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FINAL TOPLINE  
November 9-14, 2011  
N=2,001**

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

**NO QUESTION 2****ASK ALL:**

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

Q.3 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>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. The economy			
Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
May 2, 2011	40	55	4
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			
Nov 9-14, 2011	34	57	9

## Q.3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Aug 17-21, 2011	32	60	9
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
c. The nation's foreign policy			
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	40	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	40	15
Mar 10-14, 2010	42	40	18
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	40	16
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	44	38	18
Jul 22-26, 2009	47	32	21
Jun 10-14, 2009	57	31	12
Apr 14-21, 2009	61	22	17
Feb 4-8, 2009	52	17	31

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=981]**

d.F1 The nation's immigration policy			
Nov 9-14, 2011	32	49	20
Jan 6-9, 2011	35	50	16
Jun 16-20, 2010	33	54	12
May 6-9, 2010	25	54	21
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	47	24
Jan 6-10, 2010	30	50	21
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	48	21

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,020]**

e.F2 Energy policy			
Nov 9-14, 2011	44	38	18
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.4 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			
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Jan 5-9, 2011 <sup>1</sup>	34	43	22
Nov 4-7, 2010	41	37	22

<sup>1</sup> Question wording for Nov. 4-7, 2010, and Jan. 5-9, 2011, was: "Do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

## Q.4 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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

## Q.4 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 <sup>2</sup>	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
December, 1994	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
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 <sup>3</sup>	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 <sup>4</sup>	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

<sup>2</sup> 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?"

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

<sup>4</sup> 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?"

## Q.4 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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

## NO QUESTIONS 5-9

## ASK ALL:

Q.10 As I read some names, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person. First, **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE]** would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly Unfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [NAME] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly Unfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			<u>(VOL.) Never heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. Barack Obama								
Nov 9-14, 2011	52	21	31	45	24	21	*	3
Mar 8-14, 2011	58	22	36	39	20	19	*	3
Dec 2-5, 2010	54	26	29	43	25	18	*	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	53	21	32	43	23	20	*	5
Jun 10-13, 2010	56	27	30	39	20	19	0	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	65	33	32	30	16	14	*	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	72	37	35	25	11	14	*	3
Apr 14-21, 2009	73	38	35	24	10	14	*	3
Jan 7-11, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6
Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6
Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5
Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4
Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9
April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6
March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9
Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8
Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10
January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8
Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11
August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13
b. Mitt Romney								
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
Jun 10-14, 2009	40	9	31	28	8	20	19	13
Early February, 2008	30	6	24	44	15	29	8	18
January, 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
c. Rick Perry								
Nov 9-14, 2011	25	4	21	50	25	26	12	13
d. Herman Cain								
Nov 9-14, 2011	29	9	20	50	25	25	10	11
e. Newt Gingrich								
Nov 9-14, 2011	31	9	23	48	23	25	11	10
Jun 10-14, 2009	35	8	27	38	16	22	16	10

## Q. 10 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
October, 1998	41	8	33	49	23	26	1	9
Early September, 1998	42	7	35	48	20	28	3	7
Late August, 1998	43	5	38	52	19	33	2	3
March, 1998	36	6	30	49	20	29	6	9
November, 1997	30	6	24	59	24	35	4	7
August, 1997	30	6	24	62	27	35	2	6
April, 1997	28	5	23	64	28	36	3	5
January, 1997	28	4	24	65	26	39	2	5
August, 1995	30	9	21	54	25	29	4	12
February, 1995	41	12	29	37	15	22	10	12
December, 1994	25	7	18	28	13	15	30	17
July, 1994	14	2	12	12	4	8	65	9

## ASK ALL:

Q.11 In your opinion, is President Obama doing as much as he can to improve economic conditions or do you think he could be doing more?

