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DECEMBER 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
December 3-8, 2013
N=2,001

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]**

	Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.1=1,2):

Q.2 Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

BASED ON TOTAL:

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				
	Total	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Total	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	26	16	3	49	39	9	1	6
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	31	17	2	43	33	10	*	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	35	15	2	40	31	8	1	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	30	15	2	45	36	8	1	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	27	15	2	48	35	12	1	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	26	15	2	48	34	13	1	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	26	15	2	49	38	11	1	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	32	18	2	39	29	10	1	10
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	27	16	2	44	30	13	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	28	17	2	44	32	11	1	9

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jun 16-20, 2010	48	29	17	2	43	31	11	1	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	30	15	3	42	30	11	1	10
Apr 14-21, 2009	63	45	13	5	26	18	8	*	11

NO QUESTIONS 3-5**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:**

Now thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues ...

Q.6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] How about [NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Health care policy			
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	40	55	5
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	37	59	3
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	41	53	6
	Jan 6-9, 2011	45	47	8
	Jun 16-20, 2010	42	50	7
	Apr 21-26, 2010	40	51	9
	Mar 10-14, 2010	39	52	9
	Jan 6-10, 2010	38	52	10
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	47	10
	July 22-26, 2009	42	43	14
	April 14-21, 2009	51	26	23
b.F1	The economy			
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	31	65	3
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	43	52	5
	Jun 12-16, 2013	44	50	5
	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	40	56	4
	Mar 7-11, 2012	43	53	4
	Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
	Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
	Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
	May 2, 2011	40	55	4
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
	Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
	Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
	May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
	Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
	Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
	Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
	Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
	Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
	Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20
c.F1	The federal budget deficit			
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
	Mar 7-11, 2012	36	58	7
	Jan 11-16, 2012	34	62	5
	Nov 9-14, 2011	34	57	9
	Aug 17-21, 2011	32	60	9

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	33	59	8
Jan 6-9, 2011	35	53	12
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	56	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	32	58	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	58	11
Jul 22-26, 2009	32	53	15
April 14-21, 2009	50	38	12
d.F1 Dealing with Iran			
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	39	44	17
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	37	53	10
Jun 12-16, 2013	45	41	13
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	40	14
Jan 11-16, 2012	48	41	11
Jan 6-9, 2011	42	39	19
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	43	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	40	17

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

Q.7 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.) DK/Ref</u>
a.F2 Republican leaders in Congress			
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
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 ¹	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

¹ 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.7 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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 ²	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

² 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.7 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
b.F2 Democratic leaders in Congress			
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
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
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 ³	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 ⁴	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

³ In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

⁴ 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.7 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2001	50	28	22
December, 1994	52	28	20

NO QUESTIONS 8-11**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the next congressional elections that will be coming up about a year from now...

Q.12 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

ASK IF 'OTHER' 'DON'T KNOW/REFUSED' (Q.12=3,9):

Q.13 As of TODAY, would you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,579]:

	<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
2014 Election			
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	44	48	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	49	8
2012 Election			
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	47	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	48	8
2010 Election			
Oct 27-30, 2010	43	44	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	42	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	45	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	45	10
Mar 11-21, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
2008 Election			
June, 2008	37	52	11
2006 Election			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9
June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
2004 Election			
June, 2004	41	48	11
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10

Q.12/13 CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ DK/Ref
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
1996 Election			
November, 1996	41	48	11
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

ASK ALL:

Q.14 How enthusiastic are you about voting in next year's Congressional elections? Would you say you are very, somewhat, not too, or not at all enthusiastic?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,579]:

(U)		
Dec 3-8		Oct 28-Nov 8
<u>2013</u>		<u>2009</u>
49	Very enthusiastic	48
29	Somewhat enthusiastic	32
9	Not too enthusiastic	10
10	Not at all enthusiastic	6
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

NO QUESTION 15

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Next,

Q.16 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]** 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	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	
a.F1 The Republican Party								
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6

Q.16 CONTINUED...

	----- 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>		
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b.F1 The Democratic Party								
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8

Q.16 CONTINUED...

	----- 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>		
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
c.F1 Congress								
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6

Q.16 CONTINUED...

