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JULY 2012 RELIGION & POLITICS SURVEY
June 28 – July 9, 2012 TOPLINE
N=2973

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 28- Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	October, 2007	28	66	6
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	February, 2007	30	61	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	December, 2006	28	65	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2006	30	65	5
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	May, 2006*	29	65	6
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	March, 2006	32	63	5
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	January, 2006	34	61	5
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	July, 2005	35	58	7
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	January, 2005	40	54	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	July, 2004	38	55	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	May, 2004	33	61	6
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	December, 2003	44	47	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	October, 2003	38	56	6
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	August, 2003	40	53	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	<i>April 8, 2003</i>	50	41	9
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	January, 2003	44	50	6
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	May, 2002	44	44	12
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	March, 2002	50	40	10
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
December, 2008	13	83	4	March, 2001	47	45	8
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	February, 2001	46	43	11
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	January, 2001	55	41	4
August, 2008	21	74	5	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
July, 2008	19	74	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
June, 2008	19	76	5	June, 2000	47	45	8
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	April, 2000	48	43	9
March, 2008	22	72	6	August, 1999	56	39	5
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	January, 1999	53	41	6
				November, 1998	46	44	10
				Early September, 1998	54	42	4
				Late August, 1998	55	41	4
				Early August, 1998	50	44	6

1 In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

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	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 1998	59	37	4	March, 1994	24	71	5
January, 1998	46	50	4	October, 1993	22	73	5
September, 1997	45	49	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
August, 1997	49	46	5	May, 1993	22	71	7
January, 1997	38	58	4	January, 1993	39	50	11
July, 1996	29	67	4	January, 1992	28	68	4
March, 1996	28	70	2	November, 1991	34	61	5
October, 1995	23	73	4	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
June, 1995	25	73	2	August, 1990	47	48	5
April, 1995	23	74	3	May, 1990	41	54	5
July, 1994	24	73	3	January, 1989	45	50	5
				September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2

ASK ALL:

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
May 2, 2011	56	38	6	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9				

ASK ALL:

Q.3 Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never <u>heard of</u>	(VOL.) Can't rate/ <u>Ref</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. The Supreme Court Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	10	41	37	14	23	1	11

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	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	41	29	10	20	*	18
July 1-5, 2010	58	9	49	25	8	17	1	16
Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
Roper: March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8
b. The Democratic Party								
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6

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	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
c. The Republican Party								
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
d. Congress								
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7

ASK ALL:

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2373]:

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2012 Election					
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	65	3	29	3	*
Jun 7-17, 2012	67	1	30	2	1
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	61	2	33	3	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	64	2	30	4	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	66	2	30	1	1
2008 Election					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2
2004 Election					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite <u>a lot</u>	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
2000 Election					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
1996 Election					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
1992 Election					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1
1988 Election					
<i>Gallup:</i> November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0
<i>Gallup:</i> October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0
<i>Gallup:</i> September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0
<i>Gallup:</i> August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0

NO QUESTIONS 4-9

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1466]:

REG Which of these statements best describes you? [READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: IF
RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO
REGISTER, PUNCH 1]

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2012

- 74 Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address
5 Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed
20 Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address
* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1507]:

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

[INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1 FOR REGIST AND REGICERT]

ASK IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST:

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

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75	Yes, registered
72	Absolutely certain
3	Chance registration has lapsed
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
24	No, not registered
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) OR (REG=1):

Q.10 Now, suppose the 2012 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between **[READ AND RANDOMIZE: Barack Obama, the Democrat OR Mitt Romney, the Republican]** who would you vote for?

ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.10=3,9):

Q.10a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.10]**?

ASK REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOOSE OBAMA OR ROMNEY IN Q.10:

Q.10b Do you support **[INSERT LAST NAME OF CANDIDATE CHOSEN IN Q.10]** strongly or only moderately?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2373]:

	Romney		<i>Only</i>		Obama		<i>Only</i>		(VOL.)	
	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Other/ DK/Ref
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	43	15	28	1	50	32	18	*		6
Jun 7-17, 2012	46	17	27	1	50	30	20	*		5
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	42				49					9
Apr 4-15, 2012	45				49					6
Mar 7-11, 2012	42				54					4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44				52					4
Jan 11-16, 2012	45				50					6
Nov 9-14, 2011	47				49					4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48				48					4

