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#### ASK ALL:

PEW.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE;] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]

		Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too closely	Not at all closely	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Recent ups and downs in the stock market					_
	August 11-14, 2011	32	28	16	24	1
	July 28-31, 2011	18	23	20	39	1
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
	January 27-30, 2011: Recent gains in the					
	stock market	13	17	20	49	1
	August 12-15, 2010: Recent ups and					
	downs in the stock market	17	21	20	42	1
	March 26-29, 2010	13	23	23	40	1
	October 16-19, 2009: Recent gains in the					
	stock market	15	23	19	43	*
	July 24-27, 2009	23	25	24	28	*
	March 13-16, 2009	38	31	14	17	0
	March 6-9, 2009: Recent major drops in					
	the U.S. stock market	35	31	15	19	*
	February 20-23, 2009	31	32	20	17	*
	November 21-24, 2008	50	23	15	12	*
	October 17-20, 2008: Recent major ups					
	and downs in the U.S. stock market	54	31	9	6	*
	October 10-13, 2008: Recent major drops					
	in the U.S. stock market	59	26	9	6	*
	July 3-7, 2008: Recent major ups and					
	downs in the U.S. stock market	22	29	23	26	*
	March 14-17, 2008	25	31	23	21	*
	January 25-28, 2008	29	28	19	23	1
	August 17-20, 2007	21	24	22	33	*
	July 27-30, 2007	15	26	21	37	1
	March 2-5, 2007: The recent drop in the	21	28	25	26	*
	U.S. stock market					
	Early September, 2002: Recent major ups	27	30	20	22	1
	and downs in the U.S. stock market					
	Late July, 2002	33	33	15	18	1
	March, 2001	27	27	18	27	1
	Mid-October, 2000	20	26	23	31	1
	April, 2000	18	28	23	31	*
	Early April, 2000	19	29	20	32	*
	March, 2000	23	29	21	26	1
	March, 1999	18	29	22	31	*
	January, 1999	24	28	19	28	1
	Early September, 1998	32	31	20	17	*
	Mid-August, 1998	17	23	21	39	*
	January, 1998	21	25	23	31	*
	Mid-November, 1997	25	36	18	20	1
	Early November, 1997: <i>Thinking about last</i>	20	30	.0	20	•
	Monday when the stock market dropped,					
	how closely did you follow what was					
	happening?	16	29	22	33	*
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	Contember 1007, Decent major une and	<u>closely</u>	<u>closely</u>	<u>closely</u>	<u>closely</u>	DK/Ref
	September, 1997: Recent major ups and downs in the stock market	14	22	23	40	1
	April, 1997	17	21	22	40	*
	February, 1996	12	20	25	42	1
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b.	Severe food shortages in Somalia					
	August 11-14, 2011	15	23	22	39	1
	August 4-7, 2011	12	21	26	40	1
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
	April 25-28, 2008: Reports about a	24	33	12	11	1
	<i>worldwide food shortage</i> April 18-21, 2008	24 14	25	25	34	2
	October, 1993: <i>The situation in Somalia</i>	34	41	16	8	1
	September, 1993	20	42	26	12	*
	February, 1993: Accounts about U.S.					
	troops in Somalia	28	42	22	8	*
	January, 1993: The deployment of U.S.					
	forces to Somalia	52	37	8	3	*
	September, 1992: The civil war and famine	11	2.4	21	22	1
	in Somalia	11	24	31	33	1
C.	The 30 U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan in a					
О.	helicopter attack					
	August 11-14, 2011	39	33	13	14	1
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
	June 30-July 3, 2011: The current situation					
	and events in Afghanistan	22	34	24	20	1
	June 23-26, 2011: Discussions in					
	Washington about U.S. troop levels in Afghanistan	27	32	20	20	1
	June 2-5, 2011: <i>The current situation and</i>	21	32	20	20	ı
	events in Afghanistan	20	35	23	21	1
	March 3-6, 2011: <i>U.S. airmen killed at an</i>					•
	airport in Frankfort, Germany	16	22	19	42	1
	December 16-19, 2010: The Obama					
	administration's review of the Afghanistan					
	war strategy	17	26	25	31	1
	December 9-12, 2010: The current	24	21	22	22	1
	situation and events in Afghanistan November 18-21, 2010	24 27	31 33	22	22 18	1 1
	October 21-24, 2010	21	34	23	21	1
	October 7-10, 2010	21	36	20	22	1
	September 30-October 3, 2010	23	37	23	15	1
	September 23-26, 2010	29	40	19	11	1
	September 9-12, 2010	30	33	20	17	*
	July 29-August 1, 2010	34	35	22	9	*
	July 15-18, 2010	22	33	23	22	*
	July 8-11, 2010	23	32	24	20	1
	July 1-5, 2010 June 17-20, 2010	29 21	34 30	23 27	14 22	1 *
	May 20-23, 2010	22	33	27 25	20	*
	April 9-12, 2010	21	29	23 27	22	1
	June 24-27, 2010: General Stanley		_,	_,		•
	McChrystal resigning as head of U.S. forces					
	in Afghanistan after being quoted criticizing					
	President Obama and his Afghanistan		_		_	
	strategy	28	31	19	21	1
	February 19-22, 2010: The U.S. military	24	24	21	10	*
	effort in Afghanistan	24	36	21	19	

