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ASK ALL:

Q.1 Generally, how would you say things are these days in your life – would you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

<u>Total</u>	
29	Very happy
51	Pretty happy
16	Not too happy
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Trends:¹

	Very <u>happy</u>	Pretty <u>happy</u>	Not too <u>happy</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Nov 2012	29	51	16	4
Jul 2012	30	47	21	1
Dec 2011	31	50	15	3
Sep 2011	30	47	20	3
Mar 2011	30	52	16	2
Jan 2010	28	54	16	2
Jul 2009 ²	34	49	15	3
Apr 2009	29	52	16	4
Feb 2009	32	49	15	4
Oct 2008	29	51	17	3
Jun 2008	35	48	14	3
Sep 2006	36	51	12	1
Nov 2005	29	56	14	1
Oct 2005	34	50	15	1
Late Mar 2003	29	51	16	4
Feb 2003	29	51	17	3
Sep 1996	34	53	11	2

¹ Unless otherwise noted, trends throughout the topline are based on total sample.

² The Jul 2009 survey was based on respondents ages 16 and older. In this topline, all Jul 2009 trends are based on respondents ages 18 and older only.

ASK ALL:

Q.2 How would you rate your own health in general these days? Would you say your health is excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

<u>Total</u>	
77	NET Excellent/Good
26	Excellent
51	Good
23	NET Only fair/Poor
18	Only fair
4	Poor
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Trends:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Nov 2012	26	51	18	4	*
Jul 2012	29	44	20	6	1
<i>Pew Internet</i> : Aug 2010 ³	30	49	16	5	*
Jul 2009	29	51	15	5	1
Feb 2009	31	46	17	5	1
<i>Pew Internet</i> : Nov 2008	29	51	14	5	1
Jan 2008	30	48	17	5	*
<i>Pew Internet</i> : Aug 2006	33	47	14	4	1
Feb 2006	29	51	15	5	*
Oct 2005	30	48	17	5	*
<i>Pew Internet</i> : May 2004	33	49	14	4	1
Jun 2003	28	52	15	5	*
<i>Pew Internet</i> : Nov 2002	35	48	12	4	1
<i>Pew Internet</i> : Jun 2001	29	57	12	2	*
<i>Pew Internet</i> : Aug 2000	39	49	10	2	*
Mid-July 1990	27	53	15	5	*

ASK ALL:

Q.3 How would you describe your household's financial situation? Would you say you **[READ; DO NOT RANDOMIZE]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>May 2010</u>	<u>Jul 2009</u>
33	Live comfortably	30	33
30	Meet your basic expenses with a little left over for extras	30	27
24	Just meet your basic expenses [OR]	27	26
11	Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses	11	11
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2

³ In trends from the Pew Internet & American Life Project, the question was worded: "In general, how would you rate your own health—excellent, good, only fair, or poor?"

ASK ALL:

Q.4 In general, how do you feel about your time—would you say you always feel rushed even to do the things you have to do, only sometimes feel rushed, or almost never feel rushed?

<u>Total</u>		Oct <u>2005</u>
25	Always feel rushed	24
47	Sometimes feel rushed	53
27	Almost never feel rushed	23
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK ALL:

On a different topic...

Q.5 In all countries, there are differences or conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in AMERICA, how much conflict is there between ... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU d. ALWAYS READ ITEM e. LAST]** ... Very strong conflicts, strong conflicts, not very strong conflicts, or there are not conflicts? **[REPEAT CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]** In America, how much conflict is there between ... **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**
READ IF NECESSARY: Very strong conflicts, strong conflicts, not very strong conflicts, or there are not conflicts?

a. Young people and older people?

<u>Total</u>		Dec <u>2011</u>	Jul <u>2009</u>	GSS: <u>2000</u> ⁴	GSS: <u>1992</u> ⁵
8	Very strong conflicts	10	6	10	11
20	Strong conflicts	24	19	31	31
52	Not very strong conflicts	50	56	48	43
15	There are not conflicts	12	14	7	10
1	Can't choose (VOL.)	1	1	4	5
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	n/a	n/a

b. Poor people and rich people?

<u>Total</u>		Dec <u>2011</u>	Jul <u>2009</u>	GSS: <u>2000</u>	GSS: <u>1992</u>	GSS: <u>1987</u>
22	Very strong conflicts	30	15	14	20	15
36	Strong conflicts	36	32	41	46	44
28	Not very strong conflicts	23	34	37	26	33
8	There are not conflicts	7	10	3	3	3
2	Can't choose (VOL.)	1	3	6	5	5
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	n/a	n/a	n/a

c. Blacks and whites?

