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1. Obama approval on issues

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.

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
The war in Iraq	41.9%	47.4%	40.3%	37.4%	39.7%	57.3%	44.4%	45.6%	38.3%	36.3%	42.7%	50.1%
The economy	32.0%	32.7%	33.3%	26.6%	27.3%	63.4%	39.9%	31.3%	32.7%	25.4%	35.4%	38.9%
Immigration	29.4%	29.3%	30.5%	25.5%	25.2%	55.2%	37.8%	28.3%	30.4%	24.7%	30.4%	35.8%
The environment	39.8%	41.5%	39.8%	36.4%	36.2%	63.8%	44.9%	38.8%	40.7%	34.1%	41.9%	46.5%
Terrorism	42.3%	38.1%	45.9%	37.7%	39.3%	60.0%	50.5%	42.4%	42.3%	34.8%	46.0%	50.5%
Gay rights	31.3%	32.8%	31.9%	26.8%	28.9%	49.3%	33.0%	32.6%	30.2%	23.9%	35.3%	38.8%
Education	42.9%	39.9%	45.0%	40.5%	38.2%	70.8%	53.8%	40.6%	45.0%	40.1%	42.4%	48.0%
Health care	36.4%	38.1%	37.4%	29.9%	31.4%	67.6%	46.9%	36.3%	36.5%	28.9%	38.5%	46.1%
Social security	29.5%	27.4%	31.4%	26.7%	25.5%	54.2%	38.9%	28.8%	30.3%	25.5%	29.1%	36.7%
The budget deficit	28.0%	26.9%	29.2%	25.8%	23.9%	52.9%	37.8%	27.7%	28.3%	22.7%	29.4%	35.1%
The war in Afghanistan	38.8%	40.5%	39.7%	32.5%	36.5%	51.2%	45.3%	43.3%	34.4%	34.2%	40.4%	44.3%
Taxes	33.4%	33.8%	35.5%	25.6%	28.8%	59.1%	47.0%	33.6%	33.3%	26.1%	35.7%	42.7%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
The war in Iraq	41.9%	63.2%	24.6%	41.6%	69.7%	45.7%	30.5%	42.0%	42.6%	39.4%	45.2%	39.0%	44.7%	50.5%
The economy	32.0%	66.2%	2.1%	30.1%	73.1%	41.2%	7.7%	34.1%	36.0%	29.2%	31.7%	33.3%	32.0%	34.8%
Immigration	29.4%	57.4%	5.2%	27.1%	65.9%	37.2%	8.4%	30.2%	29.9%	27.1%	32.0%	30.2%	29.7%	32.3%
The environment	39.8%	70.4%	11.3%	41.3%	74.8%	56.3%	13.0%	40.5%	43.1%	36.6%	41.6%	41.8%	38.7%	42.2%
Terrorism	42.3%	69.7%	18.1%	43.3%	76.3%	56.7%	18.0%	38.3%	46.4%	39.3%	46.9%	41.8%	44.0%	47.4%
Gay rights	31.3%	51.7%	10.9%	33.4%	54.4%	45.8%	13.0%	33.1%	30.6%	28.9%	34.6%	31.3%	32.6%	36.9%
Education	42.9%	74.6%	15.5%	41.4%	73.1%	58.3%	17.1%	43.8%	44.6%	41.2%	43.4%	45.8%	43.0%	41.6%
Health care	36.4%	69.3%	3.2%	39.9%	79.7%	47.9%	9.8%	36.7%	38.0%	34.7%	37.5%	37.7%	35.9%	39.4%
Social security	29.5%	57.6%	3.2%	31.3%	64.1%	38.6%	9.4%	34.5%	29.3%	27.5%	29.3%	30.6%	31.3%	32.7%
The budget deficit	28.0%	57.6%	2.1%	26.0%	64.1%	34.4%	7.3%	28.2%	28.5%	27.5%	28.2%	31.2%	26.5%	28.7%
The war in Afghanistan	38.8%	56.3%	27.3%	37.1%	54.8%	43.7%	32.0%	33.7%	40.2%	39.4%	40.5%	36.8%	41.1%	45.5%
Taxes	33.4%	65.5%	2.7%	36.1%	75.9%	44.1%	7.6%	31.8%	36.8%	32.2%	33.8%	34.8%	33.9%	36.0%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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2. Important issue

How important are the following issues to you?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
The war in Iraq	82.6%	77.2%	82.7%	91.9%	83.8%	74.1%	82.0%	80.8%	84.4%	82.3%	83.1%	82.6%
The economy	96.5%	93.6%	97.8%	96.8%	96.5%	93.7%	99.3%	96.3%	96.6%	94.2%	97.9%	98.4%
Immigration	81.9%	72.2%	85.0%	88.1%	82.7%	75.5%	81.8%	82.4%	81.4%	81.7%	82.5%	81.5%
The environment	80.3%	76.8%	79.0%	90.5%	80.4%	82.0%	76.5%	75.1%	85.1%	80.9%	84.2%	74.3%
Terrorism	87.0%	78.4%	89.6%	93.3%	87.3%	83.1%	89.4%	86.6%	87.4%	88.1%	87.0%	85.3%
Gay rights	50.9%	59.2%	46.1%	53.1%	52.1%	49.8%	41.0%	44.9%	56.6%	46.4%	53.8%	54.8%
Education	88.2%	86.2%	89.5%	87.6%	87.8%	90.4%	90.3%	86.9%	89.5%	85.3%	92.0%	88.6%
Health care	92.9%	89.7%	93.5%	96.3%	93.0%	91.4%	93.2%	92.1%	93.6%	90.7%	94.6%	94.4%
Social security	89.9%	75.3%	95.0%	97.3%	89.4%	90.5%	93.2%	87.7%	91.9%	91.6%	89.1%	87.8%
The budget deficit	89.2%	84.8%	90.2%	93.3%	89.1%	86.7%	92.9%	87.6%	90.7%	89.7%	87.6%	90.2%
The war in Afghanistan	84.9%	77.6%	86.7%	91.6%	86.1%	78.9%	80.9%	83.1%	86.7%	83.4%	87.1%	84.9%
Taxes	91.2%	83.4%	93.6%	96.6%	91.9%	87.0%	89.6%	91.8%	90.6%	90.3%	90.3%	93.8%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
The war in Iraq	82.6%	78.7%	89.7%	84.4%	74.8%	80.8%	91.7%	80.3%	82.5%	85.4%	80.0%	81.9%	81.9%	84.5%
The economy	96.5%	96.8%	98.1%	97.6%	95.9%	98.6%	98.5%	96.6%	98.1%	95.8%	96.1%	95.7%	98.1%	95.8%
Immigration	81.9%	76.0%	92.9%	81.5%	71.9%	82.1%	94.3%	71.8%	79.6%	86.2%	84.7%	79.7%	83.2%	83.3%
The environment	80.3%	92.0%	66.1%	83.6%	92.4%	87.3%	67.8%	83.1%	82.6%	79.1%	77.8%	83.8%	79.7%	77.3%
Terrorism	87.0%	85.6%	94.7%	85.4%	78.0%	88.3%	95.1%	83.2%	88.0%	89.8%	84.5%	86.0%	87.7%	86.6%
Gay rights	50.9%	59.4%	37.2%	57.9%	76.0%	56.9%	36.9%	49.5%	52.6%	52.8%	47.3%	49.8%	51.2%	53.8%
Education	88.2%	92.7%	86.2%	90.1%	91.5%	92.1%	88.0%	85.4%	88.8%	90.0%	87.1%	86.1%	91.1%	89.3%
Health care	92.9%	95.9%	91.8%	94.1%	95.6%	95.1%	93.0%	93.3%	92.6%	94.0%	90.9%	91.8%	93.4%	94.0%
Social security	89.9%	91.7%	89.7%	90.4%	85.6%	92.3%	92.0%	92.3%	89.6%	88.9%	89.7%	92.4%	85.0%	90.8%
The budget deficit	89.2%	88.6%	94.8%	88.2%	78.4%	91.7%	95.5%	87.9%	89.6%	89.1%	89.9%	88.9%	89.1%	89.0%
The war in Afghanistan	84.9%	85.6%	91.4%	83.1%	80.3%	84.6%	92.0%	80.6%	88.5%	87.0%	81.7%	82.9%	85.6%	89.0%
Taxes	91.2%	88.1%	96.4%	92.8%	82.1%	94.5%	97.3%	91.2%	92.3%	91.8%	89.3%	90.2%	92.5%	89.1%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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3. Most important issue

Which of these is the most important issue for you?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
The war in Iraq	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.3%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%
The economy	39.0%	37.5%	44.2%	23.4%	37.9%	44.0%	43.8%	41.9%	36.3%	35.1%	39.6%	44.5%
Immigration	4.6%	5.6%	4.1%	4.7%	4.5%	1.8%	9.3%	5.8%	3.5%	5.4%	3.5%	4.7%
The environment	2.7%	4.9%	2.0%	1.5%	2.5%	6.1%	0.9%	1.9%	3.4%	1.9%	3.5%	3.0%
Terrorism	4.0%	4.2%	3.6%	4.8%	4.0%	3.8%	3.6%	4.2%	3.8%	4.0%	4.3%	3.6%
Gay rights	3.4%	8.6%	1.8%	0.0%	3.4%	2.1%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.1%	4.1%	2.9%
Education	4.9%	7.6%	4.8%	0.7%	4.3%	6.3%	9.2%	4.1%	5.8%	3.3%	5.9%	6.4%
Health care	14.1%	12.2%	14.5%	16.1%	15.3%	10.4%	7.1%	9.7%	18.3%	14.6%	14.1%	13.2%
Social security	13.3%	2.2%	12.6%	34.5%	13.5%	15.8%	9.0%	10.9%	15.6%	22.3%	9.4%	3.6%
The budget deficit	7.6%	10.8%	6.2%	7.2%	7.9%	3.2%	9.6%	11.3%	4.2%	5.4%	8.9%	9.6%
The war in Afghanistan	1.1%	1.7%	0.8%	1.1%	1.2%	0.0%	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	1.5%	0.9%
Taxes	5.0%	3.8%	5.4%	5.5%	5.2%	5.5%	2.4%	5.7%	4.3%	3.7%	4.4%	7.7%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (978)	100.0% (240)	100.0% (592)	100.0% (146)	100.0% (648)	100.0% (173)	100.0% (157)	100.0% (448)	100.0% (530)	100.0% (409)	100.0% (319)	100.0% (250)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
The war in Iraq	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	1.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%
The economy	39.0%	39.5%	43.5%	37.0%	38.2%	40.4%	43.9%	32.3%	37.4%	41.9%	40.9%	31.4%	44.7%	45.9%
Immigration	4.6%	3.7%	5.2%	4.8%	1.3%	4.4%	6.0%	5.0%	3.7%	3.7%	6.7%	5.5%	3.4%	4.5%
The environment	2.7%	5.5%	0.8%	1.7%	6.1%	2.7%	0.6%	1.6%	3.5%	2.1%	3.8%	2.5%	1.5%	5.0%
Terrorism	4.0%	2.9%	7.6%	2.8%	0.0%	3.7%	7.5%	2.6%	3.3%	6.2%	1.9%	4.4%	3.6%	4.4%
Gay rights	3.4%	3.2%	1.0%	5.5%	9.0%	3.4%	0.2%	3.8%	3.0%	3.2%	3.7%	2.3%	2.6%	7.1%
Education	4.9%	5.5%	1.5%	6.3%	8.6%	5.7%	2.3%	5.2%	2.8%	4.0%	8.3%	5.7%	4.1%	5.2%
Health care	14.1%	15.0%	12.6%	13.3%	16.8%	14.4%	9.3%	15.9%	18.5%	13.2%	10.1%	15.8%	15.6%	9.5%
Social security	13.3%	16.5%	9.7%	9.2%	10.0%	14.0%	8.0%	19.4%	12.2%	12.4%	11.1%	21.6%	8.8%	1.8%
The budget deficit	7.6%	4.7%	9.0%	11.8%	4.2%	7.3%	11.9%	7.1%	6.8%	7.6%	8.9%	5.8%	7.3%	11.6%
The war in Afghanistan	1.1%	0.7%	1.2%	1.4%	2.5%	0.2%	1.6%	1.2%	0.7%	1.6%	0.5%	0.8%	1.4%	1.3%
Taxes	5.0%	2.4%	7.9%	5.7%	3.3%	3.4%	8.6%	5.8%	7.9%	4.1%	3.0%	3.5%	6.6%	3.6%

