

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
JUNE 2012 VOTER ATTITUDES SURVEY
June 7-17, 2012
N=2013

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]**

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

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?

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7				
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5				
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9				

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?"

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

ASK ALL:

Q.3 Is your overall opinion of [INSERT NAME, RANDOMIZE a-b FOLLOWED BY c-f; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about [NEXT NAME]? [IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE.""]

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
a. Barack Obama								
Jun 7-17, 2012	53	20	33	44	22	21	0	4
Mar 7-11, 2012	56	24	32	41	25	16	*	3
Feb 8-12, 2012	54	22	32	42	26	16	*	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	51	23	28	45	24	21	0	4
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								
Jun 7-17, 2012	38	7	31	47	21	25	3	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	29	6	23	51	21	30	5	15
Feb 8-12, 2012	32	7	25	49	20	29	6	13
Jan 11-16, 2012	31	7	24	45	17	27	9	14
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. Michelle Obama								
Jun 7-17, 2012	68	33	35	21	11	10	1	10
Jan 11-16, 2012	66	33	34	21	10	12	*	12
Mar 8-14, 2011	69	30	39	21	9	12	1	9
Dec 2-5, 2010	62	30	31	27	15	12	1	10
Jun 10-13, 2010	69	31	38	22	9	12	1	9
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	71	33	38	16	8	8	1	11
Jun 10-14, 2009	76	36	39	14	5	9	1	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	76	36	40	13	4	9	1	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	68	28	40	15	4	11	2	15
Mid-September, 2008	56	23	33	25	11	14	2	17
Late May, 2008	43	14	29	21	8	13	4	32

Q.3 CONTINUED...

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
d. Mitt Romney's wife, Ann Romney Jun 7-17, 2012	29	9	19	17	7	9	14	41

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

Cindy McCain Late May, 2008	40	8	32	18	6	12	5	37
Teresa Heinz Kerry August, 2004	43	15	28	30	13	17	8	19
Al Gore's wife, Tipper Gore May 2000	52	12	40	19	8	11	8	21
George W. Bush's wife, Laura Bush May 2000	41	10	31	11	4	7	16	32
Elizabeth Dole April, 1996	43	11	32	26	9	17	5	26

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1002]:

e.F1 Hillary Clinton Jun 7-17, 2012	63	24	39	28	11	17	1	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	62	26	36	31	16	15	1	6
Dec 2-5, 2010	59	24	35	34	15	20	2	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	66	26	40	28	11	17	1	6
Late May, 2008	48	17	31	44	22	22	*	8
April, 2008	49	16	33	47	23	24	0	4
March, 2008	50	16	34	44	23	21	*	6
Late February, 2008	51	19	32	44	23	21	0	5
Early February, 2008	52	20	32	42	24	18	*	6
January, 2008	52	20	32	44	25	19	*	4
Late December, 2007	50	21	29	44	26	18	*	6
August, 2007	55	21	34	39	21	18	2	4
December, 2006	56	22	34	39	21	18	*	5
April, 2006	54	20	34	42	21	21	1	3
Late October, 2005	56	20	36	38	19	19	1	5
Late March, 2005	57	22	35	36	17	19	*	7
December, 2002	47	15	32	44	23	21	1	8
July, 2001	53	20	33	42	23	19	1	4
January, 2001	60	25	35	35	16	19	*	5
May, 2000	49	15	34	42	22	20	1	8
Early December, 1998	66	32	34	31	15	16	*	3
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	58	24	34	36	18	18	*	6
Early September, 1998	64	24	40	31	13	18	0	5
Late August, 1998	63	25	38	34	13	21	*	3
March, 1998	65	26	39	31	14	17	*	4
January, 1997	57	17	40	40	17	23	*	3
June, 1996	53	13	40	43	17	26	*	4
April, 1996	49	12	37	46	19	27	0	5
February, 1996	42	14	28	54	27	27	0	4
January, 1996	42	10	32	54	26	28	0	4
October, 1995	58	14	44	38	14	24	--	4
August, 1995	49	16	33	47	22	25	*	4
December, 1994	50	17	33	45	20	25	1	4
July, 1994	57	19	38	40	18	22	1	2
May, 1993	60	19	41	29	11	18	1	10

Q.3 CONTINUED...

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1011]:	-----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
f.F2 Joe Biden								
Jun 7-17, 2012	40	10	30	37	18	19	6	17
Jan 11-16, 2012	38	10	28	41	18	22	9	12
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	50	13	36	29	13	16	8	13
Mid-Apr 2009	51	14	37	28	10	18	8	13
Jan 2009	63	22	41	20	7	13	6	11
Mid-Oct 2008	55	20	34	35	10	19	6	10
Early Oct 2008 (callback)	61	20	41	30	10	20	1	8
Late Sep 2008	49	15	34	30	10	20	8	13
Mid-Sep 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14
Apr 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14
Late Oct 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16
Sep 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38

ASK ALL:

Q.4 Now I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely? **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, not at all closely?]**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. PREVIOUSLY RELEASED					
b. News about candidates for the 2012 presidential election					
Jun 7-17, 2012	32	33	20	15	1
c. Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy					
Jun 7-17, 2012	45	32	14	9	*

ASK ALL:

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) <u>Some</u>	Only a little	(VOL.) <u>None</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2012 Election					
Jun 7-17, 2012	67	1	30	2	1
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	61	2	33	3	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	64	2	30	4	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	66	2	30	1	1
2008 Election					
November, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Late October, 2008	81	3	13	2	1
Mid-October, 2008	81	3	13	3	*
Early October, 2008	81	2	14	2	1
Late September, 2008	80	3	14	2	1
Mid-September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1
August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1
July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1
June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1
Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1
April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

