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MAY 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
May 1-5, 2013
N=1,504

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.1F1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	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>
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	July, 2008	19	74	7
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	June, 2008	19	76	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	March, 2008	22	72	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	October, 2007	28	66	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	February, 2007	30	61	9
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	December, 2006	28	65	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	July, 2006	30	65	5
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	March, 2006	32	63	5
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	January, 2006	34	61	5
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	July, 2005	35	58	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	February, 2005	38	56	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	January, 2005	40	54	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	December, 2004	39	54	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	July, 2004	38	55	7
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	May, 2004	33	61	6
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	December, 2003	44	47	9
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	October, 2003	38	56	6
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	August, 2003	40	53	7
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	April 8, 2003	50	41	9
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	January, 2003	44	50	6
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	September, 2002	41	55	4
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	May, 2002	44	44	12
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	March, 2002	50	40	10
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
December, 2008	13	83	4	February, 2001	46	43	11
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	January, 2001	55	41	4
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
August, 2008	21	74	5	September, 2000	51	41	8
				June, 2000	47	45	8
				April, 2000	48	43	9
				August, 1999	56	39	5
				January, 1999	53	41	6

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.1F1 CONTINUED...

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 1998	46	44	10	July, 1994	24	73	3
Early September, 1998	54	42	4	March, 1994	24	71	5
Late August, 1998	55	41	4	October, 1993	22	73	5
Early August, 1998	50	44	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
February, 1998	59	37	4	May, 1993	22	71	7
January, 1998	46	50	4	January, 1993	39	50	11
September, 1997	45	49	6	January, 1992	28	68	4
August, 1997	49	46	5	November, 1991	34	61	5
January, 1997	38	58	4	<i>Gallup</i> : Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
July, 1996	29	67	4	August, 1990	47	48	5
March, 1996	28	70	2	May, 1990	41	54	5
October, 1995	23	73	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
June, 1995	25	73	2	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
April, 1995	23	74	3				

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=764]:

Q.2F2 All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

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 32 Right direction
 58 Wrong track
 10 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

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

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

ASK ALL:

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Jan 5-9, 2011 ²	34	43	22
Nov 4-7, 2010	41	37	22
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16

² Question wording for Nov. 4-7, 2010, and Jan. 5-9, 2011, was: "Do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

Q.4 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 ³	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
May 1-5, 2013	32	59	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13

³ From December, 1994, through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

Q.4 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ⁴	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 ⁵	50	21	29
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22
December, 1994	52	28	20

ASK ALL:

- Q.5 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Barack Obama. (First,) does Barack Obama impress you as...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**?

	<u>Able to get things done</u>	<u>Not able to get things done</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.				
May 1-5, 2013	49	46	2	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	57	37	1	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	46	50	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	50	2	4
May 25-30, 2011	55	38	3	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	54	38	3	5
June 16-20, 2010	55	39	2	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	57	35	3	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	58	31	3	8
Feb 4-8, 2009	70	15	2	13

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

⁵ Question wording in November, 2006, and December, 1994, was: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?".

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	<u>A strong leader</u>	<u>Not a strong leader</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither particularly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
b.				
May 1-5, 2013	56	40	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	37	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	52	45	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	49	47	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	58	37	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	53	41	2	4
June 16-20, 2010	53	42	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	62	32	2	3
Sep 10-15, 2009	65	29	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	77	13	1	9

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	<u>Stands up for what he believes in</u>	<u>Doesn't stand up for what he believes in</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither particularly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
c.F1				
May 1-5, 2013	76	19	1	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	82	14	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	75	19	1	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	71	22	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	75	18	1	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	77	16	1	5

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=764]:

	<u>Fights hard to get his policies passed</u>	<u>Doesn't fight hard to get his policies passed</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither particularly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
d.F2				
May 1-5, 2013	67	25	2	7

NO QUESTIONS-6-8**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject...

Q.9 Please tell me how much discrimination there is against each of these groups in our society today. How about...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Would you say there is a lot of discrimination, some, only a little, or none at all? And how much discrimination is there against **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, **[IF NECESSARY: a lot, some, only a little, or none at all]**?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. African Americans					
May 1-5, 2013	22	39	27	9	3
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 (SDT)	18	51	21	6	3
April 2001 ⁶	25	49	16	7	3
b. Hispanic Americans					
May 1-5, 2013	25	40	23	8	3
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 (SDT)	23	47	19	6	5
April 2001	19	47	23	8	3
c. Gays and lesbians					
May 1-5, 2013	39	33	18	5	4
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009 (SDT)	45	33	12	5	6

⁶ The April 2001 figures for Q.9 a, b and d are from a *Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University* survey.

