## PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE \& THE PRESS J ANUARY 2013 POLI TI CAL SURVEY <br> FI NAL TOPLI NE <br> J anuary 9-13, 2013 <br> $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 5 0 2}$

## RANDOMI ZE Q.1/ Q.1a BLOCK AND Q. 2 <br> ASK ALL:

Q. 1 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 STI LL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

|  | Approve | Disapprove | (VOL.) DK/Ref |  | Approve | Disapprove | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
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| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 52 | 40 | 7 | Oct 13-18, 2010 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 55 | 39 | 6 | Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 50 | 43 | 7 | Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 47 | 41 | 12 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 47 | 45 | 8 | Jun 8-28, 2010 | 48 | 41 | 11 |
| May 9-J un 3, 2012 | 46 | 42 | 11 | Jun 16-20, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 46 | 45 | 9 | May 6-9, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 50 | 41 | 9 | Apr 21-26, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 47 | 43 | 10 | Apr 8-11, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 44 | 48 | 8 | Mar 10-14, 2010 | 46 | 43 | 12 |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 46 | 43 | 11 | Feb 3-9, 2010 | 49 | 39 | 12 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 46 | 46 | 8 | Jan 6-10, 2010 | 49 | 42 | 10 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 43 | 48 | 9 | Dec 9-13, 2009 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 43 | 49 | 7 | Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 51 | 36 | 13 |
| Jul 20-24, 2011 | 44 | 48 | 8 | Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 52 | 36 | 12 |
| Jun 15-19, 2011 | 46 | 45 | 8 | Sep 10-15, 2009 | 55 | 33 | 13 |
| May 25-30, 2011 | 52 | 39 | 10 | Aug 20-27, 2009 | 52 | 37 | 12 |
| May 5-8, 2011 | 50 | 39 | 11 | Aug 11-17, 2009 | 51 | 37 | 11 |
| May 2, 2011 | 56 | 38 | 6 | Jul 22-26, 2009 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 47 | 45 | 8 | Jun 10-14, 2009 | 61 | 30 | 9 |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 51 | 39 | 10 | Apr 14-21, 2009 | 63 | 26 | 11 |
| Feb 2-7, 2011 | 49 | 42 | 9 | Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 | 61 | 26 | 13 |
| Jan 5-9, 2011 | 46 | 44 | 10 | Mar 9-12, 2009 | 59 | 26 | 15 |
| Dec 1-5, 2010 | 45 | 43 | 13 | Feb 4-8, 2009 | 64 | 17 | 19 |
| Nov 4-7, 2010 | 44 | 44 | 12 |  |  |  |  |

See past presidents' approval trends: George W. Bush, Bill Clinton
ASK IF APPROVE OR DI SAPPROVE (Q.1=1,2):
Q.1a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

## BASED ON TOTAL

| Jan |  | Apr | Jan | Sep 22 | Aug | Feb 22- | - Jan | Aug 25- | Jun | Jan | Apr |
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| 9-13 |  | 4-15 | 11-16 | Oct 4 | 17-21 | Mar 1 | 5-9 | Sep 6 | 16-20 | 6-10 | 14-21 |
| $\underline{2013}$ |  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2012}$ | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2009}$ |
| 52 | Approve | 46 | 44 | 43 | 43 | 51 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 63 |
| 35 | Very strongly | 30 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 32 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 45 |
| 15 | Not so strongly | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 13 |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 40 | Disapprove | 45 | 48 | 48 | 49 | 39 | 44 | 44 | 43 | 42 | 26 |
| 31 | Very strongly | 36 | 35 | 34 | 38 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 31 | 30 | 18 |
| 8 | Not so strongly | 8 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 8 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | * |
| 7 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 9 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 |