	Doing as much <u>as he can</u>	Could be <u>doing more</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 9-14, 2011	35	61	4
Feb 2-7, 2011	39	56	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	43	50	7
Mar 9-12, 2009	60	30	10
<b>G. W. Bush</b>			
February, 2004	30	65	5
September, 2003	26	70	4
Early July, 2003	33	62	5
May, 2003	42	53	5
Late March, 2003	41	52	7
January, 2003	33	61	6
Early October, 2002	31	63	6
June, 2002	33	62	5
January, 2002	48	46	6
<b>G. H. W. Bush</b>			
March, 1992	21	76	3
January, 1992	21	76	3

## ASK ALL:

Q.12 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	The job <u>situation</u>	The federal budget <u>deficit</u>	Rising <u>prices</u>	Problems in the financial and housing <u>markets</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) None/not worried <u>about any</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	22	13	12	2	1	2
Sep 1-4, 2011	43	22	17	11	4	2	2
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	29	15	11	3	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	38	28	20	10	2	*	2
Mar 8-14, 2011	34	24	28	10	3	*	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	44	19	23	10	1	1	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	47	19	15	14	1	1	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	19	15	12	2	1	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	41	23	16	13	3	1	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	45	22	17	11	2	*	2

## NO QUESTIONS 13-19

**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?

**[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?

Nov 9-14

2011

77	Yes, Registered
72	Absolutely certain
4	Chance registration has lapsed
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
23	No, not registered
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the 2012 Presidential election...

Q.20 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>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Nov 9-14, 2011	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
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
<b>2008 Presidential Election</b>					
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 QUESTION 21**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.22 Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the REPUBLICAN presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates, or poor candidates?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

		<b>SELECTED TRENDS FOR COMPARISON<sup>5</sup>:</b>									
		Aug	May	Oct		Sep	Oct	Oct	Jan		
Nov 9-14		17-21	25-30	2007		2003	1995	1991	1988		
<u>2011</u>		<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>cands</u>	<u>cands</u>	<u>cands</u>	<u>cands</u>	<u>cands</u>	<u>cands</u>	<u>cands</u>	
5	Excellent	4	3	3	9	3	3	2	4	2	
23	Good	22	22	28	35	29	30	19	36	29	
36	Only fair	38	35	40	33	39	44	39	41	44	
28	Poor	26	27	19	17	15	19	16	11	17	
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	9	13	10	6	14	4	24	8	8	

**FULL TREND:**

*Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the REPUBLICAN presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?*

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=738]:**

	<b>(VOL.)</b>				
	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 9-14, 2011	10	38	39	7	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	9	40	38	6	7
May 25-30, 2011	5	39	36	7	13
February, 2008	10	50	31	7	2
January, 2008	11	57	28	3	1
November, 2007	9	47	34	7	3
October, 2007	5	46	36	7	6
September, 2007	8	41	36	8	6
October, 1995	5	46	40	6	3
January, 1988 (GP)	6	50	35	4	5

*Overall, what's your impression of the candidates running for the DEMOCRATIC presidential nomination? AS A GROUP, would you say they are excellent candidates, good candidates, only fair candidates or poor candidates?*

**BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS:**

	<b>(VOL.)</b>				
	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 2008	30	50	16	2	2
January, 2008	28	50	18	2	2
November, 2007	16	51	28	2	3
October, 2007	16	48	26	5	5
September, 2007	15	49	29	2	5
January, 2004	8	39	41	6	8
December, 2003	5	40	39	7	9
September, 2003	4	40	39	5	12
February, 1992	6	39	47	4	5
October, 1991	3	24	38	11	23
January, 1988 (GP)	4	33	45	11	7

<sup>5</sup> Before October 2007, answer choice read "Fair" not "Only Fair." In October 2007 the question was asked both ways and no difference was found. As a result, October 2007 numbers combine both versions of the question. In 1988, 1991 and 1993 question asked about "men running for the [party] presidential nomination."



**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=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 RANDOMIZE] [PROBE IF NECESSARY: As of today, who would you say you LEAN toward?]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

Nov 9-14 2011		Sep 22-Oct 4 2011	Jul 20-24 2011	Mar 8-14 2011	Nov 4-7 2010
22	Mitt Romney	20	18	16	14
15	Herman Cain	7	5	--	--
10	Newt Gingrich	5	3	7	7
10	Ron Paul	9	8	8	9
7	Rick Perry	10	6	--	--
6	Michele Bachmann	5	8	--	--
5	Jon Huntsman	3	3	--	--
2	Rick Santorum	2	1	2	2
*	Other (VOL.) <sup>6</sup>	1	1	1	3
--	Sarah Palin	8	10	11	16
--	Tim Pawlenty	--	2	2	3
--	Mike Huckabee	--	--	14	16
--	Mitch Daniels	--	--	2	--
--	Haley Barbour	--	--	2	2
--	Chris Christie	--	--	1	--
14	None (VOL.)	20	21	22	14
3	Too early to tell (VOL.)	4	5	2	--
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	10	9	13

