# PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE \& THE PRESS AND PEW FORUM ON RELIGION \& PUBLIC LIFE 2010 RELIGI ON \& PUBLIC LI FE SURVEY <br> FI NAL TOPLI NE <br> July 21-August 5, 2010 <br> $\mathrm{N}=3,003$ 

## 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]

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

## ASK ALL:

The congressional elections will be coming up later this year
THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming November election... Quite a lot or only a little?
BASED ON REGI STERED VOTERS [ $\mathbf{N}=2431$ ]:

|  |  | Quite | (VOL.) | Only a | (VOL.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | A lot | Some | Little | None/DK/Ref |
| 2010 | Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 44 | 5 | 44 | 7 |
| 2006 | November, 2006 | 61 | 5 | 28 | 6 |
|  | Late October, 2006 | 54 | 6 | 35 | 5 |
|  | Early October, 2006 | 51 | 4 | 40 | 5 |
|  | September, 2006 | 45 | 4 | 48 | 3 |
| 2002 | Early November, 2002 | 52 | 6 | 35 | 7 |
|  | Early October, 2002 | 45 | 6 | 45 | 4 |
|  | Early September, 2002 | 36 | 5 | 54 | 5 |
| 1998 | Late October, 1998 | 49 | 11 | 35 | 5 |
|  | Early October, 1998 | 42 | 8 | 43 | 7 |
| 1994 | November, 1994 | 56 | 7 | 32 | 5 |
|  | Late October, 1994 | 45 | 7 | 45 | 3 |
|  | Early October, 1994 | 44 | 2 | 50 | 4 |
| 1990 | Gallup: October, 1990 ${ }^{1}$ | 43 | 7 | 46 | 4 |
|  | Gallup: October, 1982 | 29 | 22 | 37 | 12 |

[^0]THOUGHT CONTI NUED...

1978

|  | Quite <br> A | (VOL.) <br> Some | Only a <br> Little | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
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| Gallup: October, 1978 | $\frac{23}{23}$ | $\frac{22}{39}$ | $\frac{17}{39}$ | 18 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 2 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for [RANDOMI ZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"] for Congress in your district?
ASK IF ANSWERED OTHER OR DON'T KNOW (Q.2=3,9):
Q.2a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the [READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.2; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]?

BASED ON REGI STERED VOTERS [ $\mathbf{N}=2431$ ]:

|  | Rep/ Lean Rep | Dem/ Lean Dem | (VOL.) <br> Other/ <br> Undecided |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 44 | 45 | 11 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 45 | 45 | 10 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| Feb 3-9, 2010 | 42 | 45 | 13 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 42 | 47 | 11 |
| Aug 20-27, 2009 | 44 | 45 | 10 |
| 2008 Election |  |  |  |
| June, 2008 | 37 | 52 | 11 |
| 2006 Election |  |  |  |
| November, 2006 | 40 | 48 | 12 |
| Late October, 2006 | 38 | 49 | 13 |
| Early October, 2006 | 38 | 51 | 11 |
| September, 2006 | 39 | 50 | 11 |
| August, 2006 | 41 | 50 | 9 |
| June, 2006 | 39 | 51 | 10 |
| April, 2006 | 41 | 51 | 8 |
| February, 2006 | 41 | 50 | 9 |
| Mid-September, 2005 | 40 | 52 | 8 |
| 2004 Election |  |  |  |
| June, 2004 | 41 | 48 | 11 |
| 2002 Election |  |  |  |
| Early November, 2002 | 42 | 46 | 12 |
| Early October, 2002 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| Early September, 2002 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| June, 2002 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| February, 2002 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| Early November, 2001 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| 2000 Election |  |  |  |
| Early November, 2000 | 42 | 48 | 10 |
| Early October, 2000 | 43 | 47 | 10 |
| July, 2000 | 43 | 47 | 10 |
| February, 2000 | 44 | 47 | 9 |
| October, 1999 | 43 | 49 | 8 |
| June, 1999 | 40 | 50 | 10 |
| 1998 Election |  |  |  |
| Late October, 1998 | 40 | 47 | 13 |
| Early October, 1998 | 43 | 44 | 13 |
| Early September, 1998 | 45 | 46 | 9 |
| Late August, 1998 | 44 | 45 | 11 |
| Early August, 1998 | 42 | 49 | 9 |
| June, 1998 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| March, 1998 | 40 | 52 | 8 |

