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Sample   1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted   August 20-23, 2011
Margin of Error ±3.7%

1. 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	13%	23%	21%	29%	13%
The economy	10%	20%	17%	43%	9%
Immigration	10%	20%	14%	39%	16%
The environment	11%	27%	17%	27%	17%
Terrorism	19%	23%	15%	29%	14%
Gay rights	12%	25%	11%	25%	27%
Education	15%	24%	18%	27%	15%
Health care	16%	21%	11%	41%	10%
Social security	14%	21%	18%	34%	13%
The budget deficit	9%	17%	17%	46%	11%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	22%	22%	32%	12%
Taxes	13%	18%	17%	41%	11%
Medicare	14%	22%	15%	35%	15%

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2. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	38%	39%	17%	6%
The economy	82%	15%	2%	2%
Immigration	45%	31%	16%	8%
The environment	41%	39%	15%	5%
Terrorism	50%	31%	13%	6%
Gay rights	22%	25%	23%	30%
Education	57%	31%	8%	4%
Health care	72%	20%	5%	3%
Social security	65%	25%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	62%	27%	6%	6%
The war in Afghanistan	38%	41%	15%	6%
Taxes	64%	28%	6%	2%
Medicare	58%	29%	10%	4%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	42%
Immigration	5%
The environment	3%
Terrorism	2%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	8%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	2%

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

Strongly Approve 12%
Somewhat Approve 27%
Somewhat Disapprove 15%
Strongly Disapprove 37%
Not Sure 8%

5. How closely have you been following news about the 2012 presidential election campaign?

Very closely 32%
Somewhat closely 36%
Not too closely 22%
Not at all 11%

6. Next year, are you more likely to vote in a Democratic presidential primary or caucus, or a Republican primary or caucus, or aren't you likely to vote in a primary or caucus at all?
Asked of registered voters

Democratic primary or caucus 40%
Republican primary or caucus 39%
Don't plan to vote in a primary or caucus at all 21%

7. If you had to choose one, which of these individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president in 2012?
Asked of registered voters who are likely to vote in a Republican primary or caucus

Sarah Palin	4%
Mitt Romney	15%
Newt Gingrich	4%
Michele Bachmann	9%
Jon Huntsman	2%
Ron Paul	11%
Rudy Giuliani	6%
Herman Cain	8%
Rick Santorum	2%
Rick Perry	23%
Other	6%
No preference	11%

8. And which of these individuals would be your SECOND choice to be the Republican nominee for president in 2012?
Asked of registered voters who are likely to vote in a Republican primary or caucus

Sarah Palin	7%
Mitt Romney	11%
Newt Gingrich	4%
Michele Bachmann	15%
Jon Huntsman	2%
Ron Paul	9%
Rudy Giuliani	5%
Herman Cain	7%
Rick Santorum	4%
Rick Perry	21%
Other	4%
No preference	11%

9. In the 2012 presidential election, would you prefer that Barack Obama or someone else run as the Democratic nominee for president?
Asked of registered voters who are likely to vote in a Democratic primary or caucus

Barack Obama	68%
Someone else	13%
Not sure	19%

10. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Rick Perry, the Republican, would you vote for Barack Obama or Rick Perry?
Asked of registered voters

Barack Obama	47%
Lean Barack Obama	3%
Lean Rick Perry	1%
Rick Perry	36%
Other	7%
Not sure	14%

11. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, would you vote for Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?
Asked of registered voters

Barack Obama	46%
Lean Barack Obama	1%
Lean Mitt Romney	3%
Mitt Romney	35%
Other	8%
Not sure	14%

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12. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Michele Bachmann, the Republican, would you vote for Barack Obama or Michele Bachmann?
Asked of registered voters

Barack Obama 49%

Lean Barack Obama 1%

Lean Michele Bachmann 3%

Michele Bachmann 33%

Other 9%

Not sure 14%

13. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Sarah Palin, the Republican, would you vote for Barack Obama or Sarah Palin?
Asked of registered voters

Barack Obama 50%

Lean Barack Obama 1%

Lean Sarah Palin 2%

Sarah Palin 32%

Other 9%

Not sure 15%

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

A great deal 37%

A fair amount 35%

Not much 19%

Nothing at all 9%

15. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?
Asked if repsondent is aware of Tea Party movement

Yes 18%

No 82%

16. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?
Asked if repsondent is aware of Tea Party movement

Strongly support 18%
Somewhat support 16%
Neither support, nor oppose 17%
Somewhat oppose 9%
Strongly oppose 32%
Not sure 8%

17. Right now, do you think the U.S. economy is...

Growing 4%
Slowing Down 23%
In a Recession 45%
In a Depression 19%
Not sure 9%

18. Do you support or oppose additional government spending to create jobs and stimulate the economy?

Strongly support 20%
Somewhat support 20%
Neither support, nor oppose 15%
Somewhat oppose 12%
Strongly oppose 25%
Not sure 9%

19. Do you think President Obama is responsible for the recent fluctuations in stock prices?

Yes 28%
No 49%
Not sure 22%

20. Do you own any stocks or mutual funds?

Yes 36%
No 59%
Not sure 5%

21. Would you consider yourself to be a person who...

Actively checks stock prices 21%
Hears about the stock market in the news 79%

22. How serious a problem is immigration in your LOCAL community?

Very serious 17%
Somewhat serious 23%
A minor problem 22%
Not a problem 26%
Not sure 12%

23. How serious a problem is immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious 41%
Somewhat serious 27%
A minor problem 19%
Not a problem 6%
Not sure 7%

24. Do you support or oppose deporting illegal immigrants who have no criminal record and are not a considered a threat to public safety?

