

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS**  
**MARCH 2010 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**March 10-14, 2010**  
**N=1,500**

**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>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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

<sup>1</sup> From 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 FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:**

Q.3F1 What one word best describes your impression of Congress these days? Just the first word that comes to mind? [OPEN END; PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT MULTIPLE WORD RESPONSES BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE]

*NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages.*

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21	Dysfunctional
20	Corrupt
19	Self-serving/Self-centered/Selfish/Self-absorbed
16	Inept
15	Confused/Confusing/Confusion
15	Incompetent
15	Ineffective
15	Lazy
14	Bad
14	Suck(s)
13	Poor
11	Crook(s)/Crooked
11	Disappointed/Disappointing/Disappointment
11	Gridlock/Deadlock
10	Idiots/Idiotic
10	Slow
9	Mess/Messed up/Messy
8	Lousy
8	Terrible
7	Disorganized/Unorganized
7	Divided
7	Good
7	Stupid
6	Children/Childish/Child-like
6	Dissatisfied
6	Do nothing
6	Failing/Failure
6	Inadequate
5	Greedy
5	Joke/Jokers
5	Not good
5	Partisan
5	Socialist
5	Useless
5	Worthless
4	Bull...
4	Chaos
4	Clowns
4	Frustrating/Frustrated
4	Horrible
4	Inefficient
4	Liberal
4	Lies/Liars
4	Money/Money-hungry
4	OK

**(N=749)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.4 AND Q.5**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing? 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>
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16	June, 1999	37	46	17
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16	May, 1999	38	44	18
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20	March, 1999	38	47	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17	February, 1999	37	51	12
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15	January, 1999	38	50	12
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21	Early December, 1998	38	49	13
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15	November, 1998	41	48	11
Early October, 2006	33	56	11	Early September, 1998	44	37	19
June, 2006	30	53	17	Early August, 1998	43	37	20
March, 2006	32	50	18	June, 1998	42	38	20
January, 2006	33	52	15	May, 1998	40	41	19
Early November, 2005	33	50	17	April, 1998	41	40	19
Early October, 2005	32	52	16	March, 1998	43	39	18
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15	January, 1998	43	41	16
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15	November, 1997	41	43	16
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17	August, 1997	42	44	14
Early February, 2004	41	42	17	June, 1997	33	50	17
January, 2003	48	37	15	May, 1997	40	44	16
June, 2002	50	34	16	April, 1997	40	44	16
May, 2002	49	34	17	February, 1997	44	42	14
February, 2002	56	24	20	January, 1997	38	47	15
Early September, 2001	43	39	18	November, 1996	40	43	17
June, 2001	40	40	20	July, 1996	38	48	14
May, 2001	45	36	19	June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 2001	45	30	25	April, 1996	39	46	15
January, 2001	43	36	21	March, 1996	35	51	14
July, 2000	36	46	18	February, 1996	33	53	14
May, 2000	40	42	18	January, 1996	36	54	10
March, 2000	38	43	19	October, 1995	36	51	13
February, 2000	40	43	17	September, 1995	36	50	14
January, 2000	39	41	20	August, 1995	38	45	17
December, 1999	38	42	20	June, 1995	41	45	14
October, 1999	34	50	16	April, 1995	44	43	13
Late September, 1999	34	46	20	March, 1995	43	39	18
August, 1999	40	44	16	December, 1994	52	28	20
July, 1999	36	45	19				

**RANDOMIZE Q.4 AND Q.5**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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
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 <sup>2</sup>	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
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

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

**NO QUESTIONS 6-8**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about some issues...

Q.9 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>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	The economy			
	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
b.	Health care policy			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	39	52	9
	Jan 6-10, 2010	38	52	10
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	47	10
	Jul 22-26, 2009	42	43	14
	Apr 14-21, 2009	51	26	23

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:**

c.F1	The nation's foreign policy			
	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=751]:**

d.F2	The situation in Afghanistan			
	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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 As I name some traits, please tell me whether you think each one describes Barack Obama. First, [INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE] do you think of Barack Obama as [FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE] or not? Do you think of Barack Obama as [NEXT ITEM] or not?

