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READ TO ALL: Next I'd like to ask about some things that have been in the news. Please answer as best you can. If you don't know the answer just tell me and we'll move to the next question.

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW1 Do you happen to know if the Dow Jones Industrial Average is currently closer to **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Jan 14-17 <u>2010</u>		Oct 1-4, <u>2009</u>		Mar 26-29, <u>2009</u>		Dec 4-7, <u>2008</u>	
7	3,000	7	3,000	20	3,000	18	2,000
6	5,000	5	6,000	14	5,000	8	4,000
36	10,000 [OR]	33	10,000 [OR]	40	8,000 [OR]	45	8,000 [OR]
3	20,000	2	16,000	4	11,000	5	13,000
48	DK/Ref (VOL.)	52	DK/Ref (VOL.)	22	DK/Ref (VOL.)	24	DK/Ref (VOL.)
Feb 28- Mar 2, <u>2008</u>		Aug 16-19, <u>2007</u>		May <u>2000</u>			
16	4,000	16	2,000	5	3,000		
9	5,000	14	4,000	4	5,000		
16	10,000 [OR]	13	8,000 [OR]	28	10,000 [OR]		
31	12,000	41	13,000	1	20,000		
28	DK/Ref (VOL.)	16	DK/Ref (VOL.)	62	DK/Ref (VOL.)		

Correct answers for each trend highlighted in bold

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW2 Thinking about the man who attempted to bomb an airliner on Christmas Day... Where do intelligence officials believe he was trained and given materials for the bomb. Was it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 14-17

<u>2010</u>	
50	Yemen (<i>Correct</i>)
4	Syria
15	Afghanistan
3	Israel
28	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW3 During the entire year of 2009, do you happen to know if there were more American military fatalities in...
[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

Jan 14-17

2010

43	Afghanistan (<i>Correct</i>) [OR]
32	Iraq
25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW4 Do you happen to know if the national unemployment rate is currently closer to [READ IN ORDER]?

Jan 14-17

2010

2	5%
55	10% (<i>Correct</i>)
15	15%
15	20%
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Oct 1-4

2009

4
53
15
18
10

Mar 26-29

2009

3	4%
53	8% (<i>Correct</i>)
24	12%
18	16%
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW5 How many Republican senators voted to pass the health care reform bill in its vote on the Senate floor?...
[READ IN ORDER]

Jan 14-17

2010

32	0 (<i>Correct</i>)
13	5
8	10
8	20
39	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW6 In the United States Senate, opponents to legislation can delay a vote by filibustering. Do you know how many senators are needed to break a filibuster and bring a bill to the floor?... [READ IN ORDER]

Jan 14-17

2010

25	51
26	60 (<i>Correct</i>)
7	67
5	75
37	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

PEW7 As far as you know, which foreign country holds the most U.S. government debt? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 14-17		Mar 26-29
<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>
59	China (<i>Correct</i>)	71
7	Japan	10
8	Saudi Arabia	12
4	Canada	4
22	DK/Ref. (VOL. DO NOT READ)	3

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW8 As far as you know, about how much of the oil consumed annually in the U.S. is imported? Is it... **[READ, IN ORDER]**

Jan 14-17	
<u>2010</u>	
11	One-third
12	One half
57	Two-thirds (<i>Correct</i>)
20	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW9 Do you happen to know the name of the current majority leader of the U.S. Senate? Is it... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 14-17		Feb 28- Mar 2	
<u>2010</u>		<u>2008</u>	
39	Harry Reid (<i>Correct</i>)	24	Harry Reid (<i>Correct</i>)
3	Al Franken	13	Patrick Leahy
5	Mitch McConnell	13	Trent Lott
10	Hillary Clinton	14	Joe Biden
44	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	36	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

House Speaker

Aug 16-19	
<u>2007</u>	
74	Nancy Pelosi (<i>Correct</i>)
5	Dennis Hastert
7	Barbara Boxer [OR]
5	Scooter Libby
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW10 Can you name the chairperson of the Republican National Committee? Is it...

