

Interviews: 1000 adults, including 200 reached by cell phone

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48 Male
52 Female

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

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	9
25-29	7
30-34	10
35-39	9
40-44	10
45-49	9
50-54	12
55-59	10
60-64	9
65-69	5
70-74	3
75 and over.....	7
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	77
Black	11
Asian	2
Other	3
Hispanic (VOL).....	6
Not sure/refused.....	1

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?

	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/28-30/10+</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>
Headed in the right direction.....	31	35	28	32	31	32	32	30	72	12
Off on the wrong track	60	56	63	58	60	59	59	61	11	78
Mixed (VOL)	6	5	6	6	5	6	5	6	11	7
Not sure	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	6	3
		<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23 -25/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>
		32	29	34	33	32	34	33	36	39
		58	62	56	59	58	54	55	52	48
		6	5	6	5	7	10	10	9	10
		4	4	4	3	3	2	2	3	3
		<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	<u>10/4-5/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>
		39	42	43	41	26	26	12	12	16
		49	46	43	44	59	60	78	77	73
		9	9	10	9	9	10	7	9	9
		3	3	4	6	6	4	3	2	2
	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>
	18	13	16	15	20	20	25	28	31	31
	67	74	71	73	66	68	63	57	54	57
	12	10	11	10	11	9	9	13	12	10
	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2
	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>
	32	40	39	47	38	36	42	62	72	49
	57	47	49	43	50	47	43	20	11	34
	8	10	10	6	8	14	12	14	11	15
	3	3	2	4	4	3	3	4	6	2

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

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

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

	<u>2/11*</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/14- 18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>		
Approve	46	45	42	42	43	42		
Disapprove	49	50	54	54	53	54		
Not sure	5	5	4	4	4	4		
	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>	<u>8/5- 9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	
	39	44	46	48	47	47	43	
	56	52	50	46	50	49	49	
	5	4	4	6	3	4	8	
	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
	42	47	50	49	51	55	56	
	51	46	42	44	38	37	31	
	7	7	8	7	11	8	13	

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

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Q5 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>2/11</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>	
Approve	22	20	21	21	22	21	17	61	12	
Disapprove.....	69	73	71	72	73	72	77	28	79	
Not sure	9	7	8	7	5	7	6	11	9	
		<u>1/10-14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>
		21	22	24	22	24	29	28	31	23
		67	68	65	66	63	57	58	54	68
		12	10	11	12	13	14	14	15	9
		<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	<u>10/4-5/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>
		21	12	13	15	15	13	18	23	31
		69	79	78	73	75	79	70	65	53
		10	9	9	12	10	8	12	12	16
		<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>
		20	29	29	41	40	46	39	42	40
		65	56	53	40	42	41	45	39	44
		15	15	18	19	18	13	16	19	16
		<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>1/94</u>
		54	47	48	46	48	40	44	26	33
		29	34	35	41	36	49	42	65	54
		17	19	17	13	16	11	14	9	13

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(ASK ALL)

Q6 Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, groups, organizations and countries, 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)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
Barack Obama						
February 2011	28	21	15	15	20	1
January 2011	29	23	15	14	18	1
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	19	13	14	27	-
June 2010	27	20	13	15	25	-
May 20-23, 2010	28	19	15	14	24	-
May 6-11, 2010	29	20	12	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	27	23	13	12	10
July 2007	16	26	24	12	10	12
April 2007	19	26	25	8	6	16
March 2007	18	19	26	11	6	20

Barack Obama						
<i>High</i>						
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
<i>Presidential Term Low</i>						
August 26-30, 2010	26	20	12	14	27	1
<i>All-time Obama Low</i>						
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40
NBC-WSJ All-time Presidential Tracking High/Low within Presidential Term						
<i>High</i>						
<i>March 1991</i>						
(George H.W. Bush)	50	30	9	6	4	1
<i>Low</i>						
<i>October 17-20, 2008+</i>						
(George W. Bush)	11	18	11	15	45	-