		Yes, describes <u>Obama</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Inspiring			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	61	36	3
	November, 2008 ( <i>Voters</i> ) <sup>3</sup>	81	18	1
	Mid-October, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	71	26	3
	Mid-September, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	71	26	3
	April, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	66	31	3
	March, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	70	26	4
b.	Arrogant			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	35	63	2
	Mid-September, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	37	59	4
	April, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	38	58	4
c.	Decisive			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	57	36	8
d.	Detached			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	35	56	9

**ASK ALL:**

Q.11 Does Barack Obama make you feel [INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE] or not? Does Obama make you feel [NEXT ITEM] or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Hopeful			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	54	43	3
	November, 2008 ( <i>Voters</i> )	69	29	2
	March, 2008 <sup>4</sup> ( <i>RVs</i> )	54	43	3
b.	Proud			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	49	47	5
	November, 2008 ( <i>Voters</i> )	65	32	3
	March, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	42	53	5
c.	Angry			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	30	68	2
	November, 2008 ( <i>Voters</i> )	9	91	*
	March, 2008 ( <i>RVs</i> )	26	71	3
d.	Disappointed			
	Mar 10-14, 2010	44	53	3

**NO QUESTIONS 12-13**

3 November 2008 post-election callback survey of voters.

4 In March 2008, the question was worded "Has Barack Obama ever made you feel [INSERT ITEM] or not?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 In dealing with important issues facing the country, are [RANDOMIZE; Democrats in Congress and Republicans in Congress] working together or not working together?

**ASK IF 'NOT WORKING TOGETHER' (Q.14=2) [N=1,270]:**

Q.14a Who do you think is most to blame for them not working together? [READ AND RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.14]

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- 12 Working together
- 81 Not working together
- 25 Republican leaders in Congress to blame
- 18 Democratic leaders in Congress to blame
- 27 Both to blame (VOL.)
- 5 Neither/Other to blame (VOL.)
- 5 Don't know who is to blame (VOL.)
- 7 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Which political party has the higher moral and ethical standards? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

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- 31 The Democratic Party [OR]
- 29 The Republican Party
- 6 Both (VOL.)
- 22 Neither (VOL.)
- 12 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject ...

Q.16 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

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	Apr 21 <u>2009</u>	April <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2007</u>	April <u>2007</u>	Feb <u>2004</u>	June <u>2003</u>	May <u>2000</u>	April <u>2000</u>	March <u>2000</u>	June <u>1999</u>	May <u>1999</u>	Dec <u>1993</u>
Protect rights of Americans to own guns	45	37	42	32	37	42	38	37	29	33	30	34
Control gun ownership	49	58	55	60	58	54	57	55	66	62	65	57
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	5	3	8	5	4	5	8	5	5	5	9

**NO QUESTIONS 17-18**



**RANDOMIZE Q.19-Q.20/Q.22-Q.23 IN BLOCKS:**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about the nation's economy...

Q.19 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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
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 <sup>5</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

5 Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.20 Which of the these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

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- 13 The economy is now recovering [OR]
- 37 The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon [OR]
- 48 It will be a long time before the economy recovers
- 2 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

How would you describe economic conditions in this country? Would you say the economy is now recovering OR that we are in a recession that will pass fairly soon OR that we are in an economic depression that will last a long time?

	Jan 2004	March 1994	Dec 1993	Jan 1993	March 1992	Jan 1992
The economy is now recovering	45	40	37	34	16	7
We are in a recession that will pass fairly soon	33	33	27	35	41	51
We are in a depression that will last a long time	18	21	29	27	40	38
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	7	4	3	4

**NO QUESTION 21**

**RANDOMIZE Q.19-Q.20/Q.22-Q.23 IN BLOCKS:**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking now about your own personal finances...

Q.22 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>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1

**Q.22 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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
January, 1993 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	33	46	16	1
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	6	34	40	19	1
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	5	30	47	17	1
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	35	45	15	1
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	4	32	45	18	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 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?

	<u>Improve a lot</u>	<u>Improve some</u>	<u>Get a little worse</u>	<u>Get a lot worse</u>	<u>(VOL.) Stay the same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
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
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

**Q.23 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>
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
October, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	9	51	14	3	15	8
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	6	50	20	5	14	5
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	8	49	22	4	13	4
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News</i>	9	46	19	5	16	5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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45	The job situation
22	The federal budget deficit
17	Rising prices [OR]
11	Problems in the financial and housing markets
2	Other (VOL.)
*	None / not worried about any (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about health care...