	Quite a lot	(VOL.) Some	Only a little	(VOL.) None	(VOL.) DK/Ref
March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1
Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2
2004 Election					
November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1
Mid-October, 2004	76	5	15	3	1
Early October, 2004	74	4	19	2	1
September, 2004	71	3	22	3	1
August, 2004	69	2	26	2	1
July, 2004	67	2	28	2	1
June, 2004	58	3	36	2	1
May, 2004	59	6	30	4	1
Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1
Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*
2000 Election					
November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1
Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*
Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1
Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1
September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1
July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*
June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*
May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1
April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*
1996 Election					
November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*
October, 1996	65	7	26	1	1
Late September, 1996	61	7	29	2	1
Early September, 1996	56	3	36	4	1
July, 1996	55	3	41	1	*
June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1
1992 Election					
Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1
September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1
August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*
June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1
1988 Election					
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0
<i>Gallup</i> : August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0

ASK ALL:

Q.5 Are you more interested or less interested in politics this year than you were in 2008 — the last presidential election year?²

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>(VOL.) Same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
2012 Election				
Jun 7-17, 2012	45	34	19	2
2008 Election				
Mid-September, 2008	63	13	22	2
June, 2008	60	20	18	2
2004 Election				
June, 2004	47	28	23	2
2000 Election				
June, 2000	38	38	22	2
1996 Election				
July, 1996	42	38	19	1
June, 1996	41	35	22	2
1992 Election				
June, 1992	55	24	19	2
March, 1992	57	27	14	2

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?

Jun 7-17 <u>2012</u>		June <u>2008</u>	June <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	June <u>1996</u>	June <u>1992</u>
76	Yes, registered	77	79	79	79	76
71	Absolutely certain	74	76	75	75	73
4	Chance registration has lapsed	3	3	4	4	3
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	0	0
24	No, not registered	22	20	21	21	23
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	*	*	1

ASK IF NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE (REGIST=2,9 OR REGICERT=2,9):

PLANREG Do you plan to register to vote, or is there a chance that you may not register?

BASED ON TOTAL

Jun 7-17 <u>2012</u>		June <u>2008</u>	June <u>2004</u>	June <u>2000</u>	June <u>1992</u>
15	Plan to register	10	14	13	17
13	Chance may not	14	9	11	9
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
29%	<i>Not certain registered to vote</i>	26%	24%	25%	27%

NO QUESTIONS 6-9

² In 2008, the question referenced politics in 2004; in 2004, the question referenced politics in 2000; in 2000 it referenced politics in 1996; in 1996 it referenced politics in 1992; in 1992 it referenced politics in 1988.

ASK ALL:

Q.10 Now, suppose the 2012 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between **[READ AND RANDOMIZE: Barack Obama, the Democrat OR Mitt Romney, the Republican]** who would you vote for?

ASK IF OTHER OR DK (Q.10=3,9):

Q.10a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.10]**?

ASK REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOOSE OBAMA OR ROMNEY IN Q.10 (REGICERT=1 AND Q.10=1,2):

Q.10b Do you support **[INSERT LAST NAME OF CANDIDATE CHOSEN IN Q.10]** strongly or only moderately?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	Romney	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Obama	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	(VOL.) Other/ DK/Ref
Jun 7-17, 2012	46	17	27	1	50	30	20	*	5
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	42				49				9
Apr 4-15, 2012	45				49				6
Mar 7-11, 2012	42				54				4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44				52				4
Jan 11-16, 2012	45				50				6
Nov 9-14, 2011	47				49				4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48				48				4

	McCain	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Obama	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Nader	Barr	Other/ DK/Ref
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 ³	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

	Bush	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Kerry	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	Nader	Other/ DK/Ref
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
Two-way trial heats:										
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

³ After August 2008, June 2004, July 2000, July 1996, June 1992, and June 1988 the question specified vice presidential candidates.

Q.10-Q.10b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

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

	<u>Dole</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>	
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>			
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	
Two-way trial heats:											
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	

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Only</i>			<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>	
		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>		<i>Strongly</i>	<i>mod</i>	<i>DK</i>			
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	
Two-way trial heats:											
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	

Q.10-Q.10b TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
May, 1992	46	15	31	--	43	10	33	--	n/a	11
Late March, 1992	50	19	31	--	43	9	34	--	n/a	7

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Dukakis</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Other/ DK/Ref</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.11 AND Q.12**ASK REGISTERED VOTERS WHO DID NOT CHOOSE ROMNEY IN Q.10/10a (REGICERT=1 AND (Q.10=1 OR Q.10a=1,3,9)):**