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (978)	100.0% (386)	100.0% (225)	100.0% (267)	100.0% (214)	100.0% (315)	100.0% (307)	100.0% (180)	100.0% (204)	100.0% (365)	100.0% (229)	100.0% (410)	100.0% (327)	100.0% (140)

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4. Approval of Obama as President

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Strongly Approve	13.4%	12.3%	13.8%	13.7%	10.1%	38.9%	14.7%	12.7%	14.0%	12.0%	13.9%	15.1%
Somewhat Approve	26.7%	28.7%	27.3%	21.3%	25.0%	34.8%	33.0%	25.5%	27.9%	22.6%	29.8%	29.8%
Somewhat Disapprove	16.8%	18.8%	16.3%	15.3%	18.4%	5.8%	14.7%	12.2%	21.1%	18.9%	15.8%	14.6%
Strongly Disapprove	38.0%	31.7%	38.5%	47.2%	41.8%	11.2%	33.6%	45.6%	30.8%	38.5%	37.3%	38.0%
Not Sure	5.1%	8.5%	4.2%	2.5%	4.7%	9.4%	4.0%	4.0%	6.2%	8.0%	3.3%	2.5%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (995)	100.0% (248)	100.0% (599)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (658)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (453)	100.0% (542)	100.0% (422)	100.0% (321)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly Approve	13.4%	28.7%	1.3%	9.8%	35.1%	14.7%	3.0%	13.7%	11.2%	14.6%	13.0%	15.3%	12.1%	15.6%
Somewhat Approve	26.7%	46.2%	2.7%	31.4%	47.2%	38.7%	6.4%	31.2%	32.0%	23.0%	24.8%	29.4%	25.9%	24.0%
Somewhat Disapprove	16.8%	14.9%	17.5%	13.2%	11.6%	20.4%	12.9%	16.6%	16.4%	16.1%	18.3%	16.8%	17.6%	10.8%
Strongly Disapprove	38.0%	6.3%	76.3%	38.8%	4.4%	20.5%	76.7%	31.7%	36.7%	41.5%	38.3%	31.6%	40.3%	47.4%
Not Sure	5.1%	3.9%	2.1%	6.8%	1.7%	5.6%	1.0%	6.7%	3.7%	4.8%	5.6%	6.9%	4.1%	2.3%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (995)	100.0% (393)	100.0% (228)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (315)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (182)	100.0% (204)	100.0% (374)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (422)	100.0% (330)	100.0% (141)

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5. Approval of Obama's handling of foreign policy

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Strongly approve	14.5%	12.3%	15.6%	14.6%	11.2%	41.3%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	10.1%	14.8%	21.4%
Somewhat approve	23.2%	24.6%	23.3%	20.4%	22.4%	29.4%	23.1%	22.1%	24.3%	19.4%	26.5%	25.4%
Somewhat disapprove	18.1%	20.6%	17.3%	16.6%	19.4%	6.5%	19.5%	17.9%	18.2%	19.3%	17.3%	17.1%
Strongly disapprove	30.1%	23.1%	31.2%	38.3%	32.6%	9.5%	30.0%	37.6%	22.9%	29.6%	30.1%	30.7%
No opinion	14.2%	19.4%	12.7%	10.1%	14.4%	13.4%	12.9%	7.9%	20.1%	21.6%	11.4%	5.4%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (966)	100.0% (240)	100.0% (585)	100.0% (141)	100.0% (638)	100.0% (175)	100.0% (153)	100.0% (440)	100.0% (526)	100.0% (410)	100.0% (314)	100.0% (242)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	14.5%	30.6%	0.5%	13.0%	39.1%	16.3%	3.8%	14.7%	13.2%	13.5%	17.2%	12.4%	14.4%	26.5%
Somewhat approve	23.2%	39.9%	4.8%	27.4%	41.6%	35.2%	6.1%	23.3%	29.8%	21.1%	20.7%	27.1%	22.0%	18.7%
Somewhat disapprove	18.1%	11.6%	27.3%	16.0%	8.4%	19.1%	23.0%	15.5%	18.7%	18.6%	18.7%	18.5%	18.5%	16.6%
Strongly disapprove	30.1%	4.5%	59.8%	32.4%	3.5%	16.1%	63.5%	28.5%	27.4%	31.9%	30.7%	23.5%	33.0%	33.5%
No opinion	14.2%	13.4%	7.6%	11.3%	7.4%	13.3%	3.5%	18.1%	11.0%	14.9%	12.7%	18.5%	12.0%	4.7%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (966)	100.0% (381)	100.0% (220)	100.0% (263)	100.0% (210)	100.0% (312)	100.0% (300)	100.0% (180)	100.0% (198)	100.0% (361)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (410)	100.0% (321)	100.0% (138)

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6. Respect for Obama among world leaders

In general, do you think leaders of other countries around the world have respect for Barack Obama or not?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
A great deal of respect	16.0%	13.5%	18.6%	10.9%	13.0%	41.7%	13.3%	15.4%	16.5%	11.1%	15.9%	24.0%
A fair amount of respect	35.4%	41.2%	33.0%	33.6%	34.8%	33.6%	42.3%	29.6%	40.9%	34.5%	36.8%	35.0%
Not much respect	33.0%	31.9%	32.6%	36.3%	35.3%	15.2%	32.2%	35.9%	30.2%	35.0%	33.5%	29.1%
No respect	15.7%	13.4%	15.8%	19.2%	16.8%	9.4%	12.3%	19.1%	12.4%	19.4%	13.8%	11.9%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (996)	100.0% (249)	100.0% (600)	100.0% (147)	100.0% (658)	100.0% (180)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (455)	100.0% (541)	100.0% (422)	100.0% (322)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
A great deal of respect	16.0%	31.1%	2.1%	15.7%	38.4%	19.0%	4.3%	17.5%	14.0%	16.5%	15.7%	16.0%	15.2%	23.5%
A fair amount of respect	35.4%	51.3%	14.9%	38.7%	47.8%	48.4%	14.4%	37.4%	39.0%	31.9%	36.4%	37.3%	34.8%	24.8%
Not much respect	33.0%	14.1%	54.5%	30.4%	10.7%	26.3%	49.6%	32.6%	29.7%	33.9%	34.6%	31.2%	37.4%	32.6%
No respect	15.7%	3.5%	28.6%	15.1%	3.0%	6.2%	31.7%	12.4%	17.3%	17.7%	13.3%	15.5%	12.6%	19.0%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (996)	100.0% (394)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (219)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (182)	100.0% (205)	100.0% (374)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (422)	100.0% (330)	100.0% (141)

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7. Expectations for full economic recovery

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Has already recovered	1.1%	2.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.9%	3.3%	0.4%	1.8%	0.4%	0.8%	1.0%	1.7%
Less than a year	2.6%	3.4%	2.3%	2.3%	1.9%	4.5%	6.4%	3.5%	1.7%	4.4%	0.9%	1.6%
About a year	7.7%	12.4%	6.2%	4.4%	6.8%	15.1%	7.1%	7.0%	8.3%	8.4%	7.3%	6.8%
Two years	18.1%	21.2%	15.4%	21.9%	16.8%	27.8%	18.2%	16.5%	19.6%	15.6%	21.2%	18.4%
More than two years	70.6%	60.9%	75.3%	71.0%	73.6%	49.3%	67.8%	71.2%	70.0%	70.8%	69.6%	71.6%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (993)	100.0% (248)	100.0% (597)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (655)	100.0% (180)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (455)	100.0% (538)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (321)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Has already recovered	1.1%	1.7%	0.5%	1.4%	2.8%	1.1%	0.5%	1.0%	0.8%	1.4%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	3.6%
Less than a year	2.6%	5.6%	2.0%	0.2%	4.3%	0.8%	3.0%	3.2%	0.6%	2.8%	3.5%	4.2%	0.9%	3.6%
About a year	7.7%	9.3%	4.7%	6.2%	9.4%	6.1%	5.1%	9.4%	5.5%	7.1%	9.1%	8.3%	7.7%	5.6%
Two years	18.1%	21.4%	12.7%	21.6%	22.8%	21.4%	13.7%	18.3%	21.6%	12.4%	24.1%	19.0%	17.5%	17.4%
More than two years	70.6%	61.9%	80.1%	70.6%	60.7%	70.5%	77.6%	68.1%	71.4%	76.3%	62.4%	67.8%	73.2%	69.8%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (993)	100.0% (394)	100.0% (225)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (219)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (182)	100.0% (205)	100.0% (372)	100.0% (234)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (330)	100.0% (141)

