

60 Minutes/Vanity Fair Poll
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q4 If you could add a president to Mount Rushmore, which one of these would you pick? 1. John F. Kennedy, 2. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 3. Andrew Jackson, 4. Barack Obama, 5. Ronald Reagan, or 6. Lyndon B. Johnson, or 7. Dwight D. Eisenhower?

	Total %	** GENDER **		***** AGE *****		
		Men %	Women %	18-44 %	45-64 %	65+ %
John F. Kennedy	29	25	32	27	33	23
Franklin Delano Roosevelt	18	18	18	15	20	23
Andrew Jackson	2	2	2	2	3	3
Barack Obama	16	13	19	24	9	6
Ronald Reagan	20	24	16	18	22	24
Lyndon Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dwight D. Eisenhower	6	7	5	3	9	10
None/other (Vol.)	5	10	2	7	3	6
DK/NA	4	1	6	4	1	5

q5 Which ONE of the following events of 2009 were you most surprised to see happen? 1. The country swore in an African American president, 2. The death of Michael Jackson, 3. The soap opera The Guiding Light went off the air after 72 years, or 4. The war in Afghanistan caused more worries than the war in Iraq?

Swore in an African American President	37	39	34	40	33	36
The death of Michael Jackson	18	19	18	25	16	3
The Guiding Light went off the air	3	4	3	3	4	3
The war in Afghanistan caused more worries than Iraq	35	30	39	27	39	50
DK/NA	7	8	6	5	8	8

q6 Which of the following ceremonies would you most like to participate in? 1. Flipping the coin at the Super Bowl, 2. Throwing out the first pitch at a World Series, 3. Ringing the bell at the New York Stock Exchange, 4. Directing the racers to "Start your engines" at the Indianapolis 500, 5. Lighting the Olympic Torch, or 6. Laying a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Flipping the coin at the Super Bowl	11	12	11	14	11	4
Throwing out the first pitch at World Series	7	9	5	6	8	6
Ringing the bell at the NY Stock Exchange	4	5	2	2	6	4
Directing the racers to "Start your engines" at the Indy 500	8	9	6	7	7	8
Lighting the Olympic Torch	18	15	21	24	14	8
Laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier	50	48	52	44	51	66
DK/NA	2	2	3	3	3	4

q7 Do you think it is sometimes justified for the C.I.A. to resort to assassination or is it never justified?

Sometimes justified	41	44	38	41	45	34
Never justified	47	48	46	49	45	46
DK/NA	12	8	16	10	10	20

q8 How often do you use the U.S. Postal Service? 1. All the time, for all my correspondence and bills, 2. Sometimes, but mainly for bills, 3. Only around the holidays, OR 4. Almost never?

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All the time, for all my correspondence + bills	42	39	45	35	43	61
Sometimes, but mainly for bills	36	38	34	37	38	26
Only around the holidays	9	8	10	12	8	6
Almost never	13	15	11	16	11	7
DK/NA	0	0	0	0	0	0

q9 Which comes closest to your view about domestic militias critical of the president and the federal government? 1. They are citizens exercising their constitutional rights, 2. They are fringe elements blowing off steam, or 3. They are genuine threats to peace and stability?

They are citizens exercising their constitutional rights	36	37	35	37	34	38
They are fringe elements blowing off steam	16	19	14	14	21	14
They are genuine threats to peace and stability	33	33	33	34	33	29
DK/NA	15	11	18	15	12	19

q10 In the healthcare debate, there's been much back and forth over the so-called "public option." Could you confidently explain what exactly the public option is to someone who didn't know?

Yes	26	30	23	23	32	26
No	66	59	73	68	64	67
DK/NA	8	11	4	9	4	7

q11 Suppose you had to raise children in one of the following countries, which one would you choose? 1. China, 2. Russia, 3. France, 4. Brazil, 5. India, or 6. None of these countries.

