

	Definitely will vote								Definitely will not vote		(VOL.)
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
1996 Election											
November, 1996	77	7	7	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1
October, 1996	77	9	7	2	2	2	*	*	*	1	*
Late September, 1996	78	10	6	2	1	1	*	*	*	1	1
1994 Election											
November, 1994	67	9	8	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	2
Late October, 1994	66	10	9	4	2	4	1	1	*	2	1
1992 Election											
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1992	77	5	4	3	2	4	*	1	*	4	*
1988 Election											
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	77	7	6	2	1	3	*	*	*	2	2
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1988	73	8	7	3	2	3	1	*	*	1	2

NO QUESTIONS 11-12

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.13 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	(VOL.)			
	Yes	No	Representative (VOL.) not running	DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	33	1	17
Republican	44	39	2	15
Democrat	64	20	1	15
Independent	40	39	1	19
Jun 16-20, 2010	49	34	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	43	32	1	24
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	31	*	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	52	29	1	18
2008 Election				
Late February, 2008	60	22	1	17
2006 Election				
November, 2006	55	25	1	19
Late October, 2006	55	26	1	18
Early October, 2006	50	27	1	22
September, 2006	53	27	1	19
August, 2006	51	30	*	19
June, 2006	51	32	1	16
April, 2006	57	28	1	14
February, 2006	59	28	1	12
Mid-September, 2005	57	25	1	17
2002 Election				
Early October, 2002	58	19	2	21
June, 2002	58	23	1	18
2000 Election				
Early November, 2000	59	16	2	23
October, 2000	60	17	1	22
July, 1999	66	23	*	11
1998 Election				
Late October, 1998	64	19	1	16
Early October, 1998	58	20	2	20
Early September, 1998	63	20	1	16

Q.13 CONTINUED...

	(VOL.)			
	Representative (VOL.)			
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>not running</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
March, 1998	63	21	1	15
January, 1998	66	23	0	11
August, 1997	66	22	0	12
1996 Election				
Early November, 1996	60	16	3	21
October, 1996	62	19	2	17
Late September, 1996	55	17	2	26
Early September, 1996	62	19	2	17
1994 Election				
November, 1994	58	25	1	16
Late October, 1994	55	30	2	13
Early October, 1994	49	29	2	20
1990 Election				
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990	62	22	2	14

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.14 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	(VOL.)		
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	33	56	11
Republican	16	77	8
Democrat	54	35	11
Independent	27	60	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	56	13
Mar 11-21, 2010	27	57	15
Feb 3-9, 2010	32	53	15
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	34	53	13
2008 Election			
Late February, 2008	36	49	15
2006 Election			
November, 2006	37	46	17
Late October, 2006	34	49	17
Early October, 2006	32	48	20
September, 2006	35	49	16
August, 2006	36	49	15
June, 2006	29	57	14
April, 2006	34	53	13
February, 2006	36	49	15
September, 2005	36	48	16
2002 Election			
Early October, 2002	39	38	23
June, 2002	45	37	18
2000 Election			
October, 2000	40	34	26
July, 1999	41	47	12
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	41	37	22
Early October, 1998	39	39	22
Early September, 1998	46	37	17
March, 1998	45	41	14
January, 1998	44	43	13
August, 1997	45	42	13

Q.14 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
1996 Election			
Early September, 1996	43	43	14
1994 Election			
November, 1994	31	51	18
Late October, 1994	31	56	13
Early October, 1994	28	56	16

NO QUESTION 15

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.16 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	<u>Yes, will be a factor</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	56	41	3
Republican	67	30	3
Democrat	59	39	2
Independent	44	51	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	39	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	45	6
2008 Election			
June, 2008	44	51	5
2006 Election			
November, 2006	61	36	3
Late October, 2006	61	36	3
Early October, 2006	57	40	3
September, 2006	55	41	4
June, 2006	58	39	3
April, 2006	56	39	5
2004 Election			
June, 2004	43	51	6
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	48	49	3
Early October, 2002	42	55	3
Early September, 2002	44	51	5
June, 2002	47	50	3
February, 2002	46	49	5
2000 Election			
Early October, 2000	46	50	4
July, 2000	46	49	5
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	46	50	4
Early October, 1998	47	49	4
Early September, 1998	41	56	3
Early August, 1998	44	53	3
June, 1998	45	51	4

