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ASK ALL:

PEW.3 How would you rate the job [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] has been doing responding to the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico? [READ]

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. The Obama administration May 20-23, 2010	7	24	31	26	12
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
<i>The federal government</i>					
May 6-9, 2010	4	29	35	19	13
b. B.P., the oil company that operated the oil rig May 20-23, 2010	3	16	26	44	11
May 6-9, 2010	5	19	36	27	13

ASK ALL:

PEW.5 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do a better job in each of the following areas... (First,) which party could do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] How about [NEXT ITEM]?

	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>(VOL.) Both equally</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Dealing with the economy					
May 20-23, 2010	33	34	9	14	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	41	7	6	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	32	42	6	12	9
February, 2008	34	53	2	5	6
October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14
September, 2006	32	46	5	5	12
February, 2006	36	46	5	5	8
Mid-September, 2005	38	44	5	7	6
July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13
Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13
January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18
May, 2001 ¹	33	44	8	5	10
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28

¹ In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous?"

PEW.5 CONTINUED ...

		Republican	Democratic	(VOL.) Both	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
		<u>Party</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>equally</u>		
b.	Reducing the federal budget deficit					
	May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
	Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
	September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
	February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
	Early October, 2005 ²	29	47	6	10	8
	June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
	July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
	December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15
c.	Dealing with the terrorist threat at home					
	May 20-23, 2010	38	27	12	10	13
	Feb 3-9, 2010	46	29	10	5	10
	Aug 27-30, 2009	38	32	10	9	12
	February, 2008	45	38	6	4	7
	October, 2006	39	33	7	6	15
	September, 2006	41	32	7	6	14
	February, 2006	46	30	8	7	9
	Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6	8
	July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13
	Late October, 2002 (RVs)	44	27	11	6	12
	Early October, 2002 (RVs)	44	28	7	5	16
	Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14
	January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28
d.	Dealing with the nation's energy problems					
	May 20-23, 2010	28	35	10	12	15
	Apr 21-26, 2010	32	40	8	9	12
	Feb 3-9, 2010	32	44	8	6	10
	Aug 27-30, 2009	25	47	7	9	12
	February, 2008	23	57	5	5	10
	October, 2006	28	44	5	6	17
	September, 2006	27	47	4	7	15
	February, 2006	32	45	6	7	10
	Mid-September, 2005	31	44	6	8	11
	May, 2001	36	34	10	7	13
e.	Dealing with immigration					
	May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
	Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
	Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
	February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
	October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
	September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
	April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
	February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11

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In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a stand alone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

ASK ALL:

PEW.6 Thinking about the elections for Congress this year, please tell me whether you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate with each of the following characteristics, or whether it would make no difference in your vote either way. First, a candidate who [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? Next, what about a candidate who [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: would you be more likely, less likely, or would it make no difference in your vote either way to vote for a candidate for Congress who [ITEM]]

		More likely to vote for	Less likely to vote for	No difference either way	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Is an incumbent running for reelection				
	May 20-23, 2010	15	27	51	8
	March, 2006 <i>NBC/Wall Street Journal</i>	16	23	51	10
b.	Has never held elective office				
	May 20-23, 2010	24	28	43	6
	March, 2006 <i>NBC/Wall Street Journal</i> ³	19	20	57	4
c.	Will make compromises with people he or she disagrees with				
	May 20-23, 2010	42	22	29	6
d.	Supported the health care law passed earlier this year				
	May 20-23, 2010	39	35	22	4
e.	Supported the government providing major loans to banks during the 2008 financial crisis				
	May 20-23, 2010	14	49	32	5

ASK ALL:

PEW.8 How much, if anything, have you heard or read about the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year? [READ]

May 20-23 2010		Mar 11-21 2010 ⁴	
38	A lot	26	
38	A little	42	
24	Nothing at all	30	
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	

³ In March 2006, item was worded "has not previously held elective office."

⁴ In March 11-21, 2010, question was worded: "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year?"

IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (1,2 IN PEW.8) ASK:

PEW.9 From what you know, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

BASED ON TOTAL:

May 20-23 <u>2010</u>		Mar 11-21 <u>2010</u>
10	Strongly agree	9
15	Agree	15
8	Disagree	7
10	Strongly disagree	7
31	No opinion either way	29
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1
25	<i>Not heard of Tea Party/DK</i>	31

ASK ALL:

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

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

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<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>
May 20-23, 2010	23	32	36	5	1	4	13	13