## PEW RESEARCH CENTER MAY 31-JUNE 3, 2012, OMNIBUS <br> FINAL TOPLINE <br> $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 0 1 2}$

## PEW. 1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## NO QUESTION PEW. 2

ASK ALL:
Now thinking about recent economic news...
PEW. 3 Are you hearing mostly good news about the economy these days, mostly bad news about the economy or a mix of both good and bad news?

May 31-June 3, 2012
May 3-6, 2012
April 5-8, 2012
March 8-11, 2012
February 2-5, 2012
January 5-8, 2012
December 1-4, 2011
November 10-13, 2011
October 6-9, 2011
September 1-4, 2011
August 4-7, 2011
July 7-10, 2011
June 2-5, 2011
May 12-15, 2011
March 31-April 3, 2011
March 3-6, 2011
February 3-6, 2011
January 6-9, 2011
December 2-5, 2010
November 11-14, 2010
October 7-10, 2010
September 2-6, 2010
August 5-8, 2010
July 1-5, 2010
June 10-13, 2010
May 7-10, 2010
April 1-5, 2010
March 5-8, 2010
February 5-8, 2010
January 8-11, 2010
December 4-7, 2009
October 30-November 2, 2009
October 9-12, 2009

| Hearing mostly | Hearing mostly | A mix of good and | (VOL.) |
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| good news | bad news | bad news | DK/Ref |
| 3 | 37 | 57 | 3 |
| 6 | 32 | 60 | 2 |
| 11 | 30 | 57 | 2 |
| 11 | 24 | 62 | 2 |
| 8 | 30 | 59 | 3 |
| 9 | 30 | 60 | 1 |
| 6 | 36 | 56 | 1 |
| 3 | 48 | 48 | 1 |
| 1 | 58 | 39 | 2 |
| 2 | 61 | 35 | 1 |
| 1 | 67 | 30 | 2 |
| 3 | 49 | 46 | 2 |
| 2 | 46 | 50 | 1 |
| 6 | 35 | 56 | 2 |
| 5 | 33 | 60 | 2 |
| 7 | 38 | 53 | 2 |
| 6 | 29 | 64 | 1 |
| 7 | 24 | 68 | 1 |
| 4 | 39 | 55 | 1 |
| 5 | 41 | 53 | 2 |
| 6 | 39 | 53 | 2 |
| 3 | 41 | 54 | 2 |
| 4 | 38 | 55 | 3 |
| 3 | 42 | 54 | 1 |
| 4 | 30 | 65 | 1 |
| 4 | 29 | 66 | 1 |
| 6 | 28 | 66 | * |
| 4 | 30 | 66 | 1 |
| 4 | 35 | 61 | * |
| 5 | 29 | 65 | 1 |
| 7 | 33 | 59 | 1 |
| 5 | 31 | 62 | 2 |
| 6 | 27 | 66 | 1 |
| 5 | 27 | 68 | 1 |
| 11 | 29 | 59 | 1 |
| 3 | 41 | 56 | * |
| 4 | 37 | 59 | * |
| 4 | 31 | 64 | 1 |
| 4 | 39 | 56 | 1 |
| 2 | 51 | 46 | 1 |
| 2 | 60 | 37 | 1 |
| 2 | 67 | 30 | 1 |
| 1 | 80 | 19 | * |

## ASK ALL:

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

May 31-June 3, 2012
March 8-11, 2012
November 10-13, 2011
August 4-7, 2011
June 2-5, 2011
May 12-15, 2011
March 31-April 3, 2011
March 3-6, 2011
February 3-6, 2011
December 2-5, 2010
September 2-6, 2010
July 1-5, 2010
May 7-10, 2010
April 1-5, 2010
March 5-8, 2010
January 8-11, 2010
October 30-November 2, 2009
August 7-10, 2009
June 12-15, 2009

| Hearing <br> mostly <br> good news | Hearing <br> mostly <br> bad news | A mix of <br> good and <br> bad news | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
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| 5 | 47 | 42 | 6 |
| 15 | 29 | 48 | 8 |
| 4 | 50 | 41 | 5 |
| 2 | 69 | 25 | 4 |
| 5 | 40 | 45 | 9 |
| 11 | 33 | 45 | 11 |
| 13 | 30 | 51 | 6 |
| 12 | 33 | 47 | 8 |
| 17 | 31 | 46 | 6 |
| 13 | 38 | 44 | 4 |
| 9 | 43 | 40 | 8 |
| 4 | 46 | 44 | 6 |
| 6 | 41 | 49 | 3 |
| 15 | 30 | 50 | 6 |
| 11 | 26 | 59 | 4 |
| 16 | 32 | 47 | 6 |
| 12 | 33 | 48 | 7 |
| 20 | 31 | 43 | 6 |
| 9 | 43 | 45 | 3 |

