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NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/9-14/09	12/3-8/08	11/6-11/08	10/16-20/08	9/5-10/08
Right direction	38	44	46	38	41	37	40	48	48	40	35	32	36	17	26
Wrong direction	56	50	50	56	51	57	54	46	44	49	54	60	56	78	70
Don't know	5	5	5	5	8	6	6	6	7	11	11	8	8	5	4
Refused	*	1	1	1	*	1	1	-	1	*	*	*	-	1	-

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101 N=1,217

CUR20. When you think about how things are going in your life in general, would you say you are very happy, somewhat happy, neither happy nor unhappy, somewhat unhappy, or very unhappy?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09
Total happy	80	78	78	79	78	75	75
Very happy	32	35	35	35	34	32	34
Somewhat happy	49	43	43	43	44	43	41
Neither happy nor unhappy	6	9	7	6	7	7	8
Total unhappy	13	13	14	15	15	17	17
Somewhat unhappy	8	9	10	11	9	11	10
Very unhappy	5	4	5	4	6	6	7
[DO NOT READ] Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	1	*
[DO NOT READ] Refused	*	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006

CUR2./

CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.
 [IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?
 [IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?
 [IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/9-14/09*	12/3-8/08*
Total approve	53	56	56	54	56	50	55	64	64	67	74	73
Strongly approve	24	29	26	27	27	24	30	38	38	37	43	41
Somewhat approve	22	22	25	22	23	23	20	22	22	23	26	27
Lean approve	7	5	5	5	7	3	4	5	5	8	5	5
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	5
Total disapprove	46	42	42	43	39	49	42	32	30	24	15	14
Lean disapprove	3	4	2	4	3	4	6	5	4	4	3	2
Somewhat disapprove	12	9	12	9	10	10	9	6	5	4	5	5
Strongly disapprove	31	29	28	30	27	35	28	21	22	16	7	6
Don't know	*	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	5	6	8
Refused	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000

*NOTE: Question wording in these waves: "Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition to the presidency."

CUR4./

CUR5. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	12/3-8/08	11/6-11/08
Total approve	22	32	33	30	33	28	32	38	38	31	21	22
Strongly approve	2	4	3	7	3	3	4	5	7	6	2	4
Somewhat approve	18	24	27	20	26	22	23	28	26	21	15	15
Lean approve	2	3	2	3	5	3	5	5	5	5	4	4
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	3	1
Total disapprove	76	66	65	66	64	69	63	55	57	59	71	74
Lean disapprove	6	5	4	5	3	5	5	5	3	4	6	7
Somewhat disapprove	24	23	23	20	22	21	17	19	20	20	25	24
Strongly disapprove	46	39	38	41	39	43	41	31	34	35	40	43
Don't know	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	4	2	4	5	2
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,101

CUR15./

CUR15a. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their jobs.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their jobs?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Total approve	36	40
Strongly approve	8	10
Somewhat approve	24	27
Lean approve	3	3
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2	2
Total disapprove	61	57
Lean disapprove	2	3
Somewhat disapprove	23	19
Strongly disapprove	37	36
Don't know	2	1
Refused	-	*

Based on:

N=1,002 N=968

CUR16./

CUR16a. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Total approve	30	32
Strongly approve	5	8
Somewhat approve	21	20
Lean approve	4	4
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2	2
Total disapprove	67	65
Lean disapprove	5	4
Somewhat disapprove	27	32
Strongly disapprove	35	28
Don't know	1	2
Refused	*	*

Based on:

N=1,002

N=968

A5. Do you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress? [ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.]