	McCain		<i>Only</i>		Obama		<i>Only</i>		Nader		Barr		Other/ DK/Ref
	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	
November, 2008	39	21	18	*	50	35	14	1	1	1	1		9
Late October, 2008	36	20	15	1	52	39	12	1	3	1	1		8
Mid-October, 2008	38	21	16	1	52	36	16	*	n/a	n/a	n/a		10
Early October, 2008	40	21	18	1	50	36	14	*	n/a	n/a	n/a		10
Late September, 2008	42	23	19	*	49	33	15	1	n/a	n/a	n/a		9
Mid-September, 2008 ²	44	25	19	*	46	30	15	1	n/a	n/a	n/a		10
August, 2008	43	17	26	*	46	27	19	*	n/a	n/a	n/a		11
July, 2008	42	17	24	1	47	24	22	1	n/a	n/a	n/a		11
June, 2008	40	14	26	*	48	28	19	1	n/a	n/a	n/a		12
Late May, 2008	44				47				n/a	n/a	n/a		9
April, 2008	44				50				n/a	n/a	n/a		6

2 After August 2008, June 2004, July 2000, July 1996, June 1992, and June 1988 the question specified vice presidential candidates.

Q.10-Q.10b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>McCain</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Obama</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Nader</u>	<u>Barr</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>			
March, 2008	43				49				n/a	n/a	8
Late February, 2008	43				50				n/a	n/a	7
	<u>Bush</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Kerry</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Nader</u>		<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>			
November, 2004	45	34	11	*	46	29	16	1	1		8
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	13	*	45	28	16	1	1		9
Early October, 2004	48	35	12	1	41	24	17	*	2		9
September, 2004	49	33	15	1	43	22	20	1	1		7
August, 2004	45	32	13	*	47	28	19	*	2		6
July, 2004	44				46				3		7
June, 2004	46				42				6		6
May, 2004	43				46				6		5
Late March, 2004	44				43				6		7
Mid-March, 2004	42				49				4		5
Two-way trial heats:											
June, 2004	48				46				n/a		6
May, 2004	45				50				n/a		5
Late March, 2004	46				47				n/a		7
Mid-March, 2004	43				52				n/a		5
Late February, 2004	44				48				n/a		8
Early February, 2004	47				47				n/a		6
Early January, 2004	52				41				n/a		7
October, 2003	50				42				n/a		8
	<u>Bush</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Gore</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>			
November, 2000	41	26	15	*	45	25	19	1	4	1	9
Late October, 2000	45	29	16	*	43	24	19	*	4	1	7
Mid-October, 2000	43	25	18	*	45	22	23	*	4	1	7
Early October, 2000	43	26	17	*	44	22	22	*	5	*	8
September, 2000	41	21	19	1	47	25	21	1	2	1	9
July, 2000	42				41				6	2	9
Late June, 2000	42				35				2	2	19
Mid-June, 2000	41				42				4	3	10
January, 2000	51				39				n/a	4	6
September, 1999	49				35				n/a	10	6
Two-way trial heats:											
July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6
Mid-June, 2000	45	20	25	*	46	18	27	1	n/a	n/a	9
May, 2000	46				45				n/a	n/a	9
March, 2000	43				49				n/a	n/a	8
February, 2000	46	19	27	*	45	18	26	1	n/a	n/a	9
December, 1999	55				40				n/a	n/a	5
October, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7
September, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7
July, 1999	53				42				n/a	n/a	5
March, 1999	54				41				n/a	n/a	5
January, 1999	50				44				n/a	n/a	6
Early September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7

Q.10-Q.10b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Dole</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		
November, 1996	32	17	15	*	51	26	24	1	9	8
October, 1996	34	17	16	1	51	25	26	*	8	7
Late September, 1996	35	16	18	1	51	26	25	*	7	7
Early September, 1996	34	17	17	*	52	26	26	0	8	6
July, 1996	34				44				16	6
March, 1996	35				44				16	5
September, 1995	36				42				19	3
July, 1994	36				39				20	5
Two-way trial heats:										
July, 1996	42	11	30	*	53	20	31	1	n/a	5
June, 1996	40	13	23	1	55	22	29	1	n/a	5
April, 1996	40				54					6
March, 1996	41				53					6
February, 1996	44				52					4
January, 1996	41				53					6
July, 1994	49				46					5

