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**JANUARY 2012 POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS & METHODS STUDY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**January 4-8, 2012**  
**N=1,507**

**QUESTIONS 1-39 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**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?

74	Yes, registered
71	Absolutely certain
3	Chance registration has lapsed
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
26	No, not registered
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote...**[READ IN ORDER]?**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1165]:**

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never vote</u>	<b>(VOL.) Other</b>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Jan 4-8, 2012	60	24	8	6	1	1	*
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	62	24	8	4	1	*	*
Oct 27-30, 2010	58	24	11	5	2	1	*
Oct 13-18, 2010	57	27	10	4	2	1	*
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	59	26	9	4	1	*	*
June 16-20, 2010	52	31	11	5	1	1	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	62	23	7	5	1	1	1
November, 2008	60	23	8	5	2	2	*
Late October, 2008	57	26	8	5	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2008	57	27	7	5	3	1	*
Early October, 2008	53	27	9	6	3	1	1
Late September, 2008	55	27	9	6	2	1	*
Mid-September, 2008	54	28	10	5	2	1	*
August, 2008	55	29	9	4	2	1	*
July, 2008	53	30	10	4	1	1	1
January, 2007	58	29	9	3	1	*	*
November, 2006	58	26	8	5	2	1	*
Late October, 2006	58	27	9	4	1	1	*
Early October, 2006	47	36	10	3	2	1	1
September, 2006	56	28	9	6	1	*	*
May, 2006	60	26	8	4	1	*	1
December, 2005	60	24	9	4	2	1	1
December, 2004	64	22	8	4	1	*	1
November, 2004	62	21	7	6	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2004	63	22	7	5	2	1	*
Early October, 2004	58	25	9	4	2	1	1
September, 2004	58	27	9	5	2	1	1
August, 2004	56	28	9	5	2	*	1
July, 2004	54	31	9	4	1	*	*

## OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
June, 2004	57	29	7	5	1	1	1
May, 2004	56	27	10	4	2	1	1
April, 2004	55	29	9	5	1	1	1
Late March, 2004	50	31	11	6	1	*	1
Mid-March, 2004	55	30	9	5	1	*	*
February, 2004	55	29	12	3	*	*	*
January, 2004	54	30	10	4	2	1	*
August, 2003	53	30	10	5	1	*	*
June, 2003	48	36	11	3	2	1	0
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*
May, 2002	53	31	9	5	1	*	1
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	1	2	0
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	*	3	*
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*
July, 2000	48	30	13	6	2	1	*
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*
May, 2000	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
April, 2000	50	30	12	6	2	1	*
March, 2000	49	34	12	4	1	1	0
February, 2000	53	32	10	4	1	0	*
January, 2000	50	34	12	4	1	*	*
October, 1999	39	47	9	2	1	*	*
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*
Late August, 1998	48	35	13	4	*	0	*
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0
May, 1998	52	29	12	6	1	1	*
November, 1997	42	44	10	3	1	*	*
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*
June, 1997	54	30	10	4	*	*	*
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*
Early September, 1996	53	29	12	4	1	*	*
July, 1996	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*
Late April, 1996	44	37	11	5	1	1	1
Early April, 1996	49	35	10	5	1	*	*
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*
May, 1993	57	31	7	4	1	1	*
Early October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*
Early May, 1992	49	35	10	4	1	*	*
March, 1992	47	36	11	6	*	*	*

## OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>(VOL.) Never vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
February, 1992	50	36	9	4	*	--	2
January 1992 (GP) <sup>1</sup>	40	35	11	11	4	--	*
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	*	*
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*
January, 1989 (GP)	45	30	10	8	6	1	*
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*
October, 1988	51	37	8	3	1	*	*
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*
September, 1988	51	40	6	2	*	1	*
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*

## ASK ALL:

Q.40 How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates 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>
Jan 4-8, 2012	31	30	18	19	1
Nov 9-14, 2011 <sup>2</sup>	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: 2008 Presidential Election</b>					
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

<sup>1</sup> Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

<sup>2</sup> 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?"

