Interviews: 1000 adults, including 200 reached by cell phone

Date: December 9-13, 2010

Study #101770

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey

48 Male 52 Female

Please note: all results are shown as	percentages unless otherwise stated.
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The margin of error for 1000 interviews is ±3.10%

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

(ASK ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)

Q1. Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline	-	TERMINATE
Cell phone is only telephone	100	CONTINUE
Not sure	-	TERMINATE

Q2a For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST.)

18-24	11
25-29	7
30-34	9
35-39	8
40-44	10
45-49	9
50-54	11
55-59	10
60-64	10
65-69	5
70-74	4
75 and over	6
Not sure/refused	-

Q2b To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic	11
No, not Hispanic	89
Not sure/refused	-

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	78
Black	
Asian	1
Other	
Hispanic (VOL)	
Not sure/refused	2

Q3 All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Headed in the right direction Off on the wrong track Mixed (VOL) Not sure	12/10 28 63 6 3	11/10 32 58 6 4	10/28- 30/10+ 31 60 5 4	10/14- 18/10+ 32 59 6 3	9/10 32 59 5 4	8/26- 30/10 30 61 6 3	8/5- 9/10 32 58 6 4	6/10 29 62 5 4	9/01 72 11 11 6	Low 10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7 3
		5/6- 11/10 34 56 6 4	3/10 33 59 5 3	1/23 - 25/10 32 58 7 3	1/10- 14/10 34 54 10 2	12/09 33 55 10 2	10/09 36 52 9 3	9/09 39 48 10 3	7/09 39 49 9 3	6/09 42 46 9 3
		4/09 43 43 10 4	2/09 41 44 9 6	1/09 26 59 9	12/08 26 60 10 4	10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7	10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 12 77 9	9/19- 22/08+ 16 73 9 2	8/08+ 18 67 12 3	7/08+ 13 74 10 3
		6/08+ 16 71 11 2	4/08+ 15 73 10 2	3/7- 10/08+ 20 66 11 3	1/08+ 20 68 9 3	9/07 25 63 9 3	1/07 28 57 13 2	9/06+ 31 54 12 3	1/06 31 57 10 2	9/05 32 57 8 3
		1/05 40 47 10 3	9/04+ 39 49 10 2	1/04 47 43 6 4	9/03 38 50 8 4	1/03 36 47 14 3	9/02 42 43 12 3	1/02 62 20 14 4	9/01 72 11 11 6	12/99 49 34 15 2

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Q4a In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as president?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	12/10 45 48 7	11/10 47 47 6	10/28- 30/10+ 45 50 5	10/14- 18/10+ 47 49 4	9/10 46 49 5	8/26- 30/10 45 49 6	8/5- <u>9/10</u> 47 48 5	6/10 45 48 7
				5/20- <u>23/10</u> 48 45 7	5/6- 11/10 50 44 6	3/10 48 47 5	1/23- 25/10 50 44 6	1/10- 14/10 48 43 9
	12/09 47 46 7	10/09 51 42 7	<u>9/09</u> 51 41 8	<u>8/09</u> 51 40 9	7/09 53 40 7	6/09 56 34 10	4/09 61 30 9	2/09 60 26 14

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Q4b Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	12/10 42 54 4	11/10 42 54 4	10/14- 18/10+ 43 53 4	9/10 42 54 4	8/26- 30/10 39 56 5	8/5- 9/10 44 52 4	6/10 46 50 4
				5/6- 11/10 48 46 6	3/10 47 50 3	1/23- 25/10 47 49 4	1/10- 14/10 43 49 8
	12/09 42 51 7	10/09 47 46 7	9/09 50 42 8	7/09 49 44 7	6/09 51 38 11	4/09 55 37 8	2/09 56 31 13

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Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, groups and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE EXCEPT BARACK OBAMA)