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.17 Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote FOR Barack Obama, as a vote AGAINST Barack Obama, or isn't Barack Obama much of a factor in your vote?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Not a factor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	30	42	3
Republican	4	62	31	2
Democrat	50	7	41	3
Independent	16	29	50	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	23	28	47	2
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	20	51	5
2006 Election (Bush)				
November, 2006	21	35	41	3
Late October, 2006	20	37	38	5
Early October, 2006	18	39	40	3
September, 2006	20	36	40	4
August, 2006	17	35	43	5
June, 2006	15	38	44	3
April, 2006	17	34	46	3
February, 2006	18	31	47	4
2002 Election (Bush)				
Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6
Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6
Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5
February, 2002	34	9	50	7
1998 Election (Clinton)				
Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5
Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6
Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3
Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2
Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4
June, 1998	20	18	57	5
March, 1998	21	15	59	5
1996 Election (Clinton)				
Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7
1994 Election (Clinton)				
November, 1994	17	21	55	7
Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5
Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6
1990 Election (GHW Bush)				
CBS/NYT: October 28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6
1986 Election (Reagan)				
CBS/NYT: October 24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7
CBS/NYT: Sep 28-Oct 1, 1986	26	16	51	7
1982 Election (Reagan)				
CBS/NYT: October 23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5

NO QUESTIONS 18-25

ASK ALL:

On a different subject ...

Q.26 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. The Republican Party								
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
Republican	87	21	66	11	3	9	0	2
Democrat	16	2	13	80	39	41	0	5
Independent	40	5	34	47	18	29	1	13
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6

Q.26 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
b. The Democratic Party								
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
Republican	11	2	9	88	46	42	0	2
Democrat	87	29	58	10	4	7	0	3
Independent	44	8	36	44	18	26	*	12
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6

ASK ALL:

Q.27 And how about **[INSERT FIRST NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [NAME] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]**
[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. Barack Obama								
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	21	32	43	23	20	*	5
Republican	15	4	11	81	50	32	*	3
Democrat	85	41	44	13	5	8	0	2
Independent	50	15	35	43	21	22	0	7
Jun 10-13, 2010	56	27	30	39	20	19	0	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	65	33	32	30	16	14	*	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	72	37	35	25	11	14	*	3
Apr 14-21, 2009	73	38	35	24	10	14	*	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6
Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6
Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5
Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4
Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9
April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13

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d. George W. Bush								
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	37	10	27	57	34	24	*	6
Republican	74	23	51	21	6	16	*	5
Democrat	13	4	10	83	56	27	*	3
Independent	33	7	25	58	32	26	*	9
Mid-April, 2009	35	9	26	60	33	27	*	5
January, 2009	37	9	28	60	35	25	0	3
April, 2008	31	9	22	65	42	23	*	4
March, 2008	34	8	26	61	37	24	0	5
Late February, 2008	35	10	25	60	39	21	0	5
Early February, 2008	34	9	25	61	39	22	*	5
January, 2008	36	11	25	60	37	23	0	4
Late December, 2007	33	10	23	63	41	22	0	4
August, 2007	40	12	28	57	34	23	*	3
December, 2006	39	12	27	57	34	23	*	4
April, 2006	40	15	25	57	35	22	*	3
Late October, 2005	46	17	29	51	29	22	*	3
July, 2005	51	22	29	46	25	21	0	3
Late March, 2005	53	23	30	45	27	18	0	2
Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	26	30	42	23	19	*	2
Early October, 2004 (RVs)	57	27	30	40	20	20	0	3
September, 2004	52	25	27	43	24	19	*	5
August, 2004	58	27	31	39	22	17	0	3
June, 2004	52	19	33	45	22	23	*	3
Early February, 2004	53	21	32	44	25	19	0	3
Gallup: Jan 29-Feb 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jan 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*

Q.27 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Gallup: Oct 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1
Gallup: Jun 9-10, 2003	66	--	--	33	--	--	--	1
April, 2003	72	37	35	25	11	14	0	3
January, 2003	70	28	42	28	10	18	0	2
December, 2002	68	35	33	27	11	16	0	5
July, 2001	61	22	39	35	14	21	*	4
January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7
May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10
March, 1999 ¹⁰	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14
November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	Basically content	Frustrated	Angry	(VOL.)
				DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Republican	8	57	33	2
Democrat	34	52	11	3
Independent	18	50	26	6
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early Jan, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early Oct, 2006	21	54	20	5
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid Nov, 2001	53	34	8	5
Jun, 2000	28	53	13	6
Feb, 2000	33	54	10	3
Oct, 1997	29	56	12	3

ASK ALL:

Q.29 How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time? ¹¹

	Just about always	Most of the time	Only sometimes	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
				Never	DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Republican	1	12	74	12	*
Democrat	5	35	56	4	1
Independent	2	16	66	13	2
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1
November, 1998 ¹²	4	22	61	11	2

¹⁰ In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."