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Q.6 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
John Boehner						
February 2011*	6	14	22	9	12	37
January 2011	7	16	23	9	6	39
November 11-15, 2010	8	11	20	7	10	44
October 14-18, 2010+	3	11	16	6	12	52
September 2010	5	9	19	8	9	50
October 2009	2	7	12	7	8	64
January 2007	1	4	12	4	2	77
Donald Trump						
February 2011**	9	17	40	18	11	5
May 2004+	9	17	38	14	15	7
December 1999	4	12	28	24	25	7
October 1999	3	11	25	23	32	6
July 1990	3	11	28	25	24	9
Mitt Romney						
February 2011*	6	19	30	13	12	20
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	24	11	6	44
December 2006	3	8	22	7	4	56
Tim Pawlenty						
February 2011**	3	7	20	6	3	61
Saudi Arabia						
February 2011*	2	10	34	29	20	5
December 2002	1	7	26	34	25	7
Egypt						
February 2011**	10	22	30	17	15	6
Labor Unions						
February 2011*	16	22	22	17	19	4
October 1997	12	23	27	19	13	6
June 1997	13	25	24	18	14	6
Public employee unions						
February 2011	16	22	22	16	18	6
Federal government employees						
February 2011*	14	28	34	14	8	2
State and local government employees						
February 2011**	16	31	27	17	7	2
Teachers						
February 2011*	45	28	15	6	4	2
Teachers unions						
February 2011**	23	24	19	12	18	4

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

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

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

	TOTAL POSITIVE	TOTAL NEGATIVE	D/S
Teachers	73	10	63
State and local government employees	47	24	23
Federal government employees	42	22	20
Teachers unions	47	30	17
Barack Obama	49	35	14
Public employee unions	38	34	4
Labor Unions	38	36	2
Tim Pawlenty	10	9	1
Mitt Romney	25	25	-
Egypt	32	32	-
John Boehner	20	21	-1
Donald Trump	26	29	-3
Saudi Arabia	12	49	-37

Now, thinking about something else...

Q7 I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view. (ROTATE STATEMENTS.)

Statement A: Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people,
OR

Statement B: Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	<u>2/11</u>	<u>10/10+</u>	<u>8/26- 30/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>
A/Government should do more	51	45	47	47	43	44	46	45	47	51
B/Government is doing too many things	46	50	47	49	48	47	48	49	46	40
Some of both (VOL)	2	2	3	2	6	7	5	5	6	7
Not sure	1	3	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	2
			<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>
			47	48	53	55	52	45	41	32
			45	42	42	38	40	43	51	62
			7	8	NA	6	6	9	5	NA
			1	2	5	1	2	3	3	6

¹ In December 1995, the question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

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Q8 Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which **ONE OR TWO** of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (READ LIST. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, IF ONLY ONE GIVEN THEN ASK) And, which of these issues do you think should be the second highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST 1ST CHOICE PERCENTAGE

	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	Combined Choice
Job creation and economic growth	37	19	56
The deficit and government spending	22	18	40
Health care	12	16	28
National security and terrorism	9	11	20
Energy and the cost of gas	7	13	20
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	6	7	13
Immigration	4	8	12
Egypt, Libya, and the political unrest in Arab countries ..	1	4	5
Other (VOL)	-	1	1
All equally (VOL)	1	-	1
None of these (VOL)	-	1	1
Not sure	1	-	1

And, thinking about the next Presidential election...

Q9 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? +

Probably vote for President Obama	45
Probably vote for Republican candidate	40
Vote for other party (VOL)	3
Depends/Depends on who opponent is (VOL)	9
Not sure	3

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GEORGE W. BUSH RE-ELECTION TREND

	12/14/03	12/13/03	11/03	9/03	7/03	5/03
Definitely vote for President Bush	32	34	NA	NA	NA	NA
Probably vote for President Bush	12	12	43	42	45	47
Probably vote for Democratic candidate	15	17	40	40	36	32
Definitely vote for the Democratic candidate	18	23	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vote for another party's candidate (VOL)	1	1	2	2	3	2
Depends on who opponent is (VOL)	9	6	8	9	10	12
Not sure	12	7	8	7	7	7

4/03	1/03	12/02	10/02+
NA	NA	NA	NA
52	41	42	45
24	34	28	31
NA	NA	NA	NA
4	3	4	3
14	16	20	17
6	6	6	4

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Q10 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	17
Not very strong Democrat	12
Independent/lean Democrat	10
Strictly Independent.....	19
Independent/lean Republican.....	12
Not very strong Republican	9
Strong Republican.....	13
Other (VOL).....	6
Not sure.....	2

ASKED OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAID INDEPENDENT OR DEMOCRAT ON Q10

Q11 If there were a presidential primary election in your state, would you vote in the Republican primary, the Democratic primary, or would you wait to vote in the general election?+