## RANDOMI ZE Q.1/ Q.1a BLOCK AND Q. 2 ASK ALL:

 Q. 2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 30 | 66 | 4 | February, 2007 | 30 | 61 | 9 |
| Dec 17-19, 2012 | 25 | 68 | 7 | Mid-January, 2007 | 32 | 61 | 7 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 33 | 62 | 5 | Early J anuary, 2007 | 30 | 63 | 7 |
| Oct 18-21, 2012 | 32 | 61 | 8 | December, 2006 | 28 | 65 | 7 |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 | 31 | 64 | 5 | Mid-November, 2006 | 28 | 64 | 8 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 28 | 68 | 5 | Early October, 2006 | 30 | 63 | 7 |
| May 9-J un 3, 2012 | 29 | 64 | 7 | July, 2006 | 30 | 65 | 5 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 24 | 69 | 6 | May, 2006* | 29 | 65 | 6 |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 28 | 66 | 6 | March, 2006 | 32 | 63 | 5 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 21 | 75 | 4 | J anuary, 2006 | 34 | 61 | 5 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 17 | 78 | 5 | Late November, 2005 | 34 | 59 | 7 |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 17 | 79 | 4 | Early October, 2005 | 29 | 65 | 6 |
| Jul 20-24, 2011 | 17 | 79 | 4 | July, 2005 | 35 | 58 | 7 |
| Jun 15-19, 2011 | 23 | 73 | 4 | Late May, 2005* | 39 | 57 | 4 |
| May 5-8, 2011 | 30 | 62 | 8 | February, 2005 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| May 2, 2011 | 32 | 60 | 8 | J anuary, 2005 | 40 | 54 | 6 |
| Mar 8-14, 2011 | 22 | 73 | 5 | December, 2004 | 39 | 54 | 7 |
| Feb 2-7, 2011 | 26 | 68 | 5 | Mid-October, 2004 | 36 | 58 | 6 |
| Jan 5-9, 2011 | 23 | 71 | 6 | July, 2004 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
| Dec 1-5, 2010 | 21 | 72 | 7 | May, 2004 | 33 | 61 | 6 |
| Nov 4-7, 2010 | 23 | 69 | 8 | Late February, 2004* | 39 | 55 | 6 |
| Sep 23-26, 2010 | 30 | 63 | 7 | Early J anuary, 2004 | 45 | 48 | 7 |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 25 | 71 | 5 | December, 2003 | 44 | 47 | 9 |
| Jun 24-27, 2010 | 27 | 64 | 9 | October, 2003 | 38 | 56 | 6 |
| May 13-16, 2010 | 28 | 64 | 7 | August, 2003 | 40 | 53 | 7 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010 | 29 | 66 | 5 | April 8, 2003 | 50 | 41 | 9 |
| Apr 1-5, 2010 | 31 | 63 | 6 | J anuary, 2003 | 44 | 50 | 6 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 25 | 69 | 5 | November, 2002 | 41 | 48 | 11 |
| Mar 10-14, 2010 | 23 | 71 | 7 | September, 2002 | 41 | 55 | 4 |
| Feb 3-9, 2010 | 23 | 71 | 6 | Late August, 2002 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| J an 6-10, 2010 | 27 | 69 | 4 | May, 2002 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 25 | 67 | 7 | March, 2002 | 50 | 40 | 10 |
| Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 25 | 67 | 7 | Late September, 2001 | 57 | 34 | 9 |
| Sep 10-15, 2009 ${ }^{1}$ | 30 | 64 | 7 | Early September, 2001 | 41 | 53 | 6 |
| Aug 20-27, 2009 | 28 | 65 | 7 | June, 2001 | 43 | 52 | 5 |
| Aug 11-17, 2009 | 28 | 65 | 7 | March, 2001 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| Jul 22-26, 2009 | 28 | 66 | 6 | February, 2001 | 46 | 43 | 11 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 30 | 64 | 5 | J anuary, 2001 | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| Apr 28-May 12, 2009 | 34 | 58 | 8 | October, 2000 (RVs) | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| Apr 14-21, 2009 | 23 | 70 | 7 | September, 2000 | 51 | 41 | 8 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 20 | 73 | 7 | June, 2000 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| December, 2008 | 13 | 83 | 4 | April, 2000 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Early October, 2008 | 11 | 86 | 3 | August, 1999 | 56 | 39 | 5 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 25 | 69 | 6 | J anuary, 1999 | 53 | 41 | 6 |
| August, 2008 | 21 | 74 | 5 | November, 1998 | 46 | 44 | 10 |
| July, 2008 | 19 | 74 | 7 | Early September, 1998 | 54 | 42 | 4 |
| J une, 2008 | 19 | 76 | 5 | Late August, 1998 | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| Late May, 2008 | 18 | 76 | 6 | Early August, 1998 | 50 | 44 | 6 |
| March, 2008 | 22 | 72 | 6 | February, 1998 | 59 | 37 | 4 |
| Early February, 2008 | 24 | 70 | 6 | J anuary, 1998 | 46 | 50 | 4 |
| Late December, 2007 | 27 | 66 | 7 | September, 1997 | 45 | 49 | 6 |
| October, 2007 | 28 | 66 | 6 | August, 1997 | 49 | 46 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  | J anuary, 1997 | 38 | 58 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  | July, 1996 | 29 | 67 | 4 |
| $1 \quad \mathrm{I}$ September 10-15, | and other surves | ys noted with an | sterisk, the | March, 1996 | 28 | 70 | 2 |
|  | , are you satis | fied or dissatisfied | with the way | October, 1995 | 23 | 73 | 4 |

## Q. 2 CONTI NUED...

|  | Satis- <br> fied | Dis- <br> satisfied | (VOL.) |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DK/Ref |  |  |  |  |
| June, 1995 | $\frac{25}{}$ |  | 73 | 2 |
| April, 1995 | 23 |  | 74 | 3 |
| July, 1994 | 24 |  | 73 | 3 |
| March, 1994 | 24 | 71 | 5 |  |
| October, 1993 | 22 | 73 | 5 |  |
| September, 1993 | 20 | 75 | 5 |  |
| May, 1993 | 22 | 71 | 7 |  |
| January, 1993 | 39 | 50 | 11 |  |


|  | Satis- <br> fied | Dis- <br> satisfied | (VOL.) |
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|  | DK/Ref |  |  |
| January, 1992 | 38 | 68 | 4 |
| November, 1991 | 34 | 61 | 5 |
| Gallup: Late Feb, 1991 | 66 | 31 | 3 |
| August, 1990 | 47 | 48 | 5 |
| May, 1990 | 41 | 54 | 5 |
| January, 1989 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| September, 1988 (RVs) | 50 | 45 | 5 |

## NO QUESTI ONS 3-8

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathbf{N = 7 2 7 ] :}$

Q.9F1 In the long run, do you think Barack Obama will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{lcccc}\text { Obama } & \text { Successful } & \text { Unsuccessful }\end{array}
$$ \quad \begin{array}{c}Too early <br>

to tell\end{array}\right]\)| (VOL.) |
| :---: |
| DK/Ref |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ N=775]:

Q.10F2 In the long run, do you think the accomplishments of the Obama Administration will outweigh its failures, or will the failures outweigh the accomplishments?

