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RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- Approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 13-18, 2013	51	41	7	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
May 2, 2011	56	38	6	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

See past presidents' approval trends: [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 13-18, 2013	31	64	5	May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	May 2, 2011	32	60	8
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	August, 2003	40	53	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	<i>April 8, 2003</i>	50	41	9
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	January, 2003	44	50	6
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	May, 2002	44	44	12
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	March, 2002	50	40	10
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
December, 2008	13	83	4	February, 2001	46	43	11
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	January, 2001	55	41	4
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
August, 2008	21	74	5	September, 2000	51	41	8
July, 2008	19	74	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
June, 2008	19	76	5	April, 2000	48	43	9
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	August, 1999	56	39	5
March, 2008	22	72	6	January, 1999	53	41	6
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	November, 1998	46	44	10
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
October, 2007	28	66	6	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
February, 2007	30	61	9	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	February, 1998	59	37	4
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	January, 1998	46	50	4
December, 2006	28	65	7	September, 1997	45	49	6
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	August, 1997	49	46	5
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	January, 1997	38	58	4
July, 2006	30	65	5	July, 1996	29	67	4
May, 2006*	29	65	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
March, 2006	32	63	5	October, 1995	23	73	4
January, 2006	34	61	5	June, 1995	25	73	2
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	April, 1995	23	74	3
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	July, 1994	24	73	3
July, 2005	35	58	7	March, 1994	24	71	5
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	October, 1993	22	73	5
February, 2005	38	56	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
January, 2005	40	54	6	May, 1993	22	71	7
December, 2004	39	54	7	January, 1993	39	50	11
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	January, 1992	28	68	4
July, 2004	38	55	7	November, 1991	34	61	5
May, 2004	33	61	6	<i>Gallup: Late Feb, 1991</i>	66	31	3
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	August, 1990	47	48	5
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	May, 1990	41	54	5
December, 2003	44	47	9	January, 1989	45	50	5
October, 2003	38	56	6	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

¹ In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

ASK ALL:

Q.3 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			
Feb 13-18, 2013	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
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 ²	34	43	22
Nov 4-7, 2010	41	37	22
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

² 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.3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 ³	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			
Feb 13-18, 2013	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
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

³ 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?"

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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 ⁴	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 ⁵	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
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

ASK ALL:

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

- Q.4 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			
Feb 13-18, 2013	40	56	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	43	53	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
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

⁴ In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

⁵ 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>
b. The federal budget deficit			
Feb 13-18, 2013	34	58	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	58	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	62	5
Nov 9-14, 2011	34	57	9
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 immigration policy			
Feb 13-18, 2013	44	43	13
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
d. Gun policies			
Feb 13-18, 2013	44	49	8
e. Climate change			
Feb 13-18, 2013	44	34	22
May 2010 ⁶	45	37	18
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 ⁷	44	32	24

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

f.F1 The nation's foreign policy			
Feb 13-18, 2013	44	42	14
Jan 11-16, 2012	46	45	10
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 2 ONLY [N=764]:

g.F2 The situation in Afghanistan			
Feb 13-18, 2013	46	42	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	42	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	56	37	7
May 2, 2011	60	29	11
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	43	45	11
Jan 6-9, 2011	44	42	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	46	9

⁶ Trend from the Pew Research Center's Global Attitudes Project
⁷ Oct. 28-Nov. 8, 2009 survey asked about "global climate change."