Q.9 CONTINUED...

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>None at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
d. Women					
May 1-5, 2013	15	35	32	16	2
Oct 28–Nov 30, 2009	13	43	29	12	2
April 2001	14	46	27	13	1
e. Muslim Americans					
May 1-5, 2013	45	28	13	6	8

NO QUESTIONS 10-13**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the way some things work in this country ...

Q.14 Do you think **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE – OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** in this country works pretty well and requires only MINOR CHANGES, do you think it needs MAJOR CHANGES, or do you think it needs to be COMPLETELY REBUILT?

	<u>Works pretty well/ Only minor changes</u>	<u>Major changes</u>	<u>Completely rebuilt</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Immigration policy				
May 1-5, 2013	21	39	35	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	26	43	24	6
February, 2006	23	41	27	9

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b.F1 The health care system				
May 1-5, 2013	32	37	27	4
February, 2006	20	46	32	2
January, 2005	27	50	21	2
c.F1 The tax system				
May 1-5, 2013	26	40	32	3
Jun 15-19, 2011	34	38	24	3
February, 2006	35	39	22	4
January, 2005	50	29	17	4
d.F1 The Social Security system				
May 1-5, 2013	40	34	21	5
Jun 15-19, 2011	41	34	18	7
February, 2006	35	36	26	3
January, 2005	47	34	15	4

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=764]:

e.F2 The Homeland Security system				
May 1-5, 2013	51	26	19	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	55	24	13	8
February, 2006	39	36	19	6
f.F2 The education system				
May 1-5, 2013	31	45	21	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	32	47	19	2
February, 2006	35	45	16	4
January, 2005	36	45	17	2
g.F2 The Medicare system				
May 1-5, 2013	36	31	27	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	38	33	21	8
February, 2006	26	42	28	4

NO QUESTIONS 15-16

ASK ALL:

Q.17 Here are some pairs of statements. Please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is...
[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]

	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in <u>return</u>	Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live <u>decently</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
a.			
May 1-5, 2013	45	44	11
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	41	47	12
January, 2008	34	52	14
December, 2005	35	51	14
September, 2005	38	51	11
December, 2004	34	52	14
June, 2003	34	55	11
August, 1999	45	42	13
June, 1997	45	42	13
October, 1996	46	40	14
October, 1995	54	36	10
April, 1995	52	39	9
October, 1994	48	41	11
July, 1994	53	39	8

	Homosexuality should be <u>accepted by society</u>	Homosexuality should be <u>discouraged by society</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
b.			
May 1-5, 2013	60	31	8
Mar 13-17, 2013	57	36	7
Jan 4-8, 2012	56	32	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	58	33	8
October, 2006 ⁷	51	38	11
December, 2004	49	44	7
June, 2003	47	45	8
September, 2000	50	41	9
August, 1999	49	44	7
October, 1997	46	48	6
June, 1997	45	50	5
October, 1996	44	49	7
April, 1996	44	49	7
October, 1995	45	50	5
April, 1995	47	48	5
October, 1994	46	48	6
July, 1994	46	49	5

	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among <u>its believers</u>	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence <u>more than others</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
c.			
May 1-5, 2013	42	46	13
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	40	42	18
Aug 19-22, 2010	35	42	24
Aug 11-17, 2009	38	45	16

⁷ In 2006 and before, both answer choices began "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be..."

Q.17 CONTINUED...