b. Real estate values

May 31-June 3, 2012
March 8-11, 2012
November 10-13, 2011
August 4-7, 2011
June 2-5, 2011
May 12-15, 2011
March 31-April 3, 2011
March 3-6, 2011
February 3-6, 2011
December 2-5, 2010
September 2-6, 2010
July 1-5, 2010
May 7-10, 2010
April 1-5, 2010
March 5-8, 2010
January 8-11, 2010
October 30-November 2, 2009
August 7-10, 2009
June 12-15, 2009

| 14 | 43 | 36 | 6 |
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| 9 | 39 | 42 | 10 |
| 6 | 55 | 32 | 7 |
| 4 | 63 | 27 | 6 |
| 7 | 56 | 28 | 9 |
| 9 | 45 | 35 | 11 |
| 6 | 48 | 38 | 8 |
| 8 | 46 | 36 | 10 |
| 8 | 51 | 34 | 7 |
| 6 | 62 | 28 | 4 |
| 6 | 57 | 32 | 5 |
| 9 | 49 | 35 | 7 |
| 12 | 41 | 42 | 5 |
| 12 | 44 | 38 | 6 |
| 8 | 45 | 42 | 5 |
| 11 | 43 | 40 | 5 |
| 13 | 43 | 37 | 6 |
| 11 | 40 | 41 | 7 |
| 11 | 45 | 40 | 3 |

c. Prices for food and consumer goods

| May 31-June 3, 2012 | 7 | 46 | 40 | 7 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 8-11, 2012 | 7 | 50 | 38 | 6 |
| November 10-13, 2011 | 5 | 52 | 36 | 7 |
| August 4-7,2011 | 4 | 62 | 28 | 5 |
| June 2-5, 2011 | 5 | 58 | 30 | 6 |
| May 12-15, 2011 | 3 | 58 | 32 | 6 |
| March 31-April 3,2011 | 3 | 59 | 34 | 4 |
| March 3-6, 2011 | 7 | 62 | 26 | 5 |
| February 3-6,2011 | 7 | 49 | 39 | 5 |
| December 2-5, 2010 | 16 | 41 | 39 | 5 |
| September 2-6,2010 | 12 | 35 | 42 | 10 |

PEW. 4 CONTINUED...

July 1-5, 2010
May 7-10, 2010
April 1-5, 2010
March 5-8, 2010
January 8-11, 2010
October 30-November 2, 2009
August 7-10, 2009
June 12-15, 2009

| Hearing <br> mostly <br> good news | Hearing <br> mostly <br> bad news | A mix of <br> good and <br> bad news | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
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| 10 | 37 | 46 | 9 |
| 9 | 35 | 46 | 9 |
| 12 | 34 | 50 | 7 |
| 12 | 37 | 45 | 6 |
| 10 | 39 | 42 | 7 |
| 9 | 36 | 46 | 9 |
| 9 | 39 | 46 | 6 |

d. The job situation

May 31-June 3, 2012
March 8-11, 2012
December 1-4, 2011
November 10-13, 2011
August 4-7, 2011
June 2-5, 2011
May 12-15, 2011
March 31-April 3, 2011
March 3-6, 2011
February 3-6, 2011
December 2-5, 2010
September 2-6, 2010
July 1-5, 2010
May 7-10, 2010
April 1-5, 2010
March 5-8, 2010
January 8-11, 2010
October 30-November 2, 2009
August 7-10, 2009

| 8 | 55 | 35 | 2 |
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| 17 | 38 | 42 | 3 |
| 10 | 51 | 37 | 2 |
| 5 | 64 | 28 | 2 |
| 4 | 74 | 21 | 2 |
| 5 | 58 | 34 | 3 |
| 9 | 51 | 37 | 3 |
| 12 | 43 | 42 | 2 |
| 10 | 50 | 37 | 3 |
| 9 | 52 | 37 | 2 |
| 6 | 66 | 27 | 1 |
| 5 | 65 | 28 | 2 |
| 5 | 64 | 30 | 1 |
| 9 | 52 | 38 | 2 |
| 9 | 56 | 33 | 2 |
| 5 | 59 | 35 | 1 |
| 6 | 61 | 31 | 2 |
| 3 | 68 | 27 | 2 |
| 6 | 61 | 32 | 1 |
| 1 | 71 | 27 | 1 |