8. Fears about unemployment and inflation

In the next few months, do you think you and your family will be more seriously hurt by inflation or by unemployment?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Unemployment	10.0%	12.3%	10.6%	4.1%	9.4%	12.9%	12.2%	13.8%	6.4%	9.1%	7.9%	14.1%
Inflation	34.5%	30.7%	34.7%	40.7%	36.7%	24.2%	26.8%	37.6%	31.7%	31.2%	35.2%	39.4%
Both equally	32.3%	26.0%	33.8%	38.2%	31.4%	30.7%	43.5%	29.8%	34.7%	40.9%	30.0%	21.1%
Neither	9.8%	12.4%	8.8%	9.1%	8.9%	16.2%	11.1%	10.3%	9.4%	4.8%	12.2%	15.3%
Not sure	13.2%	18.6%	12.1%	8.0%	13.6%	16.0%	6.2%	8.5%	17.8%	14.0%	14.7%	10.1%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(997)	(249)	(600)	(148)	(659)	(180)	(158)	(456)	(541)	(423)	(322)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Unemployment	10.0%	13.7%	6.7%	10.5%	14.5%	13.6%	6.8%	6.8%	9.4%	9.7%	13.6%	11.9%	8.8%	9.9%
Inflation	34.5%	24.5%	46.4%	40.7%	25.1%	32.9%	47.4%	38.7%	33.2%	31.6%	37.4%	28.3%	42.4%	33.5%
Both equally	32.3%	31.5%	31.3%	28.8%	22.2%	33.0%	32.0%	31.1%	34.6%	34.8%	27.2%	41.1%	26.3%	26.9%
Neither	9.8%	17.1%	4.1%	9.2%	22.7%	7.9%	5.7%	8.1%	9.3%	10.4%	10.8%	5.4%	11.1%	19.7%
Not sure	13.2%	13.1%	11.6%	10.8%	15.5%	12.5%	8.1%	15.3%	13.5%	13.5%	11.0%	13.3%	11.4%	9.9%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(997)	(394)	(228)	(269)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(182)	(205)	(375)	(235)	(422)	(331)	(141)

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9. Familiarity with Federal Reserve Board

How familiar are you with the Federal Reserve Board?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Very familiar	9.6%	10.5%	9.7%	7.6%	9.3%	11.5%	9.4%	15.6%	3.8%	6.5%	8.7%	15.6%
Somewhat familiar	39.5%	30.4%	43.2%	42.6%	41.1%	33.8%	31.0%	45.6%	33.8%	28.0%	45.4%	51.4%
Not very familiar	32.5%	26.8%	32.8%	41.6%	31.2%	36.9%	39.7%	26.7%	38.1%	40.5%	29.3%	23.4%
Not sure what it is	18.4%	32.3%	14.3%	8.1%	18.3%	17.8%	19.9%	12.1%	24.4%	25.0%	16.6%	9.7%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (999)	100.0% (251)	100.0% (600)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (660)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (456)	100.0% (543)	100.0% (423)	100.0% (324)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Very familiar	9.6%	7.4%	11.7%	12.6%	9.2%	8.1%	14.1%	11.0%	6.5%	8.4%	13.0%	7.8%	8.1%	18.3%
Somewhat familiar	39.5%	43.0%	43.2%	41.6%	43.1%	45.5%	46.3%	38.4%	43.2%	37.3%	41.0%	31.9%	45.5%	50.3%
Not very familiar	32.5%	30.1%	34.1%	31.5%	32.5%	30.4%	31.5%	33.3%	30.6%	36.6%	26.9%	34.7%	33.5%	22.6%
Not sure what it is	18.4%	19.5%	11.0%	14.3%	15.2%	16.0%	8.1%	17.4%	19.7%	17.7%	19.2%	25.6%	12.9%	8.9%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (999)	100.0% (394)	100.0% (228)	100.0% (270)	100.0% (219)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (183)	100.0% (205)	100.0% (375)	100.0% (236)	100.0% (422)	100.0% (331)	100.0% (142)

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10. Trust most to fix economy

Who do you trust MOST to handle the problems of the economy? Asked of respondents who know what the Federal Reserve Board is

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Congress	31.1%	34.8%	28.9%	33.2%	33.2%	12.7%	33.8%	35.6%	26.0%	34.2%	29.5%	28.8%
The President	33.1%	34.1%	35.2%	24.7%	28.4%	66.4%	36.5%	29.3%	37.4%	31.9%	33.4%	34.3%
The Federal Reserve Board	35.8%	31.0%	35.9%	42.1%	38.4%	20.9%	29.7%	35.2%	36.6%	33.9%	37.2%	36.9%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (784)	100.0% (164)	100.0% (491)	100.0% (129)	100.0% (510)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (126)	100.0% (398)	100.0% (386)	100.0% (304)	100.0% (257)	100.0% (223)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Congress	31.1%	11.4%	52.8%	28.3%	8.4%	22.0%	52.9%	29.2%	26.0%	34.9%	30.7%	28.1%	32.7%	34.6%
The President	33.1%	61.1%	5.4%	33.5%	70.0%	37.4%	10.5%	39.1%	37.6%	27.5%	33.7%	38.6%	27.8%	30.6%
The Federal Reserve Board	35.8%	27.5%	41.8%	38.2%	21.5%	40.6%	36.6%	31.7%	36.4%	37.6%	35.5%	33.2%	39.5%	34.8%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (784)	100.0% (315)	100.0% (196)	100.0% (220)	100.0% (185)	100.0% (260)	100.0% (269)	100.0% (144)	100.0% (159)	100.0% (292)	100.0% (189)	100.0% (305)	100.0% (277)	100.0% (129)

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11. Trust least to fix economy

Who do you trust LEAST to handle the problems of the economy? Asked of respondents who know what the Federal Reserve Board is

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Congress	47.1%	38.4%	51.1%	45.4%	45.2%	62.2%	47.5%	44.9%	49.6%	43.9%	49.6%	48.7%
The President	36.3%	35.2%	35.0%	41.6%	38.4%	17.3%	38.7%	37.5%	34.9%	37.2%	34.6%	36.8%
The Federal Reserve Board	16.6%	26.3%	13.9%	13.0%	16.4%	20.5%	13.8%	17.6%	15.5%	19.0%	15.7%	14.5%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (808)	100.0% (164)	100.0% (506)	100.0% (138)	100.0% (530)	100.0% (150)	100.0% (128)	100.0% (408)	100.0% (400)	100.0% (315)	100.0% (266)	100.0% (227)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Congress	47.1%	71.0%	19.8%	54.2%	74.5%	62.0%	21.4%	47.0%	52.1%	44.1%	47.8%	47.9%	48.4%	44.3%
The President	36.3%	10.7%	69.2%	25.9%	4.6%	21.6%	64.0%	39.0%	32.4%	38.1%	34.6%	32.1%	35.6%	42.3%
The Federal Reserve Board	16.6%	18.3%	11.0%	20.0%	20.9%	16.4%	14.6%	14.0%	15.5%	17.9%	17.7%	19.9%	16.0%	13.5%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (808)	100.0% (319)	100.0% (201)	100.0% (233)	100.0% (187)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (282)	100.0% (149)	100.0% (166)	100.0% (299)	100.0% (194)	100.0% (312)	100.0% (282)	100.0% (131)

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12. Approve of current and former Federal Reserve chairmen

Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the current and former heads of the Federal Reserve Board? If you aren't familiar with them or are unsure, please select don't know.

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Alan Greenspan	30.8%	20.0%	37.6%	26.0%	31.9%	25.8%	26.6%	39.2%	22.8%	24.3%	34.1%	37.4%
Ben Bernanke	18.7%	13.6%	21.1%	19.1%	18.3%	23.8%	16.4%	23.1%	14.5%	11.8%	22.8%	25.0%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Alan Greenspan	30.8%	28.5%	38.2%	33.4%	23.6%	36.4%	38.4%	21.2%	29.6%	33.2%	35.4%	23.6%	34.5%	42.8%
Ben Bernanke	18.7%	27.3%	11.9%	20.7%	29.6%	28.5%	9.6%	17.8%	15.7%	17.4%	24.2%	12.7%	22.9%	29.4%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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13. Disapprove of current and former Federal Reserve chairmen

Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the current and former heads of the Federal Reserve Board? If you aren't familiar with them or are unsure, please select don't know.

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Alan Greenspan	26.9%	25.3%	26.6%	30.7%	27.1%	27.1%	25.1%	33.7%	20.5%	20.1%	28.1%	36.8%
Ben Bernanke	32.3%	26.7%	36.6%	27.2%	33.8%	22.2%	30.0%	44.8%	20.4%	26.5%	32.9%	41.1%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Alan Greenspan	26.9%	27.7%	28.6%	29.7%	36.4%	24.9%	32.0%	27.0%	28.0%	24.2%	30.6%	22.2%	28.0%	35.9%
Ben Bernanke	32.3%	20.6%	45.6%	38.6%	23.4%	25.8%	52.4%	26.4%	33.0%	35.3%	31.2%	24.9%	36.9%	42.0%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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14. Concern about budget deficit

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Very concerned	57.5%	49.7%	57.1%	72.4%	59.6%	39.5%	58.2%	62.5%	52.7%	56.3%	55.7%	61.5%
Somewhat concerned	31.2%	34.9%	31.1%	25.1%	30.2%	39.4%	31.3%	24.4%	37.7%	29.3%	35.2%	29.4%
Not very concerned	8.7%	13.1%	8.5%	1.9%	8.0%	17.0%	6.3%	10.3%	7.2%	10.7%	7.5%	7.0%
Not at all concerned	2.6%	2.2%	3.4%	0.6%	2.2%	4.1%	4.2%	2.8%	2.4%	3.7%	1.6%	2.1%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (989)	100.0% (246)	100.0% (597)	100.0% (146)	100.0% (657)	100.0% (176)	100.0% (156)	100.0% (453)	100.0% (536)	100.0% (418)	100.0% (319)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Very concerned	57.5%	42.4%	77.0%	59.6%	30.5%	51.4%	82.9%	52.6%	57.9%	59.0%	58.5%	52.1%	57.0%	64.1%
Somewhat concerned	31.2%	40.7%	16.7%	33.8%	47.5%	39.4%	13.8%	35.5%	30.5%	31.2%	28.5%	33.7%	35.1%	24.1%
Not very concerned	8.7%	13.7%	5.2%	5.1%	16.8%	8.1%	2.6%	9.5%	8.0%	7.9%	10.1%	10.2%	6.5%	8.9%
Not at all concerned	2.6%	3.2%	1.0%	1.5%	5.2%	1.1%	0.7%	2.5%	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%	4.1%	1.4%	2.9%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (989)	100.0% (390)	100.0% (228)	100.0% (266)	100.0% (217)	100.0% (312)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (203)	100.0% (369)	100.0% (236)	100.0% (415)	100.0% (329)	100.0% (142)

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15. Priority of balancing budget

When, if ever, do you think the federal budget should be balanced, so that the amount the government spends is equal to the amount it collects in taxes?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Immediately	39.5%	40.2%	39.3%	38.9%	41.7%	24.9%	35.6%	42.7%	36.4%	45.3%	37.9%	31.9%
Next year	13.0%	16.1%	11.0%	14.7%	13.6%	11.9%	8.8%	13.3%	12.8%	11.7%	15.5%	12.1%
In a few years	38.5%	37.9%	38.8%	38.4%	36.4%	45.8%	50.0%	35.1%	41.8%	33.6%	39.5%	45.3%
Not necessary to balance the budget	9.0%	5.7%	10.8%	8.0%	8.3%	17.4%	5.5%	8.9%	9.0%	9.4%	7.0%	10.6%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (991)	100.0% (246)	100.0% (598)	100.0% (147)	100.0% (657)	100.0% (177)	100.0% (157)	100.0% (454)	100.0% (537)	100.0% (419)	100.0% (320)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Immediately	39.5%	25.5%	59.0%	35.3%	18.4%	33.9%	56.3%	33.0%	37.0%	42.0%	42.6%	39.8%	37.5%	39.4%
Next year	13.0%	10.3%	13.4%	16.4%	8.8%	13.4%	14.8%	14.0%	12.5%	13.6%	11.8%	13.4%	14.5%	9.1%
In a few years	38.5%	52.0%	22.5%	41.1%	57.0%	43.9%	25.2%	43.3%	40.0%	36.3%	37.1%	35.2%	42.9%	39.0%
Not necessary to balance the budget	9.0%	12.2%	5.1%	7.2%	15.7%	8.8%	3.7%	9.7%	10.5%	8.1%	8.5%	11.6%	5.1%	12.6%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (991)	100.0% (391)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (314)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (204)	100.0% (370)	100.0% (236)	100.0% (417)	100.0% (329)	100.0% (142)