China	3	3	2	3	3	3
Russia	1	1	1	2	0	0
France	28	27	29	34	25	17
Brazil	7	7	7	9	5	5
India	2	2	2	3	1	1
None of these countries	58	60	56	48	66	72
DK/NA	1	0	3	1	0	2

q12 Who among the following do you think is currently the most influential conservative voice in America? 1. Glenn Beck, 2. Rush Limbaugh, 3. Sarah Palin, 4. Sean Hannity, 5. Dick Cheney, or 6. John Boehner?

Glenn Beck	11	10	11	8	15	10
Rush Limbaugh	26	32	20	27	27	22
Sarah Palin	10	8	13	12	9	7
Sean Hannity	8	11	5	10	6	7
Dick Cheney	10	11	9	11	8	12
John Boehner	4	5	3	3	6	6
Someone else (vol.)	1	1	2	1	1	2
None of the above (vol.)	15	14	17	16	13	16
DK/NA	15	8	20	12	15	18

q13 With the release of James Cameron's movie Avatar, Hollywood may have its next big blockbuster. Which of the following landmark movies do you think had the biggest impact in its day? 1. Birth of a Nation, the first blockbuster, 2. The Jazz Singer, the first feature-length Hollywood talkie, 3. Gone With the Wind, the first historical epic, OR 4. Star Wars, which introduced modern special-effects?

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		Men	Women	18-44	45-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Birth of a Nation	7	6	7	6	7	7
The Jazz Singer	5	6	4	5	6	4
Gone With the Wind	35	31	39	25	41	54
Star Wars	45	49	41	58	40	16
None (Vol.)	2	2	3	1	2	6
DK/NA	6	6	6	5	4	13

q14 Several high profile musicians want to discover if their songs were played at painfully high volumes to Guantanamo detainees. Of the artists below, which one would you LEAST want to hear at painfully high volume? 1. AC/DC, 2. Britney Spears, 3. Rage Against the Machine, 4. The Bee Gees, 5. Eminem, 6. Nine-Inch Nails, or 7. I don't know who any of these musicians are?

AC/DC	14	10	18	13	19	9
Britney Spears	28	38	19	38	24	6
Rage Against the Machine	8	6	9	10	7	0
The Bee Gees	6	8	5	7	7	5
Eminem	11	10	12	11	16	3
Nine-Inch Nails	9	5	12	12	7	3
Don't know any of them	14	13	16	5	12	50
Don't want to hear any (vol.)	6	6	5	3	4	19
DK/NA	4	4	4	1	4	5

q15 Which one of these lost artifacts would you like to be the first one to find? 1. Amelia Earhart's plane, 2. Cleopatra's jewel-laden barge, 3. Noah's Ark, 4. the lost city of Atlantis, or 5. Richard Nixon's missing 18-and-a-half-minute tape

Amelia Earhart's plane	16	14	18	13	19	21
Cleopatra's jewel-laden barge	5	6	4	4	7	5
Noah's Ark	43	40	45	41	44	46
Lost city of Atlantis	18	19	16	21	17	9
Nixon's missing tape	13	15	11	14	11	13
DK/NA	5	6	6	7	2	6

q16 Which ONE of the following are you most likely to do at your company holiday party this year? 1. Drink way too much, 2. Only stop by for 10 minutes to show your face, 3. Kiss a co-worker, 4. Take a picture with the boss, 5. Forget someone's name, or 6. What holiday party, it's all been cut back this year?

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	%	%	%	%	%	%
Drink way too much	5	6	4	8	2	2
Stop by for 10 minutes to	20	21	19	20	22	16
Kiss a co-worker	2	2	2	0	4	3
Forget someone's name	10	14	7	11	5	2
Take a picture with the boss	7	4	10	12	8	10
What holiday party?	37	34	39	39	39	24
Don't work (vol.)	12	12	13	7	12	30
DK/NA	7	7	6	3	8	13