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		
Late October, 1992	34	20	14	--	44	26	18	--	19	3
Early October, 1992	35	14	21	--	48	23	25	--	8	9
June, 1992	31				27				36	6
Two-way trial heats:										
September, 1992	38	14	21	--	53	25	28	--	n/a	9
August, 1992	37	14	23	--	57	24	33	--	n/a	6
June, 1992	46	13	33	--	41	9	32	--	n/a	13
May, 1992	46	15	31	--	43	10	33	--	n/a	11
Late March, 1992	50	19	31	--	43	9	34	--	n/a	7

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Dukakis</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>		
October, 1988	50	24	26	--	42	20	22	--		8
September, 1988	50	26	24	--	44	19	25	--		6
May, 1988	40	12	28	--	53	14	39	--		7

NO QUESTION 11

ASK IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE ROMNEY IN Q.10/10a (Q.10=1 OR Q.10a=1,3,9):
RANDOMIZE Q.12a AND Q.12b

Q.12a Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Mitt Romney in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2373]:

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Romney			
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	8	44	4=57%
Jun 7-17, 2012	9	42	3=54%
Apr 4-15, 2012	10	40	5=55%
McCain			
November, 2008	7	47	7=61%
Late October, 2008	7	51	6=64%
Mid-October, 2008	9	47	6=62%
Early October, 2008	10	45	5=60%
Late September, 2008	10	42	6=58%

Q.12a CONTINUED...

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-September, 2008	9	40	7=56%
August, 2008	14	37	6=57%
July, 2008	13	38	7=58%
June, 2008	12	41	7=60%
Bush			
November, 2004	6	44	5=55%
Mid-October, 2004	5	43	7=55%
Early October, 2004	9	39	4=52%
September, 2004	9	38	4=51%
August, 2004	10	42	3=55%
July, 2004	10	41	5=56%
June, 2004 ³	9	41	2=52%
May, 2004	9	42	4=55%
Late March, 2004	11	40	3=54%
Mid-March, 2004	11	44	2=57%
Late February, 2004	10	43	3=56%
Early February, 2004	10	41	2=53%
November, 2000	8	44	7=59%
Late October, 2000	10	41	4=55%
Mid-October, 2000	12	40	5=57%
Early October, 2000	11	39	7=57%
September, 2000	15	38	6=59%
Mid-June, 2000	15	33	6=54%
Dole			
November, 1996	8	54	6=68%
October, 1996	11	51	4=66%
Late September, 1996	16	44	5=65%
Early September, 1996	14	47	5=66%
July, 1996	15	40	3=58%
Bush Sr.			
Late October, 1992	11	53	2=66%
Early October, 1992	13	46	6=65%
September, 1992	12	44	6=62%
August, 1992	15	45	4=64%
May, 1992	8	40	5=53%

**ASK IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE OBAMA IN Q.10/10a (Q.10=2 OR Q.10a=2,3,9):
RANDOMIZE Q.12a AND Q.12b**

Q.12b Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Barack Obama in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2373]:

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Obama			
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	6	41	3=50%
Jun 7-17, 2012	6	42	2=50%
Apr 4-15, 2012	6	42	3=51%
November, 2008	6	38	6=50%
Late October, 2008	7	35	6=48%
Mid-October, 2008	8	35	5=48%
Early October, 2008	7	38	5=50%

3 In June 2004, May 2004, Late March 2004, Mid-March 2004, Mid-June 2000 and July 1996 the head-to-head match-up was asked both as a three-way and a two-way trial heat. In those surveys, this question followed the two-way trial heat.

Q. 12b CONTINUED...

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late September, 2008	8	37	6=51%
Mid-September, 2008	11	38	5=54%
August, 2008	12	36	6=54%
July, 2008	12	34	7=53%
June, 2008	14	32	6=52%
Kerry			
November, 2004	6	43	5=54%
Mid-October, 2004	6	42	7=55%
Early October, 2004	9	45	5=59%
September, 2004	11	42	4=57%
August, 2004	11	39	3=53%
July, 2004	13	36	5=54%
June, 2004 ⁴	10	41	3=54%
May, 2004	11	35	4=50%
Late March, 2004	13	37	3=53%
Mid-March, 2004	13	32	3=48%
Late February, 2004	13	36	3=52%
Early February, 2004	15	33	5=53%
Gore			
November, 2000	8	41	6=55%
Late October, 2000	9	44	4=57%
Mid-October, 2000	10	40	5=55%
Early October, 2000	11	38	7=56%
September, 2000	13	35	5=53%
June, 2000	14	34	6=54%
Clinton			
November, 1996	6	37	6=49%
October, 1996	10	35	4=49%
Late September, 1996	11	35	3=49%
Early September, 1996	10	34	4=48%
July, 1996	8	36	4=48%
Late October, 1992	11	43	2=56%
Early October, 1992	14	32	6=52%
September, 1992	12	28	6=46%
August, 1992	14	26	3=43%
May, 1992	11	38	6=55%

