

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted June 5-8, 2010  
Margin of Error  $\pm 3.5\%$

## 1. How do you feel about increased drilling for oil and natural gas offshore in U.S. waters?

Strongly favor .....	28%
Mildly favor .....	20%
Mildly oppose .....	13%
Strongly oppose .....	25%
Not sure .....	15%

## 2. How much have you heard or read about the recent explosion on an offshore oil rig off the coast of Louisiana that killed 11 workers and resulted in an oil spill of thousands of barrels a day?

A lot .....	75%
A little .....	19%
Nothing at all .....	6%

## 3. Do you approve or disapprove of how President Obama has responded to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Strongly approve .....	12%
Somewhat approve .....	16%
Neither approve, nor disapprove .....	25%
Somewhat disapprove .....	17%
Strongly disapprove .....	30%

## 4. How do you feel about President Obama's decision to delay his trip to Asia due to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Strongly approve .....	38%
Somewhat approve .....	23%
Neither approve, nor disapprove .....	32%
Somewhat disapprove .....	4%
Strongly disapprove .....	3%

**5. How much do you personally care about who wins the 2010 congressional elections?**

A lot .....	54%
Somewhat .....	24%
A little .....	14%
Not at all .....	8%

**6. Have you discussed this November's elections with any friends or family in the past few days?**

Yes .....	39%
No .....	61%

**7. How closely have you been following news about the 2010 congressional elections?**

Very closely .....	24%
Somewhat closely .....	32%
Not too closely .....	26%
Not at all .....	17%

**8. Where do you get most of your information about the political campaigns?** (Asked if respondent has been following news about elections)

Local TV newscasts .....	24%
Cable news networks .....	30%
General Web sites like Yahoo or Google .....	6%
News Web sites .....	16%
Radio .....	7%
Newspapers and magazines .....	9%
Blogs .....	3%
Other .....	4%

9. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 2010 congressional elections?

Congress controlled by Republicans .....	29%
Congress controlled by Democrats .....	30%
Congress divided between both parties .....	23%
No preference .....	18%

10. In general, do you think it is better for the same political party to control both the Congress and the presidency, so they can work together more closely, or do you think it is better to have different political parties controlling the Congress and the presidency to prevent either one from going too far?

Better for the same party to control Congress and presidency .....	26%
Better for different parties to control Congress and the presidency .....	40%
Not sure .....	34%

11. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

Just about always .....	1%
Most of the time .....	10%
Some of the time .....	39%
Almost never .....	39%
Not sure .....	11%

12. Which party is closer to you on the following issues?

	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both the same	Not sure
Taxes	31%	37%	9%	22%
Government spending	26%	33%	17%	24%
Regulating business	33%	31%	11%	24%
The environment	36%	24%	16%	24%
Immigration	25%	34%	15%	25%
Gun control	29%	40%	9%	23%
Abortion	34%	31%	10%	25%
Gay marriage	36%	23%	11%	30%
National defense	25%	37%	16%	22%
The economy	33%	33%	11%	23%
Terrorism	24%	34%	19%	24%
Health Care	37%	33%	9%	20%
Energy policy	35%	28%	12%	25%

13. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Barack Obama	30%	17%	10%	35%	8%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	20%	13%	39%	21%
Harry Reid	4%	16%	12%	31%	37%
Newt Gingrich	12%	19%	19%	24%	27%
Joe Biden	17%	23%	16%	28%	17%
Sarah Palin	15%	21%	14%	38%	11%
Hillary Clinton	25%	25%	17%	23%	10%
Mitt Romney	10%	24%	20%	15%	31%
Michelle Obama	31%	19%	13%	22%	14%
Rush Limbaugh	12%	18%	11%	41%	17%
Glenn Beck	16%	14%	11%	31%	29%
John McCain	12%	28%	25%	24%	11%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
The Democratic Party	19%	23%	15%	31%	12%
The Republican Party	10%	27%	25%	24%	14%
The Tea Party movement	21%	17%	8%	29%	26%

15. How much have you heard or read about the political movement known as the Tea Party?

A great deal	31%
A fair amount	34%
Not much	23%
Nothing at all	12%

16. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement? (Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement)

Yes	25%
No	75%

17. Do you think that most Republicans consider themselves a part of the Tea Party movement? (Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement)

Yes	45%
No	55%

18. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement? (Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement)

Strongly support .....	21%
Somewhat support .....	17%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	18%
Somewhat oppose .....	9%
Strongly oppose .....	22%
Not sure .....	13%

