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## RANDOMI ZE Q.1/ Q.1a BLOCK 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 STI LL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

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

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

## QUESTI ONS 2-5, 8-13, 14a,b,d-g HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## NO QUESTI ONS 6-7

## ASK ALL:

Q. 14 And how about [INSERT NAME; RANDOMI ZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] is your overall opinion of [INSERT NAME] is 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."]

|  | -------Favorable------- |  |  | ------Unfavorable------ |  |  | (VOL.) <br> Never heard of | $\begin{gathered} \text { ( VOL.) } \\ \text { Can't } \\ \text { rate/Ref } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly |  |  |
| c. Mitt Romney |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| J an 11-16, 2012 | 31 | 7 | 24 | 45 | 17 | 27 | 9 | 14 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 36 | 7 | 29 | 42 | 16 | 26 | 9 | 12 |
| Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 | 35 | 11 | 25 | 21 | 9 | 13 | 25 | 18 |
| J un 10-14, 2009 | 40 | 9 | 31 | 28 | 8 | 20 | 19 | 13 |
| Early February, 2008 | 30 | 6 | 24 | 44 | 15 | 29 | 8 | 18 |
| J anuary, 2008 | 31 | 7 | 24 | 43 | 13 | 30 | 8 | 18 |
| Late December, 2007 | 29 | 4 | 25 | 35 | 11 | 24 | 17 | 19 |
| August, 2007 | 28 | 5 | 23 | 24 | 7 | 17 | 29 | 19 |

## QUESTI ONS 15-16 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## NO QUESTI ON 17

## ASK ALL:

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?
[INSTRUCTI ON: 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?

| Jan 11-16 |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2012}{77}$ |  |
| 72 | Yes, registered |
| 4 | Absolutely certain |
| $*$ | Chance registration has lapsed |
| 23 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | Donstered

ASK ALL:
PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?
ASK IF I NDEP/ 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.) Other party | (VOL.) DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean <br> Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| J an 11-16, 2012 | 22 | 31 | 42 | 3 | * | 2 | 17 | 16 |
| J an 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

NO QUESTI ONS 18-19

## ASK ALL:

Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election...
Q. 20 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2012? [READ IN ORDER]

|  | A lot | Some | Not much | None <br> at all | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 38 | 27 | 19 | 16 | 1 |
| J an 4-8, 2012 | 31 | 30 | 18 | 19 | 1 |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 ${ }^{1}$ | 36 | 26 | 21 | 15 | 1 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 29 | 29 | 22 | 19 | 2 |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 27 | 30 | 23 | 18 | 1 |
| Jul 20-24, 2011 | 20 | 29 | 27 | 23 | 1 |
| May 25-30, 2011 | 23 | 30 | 27 | 19 | 1 |
| TREND FOR COMPARISON: 2008 Presidential Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| February, 2008 | 48 | 29 | 10 | 11 | 2 |
| January, 2008 | 44 | 32 | 11 | 11 | 2 |
| December, 2007 | 35 | 33 | 13 | 18 | 1 |
| November, 2007 | 34 | 35 | 16 | 14 | 1 |
| October, 2007 | 30 | 37 | 17 | 14 | 2 |
| September, 2007 | 27 | 33 | 21 | 17 | 2 |
| July, 2007 | 30 | 38 | 16 | 15 | 1 |
| June, 2007 | 29 | 34 | 20 | 16 | 1 |
| April, 2007 | 26 | 34 | 21 | 17 | 2 |
| March, 2007 | 24 | 36 | 20 | 18 | 2 |
| February, 2007 | 24 | 34 | 22 | 18 | 2 |
| December, 2006 | 23 | 36 | 20 | 20 | 1 |

## NO QUESTI ONS 21-22

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## ASK ALL REGI STERED VOTERS (REGI CERT=1):

