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MARCH 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
March 13-17, 2013
N=1,501

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>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>Approve</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13				

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

NO QUESTIONS 2-4**ASK ALL:**

Q.5 Would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS a-c; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF a-c BLOCK WITH ITEM d]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. The federal government in Washington								
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	4	24	65	30	35	2	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	33	7	26	62	25	37	*	5
Feb 2-7, 2011	38	6	32	57	19	37	*	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	43	6	38	50	16	34	*	7
Jul 22-26, 2009	42	4	38	50	18	31	*	8

Q.5 CONTINUED...

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
	April, 2008	37	6	31	58	21	37	1	4
	January, 2007	45	7	38	46	15	31	1	8
	February, 2006	43	6	37	50	16	34	*	7
	December, 2005	46	7	39	49	18	31	*	5
	Late October, 2005	45	6	39	48	16	32	*	7
	February, 2004	59	10	49	36	11	25	*	5
	April, 2003	73	14	59	22	5	17	0	5
	December, 2002	64	11	53	27	7	20	*	9
	Mid-November, 2001	82	17	65	15	3	12	0	3
	Late October, 2000 (RVs)	54	7	47	40	10	30	*	6
	October, 1997	38	4	34	59	18	41	0	3
b.	Your STATE government								
	Mar 13-17, 2013	57	10	47	38	16	22	*	5
	Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	42	42	15	27	*	6
	Feb 2-7, 2011	53	10	42	42	14	28	*	5
	Feb 3-9, 2010	53	9	44	41	14	27	0	6
	Jul 22-26, 2009	50	6	44	44	16	28	*	6
	April, 2008	59	9	50	37	16	21	0	4
	December, 2005	57	8	49	37	11	26	*	6
	December, 2002	62	15	47	31	10	21	1	7
	Mid-November, 2001	77	15	62	18	4	14	*	5
	October, 1997	66	10	56	29	7	22	*	5
c.	Your LOCAL government								
	Mar 13-17, 2013	63	12	51	32	12	20	*	5
	Apr 4-15, 2012	61	13	48	31	9	22	*	7
	Feb 2-7, 2011	63	15	48	32	10	22	1	5
	Feb 3-9, 2010	64	11	53	30	10	20	*	6
	Jul 22-26, 2009	60	8	52	32	9	23	0	8
	April, 2008	63	11	52	33	12	21	1	3
	December, 2005	66	12	54	28	10	18	*	6
	December, 2002	67	16	51	25	9	16	*	7
	Mid-November, 2001	78	15	63	17	4	13	*	5
	October, 1997	68	12	56	25	7	18	*	7
d.	The Supreme Court								
	Mar 13-17, 2013	52	7	45	31	10	21	2	15
	Dec 5-9, 2012	53	8	45	36	12	24	1	10
	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	10	41	37	14	23	1	11
	Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	41	29	10	20	*	18
	July 1-5, 2010	58	9	49	25	8	17	1	16
	Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
	April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
	July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
	January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
	July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
	February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
	Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
	July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
	June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13
	July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
	March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
	January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
	October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
	May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
	July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4

Q.5 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
Roper: March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:

Q.6F1 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the national debt or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are?

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36	Taking steps to reduce the national debt
53	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are
8	Both equally (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.7F2 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the budget deficit or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are?

	Taking steps to reduce <u>the budget deficit</u>	Keeping Social Security and <u>Medicare benefits as they are</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>Equally</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	32	57	8	3
Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012 (SDT) ¹	32	56	8	5
Aug 16-19, 2012	33	51	11	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	35	58	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	32	60	4	5
February, 1995	24	70	2	4

Q.6F1/7F2 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the (national debt/budget deficit) or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are?

BASED ON TOTAL:

	Taking steps to reduce the national debt/ <u>budget deficit</u>	Keeping Social Security and <u>Medicare benefits as they are</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>Equally</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013 ²	34	55	8	3

NO QUESTIONS 8-14

¹ In Dec 2012 the question began, "Now thinking about some issues that have been in the news lately. In your opinion, what is more important" and rotated the two items.