Q.11 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Mitt Romney in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Romney			
Jun 7-17, 2012	9	42	3=54%
Apr 4-15, 2012	10	40	5=55%
McCain			
November, 2008	7	47	7=61%
Late October, 2008	7	51	6=64%
Mid-October, 2008	9	47	6=62%
Early October, 2008	10	45	5=60%
Late September, 2008	10	42	6=58%
Mid-September, 2008	9	40	7=56%
August, 2008	14	37	6=57%
July, 2008	13	38	7=58%
June, 2008	12	41	7=60%
Bush			
November, 2004	6	44	5=55%
Mid-October, 2004	5	43	7=55%
Early October, 2004	9	39	4=52%
September, 2004	9	38	4=51%
August, 2004	10	42	3=55%
July, 2004	10	41	5=56%
June, 2004 ⁴	9	41	2=52%
May, 2004	9	42	4=55%
Late March, 2004	11	40	3=54%
Mid-March, 2004	11	44	2=57%
Late February, 2004	10	43	3=56%
Early February, 2004	10	41	2=53%
November, 2000	8	44	7=59%
Late October, 2000	10	41	4=55%
Mid-October, 2000	12	40	5=57%
Early October, 2000	11	39	7=57%
September, 2000	15	38	6=59%
Mid-June, 2000	15	33	6=54%
Dole			
November, 1996	8	54	6=68%
October, 1996	11	51	4=66%
Late September, 1996	16	44	5=65%

⁴ In June 2004, May 2004, Late March 2004, Mid-March 2004, Mid-June 2000 and July 1996 the head-to-head match-up was asked both as a three-way and a two-way trial heat. In those surveys, this question followed the two-way trial heat.

Q.11 CONTINUED...

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 1996	14	47	5=66%
July, 1996	15	40	3=58%
Bush Sr.			
Late October, 1992	11	53	2=66%
Early October, 1992	13	46	6=65%
September, 1992	12	44	6=62%
August, 1992	15	45	4=64%
May, 1992	8	40	5=53%

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.11 AND Q.12**ASK REGISTERED VOTERS WHO DID NOT CHOOSE OBAMA IN Q.10/10a (REGICERT=1 AND (Q.10=2 OR Q.10a=2,3,9)):**

Q.12 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Barack Obama in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Obama			
Jun 7-17, 2012	6	42	2=50%
Apr 4-15, 2012	6	42	3=51%
November, 2008	6	38	6=50%
Late October, 2008	7	35	6=48%
Mid-October, 2008	8	35	5=48%
Early October, 2008	7	38	5=50%
Late September, 2008	8	37	6=51%
Mid-September, 2008	11	38	5=54%
August, 2008	12	36	6=54%
July, 2008	12	34	7=53%
June, 2008	14	32	6=52%
Kerry			
November, 2004	6	43	5=54%
Mid-October, 2004	6	42	7=55%
Early October, 2004	9	45	5=59%
September, 2004	11	42	4=57%
August, 2004	11	39	3=53%
July, 2004	13	36	5=54%
June, 2004 ⁵	10	41	3=54%
May, 2004	11	35	4=50%
Late March, 2004	13	37	3=53%
Mid-March, 2004	13	32	3=48%
Late February, 2004	13	36	3=52%
Early February, 2004	15	33	5=53%
Gore			
November, 2000	8	41	6=55%
Late October, 2000	9	44	4=57%
Mid-October, 2000	10	40	5=55%
Early October, 2000	11	38	7=56%
September, 2000	13	35	5=53%
June, 2000	14	34	6=54%
Clinton			
November, 1996	6	37	6=49%
October, 1996	10	35	4=49%
Late September, 1996	11	35	3=49%

⁵ In June 2004, May 2004, Late March 2004, Mid-March 2004, Mid-June 2000 and July 1996 the head-to-head match-up was asked both as a three-way and a two-way trial heat. In those surveys, this question followed the two-way trial heat.

Q.12 CONTINUED...

	Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 1996	10	34	4=48%
July, 1996	8	36	4=48%
Late October, 1992	11	43	2=56%
Early October, 1992	14	32	6=52%
September, 1992	12	28	6=46%
August, 1992	14	26	3=43%
May, 1992	11	38	6=55%

ASK IF OBAMA OR ROMNEY NAMED IN Q.10 OR Q.10a (Q.10=1,2 OR Q.10a=1,2):

Q.13 What do you like most about [INSERT NAME CHOSEN FROM Q.10 OR Q.10a] — his personality, his leadership ability, his experience, or his stand on issues?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOSE ROMNEY OR OBAMA IN Q.10/10a:

		<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on issues</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
Obama	Jun 7-17, 2012	18	29	3	44	5	(N=765)
Romney	Jun 7-17, 2012	4	20	24	39	12	(N=731)
Obama	June, 2008	11	22	3	55	9	
McCain	June, 2008	3	19	47	23	8	
Kerry	September, 2004	8	16	13	52	11	
	June, 2004	7	20	16	45	12	
Bush	September, 2004	8	41	4	42	5	
	June, 2004	8	33	4	49	6	
Gore	Late October, 2000	4	16	27	48	5	
	Mid-October, 2000	8	16	29	44	3	
	Early October, 2000	6	16	23	49	6	
	September, 2000	9	15	22	48	6	
	June, 2000	7	13	29	42	9	
	May, 2000	10	13	30	40	7	
	March, 2000	10	14	28	40	8	
	October, 1999	8	11	32	43	6	
Bush	Late October, 2000	10	21	5	59	5	
	Mid-October, 2000	13	18	9	55	5	
	Early October, 2000	8	20	7	58	7	
	September, 2000	9	19	9	55	8	
	June, 2000	10	19	11	50	10	
	May, 2000	12	22	8	51	7	
	March, 2000	14	24	10	42	10	
	October, 1999	13	25	11	42	9	
Clinton	Early September, 1996	14	24	6	49	7	
Dole	Early September, 1996	3	25	33	35	4	
Clinton	Late October, 1992 ⁶	11	13	4	68	4	
Bush, Sr.	Late October, 1992	15	26	35	19	5	

⁶ In 1992, results were based on respondents who said their vote was pro-candidate, rather than anti-candidate. Category was worded "personality and character."