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	10/16-20/08		9/27-30/08	9/5-10/08
	Total	Total	Total	Likely Voters	Likely Voters	Likely Voters
Republicans	38	37	32	37	36	41
Democrats	44	49	45	43	49	46
Don't care [VOL]	15	10	20	16	10	10
Don't know	3	3	2	1	4	2
Refused	1	1	1	2	1	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=968</i>	<i>N=1,101</i>	<i>N=800</i>	<i>N=808</i>	<i>N=812</i>

A5a. Would you like to see your own member of Congress get re-elected in November, or would you like to see someone else win the election?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Own member	40	43
Someone else	49	47
Don't care [VOL]	7	4
Don't know	4	6
Refused	1	*

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008

CURX1. How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about...
[READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The economy...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	92	93	87	89	88	92	91	91
Extremely important	46	50	42	47	46	47	49	53
Very important	46	43	45	42	42	45	42	38
Moderately important	6	5	9	8	10	6	6	7
Slightly/Not at all important	2	3	4	4	2	2	3	2
Slightly important	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	1
Not at all important	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	*
Don't know	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	-
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Iraq...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	61	66	65	65	67	63	62	66
Extremely important	27	31	28	32	30	28	24	29
Very important	34	35	36	33	37	35	38	37
Moderately important	23	20	22	20	21	24	25	22
Slightly/Not at all important	15	13	13	14	12	13	12	11
Slightly important	10	8	8	9	9	8	8	7
Not at all important	5	5	5	5	3	5	4	5
Don't know	*	*	*	1	1	*	1	1
Refused	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Health care...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	73	81	81	78	83	77	78	79
Extremely important	40	46	40	42	46	41	43	41
Very important	33	35	41	36	37	36	35	38
Moderately important	17	9	12	13	10	16	13	16
Slightly/Not at all important	9	10	7	9	7	6	9	5
Slightly important	6	6	5	5	5	5	7	4
Not at all important	3	3	2	4	2	2	2	1
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	*	*	*	*	1	-	*

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Terrorism...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	82	83	75	77	76	74	74	75
Extremely important	44	48	38	41	41	40	40	43
Very important	37	35	38	36	35	34	35	32
Moderately important	9	12	14	14	13	15	16	18
Slightly/Not at all important	9	6	11	9	10	11	9	7
Slightly important	7	4	7	5	7	7	6	4
Not at all important	2	2	3	4	3	4	3	2
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The environment...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	62	61	64	59	64	59	63	64
Extremely important	29	28	26	28	27	26	27	32
Very important	33	33	38	32	37	34	36	33
Moderately important	20	23	22	27	23	24	21	23
Slightly/Not at all important	17	15	14	14	13	16	15	13
Slightly important	13	12	10	10	11	12	11	10
Not at all important	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Federal budget deficit...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	75	75	71	73	73	74	77	71
Extremely important	41	39	35	38	38	40	40	38
Very important	34	35	37	34	35	34	38	33
Moderately important	14	16	19	17	17	14	14	20
Slightly/Not at all important	10	8	9	9	10	11	8	8
Slightly important	7	6	6	5	7	7	5	6
Not at all important	3	2	3	3	3	4	3	2
Don't know	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Energy...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	67	70	70	68	69	71	74	68
Extremely important	29	30	28	31	29	28	31	29
Very important	38	39	43	37	41	43	43	40
Moderately important	23	21	19	22	22	21	17	26
Slightly/Not at all important	10	9	10	10	9	8	9	6
Slightly important	9	7	8	8	8	7	8	4
Not at all important	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
Don't know	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Taxes...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	72	74	71	72	66	71	69	68
Extremely important	31	34	31	32	32	33	34	33
Very important	41	40	40	39	35	38	35	35
Moderately important	19	19	20	18	23	20	20	25
Slightly/Not at all important	9	8	9	11	10	9	11	7
Slightly important	7	6	6	8	9	7	9	6
Not at all important	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	1
Don't know	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very