Q.25 How much, if anything, have you heard about the bills in Congress to overhaul the health care system?  
Have you heard...**[READ]**

	<u>A lot</u>	A <u>little</u>	Nothing <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	44	43	12	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	39	11	*
Jan 6-10, 2010	46	45	8	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	51	39	9	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	49	42	7	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	46	43	10	1
Sep 10-15, 2009	60	34	5	1
Aug 20-27, 2009	53	40	7	1
Jul 22-26, 2009	41	47	10	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?

	Generally <u>favor</u>	Generally <u>oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	38	48	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	50	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	48	13
Dec 9-13, 2009	35	48	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	39	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	47	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	47	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	44	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	46	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	44	18

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?

**ASK THOSE WHO OPPOSE HEALTH CARE BILLS (Q.26=2) [N=764]:**

Q.27 Would you prefer that Congress [INSERT OPTION, RANDOMIZE] or would you prefer that Congress [NEXT OPTION]?

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38	Generally favor
48	Generally oppose
28	Begin working on new health care legislation
18	Pass nothing and leave the current system as it is
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTIONS 28-30**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:**

Q.31F1 If the health care bills being discussed in Congress are passed into law, do you think your health care costs would [RANDOMIZE: increase, decrease] or stay the same in the coming years? [IF INCREASE: Do you think they would increase a lot or a little?]

Mar 10-14

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51	Increase
32	A lot
15	A little
3	Don't know how much (VOL.)
17	Decrease
22	Stay the same
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:**

Q.32F2 If no changes are made to the health care system, do you think your health care costs would [RANDOMIZE: increase, decrease] or stay the same in the coming years? [IF INCREASE: Do you think they would increase a lot or a little?]

Mar 10-14	
<u>2010</u>	
63	Increase
37	A lot
22	A little
4	Don't know how much (VOL.)
6	Decrease
25	Stay the same
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

HEALTHINS Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or are you not covered at this time? [READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid]<sup>6</sup>

Mar 10-14		Jan 6-10	Dec 9-13	Oct 28- Nov 8	Sep 30- Oct 4	Jul 22-26	Jun 10-14
<u>2010</u>		<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
80	Covered by health insurance	83	83	80	80	81	81
19	Not covered by health insurance	17	16	20	20	19	18
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	*	*	*

**ASK ALL:**

EMPLOY Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

**ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED (EMPLOY=3) [N=681]:**

EMPLOY1 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

Mar 10-14	
<u>2010</u>	
44	Employed full time
13	Employed part time
43	Not employed
14	Yes, looking for work
29	No, not looking
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTIONS 33-35**

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6 In 2009, question read "Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

	Plenty of jobs available	Jobs are difficult to find	(VOL.) Lots of some jobs, few of others	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6	4
January, 2005	32	58	5	5
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30	57	4	9
Late February, 2004	31	59	5	6
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	6	7
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
August, 1992 <i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i>	15	76	6	3
May, 1992 <i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i>	16	77	4	3
January, 1992 <i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i>	12	79	6	3

**ASK IF EMPLOYED (EMPLOY=1,2) OR NOT EMPLOYED AND NOT CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR WORK (EMPLOY1=2,9) [N=1,327]:**

Q.37 Over the past 12 months, has there been a time when you or someone in your household has been without a job and looking for work, or not?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Mar 10-14 2010		Sep 30-Oct 4 2009	Feb 4-8 2009	Dec 2008	Early Feb 2008	May 2005
54	Yes <sup>7</sup>	42	39	35	28	31
45	No	58	61	65	71	69
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	1	*

7 "Yes" in the March 10-14, 2010 and February 4-8, 2009 surveys includes those who said they were looking for work in EMPLOY1.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.38 For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that happened to you in the past year....Have you [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU f. WITH ITEM g. ALWAYS LAST]? [IF RESPONDENT SAYS THIS DOES NOT APPLY, CODE AS NO]

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family			
Mar 10-14, 2010	26	74	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	23	77	*
January, 2008 <i>Pew Social Trends</i>	23	76	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:<sup>8</sup></b>			
August, 1999 <i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard</i>	21	78	*
b. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage			
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	76	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*
January, 2008 <i>Pew Social Trends</i>	16	83	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
August, 1999 <i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard</i>	13	87	*
c. Been laid off or lost your job			
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	79	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	18	82	*
January, 2008 <i>Pew Social Trends</i>	14	85	1
d. Gotten a pay raise at your current job or gotten a better job			
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	74	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	29	70	1
January, 2008 <i>Pew Social Trends</i>	41	57	2
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
August, 1999 <i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard</i>	29	69	2
e. Had a mortgage, other loan, or credit card application denied			
Mar 10-14, 2010	19	80	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	17	83	*
f. Had problems with collection or credit agencies			
Mar 10-14, 2010	21	78	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>			
August, 1999 <i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard</i>	19	80	*

8 Trends for items 38a, 38b, 38d and 38f are from a study conducted by the Washington Post, Kaiser and Harvard from June 30 to August 30, 1999. The introduction to these items was: "For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you and your immediate family during the past year..." The wording for the trend to item 38d was: "Have you gotten a promotion or a big pay raise at work?".