## Q.2/ Q.2a CONTI NUED...

(VOL.)

| Rep/ | Dem/ Other/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lean Rep Lean Dem Undecided |  |



ASK ALL:
PLANTO1 Thinking ahead to November, do you yourself plan to vote in the Congressional election this November, or not? ${ }^{3}$

## ASK IF YES (PLANTO1=1):

PLANTO2 How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [ N=2431]:

|  | Yes, plan to vote | Absolutely certain | Fairly certain | Not certain | No, don't plan to | (VOL.) <br> DK/ Ref |
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| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 91 | 70 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 90 | 69 | 19 | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 91 | 69 | 20 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| 2008 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mid-October, $2008{ }^{4}$ | 97 | 92 | 5 | * | 2 | 1 |
| Early October, 2008 | 97 | 92 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Late September, 2008 | 97 | 91 | 6 | * | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 97 | 90 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| August, 2008 | 97 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| July, 2008 | 97 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| June, 2008 | 95 | 85 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 2006 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2006 | 90 | -- | -- | -- | 8 | 2 |
| Late October, 2006 | 94 | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 3 |
| Early October, 2006 | 93 | 75 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Early September, 2006 | 92 | -- | -- | -- | 5 | 3 |

[^1]
## PLANTO1/ PLANTO2 CONTI NUED. . .

|  | Yes, plan to vote | Absolutely certain | Fairly certain | Not certain | No, don't plan to | (VOL.) <br> DK/ Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2004 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 2004 | 97 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 98 | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| Early October, 2004 | 98 | 91 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| September, 2004 | 98 | 91 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| August, 2004 | 98 | 89 | 8 | 1 | 2 | * |
| June, 2004 | 96 | 85 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 2002 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early November, 2002 | 90 | -- | -- | -- | 8 | 2 |
| Early October, 2002 | 95 | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 2 |
| 2000 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early November, 2000 | 96 | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 1 |
| Late October, 2000 | 97 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 96 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 2 |
| Early October, 2000 | 97 | 87 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| September, 2000 | 95 | 84 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| June, 2000 | 95 | 84 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1998 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Late October, 1998 | 91 | -- | -- | -- | 6 | 3 |
| Early October, 1998 | 92 | -- | -- | -- | 4 | 4 |
| Early September, 1998 | 95 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 3 |
| Late August, 1998 | 93 | 75 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| June, 1998 | 95 | 74 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 1996 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 1996 | 96 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 2 |
| October, 1996 | 98 | 87 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Late September, 1996 | 98 | 89 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Early September, 1996 | 96 | 83 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| July, 1996 | 95 | 82 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| June, 1996 | 96 | 84 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 1994 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 1994 | 93 | -- | -- | -- | 5 | 2 |
| October, 1994 | 95 | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 2 |
| 1992 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October, 1992 | 98 | 91 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| September, 1992 | 98 | 85 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| August, 1992 | 97 | 89 | 8 | * | 1 | 2 |
| June, 1992 | 97 | 88 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 1988 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gallup: November, 1988 | 8897 | 87 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| October, 1988 | 98 | -- | -- | - | 1 | 1 |

## NO QUESTI ONS 3-6

Q. 7 What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district - national issues, local or state issues, the candidate's political party, or the candidate's character and experience? [IF MORE THAN ONE, PROBE WITH: Well, which is most important?]

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [ $\mathrm{N}=2431$ ]:



| Q. 7 CONTI NUED... |  |  |  |  | (VOL.) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | National | Local/State | Political | Character/ | (VOL.) | (VOL.) | DK/ |
|  | issues | issues | party | Experience | Other | None | Ref. |
| June, 2006 | 30 | 26 | 6 | 33 | 2 | * | 3 |
| 2002 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early November, 2002 | 23 | 38 | 7 | 26 | 2 | * | 4 |
| Early October, 2002 | 28 | 35 | 5 | 25 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| June, 2002 | 26 | 30 | 5 | 33 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2000 Election 26 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early October, 2000 | 21 | 42 | 9 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| July, 2000 | 18 | 40 | 6 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 1998 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Late October, 1998 | 20 | 39 | 5 | 27 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Early October, 1998 | 23 | 36 | 7 | 28 | 1 | * | 5 |
| Early September, 1998 | 22 | 34 | 5 | 33 | 2 | * | 4 |
| Early August, 1998 | 20 | 38 | 5 | 31 | 2 | * | 4 |
| June, 1998 | 22 | 37 | 4 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| March, 1998 | 18 | 37 | 6 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 1996 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 1996 | 23 | 38 | 6 | 25 | 2 | * | 6 |
| October, 1996 | 19 | 45 | 7 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Late September, 1996 | 25 | 38 | 6 | 24 | 2 | * | 5 |
| Early September, 1996 | 18 | 42 | 6 | 30 | 1 | * | 3 |
| 1994 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| November, 1994 | 22 | 38 | 5 | 30 | 1 | * | 4 |
| Late October, 1994 | 22 | 38 | 3 | 29 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Early October, 1994 | 22 | 27 | 5 | 39 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 1986 Election |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CBS/ NYT: 10/24-28, 1986 | 622 | 25 | 6 | 40 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| CBS/ NYT: 9/28-10/1, 198 | 8620 | 23 | 9 | 41 | 3 | * | 4 |

## ASK ALL:

Q. 8 As you think about the elections for Congress this November, how important are each of the following issues to you. Is the issue of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: As you think about the elections for Congress this November, is the issue of [ITEM] very, somewhat, not too, or not at all important to you?] [I NTERVI EWER: PLEASE RE-READ RESPONSE OPTI ONS AS NECESSARY TO REMI ND RESPONDENTS OF OPTI ONS]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [ $\mathrm{N}=2431$ ]:

## ASK ALL:

a. The economy
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010
Mid-October, 2008
August, 2008
Late May, 2008
October, 2007
June, 2007
Mid-October, 2004
August, 2004

| 90 | 9 | 1 |
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| 91 | 7 | 2 |
| 87 | 12 | 1 |
| 88 | 9 | 1 |
| 79 | 18 | 1 |
| 74 | 22 | 2 |
| 78 | 18 | 3 |
| 76 | 22 | 1 |


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| 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 1 | $*$ |
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ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1207$ ]:
b.F1 Gay marriage

| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 29 | 20 | 16 | 32 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 28 | 21 | 21 | 27 | 3 |
| August, 2008 | 28 | 20 | 18 | 32 | 2 |
| Late May, 2008 | 28 | 21 | 19 | 29 | 3 |
| October, 2007 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 32 | 4 |

## Q. 8 CONTI NUED...

|  | Very | Somew | Not too | Not | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Important | Important | Important | Important | Refused |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 32 | 22 | 19 | 24 | 3 |
| August, 2004 | 34 | 19 | 15 | 30 | 2 |

## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1224$ :]

b.F2 Same sex marriage

Jul 21-Aug 5, 201032

## b.F1/ b.F2

BASED ON ALL REGI STERED VOTERS:
Gay marriage/ Same sex marriage

Jul 21-Aug 5, 201031

## ASK ALL:

c. Abortion

| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 43 |
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| Mid-October, 2008 | 41 |
| August, 2008 | 39 |
| Late May, 2008 | 40 |
| October, 2007 | 39 |
| June, 2007 | 40 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 47 |
| August, 2004 | 45 |

ASK ALL:
d. The environment

Jul 21-Aug 5, 20
Mid-October, 2008
August, 2008
Late May, 2008
October, 2007
June, 2007
Mid-October, 2004
August, 2004
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## Q. 8 CONTI NUED...

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ N=1207]: \begin{tabular}{cccc}

| Very |
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| Important | \& | Somewhat |
| :---: |
| Important | \& | Not too |
| :---: |
| Important | \& | Not at all |
| :---: |
| Important |


 

Don't Know/ <br>
Refused
\end{tabular}

## h.F1 Energy

| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 62 | 30 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 78 | 18 | 3 | 1 | $*$ |
| August, 2008 | 77 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Late May, 2008 | 77 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| October, 2007 | 65 | 28 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| June, 2007 | 61 | 32 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 54 | 37 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| August, 2004 | 53 | 40 | 6 | $*$ | 1 |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $N=1207$ ]:
i.F1 The banking and financial system