**ASK IF HAS FIRST CHOICE (Q.23=1-9):**

Q.24 Who, if anyone, would be your second choice for the Republican nomination in 2012? **[READ OPTIONS IF NECESSARY, ELIMINATING NAME CHOSEN IN Q.23]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

Nov 9-14, 2011			Jul 20-24, 2011			Mar 8-14, 2011			
First choice	Second choice	Total	First choice	Second choice	Total	First choice	Second choice	Total	
22	15	37	Mitt Romney	18	11	28	16	9	25
15	10	25	Herman Cain	5	3	8	--	--	--
10	11	21	Newt Gingrich	3	3	6	7	7	15
10	5	14	Ron Paul	8	4	12	8	6	14
7	7	14	Rick Perry	6	4	10	--	--	--
6	6	12	Michele Bachmann	8	9	17	--	--	--
5	3	8	Jon Huntsman	3	2	5	--	--	--
2	3	4	Rick Santorum	1	2	3	2	2	4
*	2	2	Other (VOL.)	1	1	2	1	2	3
--	--	--	Sarah Palin	10	7	16	11	9	20
--	--	--	Tim Pawlenty	2	2	4	2	3	5
--	--	--	Mike Huckabee	--	--	--	14	12	26
--	--	--	Mitch Daniels	--	--	--	2	2	4
--	--	--	Haley Barbour	--	--	--	2	1	3
--	--	--	Chris Christie	--	--	--	1	*	1
14	11	14	None (VOL.)	21	12	21	22	9	22
3	*	3	Too early to tell (VOL.)	5	*	5	2	1	2
5	4	5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	4	10	9	3	9
--	23	--	No first choice/DK	--	36	--	--	33	--

<sup>6</sup> Palin, Pawlenty, Huckabee, Daniels and Barbour were explicitly named in some previous surveys. Chris Christie was never named 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.

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS**

Q.25 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 FIRST MENTION ONLY.] [IF PERSON OFFERS MULTIPLE CANDIDATES, PROBE WITH: Which of those do you think has the best chance of defeating Obama?]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>		Aug 17-21 <u>2011</u> <sup>7</sup>
30	Mitt Romney	24
12	Herman Cain	1
8	Newt Gingrich	3
6	Rick Perry	18
2	Ron Paul	4
2	Michele Bachmann	7
1	Jon Huntsman	2
1	Other	10
1	All	0
16	None	11
21	Don't know/Refused	21

**NO QUESTIONS 26-29****RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.30-Q.30a-Q.30b/Q.31-Q.31a-Q.31b/Q.32-32a-Q.32b/Q.33-33a-Q.33b IN BLOCKS****ASK BEFORE FIRST BLOCK:**

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

**ASK BEFORE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH BLOCK:**

If the election were TODAY and...

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.30-Q.33 You had to choose between, **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**, who would you vote for?

**ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.30-Q.33=3,9):**

Q.30a-Q.33a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.30-Q.33?]**

**ASK IF NAMED A CANDIDATE (Q.30-Q.33=1,2):**

Q.30b-Q.33b Would you support **[INSERT LAST NAME OF CANDIDATE CHOSEN IN Q.30-Q.33]** over **[INSERT LAST NAME OF CANDIDATE NOT CHOSEN IN Q.30-Q.33]** strongly, or not? 8

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

Q.30 Mitt Romney

	<i>Not</i>				<i>Not</i>				<b>(VOL.) (VOL.)</b>	
	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>strongly</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>strongly</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	36	10	1	49	42	7	*	1	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	--	--	--	48	--	--	--	1	4

Q.31 Rick Perry

	<i>Not</i>				<i>Not</i>				<b>(VOL.) (VOL.)</b>	
	<u>Perry</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>strongly</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>strongly</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 9-14, 2011	42	31	10	1	53	47	6	*	1	4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	--	--	--	50	--	--	--	1	4

<sup>7</sup> In August 2011, question began "Apart from your opinions about the Republican candidates, which Republican candidate..."

<sup>8</sup> Those who lean to a candidate are included in "Not strongly."