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16. Opinion on Bush tax cuts

The tax cuts enacted in 2001 under President George W. Bush will expire at the end of this year unless Congress makes changes. Which of the following best describes what Congress should do about the tax cuts?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Keep all tax cuts in place	33.8%	25.4%	35.2%	43.4%	35.6%	20.1%	32.9%	44.2%	23.9%	34.3%	31.8%	35.5%
Keep tax cuts only for those earning under \$250,000	40.7%	40.6%	41.7%	37.6%	39.3%	43.8%	50.3%	36.4%	44.8%	34.8%	44.3%	46.2%
Let all tax cuts expire	9.7%	13.0%	8.6%	7.8%	10.1%	9.8%	6.4%	9.8%	9.7%	7.4%	10.7%	12.4%
Not sure	15.7%	20.9%	14.5%	11.2%	15.0%	26.3%	10.4%	9.6%	21.6%	23.5%	13.3%	5.9%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (995)	100.0% (247)	100.0% (600)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (658)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (454)	100.0% (541)	100.0% (423)	100.0% (320)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Keep all tax cuts in place	33.8%	12.9%	62.6%	34.5%	3.5%	23.0%	66.5%	29.1%	32.5%	37.4%	32.8%	24.5%	40.3%	41.5%
Keep tax cuts only for those earning under \$250,000	40.7%	56.5%	22.5%	41.1%	61.8%	53.9%	21.1%	40.9%	40.0%	38.3%	45.2%	45.1%	40.4%	36.3%
Let all tax cuts expire	9.7%	14.0%	4.9%	12.3%	25.0%	9.1%	4.3%	10.0%	8.6%	9.2%	11.5%	8.4%	10.9%	9.9%
Not sure	15.7%	16.6%	10.1%	12.1%	9.7%	14.0%	8.1%	20.1%	19.0%	15.1%	10.5%	22.0%	8.4%	12.3%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (995)	100.0% (393)	100.0% (228)	100.0% (269)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (182)	100.0% (204)	100.0% (373)	100.0% (236)	100.0% (421)	100.0% (330)	100.0% (142)

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17. Opinion on taxing the rich

Do you favor increasing taxes on families making over \$250,000 per year?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Favor	50.6%	47.9%	53.2%	46.4%	49.0%	60.4%	53.9%	46.0%	55.0%	46.8%	53.6%	53.1%
Oppose	32.6%	31.8%	30.1%	42.4%	34.4%	15.5%	35.7%	41.9%	23.7%	33.3%	29.4%	35.3%
Not sure	16.8%	20.3%	16.7%	11.2%	16.6%	24.1%	10.4%	12.1%	21.3%	19.9%	17.0%	11.6%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (994)	100.0% (248)	100.0% (598)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (659)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (156)	100.0% (454)	100.0% (540)	100.0% (422)	100.0% (320)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Favor	50.6%	74.1%	23.7%	52.0%	85.1%	60.4%	22.6%	55.6%	54.3%	46.1%	51.0%	55.6%	49.2%	44.1%
Oppose	32.6%	13.6%	58.2%	32.1%	4.9%	21.4%	63.9%	27.9%	29.2%	34.9%	35.3%	25.9%	36.6%	41.2%
Not sure	16.8%	12.3%	18.1%	15.9%	10.0%	18.2%	13.5%	16.5%	16.5%	19.1%	13.6%	18.5%	14.3%	14.7%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (994)	100.0% (392)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (269)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (310)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (204)	100.0% (374)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (421)	100.0% (329)	100.0% (142)

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18. Description of own income level

How would you describe your own family's income?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Poor	33.0%	28.9%	33.2%	39.7%	31.9%	36.7%	39.4%	29.3%	36.6%	48.8%	27.1%	14.5%
Middle Class	64.3%	67.8%	64.2%	58.8%	64.9%	62.5%	60.6%	66.3%	62.5%	49.5%	70.6%	81.1%
Wealthy	2.6%	3.3%	2.6%	1.4%	3.1%	0.8%	0.0%	4.5%	0.9%	1.8%	2.4%	4.4%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (989)	100.0% (246)	100.0% (597)	100.0% (146)	100.0% (654)	100.0% (178)	100.0% (157)	100.0% (450)	100.0% (539)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (317)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Poor	33.0%	35.3%	28.5%	32.3%	28.9%	37.5%	27.3%	28.9%	35.7%	35.5%	29.9%	61.1%	15.7%	1.0%
Middle Class	64.3%	61.2%	68.4%	66.3%	66.9%	60.8%	69.0%	69.1%	63.6%	62.1%	64.9%	37.6%	84.1%	87.3%
Wealthy	2.6%	3.4%	3.1%	1.4%	4.2%	1.7%	3.7%	2.0%	0.7%	2.4%	5.2%	1.3%	0.2%	11.7%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (989)	100.0% (389)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (217)	100.0% (313)	100.0% (310)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (203)	100.0% (370)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (419)	100.0% (326)	100.0% (142)

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19. Fairness of own tax burden

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?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
More than fair share	43.5%	37.8%	46.7%	42.3%	43.8%	37.1%	47.4%	42.5%	44.4%	41.7%	41.7%	48.5%
Less than fair share	4.6%	5.5%	4.4%	3.3%	4.7%	4.9%	3.2%	4.5%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%	4.4%
About right	42.1%	45.8%	39.7%	44.1%	42.0%	43.2%	42.2%	44.0%	40.4%	36.6%	46.0%	46.4%
I don't file taxes	9.9%	11.0%	9.2%	10.3%	9.5%	14.8%	7.3%	9.0%	10.7%	17.6%	7.1%	0.7%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (989)	100.0% (248)	100.0% (594)	100.0% (147)	100.0% (655)	100.0% (177)	100.0% (157)	100.0% (450)	100.0% (539)	100.0% (418)	100.0% (319)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
More than fair share	43.5%	36.4%	57.6%	38.7%	28.0%	38.0%	58.5%	42.5%	44.6%	46.0%	39.0%	35.7%	44.8%	52.1%
Less than fair share	4.6%	4.5%	3.9%	5.8%	6.4%	5.3%	2.9%	3.7%	3.6%	4.5%	6.1%	5.5%	5.1%	3.3%
About right	42.1%	48.4%	32.4%	47.8%	56.1%	46.8%	33.9%	39.4%	43.8%	39.6%	46.9%	41.3%	46.4%	40.5%
I don't file taxes	9.9%	10.7%	6.1%	7.7%	9.6%	9.9%	4.8%	14.3%	8.0%	9.9%	8.0%	17.5%	3.7%	4.1%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (989)	100.0% (388)	100.0% (228)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (215)	100.0% (314)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (202)	100.0% (371)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (418)	100.0% (326)	100.0% (142)

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20. Change in own tax burden in next year

Do you expect the amount of taxes you must pay to increase or decrease in the next year? Asked if respondent files taxes

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Increase	52.5%	50.7%	53.2%	53.3%	55.4%	33.3%	47.0%	56.2%	48.9%	47.8%	55.1%	56.1%
Stay about the same	42.3%	41.7%	43.0%	40.9%	40.0%	57.2%	47.4%	39.5%	45.0%	44.1%	40.3%	42.0%
Decrease	5.2%	7.6%	3.8%	5.8%	4.6%	9.6%	5.6%	4.2%	6.1%	8.1%	4.5%	1.8%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (896)	100.0% (219)	100.0% (546)	100.0% (131)	100.0% (594)	100.0% (157)	100.0% (145)	100.0% (414)	100.0% (482)	100.0% (353)	100.0% (294)	100.0% (249)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Increase	52.5%	38.2%	72.5%	51.1%	40.8%	44.7%	69.2%	50.2%	51.8%	54.5%	51.7%	44.2%	55.6%	59.2%
Stay about the same	42.3%	55.1%	22.0%	46.0%	53.7%	51.3%	25.7%	41.6%	45.5%	39.1%	45.0%	47.4%	41.9%	36.5%
Decrease	5.2%	6.7%	5.5%	2.9%	5.5%	4.0%	5.0%	8.2%	2.7%	6.3%	3.3%	8.4%	2.5%	4.3%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (896)	100.0% (349)	100.0% (211)	100.0% (250)	100.0% (196)	100.0% (285)	100.0% (295)	100.0% (159)	100.0% (185)	100.0% (334)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (345)	100.0% (322)	100.0% (137)

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21. Most trusted party on taxes

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Democrats	33.9%	34.7%	35.4%	27.0%	28.5%	69.6%	42.8%	33.8%	34.0%	29.0%	35.7%	39.7%
Republicans	39.6%	37.4%	38.5%	47.0%	43.1%	13.6%	36.9%	45.9%	33.5%	37.5%	40.6%	41.7%
About the same	26.6%	27.9%	26.0%	26.0%	28.4%	16.8%	20.3%	20.3%	32.5%	33.4%	23.7%	18.7%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (989)	100.0% (247)	100.0% (597)	100.0% (145)	100.0% (653)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (157)	100.0% (451)	100.0% (538)	100.0% (421)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Democrats	33.9%	71.8%	0.8%	33.8%	83.2%	41.8%	6.8%	31.9%	36.2%	32.7%	35.3%	36.5%	33.0%	35.2%
Republicans	39.6%	6.3%	88.7%	35.4%	3.6%	27.1%	79.8%	27.7%	38.2%	44.5%	41.7%	31.2%	40.8%	50.4%
About the same	26.6%	21.9%	10.5%	30.8%	13.3%	31.1%	13.4%	40.4%	25.7%	22.8%	23.0%	32.3%	26.3%	14.4%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (989)	100.0% (392)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (265)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (313)	100.0% (309)	100.0% (180)	100.0% (201)	100.0% (372)	100.0% (236)	100.0% (417)	100.0% (328)	100.0% (142)