	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among <u>its believers</u>	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence <u>more than others</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
August, 2007	45	39	16
July, 2005	36	47	17
July, 2004	46	37	17
Mid-July, 2003	44	41	15
March, 2002	25	51	24

ASK ALL:

Thinking about some issues,

Q.18 Please tell me if you think the REPUBLICAN Party or the DEMOCRATIC Party could do the better job in each of the following areas. First, which party could do the better job of **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do the better job of ITEM?]**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Reflecting your views about gun control					
May 1-5, 2013	42	39	4	6	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	38	40	5	6	11
Dec 17-19, 2012 ⁸	27	28	12	15	18
July, 2004	34	36	3	6	21
Late October, 2002 (RV)	36	38	5	5	16
April, 2000	30	36	4	7	23
June, 1999	34	42	4	8	12
December, 1993	32	42	--	8	18
b. Dealing with immigration					
May 1-5, 2013	38	38	7	8	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
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
c. Dealing with the economy					
May 1-5, 2013	42	38	6	8	6
May 25-30, 2011	38	40	5	8	8
Sep 16-19, 2010	38	37	8	10	8
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

⁸ In Dec 2012, July 2004, and April 2000 the question was not part of a list.

Q.18 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ⁹	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

ASK ALL:

Q.19 In dealing with important issues facing the country, are **[RANDOMIZE]** Barack Obama and Republican leaders in Congress, Republican leaders in Congress and Barack Obama] working together or not working together?

ASK IF 'NOT WORKING TOGETHER' (Q.19=2) [N=1,251]:

Q.20 Who do you think is most to blame for them not working together? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

May 1-5 <u>2013</u>		Aug 17-21 <u>2011</u>	Feb 2-7 <u>2011</u>	Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>	Aug 11-17 <u>2009</u>	Jun 10-14 <u>2009</u>	Feb 4-8 <u>2009</u> ¹⁰
15	Working together	21	27	25	24	39	43
80	Not working together	75	65	67	63	50	45
22	Barack Obama to blame	21	19	19	17	12	7
	Republican leaders in Congress						
42	to blame	37	31	32	29	26	27
12	Both to blame (VOL.)	12	11	9	9	9	5
1	Neither to blame (VOL.)	1	1	2	1	1	1
1	Other to blame (VOL.)	1	1	2	2	1	3
2	Don't know who is to blame (VOL.)	3	2	3	4	2	2
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	9	8	13	11	12

NO QUESTIONS 21-24**ASK ALL:**

On another subject ...

Q.25 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY (Q.25=2) [N=1,093]:

Q.26 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

May 1-5 <u>2013</u>		Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>
25	They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally	27
	There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements	
73	to stay in the country legally	71
44	Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship	43
25	Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship	24
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

⁹ In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

¹⁰ In February 2009, question was worded: "In developing a plan to stimulate the economy and create jobs. ..."

ASK ALL:

Q.27 Should LEGAL immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

May 1-5 2013		Mar 2006
31	Kept at present level	37
25	Increased	17
36	Decreased	40
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6

CBS/NEW YORK TIMES TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Kept at <u>present level</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April 24-28, 2013	35	25	31	8
Sept 10-15, 2011	36	19	38	7
April 28-May 2, 2010	44	17	31	8
April 5-12, 2010	35	16	41	8
July 7-14, 2008	38	23	32	7
May 18-23, 2007	39	20	35	6
March 7-11, 2007	30	18	48	4
May 4-8, 2006	39	22	34	5
April 6-9, 2006	33	16	45	6
October 3-5, 2005	30	11	51	8
July 29-August 2, 2005	32	13	51	4
January 12-15, 2004	34	16	45	5
July 13-27, 2003	37	9	48	6
December 7-10, 2001	29	9	59	3
September 20-23, 2001	29	11	57	3
September 13-14, 2001	29	10	53	8
October 23-27, 1996	35	8	50	7

NO QUESTION 28**ASK ALL:**

Q.29 When it comes to reducing illegal immigration at U.S. borders, do you think there is a lot more the government can do, somewhat more, not much more, or nothing more that can be done?

May 1-5 2013	
53	A lot
30	Somewhat
8	Not much
5	Nothing
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.30 In your own view, do you feel that giving people who came to the U.S. illegally a way to gain legal status is like rewarding them for doing something wrong, or don't you think of it this way?