	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
Barack Obama				. rogaro	<u></u>	1101 0 0.10
December 2010	25	23	14	14	24	_
November 2010	28	21	12	13	26	_
October 28-30, 2010+	29	18	12	15	27	_
October 14-18, 2010+	29	19	9	17	26	_
September 2010	29	18	12	14	27	_
August 26-30, 2010	26	20	12	14	27	1
August 5-9, 2010	27	20 19	13	14	27	ı
June 2010	27	20	13	15	27 25	-
May 20-23, 2010	28	19	15	14	24	-
			12			-
May 6-11, 2010	29	20		14	24	1
March 2010	31	19	11	14	24	1
January 23-25, 2010	29	23	14	14	20	-
January 10-14, 2010	29	23	12	16	19	1
December 2009	29	21	13	15	22	-
October 2009	36	20	11	12	21	-
September 2009	38	18	11	14	19	-
July 2009	37	18	10	14	20	1
June 2009	41	19	11	12	17	-
April 2009	45	19	12	10	13	1
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
January 2009	43	23	17	8	6	3
December 2008	45	22	15	8	8	2
October 17-20, 2008+	37	19	10	10	23	1
October 4-5, 2008+	30	22	12	12	23	1
September 19-22, 2008+	29	19	15	14	22	1
September 6-8, 2008+	33	20	13	12	20	2
August 2008+	28	22	13	17	19	1
July 2008+	27	21	16	11	23	2
June 2008+	25	23	17	11	22	2
April 2008+	23	23	16	17	20	1
March 2008+	24	25	18	16	16	1
January 2008	19	30	22	11	14	4
December 2007	17	29	22	14	12	6
November 2007	15	28	24	12	12	9
September 2007	15	26 27	23	13	12	10
	16	26	23 24	12	10	12
July 2007	19	26 26	2 4 25	8		16
April 2007			25 26	0 11	6	
March 2007	18	19		II	6	20
Barack Obama						
High	47	0.4	40	0	40	
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
Presidential Term Low						_
August 26-30, 2010	26	20	12	14	27	1
All-time Obama Low						
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40
NBC-WSJ All-time	e President	tial Tracking I	High/Low w	vithin Presider	ntial Term	
High						
March 1991						
(George H.W. Bush)	50	30	9	6	4	1
Low						
October 17-20, 2008+						
(George W. Bush)	11	18	11	15	45	-
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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>
The Tea Party Movement						
December 2010	15	18	20	14	23	10
November 2010	14	16	21	13	25	11
October 28-30, 2010+	14	18	18	12	28	10
October 14-18, 2010+	14	16	20	11	27	12
September 2010	15	15	21	13	23	13
August 26-30, 2010	12	16	19	12	24	17
August 5-9, 2010	14	16	23	12	22	13
June 2010	15	19	21	12	19	14
May 6-11, 2010	16	15	21	10	20	18
March 2010	13	16	22	10	18	21
January 23-25, 2010	14	14	20	6	15	31
Michelle Obama						
December 2010	33	19	25	11	10	2
August 5-9, 2010	33	17	28	9	10	3
January 10-14, 2010	35	20	29	7	7	2
April 2009	43	21	22	6	5	3
February 2009	43	20	24	5	3	5
December 2008	31	23	24	7	8	7
September 6-8, 2008+	21	19	23	11	20	6
August 2008+	19	19	28	11	18	5
July 2008+	17	17	27	13	18	8
March 2008+	14	18	32	9	11	16

Q.5 (cont'd)						Don't Know
	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Name/ Not Sure
The Democratic Party	1 0011110	<u>r com v c</u>	Hodiai	<u>rroganvo</u>	Hoganio	1101 0410
December 2010*	9	28	20	18	23	2
November 2010	14	26	18	18	23	_ 1
October 28-30, 2010+	16	23	17	19	23	2
October 14-18, 2010+	14	24	16	19	26	1
September 2010	15	22	20	20	22	1
August 26-30, 2010	11	25	19	19	24	2
August 5-9, 2010	11	22	22	18	26	1
June 2010	11	24	21	20	24	
May 20-23, 2010	15	26	18	18	22	1
May 6-11, 2010	11	26	19	18	24	2
March 2010	9	28	19	19	24	1
January 23-25, 2010	14	25	22	17	21	1
January 10-14, 2010	11	27	20	18	23	1
December 2009	10	25	19	19	26	1
October 2009	14	28	20	14	22	2
September 2009	14	27	18	17	22	2
July 2009	13	27 29	19	17	20	2
	19	26	16	16	21	2
June 2009				-		
April 2009	17	28	19	15 14	19 17	2 2
February 2009	20	29	18	14		
December 2008	17 16	32	22	15 17	13	1
October 17-20, 2008+	16	23	22	17	21	1
October 4-5, 2008+	15	26	20	18	19	2
September 19-22, 2008+	19	23	20	16	20	2
September 6-8, 2008+	24	25	17	19	14	1
August 2008+	17	26	21	16	19	1
July 2008+	15	28	18	18	19	2
June 2008+	16	27	24	13	19	1
April 2008+	17	27	22	15	17	2
March 7-10, 2008+	20	25	18	16	19	2
January 2008	22	25	19	18	15	1
November 2007	12	27	24	18	17	2
September 2007	8	26	27	22	16	1
July 2007	15	27	21	20	15	2
January 2007	13	29	26	16	14	2
October 28-30, 2006+	14	25	25	18	17	1
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2
January 2006	11	25	28	20	15	1
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2
February 2005	14	28	28	16	13	1
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1
January 2002	16	33	23	15	11	2
January 1998	13	30	30	16	9	2
January 1994	11	29	29	17	11	3
High						_
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2
Low	_	-				
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2