² In the current survey, a question wording experiment asked form 1 respondents about "taking steps to reduce the national debt" and form two respondents about "the budget deficit" as it was asked in all prior surveys. The results of the experiment showed no statistically significant difference between the two versions. Responses shown here are based on the combined total.

ASK ALL:

Q.15 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]

a.	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard <u>work and talents</u>	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, <u>housing and health care</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	41	10
Jan 4-8, 2012	48	37	15
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	45	44	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	44	42	14
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	42	45	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	39	50	11
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	46	40	14
October, 2006	41	41	18
March, 2006	41	52	7
December, 2005	45	44	11
December, 2004	45	44	11
June, 2003	46	44	10
September, 2000	50	38	12
August, 1999	46	44	10
October, 1997	41	48	11
June, 1997	41	48	11
April, 1997	38	52	10
June, 1996	37	54	9
July, 1994	31	63	6
b.	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American <u>customs and values</u>	The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens <u>American society</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	52	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	39	52	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	38	49	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	44	44	12
November, 2007	50	40	10
March, 2006	48	45	7
December, 2004	40	50	10
c.	Homosexuality should be <u>accepted by society</u>	Homosexuality should be <u>discouraged by society</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	57	36	7
Jan 4-8, 2012	56	32	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	58	33	8
October, 2006 ³	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

³ In 2006 and before, both answer choices began "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be..."

Q.15 CONTINUED...

	Homosexuality should be <u>accepted by society</u>	Homosexuality should be <u>discouraged by society</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
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

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e.	Business corporations <u>make too much profit</u>	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount <u>of profit</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	53	41	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	54	39	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	39	6
December, 2008	58	35	7
October, 2008	59	33	8
January, 2008	57	36	7
December, 2005	61	33	6
December, 2004	53	39	8
June, 2003	51	42	7
July, 2002	58	33	9
February, 2002	54	39	7
September, 2000	54	38	8
August, 1999	52	42	6
June, 1997	51	43	6
October, 1996	51	42	7
October, 1995	53	43	4
April, 1995	51	44	5
October, 1994	50	44	6
July, 1994	52	43	5

NO QUESTIONS 16-17**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

Q.18 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to dealing with the federal budget deficit – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	No confidence <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F2 Barack Obama					
Mar 13-17, 2013	22	31	16	30	2
Sep 22-25, 2011	18	34	21	25	2
May 25-30, 2011	22	33	22	21	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	19	34	20	24	4
b.F2 Republican leaders in Congress					
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	31	31	28	2
Sep 22-25, 2011	5	30	31	31	4
May 25-30, 2011	7	40	31	20	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	6	34	29	27	4

Q.18 CONTINUED...

		A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	No confidence <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c.F2	Democratic leaders in Congress					
	Mar 13-17, 2013	11	34	27	26	2
	Sep 22-25, 2011	10	33	29	24	3
	May 25-30, 2011	12	39	28	18	3
	Dec 1-5, 2010	9	33	28	24	5

NO QUESTION 19**RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.20 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
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

Q.20 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ⁴	2	29	42	26	1

RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:**

Q.21F1 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2

⁴ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.21 CONTINUED...

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

RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

Q.21F2 Which of these best describes your opinion: **[READ; READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE]**?

	<u>The economy is recovering</u>	<u>The economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon</u>	<u>It will be a long time before the economy recovers</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	27	31	40	2
Oct 24-28, 2012	30	31	36	3
Sep 12-16, 2012	25	30	43	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	25	29	44	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	20	24	54	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	24	33	42	2
Dec 1-5, 2010	17	33	48	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 ⁵	10	37	52	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	13	35	50	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	13	37	48	2

RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking 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>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1

⁵ In September 2010 and earlier, the first answer choice read "The economy is now recovering."