Vote in the Republican primary	8
Vote in the Democratic primary	28
Wait until the general election	29
Neither/other (VOL).....	1
Not sure.....	2
Republican/Other/Not Sure (Q10)	32

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ASKED ONLY OF GOP PRIMARY VOTERS (N=282) (REPUBLICAN ON Q10 OR INDEPENDENT OR DEMOCRAT ON Q10 BUT WOULD VOTE IN A GOP PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ON Q11)

Q12a Let me read you a list of people who might seek the 2012 Republican nomination for president. If you were voting today in the 2012 Republican primary for president, which **one** of the following candidates would you favor? (READ LIST. RANDOMIZE. IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean? (ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER.)+

(IF CHOICE, THEN ASK:) And, which candidate would be your second choice?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST 1ST CHOICE PERCENTAGE

	1 st	2 nd
	<u>Choice</u>	<u>Choice</u>
Mike Huckabee	25	13
Mitt Romney.....	21	16
Sarah Palin.....	12	14
Newt Gingrich.....	13	8
Ron Paul	6	6
Tim Pawlenty.....	3	8
Mitch Daniels.....	3	2
Rick Santorum.....	2	4
Jon Huntsman	1	2
Haley Barbour	-	3
Other (VOL)	2	-
None (VOL)	4	3
Not sure	8	9

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ASKED ONLY OF GOP PRIMARY VOTERS (N=282) (REPUBLICAN ON Q10 OR INDEPENDENT OR DEMOCRAT ON Q10 BUT WOULD VOTE IN A GOP PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ON Q11)

Q12b Suppose a candidate running in the 2012 Republican primary for president says the party should focus MORE on issues such as the economy and federal budget deficit and focus LESS on social issues such as gay marriage and abortion. Would you be (ROTATE) -- more likely or less likely -- to vote for a Republican Presidential candidate who says this, or would this make no difference in how you might vote one way or the other?+

More likely	65
Less likely	8
No difference	25
Not sure	2

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(ROTATE Q13a-Q13b)

Q13a And, if the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Tim Pawlenty were Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?+

Tim Pawlenty	31
Barack Obama.....	50
Depends (VOL)	3
Neither/other (VOL)	6
Not sure	10

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Q13b And, if the next election for president were held today, and (ROTATE) Mitt Romney were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>2/11+</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>
Mitt Romney	40	40	35	36	34
Barack Obama.....	49	47	48	48	51
Depends (VOL).....	-	1	2	1	1
Neither/other (VOL)	6	6	7	6	7
Not sure	5	6	8	9	7

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Now, thinking about something else...

Q14a Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?+

	<u>2/11+</u>	<u>1/11+</u>	<u>12/10+</u>	<u>11/10+</u>	<u>10/28-30/10+</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>
Yes	29	27	29	30	28	30	28
No	61	62	61	59	61	59	61
Depends (VOL)	3	3	3	4	3	2	3
Not sure	7	8	7	7	8	10	8

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ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SUPPORT THE TEA PARTY (Q14a:1) AND ARE REPUBLICAN (Q10:5-7).

Q14b Which better describes you, (ROTATE:) a supporter of the Tea Party Movement or a Republican?+

	2/11+		1/11+		12/10+	
	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters
Supporter of the Tea Party Movement	9	46	8	46	10	49
Republican	9	47	9	48	9	49
Both (VOL)	-	2	-	1	-	2
Not sure	1	5	1	5	-	1
Not Republican and Tea Party Supporters.....	81	n/a	82	n/a	81	n/a

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered Voters

	11/10+		10/28-30/10+		10/14-18/10+	
	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party Supporters	All Reg Voters	GOP and Tea Party 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

Now, changing topics...

(ROTATE Q15 AND Q16)

Q15 Let me read you a number of steps that elected officials are considering to deal with state budget deficits that affect public employees who work for state government, city government, or a school district. For each one, please tell me if you find this totally acceptable, mostly acceptable, mostly unacceptable, or totally unacceptable. (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST TOTAL ACCEPTABLE PERCENTAGE

	Totally acceptable	Mostly acceptable	Mostly unacceptable	Totally unacceptable	Not sure
Require public employees to contribute more of their pay for their retirement benefits					
February 2011	27	41	16	13	3
Require public employees to contribute more of their pay for their health care benefits					
February 2011	26	37	19	15	3
Freeze public employees' salaries for one year					
February 2011	25	33	19	21	2
Eliminate public employees' right to collectively bargain over health care, pensions and other benefits when negotiating a union contract					
February 2011	14	19	25	37	5

Q16 Do you think public employees who belong to a union and work for state government, city government, or a school district should have the same right to bargain when it comes to their health care, pension and other benefits as employees who belong to a union and work for private companies?