May 1-5 2013	
37	Like rewarding them for doing something wrong
56	Don't think of it this way
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 31-35

ASK ALL:

Next,

Q.36 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose **[INSERT ITEM; ASK ITEMS IN ORDER]**.
And how about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

a. Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	DK/Ref
May 1-5, 2013	51	21	30	42	19	22	8
Mar 13-17, 2013 ¹¹	49	22	27	44	22	21	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	49	22	27	40	19	21	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	48	23	25	44	24	20	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	48	23	25	44	23	21	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	22	25	43	22	21	11
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	--	--	44	--	--	9
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	20	25	46	25	21	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	16	27	47	26	22	10
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	41	17	24	48	24	24	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	39	14	25	53	31	22	8
April 14-21, 2009	35	14	21	54	31	23	11
August, 2008	39	13	26	52	30	22	9
June, 2008	40	15	25	52	31	21	8
Late May, 2008	38	15	23	49	29	20	13
November, 2007	36	12	24	54	29	25	10
August, 2007	36	13	23	55	31	24	9
Early January, 2007	37	13	24	55	33	22	8
July, 2006	35	12	23	56	31	25	9
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12
Mid-March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8
October, 2003	30	9	21	58	33	25	12
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

b.F1 Allowing gays and lesbians to enter into legal agreements with each other that would give them many of the same rights as married couples?

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	DK/Ref
May 1-5, 2013	67	30	36	28	13	15	5
August 11-17, 2009 ¹²	57	22	35	37	21	17	6
April 14-21, 2009	53	20	33	39	21	18	8
August, 2008	54	18	36	40	21	19	6
Late May, 2008	51	21	30	41	25	16	8
July, 2006	54	19	35	42	24	18	4

¹¹ In March 2013, October 2012, June 2012, April 2012, March 2011, September 2010, April 2009, May and June 2008, November 2007, June and July 2006, mid-March through August 2004, and October 2003, the question was not part of a list of items. In June and April 2012, August and April 2009, and June and May 2008, the question read "allowing gay and lesbian couples"; all other instances read "allowing gays and lesbians."

¹² In August 2009 and earlier, the question read "allowing gay and lesbian couples" rather than "allowing gays and lesbians." For all surveys prior to August 2009 (with the exception of August 2008) question was not part of a list.

Q.36 CONTINUED...

	-----Favor----- Strongly			-----Oppose----- Strongly			(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2005	53	22	31	40	24	16	7
August, 2004	48	15	33	45	24	21	7
July, 2004	49	18	31	43	25	18	8
Mid-March, 2004	49	16	33	44	26	18	7
October, 2003	46	14	32	47	27	20	8

ASK IF FAVOR LEGAL AGREEMENTS AND OPPOSE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE (Q36a=3,4 AND Q36bF1=1,2) [N=123]:

Q.37F1 Why do you oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? **[OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES.] [IF RESPONDENT IS UNCLEAR/IF NECESSARY: "You said you favor allowing legal agreements for gay and lesbian couples but that you oppose gay marriage, why is that?"]?**

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- 41 Morally wrong/Against religious beliefs/A sin/God says (or) Bible says
Definition of marriage is only for a man and a woman/God created man and woman/
- 37 Man and woman needed to procreate
- 10 The term "marriage"/Marriage is part of religion
- 4 It's just wrong/I don't agree with it
- 10 Other
- 8 Don't know/Refused

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

ASK ALL:

Q.38 Regardless of your opinion about same-sex marriage, do you think legal recognition of it is inevitable, or not?

		<i>LA Times</i>
		March
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2004</u>
72	Inevitable	59
21	Not inevitable	31
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

NO QUESTION 39

ASK ALL:

On a different subject ...

Q.40 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	Protect right of Americans <u>to own guns</u>	Control <u>gun ownership</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 1-5, 2013	48	50	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	46	50	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	45	51	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	49	9
July 26-29, 2012	46	47	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	49	45	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	49	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	47	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	50	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	46	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	49	6
April, 2008	37	58	5

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	Protect right of Americans to own guns	Control gun ownership	(VOL.) DK/Ref
November, 2007	42	55	3
April, 2007	32	60	8
February, 2004	37	58	5
June, 2003	42	54	4
May, 2000	38	57	5
April, 2000	37	55	8
March, 2000	29	66	5
June, 1999	33	62	5
May, 1999	30	65	5
December, 1993	34	57	9

ASK ALL:

Q.41 In your opinion, how likely is it that the president and Congress will pass significant new gun control laws this year [**READ IN ORDER**]?

May 1-5 2013		May 2000
15	Very likely	14
27	Somewhat likely	34
32	Not too likely	25
24	Not at all likely	21
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6

ASK IF OPINION GIVEN (1-4) IN Q.40

Q.42 Would you vote for a candidate who DISAGREES with you about gun policy, if they AGREE with you on most other issues?