<u>Total</u>		Dec <u>2011</u>	Jul <u>2009</u>
11	Very strong conflicts	10	9
28	Strong conflicts	28	30
47	Not very strong conflicts	47	45
7	There are not conflicts	7	8
2	Can't choose (VOL.)	2	3
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	6

⁴ The GSS questions didn't include a "Don't know/Refused" option.

⁵ The question wording is slightly different in the 1992 GSS: "In all countries there are differences or even conflicts between..."

QUESTION 5 CONTINUED ...

d. Immigrants and people born in the United States?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Dec</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Jul</u> <u>2009</u>
17	Very strong conflicts	24	18
38	Strong conflicts	38	36
32	Not very strong conflicts	26	30
6	There are not conflicts	6	8
2	Can't choose (VOL.)	1	3
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	5

e. Democrats and Republicans?

<u>Total</u>	
47	Very strong conflicts
35	Strong conflicts
10	Not very strong conflicts
3	There are not conflicts
1	Can't choose (VOL.)
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.6 Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: It is the responsibility of the government to take care of those who can't take care of themselves. **(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK:** Would you say you completely (agree/disagree) or mostly (agree/disagree)? **[READ IF NECESSARY:** Do you completely (agree/disagree) or mostly (agree/disagree) that it is the responsibility of the government to take care of those who can't take care of themselves.]

<u>Total</u>	
57	NET Agree
21	Completely agree
37	Mostly agree
37	NET Disagree
25	Mostly disagree
12	Completely disagree
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.6a Thinking about how the federal government spends its money, which do you think should be the higher priority ...
[READ AND ROTATE]

<u>Total</u>	
47	Programs that benefit older adults
27	Programs that benefit younger adults
17	Both are equally important (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 7-10

ASK ALL:

- Q.11 In terms of your values and beliefs, how much do you feel you have in common with other members of YOUR age group or generation? Would you say you have a great deal in common, some things in common, little in common, or nothing at all in common with other members of your generation?

<u>Total</u>	
33	A great deal in common
53	Some things in common
11	Little in common
1	Nothing at all in common
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ROTATE Q.12 AND Q.13**ASK ALL:**

- Q.12 **[IF Q.12 ASKED FIRST, READ: In general... / IF Q.12 ASKED SECOND, READ: And]** how well do you think YOUNG adults understand the problems and concerns of OLDER adults? Would you say they understand them very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?

<u>Total</u>	
34	NET Well
5	Very well
29	Somewhat well
65	NET Not well
46	Not too well
18	Not well at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

- Q.13 **[IF Q.13 ASKED FIRST, READ: In general... / IF Q.13 ASKED SECOND, READ: And]** how well do you think OLDER adults understand the problems and concerns of YOUNG adults? Would you say they understand them very well, somewhat well, not too well or not well at all?

<u>Total</u>	
68	NET Well
18	Very well
49	Somewhat well
31	NET Not well
26	Not too well
5	Not well at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

- Q.14 How likely is it that, at some point in your life, you will be responsible for caring for an aging parent or another elderly family member? Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

<u>Total</u>	
47	Very likely
21	Somewhat likely
10	Not too likely
11	Not at all likely
*	Depends (VOL.)
11	Have already done this/Am currently doing this (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.15 Generally speaking, do you think young adults and older adults are similar or different today in terms of **[INSERT AND RANDOMIZE]? IF SIMILAR OR DIFFERENT:** Would you say they are very (similar/different), or just somewhat (similar/different)? What about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]? READ IF NECESSARY:** Do you think young adults and older adults are similar or different today? **IF SIMILAR OR DIFFERENT:** Would you say they are very (similar/different), or just somewhat (similar/different)?

a. Their moral values

<u>Total</u>		Jul 2009 ⁶
6	Very similar	4
15	Somewhat similar	13
28	Somewhat different	26
48	Very different	54
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

b. The way they use the internet and other technology

<u>Total</u>		<i>Trend for comparison</i> Jul 2009 ⁷
4	Very similar	4
9	Somewhat similar	6
20	Somewhat different	13
64	Very different	74
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

c. Their attitudes about the changing racial and ethnic makeup of the country

<u>Total</u>	
6	Very similar
16	Somewhat similar
33	Somewhat different
39	Very different
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

d. The importance they place on family

<u>Total</u>	
14	Very similar
22	Somewhat similar
29	Somewhat different
32	Very different
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁶ In July 2009, the question stem read, "Generally speaking, do you think young *people* and older *people* are similar or different today in terms of..."

⁷ In July 2009, the item was, "the way they use computers, the internet and other kinds of new technology."