Q.22 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

RANDOMIZE Q.20/Q.21F1/Q.21F2 BLOCK WITH Q.22/Q.23 BLOCK

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 13-17, 2013	8	52	19	9	10	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7

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>
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
U.S. News: October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
U.S. News: August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
U.S. News: May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
U.S. News: January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

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

	<u>The job situation</u>	<u>Rising prices</u>	<u>The federal budget deficit</u>	<u>Problems in the financial and housing markets</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>None/not worried about any</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	32	29	27	9	2	*	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	22	25	10	2	*	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	40	19	27	10	2	1	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	22	24	11	2	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	47	13	22	12	2	1	2
Sep 1-4, 2011	43	17	22	11	4	2	2
Jul 20-24, 2011	39	15	29	11	3	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	38	20	28	10	2	*	2
Mar 8-14, 2011	34	28	24	10	3	*	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	44	23	19	10	1	1	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	47	15	19	14	1	1	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	49	15	19	12	2	1	2
Jun 3-6, 2010	41	16	23	13	3	1	2
Mar 10-14, 2010	45	17	22	11	2	*	2

NO QUESTION 25**ASK ALL:**

EMPLOY2 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, retired or are you not employed for pay?

Mar 13-17

2013

56	NET Employed
42	Full-time
12	Part-time
2	Own business/self-employed (VOL.)
43	NET Not employed
20	Retired
18	Not employed for pay
3	Disabled (VOL.)
2	Student (VOL.)
1	NET Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
*	Other (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED (EMPLOY2=3,4,6,7,8) [N=713]:

EMPLOY1 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

25	Yes, looking for work
74	No, not looking for work
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED PART-TIME [N=165]:

EMPLOY7 Would you prefer to be working full-time, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

61	Yes,
39	No
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

EMPLOY2 Are you now employed full-time, part-time, retired or are you not employed for pay?

ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED (EMPLOY2=3,4,6,7,8):

EMPLOY1 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

ASK IF EMPLOYED PART-TIME:

EMPLOY7 Would you prefer to be working full-time, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

44	Employed full-time/Self-employed
12	Employed part-time
7	Would prefer full-time
5	Don't prefer full-time
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
44	NET Not employed/Other
11	Currently looking
33	Currently not looking
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED [N=787]:

Q.26 At your current job in the past year, have you been asked to do more work or work extra hours without additional pay, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

29	Yes
70	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.27 For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that happened to you in the past year.... (In the past year) Have you **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS]? [IF RESPONDENT SAYS THIS DOES NOT APPLY, CODE AS NO]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Had problems paying your rent or mortgage			
	Mar 13-17, 2013	23	76	1
	Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	23	76	*
	Jun 15-19, 2011	26	73	1
	Mar 10-14, 2010	24	76	*
	Feb 4-8, 2009	20	80	*
	January, 2008 (SDT)	16	83	1
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:⁶			
	<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	13	87	*
b.	Been laid off or lost your job			
	Mar 13-17, 2013	15	84	1
	Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	15	85	*
	Jun 15-19, 2011	16	84	*
	Mar 10-14, 2010	21	79	*
	Feb 4-8, 2009	18	82	*
	January, 2008 (SDT)	14	85	1

⁶ Trends for comparison for items 27a, 27b, 27d and 27e 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..."

Q.27 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care Mar 13-17, 2013	28	71	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>Had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family</i>			
Jul 16-26, 2012 (SDT)	25	74	*
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	70	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	26	74	*
Feb 4-8, 2009	23	77	*
January, 2008 (SDT)	23	76	1
<i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	21	78	*
d. Gotten a pay raise at your current job or gotten a better job Mar 13-17, 2013	28	70	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	25	74	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	24	74	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	29	70	1
January, 2008 (SDT)	41	57	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	29	69	2
e. Been able to save money for the future Mar 13-17, 2013	41	58	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard: August, 1999</i>	58	42	*

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Do you have any major credit cards, or not?

		CBS News:	
Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>		Aug 27-31 <u>2009</u> ⁷	Dec 5-9 <u>2007</u>
55	Yes	65	63
44	No	34	35
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2

ASK IF HAVE MAJOR CREDIT CARDS (Q.28=1) [N=942]:

Q.29 Do you now owe more money, less money, or do you owe about the same amount on your credit cards as you did a year ago?