22. Favor elimination of tax deductions

Should the tax system be simplified by reducing the number of tax deductions, even if it means that some deductions for which you are currently eligible will be eliminated?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Yes	35.3%	29.3%	37.8%	36.7%	36.1%	26.3%	37.6%	48.4%	22.8%	25.3%	40.7%	45.1%
No	28.4%	31.5%	28.8%	21.8%	28.6%	28.2%	27.0%	27.3%	29.5%	27.7%	28.1%	30.1%
Not sure	36.3%	39.2%	33.3%	41.5%	35.3%	45.5%	35.4%	24.2%	47.7%	47.0%	31.2%	24.8%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (991)	100.0% (247)	100.0% (597)	100.0% (147)	100.0% (656)	100.0% (177)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (451)	100.0% (540)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (320)	100.0% (251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Yes	35.3%	29.4%	41.1%	43.8%	35.0%	38.8%	42.5%	29.2%	37.3%	32.9%	42.1%	26.5%	43.1%	45.8%
No	28.4%	28.8%	29.6%	28.0%	28.5%	29.3%	29.9%	25.8%	29.4%	29.1%	28.5%	28.7%	30.0%	23.9%
Not sure	36.3%	41.7%	29.2%	28.2%	36.5%	31.9%	27.6%	45.0%	33.3%	38.0%	29.4%	44.7%	26.9%	30.3%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (991)	100.0% (390)	100.0% (228)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (217)	100.0% (314)	100.0% (310)	100.0% (180)	100.0% (203)	100.0% (373)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (419)	100.0% (330)	100.0% (141)

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23. Balancing budget by making government more efficient

Do you think it is possible to balance the budget by 2037, simply by making the government more efficient, or are tax increases or government spending cuts necessary to meet this goal?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Goal can be met simply by making the government more efficient	37.3%	30.8%	36.6%	51.1%	36.7%	36.3%	43.9%	38.6%	36.1%	42.9%	35.8%	30.0%
Tax increases or spending cuts are necessary to meet goal	31.6%	35.8%	32.4%	21.6%	32.5%	27.6%	27.6%	39.5%	24.0%	18.9%	35.3%	47.8%
Goal cannot be met regardless of what government does	10.1%	7.0%	10.5%	13.7%	10.2%	8.1%	11.0%	11.0%	9.1%	11.9%	10.2%	6.9%
Not sure	21.0%	26.5%	20.5%	13.6%	20.6%	28.0%	17.5%	10.8%	30.8%	26.3%	18.7%	15.3%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (995)	100.0% (249)	100.0% (598)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (658)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (455)	100.0% (540)	100.0% (421)	100.0% (322)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Goal can be met simply by making the government more efficient	37.3%	33.2%	44.4%	38.5%	22.5%	35.7%	51.5%	42.6%	32.1%	38.8%	35.4%	37.1%	39.4%	34.8%
Tax increases or spending cuts are necessary to meet goal	31.6%	40.1%	24.2%	36.2%	54.0%	32.9%	26.5%	22.5%	33.2%	30.5%	39.1%	22.6%	38.5%	45.8%
Goal cannot be met regardless of what government does	10.1%	7.8%	12.3%	10.3%	8.6%	12.1%	8.5%	11.6%	11.0%	10.8%	6.7%	13.7%	7.5%	5.4%
Not sure	21.0%	18.9%	19.1%	14.9%	14.8%	19.4%	13.6%	23.4%	23.7%	19.9%	18.8%	26.6%	14.7%	14.0%

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (995)	100.0% (392)	100.0% (228)	100.0% (269)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (182)	100.0% (202)	100.0% (375)	100.0% (236)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (330)	100.0% (142)

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24. Favor these measures to reduce the federal deficit

Do you favor or oppose the following measures to reduce the federal deficit, or the amount by which federal expenditures exceed revenues each year?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Gradually raising the retirement age for full Social Security benefits to 69 by 2075	29.3%	29.3%	27.5%	35.5%	29.8%	22.9%	32.1%	34.4%	24.4%	22.8%	28.2%	41.3%
Eliminating the tax deduction to homeowners for interest paid on their mortgages	17.7%	16.0%	17.9%	20.0%	17.5%	17.8%	19.8%	20.9%	14.7%	14.5%	16.0%	25.1%
Eliminating the tax deduction that companies take for providing health insurance to their employees	16.1%	15.1%	16.3%	16.9%	15.7%	16.4%	19.0%	15.7%	16.4%	17.4%	15.5%	14.6%
Cutting defense spending by \$100 billion	43.1%	43.1%	44.6%	37.6%	43.2%	42.3%	43.2%	48.4%	38.1%	35.2%	46.6%	51.8%
Gradually raising the gas tax by 15 cents per gallon starting in 2013	18.4%	17.6%	20.7%	12.1%	18.6%	20.9%	13.9%	23.4%	13.7%	8.2%	20.2%	33.2%
Reducing the size of the federal work force by 10%	52.3%	35.3%	56.9%	66.0%	54.5%	35.5%	50.9%	63.4%	41.8%	48.7%	53.9%	56.2%
Reducing Medicare payments to doctors, other health care providers, and drug companies	20.2%	26.5%	19.7%	10.9%	19.6%	22.4%	23.0%	23.2%	17.3%	16.6%	22.4%	23.4%

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	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Limiting the ability of people to sue for damages in cases of medical malpractice	40.7%	36.1%	42.3%	43.0%	43.8%	19.4%	36.5%	45.6%	36.0%	33.1%	41.9%	51.7%
Reducing cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security benefits by changing the inflation measurement used to calculate adjustments	16.7%	22.6%	13.3%	18.0%	16.8%	15.8%	16.2%	21.3%	12.3%	15.1%	16.5%	19.4%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Gradually raising the retirement age for full Social Security benefits to 69 by 2075	29.3%	26.6%	34.1%	32.9%	30.5%	28.6%	37.5%	25.1%	30.3%	26.1%	37.2%	22.2%	35.2%	43.0%
Eliminating the tax deduction to homeowners for interest paid on their mortgages	17.7%	20.9%	14.1%	19.5%	25.8%	19.6%	14.1%	17.0%	20.2%	16.4%	18.3%	18.1%	18.0%	18.1%

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Eliminating the tax deduction that companies take for providing health insurance to their employees	16.1%	20.1%	12.5%	16.8%	18.8%	18.6%	13.7%	15.2%	17.1%	13.6%	19.9%	19.2%	15.5%	13.3%
Cutting defense spending by \$100 billion	43.1%	59.4%	22.3%	50.4%	73.5%	53.0%	23.9%	45.4%	43.0%	36.7%	52.1%	42.2%	44.8%	49.6%
Gradually raising the gas tax by 15 cents per gallon starting in 2013	18.4%	25.8%	6.8%	27.4%	39.0%	25.0%	8.3%	17.8%	15.9%	16.9%	23.7%	10.3%	21.6%	38.2%
Reducing the size of the federal work force by 10%	52.3%	39.5%	67.3%	59.5%	29.2%	55.1%	73.8%	48.8%	53.7%	49.2%	58.9%	43.8%	62.4%	57.9%
Reducing Medicare payments to doctors, other health care providers, and drug companies	20.2%	17.7%	21.8%	22.3%	21.8%	21.5%	21.3%	23.5%	18.2%	16.9%	24.9%	18.7%	22.2%	23.1%
Limiting the ability of people to sue for damages in cases of medical malpractice	40.7%	28.2%	55.8%	45.0%	23.3%	38.3%	60.6%	41.0%	37.6%	40.7%	43.1%	29.2%	51.3%	50.6%

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	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Reducing cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security benefits by changing the inflation measurement used to calculate adjustments	16.7%	15.7%	17.8%	18.3%	14.4%	16.3%	21.1%	14.0%	17.6%	17.4%	16.7%	15.3%	18.0%	20.0%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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25. Oppose these measures to reduce the federal deficit

Do you favor or oppose the following measures to reduce the federal deficit, or the amount by which federal expenditures exceed revenues each year?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Gradually raising the retirement age for full Social Security benefits to 69 by 2075	40.4%	33.3%	45.0%	36.7%	40.9%	39.1%	37.3%	38.4%	42.3%	43.0%	40.9%	35.4%
Eliminating the tax deduction to homeowners for interest paid on their mortgages	49.7%	38.2%	54.2%	53.8%	49.9%	44.3%	53.4%	53.5%	46.0%	44.9%	55.4%	50.5%
Eliminating the tax deduction that companies take for providing health insurance to their employees	50.3%	43.6%	52.7%	54.1%	52.0%	44.5%	41.9%	57.0%	44.1%	42.7%	54.6%	57.7%
Cutting defense spending by \$100 billion	26.4%	17.6%	28.9%	33.4%	27.6%	16.1%	27.5%	29.8%	23.2%	27.6%	24.8%	26.6%
Gradually raising the gas tax by 15 cents per gallon starting in 2013	59.3%	54.8%	59.3%	67.0%	60.9%	47.3%	57.8%	57.2%	61.2%	64.9%	58.9%	50.4%
Reducing the size of the federal work force by 10%	15.1%	21.6%	13.5%	9.6%	13.8%	27.5%	13.4%	11.4%	18.7%	14.3%	17.0%	14.3%
Reducing Medicare payments to doctors, other health care providers, and drug companies	48.5%	34.0%	51.0%	64.9%	50.0%	42.9%	41.2%	48.5%	48.4%	48.9%	45.3%	51.7%

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	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
	18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad	
Limiting the ability of people to sue for damages in cases of medical malpractice	25.1%	28.0%	23.5%	25.8%	22.6%	38.8%	33.4%	25.2%	25.1%	27.3%	23.7%	23.4%
Reducing cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security benefits by changing the inflation measurement used to calculate adjustments	45.4%	24.1%	52.7%	57.2%	45.6%	46.0%	42.8%	47.9%	43.0%	47.2%	46.1%	41.6%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Gradually raising the retirement age for full Social Security benefits to 69 by 2075	40.4%	44.2%	37.9%	38.9%	45.7%	45.0%	35.2%	43.7%	40.1%	41.5%	36.1%	43.3%	35.1%	40.3%
Eliminating the tax deduction to homeowners for interest paid on their mortgages	49.7%	48.1%	56.1%	51.1%	43.2%	52.4%	58.9%	49.7%	48.5%	46.3%	56.4%	41.9%	56.2%	56.6%

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Eliminating the tax deduction that companies take for providing health insurance to their employees	50.3%	44.1%	59.4%	56.6%	50.1%	50.1%	60.7%	46.3%	51.8%	53.6%	46.8%	38.4%	59.0%	63.0%
Cutting defense spending by \$100 billion	26.4%	13.6%	45.8%	25.1%	6.7%	18.9%	48.9%	20.2%	25.6%	32.7%	21.7%	20.4%	28.6%	30.4%
Gradually raising the gas tax by 15 cents per gallon starting in 2013	59.3%	48.6%	77.4%	53.4%	38.9%	53.0%	76.2%	57.9%	62.1%	62.5%	52.4%	62.5%	60.2%	46.4%
Reducing the size of the federal work force by 10%	15.1%	23.9%	8.4%	14.2%	31.6%	15.1%	8.5%	15.6%	11.9%	17.1%	14.3%	18.7%	10.9%	18.2%
Reducing Medicare payments to doctors, other health care providers, and drug companies	48.5%	48.1%	54.9%	49.0%	45.1%	50.1%	57.9%	43.9%	48.0%	51.5%	47.4%	47.7%	51.3%	44.1%
Limiting the ability of people to sue for damages in cases of medical malpractice	25.1%	35.7%	14.2%	27.2%	46.3%	28.1%	13.9%	24.6%	28.7%	23.6%	25.1%	28.8%	22.8%	23.1%