**Q.38 CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Laid off</u>
<b>ASK IF NOT LAID OFF (Q.38c=2,9) [N=1,240]:</b>				
<b>BASED ON TOTAL:</b>				
g. Had your hours reduced or been asked to take a cut in pay				
Mar 10-14, 2010	15	64	1	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	71	*	18

**ASK IF EMPLOYED (EMPLOY=1,2) [N=810]:**

Q.39 Thinking about the next 12 months, how likely is it that **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely? What about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not at all likely that (REPEAT ITEM)]**

	<u>NET Likely</u>	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Some- what likely</u>	<u>NET Not likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/ Ref</u>
a. Your employer may go out of business or relocate to another city							
Mar 10-14, 2010	<b>13</b>	4	9	<b>85</b>	17	68	2
Feb 4-8, 2009	<b>13</b>	4	9	<b>85</b>	19	66	2
January, 2008 <i>Pew Social Trends</i>	<b>12</b>	4	8	<b>87</b>	24	63	1
b. You may have your health care benefits reduced or eliminated by your employer							
Mar 10-14, 2010	<b>23</b>	9	15	<b>67</b>	17	51	9
Feb 4-8, 2009	<b>24</b>	10	14	<b>69</b>	19	50	7
January, 2008 <i>Pew Social Trends</i>	<b>20</b>	7	13	<b>74</b>	25	49	6
c. You may be asked to take a cut in pay							
Mar 10-14, 2010	<b>25</b>	9	16	<b>73</b>	25	48	2
Feb 4-8, 2009	<b>25</b>	10	15	<b>73</b>	23	50	2
January, 2008 <i>Pew Social Trends</i>	<b>13</b>	4	9	<b>86</b>	27	59	1
d. You may be laid off							
Mar 10-14, 2010	<b>24</b>	9	15	<b>74</b>	25	49	2
Feb 4-8, 2009	<b>21</b>	5	16	<b>77</b>	31	46	2
January, 2008 <i>Pew Social Trends</i>	<b>15</b>	5	10	<b>84</b>	28	56	1
e. You may have your retirement benefits reduced or eliminated by your employer							
Mar 10-14, 2010	<b>22</b>	10	12	<b>68</b>	17	51	10
Feb 4-8, 2009	<b>18</b>	6	12	<b>75</b>	22	53	7

**NO QUESTIONS 40-43**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.44 Thinking about gun laws... do you think state and local governments should or should not be able to pass laws that ban the possession or sale of handguns in their jurisdictions?

Mar 10-14	
<u>2010</u>	
45	Should
50	Should not
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about Afghanistan...

Q.45 How well is the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>		Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Oct 28-Nov 8 <u>2009</u>	Jan 7-11 <u>2009</u>	Feb <u>2008</u>
9	Very well	7	4	7	10
43	Fairly well	39	32	38	38
22	Not too well	32	41	34	31
13	Not at all well	11	16	11	10
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	6	10	11

**ASK ALL:**

Q.46 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Afghanistan, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>		Dec 9-13 <u>2009</u>	Jan 7-11 <u>2009</u>
12	Definitely succeed	11	13
46	Probably succeed	48	49
22	Probably fail	25	23
7	Definitely fail	7	6
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	9

**NO QUESTIONS 47-48**

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about Iraq...