Q. 23 As I name some possible Republican candidates for president in 2012, please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate? [READ AND
RANDOMI ZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]
BASED ON REPUBLI CAN/ REPUBLI CAN-LEANI NG REGI STERED VOTERS [N=527]:

|  |  | Jan | Dec | Nov | Sep 22- | Jul | Mar | Nov |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan 11-16 | $4-8$ | $7-11$ | $9-14$ | Oct 4 | $20-24$ | $8-14$ | $4-7$ |  |
| $\frac{2012}{31}$ | Mitt Romney | $\underline{2012}$ | $\frac{2011}{}$ | $\frac{2011}{}$ | $\frac{2011}{}$ | $\frac{2011}{}$ | $\frac{2011}{21}$ | $\frac{2010}{17}$ |
| 16 | Newt Gingrich | 27 | 21 | 23 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 17 |
| 15 | Ron Paul | 16 | 33 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 9 |
| 14 | Rick Santorum | 12 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| 5 | Rick Perry | 16 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | Jon Huntsman | 6 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 12 | -- | -- |
| 2 | Other (VOL.) 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -- | -- |
| -- | Michele Bachmann | 1 | - | $*$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| -- | Herman Cain | -- | 6 | 5 | 4 | 11 | -- | -- |
| -- | Sarah Palin | -- | -- | 22 | 12 | 8 | -- | -- |
| -- | Tim Pawlenty | -- | -- | -- | 9 | 11 | 13 | 16 |
| -- | Mike Huckabee | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| -- | Mitch Daniels | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 20 | 19 |
| -- | Haley Barbour | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 2 |
| - | Chris Christie | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2 | -- |
| 4 | None (VOL.) | 4 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 6 | Too early to tell (VOL.) | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 3 | -- |
| 6 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 10 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 10 |

## NO QUESTI ONS 24-28

ASK ONLY REPUBLICAN/ REPUBLI CAN LEANI NG REGI STERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):
Q. 29 Apart from who you would like to see nominated, which Republican candidate do you think has the best chance of defeating Barack Obama next November? [OPEN END; RECORD FI RST MENTI ON ONLY.] [IF PERSON OFFERS MULTI PLE CANDI DATES, PROBE WITH: Which of those do you think has the best chance of defeating Obama?]

BASED ON REPUBLI CAN/ REPUBLI CAN-LEANI NG REGI STERED VOTERS [ N=527]:

| Jan 11-16 <br> $\frac{2012}{58}$ | Dec 7-11 <br> Mitt Romney | Nov 9-14 <br> 2011 | Aug 17-21 |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11 | Newt Gingrich | 28 | $\frac{2011}{30}$ | $\underline{2011}^{3}$ |
| 5 | Ron Paul | 35 | 13 | 4 |
| 4 | Rick Santorum | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | Rick Perry | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| $*$ | Jon Huntsman | 2 | 6 | 28 |
| 0 | Michele Bachmann | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | Herman Cain | 0 | 18 | 7 |
| $*$ | Sarah Palin | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 1 | Other (VOL.) | $*$ | 2 | 9 |
| 0 | All (VOL.) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | None (VOL.) | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| 16 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 25 | 21 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | 19 |

[^1]ASK ALL REGI STERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):
Now, suppose the 2012 presidential election were being held TODAY and...
Q. 30 You had to choose between, [READ AND RANDOMI ZE], who would you vote for?

ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.30=3,9):
Q.30a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.30]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [ $\mathbf{N}=1207$ ]:

|  | Romney | Obama | (VOL.) <br> Other | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | $\frac{45}{2}$ | 50 | $\frac{4}{4}$ |  |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 47 | 49 | 1 | 3 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 48 | 48 | 1 | 4 |

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):
Q. 31 And suppose Ron Paul was running as a third party candidate. If you had to choose between [READ

AND RANDOMI ZE], who would you vote for?
ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.31=3,9):
Q.31a Do you think you would LEAN more to [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.31]?

BASED ON REGI STERED VOTERS [ $\mathbf{N}=1207$ ]:

J an 11-16, 2012

| Romney | $\frac{\text { Obama }}{32}$ | $\frac{\text { Paul }}{18}$ | (VOL.) <br> 44 | (VOL.) <br> 1 | $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{5}$ |
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## Q.30/ Q.30a/ Q.31/ Q.31a TREND FOR COMPARISON:

BASED ON REGI STERED VOTERS:

|  | McCain | Obama | Nader | Barr | Other/ <br> DK/ Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| November, 2008 | 39 | 50 | I | , | 9 |
| Late October, 2008 | 36 | 52 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 38 | 52 | n/a | n/a | 10 |
| Early October, 2008 | 40 | 50 | n/a | n/a | 10 |
| Late September, 2008 | 42 | 49 | n/a | n/a | 9 |
| Mid-September, $2008{ }^{4}$ | 44 | 46 | n/a | n/a | 10 |
| August, 2008 | 43 | 46 | n/a | n/a | 11 |
| July, 2008 | 42 | 47 | n/a | n/a | 11 |
| J une, 2008 | 40 | 48 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 12 |
| Late May, 2008 | 44 | 47 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 9 |
| April, 2008 | 44 | 50 | n/a | n/a | 6 |
| March, 2008 | 43 | 49 | n/a | n/a | 8 |
| Late February, 2008 | 43 | 50 | n/a | n/a | 7 |
|  | Bush | Kerry | Nader |  | Other/ DK/ Ref |
| November, 2004 | 45 | 46 | 1 |  | 8 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 45 | 45 | 1 |  | 9 |
| Early October, 2004 | 48 | 41 | 2 |  | 9 |
| September, 2004 | 49 | 43 | 1 |  | 7 |
| August, 2004 | 45 | 47 | 2 |  | 6 |
| July, 2004 | 44 | 46 | 3 |  | 7 |
| June, 2004 | 46 | 42 | 6 |  | 6 |
| May, 2004 | 43 | 46 | 6 |  | 5 |
| Late March, 2004 | 44 | 43 | 6 |  | 7 |
| Mid-March, 2004 | 42 | 49 | 4 |  | 5 |

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## Q.30/ Q.30a/ Q.31/ Q.31a TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTI NUED...

| Two-way trial heats: | Bush |
| :--- | :---: |
| June, 2004 | 48 |
| May, 2004 | 45 |
| Late March, 2004 | 46 |
| Mid- March, 2004 | 43 |
| Late February, 2004 | 44 |
| Early February, 2004 | 47 |
| Early January, 2004 | 52 |
| October, 2003 | 50 |

November, 2000
Late October, 2000
Mid-October, 2000
Early October, 2000
September, 2000
July, 2000
Late June, 2000
Mid-June, 2000
January, 2000
September, 1999
Two-way trial heats:
July, 2000
Mid-June, 2000
May, 2000
March, 2000
February, 2000
December, 1999
October, 1999
September, 1999
July, 1999
March, 1999
January, 1999
Early September, 1998

| Bush | Gore <br> 41 |
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| 45 | 45 |
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| 43 | 45 |
| 41 | 44 |
| 42 | 47 |
| 42 | 41 |
| 41 | 35 |
| 51 | 42 |
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| 48 | 46 |
| 45 | 46 |
| 46 | 45 |
| 43 | 45 |
| 46 | 39 |
| 55 | 39 |
| 54 | 42 |
| 54 | 44 |
| 53 | 40 |
| 54 |  |

## Dole

November, 1996
October, 1996
Late September, 1996
Early September, 1996
July, 1996
March, 1996
September, 1995
July, 1994
Two-way trial heats:
July, 1996
June, 1996
April, 1996
March, 1996
February, 1996
January, 1996
July, 1994

Late October, 1992
Early October, 1992

| Kerry | Nader |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| 46 | $n / a$ |
| 50 | n/a |
| 47 | n/a |
| 52 | n/a |
| 48 | n/a |
| 47 | n/a |
| 41 | n/a |
| 42 | n/a |

Other/
DK/ Ref
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## Nader Buchanan

Other/
DK/Ref
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6

| n/a | n/a | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| n/a | n/a | 9 |
| n/a | n/a | 9 |
| n/a | n/a | 8 |
| n/a | n/a | 9 |
| n/a | n/a | 5 |
| n/a | n/a | 7 |
| n/a | n/a | 7 |
| n/a | n/a | 5 |
| n/a | n/a | 5 |
| n/a | n/a | 6 |
| n/a | n/a | 7 |


| Other/ <br> DK/ Ref |
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| 6 |
| 6 |
| 4 |
| 6 |
| 5 |

Other/
DK/ Ref

| Perot |
| :---: |
| 19 |
| 8 |


| Bush Sr. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 34 |  |
| 35 |  |
|  |  |

Q.30/ Q.30a/ Q.31/ Q.31a TREND FOR COMPARI SON CONTI NUED...

| June, 1992 | Bush Sr. | Clinton | Perot <br> Two-way trial heats: | 31 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

NO QUESTI ONS 32-34
QUESTI ONS 35-38 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTI ON 39
QUESTI ONS 40-43 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTI ONS 44-49

