

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted June 12-15, 2010
Margin of Error ±3.5%

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

A lot	25%
A little	51%
Nothing at all	24%

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

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

Definitely yes	12%
Probably yes	27%
Hard to say	36%
Probably no	12%
Definitely no	14%

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

Should confirm	40%
Should not confirm	25%
Not sure	36%

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

Strongly favor	26%
Mildly favor	19%
Mildly oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	13%

5. 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	78%
A little	17%
Nothing at all	5%

6. 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	18%
Neither approve, nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	32%

7. In your opinion, did the companies involved in the oil spill knowingly violate oil drilling regulations resulting in the accident or did the accident occur despite their efforts to comply with regulations? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Knowingly violated regulations	55%
Tried to comply with regulations	15%
Not sure	31%

8. Which of these two statements comes closer to your own personal point of view? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

The technology for offshore oil drilling generally works well. This was an unusual accident.	54%
The technology for offshore oil drilling is generally risky and not reliable. This kind of accident was inevitable.	46%

9. You may have heard or read about efforts to stop the oil spill, such as capturing oil at the spill and pumping it up to a ship for capture, putting a cap over the spill, or blocking the spill by dropping concrete and other material on it. Generally speaking, how well would you say these efforts have worked when it comes to stopping the oil spill? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Very well	0%
Fairly well	3%
Had some positive effect, but not enough to solve the problem	35%
Were mostly a failure	62%

10. How would you rate BP's efforts to clean up the oil spill in the waters and on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Doing all it can	13%
Should be doing more	78%
Not sure	9%

11. Do you believe that BP will pay for all the costs of stopping the leak and cleaning up the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Definitely will	13%
Probably will	22%
Probably will not	42%
Definitely will not	14%
Not sure	9%

12. Do you believe that BP will compensate everyone who lost income and wages as a result of the oil spill? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Definitely will	6%
Probably will	16%
Probably will not	43%
Definitely will not	24%
Not sure	11%

13. How likely is it that BP will declare bankruptcy due to the cleanup costs, lawsuits, and fines resulting from the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Very likely	24%
Somewhat likely	24%
Neither likely, nor unlikely	13%
Somewhat unlikely	15%
Very unlikely	11%
Not sure	12%

14. Is it fair for BP to suspend its quarterly dividend payout to shareholders until the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is stopped and cleaned up, or is it unfair to suspend it because it punishes shareholders who are not personally responsible for the accident? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Fair to suspend dividend	49%
Unfair to suspend dividend	31%
Not sure	20%

15. Which of the following countries do you consider to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally of U.S.	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy of the U.S.	Not sure
China	7%	32%	26%	14%	20%
Japan	37%	37%	6%	4%	16%
South Korea	38%	29%	9%	6%	19%
Israel	45%	22%	9%	5%	19%
France	30%	36%	18%	3%	14%
India	17%	49%	8%	3%	23%
Mexico	19%	39%	18%	7%	16%
Russia	7%	34%	27%	10%	22%
North Korea	2%	5%	20%	56%	17%
Iran	1%	2%	26%	58%	13%

16. Do you think that people in these countries have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the United States?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
China	7%	32%	28%	14%	18%
Japan	22%	41%	15%	5%	16%
South Korea	23%	35%	14%	9%	19%
Israel	24%	35%	16%	7%	18%
France	10%	33%	31%	11%	15%
India	14%	42%	16%	6%	22%
Mexico	20%	34%	21%	10%	14%
Russia	5%	33%	30%	13%	19%
North Korea	3%	5%	19%	54%	19%
Iran	2%	10%	21%	53%	15%

17. In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Israelis	35%
About equal	32%
Palestinians	10%
Not sure	23%

18. Do U.S. policies in the Middle East give too much or too little support to Israel?

Too much support	27%
Too little support	25%
About the right amount of support	19%
Not sure	28%

19. Do you favor or oppose the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza strip?

Strongly favor	16%
Somewhat favor	24%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	12%
Not sure	38%

20. 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	10%	30%	24%	25%	11%
The economy	15%	25%	15%	38%	8%
Immigration	8%	22%	17%	40%	13%
The environment	11%	31%	18%	27%	14%
Terrorism	16%	27%	15%	29%	14%
Gay rights	12%	23%	13%	25%	26%
Education	15%	28%	18%	23%	14%
Health care	22%	22%	13%	37%	7%
Social security	12%	23%	18%	30%	17%
The budget deficit	10%	20%	16%	41%	12%
The war in Afghanistan	10%	29%	25%	25%	12%
Taxes	13%	23%	15%	36%	14%

21. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	44%	39%	12%	4%
The economy	83%	14%	2%	2%
Immigration	53%	31%	12%	4%
The environment	53%	32%	11%	4%
Terrorism	59%	28%	9%	3%
Gay rights	22%	26%	24%	29%
Education	63%	28%	6%	3%
Health care	75%	19%	4%	3%
Social security	64%	26%	7%	3%
The budget deficit	63%	28%	7%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	43%	41%	12%	4%
Taxes	62%	29%	7%	2%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	36%
Immigration	7%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	6%
Gay rights	2%
Education	5%
Health care	15%
Social security	8%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	2%
Taxes	2%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	9%

24. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	31%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	18%

25. Do you think Barack Obama...

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

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

Like a lot	37%
Like somewhat	25%
Dislike	24%
Not sure	13%

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

Honest	7%
Intelligent	14%
Religious	4%
Inspiring	8%
Patriotic	7%
Strong	7%
Bold	8%
Experienced	3%
Sincere	8%
Partisan	6%
Effective	5%
Unifying	4%
In Touch	6%
Realistic	7%
Decisive	5%

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

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

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	10%

30. 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 = 715, MoE = ±3.8%)	38%	5%	7%	40%	11%
All Respondents	33%	4%	8%	37%	18%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	35%
Not sure	5%

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

Higher	24%
About the same	34%
Lower	25%
Not sure	17%

33. 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	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	40%
Not sure	3%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 12–15, 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 0.6 to 2.6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.5.
Number of respondents	1,000
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	24 questions not reported.