important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Immigration...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	54	55	55	52	59	56	53	58
Extremely important	23	26	25	24	26	26	22	30
Very important	30	29	30	28	33	31	31	28
Moderately important	23	25	21	26	22	22	24	26
Slightly/Not at all important	23	19	23	21	18	21	22	15
Slightly important	14	14	16	16	13	14	13	11
Not at all important	9	6	8	6	5	7	9	5
Don't know	*	1	*	*	1	*	2	*
Refused	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Afghanistan...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	65	72	69	71	72	67	61	63
Extremely important	28	32	30	34	36	29	25	28
Very important	37	40	39	36	36	38	37	36
Moderately important	20	19	20	16	16	20	25	24
Slightly/Not at all important	14	9	11	11	11	12	11	12
Slightly important	8	6	7	6	7	7	6	6
Not at all important	5	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
Don't know	1	*	*	2	1	1	3	1
Refused	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Relationships with other countries...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	60	62	60	64	65	59	65	68
Extremely important	24	25	23	25	28	22	25	28
Very important	37	37	38	40	37	37	40	40
Moderately important	25	25	24	22	23	27	22	21
Slightly/Not at all important	15	13	15	13	12	14	13	11
Slightly important	11	9	10	10	9	9	10	8
Not at all important	4	4	5	3	3	5	3	3
Don't know	1	*	1	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Unemployment...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	84	84	82	79	81	78	81	85
Extremely important	41	41	37	38	40	36	40	46
Very important	43	43	45	41	41	42	41	39
Moderately important	12	12	14	14	13	14	13	11
Slightly/Not at all important	5	4	5	6	7	8	6	4
Slightly important	3	3	3	4	5	5	4	4
Not at all important	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	-
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Gas prices...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	62	63	57	64	56	61	64	64
Extremely important	31	29	22	30	27	25	26	33
Very important	31	35	35	33	29	36	38	31
Moderately important	24	24	26	23	27	28	22	26
Slightly/Not at all important	15	13	17	13	17	12	13	10
Slightly important	11	9	13	9	13	8	11	6
Not at all important	4	4	4	3	4	3	2	4
Don't know	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

CURX2. And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about...

[PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The economy...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	46	47	48	46	50	44	50	58
Strongly approve	20	19	22	22	25	20	24	30
Somewhat approve	26	28	26	24	25	23	26	28
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	*	-	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	6	5	5	5	6	5	4	6
Total disapprove	48	48	46	49	44	52	46	35
Lean disapprove	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	11	13	13	12	11	11	13	10
Strongly disapprove	36	35	33	38	33	41	33	25
Don't know	*	*	1	-	-	-	-	1
Refused	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Iraq...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	55	49	49	46	50	47	56	59
Strongly approve	20	18	20	17	20	18	21	28
Somewhat approve	35	31	29	29	30	29	35	31
Lean approve	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	12	12	10	9	13	12	12	12
Total disapprove	33	39	40	45	37	41	32	27
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	20	18	18	14	16	14	12
Strongly disapprove	18	19	22	26	22	25	18	15
Don't know	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	2
Refused	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Health care...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	49	48	49	49	48	42	50	53
Strongly approve	29	28	27	30	26	22	27	28
Somewhat approve	20	20	23	19	23	19	23	25
Lean approve	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	5	4	5	5	5	6	7	16
Total disapprove	46	48	46	46	47	52	43	28
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	8	9	9	9	9	10	8	10
Strongly disapprove	38	39	37	37	37	43	34	18
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	3
Refused	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Terrorism...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	54	54	52	50	53	44	52	59
Strongly approve	26	26	23	22	23	18	25	31
Somewhat approve	28	28	29	28	29	26	27	28
Lean approve	-	*	1	*	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	9	7	10	11	12	14	11	13
Total disapprove	38	39	38	39	35	42	37	26
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	-
Somewhat disapprove	13	12	14	14	13	13	12	11
Strongly disapprove	25	28	24	25	22	28	24	16
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The environment...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	54	53	55	54	54	51	56	60
Strongly approve	21	20	25	21	22	20	23	29
Somewhat approve	33	32	30	33	31	31	32	31
Lean approve	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	17	16	14	16	18	14	13	19
Total disapprove	29	31	31	30	28	35	31	19
Lean disapprove	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	16	16	13	14	13	16	12	9
Strongly disapprove	14	14	18	15	15	18	19	10
Don't know	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Federal budget deficit...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	38	36	41	40	40	33	39	49
Strongly approve	14	15	15	16	15	11	15	23
Somewhat approve	24	21	25	23	25	21	24	26
Lean approve	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	12	11	9	11	12	10	8
Total disapprove	52	52	48	51	48	56	51	41
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	12	14	14	13	10	12	13	10
Strongly disapprove	40	38	34	38	38	43	38	31
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Energy...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	53	56	54	52	55	50	55	60
Strongly approve	21	22	20	21	22	20	25	28
Somewhat approve	31	33	33	31	33	30	29	32
Lean approve	1	1	*	*	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	17	11	15	15	15	13	12	16
Total disapprove	31	33	32	32	30	37	34	22
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	14	15	13	14	14	15	12	12
Strongly disapprove	16	19	19	18	16	21	21	10
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Taxes...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	44	43	45	42	47	38	46	54
Strongly approve	17	17	18	16	18	13	17	27
Somewhat approve	27	25	27	25	28	24	28	27
Lean approve	*	1	*	1	1	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	10	12	12	13	13	11	11
Total disapprove	43	47	43	46	41	50	44	35
Lean disapprove	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	-
Somewhat disapprove	14	15	14	14	13	15	9	9
Strongly disapprove	29	32	29	32	27	34	35	26
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Immigration...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	39	38	42	39	39	34	39	47
Strongly approve	12	13	15	14	13	9	13	18
Somewhat approve	27	25	26	24	26	24	25	29
Lean approve	*	*	2	1	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	21	18	19	21	19	20	20	19
Total disapprove	39	44	39	41	42	46	41	30
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	16	18	15	16	15	14	14	12
Strongly disapprove	23	26	24	25	26	31	27	19
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	3
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Afghanistan...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	57	49	52	42	46	46	55	60
Strongly approve	22	20	21	14	16	13	20	27
Somewhat approve	34	29	31	27	29	32	35	33
Lean approve	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	11	10	8	10	14	13	13	12
Total disapprove	32	42	40	48	41	40	32	26
Lean disapprove	*	*	-	*	*	1	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	16	20	15	17	15	17	14	14
Strongly disapprove	16	22	25	30	26	23	17	12
Don't know	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Relationships with other countries...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	59	58	60	58	61	53	58	69
Strongly approve	29	33	32	30	32	27	33	41
Somewhat approve	30	26	28	27	29	25	25	27
Lean approve	*	-	*	1	*	*	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	10	8	11	6	11	9	9
Total disapprove	28	32	32	32	33	37	33	22
Lean disapprove	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	12	15	12	13	14	16	13	10
Strongly disapprove	16	17	20	19	19	21	20	12
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Unemployment...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	46	46	48	44	48	40	49	59
Strongly approve	20	20	21	18	18	16	22	28
Somewhat approve	27	26	27	26	30	23	27	30
Lean approve	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	8	9	9	9	11	10	12
Total disapprove	44	47	44	47	43	49	40	29
Lean disapprove	-	*	-	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	13	14	16	14	16	15	11	12
Strongly disapprove	30	32	28	33	26	34	29	17
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Continues...

CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Gas prices...	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	39	39	41	40	49	37	45	51
Strongly approve	13	13	14	11	17	14	16	19
Somewhat approve	26	26	25	28	31	22	29	32
Lean approve	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	22	19	22	21	23	23	20	22
Total disapprove	39	43	37	39	28	41	35	25
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	18	14	17	15	22	15	12
Strongly disapprove	22	25	23	22	13	18	20	14
Don't know	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
Refused	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

FAV1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [INSERT NAME]?
 [PROBE FOR FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE: Very favorable or somewhat?]
 [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable?
 [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Joe Biden	3/3/10-3/8/10	1/12/10-1/17/10
Total favorable	48	52
Very favorable	14	15
Somewhat favorable	33	38
Total unfavorable	43	39
Somewhat unfavorable	24	21
Very unfavorable	20	18
Don't know	8	8
Refused	1	1

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,008

Continues...