		CBS News:	
Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>		Aug 27-31 <u>2009</u> ⁸	
16	More	14	
25	Less	28	
49	Same	43	
9	Don't have credit cards/carry a balance (VOL.)	15	
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	0	

NO QUESTIONS 30-34

⁷ In Aug 2009, the CBS question did not include "or not."⁸ In Aug 2009, the CBS question read, "Compared to a year ago, do you owe more money now on your credit cards, less money on your credit cards, or do you owe about the same amount of money as you did a year ago?"

ASK ALL:

OWNRENT Do you own or rent your home?

Mar 13-17 2013		Feb 2009
58	Own	64
36	Rent	31
6	Other arrangement (VOL.)	4
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK IF OWN HOME (OWNRENT=1):

MORTGAGE Do you pay money on a mortgage or other home loan, or is your home paid for?

ASK IF PAY MORTGAGE (MORTGAGE=1):

MORTGAGE2 Some people feel that if they had to sell their home right now it would sell for less than they owe on their mortgage. Does this apply to you, or not?

BASED ON HOMEOWNERS [N=993]:

Mar 13-17 2013		Feb 2009
66	Pay a mortgage	67
22	Yes, it would sell for less than owed	20
43	No, it would not sell for less than owed	44
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3
33	Home is paid for	31
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:

Q.35F1 What's your impression about the real estate market in your area? Over the past year, have home prices in your area [READ]?

	(VOL.)					(VOL.)
	Gone up <u>a lot</u>	Gone up <u>a little</u>	Gone down <u>a little</u>	Gone down <u>a lot</u>	Stayed about <u>the same</u>	DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	12	39	17	13	9	10
Jun 15-19, 2011	9	16	29	36	5	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	8	17	34	29	5	8
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	8	13	35	31	6	8
December, 2008	11	11	33	34	5	6
Early October, 2008	19	14	29	25	4	9
July, 2008	20	13	32	24	5	6
Early February, 2008	28	18	23	18	3	10
September, 2007	28	22	25	15	3	7

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:

Q.36F1 And how about over the next few years... Do you think the price of homes in your area will [READ]?

	(VOL.)					(VOL.)
	Go up <u>a lot</u>	Go up <u>a little</u>	Go down <u>a little</u>	Go down <u>a lot</u>	Stay about <u>the same</u>	DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	17	53	16	4	5	5
Jun 15-19, 2011	9	45	28	9	4	5
Dec 1-5, 2010	10	47	25	8	4	7
July, 2008	14	40	29	7	4	6
Early February, 2008	15	40	26	8	4	7
September, 2007	17	36	28	8	5	6
June, 2007	26	36	23	5	4	6

ASK ALL:

INVEST Do you have any money invested in the stock market – including retirement accounts like IRAs or 401ks – or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

45	Yes
53	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.37 Do you think now is a very good, good, bad, or very bad time to invest in the stock market?

Mar 13-17

2013

4	Very good
38	Good
35	Bad
10	Very bad
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Mar 9-12

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ASK IF HAVE MONEY IN THE STOCK MARKET (INVEST=1) [N=776]:

Q.38 Over the past year, has the value of your stock market investments [READ]?

Mar 13-17

2013

13	Gone up a lot
58	Gone up a little
17	Gone down a little
5	Gone down a lot
4	Stayed about the same (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 39-44**ASK ALL:**

Q.45 Thinking about the Supreme Court...In your view, do you think the current Supreme Court is conservative, middle of the road, or liberal?

Mar 13-17

2013

22	Conservative
40	Middle of the road
24	Liberal
14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Jun 28-Jul 9

2012

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Jul 1-5

2010

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Apr 21-26

2010

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July

2007

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ASK ALL:

Next...

Q.46 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?