Jul 21-Aug 5, 201065
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1224$ ]:
j.F2 Terrorism

| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 71 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 69 |
| August, 2008 | 72 |
| Late May, 2008 | 68 |
| October, 2007 | 69 |
| June, 2007 | 69 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 77 |
| August, 2004 | 75 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $N=1224$ ]:
k.F2 Health care

Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010
Mid-October, 2008
August, 2008
Late May, 2008
October, 2007
June, 2007
Mid-October, 2004
August, 2004
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## ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1224$ ]:

## I.F2 Taxes

Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010
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Mid-October, 2008
68
Late May, 2008
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October, 2007
June, 2007
Mid-October, 2004
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ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1224$ ]:
m.F2 The federal budget deficit

| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 69 | 22 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Late May, 2008 | 69 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| October, 2007 | 61 | 28 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 57 | 32 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| August, 2004 | 55 | 35 | 7 | 3 | $*$ |

ASK ALL:
Q. 9 How much, if anything, have you heard or read about the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year? Have you heard ... [READ]

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Jul 21-Aug 5
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| Jun 16-20 | May 20-23 | Mar 11-21 |
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| $\frac{2010}{30}$ | $\frac{2010}{38}$ | $\frac{2010^{5}}{26}$ |
| 43 | 38 | 42 |
| 26 | 24 | 30 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.9=1,2):
Q. 10 From what you know, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

## BASED ON TOTAL:

| Jul 21-Aug 5 <br> $\frac{2010}{8}$ | Strongly agree | Jun 16-20 <br> 2010 | May 20-23 | Mar 11-21 |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | Agree | 15 | 10 | $\frac{2010}{9}$ |
| 9 | Disagree | 10 | 15 | 15 |
| 9 | Strongly disagree | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| 37 | No opinion either way | 30 | 31 | 7 |
| 1 | Refused (VOL.) | $*$ | 1 | 29 |
| 21 | Not heard of Tea Party/DK | 27 | 25 | 1 |