Yes	77
No	19
Not sure	4

Q17 And, now more specifically, have you seen, read, or heard the news coverage about people protesting against the proposal by Wisconsin Republican Governor Scott Walker to eliminate the right of public employee unions to collectively bargain over health care, pensions and other benefits? (IF YES:) And, have you seen, read or heard a lot or just some about this?

Total Yes.....	73
Yes, A lot	40
Yes, Just some	33
No	26
Not sure	1

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Have you seen, read, or heard the news coverage about people protesting against the health care plan at town hall meetings with Members of Congress?

Yes.....	85
No	14
Not sure	1

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?

	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-10/10</u>
Economy will get better	29	40	32	37	37	32	26	34	33	40
Economy will get worse	29	17	24	15	20	24	26	25	23	20
Economy will stay about the same ..	41	42	42	46	41	41	45	39	43	38
Not sure	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2
			<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
			41	41	42	47	44	46	38	36
			22	19	22	20	21	22	30	28
			36	38	33	30	32	29	30	34
			1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
		<u>10/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9-10/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	
		38	25	21	19	16	21	22	16	
		20	43	49	45	31	16	22	39	
		37	28	27	29	49	60	51	43	
		5	4	3	7	4	3	5	2	
		<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
		17	24	24	26	28	43	43	43	
		44	27	30	34	30	17	10	13	
		36	46	42	37	36	36	33	33	
		3	3	4	3	6	4	14	11	
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	
		42	44	50	49	44	45	49	35	
		16	18	10	15	19	16	17	25	
		34	35	37	33	33	34	31	37	
		8	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
	40	41	39	41	50	50	36	28	17	
	20	20	18	20	13	15	25	29	24	
	35	34	39	37	32	32	34	37	54	
	5	5	4	2	5	3	5	6	5	

Q18 (Cont'd)

	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>
Economy will get better	19	19	21	20	24	31	31	28	28
Economy will get worse	22	22	21	21	23	17	24	24	17
Economy will stay about the same ..	53	57	52	54	50	46	40	44	52
Not sure	6	2	6	5	3	6	5	4	3
	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>
	27	29	44	21	23	20	23	33	39
	21	16	16	27	24	29	27	21	15
	49	52	36	50	51	48	47	44	43
	3	3	4	2	2	3	3	2	3

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now, thinking about something slightly different...

(ROTATE Q19 AND Q20)

Q19 Thinking (now/again) about YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY, when you think about our federal budget problems, including our growing federal budget deficit and our increasing national debt, how much does this concern you personally, in terms of how it impacts you and your family's future— a great deal, quite a bit, only a little, or not at all?

A great deal	48
Quite a bit	32
Only a little	17
Not at all	3
Not sure	-

Q20 Thinking (now/again) about YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY, if the Congress decided to make major cuts across the board on most programs in order to reduce government spending, how much does this concern you personally, in terms of how it impacts you and your family's future— a great deal, quite a bit, only a little, or not at all?

A great deal	36
Quite a bit	26
Only a little	26
Not at all	10
Not sure	2

Q21 Which concerns you more about the current budget debate --that [INSERT ITEM] will (ROTATE)...go too far or not go far enough... in cutting programs and reducing federal spending to deal with the budget deficit? (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY HIGHEST 'NOT GO FAR ENOUGH' PERCENTAGE (VOL)

	<u>Go Too Far</u>	<u>Not Go Far Enough</u>	<u>About right/ Right Balance</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
The Democrats in Congress				
February 2011	28	63	3	6
President Obama				
February 2011	26	62	5	7
The Republicans in Congress				
February 2011	52	40	3	5
The Tea Party Supporters in Congress				
February 2011	51	32	4	13

Q22a Do you think it will be necessary to cut spending on Medicare, the federal government health care program for seniors, in order to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit? If you don't know enough to have an opinion, please just say so.*

Yes	18
No	54
No opinion.....	27
Not sure	1

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

Q22b Do you think it will be necessary to cut spending on Social Security in order to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit? If you don't know enough to have an opinion, please just say so.**

Yes	22
No	49
No opinion	27
Not sure	2

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

Q23 If the deficit cannot be eliminated solely by cutting wasteful federal spending, which one of these steps would you most favor--(ROTATE) cutting important programs, raising taxes, or postponing elimination of the deficit?