	----- 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>		
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7

RANDOMIZE Q.17F2 WITH Q.18F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.17F2 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>
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
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

Q.17F2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ⁵	2	29	42	26	1

RANDOMIZE Q.17F2 WITH Q.18F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.18F2 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>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
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

⁵ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.18F2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
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

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

Q.19 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to dealing with the economy – 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 deal	A fair amount	Not too much	No confidence at all	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F2	Barack Obama					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	17	30	20	31	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012 ⁶	22	32	16	27	2
	Dec 9-13, 2009 ⁷	20	32	17	27	4
	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	21	38	18	21	2
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	32	38	13	13	4
	Jan 7-11, 2009	33	42	14	7	4
b.F2	Republican leaders in Congress					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	5	31	34	29	1
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	7	31	33	24	5
c.F2	Democratic leaders in Congress					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	8	34	31	26	2
	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	17	38	21	19	5

ASK ALL:

Q.20 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]**?

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

		A strong leader	Not a strong leader	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F1					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	50	48	1	1
	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
	Jun 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
b.F1		A good manager	Not a good manager	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	46	51	1	2
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
	March, 2006: <i>G.W. Bush</i>	35	57	1	7
c.F1		Stands up for what he believes in	Doesn't stand up for what he believes in	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	76	19	2	3
	May 1-5, 2013	76	19	1	5
	Jan 9-13, 2013	82	14	1	3
	Jan 11-16, 2012	75	19	1	5

⁶ Sep 12-16, 2012 item was asked about confidence in Obama and in Mitt Romney. In Sep 12-16, 2012 and earlier, item asked about confidence "when it comes to fixing the economy."

⁷ In December, September and January of 2009, economy was asked in a list of issues.

Q.20 CONTINUED...

	Stands up for what he <u>believes in</u>	Doesn't stand up for what he <u>believes in</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Aug 17-21, 2011	71	22	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	75	18	1	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	77	16	1	5
d.F1	<u>Trustworthy</u>	<u>Not trustworthy</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	52	45	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	30	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	36	*	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	59	37	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	62	31	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	58	36	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	37	1	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	61	31	2	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	64	30	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	76	15	1	8

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

	<u>Able to get things done</u>	<u>Not able to get things done</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
e.F2				
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	43	51	3	3
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

	<u>A good communicator</u>	<u>Not a good communicator</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
f.F2				
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	68	28	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	76	21	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	78	20	*	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	75	22	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	75	20	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	75	21	1	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	77	20	2	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	2
Sep 10-15, 2009	83	13	1	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	92	6	*	2

	<u>Someone who cares about people like me</u>	<u>Someone who doesn't care about people like me</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
g.F2				
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	58	38	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	31	*	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	35	1	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	63	31	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	64	30	*	5

Q.20 CONTINUED...

	Someone who cares about <u>people like me</u>	Someone who doesn't care about people <u>like me</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 5-9, 2011	60	34	1	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	60	35	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	64	30	1	4
Sep 10-15, 2009	68	25	1	6
Feb 4-8, 2009	81	14	1	4

	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>Middle of the road</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	(VOL.) None <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
h.F2					
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	48	31	14	2	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	37	13	1	6
May 25-30, 2011	40	32	16	3	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	36	14	1	7
Sep 10-15, 2009	44	36	9	2	9
Feb 4-8, 2009	38	40	13	2	7

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

Q.21F2 Would you describe Barack Obama as being in touch or as being out of touch with what is going on in the government?

(U)		G. W. Bush	Reagan
Dec 3-8		ABC News/Wash Post	
<u>2013</u>		<u>Mar 2006</u>	<u>Aug 1987</u>
57	In touch	36	51
41	Out of touch	56	47
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	3

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Q.22F1 Since the start of 2009 when Barack Obama became president, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?

(U)		<i>USA Today/Gallup</i>
Dec 3-8		Feb 16-19
<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>
46	Success	44
48	Failure	50
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Since the start of 2001 when George W. Bush became president, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Gallup/USA Today: April, 2008	27	69	4
CNN/ORC: August, 2007	40	57	3
CNN/ORC: January, 2007	39	55	6
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2006	46	52	2
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 2005	42	55	3
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: August, 2005	47	51	2

Q.22F1 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

Since the start of 1993 when Bill Clinton became president, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today: August, 2000</i>	68	29	3
<i>Gallup: Late January, 1999</i>	77	20	3
<i>Gallup: Mid-January, 1999</i>	81	16	3
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 1998</i>	71	25	4
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 1997</i>	70	25	5

NO QUESTIONS 23-29**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:**

On a different subject,

Q.30F1 Over the past year, do you think the country has made progress reducing the federal budget deficit, or not?

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29	Country has made progress reducing federal budget deficit
66	No, country has not made progress reducing the federal budget deficit
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Q.31F1 In your view, what is the best way to reduce the federal budget deficit? Should we mostly focus on

[RANDOMIZE: Cutting major programs / Increasing taxes] mostly focus on **[increasing taxes / cutting major programs]** or should we do a combination of both?