Q.49 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	12	42	23	12	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	10	45	24	12	8
Jan 7-11, 2009	16	43	26	10	5
Mid-October, 2008	17	40	26	12	5
September, 2008	19	39	24	13	5
June, 2008	10	34	31	21	4
April, 2008	10	34	28	24	4
Late February, 2008	12	36	25	23	4
Late December, 2007	11	30	31	23	5
November, 2007	11	37	29	19	4
October, 2007	10	34	29	22	5
September, 2007	9	32	30	24	5
July, 2007	8	28	34	25	5
June, 2007	7	27	33	28	5
April, 2007	7	31	34	25	3
March, 2007	10	30	32	24	4
February, 2007	5	25	38	29	3
Mid-January, 2007	7	28	32	30	3
December, 2006	4	28	37	27	4
Mid-November, 2006	6	26	34	30	4
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	7	30	32	27	4
Late October, 2006	5	30	34	25	6

**Q.49 CONTINUED...**

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	8	29	33	25	5
Early September, 2006	8	39	28	20	5
August, 2006	8	33	32	23	4
June, 2006	16	37	25	18	4
April, 2006	13	34	29	21	3
March, 2006	9	34	30	21	6
February, 2006	13	38	29	17	3
January, 2006	12	39	27	17	5
December, 2005	14	37	29	17	3
Early October, 2005	9	35	31	22	3
Mid-September, 2005	12	41	26	18	3
July, 2005	14	38	27	17	4
June, 2005	9	41	27	19	4
February, 2005	14	40	25	17	4
January, 2005	9	39	29	20	3
December, 2004	10	40	28	18	4
Mid-October, 2004	13	38	26	17	6
September, 2004	12	40	26	18	4
August, 2004	12	41	28	16	3
July, 2004	13	42	26	16	3
June, 2004	16	41	25	14	4
May, 2004	10	36	32	19	3
Late April, 2004	12	43	26	15	4
Early April, 2004	14	43	26	13	4
Mid-March, 2004	16	45	26	11	2
Early February, 2004	17	46	23	11	3
Mid-January, 2004	22	51	18	6	3
Early January, 2004	23	47	18	7	5
December, 2003	28	47	16	6	3
October, 2003	16	44	25	11	4
September, 2003	15	47	26	9	3
August, 2003	19	43	24	11	3
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.50 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?

	Definitely <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>fail</u>	Definitely <u>fail</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	12	47	22	8	10
Dec 9-13, 2009	11	52	22	7	8
Jan, 2009	15	46	22	7	10
September, 2008	18	40	24	10	8
June, 2008	12	38	31	11	8
April, 2008	12	35	30	16	7

**Q.50 CONTINUED ...**

	Definitely <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>fail</u>	Definitely <u>fail</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late February, 2008	13	40	26	13	8
Late December, 2007	10	35	31	14	10
November, 2007	11	37	33	13	6
October, 2007	11	35	31	13	10
September, 2007	8	34	32	15	11
July, 2007	9	34	32	17	8
April, 2007	9	36	30	16	9
February, 2007	7	40	34	12	7
November, 2006	12	41	28	13	6
Mid-September, 2006	13	44	26	9	8
August, 2006	14	40	28	12	6

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject ...

QCEN.1 Have you ever heard of the United States Census, or have you not heard of this?

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>		Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>
88	Yes, have heard	84
11	No, have not heard	15
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

**ASK IF HAVE NOT HEARD OF THE CENSUS (QCEN.1=2,9) [N=131]:**

QCEN.1a The Census is the count of all people who live in the United States. Have you ever heard of that before, or have you not heard of that?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>		Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>
6	Yes, have heard	8
6	No, have not heard	8
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0
88	<i>Have heard of Census (QCEN.1=1)</i>	84

**ASK IF HAVE HEARD OF THE CENSUS (QCEN.1=1 OR QCEN.1a=1) [N=1,437]:**

On a different subject ...

QCEN.2 Have you seen or heard anything recently--within the last month or so--about the Census, or have you not seen or heard anything recently?

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>		Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>
79	Yes, have seen or heard recently	44
14	No, have not seen or heard recently	48
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*
6	<i>Have not heard of Census (QCEN.1a=2)</i>	8

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.3 How likely are you to participate in the 2010 Census? By participate, we mean fill out and mail in a Census form. Would you say you **[READ]**? **[IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ALREADY RECEIVED AND FILLED OUT OR MAILED IN THE FORM, PLEASE CODE AS PUNCH 6]**

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>		Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>
68	Definitely will	58
17	Probably will	23
5	Might or might not	10
4	Probably will not	4
3	Definitely will not	2
2	Already filled out and mailed in form (VOL.)	--
*	Other (VOL.)	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

**ASK IF MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT OR WILL NOT PARTICIPATE (QCEN.3=3,4,5) [N=133]:**

QCEN.4 How likely is it that someone else in your household will participate in the 2010 Census? Would you say someone else in your household **[READ]**? **[IF NECESSARY: By participate, we mean fill out and mail in a Census form.] [IF RESPONDENT SAYS SOMEBODY IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD ALREADY RECEIVED AND FILLED OUT OR MAILED IN THE FORM, PLEASE CODE AS PUNCH 6]**

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>	
8	Definitely will
17	Probably will
20	Might or might not
28	Probably will not
20	Definitely will not
0	Already filled out and mailed in form (VOL.)
3	Other (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.5 How important do you think the Census is for the United States? Would you say it is **[READ]**?

