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APRIL 2011 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
March 30-April 3, 2011
N=1507

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 STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

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

ASK ALL:

Now, thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues...

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. The economy			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20
b. The federal budget deficit			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	33	59	8
Jan 6-9, 2011	35	53	12
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	56	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	32	58	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	58	11
Jul 22-26, 2009	32	53	15
April 14-21, 2009	50	38	12

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
c. The situation in Afghanistan			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	43	45	11
Jan 6-9, 2011	44	42	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	46	9
Apr 21-26, 2010	41	42	17
Mar 10-14, 2010	51	35	15
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	43	12
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	49	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	47	33	19
d. The situation in Libya			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	41	46	13

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=754]:

e.F1 The environment			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	51	35	14

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=753]:

f.F2 Energy policy			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	44	16
Jan 6-9, 2011	46	37	18
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	43	34	23
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	35	20
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	50	34	16
Jul 22-26, 2009	46	31	22

ASK ALL:

Q.3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Jan 5-9, 2011 ¹	34	43	22
Nov 4-7, 2010	41	37	22
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16

¹ Question wording for Jan. 5-9, 2011, was: "Do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?".

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 ²	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18

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From December, 1994, through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?".

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
December, 1994	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 ³	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 ⁴	50	21	29
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22
December, 1994	52	28	20

³ In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

⁴ Question wording in November, 2006, and December, 1994, was: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

QUESTIONS 4-9 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 10-12****ASK ALL:**

Q.13 Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the House of Representatives in last November's elections?

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	43	44	12
Nov 4-7, 2010 ⁵	48	34	18
Democrats			
November, 2008 (RV)	51	41	6
October, 2007	54	29	17
July, 2007	50	35	15
March, 2007	54	32	14
November, 2006	60	24	16
Republicans			
November, 2004 (RV)	51	44	5
December, 2002	48	34	18
May, 2001	44	38	18
November, 2000 (RV)	48	39	13
November, 1998	47	32	21
November, 1996 (RV)	65	27	8
January, 1996	47	43	10
August, 1995	50	39	11
June, 1995	46	41	13
April, 1995	52	36	12
March, 1995	55	31	14
December, 1994	57	31	12

ASK ALL:

Q.14 Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Boehner [**pronounced BAY-ner**] is handling his job as Speaker of the House?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	36	34	29
Nancy Pelosi			
March, 2007	48	22	30
Newt Gingrich			
April, 1995	43	42	15
March, 1995	44	37	19
February, 1995	38	29	33

NO QUESTION 15

⁵ In November 2010 the question read "...the Republican Party won control of the House of Representatives?" In November 2006, the question read, "...the Democratic Party won control of Congress?" In December 2002 the question was worded: "In general, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party won control of the U.S. Senate?" In November 1998 the question was worded: "Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party maintained control of the U.S. Congress?" In December 1994 question was worded: "Generally, are you happy or unhappy that the Republican party won control of the U.S. Congress?"

ASK ALL:

Q.16 In dealing with Congress, do you think President Obama...**[RANDOMIZE: Should go along with the Republicans more often [OR] Should challenge the Republicans more often]** or is he handling this about right?

Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u>		Bush and Democrats	Clinton and Republicans		
		Mar <u>2007</u> ⁶	Mar <u>1996</u>	Aug <u>1995</u>	Apr <u>1995</u>
29	Should go along with the Republicans more often	43	30	26	25
27	Should challenge the Republicans more often	18	23	27	27
34	Is he handling this about right	27	41	38	41
1	Neither (VOL.)	3	2	2	2
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	4	7	5

ASK ALL:

Q.17 From what you have seen or heard about events in the new Congress, in general, do you think the Republicans in the House are keeping the promises they made during the campaign, or not?

Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u>		Democrats	--- Republicans ---	
		Mar <u>2007</u>	Apr <u>1995</u>	Newsweek <u>Jan 1995</u>
33	Yes, keeping promises	40	59	41
52	No, not keeping promises	38	30	30
14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	22	11	29

ASK ALL:

Q.18 Do you think of the Tea Party movement as **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** OR as **[NEXT]**?

Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u>		Registered Voters who have heard of the Tea Party	
		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> <u>Aug 2010</u>
36	A part of the Republican Party	38	45
50	A separate and independent movement from the Republican Party	47	45
1	Depends (VOL.)	1	1
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	15	8

ASK ALL:

Q.19 So far, are Republican leaders in Congress paying too much attention, too little attention, or the right amount of attention to the ideas and positions of the Tea Party?

Mar 30-Apr 3 <u>2011</u>		Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>
27	Too much	22
32	Too little	28
23	Right amount	25
19	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	25

NO QUESTIONS 20-30

⁶ In March 2007 and before, answer choices were not randomized, and the third answer choice read "...or is handling the situation about right?"

RANDOMIZE Q.31/Q.32 IN BLOCK WITH Q.33/Q.34 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about the nation's economy...

Q.31 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ⁷	2	29	42	26	1

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Earlier trends available from Gallup.

RANDOMIZE Q.31/Q.32 IN BLOCK WITH Q.33/Q.34 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.32 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

	<u>The economy is recovering</u>	<u>The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon</u>	<u>It will be a long time before the economy recovers</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	20	24	54	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	33	42	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	17	33	48	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 ⁸	10	37	52	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	13	35	50	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	13	37	48	2

RANDOMIZE Q.31/Q.32 IN BLOCK WITH Q.33/Q.34 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about your own personal finances...

Q.33 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1

⁸ In September 2010 and earlier, the first answer choice read "The economy is now recovering."

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News:January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News:October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News:August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News:May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News:January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

RANDOMIZE Q.31/Q.32 IN BLOCK WITH Q.33/Q.34 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>Stay the same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
U.S. News:October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
U.S. News:August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
U.S. News:May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
U.S. News:January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

ASK ALL:

Q.35 Not all people face the same financial pressures. Please tell me how much each of the following affects your own household's financial situation. First, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** – does this affect your household's financial situation a lot, a little, or not at all? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Does this affect your household's financial situation a lot, a little or not at all]

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	The job situation Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	42	26	30	1
b.	How the stock market is doing Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	24	37	34	5
c.	Real estate values Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	35	28	34	3
d.	Gas prices Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	69	23	7	1
e.	Prices for food and consumer goods Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	58	34	7	1
f.	The federal budget deficit Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	43	34	19	4

NO QUESTIONS 36-42**QUESTIONS 43-46 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 47-49****ASK ALL:**

Thinking more generally about the political parties for a moment...

RANDOMIZE Q.50 AND Q.51**ASK ALL:**

Q.50 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		<u>Republican</u> <u>Party</u>	<u>Democratic</u> <u>Party</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>Neither</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK ALL FORM 1 [N=754]:						
a.F1	Can better manage the federal government					
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	41	39	2	8	9
	Oct 13-18, 2010	43	36	2	11	8
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	41	3	8	7
	Jun 16-20, 2010	41	37	3	12	7
	Feb 3-9, 2010	40	40	4	9	8
	Aug 27-30, 2009	34	38	4	14	10
	October, 2007	32	44	5	9	10
	March, 2007	31	47	3	8	11
	Early October, 2006	34	44	3	9	10
	April, 2006 ⁹	35	39	3	15	8
	January, 2006	34	40	4	12	10
	Early October, 2005	35	41	3	13	8

⁹ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Able to manage the federal government well."

Q.50 CONTINUED ...

	Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>equally</u>		
July, 2004	37	40	4	9	10
Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11
August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8
July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7
April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5
July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5
May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13
July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10
May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9
May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10
January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10
May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10
b.F1 Is more concerned with the needs of people like me					
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	54	2	5	8
Oct 13-18, 2010	36	46	2	8	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	33	53	2	7	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	34	50	2	9	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	31	51	3	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	51	4	10	7
October, 2007	25	54	4	8	9
March, 2007	26	55	2	7	10
Early October, 2006	27	55	3	8	7
April, 2006 ¹⁰	28	52	3	10	7
Early October, 2005	30	52	5	7	6
July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7
Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9
March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7
August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7
July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6
April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3
July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4
May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7
May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7
January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7
c.F1 Governs in a more honest and ethical way					
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	33	42	3	14	8
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	35	4	16	9
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	41	4	18	6
August 27-30, 2009	26	42	4	20	9
October, 2007	26	40	6	19	9
March, 2007	25	43	4	18	10
Early October, 2006	27	41	4	18	10
April, 2006 ¹¹	28	36	4	23	9
January, 2006	30	37	4	19	10
Early October, 2005	30	40	6	18	6
July, 2004	34	37	5	15	9
Early September, 1998	31	28	6	23	12
March, 1998	28	32	7	24	9
August, 1997	28	33	5	26	8
July, 1996	38	37	2	18	5
April, 1995	35	36	4	19	6
July, 1994	32	35	6	21	6

¹⁰ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Is concerned with the needs of people like me."

¹¹ In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Governs in an honest and ethical way."

Q.50 CONTINUED...

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Party	Party	equally	Neither	DK/Ref
ASK ALL FORM 2 [N=753]:						
d.F2	Can bring about the kind of changes the country needs					
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	41	44	2	8	5
	Oct 13-18, 2010	35	41	3	10	10
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	35	46	4	8	6
	Jun 16-20, 2010	33	45	3	12	7
	Feb 3-9, 2010	34	46	4	9	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	5	13	9
	October, 2007	26	48	5	11	10
	March, 2007	26	52	4	9	9
	Early October, 2006	28	48	4	10	10
	April, 2006	32	47	2	12	7
	Early October, 2005	32	48	4	9	7
	July, 2004	35	46	3	7	9
	Early September, 1998	34	40	7	8	11
	March, 1998	32	45	7	8	8
	August, 1997	38	40	4	11	7
	July, 1996	39	46	2	7	6
	April, 1995	51	34	4	7	4
	July, 1994	39	42	4	10	5
	May, 1993	30	49	2	10	9
	July, 1992	24	47	2	16	11
	May, 1990	27	31	13	18	11
	May, 1988	27	43	9	11	10
	January, 1988	28	37	14	11	10
	May, 1987	26	36	14	14	10
e.F2	Is more influenced by lobbyists and special interests					
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	44	34	11	2	9
	Feb 3-9, 2010	40	32	14	2	11
	Aug 27-30, 2009	37	31	17	3	12
	March, 2007	40	30	15	1	14
	Early October, 2006	41	27	16	2	14
	April, 2006	45	28	14	2	11
f.F2	Is more willing to work with political leaders from the other party					
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	49	2	10	6

RANDOMIZE Q.50 AND Q.51**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... (First,) which party could do a better job of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE. OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Party	Party	equally	Neither	DK/Ref
a.	Improving the job situation					
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	39	10	6	6
	Oct 13-18, 2010	35	31	8	13	13
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	39	41	6	8	7
	Apr 21-26, 2010	36	37	8	9	10
	September, 2006	29	47	6	5	13
	March, 1998	30	51	7	5	7
	October, 1994	37	42	6	7	8

Q.51 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
b.	Reducing the federal budget deficit					
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	46	34	8	6	7
	Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	7	16	14
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	36	5	9	7
	May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
	Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
	September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
	February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
	Early October, 2005 ¹²	29	47	6	10	8
	June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
	July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
	December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15
ASK ALL FORM 1 [N=754]:						
c.F1	Dealing with health care					
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	42	6	5	7
	Oct 13-18, 2010	32	39	5	11	13
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6
TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>						
	Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
	February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
	October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
	September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
	February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
	Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
	July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
	Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>						
	January, 2002	20	45	--	6	29
	January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
	January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>						
	Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
	March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
	October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
	July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8
<i>Reforming health care</i>						
	December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>						
	January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
	May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14
d.F1	Dealing with the nation's energy problems					
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	37	42	7	5	9
	Oct 13-18, 2010	28	38	8	11	15
	May 20-23, 2010	28	35	10	12	15
	Apr 21-26, 2010	32	40	8	9	12
	Feb 3-9, 2010	32	44	8	6	10

¹² 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."