BASED ON TOTAL:

May 1-5 2013		Feb 2004 ¹³
53	Yes, would	54
35	No, would not	33
6	Depends (VOL.)	5
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3
2	No opinion on gun ownership (FROM Q.40)	5

NO QUESTIONS 43-45**ASK ALL:**

Q.46 Please tell me if you favor or oppose the following proposals about gun policy. First, [**INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS**]? What about [**NEXT ITEM**]? [**IF NECESSARY: Do you favor or oppose [ITEM]?**]

		Favor	Oppose	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks			
	May 1-5, 2013	81	17	3
	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	83	15	2
	Jan 9-13, 2013	85	12	3
b.	A ban on assault style weapons			
	May 1-5, 2013	54	42	4
	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	56	41	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	55	40	5

¹³

In 2004, the question asked about voting for a candidate who disagrees with you about gun ownership.

Q.46 CONTINUED...

		<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:				
c.F1	More teachers and school officials having guns in schools			
	May 1-5, 2013	34	63	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	40	57	3

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=764]:

d.F2	Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales			
	May 1-5, 2013	66	31	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013	67	30	3

ASK ALL:

Q.47 Have you ever **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? And, have you ever **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

ASK OF THOSE WHO SAID 'YES' TO EACH IN Q.47a-d:

Q.48 Thinking about just the past six months or so, Have you **[INSERT ITEM IN SAME ORDER AS Q47]** in the past six months, or not? And, have you **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** in the past six months, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL:

		----- Last six months -----					
		<u>Yes,</u> <u>ever</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>No,</u> <u>never</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Contacted a public official to express your opinion on gun policy						
	May 1-5, 2013	13	10	3	*	86	*
	Jan 9-13, 2013	11	--	--	--	89	*
b.	Contributed money to an organization that takes a position on gun policy						
	May 1-5, 2013	15	7	8	*	84	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	13	--	--	--	86	1
c.	Expressed your opinion on gun policy using Facebook, Twitter, or another social network						
	May 1-5, 2013	18	15	2	*	82	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	17	--	--	--	83	1
d.	Signed a petition about gun policy						
	May 1-5, 2013	15	9	6	*	84	1
	Jan 9-13, 2013	11	--	--	--	88	1

ASK IF YES-IN Q.48a (Q48a=1) [N=172]:

Q.48aa In the past six months, have you contacted a public official about the issue of background checks for gun purchases, or only about other issues related to gun policy?

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2013

53	Yes, about background checks
44	No
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.49 How much, if at all, would the passage of stricter gun laws affect you personally? **[READ IN ORDER]**

May 1-5

2013

20	A great deal
22	Somewhat
19	Not too much
37	Not at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.50 Do you think the National Rifle Association has too much influence, too little influence or the right amount of influence over gun control laws in this country?

		<i>ABC/WP</i>			<i>Time/CNN</i>	
May 1-5		Jan 10-13	Dec 17-19	Apr	Dec	Aug
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1993</u>
39	Too much	38	36	42	45	39
18	Too little	24	19	17	15	15
35	Right amount	30	28	28	27	33
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	17	13	13	13

ASK ALL:

Q.51 As you may know, a few weeks ago a bill that would have expanded background checks on gun purchases did not receive enough votes in the Senate to pass. The bill's sponsors plan to ask for another vote on this bill in the next few months. Do you think Congress should pass this background check bill into law, or not?

May 1-5

2013

73	Yes, should
20	No, should not
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF SHOULD NOT PASS (Q.51=2) AND FAVOR BACKGROUND CHECKS (Q.46a=1) [N=151]:

Q.52 Why do you NOT want to see the background check bill pass? **[OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES]**

May 1-5

2013

20	Flaws of bill (general)/More than background checks
17	Worries about rights/inconveniences to law-abiding citizens
17	Will not deter criminals/solve gun violence
16	Too much federal government power/Slippery slope
8	Not necessary/Enough laws on the books
7	Not aware of bill's details
2	Waste of money
2	Already failed/Don't think it will pass
15	Other (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

ASK ALL:

Q.53 Do you, or does anyone in your household, own a gun, rifle or pistol? **[IF YES: Is that you or someone else in your household?]**

May 1-5 2013		Feb 13-18 2013
18	Yes, respondent	17
14	Yes, someone else	13
8	Yes, both (VOL.)	8
54	No, nobody in household owns a gun	57
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6
27	NET: Respondent owns gun	24
41	NET: Gun in household	37

NO QUESTIONS 54-55**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking generally about homosexuality...