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	lanuary 0 11 2010. Suicida hambing that	<u>closely</u>	<u>closely</u>	<u>closely</u>	closely	DK/Ref
	January 8-11, 2010: Suicide bombing that					
	killed seven Americans at a CIA base in	24	21	27	17	1
	Afghanistan	24	31	27	17	'
	December 11-14, 2009: The U.S. military	35	33	10	13	*
	effort in Afghanistan  Possmbor 4.7, 2000: President Obama's	33	33	18	13	
	December 4-7, 2009: President Obama's					
	decision to send more U.S. troops to	43	33	14	0	1
	Afghanistan	43	33	14	8	'
	November 20-23, 2009: The debate over					
	whether to send more troops to	29	31	17	22	1
	Afghanistan November 13-16, 2009	29 29	28	17 20	22	1 1
		29	20	20	22	ı
	November 6-9, 2009: The U.S. military	22	25	2.4	10	*
	effort in Afghanistan	22	35	24	18	*
	October 30-November 2, 2009	24	32	21	22	*
	October 23-26, 2009	32	29	21	18	*
	October 16-19, 2009	25	31	20	24	
	September 25-28, 2009: The debate over					
	whether to send more troops to	27	40	17	1/	*
	Afghanistan	27	40	17	16	
	September 18-21, 2009: The U.S. military	27	2.2	25	1/	*
	effort in Afghanistan	26	33	25	16	
	September 11-14, 2009	25	35	22	18	1
	September 3-6, 2009	23	33	23	21	0
	August 7-10, 2009	24	32	23	21	1
	March 20-23, 2009	24	32	22	22	^
	February 20-23, 2009: The Obama					
	administration's decision to send 17,000	0.7	20	0.4	10	4
	additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan	27	29	24	19	1
	January 30-February 2, 2009: The U.S.	0.4	0.4	0.4	4.6	*
	military effort in Afghanistan	26	34	24	16	
	January 2-4, 2009	22	33	23	21	1
	October 24-27, 2008	28	32	22	17	1
	October 10-13, 2008: The military effort in	10	0.4	0.0	40	
	Afghanistan against Taliban fighters	19	34	29	18	*
	September 12-15, 2008	21	34	25	19	1
	August 29-31, 2008	18	27	32	23	*
	July 18-21, 2008	27	33	24	16	*
	July 11-14, 2008	19	28	29	23	1
	July 3-7, 2008	19	28	32	21	*
	June 20-23, 2008	20	30	30	20	*
	Late July, 2002: The U.S. military effort in	41	38	13	7	1
	Afghanistan					_
	June, 2002	38	32	20	9	1
	April, 2002	39	39	13	8	1
	Early April, 2002	45	37	12	5	1
	February, 2002	47	39	8	5	1
	January, 2002	51	35	9	4	1
	December, 2001	44	38	12	5	1
	Mid-November, 2001	49	36	11	3	1
	Early November, 2001	45	36	12	6	1
	Mid-October, 2001	51	35	10	3	1
ı	Riots in London and other parts of Britain	. –			0 -	_
	August 11-14, 2011	17	28	21	32	1
•	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	June 30-July 3, 2011: The financial crisis					_
	and violent protests in Greece	14	22	23	39	1
	June 16-19, 2011	10	20	25	45	*