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.41 Looking ahead, would you like to see Barack Obama re-elected president in 2012 or would you prefer that a Republican candidate win the election? **[INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "OTHER" OR "SOMEONE ELSE," PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, would you like to see Barack Obama re-elected or would you prefer that a Republican candidate win the election?"]**

	-----Total-----			-----Registered Voters-----		
	Obama re-elected	Prefer Republican	(VOL.) Other/DK	Obama re-elected	Prefer Republican	(VOL.) Other/DK
Jan 4-8, 2012	44	37	19	41	41	19
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	38	19	43	40	17
Jul 20-24, 2011	42	37	20	41	40	19
May 25-30, 2011	48	35	18	48	37	15
Mar 8-14, 2011	48	35	17	47	37	16

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

Looking ahead to the general election in November, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected president in 2004 or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election? **[INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "OTHER" OR "SOMEONE ELSE," PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose, would you like to see George W. Bush re-elected or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?"]**

	-----Total-----			-----Registered Voters-----		
	Bush re-elected	Prefer Democrat	(VOL.) Other/DK	Bush re-elected	Prefer Democrat	(VOL.) Other/DK
Mid-January, 2004	44	40	16	48	38	14
Early January, 2004	43	43	14	44	42	14
December, 2003	47	38	15	49	37	14
October, 2003	40	44	16	42	42	16
September, 2003	44	43	13	45	43	12
August, 2003	40	39	21	43	38	19
Mid-July, 2003	45	37	18	47	37	16
April, 2003	46	35	19	48	34	18

Looking ahead, would you like to see Bill Clinton re-elected or would you prefer that a Republican candidate or an Independent candidate be elected President?<sup>3</sup>

	-----Total-----				-----Registered Voters-----			
	Clinton re-elected	Prefer Republican	Prefer ind.	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Clinton re-elected	Prefer Republican	Prefer ind.	(VOL.) DK/Ref
October, 1995	34	33	26	7	35	35	24	7
August, 1995	32	35	26	7	33	36	23	8
March, 1995	31	38	23	8	--	--	--	--
December, 1994	33	40	18	9	33	43	16	9

Would you like to see George Bush re-elected President in November or would you prefer that a Democratic candidate win the election?

	-----Total-----			-----Registered Voters-----		
	G.H.W. Bush re-elected	Prefer Democrat	(VOL.) Other/DK	G.H.W. Bush re-elected	Prefer Democrat	(VOL.) Other/DK
February, 1992	40	48	12	39	49	12
January, 1992	42	42	16	41	45	14
November, 1991	41	43	16	41	44	15

<sup>3</sup> For 1993-1995 Clinton trends, if respondent did not answer, they were prompted to say who they leaned towards. Percentages shown include leaners in each answer category.

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

Q.XX 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=1,165]:**

		<b>SELECTED TRENDS FOR COMPARISON<sup>4</sup>:</b>									
		Nov	Aug	May	Oct		Sep	Oct	Oct	Jan	
Jan 4-8		9-14	17-21	25-30	Rep	Dem	Dem	Rep	Dem	Rep	Dem
<u>2012</u>		<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>
3	Excellent	5	4	3	3	9	3	3	2	4	2
27	Good	23	22	22	28	35	29	30	19	36	29
35	Only fair	36	38	35	40	33	39	44	39	41	44
27	Poor	28	26	27	19	17	15	19	16	11	17
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	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=549]:**

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 4-8, 2012	5	46	34	10	6
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:**

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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>4</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.42 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 REP/REP-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=549]:**