19. Do you think things are better off or worse off than they were two years ago when it comes to:

	Much better	Somewhat better	No change	Somewhat worse	Much worse	Not sure
The Middle East	3%	11%	35%	19%	20%	12%
The war in Afghanistan	3%	18%	36%	17%	15%	11%
Energy issues	4%	15%	32%	17%	21%	11%
The environment	4%	13%	34%	18%	21%	10%
The economy in your area	4%	16%	20%	26%	27%	8%
Job security	3%	12%	22%	22%	32%	9%
Government spending	3%	10%	18%	16%	43%	10%
Health care coverage	10%	20%	18%	15%	29%	8%
Education	4%	14%	34%	19%	19%	11%
Social Security and Medicare	4%	9%	25%	23%	27%	12%
The U.S. financial system	4%	14%	16%	18%	37%	11%
Wall Street	3%	17%	20%	23%	24%	14%

**20. Which statement comes closer to your opinion?**

We need a strong government to handle today's complex economic problems. .... 56%  
The free market can handle these problems without government being involved. .... 44%

**21. Which statement comes closer to your opinion?**

Most poor people are poor because they don't work hard enough. .... 30%  
Most poor people are poor because of circumstances beyond their control. .... 70%

**22. Which statement comes closer to your opinion?**

The less government the better. .... 50%  
There are more things that government should be doing. .... 50%

**23. Which statement comes closer to your opinion?**

The main reason government has become bigger over the years is because it has gotten involved in things that people should do for themselves. .... 58%  
Government has become bigger because the problems we face have become bigger. .... 42%

24. 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	14%	29%	20%	24%	12%
The economy	16%	22%	15%	39%	8%
Immigration	10%	20%	15%	41%	14%
The environment	14%	27%	18%	29%	13%
Terrorism	17%	25%	14%	31%	11%
Gay rights	12%	24%	14%	24%	26%
Education	17%	27%	17%	24%	16%
Health care	21%	20%	11%	41%	7%
Social security	12%	19%	16%	33%	20%
The budget deficit	10%	22%	15%	42%	11%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	30%	20%	24%	13%
Taxes	13%	24%	15%	37%	11%

25. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	45%	39%	12%	4%
The economy	83%	15%	2%	0%
Immigration	53%	31%	11%	5%
The environment	54%	34%	9%	3%
Terrorism	61%	28%	9%	3%
Gay rights	24%	25%	23%	27%
Education	62%	28%	7%	2%
Health care	75%	20%	4%	1%
Social security	65%	27%	7%	1%
The budget deficit	64%	28%	6%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	47%	37%	12%	4%
Taxes	64%	28%	6%	2%



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

The war in Iraq .....	1%
The economy .....	35%
Immigration .....	7%
The environment .....	6%
Terrorism .....	5%
Gay rights .....	2%
Education .....	5%
Health care .....	16%
Social security .....	10%
The budget deficit .....	9%
The war in Afghanistan .....	1%
Taxes .....	3%

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

Strongly approve .....	19%
Somewhat approve .....	25%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	35%
Not sure .....	7%

28. 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 .....	20%
Strongly disapprove .....	42%
Not sure .....	8%

29. 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 = 710, MoE = ±3.8%)	39%	4%	7%	40%	11%
All Respondents	34%	5%	7%	37%	17%

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

Generally headed in the right direction .....	31%
Off on the wrong track .....	53%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Getting better .....	23%
About the same .....	31%
Getting worse .....	39%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	41%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Higher .....	23%
About the same .....	31%
Lower .....	24%
Not sure .....	22%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	35%	31%	35%
Intelligent	60%	27%	13%
Religious	16%	55%	29%
Inspiring	38%	39%	23%
Patriotic	28%	43%	29%
Strong	35%	44%	21%
Bold	37%	43%	19%
Experienced	14%	39%	47%
Sincere	37%	34%	29%
Partisan	27%	52%	22%
Effective	25%	44%	31%
Unifying	18%	48%	35%
In Touch	29%	40%	31%
Realistic	32%	37%	31%
Decisive	26%	50%	24%

**35. Would you say Barack Obama is...**

Very liberal .....	31%
Liberal .....	20%
Moderate .....	24%
Conservative .....	2%
Very conservative .....	3%
Not sure .....	21%

**36. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	54%

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

Like a lot .....	35%
Like somewhat .....	25%
Dislike .....	27%
Not sure .....	13%

<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	June 5–8, 2010
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov’s PollingPoint panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2005–2007 American Community Study. Voter registration, turnout, religion, news interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement and the Pew Religion in American Life Survey. Matching respondents were selected from the PollingPoint panel, an opt-in Internet panel.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.5 to 5.0, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.5.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1,000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	28 questions not reported.