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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very	Somewhat	Navitral	Somewhat	Very	Don't Know Name/
Joe Biden	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Negative</u>	Not Sure
December 2010*	10	24	25	15	18	0
	10 13	24 21	25 21	15 15	20	8
August 26-30, 2010	15 15	23	21 25	15 15	20 14	9 8
January 10-14, 2010	_	_	_	_		
July 2009	13	25	20	17	19	6
January 2009	20	27	22	12	9	10
December 2008	20	25	25	12	11	7
October 17-20, 2008+	28	23	19	12	14	4
October 4-5, 2008+	21	22	24	12	15	6
September 19-22, 2008+	17	20	25	13	16	9
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	23	13	12	12
September 2007	4	13	26	11	11	35
December 2006	3	14	23	10	6	44
June 2004+	5	11	25	6	4	49
Sarah Palin						
December 2010*	13	15	20	16	34	2
September 2010	14	16	19	15	33	3
June 2010	13	16	24	12	31	4
March 2010	12	18	21	13	32	4
December 2009	14	18	23	14	26	5
October 2009	11	16	22	15	31	5
July 2009	14	18	20	16	27	5
April 2009	14	18	24	11	27	6
December 2008	15	20	16	15	30	4
October 17-20, 2008+	23	15	13	13	34	2
October 4-5, 2008+	26	18	15	15	22	4
September 19-22, 2008+	26	16	17	12	24	5
September 6-8, 2008+	30	17	17	10	17	9

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.5 (cont'd)						Don't Know
	Very	Somewhat		Somewhat	Very	Name/
	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Negative</u>	Not Sure
The Republican Party						
December 2010**	11	27	23	17	20	2
November 2010	11	23	24	20	19	3
October 28-30, 2010+	12	22	24	18	23	1
October 14-18, 2010+	8	23	25	19	23	2
September 2010	8	23	25	21	22	1
August 26-30, 2010	7	23	25	22	21	2
August 5-9, 2010	6	18	28	24	22	2
June 2010	6	24	26	23	19	2
May 20-23, 2010	10	23	26	21	19	1
May 6-11, 2010	8	22	26	22	20	2
March 2010	6	25	24	20	23	2
January 23-25, 2010	7	25	27	18	20	3
January 10-14, 2010	7	23	27	24	18	1
December 2009	5	23	27	24	19	2
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2
September 2009	5	23	27	22	21	2
July 2009	9	19	29	21	20	2
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2
April 2009	7	22	25	22	22	2
February 2009	7	19	24	25	22	3
December 2008	7	20	20	26	26	1
October 17-20, 2008+	11	21	18	23	25	2
October 4-5, 2008+	12	23	17	21	26	1
September 19-22, 2008+	13	21	18	19	28	1
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	15	18	25	2
August 2008+	10	25	22	19	23	1
July 2008+	8	23	20	22	26	1
June 2008+	7	21	24	22	25	1
April 2008+	8	19	23	22	26	2
March 7-10, 2008+	10	24	15	21	28	2
January 2008	13	21	26	19	18	3
November 2007	8	24	24	20	22	2
September 2007	8	23	20	27	20	2
July 2007	8	25	19	23	23	2
January 2007	10	23	21	23	21	2
Oct 28-30, 2006+	15	20	16	20	28	1
July 2006	11	22	18	21	25	3
January 2006	13	24	20	20	22	1
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2
February 2005	17	27	19	18	18	1
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1
January 2002	20	32	24	12	9	3
January 1998	9	29	30	18	12	2
January 1990	9 12	30	30 29	16	9	4
January 1994	14	30	29	10	3	4
High	24	20	10	10	0	2
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3
Low	6	10	20	24	22	2
August 5-9, 2010	6	18	28	24	22	2

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat Negative	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>
Hillary Clinton			4.0		4.0	
December 2010**	26	28	18	11	16	1
January 10-14, 2010	25	27	22	13	12	1
July 2009	26	27	15	15	16	1
January 2009	27	29	14	15	14	1
December 2008	27	26	20	14	12	1
September 2008+	23	24	15	17	20	1
August 2008+	17	25	16	18	23	1
June 2008+	18	28	14	17	22	1
April 2008+	20	22	14	19	25	-
March 24-25, 2008+	17	20	15	21	27	-
March 7-10, 2008+	22	23	11	14	29	1
January 2008	24	23	11	11	30	1
June 2007	18	24	15	16	26	1
March 2007	16	23	17	15	28	1
December 2006	21	22	17	12	26	2
April 2006	19	19	19	13	28	2
December 2004	24	21	14	11	29	1
July 2003	16	21	20	13	27	3
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2
High						
January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1
Low						
March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1
Mitt Romney						
December 9-13, 2010**	10	18	30	10	10	22
September 2010	6	15	29	20	10	20
March 2010	7	20	29	16	9	19
July 2009	10	18	30	12	8	22
April 2008+	9	19	31	17	11	13
January 2008	7	21	24	19	13	16
December 2007	9	16	26	16	11	22
November 2007	4	18	27	17	12	22
September 2007	6	18	26	14	11	25
June 2007	5	16	23	13	7	36
March 2007	4	11	23 24	11		44
December 2006	3	8	2 4 22		6 4	
	3	ŏ	22	7	4	56
John Thune	•	2	10	4	2	70
December 9-13, 2010**	2	3	13	4	3	76