¹¹ Additional trend data from other organizations available at <http://people-press.org/trust/> under "Download Trust Data."

Q.29 CONTINUED...

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only <u>sometimes</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.30 I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. Please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

a.

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
61	77	41	66
35	19	55	29
2	2	2	3
2	2	2	2

Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient
 Government often does a better job than people give it credit for
 Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)**
 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

b.

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
54	57	54	52
42	39	43	43
3	2	2	4
2	2	2	2

As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get what we want
 This country can't solve many of its important problems
 Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)**
 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

c.

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
29	22	42	21
68	75	54	76
2	1	2	2
2	1	2	1

Most elected officials care what people like me think
 Most elected officials don't care what people like me think
 Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)**
 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

d.

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
64	73	57	63
33	24	39	34
2	1	2	2
1	1	1	1

Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard
 Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people
 Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)**
 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

e.

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
44	28	57	44
42	55	34	41
8	10	5	9
6	7	4	6

Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents
 Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care
 Neither/Both equally **(VOL.)**
 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

¹² The November, 1998 survey was conducted October 26-December 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

Q.30 CONTINUED...

f.

Aug 25-Sep 6 2010	Rep	Dem	Ind	
48	64	33	50	Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with whites
45	28	63	41	Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites
4	4	2	4	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
4	4	3	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

g.

Aug 25-Sep 6 2010	Rep	Dem	Ind	
54	35	69	54	Business corporations make too much profit
39	57	26	38	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit
2	3	1	3	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
4	4	3	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

h.

Aug 25-Sep 6 2010	Rep	Dem	Ind	
40	28	46	42	I like elected officials who make compromises with people they disagree with
55	67	50	51	I like elected officials who stick to their positions
3	3	2	3	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
2	2	2	4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.31 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Republican	76	20	1	3
Democrat	30	62	3	5
Independent	51	39	4	6
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
CBS/NYT: November 2003	45	42	4	9
CBS/NYT: July 2003	48	40	5	7
CBS/NYT: January 2002	46	40	3	11
CBS/NYT: January 2001	51	36	5	8
CBS/NYT: September 1999	46	43	5	6
CBS/NYT: February 1996	61	30	4	5

ASK ALL:

Q.32 Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

	<u>Can be trusted</u>	<u>Can't be too careful</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	35	61	3	2
Republican	40	56	2	2
Democrat	35	61	3	1
Independent	31	63	3	3
Mar 11-21, 2010 ¹³	36	60	2	1
Jan 14-17, 2010 ¹⁴	31	64	4	1
Oct, 2006	41	54	3	2
Jun, 2003	35	58	4	3
Mid-Nov, 2001	42	55	2	1
Nov, 1998	36	57	6	1
Jun, 1997	42	54	3	1
Feb, 1997	45	52	2	1

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the political parties for a moment...

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.33 AND Q.34

ASK ALL:

Q.33 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Can better manage the federal government					
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	41	3	8	7
Republican	85	6	2	5	2
Democrat	13	77	3	4	4
Independent	37	33	4	13	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	41	37	3	12	7
Feb 3-9, 2010	40	40	4	9	8
Aug 27-30, 2009	34	38	4	14	10
October, 2007	32	44	5	9	10
March, 2007	31	47	3	8	11
Early October, 2006	34	44	3	9	10
April, 2006 ¹⁵	35	39	3	15	8
January, 2006	34	40	4	12	10
Early October, 2005	35	41	3	13	8
July, 2004	37	40	4	9	10
Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11
August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8
July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7
April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5
July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5
May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13
July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10
May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9
May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10

¹³ In March 2010, question began, "Thinking about people more generally..."

¹⁴ Data from Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends Millennials Survey.