Q.56 Would you say your overall opinion of **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Gay men					
	May 1-5, 2013	18	36	15	17	13
	October, 2003	8	30	21	29	12
b.	Lesbian women					
	May 1-5, 2013	20	38	14	15	13
	October, 2003	9	30	22	26	13

ASK ALL:

Q.57 Thinking about people who are gay or lesbian. Which comes closer to your view. **[READ IN ORDER; IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE]**

May 1-5 2013	
41	People are born gay or lesbian
8	Being gay or lesbian is a result of a person's upbringing [OR]
42	Being gay or lesbian is just the way that some people choose to live?
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

*In your opinion, do you think that homosexuality is **[READ IN ORDER]***

	Jul 2012	Jul 2006	Oct 2003	L.A. Times Sep 1983 ¹⁴
Something that people are born with	41	36	30	16
Something that develops because of the way people are brought up	13	13	14	25
Or is it just the way that some people prefer to live?	35	38	42	37
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11	13	14	22

¹⁴ In Sep 1983 the *Los Angeles Times* question was worded: "In your opinion, what causes homosexuality? Is it ... "

ASK ALL:

Q.58 And thinking about your own religious beliefs, do you personally feel that there is a conflict between your religious beliefs and homosexuality, or not? **[IF CONFLICT: How much conflict do you think there is, a lot or a little?]**

May 1-5

2013

35	Yes, a lot of conflict
12	Yes, a little conflict
48	No, no conflict
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.59 Do you personally know anyone who is gay or lesbian, or not?

ASK IF KNOW ANYONE (Q59=1):

Q.60 And about how many people who are gay or lesbian would you say you personally know **[READ OPTIONS IN ORDER; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE]?**

May 1-5

2013

		<i>NBC/WSJ</i> <u>June 1993</u>
87	Yes	61
23	A lot	--
44	Some [OR]	--
19	Only one or two	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	--
12	No/None in Q.60 (VOL.)	37
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK ALL:

Q.59 Do you personally know anyone who is gay or lesbian, or not?

IF KNOW SOMEONE (Q.59=1):

Q.61 And thinking about your CLOSE family members and closest friends, are any of them gay or lesbian, or not?

May 1-5

2013

87	Yes
49	Yes, close family members or closest friends
37	No, no close family members or closest friends
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
12	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.59 Do you personally know anyone who is gay or lesbian, or not?

IF KNOW SOMEONE (Q.59=1):

Q.62 And do you happen to personally know any gay or lesbian people who are raising children, or not?

May 1-5

2013

87	Yes
31	Yes, know people who are raising children
56	No, do not know people who are raising children
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
12	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.63F1 If you had a child who told you he or she was gay or lesbian, what do you think your reaction would be? Would you be upset or not? **[IF UPSET: would you be very upset or somewhat upset?]**

May 1-5 <u>2013</u>		<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>Mar 2004</u>	<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>June 2000</u> ¹⁵	<i>L.A. Times</i> <u>Dec 1985</u>
19	Very upset	33	36	64
21	Somewhat upset	27	37	25
55	Not upset	36	23	9
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	3

NO QUESTIONS 64-68**ASK ALL:**

Q.69 Would you say **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

May 1-5 <u>2013</u>		Oct <u>2003</u>
82	It doesn't bother you to be around homosexuals [OR]	76
14	It makes you uncomfortable to be around homosexuals	20
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

ASK FORM 1a ONLY¹⁶ [N=426]:

Q.70F1a What entertainment or public figures, if any, first come to mind who are gay or lesbian? **[OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES]**

May 1-5 <u>2013</u>	
32	Ellen DeGeneres
7	Jason Collins
6	Elton John
3	Rosie O'Donnell
3	Barney Frank
3	Anderson Cooper
3	Rock Hudson
2	Liberace
2	Ricky Martin
1	Neil Patrick Harris
12	Other (specific)
1	Other (general)
38	Don't know/Refused

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

¹⁵ In June 2000 and Dec 1985, the *Los Angeles Times* question was worded: "If you had a child who told you he or she was gay or a lesbian, what do you think your reaction would be? Would you be very upset, somewhat upset, not very upset or not upset at all?" "Not very upset" and "Not upset at all" are merged into "Not upset."