Q.13 CONTINUED...

		<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on issues</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Perot	Late October, 1992	12	25	9	53	1

ASK IF OBAMA OR ROMNEY NAMED IN Q.10 OR Q.10a (Q.10=1,2 OR Q.10a=1,2):

Q.14 What do you like LEAST about [INSERT NAME NOT CHOSEN FROM Q.10 OR Q.10a] — his personality, his leadership ability, his experience, or his stand on issues?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CHOSE ROMNEY OR OBAMA IN Q.10/10a:

		<u>Personality</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Experience</u>	<u>Stand on issues</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
Obama	Jun 7-17, 2012	4	29	11	53	4	(N=731)
(Based on Romney voters)							
Romney	Jun 7-17, 2012	16	11	8	53	12	(N=765)
(Based on Obama voters)							
Obama	June, 2008	5	7	40	38	10	
McCain	June, 2008	11	7	4	66	12	
Kerry	September, 2004	16	12	8	53	11	
	June, 2004	16	11	6	52	15	
Bush	September, 2004	13	28	4	46	9	
	June, 2004	12	35	3	41	9	
Gore	Late October, 2000	27	15	6	43	9	
	Mid-October, 2000	27	18	5	43	7	
	Early October, 2000	26	14	4	44	12	
	September, 2000	17	17	7	48	11	
	June, 2000	17	19	6	43	15	
	May, 2000	22	22	6	41	9	
	March, 2000	22	20	5	43	10	
	October, 1999	24	22	5	39	10	
Bush	Late October, 2000	21	14	15	37	13	
	Mid-October, 2000	18	16	15	43	8	
	Early October, 2000	25	11	15	37	12	
	September, 2000	20	12	11	43	14	
	June, 2000	26	13	10	34	17	
	May, 2000	25	13	13	35	14	
	March, 2000	33	8	13	35	11	
	October, 1999	19	11	13	41	16	

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.15 Thinking about the issues, what one ISSUE would you most like to hear the presidential candidates talk about? **[OPEN ENDED; MAY ACCEPT UP TO THREE MENTIONS]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

Jun 7-17 <u>2012</u>		June <u>2008</u>	
42	Economy	44	Economy
18	Health care/Health care reform	19	Iraq/The war
13	Job situation/Unemployment	17	Energy/gas
4	Budget deficit/National debt	9	Health care/Health care reform
3	Education/Education reform	3	Terrorism/Protecting the nation
2	Immigration/Border	3	Job situation/Unemployment
2	Gay marriage/Gay rights/Homosexuality	3	Immigration
2	Afghanistan	3	Education/Education reform
2	Foreign policy	2	Environment/global warming
1	Energy/Gas prices	2	Budget deficit/National debt
1	Taxes	1	Taxes
1	Abortion	1	Abortion
1	Terrorism/Protecting the nation	4	Other domestic policy
1	Social issues/Moral or family values	2	Other foreign policy
1	Social Security	4	Other (general)
1	Size of government	4	Don't know/Refused
1	Women's rights		
14	Other		
5	Don't know/Refused		

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

June <u>2004</u>		June <u>2000</u>		September <u>1996</u>	
29	Economy	12	Education /	16	Cutting taxes/taxes
20	Iraq/The war		Education reform	14	Health care/
7	Terrorism/	11	Economy		Health care in general
	Protecting the nation	11	Health care/	13	The economy
6	Job situation/		Health care reform	12	Welfare reform
	Unemployment	10	Social Security	11	Education/
5	Health care reform/	7	Taxes		Education reform
	Health care in general	6	Foreign policy	10	Balancing the budget/
4	Gas prices/Gas	5	Crime/Drugs		Budget deficit/
4	Education/ Education reform	5	Gun control		National debt
3	Domestic Focus/	4	Gas prices	8	The job situation/
3	Taking care of U.S. issues	3	Moral issues/Ethics		Unemployment/
3	Foreign policy	3	Abortion		Protecting US jobs
2	Medicare/Senior citizens/Elderly	2	Childcare/Family issues	6	Crime/ Drugs
2	Morality/Lack of religion/Ethics	2	Medicare	5	The moral crisis in this
2	Taxes	2	Senior citizens/Elderly		country
2	Poverty/Homelessness	2	The job situation/	4	Abortion
1	Abortion		Unemployment	4	Foreign Policy
1	Gay Marriage	2	Poverty/Homelessness	3	Reforming
1	Budget deficit/National debt	2	Size of government		the political
1	Environment	2	Federal budget/ Budget		system
1	Military Issues/Defense		deficit/ National debt	16	Other
1	Social Security	1	Welfare reform	6	Don't know/
8	Other Issues	1	Race relations		Refused
10	Don't know/Refused	1	Campaign finance	2	None
10			Reform		
		13	Other issues		
		16	Don't know/Refused		

NO QUESTIONS 16-19

ASK ALL:OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... **[READ]****BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:**

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	64	24	6	4	1	*	*
Apr 4-15, 2012	57	29	8	4	1	*	*
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	*	*
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	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

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>
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	1	*	*
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	*	*	*
February, 1992	50	36	9	4	*	--	2
January 1992 (GP) ⁷	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	*

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Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

OFTVOTE CONTINUED...

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly always</u>	<u>Part of the time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	(VOL.) <u>Never vote</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<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:

PLANTO1 Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November?

ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (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=1563]:

	<u>Yes, plan to vote</u>	<u>Absolutely certain</u>	<u>Fairly certain</u>	<u>Not certain⁸</u>	<u>No, don't plan to</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2012 Election						
Jun 7-17, 2012	97	86	10	*	2	1
2010 Election						
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	94	--	--	--	4	3
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 ⁹	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 ¹⁰	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
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

⁸ Don't know responses to planto2 not shown.⁹ From March 11-21, 2010 to July 21-August 5, 2010, question asked "Thinking ahead to November, do you yourself plan to vote in the Congressional election this November, or not?"¹⁰ 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?"

PLANTO1/PLANTO2 CONTINUED...

	Yes, plan to vote	Absolutely certain	Fairly certain	Not certain	No, don't plan to	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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						
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	97	87	9	1	2	1
October, 1988	98	--	--	--	1	1

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Thinking about this year's congressional elections ...

Q.20 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

ASK IF Q.20=3,9:

Q.20a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	Rep/ Lean Rep	Dem/ Lean Dem	(VOL.) Other/ DK/Ref
2012 Election			
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	47	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	48	8
2010 Election			
Oct 27-30, 2010	43	44	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	42	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
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

Q.20/Q.20a CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
1996 Election			
November, 1996	41	48	11
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.21 Thinking about your vote for Congress this fall, will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote, or not?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	Yes, will be <u>a factor</u>	No, <u>will not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2012 Election			
Jun 7-17, 2012	49	48	3
2010 Election			
Oct 27-30, 2010	62	34	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	61	36	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	56	41	3
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	39	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	45	6
2008 Election			
June, 2008	44	51	5
2006 Election			
November, 2006	61	36	3
Late October, 2006	61	36	3
Early October, 2006	57	40	3
September, 2006	55	41	4
June, 2006	58	39	3
April, 2006	56	39	5
2004 Election			
June, 2004	43	51	6
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	48	49	3
Early October, 2002	42	55	3
Early September, 2002	44	51	5
June, 2002	47	50	3
February, 2002	46	49	5
2000 Election			
Early October, 2000	46	50	4
July, 2000	46	49	5
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	46	50	4
Early October, 1998	47	49	4
Early September, 1998	41	56	3
Early August, 1998	44	53	3
June, 1998	45	51	4

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.22 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]?**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>		(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
2012 Election					
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	<i>Romney</i>	52	<i>Obama</i>	15
Mar 7-11, 2012 ¹¹	32	<i>Romney</i>	59	<i>Obama</i>	9
2008 Election					
Mid-October, 2008	17	<i>McCain</i>	61	<i>Obama</i>	22
Mid-September, 2008	39	<i>McCain</i>	39	<i>Obama</i>	22
June, 2008	27	<i>McCain</i>	53	<i>Obama</i>	20

¹¹ In March 2012, this question was asked both about Mitt Romney/Barack Obama and Rick Santorum/ Barack Obama, and read: "Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election if it is between..."

Q.22 CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>		<u>Democrat</u>		
April, 2008 ¹²	42	<i>McCain</i>	47	<i>Obama</i>	11
March, 2008	38	<i>McCain</i>	50	<i>Obama</i>	12
2004 Election					
November, 2004	48	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	25
Mid-October, 2004	54	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	19
Early October, 2004	61	<i>Bush</i>	27	<i>Kerry</i>	12
September, 2004	60	<i>Bush</i>	22	<i>Kerry</i>	18
August, 2004	44	<i>Bush</i>	37	<i>Kerry</i>	19
July, 2004	42	<i>Bush</i>	38	<i>Kerry</i>	20
June, 2004	51	<i>Bush</i>	35	<i>Kerry</i>	14
May, 2004	52	<i>Bush</i>	31	<i>Kerry</i>	17
Early February, 2004	56	<i>Bush</i>	32	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	12
Mid-January, 2004	61	<i>Bush</i>	21	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	18
September, 2003	47	<i>Bush</i>	34	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	19
June, 2003	66	<i>Bush</i>	22	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	12
2000 Election					
November, 2000	43	<i>Bush</i>	32	<i>Gore</i>	25
Late October, 2000	48	<i>Bush</i>	38	<i>Gore</i>	14
Early October, 2000	33	<i>Bush</i>	46	<i>Gore</i>	21
June, 2000	51	<i>Bush</i>	33	<i>Gore</i>	16
October, 1999	70	<i>Bush</i>	23	<i>Gore</i>	7
1996 Election					
Late September, 1996 ¹³	12	<i>Dole</i>	79	<i>Clinton</i>	9
Early September, 1996	16	<i>Dole</i>	75	<i>Clinton</i>	9
July, 1996	19	<i>Dole</i>	72	<i>Clinton</i>	9
1992 Election					
October, 1992	30	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	61	<i>Clinton</i>	9
March, 1992	72	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	20	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	8
February, 1992	66	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	25	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	9
October, 1991	78	<i>Bush, Sr.</i>	11	<i>Dem Candidate</i>	11

ASK ALL:

Q.23 What's your opinion of the presidential candidates for this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Fairly Satisfied</u>	<u>Not too Satisfied</u>	<u>Not at all Satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	17	39	26	14	3
Mid-September, 2008 ¹⁴	24	48	17	9	2
June, 2008	19	41	24	14	2
Mid-October, 2004	23	43	22	9	3
June, 2004	17	48	19	12	4
June, 2000	14	50	22	11	3
March, 2000	13	47	27	11	2
July, 1999	13	40	25	12	10
Late October, 1996	11	48	27	11	3
Late September, 1996	11	50	26	10	3
June, 1996	10	37	31	18	4
October, 1992	10	41	33	14	2

¹² In March and April 2008, this question was asked both about John McCain/Barack Obama and John McCain/Hillary Clinton, and read: "Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election if it is between..."