ASK IF Q.15a=3,4: [n=1,897]

Q.16a You said young adults and older adults were different in terms of their moral values. In your opinion, who has the better moral values: Young adults or older adults?

<u>Total</u>		Jul 2009 ⁸
5	Young adults	5
86	Older adults	87
5	Neither better nor worse just different/mixed (VOL.)	5
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

ASK IF Q.15c=3,4: [n=1,797]

Q.16b You also said young adults and older adults were different in terms of their attitudes about the changing racial and ethnic makeup of the country. In your opinion, who has the better attitudes: Young adults or older adults?

<u>Total</u>	
66	Young adults
28	Older adults
2	Neither better nor worse just different/mixed (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

On another subject,

Q.17 Here are a few things family members sometimes do for each other. I'd like to know if you think each is a responsibility or is it not really a responsibility, regardless of whether it might be a good thing to do. (First/Next)...

[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] READ AS NECESSARY: Do you think this is a responsibility or is it not really a responsibility?

- a. Parents providing financial assistance to an adult child if he or she needs it

<u>Total</u>	
52	Responsibility
44	Not really a responsibility
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

- b. Adult children providing financial assistance to an elderly parent if he or she needs it

<u>Total</u>	
75	Responsibility
23	Not really a responsibility
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about your own family...

F.1 Is your mother living?

<u>Total</u>	
64	Yes
36	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁸ In July 2009, the question stem read, "You said young *people* and older *people* were different in terms of their moral values."

ASK ALL:

F.2 Is your father living?

<u>Total</u>	
49	Yes
49	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

F.3 Do you have any living stepparents who play an important role in your life?

IF YES (F.3=1), ASK:

F.3a Would that be a stepmother, a stepfather or both?

<u>Total</u>	
14	Yes
4	Stepmother
5	Stepfather
4	Both stepmother and stepfather
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
86	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK F.4 AND F.5 ONLY IF BOTH PARENTS ARE LIVING (F.1=1 AND F.2=1): [n=842]

F.4 Do your mother and father live together?

<u>Total</u>	
60	Yes
40	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

F.5 With which parent do you have the most contact?

<u>Total</u>	
51	Mother
15	Father
34	Neither/both same (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK F.6 IF MOTHER IS LIVING OR MOTHER NOT LIVING/DK AND IMPORTANT STEPMOTHER {F.1=1 or (F.1=2,9 & F.3a=1,3)}:

F.6 How old is your (IF F.1=1: mother/IF F.1=2,9 & F.3a=1,3: stepmother)? **(READ IF NECESSARY: Just your best guess is fine.)**

(RECORD EXACT AGE)

ASK F.7 IF FATHER IS LIVING OR FATHER NOT LIVING/DK AND IMPORTANT STEPFATHER {F.2=1 or (F.2=2,9 & F.3a=2,3)}:

F.7 How old is your (IF F.2=1: father/ IF F.2=2,9 & F.3a=2,3: stepfather)? **(READ IF NECESSARY: Just your best guess is fine.)**

(RECORD EXACT AGE)

COMBO F.6/F.7:**BASED ON THOSE WITH MOTHER
OR STEPMOTHER LIVING [n=1,347]**

<u>Total</u>	
54	Younger than 65
20	65-74
15	75-84
8	85 and older
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
64	Mean age of mother

**BASED ON THOSE WITH FATHER
OR STEPFATHER LIVING [n=1,005]**

<u>Total</u>	
55	Younger than 65
23	65-74
14	75-84
5	85 and older
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
63	Mean age of father

----- ADULTS WITH PARENTS AGES 65 AND OLDER-----

Unless otherwise noted, questions 18 through 23 are asked of respondents with one or more living parents or stepparents age 65 or older (n=871). Respondents with no living parents or stepparents skip ahead to Question P.1. The following instructions indicate the referent in Q.18-23 given the respondent's situation.

RESPONDENT'S SITUATION**ASK Q.18-Q.23 ABOUT RESPONDENT'S...**

Both parents live together	Parents
Parents live separately and more contact with mother	Mother
Parents live separately and more contact with father	Father
Parents live separately and equal contact	FORM 1: Mother / FORM 2: Father
Only mother living	Mother
Only father living	Father
No parents living and stepmother played important role	Stepmother
No parents living and stepfather played important role	Stepfather
No parents living and important stepmother and stepfather	FORM 1: Stepmother / FORM 2: Stepfather

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE PARENT AGE 65+ (F.6=65-97 OR F.7=65-97): [n=871]

Q.18 (Do either of your parents/Does your mother/Does your father/Does your stepmother/Does your stepfather) need help to handle (their/her/his) affairs or care for (themselves/herself/himself), OR can (they/she/he) handle these things on (their/her/his) own?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Feb</u> <u>2009</u>
30	Need help	21
69	Can handle on own	77
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

IF NEEDS HELP (Q.18=1): [n=279]

Q.19 Who provides MOST of this help – is it you, someone else in your family, paid help, or do you have some other arrangement for providing MOST of this help?