Obama

| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 46 | 39 | 15 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 43 | 44 | 12 |
| Bush |  |  |  |
| December, 2008 | 24 | 64 | 12 |
| January, 2008 | 28 | 59 | 13 |
| January, 2007 | 31 | 53 | 16 |
| January, 2004 | 49 | 36 | 15 |

## Q.10F2 CONTI NUED...

| Accomplishments will | Failures will outweigh | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| outweigh failures | $\underline{\text { accomplishments }}$ | $\underline{\text { DK/Ref }}$ |

## Clinton

| J anuary, 2001 | 60 | 27 | 13 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| January, 2000 | 51 | 37 | 12 |
| August, 1999 | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| January, 1999 | 50 | 34 | 16 |
| Early September, 1998 | 52 | 35 | 13 |
| Reagan |  |  |  |
| Newsweek: May 1987 | 46 | 41 | 13 |
| Newsweek Feb 1987 | 52 | 38 | 10 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=775$ ]:
Q.11F2 Right now, which is more important for President Obama to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

| Obama <br> Jan 9-13, 2013 | 83 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 81 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| May 25-30, 2011 | 77 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| Jan 5-9, 2011 | 78 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 <br> January 7-11, 2009 | 73 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 3 |
| Next President | 71 | 11 | $*$ | 14 | 4 |
| September, 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |
| May, 2008 | 60 | 21 | $*$ | 15 | 4 |
| G.W. Bush | 61 | 22 | $*$ | 15 | 4 |
| January, 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |
| January, 2007 | 56 | 31 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| August, 2006 | 39 | 40 | 1 | 15 | 5 |
| January, 2006 | 50 | 32 | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| October, 2005 | 57 | 25 | 1 | 13 | 4 |
| Early January, 2005 | 64 | 20 | 1 | 12 | 3 |
| January, 2002 | 53 | 27 | 1 | 16 | 3 |
| Clinton | 52 | 34 | $*$ | 11 | 3 |
| Early September, 1998 | 56 | 30 | 0 | 11 | 3 |
| January, 1997 | 86 | 7 | $*$ | 5 | 2 |
| December, 1994 | 85 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| October, 1993 | 76 | 13 | $*$ | 7 | 4 |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=727$ ]:
Q.12F1 This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?

|  | Work <br> together more | Bicker and <br> oppose one another <br> more than usual | Same as in past.) <br> (VOL | (VOL.) |
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| DK/Ref |  |  |  |  |
| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 23 | 66 | 4 | 7 |
| Jan 5-9, 2011 | 30 | 63 | 3 | 5 |
| Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010 | 8 | 77 | 4 | 11 |
| Mar 31-Apr 6,2009 | 25 | 53 | 8 | 14 |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 50 | 39 | 6 | 5 |

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## Q.12F1 CONTI NUED...

|  | Work together more | Bicker and oppose one another more than usual | (VOL.) <br> Same as in past | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
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| May, 2005 | 13 | 64 | 8 | 15 |
| J anuary, 2005 | 30 | 59 | 4 | 7 |
| June, 2004 | 21 | 60 | 7 | 12 |
| October, 2003 | 21 | 55 | 10 | 14 |
| May, 2002 | 44 | 31 | 8 | 17 |
| J anuary, 2002 | 53 | 39 | 5 | 3 |
| July, 2001 | 30 | 46 | 10 | 14 |
| May, 2001 | 34 | 41 | 9 | 16 |
| J anuary, 2001 | 41 | 50 | 4 | 5 |
| July, 2000 | 21 | 54 | 10 | 15 |
| August, 1999 | 20 | 68 | 4 | 8 |
| August, 1998 | 27 | 51 | 8 | 14 |
| November, 1997 | 38 | 45 | 7 | 10 |
| August, 1997 | 43 | 46 | 3 | 8 |
| J une, 1997 | 34 | 49 | 6 | 11 |
| October, 1995 | 21 | 72 | 3 | 4 |
| August, 1993 | 20 | 57 | 13 | 10 |

## NO QUESTIONS 14-15

## ASK ALL:

Q. 16 Would you say your overall opinion of [I NSERT ITEM; RANDOMI ZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLI TS] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS:
PROBE TO DISTI NGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."] How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: J ust in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [I NTERVI EWERS: PROBE TO DISTI NGUI SH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]