	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>	<u>6/95</u>
Cutting important programs.....	35	32	27
Raising taxes	33	29	23
Postponing elimination of the deficit	26	30	37
Combination (VOL).....	1	2	4
Not sure	5	7	9

Q24a Do you think the budget disagreement between President Obama and Democrats in Congress with Republicans in Congress¹ will lead to a major shutdown of the federal government, or do you think they will reach an agreement in time to avoid a shutdown?

	<u>2/11*</u>	<u>10/95¹</u>	<u>9/95</u>
Disagreement will lead to a shutdown	25	13	15
Will reach agreement in time to avoid shutdown.....	71	79	77
Not sure.....	4	8	8

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

¹ In 1995, question read: "...disagreement between President Clinton and Congress..."

Q24b As you may know, if Congress does not agree on a new federal budget by March fourth the federal government will shut down until a budget is passed. If this happens do you think it would be (ROTATE) more because of partisan politics or more because real and significant issues could not be resolved between the members of both parties?***

Partisan politics.....	64
Issues could not be resolved	31
A little of both (VOL)	2
Not sure	3

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

Q25 Let me you read you a number of programs that could be cut significantly as a way to reduce the current federal budget deficit. For each one, please tell me if you think significantly cutting the funding for this program is totally acceptable, mostly acceptable, mostly unacceptable, or totally unacceptable as a way to help reduce the federal deficit.

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY % TOTAL ACCEPTABLE

	<u>Totally acceptable</u>	<u>Mostly acceptable</u>	<u>Mostly unacceptable</u>	<u>Totally unacceptable</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Subsidies to build new nuclear power plants					
February 2011*	21	36	20	20	3
Federal assistance to state governments					
February 2011**	14	38	30	15	3
The EPA, that is the Environmental Protection Agency					
February 2011*	21	30	27	19	3
Transportation and infrastructure projects					
February 2011**	11	40	30	16	3
Scientific and medical research					
February 2011**	13	35	33	18	1
National defense					
February 2011*	19	27	24	28	2
Unemployment insurance					
February 2011**	13	30	35	20	2
The Head Start pre-kindergarten program					
February 2011*	15	26	26	30	3
College student loans					
February 2011**	11	28	33	26	2
Heating assistance to low-income families					
February 2011*	8	26	35	30	1
Medicaid, the federal government health care program for the poor					
February 2011*	9	23	32	35	1
Medicare, the federal government health care program for seniors					
February 2011**	7	16	30	46	1
K thru12 education					
February 2011**	7	15	26	51	1
Social Security					
February 2011*	6	16	25	52	1

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

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

Q26 Let me you read you a number of other things that might be cut or eliminated as a way to reduce the current federal budget deficit. 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.

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY % TOTAL ACCEPTABLE

	<u>Totally acceptable</u>	<u>Mostly acceptable</u>	<u>Mostly unacceptable</u>	<u>Totally unacceptable</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Placing a surtax on federal income taxes for people earning over one million dollars a year.					
February 2011*	55	26	11	6	2
Eliminating spending on so-called earmarks for special projects and specific areas of the country.					
February 2011**	44	34	8	9	5
Eliminating funding for weapons systems the Defense Department says are not necessary.					
February 2011**	49	27	12	10	2
Eliminating tax credits for the oil and gas industries.					
February 2011**	47	27	11	11	4
Phasing out the Bush tax cuts for families earning two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or more per year.					
February 2011**	42	26	13	16	3
Freezing annual domestic spending at its current level for the next five years.					
February 2011*	26	41	17	9	7
Reducing Medicare and Social Security benefits for wealthier retirees.					
February 2011*	25	37	21	16	1
Gradually raising the Social Security retirement age to sixty-nine by the year 2075.					
February 2011**	25	31	17	25	2
Cutting funding for the new health care law so that parts of it will not be put into effect or enforced.					
February 2011*	28	23	24	22	3
Reducing agriculture subsidies or supports to farmers and ranchers.					
February 2011*	21	24	31	23	1
Eliminating funding to Planned Parenthood for family planning and preventive health services.					
February 2011*	21	24	26	27	2
Gradually turning Medicare from a system in which the government pays for most beneficiaries' medical bills into a program in which seniors would receive government-issued vouchers in order to purchase private health insurance.					
February 2011**	12	32	22	28	6

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

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

Q27 Having discussed all this some more, which one of these steps would you most favor to deal with the federal deficit --(ROTATE) cutting important programs, raising taxes, or postponing elimination of the deficit?