Q.32 Herman Cain

	<u>Cain</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
			<i>strongly</i>			<i>strongly</i>			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
Nov 9-14, 2011	42	34	7	*	54	47	6	*	1	3

Q.33 Newt Gingrich

	<u>Gingrich</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
			<i>strongly</i>			<i>strongly</i>			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
Nov 9-14, 2011	42	33	9	1	54	47	6	*	1	3

**Q.30a-b/Q.31a-b/Q.32a-b/Q.33a-b TREND FOR COMPARISON:****BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:**

	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Barr</u>	<u>Other/</u>
			<i>mod</i> <sup>p</sup>			<i>mod</i>					<u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2008	39	21	18	*	50	35	14	1	1	1	9
Late October, 2008	36	20	15	1	52	39	12	1	3	1	8
Mid-October, 2008	38	21	16	1	52	36	16	*	n/a	n/a	10
Early October, 2008	40	21	18	1	50	36	14	*	n/a	n/a	10
Late September, 2008	42	23	19	*	49	33	15	1	n/a	n/a	9
Mid-September, 2008 <sup>10</sup>	44	25	19	*	46	30	15	1	n/a	n/a	10
August, 2008	43	17	26	*	46	27	19	*	n/a	n/a	11
July, 2008	42	17	24	1	47	24	22	1	n/a	n/a	11
June, 2008	40	14	26	*	48	28	19	1	n/a	n/a	12
Late May, 2008	44				47				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				50				n/a	n/a	7

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Other/</u>	
			<i>mod</i>			<i>mod</i>				<u>DK/Ref</u>	
November, 2004	45	34	11	*	46	29	16	1	1	8	
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	13	*	45	28	16	1	1	9	
Early October, 2004	48	35	12	1	41	24	17	*	2	9	
September, 2004	49	33	15	1	43	22	20	1	1	7	
August, 2004	45	32	13	*	47	28	19	*	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	
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
June, 2004	48				46				n/a	6	
May, 2004	45				50				n/a	5	
Late March, 2004	46				47				n/a	7	
Mid-March, 2004	43				52				n/a	5	
Late February, 2004	44				48				n/a	8	
Early February, 2004	47				47				n/a	6	
Early January, 2004	52				41				n/a	7	
October, 2003	50				42				n/a	8	

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	<u>Other/</u>
			<i>mod</i>			<i>mod</i>					<u>DK/Ref</u>
November, 2000	41	26	15	*	45	25	19	1	4	1	9
Late October, 2000	45	29	16	*	43	24	19	*	4	1	7

<sup>9</sup> Includes those who say they lean to the Republican or Democratic candidate.<sup>10</sup> After August 2008, June 2004, July 2000, July 1996, June 1992, and June 1988 the question specified vice presidential candidates.

## Q.30a-b/Q.31a-b/Q.32a-b/Q.33a-b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>						<i>Other/ DK/Ref</i>
	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>Buchanan</u>	
Mid-October, 2000	43	25	18	*	45	22	23	*	4	1	7
Early October, 2000	43	26	17	*	44	22	22	*	5	*	8
September, 2000	41	21	19	1	47	25	21	1	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
<b><i>Two-way trial heats:</i></b>											
July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6
Mid-June, 2000	45	20	25	*	46	18	27	1	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	19	27	*	45	18	26	1	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
Early September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7

	<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>						<i>Other/ DK/Ref</i>
	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>		
November, 1996	32	17	15	*	51	26	24	1	9		8
October, 1996	34	17	16	1	51	25	26	*	8		7
Late September, 1996	35	16	18	1	51	26	25	*	7		7
Early September, 1996	34	17	17	*	52	26	26	0	8		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
<b><i>Two-way trial heats:</i></b>											
July, 1996	42	11	30	*	53	20	31	1	n/a		5
June, 1996	40	13	23	1	55	22	29	1	n/a		5
April, 1996	40				54						6
March, 1996	41				53						6
February, 1996	44				52						4
January, 1996	41				53						6
July, 1994	49				46						5

	<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>						<i>Other/ DK/Ref</i>
	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>		
Late October, 1992	34	20	14	--	44	26	18	--	19		3
Early October, 1992	35	14	21	--	48	23	25	--	8		9
June, 1992	31				27				36		6
<b><i>Two-way trial heats:</i></b>											
September, 1992	38	14	21	--	53	25	28	--	n/a		9
August, 1992	37	14	23	--	57	24	33	--	n/a		6
June, 1992	46	13	33	--	41	9	32	--	n/a		13
May, 1992	46	15	31	--	43	10	33	--	n/a		11
Late March, 1992	50	19	31	--	43	9	34	--	n/a		7