<u>Total</u>		Feb <u>2009</u>
31	You	28
37	Someone else in your family	44
12	Paid help	11
18	Other (SPECIFY)	14
0	My spouse (VOL.)	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

Q.18/Q.19 COMBO

<u>Total</u>	
30	Need help
9	You
11	Someone else in your family
4	Paid help
5	Other (SPECIFY)
0	My spouse (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
69	Can handle on own
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

IF NOT 'YOU' (Q.19=2-9), ASK: [n=194]

Q.20 Do you provide any of this assistance, or not?

<u>Total</u>		Feb <u>2009</u>
70	Yes	65
30	No	34
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE LIVING PARENT (F.1=1 OR F.2=1 OR F.3=1): [n=1,452]

Q.21 Have you GIVEN any financial support to your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather) in the past 12 months, or not?

ASK IF YES (Q.21=1):

Q.22 Was the financial support for help with ONGOING expenses, or not?

<u>Total</u>		<i>With parent / stepparent 65 or older</i>
33	Yes	32
24	Ongoing expenses	23
8	Not	9
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*
67	No	67
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

QUESTION 22 CONTINUED ...

Trends for comparison:

	<u>Aug 2011</u> ⁹		<u>Feb 2009</u> ¹⁰
Yes	39	Yes	21
Ongoing expenses	31	Ongoing expenses	10
Not	8	Special circumstances	9
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	Both	1
No	61	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	No	78
		Does not apply (VOL.)	*
		Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE PARENT AGE 65+ (F.6=65-97 OR F.7=65-97): [n=871]

Q.23 Now thinking about another aspect of your relationship...How often would you say your (parents depend/mother depends/father depends/stepmother depends/stepfather depends) on you for EMOTIONAL support. Would you say (READ IN ORDER)?

<u>Total</u>	
35	Frequently
33	Sometimes
21	Hardly ever [OR]
10	Never
1	Depends/Different for each parent (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Still thinking about your family...

P.1 Do you have any children under age 18? **IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY HAVE STEPCHILDREN, ASK:** Do you consider yourself (**IF MORE THAN ONE:** their/**IF ONE:** his or her) parent or guardian, or not? **IF YES TO EITHER, ASK:** How many children (OR, **IF APPLICABLE:** stepchildren) under age 18 do you have?

<u>Total</u>	
33	Yes
13	One child under 18
19	More than one
67	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁹ In August 2011, the question was only asked of respondents with at least one parent ages 65 or older. The question did not include stepparents and respondents with two living parents were asked if they had given support to their "parents," regardless of whether they were living together or not.

¹⁰ In February 2009, the question was only asked of respondents with a living parent or stepparent ages 65 or older. The question wording was slightly different. The first question read, "(Now I'd like to ask about/And how about) the kinds of things you may or may not have done for your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather) DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS. Did you ... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? a. Given any financial help." The follow-up read, "Was the financial help given for special circumstances OR was it for ongoing expenses?"

ASK ALL:

- P.2 Do you have any adult children, age 18 or older? **IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY HAVE STEPCHILDREN, ASK:** Do you consider yourself (**IF MORE THAN ONE:** their/**IF ONE:** his or her) parent or guardian, or not? **IF YES TO EITHER, ASK:** How many adult children (**OR, IF APPLICABLE:** adult stepchildren) do you have?

<u>Total</u>	
48	Yes
13	One adult child
35	More than one
52	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 24**IF RESPONDENT HAS ANY CHILDREN (P.1=1,2 OR P.2=1,2), ASK: [n=1,862]**

- Q.25 Overall, how would you rate the job you have done or are doing as a PARENT – would you say excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Oct 2010</u>	<u>Feb 2009</u>
26	Excellent	26	32
43	Very good	44	36
24	Good	25	24
5	Only fair	4	6
1	Poor	1	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2

ASK IF RESPONDENT HAS CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 (P.1=1,2): [n=643]

- Q.26a Do you think you spend too much time with your children, too little time or about the right amount of time?

		<i>Trend for comparison</i>	
		<i>PSRA/Newsweek:</i>	
<u>Total</u>		<u>Apr 1993¹¹</u>	
6	Too much	5	
33	Too little	33	
60	Right amount	61	
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	

ASK IF RESPONDENT HAS CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 (P.1=1,2): [n=643]

- Q.26b Generally speaking, do you spend more time with your children than your parents did with you, less time, or about the same amount?