	Q23 Initial	Q27 Post
Cutting important programs	35	37
Raising taxes.....	33	29
Postponing elimination of the deficit	26	28
Combination (VOL)	1	2
Not sure.....	5	4

Q28 If at the end of the day, Republicans in Congress and President Obama and the Democrats in Congress cannot come to an agreement---who do you feel would be more responsible for this stalemate---the Republicans in Congress, or President Obama and the Democrats in Congress or both would be equally responsible.

The Republicans in Congress	21
President Obama and the Democrats in Congress	21
Both equally.....	57
Not sure.....	1

Now, getting near the end of the survey and thinking about something else...

Q29a Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Egypt and the political unrest in other Arab countries? *

Approve	55
Disapprove	30
Not sure	15

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

Q29b Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation in Libya? **

Approve	48
Disapprove.....	26
Not sure	26

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

Q30 Thinking about the whole Middle East, do you feel that over the past few months, the United States has gotten closer to its objectives of peace and democracy for the region, further away from its objectives of peace and democracy, or have things stayed about the same?*

Gotten closer to objectives of peace and democracy.....	19
Gotten further away from objectives of peace and democracy.....	21
Things have stayed about the same.....	55
Not sure.....	5

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

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Thinking about the whole Middle East, including Iraq, Iran, Palestine and Israel, do you feel that over the past few months, the United States has gotten closer to its objectives of peace and democracy for the region, further away from its objectives of peace and democracy, or have things stayed about the same?

Gotten closer to objectives of peace and democracy.....	17
Gotten further away from objectives of peace and democracy.....	41
Things have stayed about the same.....	40
Not sure.....	2

Q31 Will the current events in Egypt and protests in other Arab countries increase or decrease the chances for peace and stability in that region, or not make much difference either way?

Increase the chances	31
Decrease the chances.....	28
Not make much difference	33
Too early to tell (VOL)	2
Not sure	6

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

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	87
Not registered.....	13
Not sure.....	-

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.....	43
Voted for John McCain.....	32
Voted for someone else	6
Not sure.....	2
No, Did Not Vote	
Not sure.....	-

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?

<u>Currently Employed</u>	
Professional, manager.....	27
White-collar worker.....	20
Blue-collar worker.....	14
Farmer, rancher.....	1
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>	
Student.....	4
Homemaker.....	6
Retired.....	20
Unemployed, looking for work	6
Other	-
Not sure.....	2

(ASK IF EMPLOYED ON QF2)

QF3 Are you a currently a public employee --that is, are you employed by federal, state, or local government, a public school system, or some other government agency? (IF YES, SPECIFY)

Total public employee	14
Yes, federal	2
Yes, State.....	3
Yes, Local.....	3
Yes, Public school system.....	5
Yes, Other Government agency	1
Not a public employee.....	47
Not sure	1
Student, retired, homemaker, unemployed, other (QF2).....	38

QF4 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school.....	-
Some high school.....	4
High school graduate	26
Some college, no degree	19
Vocational training/2-year college	8
4-year college/bachelor's degree	24
Some postgraduate work, no degree	4
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	11
Doctoral/law degree	3
Not sure/refused.....	1

QF5 Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal	8
Somewhat liberal.....	16
Moderate	38
Somewhat conservative	21
Very conservative.....	15
Not sure.....	2

QF6a What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	49
Catholic	23
Jewish	2
Muslim	-
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	1
Other	13
None.....	10
Not sure/refused.....	2

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN QF6a.)

QF6b 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	55
Not sure	5
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (QF6a).....	26

QF7a/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.....	14
Union household.....	8
Non-union household.....	77
Not sure	1

QF8 What is your current marital status?

Now married.....	54
Single, not married.....	23
Living together, not married	3
Divorced.....	10
Separated	2
Widowed	6
Not sure/refused	2

QF9 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	6
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	7
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	11
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	16
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	13
More than \$100,000.....	20
Not sure/refused	9