Q.4 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 21-26, 2010	41	42	17
Mar 10-14, 2010	51	35	15
Jan 6-10, 2010	45	43	12
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	36	49	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	47	33	19

NO QUESTIONS 5-6**ASK ALL:**

- Q.7 Next, how essential do you think it is for the president and Congress to act on the following issues THIS YEAR? (First,) Is **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** ESSENTIAL to do THIS YEAR, something that can be done in the next few years, or should it not be done? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Is this essential to do this year, can it be done in the next few years, or should it not be done]?**

	<u>Essential this year</u>	<u>Next few years</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Passing major legislation to reduce the federal budget deficit February 13-18, 2013	70	21	4	5
b. Passing major legislation about gun policies February 13-18, 2013	46	21	29	3
c. Passing major legislation about immigration February 13-18, 2013	51	37	7	5
d. Setting new federal policies about climate change February 13-18, 2013	34	39	19	8

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN Q.7 IS ESSENTIAL (Q.7a-d=1 FOR 2+ ITEMS):

- Q.8 If you had to choose just one of these issues, which one would be the MOST essential for the president and Congress to act on this year? **[READ JUST ITEMS RESPONDENT NAMED AS ESSENTIAL IN Q7 IN SAME ORDER AS Q7]**

BASED ON TOTAL

Feb 13-18 <u>2013</u> ⁸	
51	The federal budget deficit
17	Gun policies
15	Immigration
7	Climate change
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
8	<i>None essential in Q.7</i>

NO QUESTION 9

⁸ Includes those who named only one issue as essential in Q.7.

ASK ALL:

Q.10 And thinking about these same issues, who do you think has the better approach to dealing with **[INSERT ITEM; SAME ORDER AS Q.7]** Barack Obama or Republicans in Congress? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Who do you think has the better approach to dealing with (ITEM)?]**

	Barack <u>Obama</u>	Republicans <u>in Congress</u>	(VOL.) <u>Same/No difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither/ Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The federal budget deficit					
Feb 13-18, 2013	45	38	1	8	7
<i>Newsweek</i> : Feb 17-18, 2010 ⁹	42	33	1	14	10
b. Gun policies					
Feb 13-18, 2013	45	39	1	6	8
c. Immigration					
Feb 13-18, 2013	50	33	1	5	10
d. Climate change					
Feb 13-18, 2013	47	26	2	8	17
<i>Newsweek</i> : Feb 17-18, 2010 ¹⁰	38	26	1	11	24

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.11 In your view, as Congress and the president discuss steps to reduce the budget deficit over the coming months, should they focus **[RANDOMIZE: ONLY on spending cuts, ONLY on tax increases]** or should they do a combination of both?

ASK IF COMBINATION OF BOTH (Q11=3):

Q.12 If both spending cuts and tax increases are being considered should the focus be **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

BASED ON TOTAL

Feb 13-18

2013

19	Only on spending cuts
3	Only on tax increases
76	Combination of both
54	Mostly on spending cuts
16	Mostly on tax increases
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
*	Deficit is not a priority/Don't focus on deficit (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
73	NET Only/Mostly spending cuts
19	NET Only/Mostly tax increases

NO QUESTIONS 13-14

⁹ Feb 17-18, ²⁰¹⁰, Newsweek survey asked: "As I read you some different issues and problems, please tell me who you think has the better approach to dealing with each one--Barack Obama or Republicans in Congress. Who do you think has the better approach on...dealing with government debt and the federal budget deficit?"

¹⁰ Feb 17-18, ²⁰¹⁰, Newsweek survey asked: "As I read you some different issues and problems, please tell me who you think has the better approach to dealing with each one--Barack Obama or Republicans in Congress. Who do you think has the better approach on...dealing with government debt and the federal budget deficit?"

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about some issues...

- Q.15 What should be the priority for dealing with illegal immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE; (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements] OR should BOTH be given equal priority?**

	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our <u>immigration laws.</u>	Creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet <u>certain requirements</u>	Both should be given equal <u>priority</u>	(VOL.) None of these	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Feb 13-18, 2013	25	25	47	1	2
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	27	42	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	29	24	43	2	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	35	21	42	1	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	30	23	44	1	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	33	22	42	1	3

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about some issues...

