

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
OCTOBER 2011 GENERATIONS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
September 22- October 4, 2011
N=2410

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q1.a 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 STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

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

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.1=1,2):

Q.1a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

BASED ON TOTAL:

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

QUESTIONS 2, 7-10, 17-19, 21 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 11-16, 20, 22-24

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election...

Q.25 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2012?
[READ IN ORDER]

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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					
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

QUESTION 26 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**Q.27 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 RANDOMIZE]** **[PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]**¹

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>		Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>	Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>
16	Mitt Romney	16	14	13
10	Rick Perry	6	--	--
9	Sarah Palin	10	13	15
8	Ron Paul	8	8	9
6	Herman Cain	4	--	--
5	Michele Bachmann	8	--	--
5	Newt Gingrich	3	6	6
3	Jon Huntsman	2	--	--
1	Rick Santorum	1	2	2
1	Other (VOL.) ²	1	1	4
*	<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	2	2	4
*	<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	0	13	15
*	<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	0	2	--
0	<i>Haley Barbour</i>	0	2	3
20	None (VOL.)	21	21	14
4	Too early to tell (VOL.)	5	2	--
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	13	12	14

1 In November 2010, the question read, "Now I am going to read you the names of some possible candidates for the Republican nomination for President in 2012. After I read all the names, please tell me which one you would most like to see nominated as the Republican Party's candidate for President or if there is someone else you support."

2 Pawlenty, Huckabee, Daniels and Barbour were explicitly named in previous surveys. In surveys where they get less than 1% support, they are included in other.

ASK IF SARAH PALIN IS FIRST CHOICE (Q.27=5):

Q.28 Who, if anyone, would be your second choice for the Republican nomination in 2012? **[READ OPTIONS IF NECESSARY]**

Republican primary preference , with second choice substituted for those who chose Sarah Palin in Q.27.

BASED ON TOTAL:

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>		Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>	Mar 8-14 <u>2011</u>
18	Mitt Romney	18	15
11	Rick Perry	6	--
9	Ron Paul	9	10
7	Michele Bachmann	10	--
7	Herman Cain	5	--
6	Newt Gingrich	3	8
3	Jon Huntsman	2	--
2	Rick Santorum	1	3
1	Other (VOL.) ³	1	2
*	<i>Tim Pawlenty</i>	2	3
*	<i>Mike Huckabee</i>	0	17
*	<i>Mitch Daniels</i>	0	3
0	<i>Haley Barbour</i>	0	3
21	None (VOL.)	23	23
4	Too early to tell (VOL.)	5	2
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	14	13

NO QUESTIONS 29-34**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.35-Q.35a IN BLOCK & Q.36-Q36a IN BLOCK****ASK BEFORE FIRST BLOCK:**

Now, suppose the 2012 presidential election were being held TODAY...

ASK BEFORE SECOND BLOCK:

And if the 2012 election were being held TODAY...

ASK ALL:

Q.35 If you had to choose between,-**[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**, who would you vote for?

ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.35=3,9):

Q.35a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.35]**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1901]:

Sep 22-Oct 4 <u>2011</u>	
48	Barack Obama, the Democrat
47	Vote for Obama
1	Lean towards Obama
48	Mitt Romney, the Republican
46	Vote for Romney
2	Lean towards Romney
1	Other candidate (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

3 Pawlenty, Huckabee, Daniels and Barbour were explicitly named in previous surveys. In surveys where they get less than 1% support, they are included in other.

ASK ALL:**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.35-Q.35a IN BLOCK & Q.36-Q36a IN BLOCK**

Q.36 If you had to choose between, [READ AND RANDOMIZE], who would you vote for?

ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.36=3,9):

Q.36a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.36]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1901]:

Sep 22-Oct 4

2011

50	Barack Obama, the Democrat
49	Vote for Obama
1	Lean towards Obama
46	Rick Perry, the Republican
44	Vote for Perry
2	Lean towards Perry
1	Other candidate (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF Q35/Q35a FOLLOWS Q36/Q36a AND CHOSE MITT ROMNEY (Q.35=2 OR Q.35a=2):

Q.37a Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Mitt Romney or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

ASK IF Q35/Q35a FOLLOWS Q36/Q36a AND CHOSE BARACK OBAMA (Q.35=1 OR Q.35a=1):

Q.37b Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST Mitt Romney?