		<i>Trends for comparison¹²</i>	
		<i>PSRA/Newsweek:</i>	
<u>Total</u>		<u>Jul 2009</u>	<u>Apr 1993</u>
49	More time	48	42
17	Less time	13	17
33	About the same amount	38	40
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1

¹¹ In the April 1993 PSRA/Newsweek survey, the question was only asked among parents with children ages 10-16. It was also preceded by a question that asked how often they have dinner with their children. The questions used to filter parents with young children did not explicitly include stepchildren.

¹² For both trends, only parents with children younger than 17 were asked. The questions used to filter parents with young children in each survey did not explicitly include stepchildren. For July 2009 it asked if the respondent had any children 16 or younger; for April 1993 it asked if there were any children ages 16 or younger in the household.

ASK IF ONE CHILD 18+ (P.2=1):

P.3 Do you provide the PRIMARY financial support for your child, age 18 and older, or not?

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD 18+ (P.2=2):

P.4 Do you provide the PRIMARY financial support for ALL of your children ages 18 and older, for some but not for others, or not for any?

BASED ON PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGE 18+: [n=1,454]

<u>Total</u>		Oct <u>2005</u>
31	Provide support for a child 18+	22
15	Provide for ALL	12
16	Provide for SOME	10
68	Don't provide for any children 18+	77
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK IF PROVIDING ANY CHILD 18+ WITH PRIMARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT (P.3=1 OR P.4=1,2): [n=371]

P.5 Are you providing the primary financial support because (IF P.3=1: this child is /P.4=1,2: these children are) enrolled in school OR for some other reason?

<u>Total</u>		Oct <u>2005</u>
49	In school	56
46	Some other reason	39
2	Both (VOL.)	3
1	Depends on which adult child (VOL.)	*
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE CHILD 18+ AND NOT PROVIDING PRIMARY SUPPORT {P.2=1,2 AND (P.3=2,9 OR P.4=3,9)}: [n=1,083]

Q.27 Have you given ANY financial support to (IF P.2=1: your adult child/IF P.2=2: any of your adult children) in the past 12 months, or not?

<u>Total</u>	
46	Yes
54	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

COMBO P.3/P.4/Q.27: [n=1,454]

<u>Total</u>	
63	NET Provide support for a child/children 18+
31	PRIMARY financial support
32	ANY financial support
37	Don't provide support
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE CHILD 18+ (P.2=1,2): [n=1,454]

Q.28 Now thinking about another aspect of your relationship...How often would you say (IF P.2=1: your adult child depends/IF P.2=2: your adult children depend) on you for EMOTIONAL support. Would you say **(READ IN ORDER)?**

<u>Total</u>	
33	Frequently
42	Sometimes
18	Hardly ever [OR]
5	Never
1	Depends/Different for each parent (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE CHILD 18+ (P.2=1,2): [n=1,454]

Q.29 Would you say your relationship with your adult (IF P.2=1: child/IF P.2=2: children) is closer or less close than the relationship you had with your own parents when you were at a comparable age, or is it about the same?

<u>Total</u>	
47	Closer
11	Less close
41	About the same
*	Depends on which child (VOL.)
1	Not applicable/Parents weren't living (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 30**ASK ALL:**

Q.31 Now thinking about some issues that have been in the news lately. In your opinion, what is more important ...**[READ AND ROTATE]?**

<u>Total</u>		<i>Trends for comparison¹³</i>	
		Aug <u>2012</u>	Sep <u>2011</u>
32	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit [OR]	33	35
56	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are	51	58
8	Both equally (VOL.)	11	2
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	4

¹³ In all trends, items were not rotated. Also, the intro wording was, "What is more important...."

ROTATE Q.32 AND Q.33**ASK ALL:**

- Q.32 **[IF Q.32 ASKED FIRST, READ:** Thinking about Social Security and Medicare... / **IF Q.32 ASKED SECOND, READ:** Still thinking about these programs...] How likely do you think it is that, in the future, there will be enough money to provide these benefits at their current levels to older Americans? Do you think this is **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Total

45	NET Likely
14	Very likely
31	Somewhat likely
51	NET Not likely
32	Not too likely [OR]
19	Not at all likely
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

- Q.33 **[IF Q.33 ASKED FIRST, READ:** Thinking about Social Security and Medicare... / **IF Q.33 ASKED SECOND, READ:** Still thinking about these programs...] If Social Security and Medicare benefits are kept at their current levels, do you think this will put too much of a financial burden on younger generations, or don't you think so?