e. Gas prices

May 31-June 3, 2012
March 8-11, 2012
November 10-13, 2011
August 4-7, 2011
June 2-5, 2011
May 12-15, 2011
March 31-April 3, 2011
March 3-6, 2011
February 3-6, 2011
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## RANDOMIZE Q. 1 AND Q. 2

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]

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

## RANDOMIZE Q. 1 AND Q. 2 <br> ASK ALL:

Q. 2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

May 9-Jun 3, 2012
Apr 4-15, 2012
Feb 8-12, 2012
Jan 11-16, 2012
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011
Aug 17-21, 2011
Jul 20-24, 2011
Jun 15-19, 2011
May 5-8, 2011
May 2, 2011
Mar 8-14, 2011
Feb 2-7, 2011
Jan 5-9, 2011
Dec 1-5, 2010
Nov 4-7, 2010
Sep 23-26, 2010
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010
Jun 24-27, 2010
May 13-16, 2010

| Satis- | Dis- | (VOL.) |
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| fied | satisfied | DK/Ref |
| 29 | 64 | 7 |
| 24 | 69 | 6 |
| 28 | 66 | 6 |
| 21 | 75 | 4 |
| 17 | 78 | 5 |
| 17 | 79 | 4 |
| 17 | 79 | 4 |
| 23 | 73 | 4 |
| 30 | 62 | 8 |
| 32 | 60 | 8 |
| 22 | 73 | 5 |
| 26 | 68 | 5 |
| 23 | 71 | 6 |
| 21 | 72 | 7 |
| 23 | 69 | 8 |
| 30 | 63 | 7 |
| 25 | 71 | 5 |
| 27 | 64 | 9 |
| 28 | 64 | 7 |


| Satis- <br> fied | Dis- <br> satisfied | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
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| 29 | 66 | 5 |
| 31 | 63 | 6 |
| 25 | 69 | 5 |
| 23 | 71 | 7 |
| 23 | 71 | 6 |
| 27 | 69 | 4 |
| 25 | 67 | 7 |
| 25 | 67 | 7 |
| 30 | 64 | 7 |
| 28 | 65 | 7 |
| 28 | 65 | 7 |
| 28 | 66 | 6 |
| 30 | 64 | 5 |
| 34 | 58 | 8 |
| 23 | 70 | 7 |