Strongly support 31%
Somewhat support 17%
Neither support, nor oppose 17%
Somewhat oppose 14%
Strongly oppose 15%
Not sure 7%

25. Do you support or oppose deporting illegal immigrants under the following circumstances?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support, nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
The individual was brought to the U.S. as a minor by parents who entered the country illegally	22%	15%	18%	14%	24%	7%
The individual graduated from a U.S. high school	23%	16%	21%	12%	21%	7%
The individual served in the U.S. military	16%	8%	16%	14%	39%	7%
The individual is in a committed relationship with a same-sex partner who is a U.S. citizen	28%	11%	22%	10%	21%	8%

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

Very satisfied 29%
Somewhat satisfied 35%
Somewhat dissatisfied 11%
Very dissatisfied 13%
Not sure 13%

27. Have you personally been affected by any changes to the health care system resulting from the health care reform law that was passed last year by Congress?
Asked if respondent has been personally affected by the health care reform law

Yes 23%
No 52%
Not sure 25%

28. Have the changes that you experienced as a result of the health care legislation been positive or negative?

Positive 21%
Neither positive, nor negative 10%
Negative 68%

29. Do you favor or oppose repealing President Obama's health care reform law passed last year by Congress?

Strongly favor 26%
Favor 15%
Neither favor nor oppose 25%
Oppose 12%
Strongly oppose 23%

30. Under the health care reform bill passed last year by Congress and signed by President Obama, do you think you personally will receive better or worse care than you receive now?

Better care 13%
About the same 37%
Worse care 35%
Not sure 16%

31. Do you think you personally will pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, under the health care reform bill passed last year by Congress and signed by President Obama?

Pay more 51%
About the same 26%
Pay less 7%
Not sure 17%

32. How well do you feel that you understand the health care reform bill that was signed into law last year?

        Very well 10%

        Fairly well 41%

        Not very well 36%

        Not at all 13%

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33. Next, we'd like to ask you about some specific parts of the current health care law. Please tell us whether you favor or oppose the following provisions.

	Strongly favor	Favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose	Strongly oppose
Require all U.S. citizens and legal residents to have health insurance, or pay a tax penalty?	11%	13%	24%	17%	35%
Require employers to offer their employees health insurance, or pay a tax penalty?	22%	21%	26%	15%	15%
Require health plans to provide coverage for children up to age 26?	24%	24%	26%	13%	13%
Prevent insurers from charging more to cover people who are in poor health?	35%	23%	23%	10%	9%
Prevent insurers from imposing lifetime limits on benefits?	35%	24%	24%	10%	7%
Require all insurance policies to provide a minimum package of benefits?	27%	33%	28%	6%	7%
Provide a subsidy to help people with incomes of between $29,000 and $88,000 per year (for a family of 4) afford insurance?	22%	24%	29%	14%	11%
Guarantee access to insurance coverage for people with pre-existing conditions?	43%	28%	22%	4%	3%

34. Which party do you trust more to make the right decisions about health care?

Democrats 35%

Republicans 19%

About the same 10%

Neither 27%

Not sure 8%

35. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for...
Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate 41%

The Republican Party candidate 36%

Other 5%

Not sure 16%

I would not vote 2%

36. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?
Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate 41%

The Republican Party candidate 36%

Other 3%

Not sure 17%

I would not vote 3%

37. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal 29%

Liberal 18%

Moderate 31%

Conservative 6%

Very conservative 1%

Not sure 16%

38. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes 44%
Says what he thinks people want to hear 56%

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

Like a lot 33%
Like somewhat 30%
Dislike 24%
Not sure 13%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Bold	29%	47%	25%
Decisive	17%	51%	32%
Effective	16%	46%	37%
Experienced	14%	45%	41%
Honest	32%	37%	31%
In touch	24%	43%	33%
Inspiring	31%	45%	25%
Intelligent	58%	30%	13%
Partisan	25%	56%	19%
Patriotic	32%	42%	26%
Realistic	27%	42%	31%
Religious	15%	59%	26%
Sincere	33%	38%	29%
Strong	26%	44%	29%
Unifying	13%	48%	39%

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

    Strongly approve 1%
    Somewhat approve 8%
    Neither approve nor disapprove 13%
    Somewhat disapprove 22%
    Strongly disapprove 48%
    Not sure 8%

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

    Higher 22%
    About the same 29%
    Lower 24%
    Not sure 24%

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

    Generally headed in the right direction 14%
    Off on the wrong track 71%
    Not sure 15%

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

    Getting better 8%
    About the same 31%
    Getting worse 54%
    Not sure 7%

45. 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 43%
    Worse off financially than you were a year ago 38%
    Not sure 6%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 20-23, 2011
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 0.4 to 3.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.64.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.7% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	25 questions not reported.