FAV1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [INSERT NAME]?
 [PROBE FOR FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE: Very favorable or somewhat?]
 [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable?
 [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Sarah Palin	3/3/10- 3/8/10	1/12/10- 1/17/10
Total favorable	42	45
Very favorable	16	21
Somewhat favorable	27	24
Total unfavorable	51	50
Somewhat unfavorable	18	17
Very unfavorable	34	33
Don't know	6	4
Refused	*	1

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,008

Michelle Obama	3/3/10- 3/8/10	1/12/10- 1/17/10
Total favorable	71	74
Very favorable	40	41
Somewhat favorable	31	33
Total unfavorable	23	21
Somewhat unfavorable	15	13
Very unfavorable	8	8
Don't know	6	4
Refused	1	1

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,008

Continues...

FAV1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [INSERT NAME]?
 [PROBE FOR FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE: Very favorable or somewhat?]
 [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable?
 [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Hillary Clinton	3/3/10- 3/8/10	1/12/10- 1/17/10
Total favorable	66	69
Very favorable	30	31
Somewhat favorable	36	38
Total unfavorable	31	29
Somewhat unfavorable	17	14
Very unfavorable	14	15
Don't know	3	1
Refused	*	1

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,008

Dick Cheney	3/3/10- 3/8/10	1/12/10- 1/17/10
Total favorable	38	38
Very favorable	11	12
Somewhat favorable	28	26
Total unfavorable	56	55
Somewhat unfavorable	24	23
Very unfavorable	32	32
Don't know	6	6
Refused	*	1

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,008

Nancy Pelosi	3/3/10- 3/8/10
Total favorable	36
Very favorable	9
Somewhat favorable	28
Total unfavorable	51
Somewhat unfavorable	16
Very unfavorable	35
Don't know	12
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,002

CUR25. Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

Handling the economy	3/3/10-3/8/10	1/12/10-1/17/10
Democrats	47	49
Republicans	40	40
Neither [VOL]	11	9
Don't know	2	3
Refused	1	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,008</i>

Protecting the country	3/3/10-3/8/10	1/12/10-1/17/10
Democrats	41	42
Republicans	47	47
Neither [VOL]	9	7
Don't know	3	4
Refused	1	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,008</i>

Handling health care	3/3/10-3/8/10	1/12/10-1/17/10
Democrats	48	48
Republicans	37	38
Neither [VOL]	11	10
Don't know	3	3
Refused	*	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,002</i>	<i>N=1,008</i>

ECO1. Would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in the stock market?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08	11/6-10/08	10/16-20/08
Good time to invest	45	47	41	42	42	41	37	43	41	33	39	38
Bad time	49	49	52	53	52	52	57	52	53	58	51	58
Don't know	6	4	7	6	5	6	6	5	5	9	10	4
Refused	-	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101

ECO2. And would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in real estate?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08	11/6-10/08	10/16-20/08
Good time to invest	66	66	65	66	69	70	65	74	64	56	55	53
Bad time	32	32	32	31	29	28	32	25	32	37	38	43
Don't know	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	7	6	4
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101

- B1. Would you describe the nation's economy these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?
 [IF "GOOD," ASK:] Is that very good or somewhat good?
 [IF "POOR," ASK:] Is that very poor or somewhat poor?
 [IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09
Total good	17	22	24	19	20	16	15
Very good	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Somewhat good	6	6	10	9	8	5	5
Neither – lean good	10	14	13	9	11	10	9
Neither – Don't lean [VOL]	4	4	5	4	5	4	5
Total poor	78	75	71	77	75	80	79
Neither – lean poor	18	17	16	12	13	12	11
Somewhat poor	33	30	24	33	32	33	32
Very poor	28	28	31	32	30	35	37
Don't know	*	*	1	*	*	1	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,008