## QUESTI ONS 11-58 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

[^2]ASK ALL:
PARTY
In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?
ASK IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY:
PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) <br> No preference | (VOL.) Other party | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref | Lean <br> Rep | Lean Dem |
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| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 26 | 33 | 34 | 4 | * | 3 | 14 | 14 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 27 | 34 | 34 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 15 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010 | 26 | 33 | 36 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 13 |
| Apr 8-11, 2010 | 23 | 32 | 38 | 5 | * | 2 | 17 | 13 |
| Apr 1-5, 2010 | 24 | 29 | 40 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 15 |
| Mar 18-21, 2010 | 24 | 30 | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 13 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 28 | 34 | 32 | 3 | * | 3 | 13 | 12 |
| Mar 10-14, 2010 | 22 | 33 | 37 | 6 | * | 3 | 14 | 13 |
| Feb 3-9, 2010 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 3 | * | 3 | 14 | 17 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 22 | 33 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 16 |
| Dec 9-13, 2009 | 25 | 32 | 38 | 2 | * | 2 | 14 | 15 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 27 | 35 | 32 | 3 | * | 2 | 13 | 13 |
| Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 23 | 34 | 37 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 14 |
| Sep 10-15, 2009 | 23 | 34 | 34 | 4 | * | 5 | 13 | 17 |
| Aug 20-27, 2009 | 26 | 32 | 36 | 3 | * | 3 | 14 | 16 |
| Aug 11-17, 2009 | 23 | 33 | 38 | 3 | * | 3 | 16 | 15 |
| Jul 22-26, 2009 | 22 | 34 | 37 | 5 | * | 2 | 15 | 14 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 25 | 34 | 34 | 3 | * | 3 | 11 | 16 |
| Yearly Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2009 | 23.9 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 3.4 | . 4 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 |
| 2008 | 25.3 | 35.8 | 31.7 | 3.8 | . 3 | 3.1 | 10.5 | 15.4 |
| 2007 | 25.4 | 32.9 | 33.7 | 4.6 | . 4 | 3.1 | 10.7 | 16.7 |
| 2006 | 27.6 | 32.8 | 30.3 | 5.0 | . 4 | 3.9 | 10.2 | 14.5 |
| 2005 | 29.2 | 32.8 | 30.3 | 4.5 | . 3 | 2.8 | 10.2 | 14.9 |
| 2004 | 29.7 | 33.4 | 29.8 | 3.9 | . 4 | 2.9 | 11.7 | 13.4 |
| 2003 | 29.8 | 31.4 | 31.2 | 4.7 | . 5 | 2.5 | 12.1 | 13.0 |
| 2002 | 30.3 | 31.2 | 30.1 | 5.1 | . 7 | 2.7 | 12.6 | 11.6 |
| 2001 | 29.2 | 33.6 | 28.9 | 5.1 | . 5 | 2.7 | 11.7 | 11.4 |
| 2001 Post-Sept 11 | 30.9 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 5.2 | . 6 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 9.4 |
| 2001 Pre-Sept 11 | 28.2 | 34.6 | 29.5 | 5.0 | . 5 | 2.1 | 11.7 | 12.5 |
| 2000 | 27.5 | 32.5 | 29.5 | 5.9 | . 5 | 4.0 | 11.6 | 11.6 |
| 1999 | 26.6 | 33.5 | 33.7 | 3.9 | . 5 | 1.9 | 13.0 | 14.5 |
| 1998 | 27.5 | 33.2 | 31.9 | 4.6 | . 4 | 2.4 | 11.8 | 13.5 |
| 1997 | 28.2 | 33.3 | 31.9 | 4.0 | . 4 | 2.3 | 12.3 | 13.8 |
| 1996 | 29.2 | 32.7 | 33.0 | 5.2 | -- | -- | 12.7 | 15.6 |
| 1995 | 31.4 | 29.7 | 33.4 | 5.4 | -- | -- | 14.4 | 12.9 |
| 1994 | 29.8 | 31.8 | 33.8 | 4.6 | -- | -- | 14.3 | 12.6 |
| 1993 | 27.4 | 33.8 | 34.0 | 4.8 | -- | -- | 11.8 | 14.7 |
| 1992 | 27.7 | 32.7 | 35.7 | 3.9 | -- | -- | 13.8 | 15.8 |
| 1991 | 30.9 | 31.4 | 33.2 | 4.5 | -- | -- | 14.6 | 10.8 |
| 1990 | 31.0 | 33.1 | 29.1 | 6.8 | -- | -- | 12.4 | 11.3 |
| 1989 | 33 | 33 | 34 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1987 | 26 | 35 | 39 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

# PEW RESEARCH CENTER NEWS I NTEREST I NDEX AUGUST 5-8, 2010 OMNI BUS <br> FI NAL TOPLI NE <br> $\mathrm{N}=\mathbf{1 0 0 2}$ 

ASK ALL:
Now thinking about Barack Obama...
PEW. 4 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Barack Obama? Just the one word that best describes him. [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE].