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

| Q. 2 CONTINUED... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | (VOL.) DK/Ref |  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
| Jan 7-11, 2009 | 20 | 73 | 7 | May, 2002 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| December, 2008 | 13 | 83 | 4 | March, 2002 | 50 | 40 | 10 |
| Early October, 2008 | 11 | 86 | 3 | Late September, 2001 | 57 | 34 | 9 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 25 | 69 | 6 | Early September, 2001 | 41 | 53 | 6 |
| August, 2008 | 21 | 74 | 5 | June, 2001 | 43 | 52 | 5 |
| July, 2008 | 19 | 74 | 7 | March, 2001 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| June, 2008 | 19 | 76 | 5 | February, 2001 | 46 | 43 | 11 |
| Late May, 2008 | 18 | 76 | 6 | January, 2001 | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| March, 2008 | 22 | 72 | 6 | October, 2000 (RVs) | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| Early February, 2008 | 24 | 70 | 6 | September, 2000 | 51 | 41 | 8 |
| Late December, 2007 | 27 | 66 | 7 | June, 2000 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| October, 2007 | 28 | 66 | 6 | April, 2000 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| February, 2007 | 30 | 61 | 9 | August, 1999 | 56 | 39 | 5 |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 32 | 61 | 7 | January, 1999 | 53 | 41 | 6 |
| Early January, 2007 | 30 | 63 | 7 | November, 1998 | 46 | 44 | 10 |
| December, 2006 | 28 | 65 | 7 | Early September, 1998 | 54 | 42 | 4 |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 28 | 64 | 8 | Late August, 1998 | 55 | 41 | 4 |
| Early October, 2006 | 30 | 63 | 7 | Early August, 1998 | 50 | 44 | 6 |
| July, 2006 | 30 | 65 | 5 | February, 1998 | 59 | 37 | 4 |
| May, 2006* | 29 | 65 | 6 | January, 1998 | 46 | 50 | 4 |
| March, 2006 | 32 | 63 | 5 | September, 1997 | 45 | 49 | 6 |
| January, 2006 | 34 | 61 | 5 | August, 1997 | 49 | 46 | 5 |
| Late November, 2005 | 34 | 59 | 7 | January, 1997 | 38 | 58 | 4 |
| Early October, 2005 | 29 | 65 | 6 | July, 1996 | 29 | 67 | 4 |
| July, 2005 | 35 | 58 | 7 | March, 1996 | 28 | 70 | 2 |
| Late May, 2005* | 39 | 57 | 4 | October, 1995 | 23 | 73 | 4 |
| February, 2005 | 38 | 56 | 6 | June, 1995 | 25 | 73 | 2 |
| January, 2005 | 40 | 54 | 6 | April, 1995 | 23 | 74 | 3 |
| December, 2004 | 39 | 54 | 7 | July, 1994 | 24 | 73 | 3 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 36 | 58 | 6 | March, 1994 | 24 | 71 | 5 |
| July, 2004 | 38 | 55 | 7 | October, 1993 | 22 | 73 | 5 |
| May, 2004 | 33 | 61 | 6 | September, 1993 | 20 | 75 | 5 |
| Late February, 2004* | 39 | 55 | 6 | May, 1993 | 22 | 71 | 7 |
| Early January, 2004 | 45 | 48 | 7 | January, 1993 | 39 | 50 | 11 |
| December, 2003 | 44 | 47 | 9 | January, 1992 | 28 | 68 | 4 |
| October, 2003 | 38 | 56 | 6 | November, 1991 | 34 | 61 | 5 |
| August, 2003 | 40 | 53 | 7 | Gallup: Late Feb, 1991 | 66 | 31 | 3 |
| April 8, 2003 | 50 | 41 | 9 | August, 1990 | 47 | 48 | 5 |
| January, 2003 | 44 | 50 | 6 | May, 1990 | 41 | 54 | 5 |
| November, 2002 | 41 | 48 | 11 | January, 1989 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| September, 2002 | 41 | 55 | 4 | September, 1988 (RVs) | 50 | 45 | 5 |
| Late August, 2002 | 47 | 44 | 9 |  |  |  |  |

## Q. 3 THROUGH Q. 37 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## NO QUESTIONS 7, 8, 19, 27, 38, 39

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [ $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{2 , 3 8 8}$ ]:
Quite (VOL.) Only a (VOL.) (VOL.)

## 2012 Election

May 9-Jun 3, 2012
Apr 4-15, 2012
Mar 7-11, 2012
a lot Some little None DK/Ref

| 61 | 2 | 33 | 3 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 64 | 2 | 30 | 4 | 1 |
| 66 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 1 |


| 2008 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| November, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| Late October, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 81 | 3 | 13 | 3 | * |
| Early October, 2008 | 81 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Late September, 2008 | 80 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 78 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 1 |
| August, 2008 | 74 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 1 |
| July, 2008 | 74 | 2 | 20 | 3 | 1 |
| June, 2008 | 72 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 1 |
| Late May, 2008 | 75 | 4 | 17 | 3 | 1 |
| April, 2008 | 77 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
| March, 2008 | 78 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| Late February, 2008 | 74 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 2 |
| 2004 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2004 | 82 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 76 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 1 |
| Early October, 2004 | 74 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 1 |
| September, 2004 | 71 | 3 | 22 | 3 | 1 |
| August, 2004 | 69 | 2 | 26 | 2 | 1 |
| July, 2004 | 67 | 2 | 28 | 2 | 1 |
| June, 2004 | 58 | 3 | 36 | 2 |  |
| May, 2004 | 59 | 6 | 30 | 4 | 1 |
| Late March, 2004 | 60 | 4 | 31 | 4 | 1 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 65 | 2 | 31 | 2 | * |
| 2000 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2000 | 72 | 6 | 19 | 2 | 1 |
| Late October, 2000 | 66 | 6 | 24 | 4 | * |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 67 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 1 |
| Early October, 2000 | 60 | 8 | 27 | 4 | 1 |
| September, 2000 | 59 | 8 | 29 | 3 | 1 |
| July, 2000 | 46 | 6 | 45 | 3 | * |
| June, 2000 | 46 | 6 | 43 | 5 | * |
| May, 2000 | 48 | 4 | 42 | 5 | 1 |
| April, 2000 | 45 | 7 | 41 | 7 | * |
| 1996 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 1996 | 67 | 8 | 22 | 3 | * |
| October, 1996 | 65 | 7 | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| Late September, 1996 | 61 | 7 | 29 | 2 | 1 |
| Early September, 1996 | 56 | 3 | 36 | 4 | 1 |
| July, 1996 | 55 | 3 | 41 | 1 | * |
| June, 1996 | 50 | 5 | 41 | 3 | 1 |
| 1992 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early October, 1992 | 77 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 1 |
| September, 1992 | 69 | 3 | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| August, 1992 | 72 | 4 | 23 | 1 | * |
| June, 1992 | 63 | 6 | 29 | 1 | 1 |
| 1988 Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gallup: November, 1988 | 73 | 8 | 17 | 2 | 0 |
| Gallup: October, 1988 | 69 | 9 | 20 | 2 | 0 |
| Gallup: August, 1988 | 61 | 10 | 27 | 2 | 0 |
| Gallup: September, 1988 | 57 | 18 | 23 | 2 | 0 |