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	Mary 7-10, 2010. The fire analytical entries in	Very <u>closely</u>	Fairly <u>closely</u>	Not too closely	Not at all closely	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	May 7-10, 2010: <i>The financial crisis in Greece and violent protests there</i> April 30-May 3, 2010: <i>The financial crisis in</i>	19	23	26	31	*
	Greece	6	15	28	51	1
e.	News about candidates for the 2012					
	presidential elections					
	August 11-14, 2011	19	24	20	36	1
	August 4-7, 2011	18	21	22	37	1
	July 28-31, 2011	17	27	21	35	1
	July 21-24, 2011	17	22	28	32	*
	July 14-17, 2011	18	26	27	28	1
	July 7-10, 2011	16	23	27	33	1
	June 30-July 3, 2011	21	28	24	25	2
	June 23-26, 2011	19	26	24	31	*
	June 16-19, 2011	23	29	23	25	*
	June 9-12, 2011	18	30	22	30	1
	June 2-5, 2011	21	31	22	26	*
	May 26-29, 2011	20	27	24	28	*
	May 19-22, 2011	15	27	24	32	1
	May 12-15, 2011	15	22	26	35	1
	May 5-8, 2011	16	24	27	32	1
	April 21-25, 2011	18	26	23	32	1
	April 14-17, 2011	20	23	29	27	1
	March 24-27, 2011	13	19	26	41	1
	March 10-13, 2011	15	21	26	38	0
	February 10-13, 2011	16	19	24	40	*
	February 3-6, 2011	15	20	23	42	*
	TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
	2008 Election					
	October 31-November 3, 2008: News					
	about the presidential election	57	29	9	5	*
	October 24-27, 2008: News about					
	candidates for the 2008 presidential					
	election	44	36	11	8	1
	October 17-20, 2008	61	28	7	4	*
	October 10-13, 2008	52	31	12	5	*
	October 3-6, 2008	57	31	8	4	*
	September 26-29, 2008	56	29	10	5	*
	September 19-22, 2008	47	33	14	6	*
	September 12-15, 2008	40	38	14	7	1
	September 5-8, 2008	45	39	12	4	*
	August 29-31, 2008	45	32	15	8	*
	August 22-25, 2008	31	36	22	11	*
	August 15-18, 2008	25	41	19	14	1
	August 8-11, 2008	27	38	22	13	*
	August 1-4, 2008	30	42	19	9	*
	July 25-28, 2008	30	34	21	15	*
	July 18-21, 2008	30	35	21	14	*
	July 11-14, 2008	28	34	22	15	1
	July 3-7, 2008	25	35	23	17	*
	June 27-30, 2008	39	33	18	10	
	June 20-23, 2008	28	38	22	12	*
	June 13-16, 2008	35	35	20	10	*
	June 6-9, 2008	38	35	17	10	*
	May 30-June 2, 2008	30	35	21	14	*
	May 22-25, 2008	32	37	20	11	*
	May 16-19, 2008	33	37	19	10	1
	May 9-12, 2008	35	36	18	11	*