Total

44	Yes, will put too much of a burden on younger generations
45	No, will not
2	Depends (VOL.)
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [n=1,257]

- Q.34 To address financial concerns about the Social Security program would you favor or oppose **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: would you favor or oppose ...?]**

- a. Gradually raising the age at which people can begin receiving Social Security benefits

<u>Total</u>		<u>Sep 2011</u>
38	Favor	39
56	Oppose	59
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

- b. Reducing Social Security benefits for seniors with higher incomes

<u>Total</u>		<u>Sep 2011</u>
55	Favor	53
39	Oppose	42
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

- c. Raising payroll taxes on high-income earners

<u>Total</u>	
66	Favor
29	Oppose
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [n=1,254]

Q.35 To address financial concerns about the Medicare program would you favor or oppose **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: would you favor or oppose ...?]**

- a. Gradually raising the age at which people can begin receiving Medicare benefits

<u>Total</u>		Sep <u>2011</u>
35	Favor	38
59	Oppose	58
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

- b. Reducing Medicare benefits for seniors with higher incomes

<u>Total</u>		Sep <u>2011</u>
60	Favor	55
33	Oppose	40
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

ASK ALL:

Now, on a different subject...

- M.1 Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? **(IF R SAYS "SINGLE," PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE)**

<u>Total</u>	
49	Married
7	Living with a partner
9	Divorced
3	Separated
7	Widowed
25	Never been married
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF LIVING WITH PARTNER (M.1=2): [n=120]

- M.2 Have you ever been married?

<u>Total</u>	
30	Yes
70	No
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

- Q.36 On another subject, generally do you feel like you have enough free time to do the things you want to do, or not?

<u>Total</u>	
63	Yes
37	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.37 In your opinion, what is the ideal situation for young CHILDREN: mothers working full-time, mothers working part-time, or mothers not working at all outside the home?

<u>Total</u>		Jul <u>2009</u>
16	Full-time	11
42	Part-time	40
33	Not at all	43
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [n=1,257]

Q.38a And what do you think is the ideal situation for WOMEN with young children: working full-time, working part-time, or not working at all outside the home?

<u>Total</u>		Jul <u>2009</u>
12	Full-time	12
47	Part-time	44
33	Not at all	39
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [n=1,254]

Q.38b And what do you think is the ideal situation for MEN with young children: working full-time, working part-time, or not working at all outside the home?

<u>Total</u>	
70	Full-time
20	Part-time
4	Not at all
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

E1 Are you currently retired?

<u>Total</u>	
22	Yes
2	Yes, semi-retired or "still do some type of work" (VOL.)
73	No
3	Disabled (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

E2 Are you now enrolled in school, either full or part-time, or not?

<u>Total</u>	
9	Yes, full-time
5	Yes, part-time
85	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

E3 (IF E1=1,2: Some people who have retired do some type of work for pay.../IF E2=1,2 & E1=3,9: Some students also do some type of work for pay/IF E1=4: Some people who are disabled do some type of work for pay...) Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

Total

45 Full-time
15 Part-time
39 Not employed
* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3=1,2): [n=1,367]

Q.39 Overall, how satisfied are you with your job? Are you (READ):

Total

31 Completely satisfied
58 Mostly satisfied
7 Mostly dissatisfied [OR]
3 Completely dissatisfied
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Trends:

	Jul 2012	Dec 2011 ¹⁴	May 2010	Jul 2009	Pew Internet: Mar 2008 ¹⁵	Jan 2008	Jun 2006	PSRA/U.S. News & World Report: May 1992	Gallup: Jul 1989
Completely satisfied	30	36	32	30	33	31	28	20	28
Mostly satisfied	56	49	54	60	57	56	61	63	61
Mostly dissatisfied [OR]	10	10	7	7	8	10	8	14	8
Completely dissatisfied	3	5	4	2	2	3	2	2	3
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	2	1	1	*	1	1	*

ASK ALL WHO ARE NOT FULLY RETIRED {(E1=2 THRU 9 OR (E1=1 AND E3=1,2))}: [n=1,785]

Q.40 There are many things people value in a job. How important is each of these things to you personally? First, (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE) – Is this extremely important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important? How about (INSERT ITEM)? READ IF NECESSARY: Is this extremely important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

a. Having a high-paying job

Total

33 Extremely important
51 Somewhat important
12 Not too important
3 Not at all important
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹⁴ In December 2011, the question read: "How satisfied are you with your current job..."

¹⁵ In March 2008, the question read: "Now thinking about your job overall, would you say you are completely satisfied with your job overall, mostly satisfied, mostly dissatisfied or completely dissatisfied?"