ASK FORM A ONLY [N=1,568]:
REG Which of these statements best describes you? [READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1]

May 9-Jun 3
$\underline{2012}$
72 Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address [OR]
5 Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed [OR]
22 Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
ASK FORM B ONLY [N=1,435]:
REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?
[INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON'T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1 FOR REGIST AND REGICERT]
ASK IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST:
REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

| May 9-Jun 3 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2012}{75}$ | Yes, registered |
| 72 | Absolutely certain |
| 3 | Chance registration has lapsed |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 24 | No, not registered |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1) OR (REG=1):
Q. 40 Now, suppose the 2012 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between [READ AND RANDOMIZE] who would you vote for?
ASK IF OTHER OR DK ( $\mathrm{Q} .40=3,9$ ):
Q.40a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.40]?

ASK IF CHOSE MITT ROMNEY (Q.40=2 OR Q.40a=2):
Q.40b Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Mitt Romney or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?
ASK IF CHOSE BARACK OBAMA (Q.40=1 OR Q.40a=1):
Q.40c Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST Mitt Romney?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [ $\mathrm{N}=2,388$ ]:

|  | Romney | ProRomney | AntiObama | DK | Obama | ProObama | AntiRomney | DK | Other/ DK/Ref |
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| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 42 | 16 | 24 | 2 | 49 | 35 | 11 | 3 | 9 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 45 |  |  |  | 49 |  |  |  | 6 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 42 |  |  |  | 54 |  |  |  | 4 |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 44 |  |  |  | 52 |  |  |  | 4 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 45 |  |  |  | 50 |  |  |  | 6 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 47 |  |  |  | 49 |  |  |  | 4 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 ${ }^{2}$ | 48 | 15 | 33 | 1 | 48 | 33 | 11 | 3 | 4 |