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May 0 5 0000	closely	<u>closely</u>	<u>closely</u>	<u>closely</u>	DK/Ref
May 2-5, 2008	27	35	23	14	1 *
April 25-28, 2008	34	37	18	11	
April 18-21, 2008	29	41	19	10	1 *
April 11-14, 2008	31	37	22	10	
April 4-7, 2008	33	36	17	14	*
March 28-31, 2008	31	41	18	10	*
March 20-24, 2008	34	37	18	11	*
March 14-17, 2008	40	37	16	7	*
March 7-10, 2008	39	36	15	9	1
February 29-March 3, 2008	43	34	14	9	*
February 22-25, 2008	42	37	13	8	*
February 15-18, 2008	44	36	10	10	*
February 8-11, 2008	39	37	15	9	0
February 1-4, 2008	37	35	16	12	*
January 25-28, 2008	36	37	14	12	1
January 18-21, 2008	36	34	18	12	*
January 11-14, 2008: News about the New					
Hampshire primaries and the presidential					_
campaign	32	31	19	17	1
January 4-7, 2008: News about candidates					
for the 2008 presidential election	33	36	19	11	1
December 14-17, 2007	25	34	22	19	*
December 7-10, 2007	24	35	22	19	*
November 30 – December 3, 2007	23	35	23	19	*
November 23-26, 2007	20	33	26	20	1
November 16-19, 2007	26	33	21	19	1
November 9-12, 2007	21	33	25	21	*
November 2-5, 2007	27	30	21	21	1
October 26-29, 2007	21	34	26	19	*
October 19-22, 2007	23	32	22	23	*
October 12-15, 2007	13	31	26	30	*
October 5-8, 2007	22	30	24	24	*
September 28 – October 1, 2007	21	34	25	20	*
September 21-24, 2007	24	31	22	23	*
September 14-17, 2007	22	31	24	23	*
September 7-10, 2007	18	34	26	22	*
August 30-September 2, 2007	19	35	21	25	*
August 24-27, 2007	22	28	24	26	*
August 17-20, 2007	19	27	24	30	*
August 10-13, 2007	23	32	21	24	*
August 3-6, 2007	19	31	25	25	*
July 27-30, 2007	19	32	22	26	1
July 20-23, 2007	16	26	30	27	1
July 13-16, 2007	17	29	27	27	*
July 6-9, 2007	24	29	24	22	1
June 29-July 2, 2007	20	32	25	23	*
June 22-25, 2007	18	31	21	30	*
June 15-18, 2007	17	32	26	25	*
June 8-11, 2007	19	30	24	26	1
June 1-4, 2007	16	27	32	24	1
May 24-27, 2007	22	33	23	22	*
May 18-21, 2007	18	31	24	27	*
May 11-14, 2007	18	30	23	28	1
May 4-7, 2007	23	34	21	21	1
April 27-30, 2007	14	30	29	26	1
April 20-23, 2007	18	28	27	27	*
April 12-16, 2007	18	28	27	27	*
April 5-9, 2007	25	30	26	19	*
March 30-April 2, 2007	20	29	27	23	1

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March 23-26, 2007	20	32	22	26	*
March 16-19, 2007	15	28	29	27	1 *
March 9-12, 2007	24	30	23	23	
March 2-5, 2007	19	31	26	23	1
February 23-26, 2007	22	33	24	21	*
February 16-19, 2007	18	32	22	27	1
February 9-12, 2007	24	30	24	21	1
February 2-5, 2007	24	36	22	18	*
January 26-29, 2007	24	33	23	20	*
January 19-22, 2007: <i>Recent</i>					
announcements by prominent Democrats					
about plans to run for president in 2008	24	27	22	26	1
2004 Election					
November, 2004: News about the					
presidential election	47	35	10	7	1
Mid-October, 2004: News about candidates					
for the 2004 presidential election	46	30	12	11	1
September, 2004	40	34	14	11	1
August, 2004	32	38	16	14	*
July, 2004	29	37	18	15	1
June, 2004	28	34	19	18	1
April, 2004	31	33	19	16	1
Mid-March, 2004	35	34	18	13	*
Late February, 2004 (GAP)	24	40	23	12	1
Early February, 2004: <i>The race for the</i>					•
Democratic presidential nomination	29	37	20	13	1
Mid-January, 2004	16	30	27	26	1
Early January, 2004	14	32	30	23	1
December, 2003	16	26	27	30	1
November, 2003	11	26	34	28	1
October, 2003	12	27	28	32	1
September, 2003	17	25	30	27	1
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	12	27	27	33	1
Mid-August, 2003	8	19	31	41	1
May, 2003	0	19	31	41	ı
January, 2003: Recent announcements by					
prominent Democrats about plans to run	1.4	20	20	20	1
for president in 2004	14	28	29	28	1
2000 Election					
Early November, 2000: News about the	2.0	4.4	4.5	40	4
presidential election	33	41	15	10	1
Mid-October, 2000: News about the	0.4	0.5	47	4.4	-
presidential election campaign	36	35	17	11	1
Early October, 2000	35	35	19	10	1
September, 2000	22	42	21	15	1
July, 2000: News about candidates for the					
2000 presidential election	21	38	20	20	1
June, 2000	23	32	23	21	1
May, 2000	18	33	26	23	*
April, 2000	18	39	22	20	1
Early April, 2000					
March, 2000	26	41	19	13	1
February, 2000	26	36	21	17	*
January, 2000	19	34	28	18	1
December, 1999	16	36	24	23	1
October, 1999	17	32	28	22	1
September, 1999	15	31	33	20	1
July, 1999	15	38	24	22	1
June, 1999	11	25	29	34	1
1996 Election	-		· •		•