SUMMARY TABLE OF IMAGES – BY D/S (POSITIVE – NEGATIVE)

	TOTAL POSITIVE	TOTAL NEGATIVE	D/S
Michelle Obama	52	21	31
Hillary Clinton	54	27	27
Barack Obama	48	38	10
Mitt Romney	28	20	8
The Republican Party	38	37	1
Joe Biden	34	33	1
John Thune	5	6	-1
The Tea Party Movement	33	37	-4
The Democratic Party	37	41	-4
Sarah Palin	28	50	-22

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q6 Overall, how do you feel about the results of this year's elections--do you feel they are very positive for the country, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative for the country?

	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>11/9/94</u> +
Very positive	16	17	19	25
Somewhat positive	41	44	45	44
Somewhat negative	24	22	19	14
Very negative	14	11	10	9
Neutral/mixed (VOL)	4	4	4	4
Not sure	1	2	3	4

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Now thinking ahead to the next election for President in 2012...

Q7 If President Obama runs for re-election in the year 2012, do you think you will probably vote for President Obama or probably vote for the Republican candidate?

42
39
3
10
6

PRESIDENT BUSH TREND – OCTOBER 2002	
Probably vote for President Bush	45
Probably vote for Democratic candidate	31
Vote for other party (VOL)	3
Depends/Depends on who opponent is (VOL)	17
Not sure	4

(RANDOMIZE Q8A-Q8C)

Q8a If the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Mitt Romney were Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	12/10	1/08	11/07	9/07
Mitt Romney	40	35	36	34
Barack Obama	47	48	48	51
Depends (VOL)	1	2	1	1
Neither/other (VOL)	6	7	6	7
Not sure	6	8	9	7

Q8b If the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Sarah Palin were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

Sarah Palin	33
Barack Obama	55
Depends (VOL)	1
Neither/other (VOL)	9
Not sure	2

Q8c If the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) John Thune were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

John Thune	27
Barack Obama	47
Depends (VOL)	3
Neither/other (VOL)	6
Not sure	17

Now, thinking about something else...

How confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

Extremely confident Quite confident Only somewhat confident Not at all confident Not sure	12/10 15 21 28 36	8/5- <u>9/10</u> 19 21 22 38	6/10 21 19 22 37	1/23- 25/10 19 20 32 29	1/10- 14/10 23 21 25 30 1	12/09 19 20 28 33	9/09 24 21 23 31 1
			7/09 25 21 23 30 1	4/09 25 27 25 23	2/09 31 23 26 19 1	1/09 29 25 30 15	12/08 30 24 29 16 1

Q10 Some people say that in the November elections Americans were sending a message to President Obama that he needs to change some of his programs and policies. Which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view on this?

Statement A: President Obama has gotten the message from the elections and is making the necessary adjustments.

Statement B: President Obama has gotten the message from the elections but is NOT making the necessary adjustments.

Statement C: President Obama has NOT gotten the message from the elections.

Statement D: The elections were not a message to President Obama to change his programs and policies.

	12/10	President Bush 12/06
Statement A/has gotten message and is making adjustments	35	24
Statement B/has gotten message and is NOT making adjustments	29	41
Statement C/has not gotten message	17	18
Statement D/elections were not a message	15	13
Not sure	4	4

Q11 Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? (READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just one statement, which would you choose?

		5/6-						
	<u>12/10</u>	10/10	<u>1/10</u>	10/09	9/09	6/09	<u>4/09</u>	1/09
Like personally and approve most policies	37	43	42	44	46	48	51	55
Like personally but disapprove of many policies.	35	26	33	30	31	27	30	22
Don't like personally, approve most of policies	4	3	2	3	2	3	3	5
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies	21	25	19	19	18	16	12	10
None of these (VOL)	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	3
Not sure	1	-	1	2	1	3	2	5

Q12 How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "five" means a very good rating, a "one" means a very poor rating, and a "three" means a mixed rating? (RANDOMIZE) (IF "NOT SURE," RECORD AS "DK.")