## Q.40/Q.40a/Q.40b/Q.40c TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

|  | McCain | ProMcCain | AntiObama | DK | Obama | ProObama | AntiMcCain |  | Nader ${ }^{3}$ | Barr | Other/ <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| November, 2008 | 39 |  |  |  | 50 |  |  |  | , | 1 | 9 |
| Late October, 2008 | 36 |  |  |  | 52 |  |  |  | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 38 | 24 | 12 | 2 | 52 | 40 | 10 | 2 | n/a | n/a | 10 |
| Early October, 2008 | 40 |  |  |  | 50 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 10 |
| Late September, 200 | 0842 |  |  |  | 49 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 9 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 844 | 29 | 13 | 2 | 46 | 32 | 11 | 3 | n/a | n/a | 10 |
| August, 2008 | 43 | 25 | 16 | 2 | 46 | 33 | 12 | 1 | n/a | n/a | 11 |
| July, 2008 | 42 | 25 | 14 | 3 | 47 | 32 | 12 | 3 | n/a | n/a | 11 |
| June, 2008 | 40 |  |  |  | 48 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 12 |
| Late May, 2008 | 44 | 28 | 14 | 2 | 47 | 35 | 11 | 1 | n/a | n/a | 9 |
| April, 2008 | 44 |  |  |  | 50 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 6 |
| March, 2008 | 43 |  |  |  | 49 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 8 |
| Late February, 2008 | 43 | 27 | 14 | 2 | 50 | 38 | 10 | 2 | n/a | n/a | 7 |
|  | Bush | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pro- } \\ & \text { Bush } \end{aligned}$ | AntiKerry | DK | Kerry | ProKerry | AntiBush | DK | Nader | Fourth party | Other/ <br> DK/Ref |
| November, 2004 | 45 | 34 | 9 | 2 | 46 | 20 | 23 | 3 | 1 | n/a | 8 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 45 | 32 | 10 | 3 | 45 | 18 | 24 | 3 | 1 | n/a | 9 |
| Early October, 2004 | 48 | 36 | 10 | 2 | 41 | 15 | 23 | 3 | 2 | n/a | 9 |
| September, 2004 | 49 | 38 | 9 | 2 | 43 | 15 | 26 | 2 | 1 | n/a | 7 |
| August, 2004 | 45 | 34 | 8 | 3 | 47 | 20 | 24 | 3 | 2 | n/a | 6 |
| July, 2004 | 44 |  |  |  | 46 |  |  |  | 3 | n/a | 7 |
| June, 2004 | 46 |  |  |  | 42 |  |  |  | 6 | n/a | 6 |
| May, 2004 | 43 |  |  |  | 46 |  |  |  | 6 | n/a | 5 |
| Late March, 2004 | 44 |  |  |  | 43 |  |  |  | 6 | n/a | 7 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 42 |  |  |  | 49 |  |  |  | 4 | n/a | 5 |
| Two-way trial heats: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June, 2004 | 48 | 35 | 11 | 2 | 46 | 17 | 27 | 2 | n/a | n/a | 6 |
| May, 2004 | 45 | 33 | 10 | 2 | 50 | 15 | 32 | 3 | n/a | n/a | 5 |
| Late March, 2004 | 46 | 36 | 8 | 2 | 47 | 17 | 27 | 3 | n/a | n/a | 7 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 43 | 34 | 7 | 2 | 52 | 21 | 29 | 2 | n/a | n/a | 5 |
| Late February, 2004 | 44 |  |  |  | 48 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 8 |
| Early February, 2004 | 47 | 39 | 6 | 2 | 47 | 15 | 30 | 2 | n/a | n/a | 6 |
| Early January, 2004 | 52 |  |  |  | 41 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 7 |
| October, 2003 | 50 |  |  |  | 42 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 8 |

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[^0]Q.40/Q.40a/Q.40b/Q.40c TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