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>		Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>
66	Very important	60
23	Somewhat important	30
4	Not too important	5
3	Not at all important	3
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.6 Do you believe that answering and sending back your Census form would personally benefit you in any way, personally harm you, or neither benefit nor harm you?

Mar 10-14 <u>2010</u>		Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>
33	Personally benefit	27
5	Personally harm	3
57	Neither benefit nor harm	66
1	Both benefit and harm (VOL.)	--
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.7 Do you believe that filling out your Census form would benefit your community, harm your community, or neither benefit nor harm your community?

Mar 10-14

2010

- 62 Benefit
- 3 Harm
- 29 Neither benefit nor harm
- 1 Both benefit and harm (VOL.)
- 5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QCEN.8 THROUGH QCEN.15:**

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.8 Do you think filling out the Census form will take too much time, or don't you think so?

Mar 10-14

2010

- 8 Yes, will take too much time
- 83 No, don't think so
- 9 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QCEN.8 THROUGH QCEN.15:**

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.9 Do you think conducting the 2010 Census will cost too much money, or don't you think so?

Mar 10-14

2010

- 30 Yes, will cost too much money
- 55 No, don't think so
- 15 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QCEN.8 THROUGH QCEN.15:**

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.10 Do you think the Census Bureau will keep personal information confidential, or don't you think so?

Mar 10-14

2010

- 61 Yes, will keep personal information confidential
- 29 No, don't think so
- 10 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QCEN.8 THROUGH QCEN.15:**

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.11 Do you think the Census asks for more personal information than the government really needs, or don't you think so?

Mar 10-14

2010

- 27 Yes, asks for more personal information than the government really needs
- 45 No, don't think so
- 28 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QCEN.8 THROUGH QCEN.15:**

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.12 Do you think participating in the Census is a civic responsibility, or don't you think so?

Mar 10-14

2010

79	Yes, participating in the Census is a civic responsibility
17	No, don't think so
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QCEN.8 THROUGH QCEN.15:**

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.13 Do you think the results of the Census help one political party more than the other, or don't you think so?

**ASK IF YES (QCEN.13=1) [N=234]:**

QCEN.13a Which political party do you think the Census helps more? [OPEN END. SINGLE RESPONSE. USE PRECODES AS APPROPRIATE. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Mar 10-14

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18	Yes, helps one political party more than the other
10	Democratic Party
4	Republican Party
1	Other
1	None
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
71	No, don't think so
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QCEN.8 THROUGH QCEN.15:**

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.14 As far as you know, is the Census used to decide how many representatives each state will have in Congress, or is it not used for this?

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54	Yes, used for this
25	No, not used for this
21	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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17

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QCEN.8 THROUGH QCEN.15:**

**ASK ALL:**

QCEN.15 As far as you know, is the Census used to determine whether someone is in this country legally, or is it not used for this?

Mar 10-14

2010

21	Yes, used for this
61	No, not used for this
19	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about another topic...

Q.52 Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
<b>Gallup</b>			
October, 2009	44	54	2
October 2005	36	60	4
November, 2003	34	64	2
August, 2001	34	62	4
August, 2000	31	64	5
August, 1995	25	73	2
May, 1985	23	73	4
June, 1980	25	70	5
May, 1979	25	70	5
April, 1977	28	66	6
January, 1973	16	78	6
March, 1972	15	81	4
October, 1969	12	84	4
<b>General Social Survey</b>			
2008	35	57	8
2006	32	60	7
2004	33	59	9
2002	32	61	6
2000	31	63	6
1998	27	67	6
1996	25	70	5
1994	22	73	5
1993	22	73	5
1991	17	78	5
1990	16	81	3
1989	16	81	3
1988	17	79	4
1987	16	81	3
1986	17	80	2
1984	22	74	4
1983	19	77	3
1980	24	73	3
1978	30	66	4
1976	28	69	3
1975	20	74	5
1973	19	79	2



**ASK ALL:**

Q.53 Do you favor or oppose your state allowing the sale and use of marijuana for medical purposes if it is prescribed by a doctor?