Q.51 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	7	9	12
February, 2008	23	57	5	5	10
September, 2006	27	47	4	7	15
February, 2006	32	45	6	7	10
Mid-September, 2005	31	44	6	8	11
May, 2001	36	34	10	7	13
October, 2006	28	44	5	6	17
e.F1 Improving the education system					
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	46	7	6	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	29	48	8	8	8
Aug 27-30, 2009	22	47	8	12	10
February, 2008	26	55	6	6	7
October, 2006	27	45	5	6	17
September, 2006	28	46	7	6	13
February, 2006	33	44	8	7	8
Mid-September, 2005	35	44	6	7	8
July, 2004	29	45	7	7	12
January, 2002	37	34	--	6	23
May, 2001	36	38	11	6	9
January, 2001	40	41	--	7	12
June, 1999	29	52	7	5	7
March, 1999	33	46	6	5	10
January, 1999	26	46	--	7	21
Early September, 1998	34	42	10	4	10
March, 1998	29	49	10	5	7
July, 1994	37	46	4	5	8
January, 1992	28	48	--	10	14
May, 1990	30	42	--	14	14
ASK ALL FORM 2 [N=753]:					
f.F2 Making wise decisions about foreign policy					
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	38	10	4	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	39	34	8	8	11
August 27-30, 2009	31	44	7	8	9
February, 2008	40	45	4	4	7
July, 2004	38	40	4	4	14
Early September, 2002	40	30	10	6	14
May, 2001	39	34	11	3	13
June, 1999	37	36	7	6	14
March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11
Early September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13
March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10
October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11
July, 1994 ¹³	51	31	4	6	8
December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16
g.F2 Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound					
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	39	9	6	7
Sep 16-19, 2010	35	35	9	11	11
September, 2006	26	46	4	11	13
September, 2005	33	45	6	9	7
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	31	42	6	9	12
Early September, 2002	30	38	8	10	14

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In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

Q.51 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May, 2002	32	38	--	9	21
January, 2002	28	40	--	6	26
May, 2001 ¹⁴	35	43	6	5	11
January, 2001	36	44	--	7	13
June, 1999	33	41	4	9	13
January, 1999	27	46	--	7	20
Early September, 1998	37	42	7	5	9
May, 1990	28	41	--	16	15
h.F2 Ensuring that the government can handle major disasters					
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	37	37	13	5	7
September, 2005	34	40	8	9	9

NO QUESTION 52-55**QUESTIONS 56-59 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 60-65****QUESTIONS 66-73 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean <i>Rep</i>	Lean <i>Dem</i>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	25	32	37	3	*	3	17	16
Mar 8-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	*	2	17	15
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	16
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	31	39	3	*	2	16	16
Jan 5-9, 2011	27	32	35	4	*	2	15	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	25	33	34	5	1	2	13	14
Nov 4-7, 2010	26	30	37	4	*	2	17	13
Oct 27-30, 2010	25	34	31	6	1	4	13	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	25	31	36	4	*	3	16	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	24	32	39	2	*	2	15	17
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	26	33	34	4	*	3	14	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	27	34	34	3	1	2	15	15
Apr 21-26, 2010	26	33	36	3	1	3	16	13
Mar 11-21, 2010	28	34	32	3	*	3	13	12
Mar 10-14, 2010	22	33	37	6	*	3	14	13
Yearly Totals								
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4

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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?"

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK ALL:

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

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

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