¹⁵ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Able to manage the federal government well."

Q.33 CONTINUED ...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10
May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10
b. Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs					
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	35	46	4	8	6
Republican	81	8	1	6	3
Democrat	7	85	3	2	3
Independent	31	38	5	14	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	33	45	3	12	7
Feb 3-9, 2010	34	46	4	9	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	5	13	9
October, 2007	26	48	5	11	10
March, 2007	26	52	4	9	9
Early October, 2006	28	48	4	10	10
April, 2006	32	47	2	12	7
Early October, 2005	32	48	4	9	7
July, 2004	35	46	3	7	9
Early September, 1998	34	40	7	8	11
March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8
August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7
July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6
April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4
July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5
May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9
July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11
May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11
May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10
January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10
May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10

NO ITEM c

d. Is more concerned with the needs of people like me					
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	33	53	2	7	5
Republican	78	12	2	5	3
Democrat	5	89	1	3	2
Independent	28	49	3	11	9
Jun 16-20, 2010	34	50	2	9	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	31	51	3	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	51	4	10	7
October, 2007	25	54	4	8	9
March, 2007	26	55	2	7	10
Early October, 2006	27	55	3	8	7
April, 2006 ¹⁶	28	52	3	10	7
Early October, 2005	30	52	5	7	6
July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7
Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9
March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7
August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7
July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6
April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3
July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4

¹⁶ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Is concerned with the needs of people like me."

Q.33 CONTINUED ...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7
May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7
January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.33 AND Q.34

ASK ALL:

Q.34 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... (First,) which party could do a better job of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Improving the job situation					
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	39	41	6	8	7
Republican	81	9	4	4	2
Democrat	13	73	6	5	4
Independent	35	35	6	12	11
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	37	8	9	10
September, 2006	29	47	6	5	13
March, 1998	30	51	7	5	7
October, 1994	37	42	6	7	8
b. Reducing the federal budget deficit					
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	36	5	9	7
Republican	81	8	4	5	3
Democrat	18	66	4	6	6
Independent	39	30	6	14	11
May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
Early October, 2005 ¹⁷	29	47	6	10	8
June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15
c. Dealing with health care					
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
Republican	76	13	3	5	3
Democrat	12	79	4	3	3
Independent	33	40	6	11	10

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Reforming the U.S. health care system

Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13

¹⁷ In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a stand alone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

Q.34 CONTINUED ...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2002	20	45	--	6	29
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

NO QUESTIONS 35-37

ASK ALL:

Now, I'd like your views on some issues ...

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.38-Q.40

ASK ALL:

Q.38 What should be the priority for dealing with ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE;** (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements] OR should BOTH be given equal priority?

Aug 25-Sep 6					Jul 21-Aug 5
<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>		<u>2010</u>
30	45	20	28	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws	33
23	12	31	24	Creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements	22
44	40	47	44	Should BOTH be given equal priority	42
1	1	1	2	None of these (VOL.)	1
1	1	1	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.38-Q.40

ASK ALL:

Q.39 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	Protect right <u>to own guns</u>	Control <u>gun ownership</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	50	4
Republican	70	26	4
Democrat	30	67	3
Independent	46	50	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	46	7
Mar 31-Apr 1, 2009	45	49	6

Q.39 CONTINUED...

	<u>Protect right to own guns</u>	<u>Control gun ownership</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Apr, 2008	37	58	5
Nov, 2007	42	55	3
Apr, 2007	32	60	8
Feb, 2004	37	58	5
Jun, 2003	42	54	4
May, 2000	38	57	5
Apr, 2000	37	55	8
Mar, 2000	29	66	5
Jun, 1999	33	62	5
May, 1999	30	65	5
Dec, 1993	34	57	9

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.38-Q.40

ASK ALL:

Q.40 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	16	27	47	26	22	10
Republican	21	4	17	71	41	30	8
Democrat	55	25	30	38	20	18	7
Independent	46	17	29	41	21	19	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 ¹⁸	41	17	24	48	24	24	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	39	14	25	53	31	22	8
Mid-April, 2009	35	14	21	54	31	23	11
August, 2008	39	13	26	52	30	22	9
June, 2008	40	15	25	52	31	21	8
Late May, 2008	38	15	23	49	29	20	13
November, 2007	36	12	24	54	29	25	10
August, 2007	36	13	23	55	31	24	9
Early January, 2007	37	13	24	55	33	22	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	10	20	57	31	26	13
July, 2006	35	12	23	56	31	25	9
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12
Mid-March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8
October, 2003	30	9	21	58	33	25	12
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8

NO QUESTIONS 41-43

¹⁸ In July 21-Aug 5, 2010, Aug 11-17, 2009, August 2008, August 2007, Early January 2007, Early November 2006, March 2006, July 2005, December 2004, Early February 2004, November 2003, Mid-July 2003, March 2001 and June 1996 the question was asked as part of a list of items. In May and June 2008, the question asked about "allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally."