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November, 1996: News about the presidential election	28	42	19	10	*
October, 1996: News about the presidential					
election campaign	31	39	18	12	*
Early September, 1996	24	36	23	17	*
July, 1996	22	40	23	14	1
April, 1996	23	35	25	17	*
March, 1996 News about the Republican					
presidential candidates	26	41	20	13	*
January, 1996	10	34	31	24	1
October, 1995	12	36	30	22	*
August, 1995	13	34	28	25	*
June, 1995	11	31	31	26	1
1992 Election		01	31	20	
October, 1992: News about the presidential					
election (RVs)	55	36	8	2	0
September, 1992: News about the	33	30	O	2	O
presidential election campaign	42	37	13	8	*
August, 1992: <i>News about the presidential</i>	42	37	13	O	
	24	51	11	2	0
election (RVs)	36	51	1.1	2	U
July, 1992: News about the presidential	20	4.5	27	0	*
campaign	20	45	26	9	^
May, 1992: The presidential election	20	4.4	4.4	0	*
campaign	32	44	16	8	^
March, 1992: The race for the Democratic	0.5	4.0	4.	•	*
presidential nomination	35	40	16	9	*
March, 1992: The race for the Republican					_
presidential nomination	25	40	22	13	1
February 1992: The Democratic primary in					
New Hampshire	19	31	26	24	*
February, 1992: The Republican primary in					
New Hampshire	19	31	26	23	1
January, 1992: News about the Democratic					
candidates for the presidential nomination	11	25	36	27	1
December, 1991	10	28	32	30	*
October, 1991	12	26	31	29	2
1988 Election					
October, 1988: News about the presidential					
campaign in 1988 (RVs)	43	44	11	2	*
August, 1988 (RVs)	39	45	13	3	*
May, 1988 (RVs)	22	46	23	6	3
November, 1987: News about the					
Democratic candidates for the presidential					
nomination .	15	28	35	21	1
November, 1987: News about the					
Republican candidates for the presidential					
nomination ,	13	28	36	22	1
September, 1987: Coverage of the					
Democratic and Republican candidates for					
the presidential nomination	14	34	37	14	1
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Standard and Poor's downgrading the U.S.					
credit rating					
August 11-14, 2011	31	27	16	25	1
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:	31	۷.	10	25	1
August 4-7, 2011: Congress and the					
President agreeing to cut federal spending and raise the debt limit	47	25	10	1 4	1
anu raise the debt iiiill	46	25	13	14	1