|  |  | Bush | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pro- } \\ & \text { Bush } \end{aligned}$ | AntiGore | - DK | Gore | ProGore | Anti- <br> Bush | - DK | Nader Bu | chanan | Other/ <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March, 2000February, 2000 |  | 43 |  |  |  | 49 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 8 |
|  |  | 46 |  |  |  | 45 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 9 |
| December, 1999 |  | 55 |  |  |  | 40 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 5 |
| October, 1999 |  | 54 |  |  |  | 39 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 7 |
| September, 1999 |  | 54 |  |  |  | 39 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 7 |
| July, 1999 |  | 53 |  |  |  | 42 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 5 |
| March, 1999 |  | 54 |  |  |  | 41 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 5 |
| January, 1999 |  | 50 |  |  |  | 44 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 6 |
| September, 1998 |  | 53 |  |  |  | 40 |  |  |  | n/a | n/a | 7 |
| Dole |  | Pro- <br> Dole | Antiother | DK | Clinton | ProClinton | Antiother | DK | Perot | Pro- Anti Perot othe | $\underline{e r} \underline{D K}$ | Other/ DK/Ref |
| November, 1996 | 32 | 15 | 15 | 2 | 51 | 33 | 15 | 3 | 9 | 4 5 | - | - 8 |
| October, 1996 | 34 | 15 | 18 | 1 | 51 | 33 | 16 | 2 | 8 | 44 | * | 7 |
| Late September, 1996 | 35 |  |  |  | 51 |  |  |  | 7 |  |  | 7 |
| Early September, 1996 | 34 | 16 | 17 | 1 | 52 | 35 | 15 | 2 | 8 | 35 | 0 | 6 |
| July, 1996 | 34 |  |  |  | 44 |  |  |  | 16 |  |  | 6 |
| March, 1996 | 35 |  |  |  | 44 |  |  |  | 16 |  |  | 5 |
| September, 1995 | 36 |  |  |  | 42 |  |  |  | 19 |  |  | 3 |
| July, 1994 | 36 |  |  |  | 39 |  |  |  | 20 |  |  | 5 |
| Two-way trial heats: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| July, 1996 | 42 |  |  |  | 53 |  |  |  | n/a |  |  | 5 |
| June, 1996 | 40 |  |  |  | 55 |  |  |  | n/a |  |  | 5 |
| April, 1996 | 40 |  |  |  | 54 |  |  |  | n/a |  |  | 6 |
| March, 1996 | 41 | 15 | 25 | 1 | 53 | 30 | 20 |  | n/a |  |  | 6 |
| February, 1996 | 44 |  |  |  | 52 |  |  |  | n/a |  |  | 4 |
| January, 1996 | 41 |  |  |  | 53 |  |  |  | n/a |  |  | 6 |
| July, 1994 | 49 |  |  |  | 46 |  |  |  | n/a |  |  | 5 |
| Bush Sr |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Pro- } \\ \text { Ir. } \\ \hline \text { Bush } \end{gathered}$ | Antiother | DK C | Clinton | ProClinton | Antiother | DK | Perot | Pro- Anti Perot othe | $\underline{e r} \underline{D K}$ | Other/ <br> DK/Ref |
| Late October, 1992 | 34 | 19 | 13 | 2 | 44 | 25 | 17 | 2 | 19 | 107 | 2 | 3 |
| Early October, 1992 | 35 | 19 | 13 | 3 | 48 | 23 | 22 | 3 | 8 | 35 | * | 9 |
| June, 1992 | 31 |  |  |  | 27 |  |  |  | 36 |  |  | 6 |
| Two-way trial heats: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September, 1992 | 38 | 20 | 16 | 2 | 53 | 21 | 29 | 3 | n/a |  |  | 9 |
| August, 1992 | 37 | 20 | 16 | 1 | 57 | 27 | 28 | 2 | n/a |  |  | 6 |
| June, 1992 | 46 |  |  |  | 41 |  |  |  | n/a |  |  | 13 |
| May, 1992 | 46 |  |  |  | 43 |  |  |  | n/a |  |  | 11 |
| Late March, 1992 | 50 | 33 | 15 | 2 | 43 | 13 | 28 | 2 | n/a |  |  | 7 |
|  |  | Bush Sr. | ProBush | AntiDukakis DK |  | Du- <br> kakis | ProDukakis | Anti- <br> Bush | DK | Third party | Fourth party | Other/ <br> DK/Ref |
| October, 1988 |  | 50 | 31 | 16 | 3 | 42 | 23 | 15 | 4 | n/a | n/a | 8 |
| September, 198 | 988 | 50 | 31 | 15 | 4 | 44 | 21 | 19 | 4 | n/a | n/a | 6 |
| May, 1988 |  | 40 | 26 | 11 | 3 | 53 | 23 | 26 | 4 | n/a | n/a | 7 |