[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Democratic National Committee

Jan 14-17		Feb 28-Mar 2	
<u>2010</u>		<u>2008</u>	
32	Michael Steele (<i>Correct</i>)	40	Howard Dean (<i>Correct</i>)
3	Sarah Palin	5	Rahm Emanuel
9	Newt Gingrich	6	Donna Brazile
8	Howard Dean	10	Joe Wilson
49	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	39	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW11 Do you happen to know who Stephen Colbert is? Is he...[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

Jan 14-17	
<u>2010</u>	
41	A comedian and TV talk show host (<i>Correct</i>)
1	An Olympic athlete
7	A member of Congress
*	A Hip Hop artist
51	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE PEW1-PEW12

ASK ALL:

PEW12 Do you happen to know how many women, if any, sit on the U.S. Supreme Court? Is it [READ IN ORDER]

Jan 14-17		TREND FOR COMPARISON:	
<u>2010</u>		<u>Jan 1988¹</u>	
2	Zero	6	None
29	One	53	One (<i>Correct</i>)
56	More than one (<i>Correct</i>)	8	More than one
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	33	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

On another subject...

QUESTION PEW13 NOT FOR RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEWA1 All in all, do you approve or disapprove of the way the Obama Administration has handled the government's response to the situation in Haiti?

Jan 14-17	
<u>2010</u>	
64	Approve
14	Disapprove
21	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹ In January 1988, the question was open ended. No response options were offered.

ASK ALL:

PEWA2 From what you've seen and heard, do you think the U.S. government is doing too much, too little, or the right amount in providing assistance to Haiti?

Jan 14-17

2010

11 Too much
 16 Too little
 58 Right amount
 16 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

PEW14 How have you been getting most of your news about the earthquake in Haiti? From [READ AND RANDOMIZE]? [ACCEPT TWO ANSWERS: IF ONLY ONE RESPONSE IS GIVEN, PROBE ONCE FOR ADDITIONAL: "Anything Else?"]

	Tele- vision	News- papers	Radio	Maga- zines	Internet	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref
<i>Jan 14-17, 2010 (Haiti earthquake)</i>	69	18	11	1	31	2	2
Dec 9-13, 2009 ²	70	32	17	3	35	1	1
Jul 22-26, 2009	71	33	21	3	42	1	1
December, 2008	70	35	18	5	40	2	1
September, 2007	74	34	13	2	24	2	1
Late September, 2006	74	37	16	4	21	3	1
August, 2006	72	36	14	4	24	2	1
November, 2005	73	36	16	2	20	2	*
Sept 6-7, 2005³ (Hurricane Katrina)	89	35	17	*	21	3	*
June, 2005	74	44	22	5	24	2	1
December, 2004	74	46	21	4	24	2	3
October, 2003	80	50	18	4	20	2	1
August, 2003	79	46	15	3	18	2	1
Early July, 2003	79	45	16	5	19	1	*
Early July, 2003	79	45	16	5	19	1	*
March, 2003 (War in Iraq)	89	24	19	*	11	2	*
February, 2003	83	42	19	4	15	3	*
January, 2003	81	44	22	4	17	2	1
January, 2002	82	42	21	3	14	2	*
Sept 13-17 2001 (Terror Attacks)	90	11	14	*	5	1	1
Early September, 2001	74	45	18	6	13	1	*
February, 2001	76	40	16	4	10	2	1
October, 1999	80	48	19	5	11	2	*
January, 1999	82	42	18	4	6	2	*
January, 1996	88	61	25	8	--	2	*
September, 1995	82	63	20	10	--	1	1
January, 1994	83	51	15	10	--	5	1
September, 1993	83	60	17	9	--	3	*
January, 1993	83	52	17	5	--	1	1
Early January, 1991 (Persian Gulf)	82	40	15	4	--	1	*

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

² Trends not shown in bold asked about getting news regarding national and international issues generally.
³ In Early September 2005, the question was worded "news about the impact of Hurricane Katrina." In March 2003, the question was worded "news about the war in Iraq," and in Mid-September 2001, the question was worded "news about the terrorist attacks." In September 1995, question wording did not include "international." In Early January 1991 the question asked about "the latest developments in the Persian Gulf."

IF '1' TELEVISION AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN PEW14 ASK:

PEW14a

On television, have you been getting most of your news about the earthquake from [READ, RANDOMIZE ITEMS 2 THRU 4 AND 5 THRU 7 SEPARATELY, AND RANDOMIZE SETS OF ITEMS (LOCAL; NETWORK; CABLE). ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

BASED ON TOTAL:

	<u>Local</u>	<u>ABC</u>	<u>CBS</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>CNN</u>	<u>MSNBC</u>	<u>FNC</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>TV not a main source</i> <u>(31)</u>
Jan 14-17, 2010	14	8	7	10	17	4	20	2	2	(31)
<i>(Haiti earthquake)</i>										
Dec 9-13, 2009	16	12	8	10	19	6	19	3	2	(30)
Jul 22-26, 2009	18	11	10	13	22	6	19	3	1	(29)
December, 2008	15	12	9	10	23	8	17	4	2	(30)
September, 2007	18	11	8	13	22	7	16	3	2	(26)
August, 2006	13	10	9	12	24	6	20	6	1	(28)
November, 2005	16	14	12	15	24	8	22	5	3	(27)
Sept 6-7 2005⁴	19	14	8	12	31	9	22	3	3	(11)
<i>(Hurricane Katrina)</i>										
June, 2005	13	12	9	12	18	5	16	2	4	(26)
December, 2004	15	11	9	14	20	6	19	3	3	(26)
October, 2003	17	12	8	13	20	6	17	--	4	(20)
August, 2003	17	12	10	15	26	7	18	3	4	(21)
Early July, 2003	17	12	11	14	27	9	22	3	3	(21)
January, 2002	16	11	11	15	28	8	16	4	2	(18)

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

⁴ In early September 2005, the question was worded: "Have you been getting most of your news about the disaster from ..."

IF '5' INTERNET AS EITHER 1ST OR 2ND RESPONSE IN PEW14 ASK [N=294]:

PEW14b What web sites have you been using to get news and information about the earthquake? Just name a few of the web sites that you've used the most. **[OPEN END; CODE UP TO THREE RESPONSES; DO NOT NEED TO TYPE “.com” EXTENSION; PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL: “Anything Else?”]**

Jan 14-17 <u>2010</u>		Dec 9-13 <u>2009⁵</u>
29	Yahoo	27
25	CNN	29
14	MSNBC	7
13	Fox	11
11	Google	13
11	MSN	15
6	AOL	5
6	New York Times	8
5	Drudge Report	2
4	BBC	2
3	USA Today	1
2	Huffington Post	1
2	Facebook	0
2	Comcast	2
1	Washington Post	2
1	Twitter	0
20	Other websites	27
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7

ASK ALL:

PEW15 And thinking about some other ways of communicating, ... Have you **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.	Sent or received e-mail with information about the earthquake	13	87	*
b.	Sent or received text messages with information about the earthquake	6	93	1
c.	Gotten or shared information about the earthquake through Facebook, Twitter or another social-networking site	13	86	1

ASK ALL:

PEW16 Have you or anyone in your household made a donation to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti, are you planning to do so, or is this something you don't think you will do right now?

		TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:	
		<i>Hurricane Katrina</i>	<i>Earthquake/Tsunami in Indian Ocean</i>
Jan 14-17		Sept 6-7	Jan 5-9
<u>2010</u>		<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>
18	Yes, have made a donation	56	30
30	Planning to do so	28	30
46	No, don't think will donate right now	15	37
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	3

⁵ For December 9-13, 2009 the item asked about web sites used to get news and information generally.

IF MADE A DONATION (1 IN PEW16) ASK [N=170]:

PEW17 Did you donate to a church or other religious organization, or to some other kind of charity?

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*Earthquake/Tsunami
in Indian Ocean*

Jan 14-17 <u>2010</u>		Jan 5-9 <u>2005</u>
36	Church or religious organization	36
59	Other kind of charity	57
2	Both (VOL.)	4
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

IF MADE A DONATION (1 IN PEW16) ASK [N=170]:

PEW18 Did you donate [READ AND RANDOMIZE; MULTI-PUNCH, ENTER ALL ANSWERS GIVEN;
DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*Earthquake/Tsunami
in Indian Ocean*

Jan 14-17 <u>2010</u>		Jan 5-9 <u>2005⁶</u>
39	In person such as at church	59
23	On the internet	15
14	By text message	--
12	Over the telephone	10
5	Through the mail	17
5	By e-mail	--
2	Other (VOL.)	1
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

Numbers add to more than 100% due to multiple response.

IF PLANNING TO MAKE A DONATION (2 IN PEW16) ASK [N=315]:

PEW19 Are you more likely to make a donation through a church or religious organization, or to some other kind of charity organization?

Jan 14-17 <u>2010</u>	
46	Church or religious organization
44	Other kind of charity
5	Both (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁶ In January 2005, the question did not ask about making donations by email or text message and the response option on making a contribution in person did not explicitly ask, "such as at church."

IF PLANNING TO MAKE A DONATION (2 IN PEW16) ASK [N=315]:

PEW20 And if you make a donation, do you think you will donate [READ AND RANDOMIZE; MULTI-PUNCH, ENTER ALL ANSWERS GIVEN; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]

Jan 14-17

2010

17	Through the mail
17	On the internet
3	By e-mail
6	By text message
8	Over the telephone [OR]
51	In person such as at church
1	Other (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)