

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 15-18, 2010
Margin of Error $\pm 3.6\%$

1. How much have you heard or read about President Obama's nomination of Elena Kagan to replace John Paul Stevens as a Supreme Court Justice?

A lot	39%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	15%

2. Elena Kagan is the Solicitor General of the United States. She was appointed by President Obama. She graduated from Princeton University and then earned her law degree from the University of Chicago. She was formerly a professor of law at both the University of Chicago and Harvard, and the dean of Harvard Law School.

Do you think Elena Kagan would make a good Supreme Court Justice?

Definitely yes	12%
Probably yes	29%
Hard to say	30%
Probably no	14%
Definitely no	15%

3. Would you say that Elena Kagan is . . .

Very liberal	22%
Somewhat liberal	22%
Moderate	19%
Somewhat conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	32%

4. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Elena Kagan as a Supreme Court Justice?

Should confirm	38%
Should not confirm	28%
Not sure	34%

5. In your opinion, how important is it that a Supreme Court nominee have prior experience serving as a judge?

The most important factor	14%
Very important	33%
Somewhat important	29%
Not very important	18%
Not at all important	6%

6. Can someone with a lot of legal experience who has never served as a judge be a good Supreme Court Justice?

Definitely yes	19%
Probably yes	28%
Hard to say	29%
Probably no	17%
Definitely no	7%

7. Would you say the U.S. is winning the war in Iraq?

Yes	29%
No	43%
Not sure	28%

8. At the end of 2012, do you think the United States will have more or fewer troops in Iraq than it has now?

More troops in Iraq than it has now	7%
About the same number of troops in Iraq as it has now	39%
Fewer troops in Iraq than it has now	55%

9. What do you think will eventually happen in Iraq?

The United States will win the war in Iraq.32%
 The United States will withdraw from Iraq without winning. 68%

10. Do you think Barack Obama has a clear plan for U.S. strategy in Iraq?

Yes26%
 No50%
 Not sure24%

11. Would you say the U.S. is winning the war in Afghanistan?

Yes17%
 No47%
 Not sure36%

12. At the end of 2012, do you think the United States will have more or fewer troops in Afghanistan than it has now?

More troops in Afghanistan than it has now23%
 About the same number of troops in Afghanistan as it has now50%
 Fewer troops in Afghanistan than it has now28%

13. What do you think will eventually happen in Afghanistan?

The United States will win the war in Afghanistan.31%
 The United States will withdraw from Afghanistan without winning. 69%

14. Do you think Barack Obama has a clear plan for U.S. strategy in Afghanistan?

Yes22%
 No53%
 Not sure25%

15. Barack Obama said that he will start removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan in July 2011. How likely is it that he will be able to do this?

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	28%
Somewhat unlikely	26%
Very unlikely	22%
Not sure	11%

16. Do you consider the government of Afghanistan to be an ally or an enemy of the U.S. government?

Ally of U.S.	7%
Friendly	21%
Unfriendly	33%
Enemy of the U.S.	11%
Not sure	28%

17. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charges that some major banks deceived investors by not disclosing important information to investors about risky mortgage investments, such as that hedge funds or the banks themselves were placing financial bets that those investments would fail. Do you think that MOST banks intentionally withheld important information about the financial products they were selling?

Definitely yes	34%
Probably yes	33%
Hard to say	22%
Probably no	9%
Definitely no	2%

18. If you had to choose, which of the following measures would you prefer in order to balance the federal budget deficit?

Increase taxes	5%
Decrease government spending	61%
Both	27%
Neither	7%

19. How concerned are you about the size of the federal budget deficit?

Very concerned	52%
Somewhat concerned	35%
Not very concerned	10%
Not at all concerned	3%

20. When, if ever, do you think the federal budget should be balanced?

Immediately	34%
Next year	11%
In a few years	45%
Not necessary to balance the budget	10%

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	11%	26%	26%	26%	11%
The economy	15%	25%	15%	37%	8%
Immigration	9%	19%	17%	41%	14%
The environment	13%	27%	20%	26%	14%
Terrorism	20%	22%	15%	32%	12%
Gay rights	11%	24%	15%	25%	24%
Education	15%	26%	19%	24%	16%
Health care	24%	18%	12%	38%	8%
Social security	13%	22%	19%	26%	20%
The budget deficit	9%	23%	17%	39%	12%
The war in Afghanistan	10%	25%	26%	28%	12%
Taxes	12%	23%	18%	35%	12%

22. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	38%	43%	14%	6%
The economy	79%	18%	1%	2%
Immigration	52%	30%	12%	6%
The environment	42%	35%	15%	8%
Terrorism	59%	27%	9%	5%
Gay rights	24%	23%	23%	31%
Education	62%	27%	8%	3%
Health care	70%	21%	6%	3%
Social security	61%	26%	11%	2%
The budget deficit	52%	34%	9%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	38%	42%	14%	6%
Taxes	61%	30%	6%	3%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	33%
Immigration	9%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	2%
Education	9%
Health care	13%
Social security	10%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%

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

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	7%

25. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	7%

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

		Lean Republican	Lean Republican	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Not Sure
Registered Voters						
(N = 747)	39%	5%	8%	43%	6%	
All Respondents	35%	6%	10%	39%	10%	

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	13%

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

Getting better	29%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	29%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	39%
Not sure	4%

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

Higher	30%
About the same	32%
Lower	20%
Not sure	18%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	35%	32%	33%
Intelligent	62%	28%	10%
Religious	13%	56%	31%
Inspiring	39%	39%	22%
Patriotic	32%	39%	29%
Strong	36%	45%	19%
Bold	38%	47%	16%
Experienced	15%	38%	48%
Sincere	38%	34%	29%
Partisan	26%	51%	24%
Effective	27%	44%	29%
Unifying	19%	49%	33%
In Touch	27%	42%	31%
Realistic	30%	38%	32%
Decisive	30%	49%	21%

32. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	14%

33. Do you think Barack Obama...

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

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

Like a lot	38%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	25%
Not sure	10%