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73	Favor
23	Oppose
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**FOR COMPARISON ABC NEWS/WASHINGTON POST:**

Regardless of what you think about the personal non-medical use of marijuana, do you think doctors should or should not be allowed to prescribe marijuana for medical purposes to treat their patients?

	<u>Jan 2010</u>	<u>May 1997</u>
Should	81	69
Should not	18	27
No opinion (VOL.)	1	4

**FOR COMPARISON NBC NEWS/WALL STREET JOURNAL:**

Do you think adults should be allowed to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it or do you think that marijuana should remain illegal even for medical purposes?

	<u>Oct 2009</u>
Allow medical use	73
Illegal even for medical purposes	23
Not sure (VOL.)	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.54 Do you think that allowing medical marijuana makes it easier for people to get marijuana even if they don't have a real medical need, or doesn't it make a difference?

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46	Yes, makes it easier
48	Doesn't make a difference
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK IF EASIER (Q.54=1) [N=712]:**

Q.55 Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about this? [READ] [REPEAT IF NECESSARY: That allowing medical marijuana makes it easier for people to get marijuana even if they don't have a real medical need?]

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

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12	Very concerned
14	Somewhat concerned
11	Not too concerned
9	Not at all concerned
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
54	<i>Doesn't make a difference/Don't know/Refused in Q54</i>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 How concerned, if at all, would you be if a store that sold medical marijuana opened up near other stores in your area? [READ]

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<u>2010</u>	
27	Very concerned
17	Somewhat concerned
20	Not too concerned
34	Not at all concerned
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.57 Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana?

		----- Gallup -----							
Mar 10-14		June	Feb	Sept	May	April	Jan	Mar	Oct
<u>2010</u>		<u>2003</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1969</u>
40	Yes	38	38	34	33	24	12	11	4
58	No	61	60	66	67	76	88	89	94
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2	*	0	0	*	0	2

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

**IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:**

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>
Mar 10-14, 2010	22	33	37	6	*	3	14	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	26	31	37	3	*	3	14	17
Jan 6-10, 2010	22	33	42	2	1	2	17	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	25	32	38	2	*	2	14	15
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	27	35	32	3	*	2	13	13
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	23	34	37	3	1	3	16	14
Sep 10-15, 2009	23	34	34	4	*	5	13	17
Aug 20-27, 2009	26	32	36	3	*	3	14	16
Aug 11-17, 2009	23	33	38	3	*	3	16	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	22	34	37	5	*	2	15	14
Jun 10-14, 2009	25	34	34	3	*	3	11	16
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	23	39	29	4	*	4	9	14
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	22	33	39	3	*	3	13	18
Mar 9-12, 2009	24	34	35	5	*	2	12	17
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.3	35.8	31.7	3.8	.3	3.1	10.5	15.4
2007	25.4	32.9	33.7	4.6	.4	3.1	10.7	16.7
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	.4	3.9	10.2	14.5
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	.3	2.8	10.2	14.9
2004	29.7	33.4	29.8	3.9	.4	2.9	11.7	13.4
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	.5	2.5	12.1	13.0
2002	30.3	31.2	30.1	5.1	.7	2.7	12.6	11.6
2001	29.2	33.6	28.9	5.1	.5	2.7	11.7	11.4

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED ...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				preference	party			
<i>2001 Post-Sept 11</i>	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
<i>2001 Pre-Sept 11</i>	28.2	34.6	29.5	5.0	.5	2.1	11.7	12.5
2000	27.5	32.5	29.5	5.9	.5	4.0	11.6	11.6
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.5	33.2	31.9	4.6	.4	2.4	11.8	13.5
1997	28.2	33.3	31.9	4.0	.4	2.3	12.3	13.8
1996	29.2	32.7	33.0	5.2	--	--	12.7	15.6
1995	31.4	29.7	33.4	5.4	--	--	14.4	12.9
1994	29.8	31.8	33.8	4.6	--	--	14.3	12.6
1993	27.4	33.8	34.0	4.8	--	--	11.8	14.7
1992	27.7	32.7	35.7	3.9	--	--	13.8	15.8
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	4.5	--	--	14.6	10.8
1990	31.0	33.1	29.1	6.8	--	--	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--