BASED ON RVS WHO WERE ASKED OBAMA-ROMNEY MATCHUP SECOND [N=933]:

	<u>Romney</u>	<i>Pro-Romney</i>	<i>Anti-Obama</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Obama</u>	<i>Pro-Obama</i>	<i>Anti-Romney</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 ⁴	48	15	33	1	48	33	11	3	5

ASK IF Q36/Q36a FOLLOWS Q35/Q35a AND CHOSE RICK PERRY (Q.36=2 OR Q.36a=2):

Q.38a Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Rick Perry or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

ASK IF Q36/Q36a FOLLOWS Q35/Q35a AND CHOSE BARACK OBAMA (Q.36=1 OR Q.36a=1):

Q.38b Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST Rick Perry?

BASED ON RVS WHO WERE ASKED OBAMA-PERRY MATCHUP SECOND [N=968]:

	<u>Perry</u>	<i>Pro-Perry</i>	<i>Anti-Obama</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Obama</u>	<i>Pro-Obama</i>	<i>Anti-Perry</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 ⁵	46	12	31	2	50	34	15	2	5

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:**

	<u>McCain</u>	<i>Pro-McCain</i>	<i>Anti-Obama</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Obama</u>	<i>Pro-Obama</i>	<i>Anti-McCain</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Nader⁶</u>	<u>Barr</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
November, 2008	39				50				1	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, 2008 ⁴²					49				n/a	n/a	9

⁴ Overall Romney-Obama percentages based on all registered voters [N=1901]. Pro- and Anti- percentages based on half-sample who were asked Q37a/Q37b [N=933].

⁵ Overall Perry-Obama percentages based on all registered voters [N=1901]. Pro- and Anti- percentages based on half-sample who were asked Q38a/Q38b [N=968].

⁶ 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.

Q.37a/Q.37b AND Q.38a/Q.38b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Pro-Bush</u>	<u>Anti-Gore</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Pro-Gore</u>	<u>Anti-Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
Mid-September, 2008	44	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
	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Pro-Bush</u>	<u>Anti-Kerry</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Pro-Kerry</u>	<u>Anti-Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Fourth party</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
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
	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	<u>Other/DK/Ref</u>
November, 2000	41	27	12	2	45	29	14	2	4	1	9
Late October, 2000	45				43				4	1	7
Mid-October, 2000	43				45				4	1	7
Early October, 2000	43				44				5	*	8
September, 2000	41	24	14	3	47	30	14	3	2	1	9
July, 2000	42				41				6	2	9
Late June, 2000	42				35				2	2	19
Mid-June, 2000	41				42				4	3	10
January, 2000	51				39				n/a	4	6
September, 1999	49				35				n/a	10	6
Two-way trial heats:											
July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6
Mid-June, 2000	45				46				n/a	n/a	9
May, 2000	46				45				n/a	n/a	9
March, 2000	43				49				n/a	n/a	8
February, 2000	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

Q.37a/Q.37b AND Q.38a/Q.38b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Dole</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Dole</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Clinton</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Perot</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
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	4	4	*	7
Late September, 1996	35				51				7				7
Early September, 1996	34	16	17	1	52	35	15	2	8	3	5	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	3	n/a				6
February, 1996	44				52				n/a				4
January, 1996	41				53				n/a				6
July, 1994	49				46				n/a				5

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Bush</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Clinton</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Perot</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>other</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 1992	34	19	13	2	44	25	17	2	19	10	7	2	3
Early October, 1992	35	19	13	3	48	23	22	3	8	3	5	*	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

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Bush</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>Dukakis</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Du-</u> <u>kakis</u>	<i>Pro-</i> <u>Dukakis</u>	<i>Anti-</i> <u>Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Third</u> <u>party</u>	<u>Fourth</u> <u>party</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
October, 1988	50	31	16	3	42	23	15	4	n/a	n/a	8
September, 1988	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

QUESTIONS 39-88 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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No</u> <u>preference</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>party</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Rep</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Dem</u>
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
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>
				No	Other	DK/Ref	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Dem</i>
				preference	party			
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
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?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	<i>Not heard of/</i>
				Haven't heard of	Refused	<i>DK</i>
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 ⁷	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

7 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."