ASK ALL:

Q.44 Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>No effect so far</u>	<u>(VOL.) Too soon/ early to tell</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	27	32	36	2	4
Republican	7	63	27	1	2
Democrat	47	10	37	3	3
Independent	24	30	40	2	5
Jun 3-6, 2010	23	29	35	3	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	27	42	3	5
Dec 9-13, 2009	30	24	39	3	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	31	20	42	4	3
Jul 20-26, 2009	24	21	46	3	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	26	16	49	4	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	26	17	47	6	4
Mar 9-12, 2009	14	15	64	4	3

ASK ALL:

Q.45 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress in March?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	46	10
Republican	11	83	6
Democrat	74	18	8
Independent	41	45	14
Jul 8-11, 2010	35	47	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	44	16

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.46 AND Q.47**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about Afghanistan...

Q.46 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	52	38	10
Republican	69	22	10
Democrat	45	47	9
Independent	49	40	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 ¹⁹	56	34	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	64	25	11
Feb, 2008	65	24	11
Dec, 2006	61	29	10
Jan, 2006	69	20	11

¹⁹ In October 2009, the question was worded: "Do you think the United States' initial decision to use force in Afghanistan was the right decision or the wrong decision?"

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.46 AND Q.47

ASK ALL:

Thinking about Iraq...

Q.47 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Iraq?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	51	7
Republican	68	25	8
Democrat	28	67	5
Independent	36	55	9
January, 2009	43	49	8
November, 2008	39	50	11
Late October, 2008	38	56	6
Mid-October, 2008	40	54	6
Mid-September, 2008	43	50	7
June, 2008	39	55	6
April, 2008	37	57	6
Late February, 2008	38	54	8
Late December, 2007	36	56	8
October, 2007	39	54	7
September, 2007	42	50	8
July, 2007	41	53	6
June, 2007	40	51	9
April, 2007	45	47	8
March, 2007	43	49	8
February, 2007	40	54	6
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9
Early January, 2007	40	53	7
December, 2006	42	51	7
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7
Late October, 2006	43	47	10
Early October, 2006	45	47	8
Early September, 2006	49	43	8
August, 2006	45	46	9
July, 2006	44	50	6
June, 2006	49	44	7
April, 2006	47	46	7
March, 2006	45	49	6
February, 2006	51	44	5
January, 2006	45	47	8
December, 2005	47	48	5
Late October, 2005	48	45	7
Early October, 2005	44	50	6
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7
July, 2005	49	44	7
June, 2005	47	45	8
February, 2005	47	47	6
January, 2005	51	44	5
December, 2004	49	44	7
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12
Early October, 2004	50	39	11
September, 2004	53	39	8
August, 2004	53	41	6
July, 2004	52	43	5
June, 2004	55	38	7
May, 2004	51	42	7
Late April, 2004	54	37	9
Early April, 2004	57	35	8

Q.47 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6
Late February, 2004	60	32	8
Early February, 2004	56	39	5
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5
Early January, 2004	62	28	10
December, 2003	67	26	7
October, 2003	60	33	7
September, 2003	63	31	6
August, 2003	63	30	7
Early July, 2003	67	24	9
May, 2003	74	20	6
April 10-16, 2003	74	19	7
April 8-9, 2003	74	19	7
April 2-7, 2003	72	20	8
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	25	6
March 25-27, 2003	74	21	5
March 23-24, 2003	74	21	5
March 20-22, 2003	71	22	7
Late January, 1991	77	15	8

NO QUESTIONS 48-52**RANDOMIZE Q.53/Q.54 IN BLOCK WITH Q.55****ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about the nation's economy...