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

- B2. And would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?
 [IF "GOOD," ASK:] Is that very good or somewhat good?
 [IF "POOR," ASK:] Is that very poor or somewhat poor?
 [IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09
Total good	62	60	61	59	60	58	56
Very good	14	14	12	14	16	13	14
Somewhat good	31	31	33	31	29	30	28
Neither – lean good	17	15	16	13	15	15	14
Neither – Don't lean [VOL]	4	3	4	7	5	5	6
Total poor	33	37	34	34	35	37	37
Neither – lean poor	12	12	10	12	12	12	10
Somewhat poor	12	15	12	13	13	14	17
Very poor	9	10	12	9	10	11	11
Don't know	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	1	*	1	*	1

Based on: *N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006*

- ECO41. In the past month, do you think the economy got better, got worse or stayed about the same?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09
Got better	20	25	24	22	24	25
Got worse	16	16	21	24	17	21
Stayed about the same	63	59	55	53	59	54
Don't know	1	1	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-

Based on: *N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001*

HC1. In general, do you support, oppose or neither support nor oppose the health care reform plans being discussed in Congress?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09
Total support	41	42	36	39	40	34
Strongly support	21	18	19	21	23	16
Somewhat support	20	24	17	18	17	18
Neither support nor oppose	12	14	18	14	17	15
Total oppose	43	42	44	45	40	49
Somewhat oppose	9	10	10	11	9	13
Strongly oppose	34	32	34	34	31	36
Don't know	4	2	2	3	3	2
Refused	-	-	*	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,008

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

HC2a. How much, if at all, should the health care system in the United States be CHANGED? Would you say it should be changed...

	3/3-8/10	10/29-11/8/09
A Great Deal/A Lot	50	56
A great deal	31	36
A lot	19	20
A moderate amount	32	28
A Little/Not at All	17	16
A little	13	12
Not at all	4	4
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	*

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,502

HC2b. What do you think the President and Congress should do about health care this year? Do you think they should...

	3/3/10-3/8/10	9/3/09-9/8/09*
Keep working to pass a health care plan by the end of the year	43	39
Scrap the current negotiations and start over from scratch	41	42
Leave the health care system as it is now	15	18
Don't know	2	1
Refused	*	*

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,001

*NOTE: Question wording in September 2009 wave: "What do you think the President and Congress should do when they come back to Washington this fall? Do you think they should..."

HC3. How important is it that any health care plan have the support of both Democrats and Republicans in Congress?

	3/3/10-3/8/10	9/3/09-9/8/09
Total Important	84	79
Very important	61	56
Somewhat important	23	23
Total Not Important	14	20
Not too important	5	9
Not at all important	9	11
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,001

HC4. If President Obama and the Democrats in Congress are unable to win support from Republicans to pass a health care plan this year, what should they do? Should they...

	3/3/10- 3/8/10	9/3/09- 9/8/09
Go ahead and pass a bill without Republican support	27	28
Keep trying until they are able to make a deal with the Republicans	68	66
Don't know	4	4
Refused	2	1

Based on:

N=1,002

N=1,001

PID1/
PID2.

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?

[IF "DEMOCRAT," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?

[IF "REPUBLICAN," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?

[IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," ASK:] Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/9-14/09	12/3-8/08	11/6-10/08
Total Democrat	45	44	37	43	43	39	44	46	46	46	47	44	48
Democrat – strong	15	14	12	18	17	14	14	20	16	18	19	17	21
Democrat – moderate	18	18	16	17	16	16	20	15	20	20	18	19	19
Independent – lean Democratic	12	12	9	8	10	9	9	11	10	9	9	8	8
None – lean Democratic	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	-
Total Republican	34	33	32	31	32	33	33	32	28	30	27	33	34
Republican – strong	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	11	9	9	8	13	13
Republican – moderate	12	12	13	10	11	11	12	12	9	13	12	13	11
Independent – lean Republican	12	12	11	10	11	13	10	9	9	8	7	7	10
None – lean Republican	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	-
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	5	5	7	6	5	8	5	5	7	6	7	8	5
[VOL] None – don't lean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[VOL] Other	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-
Don't know	15	18	24	19	21	19	18	17	19	17	18	15	14
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001

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

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16/-20/09	5/28-1/09
Full-time	45	43	44	46	44	44	47	50
Part-time	14	13	15	11	10	12	13	13
Not employed	41	44	41	42	45	42	39	37
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	-	*	*	*	-	1	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16/-20/09	5/28-1/09
Retired	49	48	47	49	52	52	48	50
Homemaker	19	15	13	16	18	15	15	17
Student	9	8	7	9	10	8	9	7
Temporarily unemployed	23	27	32	24	18	22	24	22
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-	1	*	1	*	*	2	2

Based on: N=420 N=420 N=423 N=404 N=451 N=438 N=415 N=402

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

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Yes (self lost job)	8	7	9	9	8	5	8	7	8	10
Yes (someone in family)	23	28	22	21	20	26	21	21	25	25
No	67	63	66	66	70	65	65	70	62	65
Both (self and family member) [DO NOT READ]	2	1	3	3	2	2	4	1	4	1
Don't know	*	-	*	-	*	*	1	1	*	*
Refused	*	-	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

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

	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Yes	64	71	69	66	65	66	64	60	67	65
No	35	29	30	34	34	32	34	39	33	35
Don't know	1	1	*	*	1	1	2	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	*	-	*	1	1	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

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

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

Married/Living as Married/Co-habiting	59
Separated	1
Divorced	10
Widowed	6
Never Married	23
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Less than high school graduate	6
High school graduate	38
Technical/trade school	4
Some college	24
College graduate	16
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	9
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*

Based on:

N=1,002

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	18
30-49	37
50-64	23
65+	20
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Urban area	28
Suburban area	45
Rural area	25
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Own	66
Rent	25
Other arrangement	9
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Yes	37
No	63
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,002

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

None	24
One Line	70
Two lines	4
Three or more lines	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,002

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

None	9
One	60
Two	21
Three or more	9
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Landline	30
Cell phone	37
Both equally	33
Don't know	*
Refused	-

Based on:

N=634

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

None	52
One	26
Two	15
Three or more	8
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on:

N=300

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	42
No	55
Don't know	2
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Protestant	29
Catholic	26
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion [SPECIFY]	21
Don't belong to religious denomination	20
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Yes, a Christian	86
No, not a Christian	13
Don't know	1
Refused	-

Based on:

N=198

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

Never	14
Less often than a few times a year	10
A few times a year	23
Once or twice a month	13
Once a week	25
More than once a week	13
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Yes	13
No	86
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,002

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

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

White	72
Black, African-American, or Negro	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	1
Vietnamese	1
Chinese	*
Filipino	*
Korean	*
Native Hawaiian	-
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	*
Some other race [SPECIFY]	9
Multiple races [DO NOT READ]	1
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Below \$50,000	47
\$50,000+	47
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	4

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	6
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	8

Based on:

N=1,002

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

Yes	40
No	56
Don't know	1
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,002

[ASK DM22 ONLY IF "YES" IN DM21:]

DM22. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments— buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

None	49
1	11
2	9
3	3
4	4
5-9 times	8
10-14 times	4
15-19 times	*
20-24 times	2
25 times or more	5
Don't know	5
Refused	1

Based on:

N=472

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

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,002

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

Based on:

N=1,002

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted from March 3 through March 8, 2010, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,002 adults age 18 or older. The interviews were conducted with 702 respondents on landlines and 300 respondents on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, sex, education, and race, using targets from the March 2008 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2008 Spring estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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