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

	Very Good Rating			Ve	ry Poor Rating	Cannot
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Having a strong family and good family values						
December 2010*	56	18	14	5	6	1
Being easygoing and likable						
December 2010**	41	27	16	8	8	-
June 2010	43	21	19	7	10	-
January 10-14, 2010	52	20	17	5	6	-
October 2009	54	18	15	5	7	1
July 2009	54	19	12	6	8	1
April 2009	60	21	8	5	5	1
January 2009	54	23	16	2	3	2
June 2008+	37	32	18	7	5	1
March 2008+	39	30	17	5	7	2
November 2007+	34	30	21	6	5	4
Being an inspirational and exciting president						
December 2010*	31	20	20	10	19	-
January 10-14, 2010	40	19	19	9	13	-
October 2009	42	18	12	10	17	1
April 2009	50	19	16	6	9	-
January 2009 ²	54	21	14	5	6	-
June 2008+	40	21	16	11	11	1
March 2008+	36	20	19	10	13	2
November 2007+	21	21	29	10	15	4
Having strong leadership qualities						
December 2010*	26	23	19	12	21	-
June 2010	27	22	19	10	22	-
January 10-14, 2010	34	23	18	11	13	1
October 2009	36	20	17	9	17	1
July 2009	38	23	15	9	15	-
April 2009	46	22	15	8	9	-
January 2009 ¹	44	26	16	6	7	1
June 2008+	23	24	30	10	12	1
March 2008+	24	22	27	9	16	2
November 2007+	15	24	28	14	15	4

Q12 (cont'd)	Very Go Rating	ood		Ve	Cannot	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Being honest and straightforward						
December 2010*	29	19	18	12	22	-
June 2010	28	18	19	10	24	1
January 10-14, 2010	35	16	19	9	21	-
October 2009	33	18	17	8	23	1
April 2009	40	24	14	7	13	2
January 2009	41	22	20	6	8	3
June 2008+	25	27	22	12	13	1
March 2008	29	24	22	7	14	4
November 2007+	26	25	27	8	9	5
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to						
handle the presidency						
December 2010*	23	21	19	11	26	-
January 10-14, 2010	25	22	18	13	21	1
October 2009	28	19	17	11	25	-
April 2009	31	25	19	10	15	-
January 2009	26	25	23	11	14	1
June 2008+	10	20	32	15	22	1
March 2008	11	17	30	14	25	3
November 2007+	11	18	28	17	21	5
Representing traditional American values						
December 2010**	26	17	20	9	27	1
April 2009	35	20	15	10	18	2
January 2009	36	24	17	9	12	2
Having the ability to handle a crisis						
December 2010**	22	20	21	13	22	-
June 2010	20	20	21	13	26	-
January 10-14, 2010	29	22	18	10	20	1
October 2009	27	18	20	12	21	2
April 2009	31	23	20	9	14	3
January 2009	25	21	25	14	9	6
Being a good commander-in-chief						
December 2010*	22	19	22	13	23	1
January 10-14, 2010	28	21	19	12	20	-
October 2009	26	20	18	10	25	1
April 2009	33	22	20	8	15	2
January 2009	32	23	20	8	12	5
June 2008+	13	20	26	15	24	2
March 2008+	19	22	28	13	16	2
November 2007+	12	17	30	15	21	5

Q12 (cont'd)	Very G Rating	ood		Ve	Cannot	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Being firm and decisive in his decision-making						
December 2010**	19	22	28	12	18	1
June 2010	20	24	23	12	20	1
January 10-14, 2010	29	20	24	11	16	-
October 2009	27	21	19	14	19	-
July 2009	27	30	22	8	13	-
April 2009	34	31	15	9	10	1
January 2009	37	26	20	4	9	4
Sharing your positions on the issues						
December 2010**	17	18	27	13	25	1
January 10-14, 2010	20	18	24	10	27	1
October 2009	21	18	22	11	27	1
July 2009	23	21	21	9	25	1
April 2009	26	22	21	11	19	1
January 2009	29	23	22	12	13	1
June 2008+	21	18	23	14	23	1
March 2008+	18	21	23	13	21	4
November 2007+	13	20	28	12	21	6
Achieving his goals						
December 2010**	11	22	35	15	16	1
January 10-14, 2010	17	23	32	13	14	1
October 2009	17	20	30	14	18	1
April 2009	25	35	25	5	8	2
January 2009	32	24	24	9	5	6
Uniting the country						
December 2010**	14	16	27	14	28	1
January 10-14, 2010	20	20	25	11	24	-
October 2009	20	18	24	13	24	1
April 2009	28	29	19	8	15	1
January 2009	36	24	22	9	7	2
Changing business as usual in Washington						
December 2010*	11	13	32	15	25	4
January 10-14, 2010	13	17	32	12	24	2
October 2009	19	19	24	9	26	3
April 2009	22	25	22	11	16	4

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

1 Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president."