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July 28-31, 2011: Discussions in					
Washington about how to address the					
federal budget deficit and national debt	41	27	15	17	*
July 21-24, 2011	38	28	17	17	*
July 14-17, 2011	34	29	18	19	*
July 7-10, 2011	25	30	21	23	*
June 30-July 3, 2011	29	30	15	25	2
June 16-19, 2011: Debate in Washington					
over whether to raise the federal debt limit	24	26	22	28	*
une 2-5, 2011	23	24	22	31	*
May 26-29, 2011: Discussions in Washington about					
how to address the federal budget deficit	25	26	20	29	*
May 12-15, 2011	21	26	24	28	1
May 5-8, 2011: Discussions in Washington					
about how to address the federal budget					
deficit and national debt	29	28	22	20	1
April 21-25, 2011	30	31	18	21	*
April 14-17, 2011	36	27	18	19	1
April 7-10, 2011: The threat of a					
government shutdown because of budget					
disagreements in Washington	47	26	15	12	*
March 31-April 3, 2011: Discussions in					
Washington about how to address the					
federal budget deficit	30	27	21	22	*
March 17-20, 2011	24	25	24	26	1
March 3-6, 2011	26	29	19	26	1
February 17-20, 2011	27	30	17	25	1
December 2-5, 2010	35	25	21	17	2
November 11-14, 2010: Proposals made by					
leaders of the federal budget deficit					
commission	15	21	21	41	1
January 9-12, 2009: Projections of a record	. 0				·
high federal budget deficit this year	35	30	19	16	*
November, 1990: Congressional and					
administration efforts to reach a budget					
deficit agreement	34	33	20	11	2
October, 1990: Attempts by Congress and	<b>5</b> ¬	55	20		_
the administration to find ways to reduce					
the budget deficit	34	37	17	12	*
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#### ASK ALL:

PEW.2 Which ONE of the stories I just mentioned have you followed most closely, or is there another story you've been following MORE closely? [DO NOT READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]

Aug 11-14	
2011	
27	The 30 U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan in a helicopter attack
19	Recent ups and downs in the stock market
10	Standard and Poor's downgrading the U.S. credit rating
8	News about candidates for the 2012 presidential elections
5	Riots in London and other parts of Britain
4	Severe food shortages in Somalia
9	Some other story (VOL.)
17	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

PEW.3 When you see or hear news reports about the economy, does it make you feel... [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

a.	Optimistic	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	August 11-14, 2011 November 14-17, 2008	28 30	69 69	2 1
b.	Angry August 11-14, 2011 November 14-17, 2008	58 49	41 50	1 1
C.	Depressed August 11-14, 2011 November 14-17, 2008	33 35	66 65	1 *
d.	Confused August 11-14, 2011 November 14-17, 2008	40 37	59 63	1 *
e.	Scared August 11-14, 2011 November 14-17, 2008	39 43	60 57	1

PEW.4 Thinking about what you've been reading and hearing in the news recently, what <u>one</u> economic or financial problem have you heard the most about these days? [OPEN END. DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD UP TO THREE RESPONSES IN ORDER OF MENTION]

Aug 11-14	
<u>2011</u> 32	Definit/Debt/Covernment spending/Endered definit/National debt
3∠ 14	Deficit/Debt/Government spending/Federal deficit/National debt Jobs/unemployment
13	Stock market
7	U.S. credit rating downgrade/Standard and Poor's (S&P) downgrade
4	Housing/Mortgages/Foreclosures
3	Health care/Medicare/Medicaid
2	Gas prices/Oil prices
2	Social Security
2	Recession/Depression
2	Inflation/Cost of living/Cost of food
1	Taxes
1	The political situation/Political gridlock
1	War(s)/Military spending
1	Economy (General mentions)
6	Some other (SPECIFY)
4	None/No problem
9	Don't know/No answer

Figures add to more than 100%.

#### TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Nov		June	Jan
14-17		13-16	18-21
2008		2008	2008
21	Housing/Mortgage crisis/Foreclosures/Sub-prime mortgages	11	31
17	Auto industry		
13	Government bailout plan		
13	Economy/Economic problems/Financial problems (general)	7	7
11	Wall Street banks/Credit crisis/Bank lending practices	2	2
9	Stock market	1	6
7	Jobs/Unemployment	2	3
5	Gas and oil prices	72	7
2	Health care/Health care costs/Medicare	2	3
1	Recession/Possible Recession	1	14
1	Taxes (general)	1	1
1	Inflation/Cost of living/Cost of food	2	2
1	The war in Iraq/The military		
1	Lagging retail sales/Major retailers losing money		
3	Other	2	6
2	None/no problem	2	8
3	Don't know/Refused	3	7