## Q. 41 THROUGH Q. 103 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 45-50, 53, 56-59, 65, 66, 79, 88, 89, 92-94
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.) <br> No preference | (VOL.) Other party | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lean } \\ & \text { Rep } \end{aligned}$ | Lean Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 24 | 32 | 36 | 4 | * | 4 | 13 | 14 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 24 | 31 | 39 | 3 | * | 2 | 15 | 15 |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 24 | 34 | 36 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 17 |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 26 | 32 | 36 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 17 |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 22 | 31 | 42 | 3 | * | 2 | 17 | 16 |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 26 | 31 | 35 | 4 | * | 4 | 14 | 14 |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 23 | 33 | 38 | 3 | * | 2 | 12 | 17 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 24 | 33 | 38 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 15 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 23 | 33 | 38 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 16 |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 24 | 30 | 40 | 3 | * | 3 | 17 | 18 |
| Jul 20-24, 2011 | 24 | 32 | 38 | 4 | * | 2 | 16 | 14 |
| Jun 15-19, 2011 | 26 | 34 | 32 | 4 | * | 4 | 13 | 13 |
| May 25-30, 2011 | 24 | 33 | 38 | 3 | * | 2 | 15 | 17 |
| Yearly Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2011 | 24.3 | 32.3 | 37.4 | 3.1 | . 4 | 2.5 | 15.7 | 15.6 |
| 2010 | 25.2 | 32.7 | 35.2 | 3.6 | . 4 | 2.8 | 14.5 | 14.1 |
| 2009 | 23.9 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 3.4 | . 4 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 |
| 2008 | 25.7 | 36.0 | 31.5 | 3.6 | . 3 | 3.0 | 10.6 | 15.2 |
| 2007 | 25.3 | 32.9 | 34.1 | 4.3 | . 4 | 2.9 | 10.9 | 17.0 |
| 2006 | 27.8 | 33.1 | 30.9 | 4.4 | . 3 | 3.4 | 10.5 | 15.1 |
| 2005 | 29.3 | 32.8 | 30.2 | 4.5 | . 3 | 2.8 | 10.3 | 14.9 |
| 2004 | 30.0 | 33.5 | 29.5 | 3.8 | . 4 | 3.0 | 11.7 | 13.4 |
| 2003 | 30.3 | 31.5 | 30.5 | 4.8 | . 5 | 2.5 | 12.0 | 12.6 |
| 2002 | 30.4 | 31.4 | 29.8 | 5.0 | . 7 | 2.7 | 12.4 | 11.6 |
| 2001 | 29.0 | 33.2 | 29.5 | 5.2 | . 6 | 2.6 | 11.9 | 11.6 |
| 2001 Post-Sept 11 | 30.9 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 5.2 | . 6 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 9.4 |
| 2001 Pre-Sept 11 | 27.3 | 34.4 | 30.9 | 5.1 | . 6 | 1.7 | 12.1 | 13.5 |
| 2000 | 28.0 | 33.4 | 29.1 | 5.5 | . 5 | 3.6 | 11.6 | 11.7 |
| 1999 | 26.6 | 33.5 | 33.7 | 3.9 | . 5 | 1.9 | 13.0 | 14.5 |
| 1998 | 27.9 | 33.7 | 31.1 | 4.6 | . 4 | 2.3 | 11.6 | 13.1 |
| 1997 | 28.0 | 33.4 | 32.0 | 4.0 | . 4 | 2.3 | 12.2 | 14.1 |
| 1996 | 28.9 | 33.9 | 31.8 | 3.0 | . 4 | 2.0 | 12.1 | 14.9 |
| 1995 | 31.6 | 30.0 | 33.7 | 2.4 | . 6 | 1.3 | 15.1 | 13.5 |
| 1994 | 30.1 | 31.5 | 33.5 | 1.3 | -- | 3.6 | 13.7 | 12.2 |
| 1993 | 27.4 | 33.6 | 34.2 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 11.5 | 14.9 |
| 1992 | 27.6 | 33.7 | 34.7 | 1.5 | 0 | 2.5 | 12.6 | 16.5 |
| 1991 | 30.9 | 31.4 | 33.2 | 0 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 14.7 | 10.8 |
| 1990 | 30.9 | 33.2 | 29.3 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 12.4 | 11.3 |
| 1989 | 33 | 33 | 34 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1987 | 26 | 35 | 39 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

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

|  | Agree | Disagree | No opinion either way | (VOL.) <br> Haven't heard of | (VOL.) <br> Refused | Not heard of/ DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012 | 16 | 25 | 54 | 2 | 3 | -- |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 20 | 26 | 50 | 3 | 2 | -- |
| Mar 7-11, 2012 | 19 | 29 | 48 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| Feb 8-12, 2012 | 18 | 25 | 53 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 20 | 24 | 52 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| Jan 4-8, 2012 | 18 | 25 | 52 | 2 | 3 | -- |
| Dec 7-11, 2011 | 19 | 27 | 50 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 20 | 27 | 51 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 19 | 27 | 51 | 2 | 1 | -- |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 20 | 27 | 50 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| Jul 20-24, 2011 | 20 | 24 | 53 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| Jun 15-19, 2011 | 20 | 26 | 50 | 3 | 2 | -- |
| May 25-30, 2011 | 18 | 23 | 54 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 22 | 29 | 47 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| Mar 8-14, 2011 | 19 | 25 | 54 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 20 | 25 | 52 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| Feb 2-7, $2011{ }^{4}$ | 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 |

[^1]
[^0]:    3 The question regarding whether a vote was more for one's candidate of choice or more against his opponents was not asked of Nader or Barr supporters in 2008, Nader supporters in 2004, or Nader or Buchanan supporters in 2000.

[^1]:    4 In the February 2-7, 2011 survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