¹³ In 1996 and October 1992, the question also asked about Ross Perot. Results here are included in the "Other/DK" category.

¹⁴ In September 2008, June 2008, June 2004, June 2000, and March 2000 the question was worded "As it's shaping up so far, what's your opinion of the presidential candidates this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?"

Q.23 CONTINUED...

	<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Fairly Satisfied</u>	<u>Not too Satisfied</u>	<u>Not at all Satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
August 1992	11	42	31	15	27
June 1992	6	29	36	27	2

ASK ALL:

Q.24 What's your impression...do **[RANDOMIZE: Barack Obama and Mitt Romney]** take different positions on the issues, or are they pretty similar in their positions on the issues?¹⁵

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

		McCain/ Obama	Bush/ Kerry	-----	Bush/ Gore	-----		
Jun 7-17		June	June	Late Oct	Early Oct	Sept	June	July
<u>2012</u>		<u>2008</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
75	Different	75	68	60	61	56	51	47
17	Similar	17	21	34	30	32	33	24
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	11	6	9	12	16	29

ASK ALL:

Q.25 As far as making progress on the important issues facing the country is concerned, does it really matter who wins the 2012 presidential election, or will things be pretty much the same regardless of who is elected president?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

Jun 7-17		Oct	Mid-Sept	June	June	Mid	June	Aug
<u>2012</u>		<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2004</u>	March	<u>2000</u>	<u>1976</u> ¹⁶
63	Really matters who wins the 2008 presidential election	72	70	63	67	70	50	45
34	Things will pretty much be the same regardless	24	24	32	29	26	44	46
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	5	4	4	6	9

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.26F1 Some people feel it is difficult to choose between **[RANDOMIZE: Barack Obama and Mitt Romney]** because EITHER ONE would make a good president. Do you agree, or disagree?

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=767]:

Jun 7-17		Obama/McCain	Kerry/Bush	Gore/Bush
<u>2012</u>		<u>June 2008</u>	<u>June 2004</u>	<u>June 2000</u>
24	Agree	29	19	29
73	Disagree	67	77	64
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	7

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.27F2 Some people feel it is difficult to choose between **[RANDOMIZE: Barack Obama and Mitt Romney]** because NEITHER ONE would make a good president. Do you agree, or disagree?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=796]:

Jun 7-17		Obama/McCain	Kerry/Bush	Gore/Bush
<u>2012</u>		<u>June 2008</u>	<u>June 2004</u>	<u>June 2000</u>
29	Agree	31	26	36
67	Disagree	65	68	58
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	6

¹⁵ Prior to June 2012, the names of the candidates were not randomized.

¹⁶ August 1976 question asked by Opinion Research Corporation, based on general public.

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Which ONE of the following issues matters most to you in deciding your vote for president this year?
[READ AND RANDOMIZE]

ASK IF CHOSE ISSUE (Q.28=1-6):

Q.29 And what would be the next most important issue? **[READ FULL LIST IN SAME ORDER AS Q.28, ELIMINATING ISSUE CHOSEN IN Q.28]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

Jun 7-17, 2012			
<u>First choice</u>	<u>Second choice</u>	<u>Total</u>	
35	23	57	Jobs
23	22	44	The budget deficit
19	25	45	Health care
11	14	25	Social Security
5	7	12	Immigration
4	6	10	Gay marriage
2	1	3	Other (VOL.)
2	1	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
--	4	--	No first choice

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.30 And as I read a list of phrases, tell me if you think each phrase better describes **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES: Mitt Romney or Barack Obama]**. **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** – does this better describe **[READ IN SAME ORDER: Romney or Obama]**? What about **[INSERT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY: “Would you say this better describes [READ IN SAME ORDER: Romney or Obama]**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

		<u>Mitt Romney</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both Equally</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Would use good judgment in a crisis					
	2012 Election					
	Jun 7-17, 2012	37	50	3	5	6
	2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	Late September, 2008	45	42	2	6	5
	August, 2008	51	36	3	5	5
	June, 2008	47	38	3	5	7
	2004 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
	Mid-October, 2004	48	41	3	2	6
	Early October, 2004	51	37	2	3	7
	Mid-September 22-26, 2004	49	36	3	3	9
	September, 2004	53	34	2	4	7
	August, 2004	50	38	2	3	7
	May, 2004	47	35	4	5	9
	Late March, 2004	46	36	2	3	13
	Mid-March, 2004	48	39	2	5	6
	2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
	Late-October, 2000	43	42	2	5	8
	Mid-October, 2000	40	42	5	8	5
	Early October, 2000	36	43	4	10	7
	September, 2000	38	44	3	8	7
	June, 2000	44	37	5	6	8
b.	Can get things done					
	2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	Jun 7-17, 2012	39	41	11	3	7
	2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	August, 2008	42	40	7	4	7
	June, 2008	37	43	5	7	8

Q.30 CONTINUED...