Jan 4-8 <u>2012</u>		Dec 7-11 <u>2011</u>	Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>	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>
27	Mitt Romney	21	23	21	21	21	17
16	Rick Santorum	3	2	2	1	2	2
16	Newt Gingrich	33	16	7	3	11	9
12	Ron Paul	8	8	11	9	8	10
6	Rick Perry	4	8	16	12	--	--
2	Jon Huntsman	3	1	1	2	--	--
1	Other <b>(VOL.)</b> <sup>5</sup>	*	*	1	1	1	5
--	Michele Bachmann	6	5	4	11	--	--
--	Herman Cain	--	22	12	8	--	--
--	Sarah Palin	--	--	9	11	13	16
--	Tim Pawlenty	--	--	--	3	3	5
--	Mike Huckabee	--	--	--	--	20	19
--	Mitch Daniels	--	--	--	--	2	--
--	Haley Barbour	--	--	--	--	2	2
--	Chris Christie	--	--	--	--	2	--
4	None <b>(VOL.)</b>	10	4	5	5	5	4
5	Too early to tell <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	5	5	7	3	--
10	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7	5	5	8	7	10

**ASK IF HAS FIRST CHOICE (Q.42=2-8):**

Q.43 Who, if anyone, would be your second choice for the Republican nomination in 2012? **[READ OPTIONS IF NECESSARY IN SAME ORDER AS Q.42, ELIMINATING NAME CHOSEN IN Q.42]**

**BASED ON REP/REP-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=549]:**

Jan 4-8, 2012			Nov 9-14, 2011			Jul 20-24, 2011		
First choice	Second choice	Total	First choice	Second choice	Total	First choice	Second choice	Total
27	19	46	23	19	42	21	14	35
16	14	30	2	3	5	1	2	3
16	15	31	16	19	35	3	4	6
12	7	19	8	3	12	9	4	13
6	9	16	8	8	16	12	7	18
2	4	6	1	2	3	2	3	5
1	1	1	*	3	3	1	2	3
--	--	--	5	6	11	11	14	24
--	--	--	22	14	36	8	5	13
--	--	--	--	--	--	11	10	21
--	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	5
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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4	7	4	4	5	4	5	9	5
5	1	5	5	1	5	7	*	7
10	4	10	5	4	5	8	5	8
--	19	--	--	14	--	--	20	--

<sup>5</sup> 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.

## Q.43 CONTINUED...

	Mar 8-14, 2011		
	First	Second	
	<u>choice</u>	<u>choice</u>	<u>Total</u>
Newt Gingrich	11	11	23
Mitt Romney	21	10	31
Ron Paul	8	7	16
Rick Perry	--	--	--
Rick Santorum	2	3	4
Jon Huntsman	--	--	--
Other <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	4	5
Michele Bachmann	--	--	--
Herman Cain	--	--	--
Sarah Palin	13	14	27
Tim Pawlenty	3	3	6
Mike Huckabee	20	15	35
Mitch Daniels	2	2	5
Haley Barbour	2	2	4
Chris Christie	2	1	2
None <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	7	5
Too early to tell <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	2	3
Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	7	3	7
No first choice/DK	--	15	--

## NO QUESTION 44

## QUESTIONS 45- 65 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?

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

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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
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 <sup>6</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

<sup>6</sup> 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."



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**ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 Thinking about Republican candidates for president in 2012... Regardless of whom you might prefer, which Republican candidate have you heard the most about in the news recently? **[OPEN END.**

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		Dec	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Jun	Jun	May	Apr
		1-4	13-16	8-11	18-21	21-24	16-19	2-5	12-15	14-17
Jan 5-8		<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>2012</u>										
39	Mitt Romney	5	18	12	7	13	27	22	7	9
11	Newt Gingrich	13	*	1	1	1	5	2	12	1
9	Rick Santorum	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6	Ron Paul	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	*
3	Rick Perry	3	12	31	22	3	*	*	*	*
3	Michele Bachmann	*	1	7	23	23	5	1	1	*
*	Jon Huntsman	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	Gary Johnson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	Herman Cain	43	23	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
2	Other									
26	None/DK/Ref.	32	39	37	35	44	45	41	50	53