4 In June 2004, May 2004, Late March 2004, Mid-March 2004, Mid-June 2000 and July 1996 the head-to-head match-up was asked both as a three-way and a two-way trial heat. In those surveys, this question followed the two-way trial heat.

ASK ALL:

Q.13 Which ONE of the following issues matters most to you in deciding your vote for president this year?
[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2373]:

Jun 28-Jul 9 <u>2012</u>		Jun 7-17 <u>2012</u>
33	Jobs	35
22	Health care	19
19	The budget deficit	23
11	Social Security	11
4	Gay marriage	4
4	Immigration	5
3	Other (VOL.)	2
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

NO QUESTIONS 14-17**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) OR (REG=1):**

Q.18 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates — **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES: Mitt Romney or Barack Obama]** — do you think would do the best job of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**?
 And who do you think would do the best job of **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?
IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN ROMNEY OR OBAMA PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose between Romney and Obama. . . "?"

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1185]:

	Mitt <u>Romney</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F1 Improving economic conditions				
2012 Election				
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	42	48	4	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	49	41	5	5
2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
Mid-October, 2008	32	53	5	10
Late September, 2008	33	51	6	10
Mid-September, 2008	38	47	5	10
July, 2008	32	47	7	14
June, 2008	31	51	8	10
Late May, 2008	36	51	4	9
April, 2008	33	53	8	6
2004 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>		
Mid-October, 2004	40	47	4	9
Early October, 2004	40	46	5	9
September, 2004	42	45	4	9
August, 2004	37	52	3	8
May, 2004	38	48	5	9
Late March, 2004	39	44	6	11
Mid-March, 2004	37	53	2	8
2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>		
Mid-October, 2000	37	49	3	11
Early October, 2000	35	47	6	12
September, 2000	38	46	5	11
June, 2000	38	41	5	16
March, 2000	42	46	4	8

Q. 18 CONTINUED...

		<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
1996 Election					
	September, 1996	35	49	8	8
	July, 1996	38	45	8	9
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
1992 Election		<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
	October, 1992	26	41	16	5 12
		<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
b.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks				
2012 Election					
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	38	50	5	7
2008 Election		<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	49	38	3	10
	Late September, 2008	53	36	3	8
	Mid-September, 2008	56	31	4	9
	July, 2008	48	33	5	14
	June, 2008	55	31	5	9
	April, 2008	63	26	5	6
2004 Election		<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>		
	Mid-October, 2004	53	35	4	8
	Early October, 2004	57	32	3	8
	September, 2004	58	31	3	8
	August, 2004	49	39	4	8
	May, 2004	52	33	5	10
	Late March, 2004	53	29	4	14
	Mid-March, 2004	57	32	4	7
c.F1	Dealing with the nation's energy problems				
2012 Election					
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	37	49	4	9
2008 Election		<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	34	53	4	9
	Late September, 2008	36	52	4	8
	Mid-September, 2008	40	46	4	10
	Late May, 2008	33	51	5	11
d.F1	Dealing with taxes				
2012 Election					
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	48	5	7
2008 Election		<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	35	50	5	10
	Late-September, 2008	36	49	6	9
	Mid-September, 2008	39	44	5	12
	June, 2008	36	47	6	11
	Late May, 2008	44	39	5	12
2000 Election		<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>		
	Late October, 2000	45	41	5	9
	Mid-October, 2000	41	42	5	12
	Early October, 2000	39	42	6	13
	September, 2000	41	41	5	13
	June, 2000	41	34	7	18
	March, 2000	40	44	5	11

Q. 18 CONTINUED...

	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
Cutting taxes					
1996 Election					
September, 1996	42	34	14	10	
July, 1996	42	35	12	11	
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
Not increasing taxes					
1992 Election					
October, 1992	35	25	8	16	16