			(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) Both Equally	DK/Ref
2004 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
Late March, 2004	49	30	4	4	13
Mid-March, 2004	50	34	4	4	8
2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late October, 2000	43	39	5	6	7
Mid-October, 2000	41	39	6	8	6
Early October, 2000	37	38	5	11	9
September, 2000	40	40	4	8	8
June, 2000	43	33	8	6	10
c. Willing to take a stand, even if it's unpopular					
2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Jun 7-17, 2012	35	54	4	3	4
2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Late September, 2008	50	37	2	5	6
August, 2008	49	38	3	5	5
June, 2008	44	41	3	7	5
2004 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
Mid-October, 2004	63	27	2	4	4
Early October, 2004	68	23	1	3	5
Mid-September 22-26, 2004	63	23	3	3	8
September, 2004	69	23	1	3	4
August, 2004	62	29	1	5	3
May, 2004	65	23	3	4	5
Late March, 2004	59	28	3	3	7
Mid-March, 2004	63	27	1	5	4
2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late October, 2000	49	35	7	4	5
Mid-October, 2000	49	35	6	5	5
Early October, 2000	43	35	8	6	8
September, 2000	45	37	8	5	5
June, 2000	46	32	9	5	8
d. Willing to work with leaders from the other party					
2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Jun 7-17, 2012	35	52	5	2	7
e. Shares my values					
2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Jun 7-17, 2012	40	46	8	3	4
2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
August, 2008	39	47	6	3	5
June, 2008	38	44	8	4	6
2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
June, 2000	40	35	11	5	9
f. Connects well with ordinary Americans					
2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	59	7	3	4
2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
August, 2008	30	57	4	5	4
June, 2008	26	58	4	6	6
2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late October, 2000	45	42	5	4	4
Mid-October, 2000	45	39	6	7	3
June, 2000	40	39	7	7	7

Q.30 CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	
				Neither	Both	
				Equally	DK/Ref	
g.	Honest and truthful					
	2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	Jun 7-17, 2012	32	46	11	4	6
	2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	August, 2008	39	36	9	10	6
	June, 2008	37	36	11	9	7
	2004 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
	Mid-October, 2004	40	37	14	3	6
	Early October, 2004	47	34	10	3	6
	Mid-September 22-26, 2004	41	32	15	3	9
	September, 2004	43	35	12	4	6
	August, 2004	42	38	12	2	6
	May, 2004	34	36	17	4	9
	Late March, 2004	37	38	12	3	10
	Mid-March, 2004	35	39	16	5	5
	2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
	Late October, 2000	43	32	15	5	5
	Mid-October, 2000	38	30	19	6	7
	Early October, 2000	36	32	17	8	7
	September, 2000	35	37	13	9	6
	June, 2000	35	31	19	7	8
h.	Takes consistent positions on issues					
	2012 Election	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
	Jun 7-17, 2012	34	46	10	3	7

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.31 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates [**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CANDIDATES: Mitt Romney or Barack Obama**] do you think would do the best job of [**INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE**]? And who do you think would do the best job of [**INSERT NEXT ITEM**]? [**IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN ROMNEY OR OBAMA PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose between (READ IN SAME ORDER: Romney or Obama)**]?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]

		Mitt	Barack	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	Neither	DK/Ref
a.	Improving economic conditions				
	2012 Election				
	Jun 7-17, 2012	49	41	5	5
	2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>		
	Mid-October, 2008	32	53	5	10
	Late September, 2008	33	51	6	10
	Mid-September, 2008	38	47	5	10
	July, 2008	32	47	7	14
	June, 2008	31	51	8	10
	Late May, 2008	36	51	4	9
	April, 2008	33	53	8	6
	2004 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>		
	Mid-October, 2004	40	47	4	9
	Early October, 2004	40	46	5	9
	September, 2004	42	45	4	9
	August, 2004	37	52	3	8
	May, 2004	38	48	5	9
	Late March, 2004	39	44	6	11
	Mid-March, 2004	37	53	2	8

Q.31 CONTINUED...

		(VOL.)	(VOL.)		
2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	
Mid-October, 2000	37	49	3	11	
Early October, 2000	35	47	6	12	
September, 2000	38	46	5	11	
June, 2000	38	41	5	16	
March, 2000	42	46	4	8	
1996 Election	<u>Dole</u>	<u>Clinton</u>			
September, 1996	35	49	8	8	
July, 1996	38	45	8	9	
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
1992 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
October, 1992	26	41	16	5	12
b.	Dealing with health care	<u>Romney</u>	<u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	2012 Election				
	Jun 7-17, 2012	44	45	5	6
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
	Improving the health care system				
2008 Election	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>			
Mid-October, 2008	27	57	6	10	
Mid-September, 2008	31	52	7	10	
Late May, 2008	32	49	6	13	
2004 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Kerry</u>			
Early October, 2004	31	49	8	12	
September 22-26, 2004	32	48	7	13	
Early September, 2004	32	50	8	10	
August, 2004	29	55	5	11	
May, 2004	29	51	7	13	
Late March, 2004	33	46	6	15	
Mid-March, 2004	29	57	4	10	
2000 Election	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Gore</u>			
Late October, 2000	38	47	5	10	
Mid-October, 2000	37	48	4	11	
Early October, 2000	36	49	5	10	
September, 2000	32	51	6	11	
June, 2000	31	44	6	19	
March, 2000	31	51	6	12	

ASK ALL:

Q.32 Some people say we should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans. Do you agree or disagree?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	57	39	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	40	7
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	52	40	8
June, 2008	56	38	6
April, 2006	53	40	7
June, 2004	50	43	7
October, 2003	46	44	10
June, 2000	52	42	6
August, 1999	54	40	6
Early September, 1998	46	47	7
August, 1997	47	46	7
July, 1996	58	37	5
October, 1995	59	37	4

Q.32 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
April, 1995	57	38	5
July, 1994	53	43	4
ABC/Wash Post: January, 1984 ¹⁷	41	48	11
ABC/Wash Post: September, 1982	44	44	12

NO QUESTIONS 33-34**QUESTIONS 35-38a HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 39-45****ASK ALL CERTAIN ROMNEY VOTERS AND SWING VOTERS ((Q.10>1) OR (Q.10=1 AND Q.11=1)):**

Q.46 Thinking back to the Republican primaries, who did you want to see nominated– Mitt Romney or one of the other candidates who ran?