## Q. 16 CONTI NUED...



| Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly |
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| 54 | 15 | 39 | 35 | 12 | 23 |
| 53 | 13 | 40 | 36 | 11 | 25 |
| 47 | 13 | 34 | 44 | 13 | 31 |
| 47 | 12 | 35 | 42 | 14 | 28 |
| 48 | 14 | 34 | 44 | 17 | 27 |
| 49 | 14 | 35 | 41 | 15 | 26 |
| 50 | 15 | 35 | 41 | 14 | 27 |
| 52 | 12 | 40 | 39 | 13 | 26 |
| 53 | 13 | 40 | 41 | 14 | 27 |
| 54 | 12 | 42 | 36 | 11 | 25 |
| 58 | 14 | 44 | 37 | 9 | 28 |
| 54 | 11 | 43 | 38 | 10 | 28 |
| 57 | 13 | 44 | 36 | 11 | 25 |
| 54 | 15 | 39 | 37 | 10 | 27 |
| 58 | 18 | 40 | 34 | 10 | 24 |
| 60 | 18 | 42 | 30 | 9 | 21 |
| 60 | 16 | 44 | 35 | 12 | 23 |
| 59 | 14 | 45 | 37 | 9 | 28 |
| 58 | 11 | 47 | 37 | 11 | 26 |
| 55 | 14 | 41 | 38 | 12 | 26 |
| 59 | 18 | 41 | 34 | 10 | 24 |
| 56 | 11 | 45 | 38 | 9 | 29 |
| 60 | 13 | 47 | 33 | 8 | 25 |
| 58 | 15 | 43 | 36 | 10 | 26 |
| 52 | 11 | 41 | 42 | 10 | 32 |
| 61 | 10 | 51 | 33 | 8 | 25 |
| 60 | 13 | 47 | 35 | 7 | 28 |
| 49 | 9 | 40 | 48 | 11 | 37 |
| 50 | 13 | 37 | 44 | 13 | 31 |
| 62 | 13 | 49 | 34 | 7 | 27 |
| 57 | 14 | 43 | 34 | 9 | 25 |
| 61 | 17 | 44 | 33 | 9 | 24 |
| 33 | 6 | 28 | 58 | 27 | 31 |
| 36 | 7 | 28 | 59 | 23 | 36 |
| 42 | 12 | 30 | 50 | 25 | 26 |
| 36 | 9 | 27 | 56 | 28 | 28 |
| 36 | 7 | 30 | 56 | 27 | 29 |
| 35 | 7 | 27 | 58 | 28 | 30 |
| 36 | 7 | 29 | 55 | 27 | 28 |
| 34 | 5 | 29 | 59 | 27 | 32 |
| 42 | 9 | 32 | 51 | 22 | 28 |
| 43 | 8 | 35 | 48 | 19 | 29 |
| 43 | 8 | 35 | 49 | 21 | 28 |
| 39 | 10 | 29 | 49 | 24 | 25 |
| 37 | 8 | 29 | 53 | 26 | 27 |
| 37 | 5 | 32 | 51 | 20 | 31 |
| 46 | 5 | 41 | 46 | 14 | 32 |
| 40 | 6 | 34 | 50 | 19 | 31 |
| 40 | 7 | 33 | 50 | 18 | 32 |
| 40 | 7 | 33 | 51 | 17 | 34 |
| 40 | 5 | 35 | 55 | 21 | 34 |
| 40 | 10 | 30 | 50 | 23 | 27 |
| 47 | 11 | 36 | 46 | 22 | 24 |
| 43 | 9 | 34 | 49 | 18 | 31 |

Early J anuary, 2007
Late October, 2006
July, 2006
April, 2006
February, 2006
Late October, 2005
July, 2005
June, 2005
December, 2004
June, 2004
Early February, 2004
June, 2003
April, 2003
December, 2002
July, 2001
January, 2001
September, 2000 (RVs)
August, 1999
February, 1999
J anuary, 1999
Early December, 1998
Early October, 1998 (RVs)
Early September, 1998
March, 1998
August, 1997
June, 1997
J anuary, 1997
October, 1995
December, 1994
July, 1994
May, 1993
July, 1992
b. The Republican Party

Jan 9-13, 2013
Dec 5-9, 2012
Sep 12-16, 2012
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012
Mar 7-11, 2012
Jan 11-16, 2012
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011
Feb 2-7, 2011
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010
July 1-5, 2010
April 1-5, 2010
Mar 18-21, 2010
Feb 3-9, 2010
Aug 20-27, 2009
Aug 11-17, 2009
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009
J an 7-11, 2009
Late October, 2008
Mid-September, 2008
August, 2008
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## Q. 16 CONTI NUED...

|  | ------ Favorable ------ |  |  | ----- Unfavorable ----- |  |  | (VOL.) <br> Never heard of | (VOL.) <br> Can't rate/ Ref |
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|  | Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly |  |  |
| Late May, 2008 | 39 | 7 | 32 | 53 | 20 | 33 | * | 8 |
| J uly, 2007 | 39 | 7 | 32 | 53 | 22 | 31 | 0 | 8 |
| Early J anuary, 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 |
| J uly, 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 |
| 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 |
| J anuary, 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 |
| J une, 1997 | 51 | 8 | 43 | 42 | 11 | 31 | 1 | 6 |
| J anuary, 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 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=775$ ]:
c.F2 Congress

J an 9-13, 2013
Dec 5-9, 2012
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012
J an 11-16, 2012
Aug 17-21, 2011
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011
July 1-5, 2010
April 1-5, 2010
Mar 18-21, 2010
Feb 3-9, 2010
Aug 20-27, 2009
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009
J an 7-11, 2009
Late May, 2008
July, 2007
Early J anuary, 2007
Late October, 2006
February, 2006
Late October, 2005

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| 27 | 4 | 22 | 67 | 24 | 43 |
| 27 | 5 | 22 | 65 | 30 | 35 |
| 23 | 5 | 18 | 69 | 33 | 36 |
| 25 | 4 | 21 | 70 | 30 | 40 |
| 34 | 4 | 30 | 57 | 21 | 36 |
| 33 | 6 | 27 | 56 | 23 | 33 |
| 25 | 3 | 22 | 65 | 30 | 36 |
| 26 | 3 | 23 | 62 | 23 | 39 |
| 41 | 3 | 38 | 50 | 17 | 34 |
| 37 | 4 | 33 | 52 | 20 | 32 |
| 50 | 10 | 40 | 43 | 15 | 28 |
| 40 | 5 | 35 | 52 | 20 | 32 |
| 41 | 6 | 35 | 51 | 17 | 34 |
| 41 | 6 | 35 | 51 | 16 | 35 |
| 53 | 11 | 42 | 38 | 9 | 29 |
| 41 | 5 | 36 | 46 | 15 | 31 |
| 44 | 6 | 38 | 47 | 14 | 33 |
| 45 | 7 | 38 | 45 | 13 | 32 |


| $*$ | 9 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 6 |
| $*$ | 8 |
| $*$ | 8 |
| 4 | 6 |
| 1 | 8 |
| $*$ | 11 |
| $*$ | 9 |
| $*$ | 12 |
| 0 | 9 |
| $*$ | 11 |
| $*$ | 7 |
| $*$ | 8 |
| 0 | 8 |
| 0 | 8 |
| 1 | 8 |
| $*$ | 13 |
| 0 | 9 |
| $*$ | 10 |