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1188]:

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
e.F2	Making wise decisions about foreign policy				
2012 Election					
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	48	4	8	
2008 Election					
Mid-October, 2008	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>	1	10	
Late September, 2008	45	44	2	7	
Mid-September, 2008	49	42	2	7	
July, 2008	51	40	2	7	
2004 Election					
September, 2004	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	2	13	
August, 2004	53	37	3	7	
May, 2004	43	47	2	8	
Late March, 2004	43	42	4	11	
Mid-March, 2004	44	38	4	14	
2000 Election					
March, 2000	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>	3	8	
1996 Election					
Early September, 1996	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	4	10	
July, 1996	40	46	5	11	
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
1992 Election					
October, 1992	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	53	27	6	3	11
	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
f.F2	Improving the job situation				
2012 Election					
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	46	42	6	6	
g.F2	Reducing the federal budget deficit				
2012 Election					
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ⁵	50	36	8	6	
2008 Election					
Mid-October, 2008	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>	9	11	
1996 Election					
September, 1996	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	11	10	
July, 1996	41	38	11	10	
	39	40	11	10	

5 In 2012 the word "federal" was added to the question.

Q. 18 CONTINUED...

	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref.</u>
h.F2				
Selecting justices to serve on the Supreme Court				
2012 Election				
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	41	46	4	9
2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
Mid-October, 2008	41	46	3	10
2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>		
Early October, 2000	37	39	4	20

BASED ON ALL REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2373]:

i.	Reflecting your views on social issues like abortion and gay rights				
	2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	50	5	9
	2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	36	51	4	9
	Mid-September, 2008	39	45	5	11
	Late May, 2008	34	48	5	13
j.	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people				
	2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	30	60	5	5
	2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>		
	March, 2000	32	55	5	8
k.	Dealing with immigration				
	2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	42	46	6	7
	2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	38	42	7	13
	Mid-September, 2008	39	38	8	15
	Late May, 2008	44	39	7	10
l.	Dealing with health care				
	2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	41	49	5	5
	Jun 7-17, 2012	44	45	5	6

TREND FOR COMPARISON

	Improving the health care system				
	2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	27	57	6	10
	Mid-September, 2008	31	52	7	10
	Late May, 2008	32	49	6	13
	2004 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>		
	Early October, 2004	31	49	8	12
	September 22-26, 2004	32	48	7	13
	Early September, 2004	32	50	8	10
	August, 2004	29	55	5	11
	May, 2004	29	51	7	13
	Late March, 2004	33	46	6	15
	Mid-March, 2004	29	57	4	10

Q.18 CONTINUED...

2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 2000	38	47	5	10
Mid-October, 2000	37	48	4	11
Early October, 2000	36	49	5	10
September, 2000	32	51	6	11
June, 2000	31	44	6	19
March, 2000	31	51	6	12

QUESTIONS 19-22 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**READ FOR ALL:**

On a few issues in the news...

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1507]:

Q.23F2 Thinking about the Supreme Court ... In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is conservative, middle of the road, or liberal?

Jun 28-Jul 9		Jul 1-5	Apr 21-26	July
<u>2012</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2007</u>
24	Conservative	23	24	36
41	Middle of the road	39	36	35
23	Liberal	23	24	14
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	14	16	15

QUESTIONS 24-26, 30-32 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 27-29, 33

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the health care debate...

Q.34 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.34=1,2)

Q.35 Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Dis-</u> <u>approve</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	31	15	1	43	33	10	*	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	26	17	1	48	35	13	*	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	--	--	--	49	--	--	--	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	--	--	--	45	--	--	--	8
Jan 5-9, 2011 ⁶	41	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	11
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	10
Sep 9-12, 2010	38	--	--	--	45	--	--	--	17
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	--	--	--	46	--	--	--	10
Jul 9-11, 2010	35	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	--	--	--	44	--	--	--	16

TREND FOR COMPARISON

As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?

IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Do you (favor/oppose) these health care bills very strongly, or not so strongly?⁷

	<u>Generally favor</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Generally-</u> <u>oppose</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 11-21, 2010	40	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	13
Mar 10-14, 2010	38	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	23	14	2	48	36	11	1	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	35	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	--	--	--	39	--	--	--	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	--	--	--	47	--	--	--	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	20	13	1	47	35	11	1	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	29	11	2	44	34	10	*	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	25	13	1	46	34	12	1	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	--	--	--	44	--	--	--	18

NO QUESTIONS 36-39**QUESTIONS 40-97 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

6 In January 2011 the question asked about legislation passed "last year," and in November 2010 it read "earlier this year." In September, August and July the question asked about legislation passed "in March." In April, the question asked about the legislation passed "last month."