2 Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Being inspirational and an exciting choice for president."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q13 Thinking about Barack Obama, both personally and how he has handled the job of being president, do you think he will be a successful president or he will be an unsuccessful president, or at this time are you not ready to make that judgment?

		1/10-
	12/10	14/10
Will be a successful president	28	37
Will be an unsuccessful president	29	21
Not ready to make judgment	42	40
Mixed/some of both (VOL)	-	1
Not sure	1	1

Q14 Which one change do you feel that Barack Obama most needs to make in the next two years? (READ. RANDOMIZE, ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGEST PERCENTAGE	
Focus more on the economy	36
Bring the troops home from Afghanistan	
Focus more on reducing the deficit	
Work for the middle class	13
Work more closely with the Republicans	
Stick to his principles	
None (VOL)	
Other (VOL)	
Not Sure	

40/40.

And, thinking about something else...

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as (ROTATE:) a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	21
Not very strong Democrat	12
Independent/lean Democrat	9
Strictly Independent	17
Independent/lean Republican	10
Not very strong Republican	9
Strong Republican	14
Other (VOL)	7
Not sure	1

Now, thinking about something else...

Q16a Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	12/10+	11/10+	10/28- 30/10+	10/14- 18/10+	9/10+
Yes	29	30	28	30	28
No	61	59	61	59	61
Depends (VOL)	3	4	3	2	3
Not sure	7	7	8	10	8

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SUPPORT THE TEA PARTY (Q16a:1) AND ARE REPUBLICAN (Q15:5-7).

Q16b Which better describes you, (ROTATE:) a supporter of the Tea Party Movement or a Republican?

	1	2/10+
	All	GOP and
	Reg	Tea Party
	<u>Voters</u>	<u>Supporters</u>
Supporter of the Tea Party Movement	10	49
Republican	9	49
Both (VOL)	-	2
Not sure	-	1
Not Republican and Tea Party Supporters	81	n/a
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters		

	1	1/10+	10/28-30/10+		10/14	4-18/10+
	GOP and		GOP and			GOP and
	All Reg	Tea Party	All Reg	Tea Party	All Reg	Tea Party
	Voters	Supporters	Voters	Supporters	Voters	Supporters
Supporter of the Tea Party Movement	8	40	9	46	10	45
Republican	11	51	8	44	10	46
Both (VOL)	1	5	1	8	1	6
Not sure	1	4	1	2	-	3
Not Republican and Tea Party Supporters	79	n/a	81	n/a	79	n/a

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

(ROTATE Q17A AND Q17B AMONG INDEPENDENTS) (ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS IN Q15)

Q17a Do you want Democratic leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on legislation, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on legislation?

	Total Democrats and	_	
	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Make compromises	64	63	65
Stick to their positions	29	29	27
Depends (VOL)	2	2	2
Neither (VOL)	1	1	2
Not sure	4	5	4

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS Q15)

Q17b Do you want Republican leaders in the House and Senate to make compromises to gain consensus on legislation, or do you want them stick to their positions even if this means not being able to gain consensus on legislation?

	Total Republicans and <u>Independents</u>	Republicans	<u>Independents</u>
Make compromises	53	47	64
Stick to their positions	38	47	23
Depends (VOL)	3	2	3
Neither (VOL)	-	-	1
Not sure	6	4	9

Now turning to the economy...

Q18 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Economy will get better Economy will get worse Economy will stay about the same Not sure	12/10 32 24 42 2	11/10 37 15 46 2	10/14- 18/10+ 37 20 41 2	9/10 32 24 41 3	8/26- 30/10 26 26 45 3	8/5- <u>9/10</u> 34 25 39 2	6/10 33 23 43 1	5/6- 10/10 40 20 38 2	3/10 41 22 36 1	1/10- 14/10 41 19 38 2
		10/09 42 22 33 3	9/09 47 20 30 3	7/09 44 21 32 3	6/09 46 22 29 3	4/09 38 30 30 2	12/08 36 28 34 2	10/08+ 38 20 37 5	7/08+ 25 43 28 4	6/08+ 21 49 27 3
			4/08+ 19 45 29 7	3/07 16 31 49 4	1/07 21 16 60 3	9- 10/06+ 22 22 51 5	6/06 16 39 43 2	4/06 17 44 36 3	3/06 24 27 46 3	1/06 24 30 42 4
			12/05 26 34 37 3	5/05 28 30 36 6	1/05 43 17 36 4	10/04+ 43 10 33 14	9/04+ 43 13 33 11	5/04+ 42 16 34 8	3/04+ 44 18 35 3	1/04 50 10 37 3
			11/03 49 15 33 3	9/03 44 19 33 4	7/03 45 16 34 4	5/03+ 49 17 31	1/03 35 25 37 3	12/02 40 20 35 5	10/02+ 41 20 34	9/02 39 18 39 4