QUESTION 40 CONTINUED ...

b. Having job security

<u>Total</u>	
76	Extremely important
19	Somewhat important
2	Not too important
2	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

c. Having a flexible work schedule

<u>Total</u>	
46	Extremely important
39	Somewhat important
9	Not too important
5	Not at all important
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

d. Having a job you enjoy doing

<u>Total</u>	
74	Extremely important
22	Somewhat important
2	Not too important
1	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

IDEAL Considering everything, what would be the ideal situation for you – working full-time, working part-time, or not working at all outside the home?

<u>Total</u>		Feb <u>2007</u>
48	Full-time	40
29	Part-time	31
22	Not at all	28
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

BASED ON MOTHERS OF CHILDREN UNDER 18: [n=353]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Trend</u>	<u>Trend for comparison</u>
		Feb <u>2007</u>	Mar <u>1997</u> ¹⁶
32	Full-time	20	30
47	Part-time	50	44
20	Not at all	29	26
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	*
		(n=414)	(n=457)

¹⁶ In March 1997, question was based on respondents with children younger than 18 living in the household.

ASK ALL WHO ARE EMPLOYED AND HAVE KIDS UNDER 18 AND/OR ARE MARRIED {E3=1,2 AND (P.1=1,2 OR M.1=1)}: [n=888]

Q.41 How difficult would you say it is for you personally to balance the responsibilities of your job with the responsibilities of your family? Would you say it is ... **[READ IN ORDER]**

<u>Total</u>		<i>With children younger than 18</i>	<i>Without children younger than 18</i>
45	NET Difficult	53	31
12	Very difficult	15	6
33	Somewhat difficult	37	25
55	NET Not difficult	47	68
34	Not too difficult [OR]	32	39
20	Not at all difficult	15	30
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	*
		(n=478)	(n=409)

ASK ALL WHO HAVE CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 (P.1=1,2): [n=643]

Q.42 When it comes to taking care of your (**IF P.1=1:** child, **IF P.1=2:** children), do you do more than your (**IF M.1=1:** spouse, **IF M.1=2:** partner, **IF M.1 GE 3 & P.1=1:** child's other parent, **IF M.1 GE 3 & P.1=2:** children's other parent), does your (**IF M.1=1:** spouse, **IF M.1=2:** partner, **IF M.1 GE 3 & P.1=1:** child's other parent, **IF M.1 GE 3 & P.1=2:** children's other parent) do more than you, or do you share this about equally?

<u>Total</u>	
35	Respondent does more
18	Spouse/partner/other parent does more
44	Share about equally
1	Someone else does it (VOL.)
1	Depends on which child/parent (VOL.)
1	There is no other parent (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL WHO ARE MARRIED OR LWP (M.1=1,2): [n=1,382]

Q.43 When it comes to household chores and responsibilities, do you do more than your (**IF M.1=1:** spouse, **IF M.1=2:** partner), does your (**IF M.1=1:** spouse/**IF M.1=2:** partner) do more than you, or do you share this about equally?

<u>Total</u>	
30	Respondent does more
16	Spouse/partner does more
54	Share about equally
*	Someone else does it (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF MARRIED OR LWP (M.1=1,2): [n=1,382]

E5 Is your (**IF M.1=1:** spouse, **IF M.1=2:** partner) now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

<u>Total</u>	
54	Full-time
13	Part-time
32	Not employed
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

COMBO E3/E5:

<u>Total</u>	
50	Both employed (NET)
32	Both full-time
2	Both part-time
16	One full-time, one part-time
31	One employed
18	Neither employed
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL WHO ARE EMPLOYED AND HAVE KIDS UNDER 18 (E3=1,2 AND P.1=1,2): [n=478]

Q.44 Which one of the following statements best describes how you balance work and family? **[READ AND ROTATE]**

<u>Total</u>	
50	I would prefer to be at home raising my children, but I need to work because we need the income [OR]
46	Even though it takes me away from my family, I enjoy my work and want to keep working
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

BASED ON EMPLOYED WOMEN WITH KIDS UNDER 18: [n=229]

<u>Total</u>		<i>Trends for comparison¹⁷</i>	
		<i>NBC/WSJ:</i> <u>Apr 2012</u>	<i>NBC/WSJ:</i> <u>Jun 2000</u>
52	I would prefer to be at home raising my children, but I need to work because we need the income [OR]	46	48
42	Even though it takes me away from my family, I enjoy my work and want to keep working	47	44
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	8

ASK ALL:

Finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

ASK ALL:

GOV Please tell me whether you or anyone in your household has ever received any of the following government services and benefits. First, have you or has anyone in your household ever received **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]? IF YES AFTER EACH ITEM, ASK:** Would that be you or someone else in your household? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]... IF NECESSARY, READ:** Have you or has anyone in your household ever received this benefit? **IF NECESSARY, READ:** Would that be you or someone else in your household?