Q.53 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Republican	1	6	36	56	*
Democrat	1	10	52	36	1
Independent	1	6	40	52	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2

Q.53 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ²⁰	2	29	42	26	1

RANDOMIZE Q.53/Q.54 IN BLOCK WITH Q.55

ASK ALL:

Q.54 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]?**

Aug 25-Sep 6					Jun 3-6	Mar 10-14
<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
10	6	13	9	The economy is now recovering	13	13
37	29	48	34	The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon	35	37
52	64	39	54	It will be a long time before the economy recovers	50	48
2	1	*	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How would you describe economic conditions in this country? Would you say the economy is now recovering OR that we are in a recession that will pass fairly soon OR that we are in an economic depression that will last a long time?

	Jan <u>2004</u>	March <u>1994</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>	Jan <u>1993</u>	March <u>1992</u>	Jan <u>1992</u>
The economy is now recovering	45	40	37	34	16	7
We are in a recession that will pass fairly soon	33	33	27	35	41	51
We are in a depression that will last a long time	18	21	29	27	40	38
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	7	4	3	4

RANDOMIZE Q.53/Q.54 IN BLOCK WITH Q.55

ASK ALL:

Thinking now about your own personal finances...

Q.55 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Republican	9	38	36	16	1
Democrat	6	30	42	22	1
Independent	5	26	40	27	2

²⁰ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.55 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
January, 1993 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	33	46	16	1
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	6	34	40	19	1
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	5	30	47	17	1
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	35	45	15	1
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	32	45	18	1

ASK ALL:

Q.56 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Aug 25-Sep 6					Jun 3-6	Mar 10-14
<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
49	41	55	49	The job situation	41	45
19	30	13	18	The federal budget deficit	23	22
15	14	15	16	Rising prices	16	17
12	11	15	11	Problems in the financial and housing markets	13	11
2	1	1	2	Other (VOL.)	3	2
1	*	1	1	None/Not worried about any (VOL.)	1	*
2	2	1	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2

NO QUESTIONS 57-64

ASK ALL:

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

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

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

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean	
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem	
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	24	32	39	2	*	2	15	17	
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	33	34	4	*	3	14	14	
Jun 16-20, 2010	27	34	34	3	1	2	15	15	
Apr 21-26, 2010	26	33	36	3	1	3	16	13	
Mar 11-21, 2010	28	34	32	3	*	3	13	12	
Mar 10-14, 2010	22	33	37	6	*	3	14	13	
Feb 3-9, 2010	26	31	37	3	*	3	14	17	
Jan 6-10, 2010	22	33	42	2	1	2	17	16	
Yearly Totals									
2010 (Jan-Sep)	25.2	32.9	35.7	3.1	.4	2.7	14.6	14.6	
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7	
2008	25.3	35.8	31.7	3.8	.3	3.1	10.5	15.4	
2007	25.4	32.9	33.7	4.6	.4	3.1	10.7	16.7	
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	.4	3.9	10.2	14.5	
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	.3	2.8	10.2	14.9	
2004	29.7	33.4	29.8	3.9	.4	2.9	11.7	13.4	
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	.5	2.5	12.1	13.0	
2002	30.3	31.2	30.1	5.1	.7	2.7	12.6	11.6	
2001	29.2	33.6	28.9	5.1	.5	2.7	11.7	11.4	
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4	
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28.2	34.6	29.5	5.0	.5	2.1	11.7	12.5	
2000	27.5	32.5	29.5	5.9	.5	4.0	11.6	11.6	
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5	
1998	27.5	33.2	31.9	4.6	.4	2.4	11.8	13.5	
1997	28.2	33.3	31.9	4.0	.4	2.3	12.3	13.8	
1996	29.2	32.7	33.0	5.2	--	--	12.7	15.6	
1995	31.4	29.7	33.4	5.4	--	--	14.4	12.9	
1994	29.8	31.8	33.8	4.6	--	--	14.3	12.6	
1993	27.4	33.8	34.0	4.8	--	--	11.8	14.7	
1992	27.7	32.7	35.7	3.9	--	--	13.8	15.8	
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	4.5	--	--	14.6	10.8	
1990	31.0	33.1	29.1	6.8	--	--	12.4	11.3	
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--	
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--	

ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2):

PARTYSTR Do you consider yourself a STRONG [Republican/Democrat] or NOT a strong [Republican/Democrat]?