| Aug 5-8 | 8, 2010 | Jan 6-10, 2010 A |  | Apr 14-21, 2009 F |  | Feb 4-8 | 8, 2009 | Septem | mber, 2008 (RV) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 49 | Good | 25 | Intelligent | 30 | Intelligent | 33 | Intelligent | 55 | Inexperienced |
| 36 | Trying | 21 | Inexperienced | d 29 | Good | 17 | Change | 36 | Change |
| 32 | Disappointing | 21 | Trying | 20 | Socialist | 16 | Honest | 20 | Intelligent |
| 25 | Fair | 18 | Good | 17 | Liberal | 15 | Confident | 20 | Young |
| 22 | Incompetent | 15 | Socialist | 16 | Great | 15 | Inexperienced | 15 | Charismatic |
| 18 | Intelligent | 12 | Honest | 15 | Confident | 14 | Hope | 14 | New |
| 17 | Idiot | 12 | Unqualified | 13 | Inexperienced | d 13 | Smart | 12 | Energetic |
| 17 | President | 11 | Arrogant | 12 | Honest | 13 | Socialist | 12 | Hope |
| 15 | Liar | 11 | Fair | 12 | Trying | 12 | Good | 12 | Liberal |
| 15 | Socialist | 11 | Incompetent | 11 | Smart | 11 | Charismatic | 10 | Honest |
| 14 | Competent | 10 | Confident | 10 | Change | 10 | Great | 9 | Fresh |
| 13 | Great | 10 | Different | 10 | Competent | 9 | Fantastic | 9 | Scary |
| 12 | OK | 10 | Strong | 10 | Excellent | 9 | Leader | 8 | Different |
| 11 | Excellent | 8 | Change | 10 | Spender | 9 | Trying | 7 | Enthusiastic |
| 10 | Charismatic | 8 | Great | 9 | Arrogant | 8 | Determined | 7 | Unqualified |
| 10 | Inexperienced | - 7 | OK | 9 | Hope | 8 | Different | 6 | Committed |
| 10 | Leader | 7 | Smart | 8 | Charismatic | 8 | Liberal | 6 | Good |
| 10 | Unqualified | 6 | Capable | 8 | President | 8 | President | 6 | Innovative |
| 8 | Overwhelmed | 6 | Disappointing | g 7 | Different | 8 | Sincere | 6 | Inspiring |
| 7 | Bad | 6 | Excellent | 7 | Leader | 7 | Arrogant | 6 | Liar |
| 7 | Determined | 6 | Fake | 5 | Caring | 7 | Awesome | 6 | Socialist |
| 7 | Not good | 6 | Leader | 5 | Determined | 7 | Competent | 5 | Dishonest |
| 6 | Awesome | 6 | Liar | 5 | Efficient | 7 | Energetic | 5 | Fake |
| 6 | Failure | 5 | Charismatic | 5 | Strong | 6 | Dedicated | 5 | Leader |
| 6 | Hope | 5 | Communist | 5 | Young | 6 | Excellent | 5 | Phony |
| 6 | Impressive | 5 | Idiot | 4 | Ambitious | 6 | Fresh | 5 | Unknown |
| 6 | Liberal | 5 | Liberal | 4 | Awesome | 6 | Naïve | 4 | Arrogant |
| 6 | Mediocre | 5 | President | 4 | Capable | 5 | Committed | 4 | Idealist |
| 6 | Wonderful | 4 | Clueless | 4 | I mpressed | 5 | New | 4 | Interesting |
| 5 | Alright | 4 | Competent | 4 | Incompetent | 5 | Outstanding | 4 | Opportunist |
| 5 | Average | 4 | Dedicated | 4 | Integrity | 5 | Young | 4 | Uncertain |
| 5 | Dedicated | 4 | Determined | 4 | Naïve | 4 | Amazing |  | ( $\mathrm{N}=629$ ) |
| 5 | Honest | 4 | Dishonest | 4 | Politician | 4 | Capable |  |  |
| 5 | Inept | 4 | Hopeful |  | ( $\mathrm{N}=742$ ) | 4 | Dynamic |  |  |
| 5 | Persistent | 4 | Integrity |  |  | 4 | Enthusiastic |  |  |
| 5 | Smart | 4 | Young |  |  | 4 | Fair |  |  |
| 5 | Strong |  | ( $\mathrm{N}=\mathbf{7 4 0}$ ) |  |  | 4 | Integrity |  |  |
| 4 | Adequate |  |  |  |  | 4 | OK |  |  |
| 4 | Awful |  |  |  |  | 4 | Good speaker |  |  |
| 4 | Challenged |  |  |  |  | 4 | Strong |  |  |
| 4 | Change |  |  |  |  | 4 | Surprising |  |  |
| 4 | Confident |  |  |  |  |  | ( $\mathrm{N}=660$ ) |  |  |
| 4 | Democrat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Ineffective |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Loser |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}4 & \text { Outstanding } \\ 4 & \text { Terrible } \\ 4 & \text { Thoughtful } \\ \\ & (\mathbf{N}=1002)\end{array}$ | OutstandingTerribleThoughtful$(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 0 0 2 )}$ | NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages. Counts include close variations on the same word (e.g., young/ youthful) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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[^0]:    1 Gallup trends based on general public.

[^1]:    2 November 1996 trends based on likely voters.
    3 Question began with "Thinking ahead to November," on June 16-20, 2010 and March 11-21, 2010 surveys. Surveys prior to March, 2010 did not ask specifically about voting in the "Congressional election."
    4 In Mid-October 2008 and from Mid-October 2004 to November 2006 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted. In November 2006, Early November 2002, Early November, 2000, Late October 1998, November 1996 and November 1994 the question was worded: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?"

[^2]:    5 In March 11-21, 2010, question was worded: "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year?"