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	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Reducing cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security benefits by changing the inflation measurement used to calculate adjustments	45.4%	51.9%	43.9%	42.6%	51.8%	49.1%	43.4%	45.7%	43.5%	46.6%	44.9%	45.0%	48.4%	41.2%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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26. Feelings about earmarks

Members of Congress sometimes add provisions to legislation that include government spending projects for their own states or districts. Such spending projects are known as 'earmarks' or 'pork.' Do you approve or disapprove of this practice?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Strongly approve	1.2%	2.4%	0.5%	1.1%	0.7%	2.7%	3.6%	1.2%	1.1%	1.5%	1.2%	0.5%
Somewhat approve	5.7%	7.2%	5.2%	4.5%	4.8%	11.1%	7.7%	8.3%	3.2%	6.4%	5.3%	4.8%
Neither approve, nor disapprove	12.2%	16.5%	10.7%	10.0%	11.6%	16.8%	12.5%	11.9%	12.5%	14.4%	12.1%	8.7%
Somewhat disapprove	18.7%	24.3%	18.0%	11.6%	19.7%	16.4%	11.8%	16.8%	20.5%	13.6%	20.0%	25.5%
Strongly disapprove	48.4%	29.0%	52.4%	68.1%	50.0%	34.8%	49.7%	56.0%	41.2%	43.6%	49.5%	55.0%
Not sure	13.9%	20.5%	13.2%	4.8%	13.2%	18.1%	14.7%	5.9%	21.4%	20.4%	11.8%	5.5%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (991)	100.0% (247)	100.0% (598)	100.0% (146)	100.0% (655)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (157)	100.0% (452)	100.0% (539)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (320)	100.0% (251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	1.2%	2.6%	0.5%	0.5%	1.1%	0.4%	1.3%	1.2%	0.9%	0.7%	2.0%	1.6%	1.1%	0.9%
Somewhat approve	5.7%	8.9%	2.9%	6.0%	11.9%	5.6%	4.1%	6.2%	5.4%	4.7%	6.9%	7.1%	5.0%	5.2%
Neither approve, nor disapprove	12.2%	11.5%	8.2%	13.0%	16.4%	14.8%	6.3%	13.7%	13.8%	10.6%	12.2%	16.6%	9.0%	9.3%
Somewhat disapprove	18.7%	22.9%	16.6%	18.1%	26.1%	21.1%	15.3%	16.3%	20.5%	20.9%	15.3%	16.5%	22.3%	20.8%
Strongly disapprove	48.4%	38.1%	61.3%	54.5%	36.9%	47.2%	66.5%	46.0%	41.8%	49.3%	54.7%	38.3%	54.6%	57.6%
Not sure	13.9%	15.9%	10.6%	7.9%	7.6%	10.9%	6.5%	16.6%	17.6%	13.6%	8.8%	20.0%	8.0%	6.1%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (991)	100.0% (391)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (217)	100.0% (315)	100.0% (309)	100.0% (182)	100.0% (202)	100.0% (372)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (417)	100.0% (330)	100.0% (142)

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27. Economic impact of cost of entitlement programs

Do you think the cost of government entitlement programs, including Social Security and Medicare, will create major economic problems for the U.S. in the next 25 years if no changes are made to them?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Yes	58.7%	58.2%	59.1%	58.3%	60.3%	45.9%	58.4%	67.8%	50.1%	48.1%	62.8%	71.2%
No	18.2%	14.8%	19.6%	19.3%	17.2%	23.2%	22.1%	16.6%	19.8%	23.1%	15.1%	13.9%
Not sure	23.1%	27.0%	21.3%	22.4%	22.5%	30.9%	19.5%	15.6%	30.2%	28.8%	22.1%	14.9%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (993)	100.0% (247)	100.0% (598)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (656)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (454)	100.0% (539)	100.0% (421)	100.0% (321)	100.0% (251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Yes	58.7%	48.0%	73.4%	67.7%	43.4%	60.5%	77.9%	57.2%	58.8%	55.2%	65.7%	45.7%	69.3%	71.4%
No	18.2%	28.1%	11.1%	14.7%	32.7%	19.5%	9.6%	16.5%	22.7%	18.2%	15.5%	25.3%	13.0%	14.6%
Not sure	23.1%	23.9%	15.5%	17.5%	23.9%	20.0%	12.5%	26.3%	18.5%	26.6%	18.8%	28.9%	17.7%	14.0%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (993)	100.0% (392)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (269)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (309)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (203)	100.0% (374)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (419)	100.0% (331)	100.0% (141)

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28. Measure to address cost of entitlement programs

Should the government cut benefits or raise taxes if the cost of major entitlement programs create major economic problems for the U.S.?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Raise taxes	19.0%	19.8%	19.1%	17.3%	17.6%	24.5%	25.4%	17.8%	20.2%	14.6%	20.0%	25.1%
Cut benefits	21.2%	24.6%	22.0%	12.4%	21.2%	17.5%	25.8%	26.8%	15.9%	18.6%	20.1%	26.8%
Both	23.7%	23.7%	22.6%	27.6%	23.7%	24.5%	23.2%	26.1%	21.4%	20.7%	24.6%	27.6%
Neither	36.1%	31.9%	36.2%	42.7%	37.5%	33.6%	25.6%	29.3%	42.5%	46.2%	35.3%	20.5%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(989)	(245)	(597)	(147)	(654)	(178)	(157)	(452)	(537)	(420)	(317)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Raise taxes	19.0%	32.5%	5.8%	21.3%	43.3%	20.3%	9.3%	19.8%	19.3%	19.7%	17.0%	19.6%	17.3%	21.9%
Cut benefits	21.2%	7.7%	40.4%	20.1%	5.9%	12.0%	41.9%	17.5%	20.6%	23.3%	21.2%	15.2%	25.0%	28.7%
Both	23.7%	28.8%	16.4%	26.2%	26.3%	35.0%	16.3%	23.5%	21.0%	20.6%	31.4%	18.0%	26.3%	32.7%
Neither	36.1%	30.9%	37.3%	32.4%	24.4%	32.7%	32.4%	39.2%	39.0%	36.4%	30.4%	47.1%	31.3%	16.7%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(989)	(391)	(225)	(268)	(217)	(315)	(309)	(182)	(203)	(369)	(235)	(418)	(330)	(141)

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29. Confident about these aspects of retirement

How confident are you about the following things?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
You will have sufficient income throughout your retirement	7.9%	10.0%	7.3%	6.8%	7.1%	18.1%	4.1%	9.5%	6.5%	7.2%	7.4%	9.9%
You will be able to retire when you want	14.4%	12.3%	9.9%	33.9%	12.9%	27.5%	13.2%	16.7%	12.3%	15.4%	12.4%	15.2%
Social Security will be able to pay your full benefits throughout retirement	6.6%	5.7%	5.9%	10.7%	5.1%	19.2%	6.3%	6.7%	6.6%	9.1%	4.4%	5.2%
Throughout your retirement, Social Security will provide benefits of at least equal value to what it pays out today	6.4%	5.0%	5.9%	10.5%	4.8%	17.4%	8.3%	6.1%	6.7%	9.7%	3.5%	4.5%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
You will have sufficient income throughout your retirement	7.9%	8.8%	7.5%	8.9%	5.3%	9.4%	9.0%	7.9%	7.0%	8.7%	7.6%	6.8%	8.4%	10.8%
You will be able to retire when you want	14.4%	17.4%	10.9%	16.6%	14.0%	16.7%	14.1%	20.6%	12.7%	12.5%	14.3%	13.2%	14.4%	17.4%

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Social Security will be able to pay your full benefits throughout retirement	6.6%	12.5%	3.5%	3.8%	8.3%	7.4%	4.7%	7.9%	4.6%	6.7%	7.3%	8.1%	4.8%	7.5%
Throughout your retirement, Social Security will provide benefits of at least equal value to what it pays out today	6.4%	10.7%	3.3%	6.0%	7.4%	7.2%	4.8%	7.4%	4.4%	6.8%	6.7%	8.1%	5.2%	5.7%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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30. Not confident about these aspects of retirement

How confident are you about the following things?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
You will have sufficient income throughout your retirement	24.4%	27.3%	21.9%	27.7%	23.7%	28.7%	25.0%	29.2%	19.8%	19.4%	27.4%	28.7%
You will be able to retire when you want	21.3%	25.0%	18.9%	22.8%	21.2%	21.7%	20.9%	24.5%	18.1%	19.4%	24.0%	20.9%
Social Security will be able to pay your full benefits throughout your retirement	20.9%	12.0%	19.2%	42.3%	19.6%	24.9%	28.4%	21.3%	20.6%	21.2%	20.9%	20.6%
Throughout your retirement, Social Security will provide benefits of at least equal value to what it pays out today	20.7%	14.2%	19.8%	35.5%	19.5%	25.4%	26.5%	21.4%	20.1%	21.3%	20.4%	20.3%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
You will have sufficient income throughout your retirement	24.4%	27.8%	22.0%	28.0%	35.1%	21.7%	23.8%	20.5%	28.3%	23.1%	25.9%	20.0%	24.1%	35.4%
You will be able to retire when you want	21.3%	25.6%	20.1%	21.4%	29.1%	20.4%	21.2%	15.6%	22.4%	20.5%	25.9%	19.7%	20.4%	29.5%

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Social Security will be able to pay your full benefits throughout your retirement	20.9%	27.2%	14.7%	23.2%	27.4%	26.9%	13.8%	21.8%	24.9%	19.0%	19.9%	23.8%	16.7%	21.3%
Throughout your retirement, Social Security will provide benefits of at least equal value to what it pays out today	20.7%	24.9%	15.4%	24.6%	23.7%	28.9%	13.5%	23.2%	22.1%	19.8%	19.1%	21.7%	18.2%	20.2%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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31. Removal of Social Security payroll tax cap

Currently, Social Security taxes are paid on earnings up to \$106,000. Would you favor or oppose lifting that cap so that Social Security taxes are paid on all income, not just income under \$106,000?