- Q.15 What should be the priority for dealing with illegal immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE; (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements] OR should BOTH be given equal priority?**

ASK IF BOTH (Q.15=3):

- Q.16 If you had to choose, which ONE would you say should be the bigger priority? **[READ ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS IN Q.15: (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements]?**

BASED ON TOTAL

Feb 13-18

2013

25	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws
25	Creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements
47	Both should be given equal priority
22	If had to choose, border security and enforcement
24	If had to choose, creating a way to become citizens
1	If had to choose, Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
1	None of these (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
47	NET Border security and enforcement
49	NET Creating a way to become citizens

ASK ALL:

- Q.17 Which one of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 13-18 <u>2013</u>		Oct 24-28 <u>2012</u>	Mar 7-11 <u>2012</u>	Feb 22-Mar 1 <u>2011</u>
54	Developing alternative sources, such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology	47	52	63
34	Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas	39	39	29
7	Both should be given equal priority (VOL.)	9	5	6
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	4	2

ASK ALL:

Q.18 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]?

	----- FAVOR -----			----- OPPOSE -----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Net	<i>Strongly favor</i>	<i>Favor</i>	Net	<i>Strongly oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	
a. An increase in the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9.00 an hour							
Feb 13-18, 2013	71	36	34	26	10	16	3
January, 2007 ¹¹	84	48	36	14	6	8	2
March, 2006	86	49	37	11	3	8	3
December, 2004	86	53	33	12	4	8	2
June, 2001	87	49	38	12	4	8	1
October, 1999	82	48	34	16	4	12	2
February, 1998	80	48	32	19	5	14	1
b. Setting stricter emission limits on power plants in order to address climate change							
Feb 13-18, 2013	62	28	33	28	10	18	10

ASK ALL:

Q.19 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	Protect right of Americans	Control	(VOL.)
	<u>to own guns</u>	<u>gun ownership</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 13-18, 2013	46	50	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	45	51	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	49	9
July 26-29, 2012	46	47	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	49	45	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	49	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	47	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	50	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	46	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	49	6
April, 2008	37	58	5
November, 2007	42	55	3
April, 2007	32	60	8
February, 2004	37	58	5
June, 2003	42	54	4
May, 2000	38	57	5
April, 2000	37	55	8
March, 2000	29	66	5
June, 1999	33	62	5
May, 1999	30	65	5
December, 1993	34	57	9

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In January 2007, the question was worded, "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour." March 2006, December 2004, June 2011 and October 2009, the question was worded: "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.45 an hour." In February 1998, the question was worded: "An increase in the minimum wage, from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.15 an hour."

ASK ALL:

Q.20 Please tell me if you favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you favor or oppose [ITEM]?**

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	A ban on high-capacity ammunition clips that hold more than 10 bullets			
	Feb 13-18, 2013	53	44	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	54	42	4
	Dec 17-19, 2012	53	42	5
b.	Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks			
	Feb 13-18, 2013	83	15	2
	Jan 9-13, 2012	85	12	3
c.	A ban on assault style weapons			
	Feb 13-18, 2013	56	41	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	55	40	5

NO QUESTIONS 21, 24-27, 29-37

QUESTIONS 22-23, 28, 38-39 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.40 How much, if anything, have you heard about major cuts in defense and domestic government spending that will automatically happen on March 1st unless the president and Congress reach an agreement on deficit reduction? Have you heard...**[READ IN ORDER]**

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27	A lot
43	A little
29	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.41 If the president and Congress can't reach a deficit reduction agreement before the March 1st deadline **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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49	Would it be better to delay the automatic spending cuts
40	Would it be better to let the automatic spending cuts go into effect
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.42 If a deficit reduction agreement is not reached before the deadline, who do you think would be more to blame **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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49	Republicans in Congress
31	President Obama
11	Both equally (VOL.)
1	Neither (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 43-47, 55-60

QUESTIONS 48-54, 61-64 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?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Feb. 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Yearly Totals								
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
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
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 REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=610]:

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

Feb 13-18 <u>2013</u>		Jan 9-13 <u>2013</u>
36	Agree	35
9	Disagree	10
52	No opinion either way	51
1	Haven't heard of (VOL.)	2
3	Refused (VOL.)	2