¹⁶ Also asked of Form 1b on Wednesday, May 1, and some interviews on Thursday, May 2. These responses are included here.

ASK IF FORM 2 AND DISCOURAGE HOMOSEXUALITY (FORM=2 AND Q.17b=2) [N=243]:

Q.71F2 Earlier you said that homosexuality should be discouraged by society. What are the main reasons you think this? **[OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES. PROBE ONCE FOR CLARITY IF RESPONSE IS SIMPLY "IT'S WRONG" OR "IT'S BAD" OR "I JUST DON'T AGREE WITH IT" OR SIMILARLY VAGUE ANSWERS]**

May 1-5

2013

52	Morally wrong/Against religious beliefs/A sin/The Bible says
13	Bad for children/the family
10	Man and woman/Life is about creating life
10	Not natural/Not normal/Choice, not born that way
10	It's just wrong/I just don't agree with it
6	Public displays/Feel like being shoved in face
1	Hard life/They are targeted
9	Other
5	Not sure/Don't know

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

ASK ALL:

Q.72 Do you think it is a sin, or not, to engage in homosexual behavior?

May 1-5

2013

45	Is a sin
45	Is not a sin
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Oct

2003

55
33
12

L.A. Times

Aug 1987

69
21
10

NO QUESTIONS 73-74**ASK ALL:**

~~LGBT—Do consider yourself to be **[READ IN ORDER, INCLUDING NUMBERS]**?~~

~~— May 1-5~~

~~— 2013~~

— 93	One: Heterosexual or straight,
— 1	Two: Gay or lesbian, OR
— 2	Three: Bisexual?
— *	Something else (VOL.)
— 3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.75 How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

May 1-5

2013

59	Very important
22	Somewhat important
11	Not too important
8	Not at all important
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 76- 77

ASK ALL:

MARITAL

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]**

May 1-5

2013

51	Married
7	Living with a partner
10	Divorced
3	Separated
7	Widowed
22	Never been married
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED (MARITAL=2-6):

Q.78

Would you like to get married **[IF MARITAL=3,4,5: again]** someday, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL:

May 1-5

2013

46	NET LWP/Divorced/Widowed/Never married
28	Yes, would like to marry
14	No, would not like to marry
4	Not sure/Don't know if would like to marry (VOL.)
54	Currently married/separated
*	Don't know to MARITAL (VOL.)

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ASK IF NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (MARITAL=3-6, 9):

Q.79

Are you currently in a committed relationship or not?

BASED ON TOTAL:

May 1-5

2013

59	NET Married/LWP
41	NET Not married/LWP/Don't know (VOL.)
11	In a relationship
29	Not in a relationship
1	Don't know

ASK ALL:

PARENT Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

ASK IF NOT A PARENT (PARENT=2,9):

Q.80 At any point in your life have you been a parent or guardian of a child, or not?

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32 Yes

68 No/Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

41 Yes, have been a parent

26 No, have not been a parent/Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

74 *NET* Ever been parent

NO QUESTIONS 81-83**ASK ALL:**

PARENT Are you the parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in your household?

ASK IF NOT A PARENT=2,9:

Q.80 At any point in your life have you been a parent or guardian of a child, or not?

IF (Q80=2,9) AND AGE=18-59:

Q.84 Would you yourself like to have children someday, or not?

BASED ON THOSE AGES 18-59 [N=924]:

31 Does not have children/Don't know **(VOL.)**

23 Would like to have children

6 Does not want children

1 Not sure

* Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

69 Has children of own

ASK ALL:

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

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

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

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb.13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Yearly Totals								
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=600]:

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

May 1-5 2013		Mar 13-17 2013	Feb 13-18 2013	Jan 9-13 2013
28	Agree	43	36	35
8	Disagree	7	9	10
61	No opinion either way	47	52	51
2	Haven't heard of (VOL.)	1	1	2
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	3	2

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(WP)	Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls
(SDT)	Pew Research Center's Social and Demographic Trends project