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Strongly favor	33.7%	22.7%	37.1%	41.1%	34.3%	33.8%	28.0%	39.5%	28.2%	31.0%	33.9%	37.9%
Somewhat favor	20.4%	20.5%	20.4%	20.4%	21.0%	18.5%	17.2%	21.9%	19.0%	16.2%	22.7%	24.5%
Neither favor, nor oppose	12.4%	17.4%	9.8%	12.7%	11.8%	16.0%	14.4%	9.9%	14.8%	14.2%	12.7%	9.1%
Somewhat oppose	6.0%	4.1%	6.9%	6.2%	5.5%	5.0%	11.7%	5.5%	6.5%	7.0%	3.8%	7.3%
Strongly oppose	10.5%	12.6%	11.3%	4.1%	10.6%	5.8%	15.5%	12.5%	8.6%	8.5%	12.1%	11.9%
Not sure	16.9%	22.7%	14.5%	15.4%	16.8%	20.9%	13.1%	10.7%	22.8%	23.1%	14.8%	9.3%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (993)	100.0% (247)	100.0% (600)	100.0% (146)	100.0% (656)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (453)	100.0% (540)	100.0% (421)	100.0% (321)	100.0% (251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly favor	33.7%	42.5%	24.3%	36.3%	43.7%	41.5%	24.9%	41.0%	35.7%	30.7%	31.3%	31.4%	38.4%	36.3%
Somewhat favor	20.4%	18.8%	23.6%	21.9%	16.3%	24.5%	23.9%	22.5%	25.7%	16.4%	20.7%	18.9%	23.6%	20.8%
Neither favor, nor oppose	12.4%	11.5%	12.8%	11.9%	14.0%	13.0%	11.3%	10.3%	9.4%	13.3%	15.2%	14.0%	13.0%	8.6%
Somewhat oppose	6.0%	5.5%	7.5%	6.4%	7.1%	3.2%	6.8%	3.6%	4.9%	7.9%	5.8%	6.8%	4.4%	7.3%
Strongly oppose	10.5%	5.0%	19.0%	10.5%	4.8%	8.0%	19.6%	6.9%	8.8%	12.9%	11.0%	7.7%	9.1%	15.8%
Not sure	16.9%	16.7%	12.9%	13.0%	14.2%	9.9%	13.5%	15.7%	15.4%	18.7%	16.1%	21.2%	11.7%	11.2%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (993)	100.0% (393)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (267)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (308)	100.0% (182)	100.0% (204)	100.0% (373)	100.0% (234)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (329)	100.0% (141)

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32. Obama's ideological leanings

Would you say Barack Obama is...

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Very liberal	35.7%	28.7%	35.0%	50.6%	38.8%	15.6%	30.0%	41.6%	30.2%	34.1%	32.5%	42.3%
Liberal	21.4%	27.8%	20.3%	14.2%	20.6%	26.9%	22.7%	22.7%	20.2%	16.8%	22.3%	28.0%
Moderate	22.3%	20.5%	23.9%	19.6%	20.5%	30.5%	29.1%	20.6%	23.9%	16.4%	28.6%	24.4%
Conservative	2.9%	4.1%	2.4%	2.4%	1.8%	8.5%	6.7%	2.5%	3.3%	3.5%	2.8%	2.0%
Very conservative	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%	3.6%	0.5%	0.3%	1.2%	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%
Not sure	16.9%	18.0%	17.5%	12.8%	17.8%	15.0%	10.9%	12.4%	21.2%	28.3%	13.0%	2.7%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (994)	100.0% (248)	100.0% (600)	100.0% (146)	100.0% (657)	100.0% (179)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (453)	100.0% (541)	100.0% (423)	100.0% (321)	100.0% (250)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Very liberal	35.7%	10.3%	73.0%	35.1%	3.7%	20.0%	77.4%	28.8%	33.1%	40.1%	36.2%	25.1%	40.5%	49.2%
Liberal	21.4%	31.3%	11.9%	25.1%	43.5%	25.6%	12.0%	18.9%	27.2%	19.1%	22.1%	18.8%	24.6%	23.5%
Moderate	22.3%	37.8%	3.7%	27.2%	41.5%	39.2%	3.4%	22.3%	17.4%	23.2%	25.0%	23.4%	23.4%	22.6%
Conservative	2.9%	6.3%	0.8%	2.2%	4.6%	2.6%	3.0%	5.6%	0.5%	3.1%	2.5%	3.6%	3.1%	1.5%
Very conservative	0.8%	1.4%	0.6%	0.5%	1.4%	0.2%	1.1%	1.2%	0.3%	0.7%	1.0%	1.2%	0.3%	1.2%
Not sure	16.9%	12.9%	10.0%	9.8%	5.3%	12.4%	3.0%	23.2%	21.5%	13.7%	13.1%	28.0%	8.1%	2.1%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (994)	100.0% (393)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (268)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (309)	100.0% (182)	100.0% (204)	100.0% (373)	100.0% (235)	100.0% (421)	100.0% (329)	100.0% (142)

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33. Obama's sincerity

Do you think Barack Obama...

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Says what he believes	47.4%	48.0%	48.0%	44.6%	42.2%	81.0%	58.5%	46.2%	48.7%	43.2%	48.9%	52.7%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52.6%	52.0%	52.0%	55.4%	57.8%	19.0%	41.5%	53.8%	51.3%	56.8%	51.1%	47.3%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (987)	100.0% (249)	100.0% (592)	100.0% (146)	100.0% (654)	100.0% (175)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (449)	100.0% (538)	100.0% (416)	100.0% (320)	100.0% (251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Says what he believes	47.4%	72.3%	25.3%	47.6%	75.6%	54.8%	30.2%	50.1%	53.2%	43.0%	47.6%	49.7%	45.6%	48.8%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52.6%	27.7%	74.7%	52.4%	24.4%	45.2%	69.8%	49.9%	46.8%	57.0%	52.4%	50.3%	54.4%	51.2%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (987)	100.0% (389)	100.0% (226)	100.0% (266)	100.0% (217)	100.0% (313)	100.0% (308)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (202)	100.0% (371)	100.0% (233)	100.0% (417)	100.0% (328)	100.0% (141)

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34. Obama's likeability

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Like a lot	30.7%	30.4%	31.7%	28.0%	24.9%	72.8%	36.8%	26.6%	34.6%	23.5%	33.9%	38.8%
Like somewhat	27.9%	29.1%	28.5%	24.0%	28.9%	14.9%	33.7%	28.4%	27.5%	31.6%	25.1%	25.2%
Dislike	29.5%	29.0%	28.2%	34.9%	33.8%	4.9%	17.9%	32.4%	26.7%	28.9%	31.8%	27.8%
Not sure	11.8%	11.6%	11.6%	13.1%	12.4%	7.4%	11.6%	12.6%	11.1%	16.0%	9.2%	8.1%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(995)	(248)	(600)	(147)	(659)	(178)	(158)	(454)	(541)	(422)	(322)	(251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Like a lot	30.7%	61.7%	4.6%	27.7%	68.5%	39.6%	7.5%	33.4%	31.3%	27.0%	34.2%	31.6%	30.0%	34.7%
Like somewhat	27.9%	28.2%	22.2%	32.3%	24.4%	33.6%	22.9%	32.2%	29.1%	26.4%	26.2%	29.1%	31.2%	20.1%
Dislike	29.5%	5.1%	57.9%	29.4%	2.7%	18.5%	57.2%	25.6%	25.4%	34.9%	27.2%	27.3%	26.1%	35.9%
Not sure	11.8%	5.0%	15.3%	10.6%	4.4%	8.4%	12.5%	8.8%	14.2%	11.7%	12.4%	11.9%	12.7%	9.3%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(995)	(392)	(228)	(268)	(217)	(317)	(310)	(182)	(204)	(374)	(235)	(420)	(330)	(142)

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35. Words that describe Obama

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Honest	32.6%	33.0%	32.5%	32.2%	27.8%	65.4%	39.1%	30.9%	34.2%	26.8%	36.9%	36.9%
Intelligent	60.1%	56.8%	63.9%	52.6%	57.9%	82.2%	55.0%	63.0%	57.3%	51.2%	62.0%	72.5%
Religious	13.9%	13.7%	13.7%	14.9%	11.3%	34.0%	14.4%	10.0%	17.5%	15.4%	14.6%	10.4%
Inspiring	35.0%	38.8%	37.0%	21.7%	30.8%	69.4%	34.2%	34.3%	35.8%	27.2%	38.5%	43.8%
Patriotic	27.7%	24.1%	29.0%	29.6%	24.5%	51.9%	29.7%	25.4%	29.9%	21.9%	29.8%	34.8%
Strong	28.6%	27.0%	30.4%	25.1%	23.8%	62.5%	34.5%	22.5%	34.5%	28.9%	28.7%	28.1%
Bold	34.2%	34.9%	32.0%	40.5%	33.1%	48.1%	27.9%	31.4%	36.8%	36.0%	34.6%	30.7%
Experienced	13.9%	13.9%	14.8%	10.8%	11.0%	34.0%	17.3%	10.4%	17.2%	15.8%	12.9%	12.1%
Sincere	37.1%	33.4%	38.9%	37.3%	32.8%	67.4%	41.8%	34.1%	40.0%	30.0%	39.1%	46.4%
Partisan	27.1%	23.2%	28.5%	29.2%	28.6%	14.5%	28.5%	33.6%	21.0%	20.0%	29.1%	36.4%
Effective	18.4%	17.0%	19.9%	15.7%	13.9%	46.0%	28.1%	16.6%	20.1%	18.9%	18.3%	17.7%
Unifying	13.0%	12.2%	13.8%	11.6%	9.9%	31.2%	21.0%	10.4%	15.5%	13.5%	14.4%	10.5%
In Touch	20.4%	20.9%	21.7%	15.0%	16.3%	49.9%	24.3%	17.5%	23.1%	18.0%	21.7%	22.6%
Realistic	25.6%	24.7%	27.2%	21.7%	21.7%	50.8%	32.6%	22.8%	28.2%	22.8%	27.7%	27.6%
Decisive	20.6%	19.3%	21.1%	21.1%	18.7%	31.8%	25.7%	21.9%	19.4%	20.4%	20.6%	21.0%
Totals	(1,000)	(251)	(601)	(148)	(661)	(181)	(158)	(456)	(544)	(424)	(324)	(252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Honest	32.6%	61.7%	4.4%	32.3%	71.4%	41.9%	6.8%	33.5%	38.0%	30.0%	31.4%	34.9%	29.2%	38.1%
Intelligent	60.1%	82.6%	37.5%	66.4%	86.8%	70.3%	43.5%	55.9%	62.4%	58.1%	64.6%	58.6%	65.0%	63.6%
Religious	13.9%	25.2%	2.9%	11.7%	23.2%	17.7%	4.6%	11.2%	14.9%	13.1%	16.3%	17.3%	13.0%	7.5%
Inspiring	35.0%	58.4%	10.4%	36.2%	71.1%	43.0%	13.7%	31.7%	34.1%	34.6%	39.2%	33.3%	37.1%	41.5%
Patriotic	27.7%	50.3%	4.9%	30.9%	58.9%	36.2%	6.2%	27.0%	30.0%	24.7%	31.3%	30.4%	25.8%	30.3%
Strong	28.6%	48.7%	8.8%	28.8%	46.1%	37.5%	13.6%	25.8%	30.9%	28.5%	29.2%	35.6%	26.4%	21.9%
Bold	34.2%	39.9%	27.7%	34.1%	42.3%	34.9%	31.9%	34.3%	34.6%	34.1%	33.8%	37.8%	38.1%	23.6%
Experienced	13.9%	26.5%	3.5%	10.5%	30.3%	15.7%	4.1%	14.9%	16.0%	14.2%	10.8%	18.5%	12.8%	8.5%
Sincere	37.1%	66.7%	8.3%	38.0%	78.5%	44.9%	11.9%	40.3%	38.9%	33.3%	39.3%	40.2%	32.6%	42.5%
Partisan	27.1%	13.8%	47.3%	27.3%	8.6%	21.7%	50.3%	19.5%	25.5%	27.4%	34.1%	21.7%	29.4%	36.2%
Effective	18.4%	33.8%	4.4%	16.8%	35.5%	22.0%	6.9%	11.8%	20.2%	19.9%	19.5%	20.8%	16.4%	17.9%
Unifying	13.0%	22.2%	4.4%	13.2%	26.8%	18.1%	3.4%	13.3%	9.3%	13.4%	15.4%	13.9%	13.3%	11.9%
In Touch	20.4%	38.3%	3.4%	18.8%	44.0%	26.9%	5.3%	19.8%	24.1%	18.8%	20.0%	22.7%	17.4%	22.7%