- a. Federal grants or loans for college

<u>Total</u>	
38	NET Ever received
18	Yes, respondent has received
12	Yes, someone in household has received
8	Yes, both have received (VOL.)
*	Yes, DK/REF who received (VOL.)
61	No, no one in household has received
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹⁷ In April 2012 and June 2010, the question was only asked of employed women who have children under 18 *living in their household*.

GOV CONTINUED ...

b. Food stamps

<u>Total</u>	
26	NET Ever received
14	Yes, respondent has received
8	Yes, someone in household has received
4	Yes, both have received (VOL.)
*	Yes, DK/REF who received (VOL.)
73	No, no one in household has received
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

c. Social Security benefits

<u>Total</u>	
36	NET Ever received
17	Yes, respondent has received
10	Yes, someone in household has received
9	Yes, both have received (VOL.)
*	Yes, DK/REF who received (VOL.)
63	No, no one in household has received
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

d. MediCARE benefits

<u>Total</u>	
31	NET Ever received
15	Yes, respondent has received
9	Yes, someone in household has received
7	Yes, both have received (VOL.)
*	Yes, DK/REF who received (VOL.)
67	No, no one in household has received
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

e. Veterans benefits

<u>Total</u>	
14	NET Ever received
7	Yes, respondent has received
6	Yes, someone in household has received
1	Yes, both have received (VOL.)
0	Yes, DK/REF who received (VOL.)
85	No, no one in household has received
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

GOV CONTINUED ...

f. MediCAID benefits

<u>Total</u>	
20	NET Ever received
8	Yes, respondent has received
9	Yes, someone in household has received
3	Yes, both have received (VOL.)
0	Yes, DK/REF who received (VOL.)
78	No, no one in household has received
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

g. Unemployment benefits

<u>Total</u>	
38	NET Ever received
23	Yes, respondent has received
11	Yes, someone in household has received
4	Yes, both have received (VOL.)
*	Yes, DK/REF who received (VOL.)
61	No, no one in household has received
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

h. Welfare benefits

<u>Total</u>	
11	NET Ever received
6	Yes, respondent has received
3	Yes, someone in household has received
2	Yes, both have received (VOL.)
*	Yes, DK/REF who received (VOL.)
88	No, no one in household has received
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

[NOT SHOWN: EDUC2, HISP4, RACE, CITIZEN, BIRTH_HISP, USBORN1A, USBORN2, RELIG, CHR, BORN, ATTEND, INCOME]

ASK ALL: [N=1,979]¹⁸

REG Which of these statements best describes you? [READ IN ORDER]

<u>Total</u>	
75	Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address [OR]
3	Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed [OR]
21	Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹⁸ REG, PVOTE12A and PVOTE12B were asked starting on November 30, 2012.

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

PVOTE12A In the 2012 presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

ASK IF YES (PVOTE12A=1):

PVOTE12B Did you vote for Obama, Romney or someone else?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS: [n=1,604]

<u>Total</u>	
89	Voted
41	Obama
33	Romney
4	Other candidate
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
11	Did not vote (includes too young to vote)
*	Don't remember if voted/ Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

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

<u>Total</u>	
24	Republican
33	Democrat
34	Independent
4	No preference (VOL.)
*	Other party (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Trends:

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No preference (VOL.)	Other party (VOL.)	DK/Ref. (VOL.)
Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012	24	33	34	4	*	4
Nov 8-11, 2012	31	35	32	*	*	1
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2
Oct 4-7 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2
Jul16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	22	31	42	3	*	2
Jan 4-8, 2012	26	31	35	4	*	4
Dec 7-11, 2011	23	33	38	3	*	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	24	33	38	3	1	2
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	23	33	38	2	1	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	24	30	40	3	*	3
Jul 20-24, 2011	24	32	38	4	*	2
Yearly Totals						
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8

PARTY TRENDS CONTINUED ...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No preference <u>(VOL.)</u>	Other party <u>(VOL.)</u>	DK/Ref. <u>(VOL.)</u>
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6
2001 <i>Post-Sep 11</i>	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6
2001 <i>Pre-Sep 11</i>	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	n/a	3.6
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4
1989	33	33	34	n/a	n/a	n/a
1987	26	35	39	n/a	n/a	n/a

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?

Total

36	Republican/lean Republican
48	Democrat/lean Democrat
16	Refused to lean

ASK ALL:

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... [READ]

Total

8	Very conservative
29	Conservative
35	Moderate
15	Liberal
7	Very liberal
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

[NOT SHOWN: HH1, HH2, OWNRENT]