## Q. 16 CONTI NUED...

|  | -------Favorable------- |  |  | ------Unfavorable------ |  |  | (VOL.) <br> Never | (VOL.) <br> Can't rate/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly | heard of | Ref |
| July, 2005 | 49 | 6 | 43 | 40 | 11 | 29 | * | 11 |
| June, 2005 | 49 | 6 | 43 | 40 | 10 | 30 | * | 11 |
| J une, 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 |
| J anuary, 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 |
| J anuary, 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 |
| 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 |
| J anuary, 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 |
| J anuary, 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 |
| J anuary, 1987 | 59 | 7 | 52 | 31 | 8 | 23 | 0 | 10 |
| July, 1985 | 67 | 9 | 58 | 26 | 5 | 21 | * | 7 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 17 And is your overall opinion of [INSERT NAME; RANDOMI ZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about [NEXT NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [I NTERVI EWERS: PROBE TO DISTI NGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]

|  |  | avora | ------- | ------ | favor | le- | (VOL.) <br> Never | (VOL.) Can't |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly | heard of | rate/Ref |
| a. Barack Obama |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| J an 9-13, 2013 | 59 | 28 | 31 | 38 | 20 | 18 | * | 3 |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 59 | 26 | 33 | 40 | 24 | 16 | * | 2 |
| Oct 4-7, 2012 | 50 | 24 | 26 | 45 | 26 | 19 | * | 5 |
| Sep 12-16, 2012 | 57 | 27 | 30 | 40 | 23 | 17 | * | 4 |
| Jul 16-26, 2012 | 51 | 24 | 26 | 42 | 27 | 15 | 0 | 8 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012 | 53 | 20 | 33 | 44 | 22 | 21 | 0 | 4 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 56 | 24 | 32 | 41 | 25 | 16 | * | 3 |

## Q. 17 CONTI NUED...

$\left.\begin{array}{lcccccccc}\text { (VOL.) }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { (VOL.) } \\ \text { Can't rate/ }\end{array}\right]$

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=727$ ]:
c.F1. John Boehner
J an 9-13, 2013
Dec 5-9, 2012
J an 11-16, 2012
Mar 8-14, 2011
Dec 2-5, 2010
J un 10-13, 2010

| 26 | 6 | 21 | 40 | 17 | 23 | 20 | 14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28 | 5 | 23 | 40 | 17 | 23 | 22 | 11 |
| 21 | 5 | 16 | 40 | 16 | 24 | 22 | 17 |
| 26 | 7 | 19 | 27 | 11 | 16 | 32 | 16 |
| 28 | 8 | 20 | 25 | 12 | 14 | 34 | 12 |
| 12 | 3 | 9 | 22 | 8 | 15 | 54 | 12 |

d.F1 Harry Reid

Jan 9-13, 2013
Dec 5-9, 2012
Jan 11-16, 2012
Dec 2-5, 2010
December, 2006

| 21 | 5 | 16 | 34 | 16 | 19 | 28 | 17 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23 | 3 | 20 | 37 | 17 | 20 | 27 | 12 |
| 18 | 4 | 15 | 38 | 20 | 18 | 28 | 16 |
| 23 | 5 | 18 | 39 | 21 | 18 | 26 | 12 |
| 17 | 3 | 14 | 20 | 7 | 13 | 45 | 18 |

## Q. 17 CONTI NUED...



ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=775$ ]:
g.F2 Joe Biden

Jan 9-13, 2013
Oct 24-28, 2012
Oct 4-7, 2012
Sep 12-16, 2012
Jun 7-17, 2012
Jan 11-16, 2012
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009
Mid-Apr 2009
Jan 2009
Mid-October, 2008
Early Oct, 2008 (callback)
Late September, 2008
Mid-September, 2008
April, 2006
Late October, 2005
September, 1987

| 42 | 14 | 28 | 42 | 20 | 21 | 8 | 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 | 17 | 27 | 42 | 26 | 16 | 5 | 10 |
| 38 | 13 | 24 | 46 | 26 | 21 | 5 | 11 |
| 41 | 15 | 26 | 43 | 22 | 21 | 4 | 11 |
| 40 | 10 | 30 | 37 | 18 | 19 | 6 | 17 |
| 38 | 10 | 28 | 41 | 18 | 22 | 9 | 12 |
| 50 | 13 | 36 | 29 | 13 | 16 | 8 | 13 |
| 51 | 14 | 37 | 28 | 10 | 18 | 8 | 13 |
| 63 | 22 | 41 | 20 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 11 |
| 55 | 20 | 34 | 35 | 10 | 19 | 6 | 10 |
| 61 | 20 | 41 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 1 | 8 |
| 49 | 15 | 34 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 8 | 13 |
| 48 | 14 | 34 | 30 | 11 | 19 | 8 | 14 |
| 28 | 7 | 21 | 20 | 5 | 15 | 38 | 14 |
| 21 | 4 | 17 | 20 | 6 | 14 | 43 | 16 |
| 22 | 4 | 18 | 15 | 4 | 11 | 25 | 38 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | 2 | 18 | 28 | 11 | 17 | 32 | 20 |
| 22 | 5 | 18 | 27 | 11 | 16 | 35 | 15 |

i.F2 Chris Christie
$\begin{array}{llllllllll}\text { Jan 9-13, } 2013 & 40 & 10 & 30 & 17 & 7 & 11 & 26 & 16\end{array}$
j.F2 Chuck Hagel