ASK IF EARTH IS GETTING WARMER (Q.46=1):

Q.47 Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Mar 13-17		Oct 4-7	Nov 9-14	Feb 22-Mar 1	Oct 13-18	Sep 30-Oct 4	Apr	Jan	Aug	Jul	Jun
<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>
69	Yes	67	63	58	59	57	71	77	77	79	70
	Mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels,										
42	[OR]	42	38	36	34	36	47	47	47	50	41
	Mostly because of natural patterns in the earth's environment										
23		19	18	18	18	16	18	20	20	23	21
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	6	5	6	6	6	10	10	6	8
27	No	26	28	34	32	33	21	16	17	17	20
1	Mixed/some evidence (VOL.)	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	1
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	8	5	8	8	5	6	5	3	9

ASK ALL:

Q.48 In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?

Mar 13-17		Oct 4-7	Nov 9-14	Oct 13-18	Sep 30-Oct 4	Apr 28-May 12	Apr	Jan	Jul	Jun
<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>
33	Very serious	39	38	32	35	47	44	45	43	41
32	Somewhat serious	25	27	31	30	26	29	32	36	33
13	Not too serious	14	16	16	15	11	13	12	11	13
20	Not a problem	19	17	18	17	13	11	8	9	11
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	2

NO QUESTIONS 49-55**ASK ALL:**

On another subject ...

Q.56 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.56=2):

Q.57 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Mar 13-17

2013

27	They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally
	There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements
71	to stay in the country legally
43	Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship
24	Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 58-60

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.61 Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	-----Favor-----			-----Oppose-----			(VOL.)
	Total	Strongly <i>favor</i>	<i>Favor</i>	Total	Strongly <i>oppose</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	22	27	44	22	21	8
Oct 24-28, 2012	49	22	27	40	19	21	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ⁹	48	23	25	44	24	20	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	48	23	25	44	23	21	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	47	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
Mid-April, 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
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	10	20	57	31	26	13
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 IF FAVOR (Q.61=1,2) [N=712]:

Q.62 Have you always favored same-sex marriage, or have you changed your mind on this issue?

	(PIAL)
Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>	June 14-July 3 <u>2004</u> ¹⁰
68 Always favored	73
28 Have changed mind	26
4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

⁹ In Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012, Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, July 21-Aug 5, 2010, Aug 11-17, 2009, August 2008, August 2007, Early January 2007, Early November 2006, March 2006, July 2005, December 2004, Early February 2004, November 2003, Mid-July 2003, March 2001 and June 1996 the question was asked as part of a list of items. In Jun 7-17, 2012, Apr 4-15, 2012, August 2009, April 2009, May 2008 and June 2008, the question read "allowing gay and lesbian couples;" all other instances read "allowing gays and lesbians."

¹⁰ In July 2004 survey the question read, "Have you always held this position, or has your opinion on this issue changed over time?" It was asked after a question that read, "Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?"

ASK IF POSITION HAS CHANGED TO FAVOR (Q.62=2) [N=225]:

Q.62a What made you change your mind about same-sex marriage? [OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES. PROBE ONCE FOR ADDITIONAL WITH "ANY OTHER REASON?"?]

Mar 13-17

2013

32	Friends/family/acquaintances who are gay/lesbian
25	Become more tolerant/older/studied more/more aware
18	World has changed/more prevalent/inevitable/doesn't hurt
18	Freedom to choose/love and happiness
8	Equal rights
5	Morals/religious beliefs/only God can judge
2	Born that way
6	Other
6	Don't know/refused (VOL.)

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses.

ASK IF OPPOSE (Q.61=3,4) [N=684]:

Q.63 Have you always opposed same-sex marriage, or have you changed your mind on this issue?

Mar 13-17

2013

95	Always opposed
4	Have changed mind
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

(PIAL)
Jun 14-Jul 3

2004¹¹

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ASK IF POSITION HAS CHANGED TO OPPOSE (Q.63=2) [N=28]:

Q.63a What made you change your mind about same-sex marriage? [OPEN END: ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES. PROBE ONCE FOR ADDITIONAL WITH "ANY OTHER REASON?"?]

Q.63a RESULTS NOT SHOWN BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CASES FOR ANALYSIS.