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	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Realistic	25.6%	46.4%	3.3%	27.2%	49.5%	36.7%	5.7%	24.9%	27.2%	23.9%	27.4%	29.6%	25.0%	23.3%
Decisive	20.6%	30.8%	9.7%	23.5%	35.9%	24.2%	11.0%	18.5%	20.3%	21.9%	20.3%	25.1%	20.3%	13.2%
Totals	(1,000)	(394)	(228)	(270)	(219)	(317)	(311)	(183)	(206)	(375)	(236)	(423)	(331)	(142)

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36. Approval of U.S. Congress

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Strongly approve	1.6%	1.0%	2.0%	1.3%	1.4%	3.1%	1.7%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	2.8%	0.2%
Somewhat approve	5.9%	8.3%	5.3%	3.8%	4.6%	14.5%	7.7%	5.8%	6.0%	4.9%	6.7%	6.6%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13.3%	13.1%	12.2%	17.4%	12.6%	14.8%	18.6%	10.2%	16.3%	19.8%	10.3%	6.4%
Somewhat disapprove	23.8%	25.0%	24.4%	19.7%	24.2%	23.9%	20.2%	20.7%	26.7%	18.4%	25.8%	30.3%
Strongly disapprove	45.8%	35.1%	48.6%	54.7%	48.3%	31.9%	38.6%	55.6%	36.5%	41.6%	47.3%	51.0%
Not sure	9.6%	17.6%	7.4%	3.2%	8.9%	11.8%	13.2%	6.2%	12.8%	13.8%	7.2%	5.5%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (992)	100.0% (248)	100.0% (598)	100.0% (146)	100.0% (654)	100.0% (180)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (454)	100.0% (538)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (321)	100.0% (251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	1.6%	2.6%	0.6%	1.8%	2.4%	1.4%	0.8%	1.4%	1.2%	2.4%	0.8%	1.9%	1.7%	0.3%
Somewhat approve	5.9%	13.6%	0.8%	3.1%	14.7%	7.3%	2.2%	8.5%	4.9%	4.2%	7.6%	6.8%	5.9%	5.3%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13.3%	17.4%	11.3%	8.6%	14.2%	16.4%	9.0%	12.0%	15.4%	11.9%	14.9%	18.8%	10.1%	6.2%
Somewhat disapprove	23.8%	29.5%	18.4%	25.2%	33.0%	25.5%	19.2%	23.1%	25.7%	24.7%	21.1%	22.1%	27.0%	21.7%
Strongly disapprove	45.8%	27.5%	62.8%	55.9%	28.5%	42.9%	66.6%	42.3%	44.0%	48.2%	46.1%	37.7%	47.5%	61.4%
Not sure	9.6%	9.3%	6.1%	5.4%	7.2%	6.5%	2.3%	12.7%	8.8%	8.5%	9.5%	12.7%	7.8%	5.0%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (992)	100.0% (393)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (267)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (316)	100.0% (308)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (203)	100.0% (374)	100.0% (234)	100.0% (419)	100.0% (329)	100.0% (141)

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37. Direction of country

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Generally headed in the right direction	23.2%	23.2%	23.5%	22.2%	18.7%	51.1%	33.5%	23.6%	22.8%	17.7%	26.8%	27.8%
Off on the wrong track	61.4%	56.1%	62.7%	65.8%	66.5%	29.1%	50.2%	62.6%	60.2%	62.0%	61.8%	59.8%
Not sure	15.4%	20.7%	13.8%	12.0%	14.8%	19.8%	16.3%	13.8%	17.0%	20.3%	11.4%	12.4%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (994)	100.0% (248)	100.0% (599)	100.0% (147)	100.0% (658)	100.0% (178)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (455)	100.0% (539)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (322)	100.0% (252)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Generally headed in the right direction	23.2%	45.0%	3.1%	23.8%	51.1%	29.4%	8.6%	25.3%	22.9%	22.5%	22.9%	23.1%	24.7%	27.2%
Off on the wrong track	61.4%	36.9%	86.8%	63.8%	30.4%	55.0%	85.5%	58.2%	63.7%	62.8%	59.3%	55.5%	65.1%	62.7%
Not sure	15.4%	18.1%	10.1%	12.4%	18.6%	15.7%	5.9%	16.4%	13.4%	14.6%	17.8%	21.4%	10.2%	10.1%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (994)	100.0% (391)	100.0% (228)	100.0% (269)	100.0% (218)	100.0% (314)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (203)	100.0% (374)	100.0% (236)	100.0% (419)	100.0% (330)	100.0% (142)

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38. Trend of economy

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Getting better	21.0%	24.0%	20.5%	17.4%	18.4%	39.5%	23.2%	25.4%	16.7%	14.7%	23.6%	27.9%
About the same	36.1%	41.3%	35.3%	30.2%	36.2%	32.8%	39.0%	33.2%	38.9%	36.7%	35.9%	35.4%
Getting worse	37.2%	25.6%	39.4%	49.6%	39.8%	18.3%	34.8%	36.8%	37.6%	39.9%	35.9%	34.5%
Not sure	5.7%	9.1%	4.8%	2.9%	5.5%	9.4%	3.0%	4.6%	6.7%	8.7%	4.6%	2.1%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(993)	(247)	(598)	(148)	(656)	(180)	(157)	(455)	(538)	(420)	(322)	(251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Getting better	21.0%	37.3%	6.4%	20.9%	47.5%	23.4%	8.3%	27.0%	18.2%	19.8%	20.6%	17.1%	22.6%	30.3%
About the same	36.1%	35.0%	35.5%	38.4%	33.9%	40.4%	36.9%	27.7%	41.1%	34.4%	41.2%	40.0%	36.8%	28.5%
Getting worse	37.2%	22.2%	54.9%	36.1%	14.0%	32.0%	53.5%	35.9%	36.2%	40.6%	33.6%	33.8%	38.8%	39.1%
Not sure	5.7%	5.5%	3.2%	4.6%	4.6%	4.2%	1.2%	9.4%	4.5%	5.2%	4.6%	9.1%	1.9%	2.0%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(993)	(392)	(227)	(269)	(217)	(316)	(311)	(182)	(204)	(374)	(233)	(420)	(331)	(140)

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39. Stock market expectations over next year

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Higher	25.9%	28.9%	24.2%	26.4%	24.2%	39.3%	25.7%	34.4%	17.8%	21.0%	26.5%	33.0%
About the same	32.2%	29.2%	34.1%	30.9%	32.9%	26.9%	31.5%	31.5%	32.9%	30.6%	31.2%	36.0%
Lower	18.0%	14.1%	20.0%	17.8%	19.1%	5.8%	21.4%	19.5%	16.5%	18.4%	19.2%	15.8%
Not sure	24.0%	27.9%	21.7%	24.8%	23.7%	27.9%	21.3%	14.6%	32.8%	30.0%	23.0%	15.2%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(993)	(248)	(597)	(148)	(656)	(180)	(157)	(454)	(539)	(420)	(322)	(251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Higher	25.9%	37.9%	15.0%	28.5%	43.4%	30.3%	18.7%	24.3%	28.1%	23.5%	29.1%	22.5%	29.7%	33.3%
About the same	32.2%	32.6%	36.0%	30.9%	32.3%	33.9%	36.0%	29.7%	33.6%	30.0%	36.6%	31.7%	32.2%	33.4%
Lower	18.0%	7.6%	29.6%	17.0%	3.5%	16.3%	27.7%	18.4%	14.8%	20.9%	15.5%	16.1%	18.8%	20.3%
Not sure	24.0%	21.9%	19.4%	23.5%	20.8%	19.5%	17.7%	27.5%	23.5%	25.7%	18.7%	29.7%	19.3%	13.0%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(Unweighted)	(993)	(392)	(228)	(269)	(217)	(315)	(311)	(182)	(204)	(374)	(233)	(419)	(331)	(140)

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40. Change in personal finances over past year

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

	Total	Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Better off financially	12.4%	20.7%	10.8%	3.5%	12.9%	11.5%	8.4%	16.1%	8.8%	7.6%	15.0%	17.0%
About the same as now	41.1%	39.9%	40.3%	45.4%	38.9%	54.0%	46.6%	39.1%	42.9%	38.1%	42.7%	43.8%
Worse off financially	42.7%	31.3%	46.1%	50.4%	44.2%	29.7%	43.7%	40.8%	44.4%	47.5%	39.3%	38.8%
Not sure	3.9%	8.0%	2.8%	0.8%	4.1%	4.8%	1.3%	3.9%	3.9%	6.8%	2.9%	0.4%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (993)	100.0% (246)	100.0% (599)	100.0% (148)	100.0% (657)	100.0% (178)	100.0% (158)	100.0% (454)	100.0% (539)	100.0% (420)	100.0% (322)	100.0% (251)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Better off financially	12.4%	16.4%	10.9%	12.4%	17.8%	13.2%	9.5%	8.2%	12.5%	11.2%	17.6%	10.8%	15.4%	14.0%
About the same as now	41.1%	43.3%	38.9%	40.8%	52.1%	44.1%	39.2%	42.3%	41.2%	38.3%	44.6%	34.5%	47.7%	48.7%
Worse off financially	42.7%	37.0%	48.6%	43.5%	29.1%	41.2%	50.1%	43.0%	42.4%	46.4%	36.3%	48.3%	36.4%	36.3%
Not sure	3.9%	3.3%	1.6%	3.3%	1.0%	1.5%	1.1%	6.5%	3.9%	4.1%	1.5%	6.5%	0.5%	1.1%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (993)	100.0% (392)	100.0% (227)	100.0% (269)	100.0% (216)	100.0% (315)	100.0% (311)	100.0% (181)	100.0% (204)	100.0% (374)	100.0% (234)	100.0% (419)	100.0% (331)	100.0% (141)

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 13-16, 2010
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	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.
Weighting	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 0.3 to 3.5, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.5.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	22 questions not reported.