Jan 9-13, 2013
(VOL.)
Never Can't rate/ heard of Ref

21
28
h.F2 Mitch McConnell

Jan 9-13, 2013
Dec 2-5, 2010
22518

18514

| 7 |
| :--- |

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## QUESTI ON 18 PREVI OUSLY RELEASED

## NO QUESTI ON 19

## ASK ALL:

Thinking about the nation's economy...
Q. 20 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

J an 9-13, 2013
Dec 5-9, 2012
Oct 24-28, 2012
Sep 12-16, 2012
Jun 7-17, 2012
Mar 7-11, 2012
Feb 8-12, 2012
J an 11-16, 2012
Dec 7-11, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jun 15-19, 2011
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011
Feb 2-7, 2011
Dec 1-5, 2010
Oct 13-18, 2010
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010
J un 3-6, 2010
Apr 21-26, 2010
Mar 10-14, 2010
Feb 3-9, 2010
Dec 9-13, 2009
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009
Aug 11-17, 2009
Jun 10-14, 2009
Mar 9-12, 2009
Feb 4-8, 2009
December, 2008
November, 2008
Late October, 2008
Early October, 2008
Late September, 2008
July, 2008
April, 2008
March, 2008
Early February, 2008
January, 2008
November, 2007
September, 2007
June, 2007
February, 2007
December, 2006
Early November, 2006 (RVs)
Late October, 2006

| Excellent |  | Only |  | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Good | fair | Poor | DK/Ref |
| 2 | 11 | 38 | 49 | 1 |
| 1 | 14 | 50 | 35 | 1 |
| 1 | 12 | 42 | 44 | 1 |
| 1 | 12 | 43 | 44 | 1 |
| 1 | 9 | 47 | 42 | 1 |
| 1 | 9 | 38 | 51 | 1 |
| 1 | 10 | 46 | 43 | 1 |
| 2 | 9 | 42 | 47 | 1 |
| * | 8 | 38 | 53 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 37 | 56 | 1 |
| * | 8 | 45 | 46 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 38 | 53 | 1 |
| 1 | 11 | 45 | 42 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 44 | 45 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 38 | 54 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 43 | 48 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 48 | 43 | 1 |
| * | 11 | 39 | 49 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 39 | 53 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 38 | 53 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 41 | 50 | 1 |
| * | 8 | 41 | 50 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 43 | 48 | 1 |
| * | 8 | 38 | 52 | 2 |
| 1 | 8 | 39 | 52 | 1 |
| * | 6 | 25 | 68 | 1 |
| * | 4 | 24 | 71 | 1 |
| * | 7 | 33 | 59 | 1 |
| 1 | 6 | 28 | 64 | 1 |
| * | 7 | 25 | 67 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 32 | 58 | 1 |
| * | 7 | 27 | 65 | 1 |
| 1 | 9 | 39 | 50 | 1 |
| 1 | 10 | 33 | 56 | * |
| 1 | 10 | 32 | 56 | 1 |
| 1 | 16 | 36 | 45 | 2 |
| 3 | 23 | 45 | 28 | 1 |
| 3 | 20 | 44 | 32 | 1 |
| 3 | 23 | 43 | 29 | 2 |
| 6 | 27 | 40 | 25 | 2 |
| 5 | 26 | 45 | 23 | 1 |
| 6 | 32 | 41 | 19 | 2 |
| 9 | 35 | 37 | 17 | 2 |
| 6 | 27 | 40 | 25 | 2 |
| 5 | 32 | 41 | 20 | 2 |
| 4 | 29 | 44 | 22 | 1 |
| 4 | 30 | 45 | 19 | 2 |
| 2 | 23 | 45 | 29 | 1 |
| 3 | 28 | 44 | 24 | 1 |
| 3 | 29 | 47 | 20 | 1 |
| 3 | 36 | 45 | 15 | 1 |
| 5 | 31 | 37 | 26 | 1 |

## Q. 20 CONTI NUED...

Mid-September, 2004
August, 2004
Late April, 2004
Late February, $2004^{5}$

| Excellent |  | Only |  | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Good | fair | Poor | DK/Ref |
| 4 | 34 | 40 | 20 | 2 |
| 3 | 30 | 45 | 21 | 1 |
| 4 | 34 | 38 | 22 | 2 |
| 2 | 29 | 42 | 26 | 1 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 21 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