NO QUESTION 64

¹¹

In July 2004 survey the question read, "Have you always held this position, or has your opinion on this issue changed over time?" It was asked after a question that read, "Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally?"

ASK ALL:

Q.65 Now I'm going to read you some statements, some of which you will probably agree with, others you will probably disagree with. The first is... **[INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE]**, do you agree or disagree? Next, **[NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you agree or disagree that (ITEM)?]**¹²

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>(VOL.) Mixed opinion</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Same-sex marriage would go against my religious beliefs				
Mar 13-17, 2013	56	41	1	2
October, 2003 ¹³	62	33	1	4
PSRA/Newsweek: May, 1996 ¹⁴	67	29	N/A	4
b. Allowing gays and lesbians to legally marry would undermine the traditional American family				
Mar 13-17, 2013	46	51	1	3
October, 2003 ¹⁵	56	39	2	3
Kaiser Family Foundation: September, 2000 ¹⁶	54	42	1	3
c. Same-sex couples can be as good parents as heterosexual couples				
Mar 13-17, 2013	64	32	1	3
October, 2003 ¹⁷	54	37	3	6
Kaiser Family Foundation: September, 2000	56	39	1	4
d. Same-sex couples should have the same legal rights as heterosexual couples				
Mar 13-17, 2013	66	30	1	2

NO QUESTION 66-69**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:**

On another subject...

Q.70F1 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?¹⁸

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	<u>(VOL.) Both</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	12	3	12	24
Dec 5-9, 2012	50	10	4	13	23
May 25-30, 2011	48	11	4	15	21
Apr 21-26, 2010	49	16	4	12	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	12	4	14	19
January 7-11, 2009	49	11	5	15	20
May, 2007	49	11	5	17	18
August, 2006	52	11	5	15	17
July, 2006	44	9	5	20	22
May, 2006	48	13	4	14	20
Late October, 2005	43	17	5	16	19
July, 2005	37	12	5	19	27

¹² In September, 2000 and October, 2003 polls respondent were given four response options: "completely agree," "somewhat agree," "somewhat disagree" and "completely disagree."

¹³ In October 2003 the question began "Gay marriage would..."

¹⁴ In May, 1996 survey the question was preceded by, "Next, I'm going to read you some statements about the issue of gay marriages. For each statement please tell me if you agree or disagree..."

¹⁵ In October 2003 the question read "Allowing gay and lesbian couples ..."

¹⁶ In September, 2000 the question was preceded by, "Now I'm going to read you a series of statements that describe different views about gays, lesbians and human sexuality. Some statements will probably come very close to describing your own opinions, while others will not come close at all. As I read each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or completely disagree with it."

¹⁷ In October 2003 the question began "Gay and lesbian couples can..."

¹⁸ Data from December 2011 not shown because of differences in questionnaire context.

Q.70F1 CONTINUED...

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2004	40	13	7	18	22
Late February, 2004	46	12	8	15	19
April, 2002	41	13	6	21	19
Mid-October, 2001	47	10	8	18	17
Early September, 2001	40	17	6	23	14
September, 1997	48	13	5	16	18
September, 1993	45	21	3	18	12
Chicago CFR 1990	34	14	7	26	20
Chicago CFR 1982	40	17	8	19	16
Chicago CFR 1978 ¹⁹	45	14	9	18	15

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=749]:

Q.71F1 Thinking about the situation in the Middle East these days, do you think Barack Obama is
[RANDOMIZE: favoring Israel too much; favoring the Palestinians too much] or striking about the
 right balance?²⁰

Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>		May 25-28 <u>2011</u>	Apr 21-26 <u>2010</u>	Oct 28-Nov 8 <u>2009</u>	Jun 10-14 <u>2009</u>
9	Favoring Israel too much	6	7	7	6
21	Favoring the Palestinians too much	21	21	16	17
41	Striking about the right balance	50	47	51	62
29	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	24	25	26	14

NO QUESTIONS 72**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

On another subject...