## QUESTI ONS 50-55 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ONLY REPUBLI CAN/ REPUBLI CAN LEANI NG REGI STERED VOTERS (REGI CERT=1 AND (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)):
Q. 56 Regardless of who you may support for the Republican nomination in 2012, who do you think would do the best job of [I NSERT ITEM; RANDOMI ZE; IF "Don't know" PROBE ONCE WITH: "In general, which Republican candidate do you think would do the best job"]? And how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Who do you think would do the best job of [ITEM]?] [READ AND RANDOMI ZE NAMES FOR EACH RESPONDENT, BUT KEEP SAME ORDER ACROSS ITEMS. AFTER LI ST OF NAMES IS READ FOR FIRST ITEM, IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS NAME, I NTERVI EWER CAN ACCEPT NAME AND DOES NOT HAVE TO READ FULL LI ST OF NAMES]:

BASED ON REPUBLI CAN/ REPUBLI CAN-LEANI NG REGI STERED VOTERS [ N=527]:
a. Reducing the federal budget deficit

```
    Jan 11-16
        2012
            29 Mitt Romney
            20 Newt Gingrich
            19 Ron Paul
            7 Rick Santorum
            5 Rick Perry
            1 Jon Huntsman
            1 All/Multiple (VOL.)
            1 Other/None (VOL.)
            17 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
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NO ITEM b.

## Q. 56 CONTI NUED...

c. Improving job opportunities for Americans

J an 11-16
$\underline{2012}$
33 Mitt Romney
14 Ron Paul
12 Newt Gingrich
9 Rick Santorum
9 Rick Perry
2 Jon Huntsman
1 All/Multiple (VOL.)
3 Other/None (VOL.)
16 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
d. Dealing with immigration

Jan 11-16 $\underline{2012}$
18 Newt Gingrich
17 Mitt Romney
14 Ron Paul
14 Rick Perry
8 Rick Santorum
2 Jon Huntsman

* All/Multiple (VOL.)

2 Other/None (VOL.)
25 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

| TREND FOR COMPARISON: Rep/ Rep-leaning RVs |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2007}$ |  |
| 21 | Rudy Giuliani |
| 17 | J ohn McCain |
| 10 | Fred Thompson |
| 8 | Mike Huckabee |
| 7 | Mitt Romney |
| 3 | Ron Paul |
| 2 | Tom Tancredo |
| 2 | Duncan Hunter |
| 1 | All/Multiple (VOL.) |
| 4 | Other/None (VOL.) |
| 25 | Don't know/Refused |

e. Reflecting your views on social issues like abortion

| Jan 11-16 |  | TREND FOR COMPARISON: <br> Rep/ Rep-leaning RVs <br> Nov |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\frac{2012}{20}$ | Rick Santorum | $\underline{2007^{5}}$ |  |
| 18 | Mitt Romney | 20 | Rudy Giuliani |
| 14 | Ron Paul | 12 | Mitt Romney |
| 12 | Newt Gingrich | 12 | Mike Huckabee |
| 6 | Rick Perry | 10 | Fred Thompson |
| 1 | Jon Huntsman | 10 | John McCain |
| 1 | All/Multiple (VOL.) | 2 | Ron Paul |
| 3 | Other/None (VOL.) | 1 | Duncan Hunter |
| 26 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 1 | Tom Tancredo |
|  |  | 1 | All/Multiple (VOL.) |
|  |  | 5 | Other/None (VOL.) |
|  |  | 20 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

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Figures add to more than $100 \%$ because of multiple responses.

QUESTI ONS 59-61, 64-65, 68-69 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTI ONS 62-63, 66-67

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?

|  | Agree | Disagree | No opinion either way | (VOL.) Haven't heard of | (VOL.) <br> Refused | Not heard of/ DK |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan 11-16, 2012 | 20 | 24 | 52 |  | 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, $2011{ }^{6}$ | 22 | 22 | 53 | 2 | 2 | -- |
| J an 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 | 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."


[^0]:    1 In 2011 question read "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2012?" In 2006, and 2007 and, question read "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2008?"

[^1]:    2 Bachmann, Cain, Palin, Pawlenty, Huckabee, Daniels and Barbour were explicitly asked in some previous surveys. Chris Christie was never asked in any surveys. In surveys in which they received less than $1 \%$ support, these responses are included in other. Dashes indicate that candidates were not explicitly asked about and received less than $1 \%$ support. In August 2011, question began "Apart from your opinions about the Republican candidates, which one..."

[^2]:    4 After August 2008, June 2004, July 2000, July 1996, J une 1992, and J une 1988 the question specified vice presidential candidates.

[^3]:    5 In 2007, item read "Reflecting your views on social issues like abortion and gay rights."

