

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted April 10-13, 2010
Margin of Error $\pm 3.6\%$

1. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens announced his retirement on Friday. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Justice Stevens?

Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	8%
Not sure	49%

2. What political views would you like Justice Stevens' replacement to have?

Very liberal	10%
Somewhat liberal	14%
Moderate	26%
Somewhat conservative	15%
Very conservative	13%
Don't care about the views of Stevens' replacement	21%

3. How much do you trust President Obama to choose a Supreme Court nominee that you approve of?

A great deal	27%
A fair amount	24%
Not much	16%
Not at all	33%

4. How important is it to have ethnic and gender diversity on the Supreme Court?

Very important	28%
Somewhat important	27%
Not very important	13%
Shouldn't be a consideration	32%

5. Which part of the government do you trust MOST to do what's right?

Congress	4%
The Supreme Court	27%
The President	28%
Political parties	3%
Don't know	37%

6. Which part of the government do you trust LEAST to do what's right?

Congress	31%
The Supreme Court	4%
The President	20%
Political parties	30%
Don't know	15%

7. Do you think the foreign policy of the Obama Administration has made the United States more or less safe?

More safe	30%
No effect	34%
Less safe	36%

8. How serious a threat do you think Iran poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	24%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	36%
A minor threat to the U.S.	21%
Not a threat to the U.S.	8%
Not sure	11%

9. Have you filed your 2009 federal income tax return?

Already filed 2009 taxes	66%
Haven't yet, but plan on filing before April 15, 2010	14%
Have asked for or will ask for an extension of time to file 2009 taxes	4%
Don't plan on filing 2009 taxes	17%

10. Do you feel you pay more than your fair share in federal income taxes, less than your fair share, or is the amount you pay about right?

More than fair share	40%
Less than fair share	3%
About right	43%
I don't file taxes	14%

11. Do you expect the amount of taxes you must pay to increase or decrease in the next year?
(Asked of respondents who file taxes)

Increase	57%
Stay about the same	35%
Decrease	7%

12. Which party do you trust more to make the right decisions about taxes?

Democrats	35%
Republicans	32%
About the same	33%

13. How familiar are you with the concept of a "value added tax" or VAT?

Very familiar	20%
Somewhat familiar	25%
Not familiar	24%
Never heard of it	32%

14. A value added tax (or VAT) is similar to a sales tax. Like a sales tax, the amount of tax is a percentage of the final sales of a product or service. The main difference is that the tax is collected in stages during production and resale until it reaches the end-user. Would you favor or oppose having a national value added tax in the U.S.?

Strongly favor	3%
Somewhat favor	14%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	38%
Not sure	30%

15. In your opinion, did your parents have more or fewer opportunities to succeed financially than you have had?

Much more	16%
Somewhat more	20%
About the same	24%
Somewhat fewer	24%
Much fewer	16%

16. Do you think the next generation of Americans will have a higher or lower standard of living than people today?

Much higher	6%
Somewhat higher	18%
About the same	27%
Somewhat lower	34%
Much lower	16%

17. If a poor person in the U.S. works hard, how likely is it that he or she will be able to earn a good standard of living?

Very likely	20%
Somewhat likely	47%
Not likely	33%

18. Do you think that the gap between the rich and poor is increasing or decreasing in the U.S.?

Increasing	64%
Staying about the same	22%
Decreasing	7%
Not sure	7%

19. Overall, given what you know about them, do you support or oppose the changes to the health care system recently passed by Congress and signed by President Obama?

Support strongly	20%
Support somewhat	30%
Oppose somewhat	10%
Oppose strongly	39%

20. How satisfied are you with your health insurance coverage?

Very satisfied	31%
Somewhat satisfied	32%
Somewhat dissatisfied	12%
Very dissatisfied	16%
Not sure	9%

21. Below are some issues facing the country. For each one, indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling that issue.

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Opinion
The war in Iraq	17%	28%	19%	23%	13%
The economy	18%	23%	11%	38%	10%
Immigration	11%	16%	15%	34%	23%
The environment	14%	29%	14%	26%	17%
Terrorism	20%	23%	14%	29%	14%
Gay rights	12%	24%	11%	23%	30%
Education	20%	24%	14%	25%	16%
Health care	27%	16%	8%	41%	8%
Social security	15%	18%	15%	31%	21%
The budget deficit	13%	22%	13%	40%	12%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	30%	20%	21%	14%
Taxes	15%	20%	14%	37%	14%

22. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	47%	38%	11%	3%
The economy	83%	14%	2%	1%
Immigration	49%	29%	17%	5%
The environment	48%	34%	12%	6%
Terrorism	59%	28%	10%	3%
Gay rights	25%	22%	24%	29%
Education	64%	26%	6%	3%
Health care	76%	17%	4%	3%
Social security	63%	27%	7%	3%
The budget deficit	63%	28%	7%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	48%	37%	11%	4%
Taxes	66%	25%	7%	2%

23. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

The war in Iraq	2%
The economy	34%
Immigration	3%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	2%
Education	5%
Health care	21%
Social security	9%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	8%

25. Overall, do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	12%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	10%

26. If the 2010 elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

	Republican	Lean Republican	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Not Sure
Registered Voters (n = 704)	40%	4%	6%	43%	7%
All Respondents	35%	4%	7%	39%	15%

27. Would you say things in this country today are ...

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	14%

28. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	26%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	35%
Not sure	5%

29. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44%
Not sure	4%

30. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	32%
About the same	31%
Lower	19%
Not sure	18%

31. How long do you think it will take until the economy has recovered all the ground lost during the recession?

Less than a year	2%
About a year	10%
Two years	20%
More than two years	69%

32. How worried are you about losing your job? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	60%

33. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	43%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	35%
Not very hard	15%
Not sure	8%

34. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	25%
The same amount of jobs	33%
Fewer jobs	32%
Not sure	9%

35. How would you guess your total family income to be six months from now? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)

Higher	17%
Same	64%
Lower	19%

36. If you lost your job, how long would it be before you exhausted your savings? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)

I don't have any savings	33%
I could last a few weeks on my savings	20%
I could last a few months on my savings	25%
I could last a year on my savings	9%
I could last more than a year on my savings	13%

37. Which of these words would you use to describe Barack Obama?

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	36%	29%	35%
Intelligent	60%	25%	14%
Religious	18%	50%	33%
Inspiring	39%	35%	26%
Patriotic	34%	36%	30%
Strong	39%	42%	20%
Bold	41%	45%	14%
Experienced	17%	36%	46%
Sincere	39%	31%	30%
Partisan	26%	48%	26%
Effective	31%	42%	27%
Unifying	20%	45%	35%
In Touch	31%	38%	31%
Realistic	32%	35%	33%
Decisive	32%	48%	20%

38. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	36%
Somewhat liberal	19%
Moderate	21%
Somewhat conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	19%

39. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	51%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	49%

40. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot	39%
Like somewhat	22%
Dislike	27%
Not sure	13%