Q.73F2 In your opinion, which is more important **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Mar 13-17 <u>2013</u>		Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>	Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>
64	To prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, even if it means taking military action	58	61
25	To avoid a military conflict with Iran, even if it means they may develop nuclear weapons	30	24
3	Neither (VOL.)	2	4
1	Both (VOL.)	1	1
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10	10

NO QUESTIONS 74-76**ASK ALL:**

Next...

Q.77 Do you favor or oppose **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Increased use of fracking, a drilling method that uses high-pressure water and chemicals to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations Mar 13-17, 2013	48	38	14

¹⁹ In the 1978 Chicago Council on Foreign Relations survey conducted by the Gallup Organization, results are based on respondents who said they had "heard or read about the situation in the Middle East", which represented 87% of the public. As a context note, in both the 1978 and 1982 CCFR/Gallup surveys, this question followed a broader question: "In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with Israel or more with the Arab nations?" and in 1982, a question regarding "U.S. military aid and arms sales to Israel".

²⁰ Data from September 2011 not shown because of differences in questionnaire context.

Q.77 CONTINUED...

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
b. Building the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport oil from Canada's oil sands region through the Midwest to refineries in Texas Mar 13-17, 2013	66	23	11

NO QUESTIONS 78-84**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

Q.85 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 13-17, 2013	52	45	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
Gallup			
October, 2012	48	50	1
October, 2011	50	46	3
October, 2010	46	50	4
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
General Social Survey			
2012	43	49	8
2010	44	47	9
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.86 Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. First, do you agree or disagree that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you agree or disagree that (ITEM)?]**

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. For most people the use of marijuana leads to the use of hard drugs			
Mar 13-17, 2013	38	58	4
Gallup: April, 1977	60	31	10
b. Government efforts to enforce marijuana laws cost more than they are worth			
Mar 13-17, 2013	72	23	6

ASK ALL:

- Q.87 If people were using marijuana around you, would that make you feel UNcomfortable, or not?

Mar 13-17	
<u>2013</u>	
51	Would make you feel uncomfortable
48	Not
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

- Q.88 Do you think marijuana does or does not have legitimate medical uses?

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

		<i>ABC News</i>
Mar 13-17		May
<u>2013</u>		<u>1997</u> ²¹
77	Does	58
16	Does not	34
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

ASK ALL:

- Q.89 As you may know, some states have decided to allow marijuana use, but it is still prohibited under federal law. Do you think the federal government should or should not enforce federal marijuana laws in these states?

Mar 13-17	
<u>2013</u>	
35	Should
60	Should not
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

- Q.90 Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana?

Mar 13-17		Mar 10-14	June	Feb	Sept	May	April	Jan	Mar	Oct
<u>2013</u>		<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>
48	Yes	40	38	38	34	33	24	12	11	4
51	No	58	61	60	66	67	76	88	89	94
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1	2	*	0	0	*	0	2

-----Gallup-----

²¹ Results from ABC News May 1997 are shown as a trend for comparison because of differences in the context in which questions were asked.

ASK IF EVER TRIED MARIJUANA (Q.90=1) [N=680]:

Q.91 Have you used marijuana in the past year, or not?

Mar 13-17

2013

- | | |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 25 | Yes, used in past year |
| 75 | No, not in past year |
| * | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK IF USED MARIJUANA IN PAST YEAR (Q.91=1) [N=146]:Q.92 In the past year, did you use marijuana **[RANDOMIZE: for a medical issue OR just for fun]**?

Mar 13-17

2013

- | | |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 30 | Medical issue |
| 47 | Just for fun |
| 23 | Both (VOL.) |
| 0 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |

NO QUESTIONS 93-97**ASK ALL:**

On another subject...