7 From December 9-13, 2009 and earlier, questions asked about "health care proposals" rather than "health care bills."

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4	14	14
Dec 7-11, 2011	23	33	38	3	*	2	12	17
Nov 9-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	1	2	16	15
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	23	33	38	2	1	3	18	16
Aug 17-21, 2011	24	30	40	3	*	3	17	18
Jul 20-24, 2011	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Yearly Totals								
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK ALL:

TEAPARTY2 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	<i>Not heard of/ DK</i>
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	19	27	49	3	2	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	18	25	52	2	3	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	19	27	50	2	2	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	27	51	1	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	27	51	2	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	20	27	50	1	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	20	24	53	1	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	20	26	50	3	2	--
May 25-30, 2011	18	23	54	2	2	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	22	29	47	1	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	19	25	54	1	1	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	20	25	52	2	2	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ⁸	22	22	53	2	2	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	24	22	50	2	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	22	26	49	2	2	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	27	22	49	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	29	25	32	--	1	13
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	28	24	30	--	1	16
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	29	26	32	--	1	13
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	22	18	37	--	1	21
Jun 16-20, 2010	24	18	30	--	*	27
May 20-23, 2010	25	18	31	--	1	25
Mar 11-21, 2010	24	14	29	--	1	31

8 In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

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PEW.1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTION PEW.2

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about recent economic news...

PEW.3 Are you hearing mostly good news about the economy these days, mostly bad news about the economy or a mix of both good and bad news?

	<u>Hearing mostly good news</u>	<u>Hearing mostly bad news</u>	<u>A mix of good and bad news</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
July 5-8, 2012	4	40	55	2
May 31-June 3, 2012	3	37	57	3
May 3-6, 2012	6	32	60	2
April 5-8, 2012	11	30	57	2
March 8-11, 2012	11	24	62	2
February 2-5, 2012	8	30	59	3
January 5-8, 2012	9	30	60	1
December 1-4, 2011	6	36	56	1
November 10-13, 2011	3	48	48	1
October 6-9, 2011	1	58	39	2
September 1-4, 2011	2	61	35	1
August 4-7, 2011	1	67	30	2
July 7-10, 2011	3	49	46	2
June 2-5, 2011	2	46	50	1
May 12-15, 2011	6	35	56	2
March 31-April 3, 2011	5	33	60	2
March 3-6, 2011	7	38	53	2
February 3-6, 2011	6	29	64	1
January 6-9, 2011	7	24	68	1
December 2-5, 2010	4	39	55	1
November 11-14, 2010	5	41	53	2
October 7-10, 2010	6	39	53	2
September 2-6, 2010	3	41	54	2
August 5-8, 2010	4	38	55	3
July 1-5, 2010	3	42	54	1
June 10-13, 2010	4	30	65	1
May 7-10, 2010	4	29	66	1
April 1-5, 2010	6	28	66	*
March 5-8, 2010	4	30	66	1
February 5-8, 2010	4	35	61	*
January 8-11, 2010	5	29	65	1
December 4-7, 2009	7	33	59	1
October 30-November 2, 2009	5	31	62	2
October 9-12, 2009	6	27	66	1
September 3-6, 2009	5	27	68	1
August 7-10, 2009	11	29	59	1
July 2-5, 2009	3	41	56	*
June 12-15, 2009	4	37	59	*
May 8-11, 2009	4	31	64	1
April 9-13, 2009	4	39	56	1
March 13-16, 2009	2	51	46	1
February 13-16, 2009	2	60	37	1
January 16-19, 2009	2	67	30	1
December 5-8, 2008	1	80	19	*

ASK ALL:

PEW.4 Thinking about some specific aspects of the nation's economy... Please tell me if you are hearing mostly good news, mostly bad news or a mix of both good and bad news about each of the following. **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	Hearing mostly <u>good news</u>	Hearing mostly <u>bad news</u>	A mix of good and <u>bad news</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The financial markets				
July 5-8, 2012	6	35	50	8
May 31-June 3, 2012	5	47	42	6
March 8-11, 2012	15	29	48	8
November 10-13, 2011	4	50	41	5
August 4-7, 2011	2	69	25	4
June 2-5, 2011	5	40	45	9
May 12-15, 2011	11	33	45	11
March 31-April 3, 2011	13	30	51	6
March 3-6, 2011	12	33	47	8
February 3-6, 2011	17	31	46	6
December 2-5, 2010	13	38	44	4
September 2-6, 2010	9	43	40	8
July 1-5, 2010	4	46	44	6
May 7-10, 2010	6	41	49	3
April 1-5, 2010	15	30	50	6
March 5-8, 2010	11	26	59	4
January 8-11, 2010	16	32	47	6
October 30-November 2, 2009	12	33	48	7
August 7-10, 2009	20	31	43	6
June 12-15, 2009	9	43	45	3
b. Real estate values				
July 5-8, 2012	14	39	41	7
May 31-June 3, 2012	14	43	36	6
March 8-11, 2012	9	39	42	10
November 10-13, 2011	6	55	32	7
August 4-7, 2011	4	63	27	6
June 2-5, 2011	7	56	28	9
May 12-15, 2011	9	45	35	11
March 31-April 3, 2011	6	48	38	8
March 3-6, 2011	8	46	36	10
February 3-6, 2011	8	51	34	7
December 2-5, 2010	6	62	28	4
September 2-6, 2010	6	57	32	5
July 1-5, 2010	9	49	35	7
May 7-10, 2010	12	41	42	5
April 1-5, 2010	12	44	38	6
March 5-8, 2010	8	45	42	5
January 8-11, 2010	11	43	40	5
October 30-November 2, 2009	13	43	37	6
August 7-10, 2009	11	40	41	7
June 12-15, 2009	11	45	40	3
c. Prices for food and consumer goods				
July 5-8, 2012	9	45	40	6
May 31-June 3, 2012	7	46	40	7
March 8-11, 2012	7	50	38	6
November 10-13, 2011	5	52	36	7
August 4-7, 2011	4	62	28	5
June 2-5, 2011	5	58	30	6

PEW.4 CONTINUED...

	Hearing mostly <u>good news</u>	Hearing mostly <u>bad news</u>	A mix of good and <u>bad news</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-15, 2011	3	58	32	6
March 31-April 3, 2011	3	59	34	4
March 3-6, 2011	7	62	26	5
February 3-6, 2011	7	49	39	5
December 2-5, 2010	16	41	39	5
September 2-6, 2010	12	35	42	10
July 1-5, 2010	9	32	48	10
May 7-10, 2010	8	37	46	9
April 1-5, 2010	10	35	46	9
March 5-8, 2010	9	34	50	7
January 8-11, 2010	12	37	45	6
October 30-November 2, 2009	12	39	42	7
August 7-10, 2009	10	36	46	9
June 12-15, 2009	9	39	46	6
d. The job situation				
July 5-8, 2012	9	51	38	3
May 31-June 3, 2012	8	55	35	2
March 8-11, 2012	17	38	42	3
December 1-4, 2011	10	51	37	2
November 10-13, 2011	5	64	28	2
August 4-7, 2011	4	74	21	2
June 2-5, 2011	5	58	34	3
May 12-15, 2011	9	51	37	3
March 31-April 3, 2011	12	43	42	2
March 3-6, 2011	10	50	37	3
February 3-6, 2011	9	52	37	2
December 2-5, 2010	6	66	27	1
September 2-6, 2010	5	65	28	2
July 1-5, 2010	5	64	30	1
May 7-10, 2010	9	52	38	2
April 1-5, 2010	9	56	33	2
March 5-8, 2010	5	59	35	1
January 8-11, 2010	6	61	31	2
October 30-November 2, 2009	3	68	27	2
August 7-10, 2009	6	61	32	1
June 12-15, 2009	1	71	27	1
e. Gas prices				
July 5-8, 2012	31	31	35	2
May 31-June 3, 2012	19	48	31	2
March 8-11, 2012	2	85	12	2
November 10-13, 2011	9	47	36	8
August 4-7, 2011	4	66	26	4
June 2-5, 2011	8	68	23	2
May 12-15, 2011	1	84	14	1
March 31-April 3, 2011	1	88	10	1
March 3-6, 2011	1	90	7	2
February 3-6, 2011	2	77	18	3