	<i>Only</i>				<i>Only</i>						<i>Other/ DK/Ref</i>
	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Dukakis</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>mod</u>	<u>DK</u>			
October, 1988	50	24	26	--	42	20	22	--			8
September, 1988	50	26	24	--	44	19	25	--			6
May, 1988	40	12	28	--	53	14	39	--			7

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.34 AND Q.35****ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.34 As I read some phrases, please tell me whether you think each one describes Mitt Romney. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, does this describe Mitt Romney, or not? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY: does this describe Mitt Romney, or not]**?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. A strong conservative Nov 9-14, 2011	48	35	17
b. Shares your religious beliefs Nov 9-14, 2011	19	56	24
c. Takes consistent positions on issues Nov 9-14, 2011	37	43	20
d. Understands the needs of people like you Nov 9-14, 2011	37	47	16
e. Well-qualified to be president Nov 9-14, 2011	54	33	13
f. Honest and trustworthy Nov 9-14, 2011	52	32	16

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.34 AND Q.35****ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.35 As I read some phrases, please tell me whether you think each one describes Herman Cain. First, **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, does this describe Herman Cain, or not? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY: does this describe Herman Cain, or not]**?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. A strong conservative Nov 9-14, 2011	52	27	21
b. Shares your religious beliefs Nov 9-14, 2011	23	42	35
c. Takes consistent positions on issues Nov 9-14, 2011	45	33	23
d. Understands the needs of people like you Nov 9-14, 2011	38	46	16
e. Well-qualified to be president Nov 9-14, 2011	33	53	15
f. Honest and trustworthy Nov 9-14, 2011	32	49	19

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.36 How much, if anything, have you heard about a Massachusetts health care law that Mitt Romney supported when he was governor? Have you heard **[READ]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

Nov 9-14

2011

22	A lot
35	A little
42	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.36 How much, if anything, have you heard about a Massachusetts health care law that Mitt Romney supported when he was governor? Have you heard **[READ]**

**ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.36=1,2):**

Q.37 From what you've read and heard, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the Massachusetts health care law?

*Based on all RVs*      *Based on those who heard a lot/a little*

Nov 9-14

Nov 9-14

20112011

24	41	Favorable
23	40	Unfavorable
11	19	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
42	--	Had not heard a lot/little about it

[N=1,576]

[N=995]

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.38 How much, if anything, have you heard about accusations that Herman Cain sexually harassed several women in the 1990s? Have you heard **[READ]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,576]:**

Nov 9-14

Nov 3-6

20112011<sup>11</sup>

67	A lot	61
20	A little	23
12	Nothing at all	15
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.38 How much, if anything, have you heard about accusations that Herman Cain sexually harassed several women in the 1990s? Have you heard **[READ]**

**ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.38=1,2):**

Q.39 From what you've read and heard, do you think the allegations of sexual harassment against Herman Cain are true or false?

*Based on all RVs*      *Based on those who heard a lot/a little*

*Based on all RVs*      *Based on those who heard a lot/a little*

Nov 9-14

Nov 9-14

Nov 3-6

Nov 3-6

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39	45	True
26	30	False
21	24	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
13	--	Had not heard a lot/little about it

34	41
20	24
30	35
16	--

[N=1,576]

[N=1,419]

<sup>11</sup> In November 3-6, 2011, question was asked as part of a list and read "Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain."

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

Q.40 In your view, what is the best way to reduce the federal budget deficit? Should we mostly focus on **[RANDOMIZE: Cutting major programs / Increasing taxes]** mostly focus on **[increasing taxes / cutting major programs]** or should we do a combination of both?

Nov 9-14		Jul 20-24	Apr 7-10	Dec 1-5
<u>2011</u>		<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
17	Cutting major programs	19	20	16
8	Increasing taxes	8	6	4
62	Combination of both	60	64	65
1	Deficit is not a priority/Don't focus on deficit <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	*	1
11	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	12	9	13

**NO QUESTION 41****ASK ALL:**

Q.42 How much, if anything, have you heard about a Congressional "super committee" whose job is to propose a plan to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit? Have you heard **[READ]**

Nov 9-14	
<u>2011</u>	
21	A lot
40	A little
38	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.43 When it comes to the federal budget deficit, would you like lawmakers who share your views to **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Nov 9-14	
<u>2011</u>	
29	Stand by their principles, even if that means the problems don't get dealt with
61	Be willing to compromise, even if that means a deal that includes things you don't like
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*When it comes to the deficit and the economy, would you like lawmakers who share your views to **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]***

Sep 22-Oct 4

<u>2011</u>	
35	Stand by their principles, even if that means the problems don't get dealt with-[OR]
56	Be willing to compromise, even if that means a deal that includes things you don't like
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.44 As you may know, if this super committee does not come up with a plan that passes by the end of this year it will trigger automatic cuts in government spending, including both defense and domestic programs. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

Nov 9-14	
<u>2011</u>	
34	Good idea
56	Bad idea
9	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 45-49**

**QUESTIONS 50-53 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 54-55**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about Iraq...