	Strong Republican	Not strong/ DK	Strong Democrat	Not strong/ DK
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	14	10=24%	19	13=32%
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	13	12=25%	20	11=32%
April, 2009	12	10=22%	20	13=33%
October, 2007 ²¹	13	12=25%	19	14=33%
August, 2007	14	12=26%	18	14=32%
July, 2007	16	11=27%	19	13=32%
June, 2007	13	12=25%	19	15=34%
April, 2007	14	11=25%	15	13=28%
January, 2007	12	11=23%	17	14=31%
Mid-November, 2006	14	11=25%	22	14=36%
Late October, 2006	14	12=26%	18	14=32%
Early October, 2006	15	12=27%	19	15=34%
September, 2006	17	13=30%	18	16=34%
December, 2005	16	13=29%	20	14=34%
December, 2004	18	13=31%	19	15=34%
July, 2004	17	12=29%	20	13=33%
August, 2003	14	13=27%	15	16=31%
September, 2000	14	13=27%	19	15=34%
Late September, 1999	10	14=24%	15	16=31%
August, 1999	11	14=25%	15	18=33%
November, 1997	11	14=25%	14	18=32%
October, 1995	11	19=30%	14	16=30%
April, 1995	15	15=30%	14	15=29%
October, 1994	16	15=31%	18	14=32%
July, 1994	13	16=29%	15	18=33%
June, 1992	11	17=28%	14	18=32%
May, 1990	13	15=28%	16	17=33%
February, 1989	15	16=31%	17	21=38%
May, 1988	13	15=28%	19	19=38%
January, 1988	12	15=27%	19	20=39%
May, 1987	11	14=25%	18	19=37%

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.65/Q.66 AND Q.67/Q.68 IN BLOCKS

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1) [N=1,069]:

Q.65 Has there ever been a time when you have thought of yourself as a DEMOCRAT, or not?

ASK IF EVER THOUGHT OF SELF AS DEMOCRAT (Q.65=1):

Q.66 What about in the past five years, have you thought of yourself as a Democrat in the past five years, or not?

Aug 25-Sep 6 2010		Late March 2005
53	Yes, have thought of self as Democrat	59
32	<i>Within past five years</i>	--
21	<i>Not within past five years</i>	--
*	<i>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>	--
46	No, have not thought of self as Democrat	39
2	<i>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>	2

²¹ Data from Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends.

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.65/Q.66 AND Q.67/Q.68 IN BLOCKS

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1) [N=1,069]:

Q.67 Has there ever been a time when you have thought of yourself as a REPUBLICAN, or not?

ASK IF EVER THOUGHT OF SELF AS REPUBLICAN (Q.67=1):

Q.68 What about in the past five years, have you thought of yourself as a Republican in the past five years, or not?

Aug 25-Sep 6 <u>2010</u>		Late March <u>2005</u>
49	Yes, have thought of self as Republican	44
31	<i>Within past five years</i>	--
17	<i>Not within past five years</i>	--
1	<i>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>	--
49	No, have not thought of self as Republican	54
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1):

Q.69

IF INDEPENDENT (PARTY=3):

Here are some reasons other people have told us why they think of themselves as independents in politics. For each one please tell me whether this is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you think of yourself as an independent. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is this a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you think of yourself as an independent? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY]** is this a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you think of yourself as an independent?

IF NO PREFERENCE/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=4,5,9):

Here are some reasons other people have told us why they don't think of themselves as a Republican or a Democrat. For each one please tell me whether this is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you don't think of yourself as a Republican or a Democrat. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is this a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you don't think of yourself as a Republican or a Democrat? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY]** is this a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason you don't think of yourself as a Republican or a Democrat?

BASED ON INDEPENDENT/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,069]

		Major <u>reason</u>	Minor <u>reason</u>	Not a <u>reason</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	I don't trust either political party Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	25	21	1
b.	I agree with the Republican Party on some issues and the Democratic Party on other issues Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	58	27	13	1
c.	I don't think there is much difference between the parties Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	34	29	35	1
NO ITEM d					
e.	Politics isn't that important to me Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	19	28	52	1
f.	Both parties care more about special interests than about average Americans Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	64	19	14	2

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF REGISTERED VOTER (PARTY=3,4,5,9 AND REGICERT=1) [N=1,069]:

Q.70 Does the **[RANDOMIZE: the REPUBLICAN Party OR the DEMOCRATIC Party BUT KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR ALL ITEMS]** come closer to your views on **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does the (the REPUBLICAN Party OR the DEMOCRATIC Party) come closer to your views on [ITEM]**?