Jan 9-13, 2013
Sep 12-16, 2012
Jun 7-17, 2012
Mar 7-11, 2012
Feb 8-12, 2012
Jan 11-16, 2012
Dec 7-11, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jun 15-19, 2011
Oct 13-18, 2010
Apr 21-26, 2010
Feb 3-9, 2010
Dec 9-13, 2009
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009
Aug 11-17, 2009
Jun 10-14, 2009
Mar 9-12, 2009
Feb 4-8, 2009
December, 2008
Early October, 2008
July, 2008
March, 2008
January, 2008
September, 2007
June, 2007
February, 2007
December, 2006
September, 2006
J anuary, 2006
Early October, 2005
Mid-September, 2005
Mid-May, 2005
January, 2005
August, 2004
Late February, 2004
September, 2003
May, 2003
Late March, 2003
J anuary, 2003
January, 2002
Newsweek: January, 2001
June, 2000

| Better | Worse | Same | DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 33 | 25 | 40 | 2 |
| 37 | 25 | 36 | 2 |
| 43 | 8 | 42 | 8 |
| 34 | 11 | 50 | 5 |
| 44 | 14 | 38 | 4 |
| 44 | 10 | 42 | 3 |
| 34 | 16 | 46 | 3 |
| 28 | 18 | 50 | 4 |
| 29 | 18 | 50 | 2 |
| 29 | 23 | 46 | 2 |
| 35 | 16 | 45 | 4 |
| 42 | 19 | 36 | 3 |
| 42 | 16 | 40 | 3 |
| 42 | 17 | 38 | 3 |
| 39 | 19 | 39 | 2 |
| 45 | 15 | 38 | 3 |
| 45 | 19 | 33 | 3 |
| 48 | 16 | 34 | 2 |
| 41 | 19 | 37 | 3 |
| 40 | 18 | 38 | 4 |
| 43 | 17 | 36 | 4 |
| 46 | 16 | 30 | 8 |
| 30 | 21 | 41 | 8 |
| 33 | 22 | 39 | 6 |
| 20 | 26 | 48 | 6 |
| 19 | 23 | 53 | 5 |
| 16 | 24 | 55 | 5 |
| 17 | 20 | 58 | 5 |
| 22 | 18 | 56 | 4 |
| 16 | 25 | 55 | 4 |
| 20 | 22 | 55 | 3 |
| 20 | 32 | 45 | 3 |
| 18 | 37 | 43 | 2 |
| 18 | 24 | 55 | 3 |
| 27 | 18 | 52 | 3 |
| 36 | 9 | 47 | 8 |
| 39 | 12 | 41 | 8 |
| 37 | 17 | 43 | 3 |
| 43 | 19 | 35 | 3 |
| 33 | 23 | 37 | 7 |
| 30 | 20 | 44 | 6 |
| 44 | 17 | 36 | 3 |
| 18 | 33 | 44 | 5 |
| 15 | 24 | 55 | 6 |

## 5

Earlier trends available from Gallup.

## Q. 21 CONTI NUED...

|  |  |  |  | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Better | Worse | Same | DK/Ref |
| Early October, 1998 (RVs) | 16 | 22 | 57 | 5 |
| Early September, 1998 | 18 | 17 | 61 | 4 |
| May, 1990 | 18 | 31 | 45 | 6 |
| February, 1989 | 25 | 22 | 49 | 4 |
| September, 1988 (RVs) | 24 | 16 | 51 | 9 |
| May, 1988 | 24 | 20 | 46 | 10 |
| January, 1988 | 22 | 26 | 45 | 7 |
| Newsweek: January, 1984 (RVs) | 35 | 13 | 49 | 3 |

ASK ALL:
Next,
Q. 22 Which comes closer to your own views - even if neither is exactly right. [READ IN ORDER]?
(RVs)

| Jan 9-13 |  | Feb 22-Mar 1 | Aug 25-Sep 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2013}$ |  | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2010}$ |
|  | I like elected officials who make compromises |  |  |
| 50 | with people they disagree with | 40 | 40 |
| 44 | I like elected officials who stick to their positions | S 54 | 55 |
| 2 | Neither/Both equally (VOL.) | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 4 | 2 |

## QUESTI ONS 23-24 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK ALL:

Q. 25 Now thinking about the positions of the parties these days ... would you say [I NSERT FIRST ITEM] is very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal? How about [I NSERT NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: "Would you say [ITEM] is very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?"]
a. The Republican Party

Jan 9-13, 2013
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jun 16-20, 2010

| Very conservative | Conservative | Moderate | Liberal | Very liberal | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23 | 32 | 22 | 8 | 6 | 9 |
| 20 | 35 | 22 | 8 | 6 | 9 |
| 17 | 37 | 26 | 9 | 5 | 7 |

b. The Democratic Party

Jan 9-13, 2013
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jun 16-20, 2010
2
4
3

RELEASE

NO QUESTI ONS 26-29
QUESTI ON 30-32 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTION 33

Thinking about some issues...
ASK ALL:
Q. 34 Which party could do a better job of [INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMI ZE; OBSERVE FORM

SPLITS]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]


NO ITEM b
c.F1 Dealing with taxes

| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 38 | 44 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dec 5-9,2012 | 37 | 45 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| Jul 20-24, 2011 | 43 | 40 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| Oct 13-18, 2010 | 36 | 35 | 7 | 9 | 12 |
| Sep 16-19, 2010 | 40 | 34 | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Aug 27-30, 2009 | 38 | 37 | 4 | 11 | 11 |
| February, 2008 | 37 | 49 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| October, 2006 | 32 | 40 | 5 | 7 | 16 |
| September, 2006 | 30 | 45 | 4 | 9 | 12 |
| February, 2006 | 35 | 46 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| May, 2001 | 37 | 40 | 8 | 6 | 9 |
| June, 1999 | 38 | 38 | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| September, 1998 | 41 | 37 | 7 | 5 | 10 |
| March, 1998 | 39 | 40 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| October, 1994 | 43 | 34 | 5 | 9 | 9 |

## NO ITEMS d-f

g.F1 Dealing with the Social Security system

| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 36 | 45 | 5 | 7 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dec 5-9, 2012 | 36 | 45 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 39 | 45 | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Jul 22-24, 2011 | 37 | 42 | 7 | 5 | 9 |

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## Q. 34 CONTINUED...