BASED ON CERTAIN ROMNEY VOTERS AND SWING VOTERS [N=927]:

June 7-17 <u>2012</u>		Mid September <u>2008</u> ¹⁸	August <u>2008</u>	July <u>2008</u>	June <u>2008</u>
37	Mitt Romney	51	41	43	36
53	Preferred another candidate	43	45	51	59
3	Neither/None (VOL.)	2	7	2	2
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	7	4	3

ASK ALL CERTAIN ROMNEY VOTERS AND SWING VOTERS ((Q.10>1) OR (Q.10=1 AND Q.11=1)):

Q.47 If Mitt Romney were to pick a vice presidential running mate who **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** would that be a good thing or a bad thing? How about if he picked a running mate who **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT AS NECESSARY: "Would that be a good thing or a bad thing?"]**

BASED ON CERTAIN ROMNEY VOTERS AND SWING VOTERS [N=927]:

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Has served as a member of Congress Jun 7-17, 2012	67	19	14
b. Has a record of working with Democrats Jun 7-17, 2012	78	14	9
c. Has the support of the Tea Party Jun 7-17, 2012	68	19	13

NO QUESTIONS 48-53

¹⁷ In January 1984, the ABC/Washington Post trend was worded: "Can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with the following statement, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statement: We should have a third major political party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans." In September 1982, the ABC/Washington Post trend was worded: "I'm going to read a few statements. For each, can you please tell me if you tend to agree or disagree with it, or if, perhaps, you have no opinion about the statements... We should have a third party in this country in addition to the Democrats and Republicans."

¹⁸ In 2008, question asked about John McCain and was worded "... the Republican nomination contest, who did you prefer more ..."

ASK ALL:

Q.54 If you were setting priorities for the federal government these days, would you place a higher priority on **[OPTION]** or a higher priority on **[OPTION]**?

Jun 7-17		Sep 22-Oct 4	Aug 17-21	Jun 15-19	Feb 2-7
<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>
48	Spending to help the economy recover	47	47	42	46
47	Reducing the budget deficit	48	46	52	49
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	7	6	5

TREND FOR COMPARISON

*If you were setting priorities for the government these days, would you place a higher priority on **[OPTION]** or a higher priority on **[OPTION]**?*

	Nov 4-7	Jul 15-18	Feb 3-9	Jul 22-26	Jun 18-21
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009¹⁹</u>	<u>2009</u>
Spending more to help the economy recover	43	51	47	53	48
Reducing the budget deficit	50	40	47	38	46
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	9	6	9	6

RANDOMIZE Q.55/Q.56 IN BLOCK WITH Q.57/Q.58 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about the nation's economy...

Q.55 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2

¹⁹ In July, 2009, question was asked as part of a list that included items on: spending on education, spending on health care and spending to develop energy technology.

Q.55 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ²⁰	2	29	42	26	1

ASK ALL:

Q.56 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3

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Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.56 CONTINUED...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 2001	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

RANDOMIZE Q.55/Q.56 IN BLOCK WITH Q.57/Q.58 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about your own personal finances...

Q.57 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1

Q.57 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

ASK ALL:

Q.58 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>Stay the same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7

Q.58 CONTINUED...

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
<i>U.S. News</i> : October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
<i>U.S. News</i> : August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
<i>U.S. News</i> : May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
<i>U.S. News</i> : January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

QUESTIONS 59-62 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 63-65****QUESTION 66 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****QUESTIONS 67-68 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
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
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2	17	16
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
Yearly Totals								
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party			
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
Jun 7-17, 2012	21	25	52	2	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	16	25	54	2	3	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	20	26	50	3	2	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	19	29	48	2	2	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	18	25	53	2	2	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	20	24	52	2	2	--
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 ²¹	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

²¹ 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 2010 through October 2010, 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 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

ASK ALL:

PVOTE08A In the 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

ASK IF YES (PVOTE08A=1):

PVOTE08B Did you vote for Obama, McCain or someone else?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1563]:

	<u>Voted</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>candidate</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Did not vote	(VOL.) Don't remember/ <u>Ref</u>
Jun 7-17, 2012	88	45	33	7	3	11	1
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	88	46	32	5	4	12	*
Aug 17-21, 2011	89	46	33	6	5	11	1
Mar 8-14, 2011	88	46	32	5	5	12	*
Nov 4-7, 2010	89	45	33	6	4	11	1
Oct 27-30, 2010	88	44	35	4	5	10	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	89	45	35	4	4	10	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	89	46	34	4	4	10	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	92	44	37	4	6	8	*
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	93	47	34	5	7	7	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	93	48	33	4	8	7	*
Jan 7-11, 2009	93	48	35	4	6	7	*
December, 2008	93	50	32	3	9	7	*