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

Mar 13-17

2013

- | | |
|----|---|
| 37 | Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.) |
| 22 | Roman Catholic (Catholic) |
| 1 | Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS) |
| * | Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church) |
| 1 | Jewish (Judaism) |
| * | Muslim (Islam) |
| 1 | Buddhist |
| 1 | Hindu |
| 2 | Atheist (do not believe in God) |
| 3 | Agnostic (not sure if there is a God) |
| 6 | Something else |
| 14 | Nothing in particular |
| 14 | Christian (VOL.) |
| * | Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.) |
| 1 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

Mar 13-17, 2013 Based on

<u>Total</u>	<u>Catholics</u>	
12	8	More than once a week
24	32	Once a week
14	20	Once or twice a month
21	24	A few times a year
16	12	Seldom
13	6	Never
1	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

(N=325)

ASK ALL FROM MARCH 14-17 [N=1067]:

As you may know Pope Francis was just selected to lead the Catholic Church...

Q.98 In general, are you very happy, happy, unhappy or very unhappy about the selection of Pope Francis as the new leader of the Catholic Church, or haven't you heard enough to say?

Mar 13-17

2013

13	Very happy
31	Happy
2	Unhappy
1	Very unhappy
43	Haven't heard enough to say
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL FROM MARCH 14-17 [N=1067]:

Q.99 Do you see Francis becoming Pope as a major change for the Catholic Church or only a minor change?

Mar 13-17

2013

29	Major change
45	Minor change
3	No change (VOL.)
23	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=325]:

Q.100 I'd like to ask you about priorities for the new Pope in the coming years. (First,) should **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** be a top priority for Pope Francis, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about... **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT AS NECESSARY TO BE SURE RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS SCALE: should this be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done?]**²²

		<u>Top priority</u>	<u>Important but lower priority</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Spreading the Catholic faith Mar 13-17, 2013	39	43	11	3	3
b.	Addressing the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church Mar 13-17, 2013	70	22	3	2	2
c.	Addressing the priest shortage Mar 13-17, 2013	36	46	10	1	7
d.	Reforming the Vatican bureaucracy Mar 13-17, 2013	35	40	10	3	11

²² When this question was asked Wednesday, March 14, the wording began, "As you may know Pope Francis was just selected to lead the Catholic Church..."

Q.100 CONTINUED...

		<u>Top priority</u>	<u>Important but lower priority</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Should not be done</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
e.	Standing up for traditional moral values Mar 13-17, 2013	49	38	7	2	4

ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=325]:

Next...

Q.101 Do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? And do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

		<u>Should</u>	<u>Should not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Allow priests to get married Mar 13-17, 2013	64	30	6
b.	Allow women to become priests Mar 13-17, 2013	59	35	6
c.	Allow Catholics to use birth control Mar 13-17, 2013	76	18	7

ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=325]:

Q.102 Regardless of what you'd like to see, how likely do you think each of the following is to happen in the next 40 years, that is by the year 2050 **[PRONOUNCED: "twenty-fifty"]**. (First,) How likely do you think it is that **[INSERT IN SAME ORDER AS Q.101]**? Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in about the next 40 years? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY]**: Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in the next 40 years?²³

		<u>-----Will happen -----</u>			<u>----- Will not happen ----</u>			(VOL.)
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Def- initely</u>	<u>Probably</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Def- initely</u>	<u>Probably</u>	<u>DK/ Ref</u>
a.	the Catholic Church will allow priests to marry Mar 13-17, 2013	39	7	32	57	18	39	4
	TREND FOR COMPARISON: May, 1999	43	6	36	54	22	33	3
b.	the Catholic Church will ordain women as priests Mar 13-17, 2013	37	6	31	60	17	44	3
	TREND FOR COMPARISON: May, 1999	45	6	39	54	15	39	1
c.	the Catholic Church will change its position on family planning to allow birth control Mar 13-17, 2013	53	8	46	44	10	34	3

²³ In May 1999 survey began, "Now I'm going to read you a list of things that may or may not happen in the next 50 years. Please tell me how likely you think it is that each will happen."

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.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party			
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
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
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
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=623]:

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

Mar 13-17		Feb 13-18	Jan 9-13
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
43	Agree	36	35
7	Disagree	9	10
47	No opinion either way	52	51
1	Haven't heard of (VOL.)	1	2
1	Refused (VOL.)	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
(PIAL)	Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life project