Mar 30-Apr 3, $2011{ }^{7}$
Sep 16-19, 2010
(VOL.)

| Republican <br> Party | Democratic <br> 39 | Party <br> 39 | Both <br> equally | (VOL.) <br> Neither |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | (VOL.) |
| :---: |
| 35 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ N=775]:
h.F2 Dealing with the Medicare system
J an 9-13, 2013

Dec 5-9, 2012

| 36 | 44 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 33 | 50 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| 35 | 48 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| 34 | 44 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | 38 | 7 | 9 | 12 |

i.F2 Representing your views on government spending

| Jan 9-13, 2013 | 42 | 36 | 5 | 9 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

j.F2 Representing your views on abortion

Jan 9-13, 2013
Mar 7-11, 2012
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011
41
31

Aug 27-30, 2009
September, 2006
January, $1992^{8}$
August, 1990

| 47 | 1 | 6 | 15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 | 2 | 5 | 13 |
| 41 | 3 | 9 | 14 |
| 44 | 2 | 6 | 15 |
| 39 | -- | 11 | 21 |
| 40 | -- | 12 | 18 |

## NO ITEM k

QUESTI ON 34I PREVI OUSLY RELEASED

[^2]ASK ALL:
Q. 35 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Barack Obama. (First,) does Barack Obama impress you as... [I NSERT ITEM; RANDOMI ZE;
OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]?

| J an 9-13 |  |  | Jan | Aug | May | J an | Jun | J an | Sep | Feb |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 11-16 | 17-21 | 25-30 | 5-9 | 16-20 | 6-10 | 10-15 | 4-8 |
| a | 2013 |  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2009}$ | 2009 |
|  | 57 | Able to get things done | 46 | 44 | 55 | 54 | 55 | 57 | 58 | 70 |
|  | 37 | Not able to get things done | 50 | 50 | 38 | 38 | 39 | 35 | 31 | 15 |
|  | 1 | Neither particularly (VOL.) | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
|  | 4 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| b. | 59 | A strong leader | 52 | 49 | 58 | 53 | 53 | 62 | 65 | 77 |
|  | 37 | Not a strong leader | 45 | 47 | 37 | 41 | 42 | 32 | 29 | 13 |
|  | 1 | Neither particularly (VOL.) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
|  | 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=727]$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. F |  | Stands up for what |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 82 | he believes in | 75 | 71 | 75 | 77 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
|  | 14 | Doesn't stand up for what he believes in | 19 | 22 | 18 | 16 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
|  | 1 | Neither particularly (VOL.) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
|  | 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | -- | -- | -- | -- |

NO ITEM d.

| e.F1 | 66 | Trustworthy | 61 | 59 | 62 | 58 | 58 | 61 | 64 | 76 |
| :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 30 | Not trustworthy | 36 | 37 | 31 | 36 | 37 | 31 | 30 | 15 |
|  | 1 | Neither particularly (VOL.) | $*$ | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
|  | 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 8 |

## NO ITEM f.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $N=775$ ]:

| g.F2 | 76 | A good communicator | 78 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 77 | 83 | 83 | 92 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 21 | Not a good communicator | 20 | 22 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 14 | 13 | 6 |
|  | 1 | Neither particularly (VOL.) | * | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | * |
|  | 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| h.F2 | 66 | Someone who cares about people like me | 61 | 63 | 64 | 60 | 60 | 64 | 68 | 81 |
|  | 31 | Someone who doesn't care about people like me | 35 | 31 | 30 | 34 | 35 | 30 | 25 | 14 |
|  | * | Neither particularly (VOL.) | 1 | 1 | * | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | 3 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 36 In his first term in office, would you say that Barack Obama did a better job handling [READ AND RANDOMI ZE]?

Jan 9-13
2013

| 30 | Domestic policy [OR] |
| :---: | :--- |
| 40 | Foreign policy |
| 15 | Neither (VOL.) |
| 6 | Both |
| 9 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

NO QUESTI ONS 37-39, 44-49, 52
QUESTI ON 40-43, 50-51, 53-54 PREVI OUSLY RELEASED

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?


ASK REPUBLI CANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [ $\mathbf{N}=640$ ]:
TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?
Jan 9-13
$\underline{2013}$
35
10
Agree
Disagree
51 No opinion either way
2 Haven't heard of (VOL.)
2 Refused (VOL.)


[^0]:    2 January 7-11, 2009, survey asked about "president-elect Obama."
    3 September and May 2008 surveys asked about priorities for the "next president."
    In surveys that were not conducted in J anuary of a given year the question was worded: "This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?"

[^1]:    6 From February 2006 to May 2011 item read "Reducing the federal budget deficit;" and the experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a stand alone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

[^2]:    7 From January 2002 to May 2011 item read "Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound;" experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. For May 2001, June 1999, Early September 1998 and May 1990, the question was worded, "Please tell me if you think the Republican Party or the Democratic Party could do a better job in each of the following areas ... keeping Social Security financially sound?"
    $8 \quad$ In January 1992 and August 1990, the item was worded, "Which political party - the Republican Party or the Democratic party do you think could do a better job of: representing your views on abortion?"