Q18 (co	nt'a)	
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	7/02	4/02	12/01	4/01 ¹	3/01	10/98+	9/98	4/97
Economy will get better	41	50	50	36	28	17	19	19
Economy will get worse	20	13	15	25	29	24	22	22
Economy will stay about the same	37	32	32	34	37	54	53	57
Not sure	2	5	3	5	6	5	6	2
	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	10/94	9/94	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>
	21	20	24	31	31	28	28	27
	21	21	23	17	24	24	17	21
	52	54	50	46	40	44	52	49
	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	3
	<u>3/94</u>	1/94	10/93	9/93	7/93	6/93	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>
	29	44	21	23	20	23	33	39
	16	16	27	24	29	27	21	15
	52	36	50	51	48	47	44	43
	3	4	2	2	3	3	2	3

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

Q19 When you think about the current economic conditions, do you feel that this is a situation that Barack Obama has inherited or is this a situation his policies are mostly responsible for?

			1/10-			
	12/10	9/10	14/10	10/09	6/09	2/09
Situation Obama inherited	65	56	65	63	72	84
Situation Obama's policies mostly responsible for	21	32	17	20	14	8
Some of both (VOL)	12	10	16	15	10	6
Not sure	2	2	2	2	4	2

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

As you may know, recently President Obama announced an agreement with the Republican leadership in Congress to accept a continuation for two years of the Bush tax cuts for all taxpayers, including those with incomes over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In exchange, the Republican leadership in Congress is accepting an extension on unemployment benefits for another year and a two percent reduction of Social Security payroll taxes for all taxpayers for one year.

Q20a Do you approve or disapprove of this agreement?*

Approve	59
Disapprove	36
Not sure	5

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q20b When it comes to this agreement, do you think (ROTATE) -- President Obama gave up too much, that the Republican leadership in Congress gave up too much -- or that it is a fair compromise on both sides?**

President Obama gave up too much	23
Republican leadership gave up too much	10
Fair compromise on both sides	61
Not Sure	6
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^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

(ASKED 12/10-13/10)

Q20c Suppose that the Congress is unable to reach an agreement on continuing the current tax cuts. Who do you think would be most responsible for this not getting done--the Republicans in Congress, the Democrats in Congress, or President Obama?

Republicans in Congress	34
Democrats in Congress	36
President Obama	15
All equally (VOL)	8
None (VOL)	1
Not sure	

Now, thinking about something slightly different...

Q21 Given the current economic conditions is this a good time to deal with the deficit or should the deficit only be dealt with once the economy improves and there is less unemployment?

This is a good time to deal with the deficit	51
The deficit should be dealt with when the economy improves	45
Not Sure	4

- Q22 Now, as you may know, the U.S. government is facing a large budget deficit. Would you prefer that government...
 - A) Reduce the deficit by increasing taxes, although this could slow the economic recovery,
 - **B)** Reduce the deficit by cutting spending, although this could affect important education and health care programs,
 - **C)** Let the deficit increase now to try to boost the economy, although this could lead to even higher taxes or larger spending cuts later.

	12/10	12/08
	12/10	12/08
Reduce the deficit by increasing taxes	19	18
Reduce the deficit by cutting spending	53	41
Let deficit increase now	19	29
None (VOL)	4	n/a
Not sure	5	12

As you may know, recently President Obama created a Deficit Commission of Republicans and Democrats to recommend a plan to reduce the federal deficit. The proposal would reduce deficits by about four trillion dollars over the next decade. To get these savings, the commission recommends both tax increases on all Americans and spending cuts that would also affect all Americans. Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this?

Strongly favor	12
Somewhat favor	41
Somewhat oppose	24
Strongly oppose	20
No opinion (VOL)	3

Q24 Recently, a commission in Washington, DC proposed several ideas for ways to reduce the federal deficit. I'm going to read you several of these proposals. For each one, please tell me if you would find this totally acceptable, mostly acceptable, mostly unacceptable, or totally unacceptable as a way to help reduce the federal deficit. (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY % TOTAL ACCEPTABLE