		Republican Party	Democratic Party	Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	33	39	4	12	12
b.	Economic issues Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	34	3	13	7
c.	Foreign policy and national security Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	30	4	12	10

ASK ALL:

Q.71 When you were growing up, did your parents usually vote for **[RANDOMIZE: Republicans or Democrats]**? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS BOTH, ASK: Is that because your parents voted differently or because they voted for both Republicans and Democrats?; IF RESPONDENT SAYS PARENTS VOTED DIFFERENTLY, ASK: How did the parent you felt closer to usually vote?]**

Aug 25-Sep 6 2010	Rep	Dem	Ind		Oct 1999	Aug 1999	Nov 1997	July 1994
25	46	13	22	Republicans	25	26	28	28
39	28	57	32	Democrats	43	43	43	47
9	8	9	10	Both/Split ticket (VOL.)	8	8	6	6
8	4	8	10	Didn't vote/Not eligible (VOL.)	6	5	5	4
3	1	3	4	Other response (VOL.)	3	2	1	2
15	13	10	21	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	15	16	17	13

ASK ALL:

Q.72 When you were growing up, how much did your family talk about government and politics at home **[READ]**?

Aug 25-Sep 6 2010	Rep	Dem	Ind	
15	14	18	13	A great deal
23	25	25	21	A fair amount
23	27	21	22	Just some
35	31	33	39	Very little
3	2	2	5	None (VOL.)
1	1	1	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 73-83

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.84 How much, if anything, have you heard or read about the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year? Have you heard ... **[READ]**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	48	39	12	*
Republican	53	38	8	*
Democrat	44	42	14	1
Independent	49	37	14	*
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	43	14	1
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	43	21	*
May 20-23, 2010	45	39	16	1
Mar 11-21, 2010 ²²	31	44	25	1

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.84=1,2):

Q.85 From what you know, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	(VOL.) <u>Ref</u>	<u>Not heard/DK</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	11	18	12	14	32	1	13
Republican	23	33	4	2	29	*	9
Democrat	1	4	19	26	34	1	14
Independent	12	18	10	12	32	1	14
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	10	16	11	11	36	1	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	10	18	11	10	30	*	21
May 20-23, 2010	13	17	10	11	31	1	17
Mar 11-21, 2010	11	17	8	9	30	1	25

NO QUESTIONS 86-99

ASK ALL:

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

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	
44	47	39	46	Full-time
15	12	17	14	Part time
41	40	44	39	Not employed
1	*	1	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

²² In March 11-21, 2010, question was worded: "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year?"

ASK ALL:

Q.100 Over the past 12 months, has there been a time when you or someone in your household has been without a job and looking for work, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	56	1
Republican	35	65	*
Democrat	42	57	1
Independent	50	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010 ²³	54	45	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	42	58	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	39	61	*
December, 2008	35	65	*
Early February, 2008	28	71	1
May, 2005	31	69	*

ASK ALL:

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ]**?

Aug 25-Sep 6

<u>2010</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>	
8	20	4	5	Very conservative
30	50	20	27	Conservative
33	22	33	38	Moderate
17	5	28	16	Liberal
7	1	11	6	Very liberal
5	2	4	7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

PVOTE08A In the 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

ASK IF VOTED (PVOTE08A=1):

PVOTE08B Did you vote for Obama, McCain or someone else?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,816]:

	<u>Voted</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Other candidate</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Did not vote	(VOL.) Don't remember/ <u>Ref</u>
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	89	46	34	4	4	10	1
Republican	93	8	78	3	3	7	1
Democrat	90	81	5	2	2	9	1
Independent	86	43	29	7	7	12	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	92	44	37	4	6	8	*
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	93	47	34	5	7	7	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	93	48	33	4	8	7	*
Jan 7-11, 2009	93	48	35	4	6	7	*
December, 2008	93	50	32	3	9	7	*

²³ In March 10-14, 2010 and February 4-8, 2009, those who were not employed and looking for work, identified on an earlier question, were not asked this question, but are included in "yes."