Q.56 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Iraq?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Nov 9-14, 2011	48	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	51	7
January, 2009	43	49	8
November, 2008	39	50	11
Late October, 2008	38	56	6
Mid-October, 2008	40	54	6
Mid-September, 2008	43	50	7
June, 2008	39	55	6
April, 2008	37	57	6
Late February, 2008	38	54	8
Late December, 2007	36	56	8
October, 2007	39	54	7
September, 2007	42	50	8
July, 2007	41	53	6
June, 2007	40	51	9
April, 2007	45	47	8
March, 2007	43	49	8
February, 2007	40	54	6
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9
Early January, 2007	40	53	7
December, 2006	42	51	7
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7
Late October, 2006	43	47	10
Early October, 2006	45	47	8
Early September, 2006	49	43	8
August, 2006	45	46	9
July, 2006	44	50	6
June, 2006	49	44	7
April, 2006	47	46	7
March, 2006	45	49	6
February, 2006	51	44	5
January, 2006	45	47	8
December, 2005	47	48	5
Late October, 2005	48	45	7
Early October, 2005	44	50	6
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7
July, 2005	49	44	7
June, 2005	47	45	8
February, 2005	47	47	6
January, 2005	51	44	5
December, 2004	49	44	7
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12
Early October, 2004	50	39	11
September, 2004	53	39	8
August, 2004	53	41	6
July, 2004	52	43	5
June, 2004	55	38	7
May, 2004	51	42	7
Late April, 2004	54	37	9
Early April, 2004	57	35	8



**Q.56 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6
Late February, 2004	60	32	8
Early February, 2004	56	39	5
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5
Early January, 2004	62	28	10
December, 2003	67	26	7
October, 2003	60	33	7
September, 2003	63	31	6
August, 2003	63	30	7
Early July, 2003	67	24	9
May, 2003	74	20	6
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	74	19	7
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	74	19	7
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	72	20	8
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	69	25	6
<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	74	21	5
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	74	21	5
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	71	22	7
Late January, 1991	77	15	8

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=981]:**

Q.57F1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's decision to withdraw all combat troops from Iraq by the end of this year?

Nov 9-14

2011

75 Approve  
21 Disapprove  
4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**Q.57 TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's plan to withdraw most combat troops from Iraq by the end of August 2010?*

Mar 9-12

2009

76 Approve  
18 Disapprove  
6 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,020]:**

Q.58F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the government's decision to withdraw all combat troops from Iraq by the end of this year?

Nov 9-14

2011

76 Approve  
18 Disapprove  
6 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.59 Overall, do you think the United States has mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Iraq?

Nov 9-14

2011

56 Mostly succeeded  
33 Mostly failed  
10 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**Q.59 TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?<sup>12</sup>

	Definitely/ <u>Probably succeed</u>	Definitely/ <u>Probably fail</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	35	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	59	30	10
Dec 9-13, 2009	63	29	8
Jan, 2009	61	29	10
September, 2008	58	34	8
June, 2008	50	42	8
April, 2008	47	46	7
Late February, 2008	53	39	8
Late December, 2007	45	45	10
November, 2007	48	46	6
October, 2007	46	44	10
September, 2007	42	47	11
July, 2007	43	49	8
April, 2007	45	46	9
February, 2007	47	46	7
November, 2006	53	41	6
Mid-September, 2006	57	35	8
August, 2006	54	40	6

**NO QUESTIONS 60-64****QUESTIONS 65-73 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 74-75****QUESTIONS 76-81 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 Rep	Lean Dem
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
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
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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

12 Trend for comparison only shows the net of answers "Definitely succeed" and "Probably succeed" and the net of answers "Definitely fail" and "Probably fail." See June 2010 [topline](#) for full trend.

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

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

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
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 <sup>13</sup>	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

13 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."