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	Totally	Mostly	Mostly	Totally	Not
	acceptable	acceptable	<u>unacceptable</u>	<u>unacceptable</u>	sure
Freeze the salaries of federal government					
employees and members of Congress for three					
years.					
December 2010*	57	26	8	7	2
Freeze discretionary spending—that is,					
spending that is not required by law—now, and					
then reduce it to 2008 levels over the next two					
vears.					
December 2010*	39	41	9	5	6
Eliminate spending on so-called earmarks for			· ·	· ·	· ·
special projects and specific areas of the					
country.					
December 2010**	39	31	15	9	6
Eliminate most tax deductions in return for lower	00	01	10	O	J
tax rates.					
December 2010	17	50	19	9	5
Eliminate the mortgage interest deduction for	••	00		Ü	Ŭ
second homes, home equity loans, and any					
portion of a mortgage over five hundred					
thousand dollars.					
December 2010	24	36	21	15	4
Increase the capital gains tax rate for money	- 1	00		10	•
earned on investments.					
December 2010**	17	37	24	20	2
Gradually raise the Social Security retirement	.,	01		20	_
age so that by the year 2075 the retirement age					
is sixty-nine.					
December 2010	20	28	20	30	2
Take half the spending cuts in coming years	20	20	20	00	_
from defense and other security programs.					
December 2010**	13	31	28	24	4
Gradually eliminate the tax break employers get	10	01	20	21	•
for providing health insurance.					
December 2010	10	26	34	27	3
Raise the federal gasoline tax by fifteen cents	10	20	-	~ 1	J
per gallon starting in 2012.					
December 2010*	11	22	19	47	1
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^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, thinking about Afghanistan...

Q25 President Obama has pledged to start reducing American troop levels in Afghanistan next year, but a recent plan by the U.S. and its NATO allies see some combat troops remaining there until 2014. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of leaving some American troops in Afghanistan until 2014?

Strongly approve	19
Somewhat approve	34
Somewhat disapprove	16
Strongly disapprove	29
No opinion (VOL)	2

Q26 Earlier this year, President Obama and Russian President Medvedev signed a Strategic Arms Reduction, or START treaty, that reduces each country's arsenal of nuclear weapons and increases how closely each country can monitor the other country's nuclear weapons. The U.S. Senate must still approve that treaty before it takes effect. Do you think the Senate should approve the START treaty or not?

Senate should approve	70
Senate should not approve	25
No opinion (VOL)	5

Now, getting toward the end of the survey...

Q27 In thinking about the last ten years in America, do you feel it has been one of the best decades in American history, a very good decade, an average decade, a very bad decade, or one of the worst decades in American history? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

One of the best decades in American history	3
A very good decade	9
An average decade	34
A very bad decade	31
One of the worst decades in American history	23
Not sure	-

Q28 Thinking about the first ten years of the twenty first century—which of these events had the greatest effect on you personally? (READ. RANDOMIZE, ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGEST PERCENTAGE

The economic recession	39
The terrorists attacks on September 11, 2001	33
U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	11
The federal budget deficit	
Hurricane Katrina	5
The BP oil spill in the Gulf	
Other (VOL)	1
None (VOL)	
Not sure	

And, thinking about you...

Q29 From which ONE of the following television news sources do you get MOST of your information about politics and current events? If you do not watch any of these, please just say so. (READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC, or CBS	33
The cable channel CNN	17
The cable channel MSNBC	7
The cable channel Fox News	27
None of these (VOL)	14
Not sure	2

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

(AS	3K	Α	L	L	.)

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	85
Not registered	14
Not sure	1

F1b/c. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

Yes, Voted	
Voted for Barack Obama	41
Voted for John McCain	32
Voted for someone else	5
Not sure	4
No, Did Not Vote	17
Not sure	1

QF1d And did you happen to vote in the 2006 election for U.S. Congress?

Yes, voted	62
No, did not vote	32
Not sure	6

QF2 Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do? (RECORD UNDER "6--OTHER.") (IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

Currently Employed

Professional, manager	35
White-collar worker	7
Blue-collar worker	12
Farmer, rancher	-
Not Currently Employed	
Student	4
Homemaker	6
Retired	20
Unemployed, looking for work	8
Other	-
Not sure	6

QF3 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	1
Some high school	5
High school graduate	25
Some college, no degree	19
Vocational training/2-year college	9
4-year college/bachelor's degree	23
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	13
Doctoral/law degree	2
Not sure/refused	_

QF4	Thinking about	your	general	approa	ch to	issues,	do yo	u cons	ider	yours	elf to	be	liberal,	mod	erate	e, or
	conservative?	(IF	"LIBERAL	." OR	"CON	ISERVA	TIVE,"	ASK:)	Do	you	consi	der	yourself	to	be	very
	(liberal/conserva	ative)	or somew	hat (lib	eral/c	onserva	tive)?									

Very liberal	8
Somewhat liberal	15
Moderate	36
Somewhat conservative	24
Very conservative	14
Not sure	3

QF5a What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal,	
Presbyterian, and other Christians)	43
Catholic	26
Jewish	2
Muslim	-
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	2
Other	14
None	10
Not sure/refused	3

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN QF5a.)

QF5b Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	14
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	52
Not sure	4
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F5a)	30

QF6a/b Are you a current or retired labor union member? (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "NO" OR "NOT SURE" IN QF7a.) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member	15
Union household	8
Non-union household	77
Not sure	_

QF7 If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	4
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	10
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	10
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	10
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	13
More than \$100,000	18
Not sure/refused	8