Dec 3-8		Dec 5-9	Sep 12-16	Nov 9-14	Jul 20-24	Apr 7-10	Dec 1-5
<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
20	Cutting major programs	11	16	17	19	20	16
7	Increasing taxes	7	6	8	8	6	4
63	Combination of both	74	69	62	60	64	65
1	Deficit is not a priority/Don't focus on deficit (VOL.)	1	1	1	1	*	1
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	8	11	12	9	13

NO QUESTION 32**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Q.33F2 If you were setting priorities for the federal government these days, would you place a higher priority on **[OPTION]** or a higher priority on **[OPTION]**?

Dec 3-8		Dec 5-9	Jun 7-17	Sep 22- Oct 4	Aug 17-21	Jun 15-19	Feb 2-7
<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>
44	Spending to help the economy recover	45	48	47	47	42	46
49	Reducing the budget deficit	49	47	48	46	52	49
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	5	5	7	6	5

Q.33F2 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

If you were setting priorities for the government these days, would you place a higher priority on [OPTION] or a higher priority on [OPTION]?

	Nov 4-7 <u>2010</u>	Jul 15-18 <u>2010</u>	Feb 3-9 <u>2010</u>	Jul 22-26 <u>2009</u> ⁸	Jun 18-21 <u>2009</u>
Spending more to help the economy recover	43	51	47	53	48
Reducing the budget deficit	50	40	47	38	46
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	9	6	9	6

RANDOMIZE Q34F2/Q35F2/Q36F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Q.34F2 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the budget deficit or keeping spending for programs that help the poor and needy at current levels?

Dec 3-8

2013

33	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit
59	Keeping spending for programs that help the poor and needy at current levels
4	Both equally (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE Q34F2/Q35F2/Q36F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Q.35F2 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the budget deficit or keeping military spending at current levels?

Dec 3-8

2013

51	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit
40	Keeping military spending at current levels
4	Both equally (VOL.)
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE Q34F2/Q35F2/Q36F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Q.36F2 What is more important, taking steps to reduce the budget deficit or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are?

Dec 3-8

2013

23	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit
69	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are
4	Both equally (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON (PREVIOUSLY ASKED AS A STANDALONE QUESTION)⁹:

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 the budget deficit	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 13-17, 2013	32	57	8	3
Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012 (SDT) ¹⁰	32	56	8	5

⁸ Jul 22-26, 2009 question was asked as part of a list that included items on: spending on education, spending on health care and spending to develop energy technology.

⁹ March 2013 and earlier trends not directly comparable to Q36F2 because item was not previously asked in randomized block with other questions testing tradeoffs between deficit reduction and other areas of spending.

¹⁰ Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012 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.

Q.36F2 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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

NO QUESTIONS 37-44**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.45 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	41	54	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	52	7
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ¹¹	47	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	48	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	49	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	41	48	11
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	47	10
Sep 9-12, 2010	38	45	17
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	46	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	35	47	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	44	16

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

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

	Generally favor	Generally oppose	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 11-21, 2010	40	47	13
Mar 10-14, 2010	38	48	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	50	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	48	13
Dec 9-13, 2009 ¹²	35	48	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	39	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	47	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	47	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	44	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	46	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	44	18

NO QUESTION 46

¹¹ Prior to September 2013, the question asked about "the health care legislation." In addition, the reference to when the law was passed has changed over time: January 2011 referenced the legislation passed "last year," November 2010 used "earlier this year," September through July, 2010 used "in March," and April 2010 used "last month."

¹² Prior to January 2010, the question asked about "health care proposals" rather than "health care bills."

ASK ALL:

Q.47 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on you and your family?

(U)		(U)	
Dec 3-8		Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	
15	Mostly positive	17	
23	Mostly negative	20	
60	Not much of an effect	63	
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	

ASK ALL:

Q.48 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on you and your family over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect you much either way?

(U)		(U)	
Dec 3-8		Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	
26	Mostly positive	25	
38	Mostly negative	41	
32	Not much of an effect	31	
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	

NO QUESTION 49**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the effect of the 2010 health care law on the country as a whole...

Q.50 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on the country as a whole?

(U)		(U)	
Dec 3-8		Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	
23	Mostly positive	24	
49	Mostly negative	38	
22	Not much of an effect	31	
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	

ASK ALL:

Q.51 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on the country as a whole over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect the country much either way?

(U)		(U)	
Dec 3-8		Sep 4-8	
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	
39	Mostly positive	35	
45	Mostly negative	47	
11	Not much of an effect	14	
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	

NO QUESTIONS 52-53

ASK IF 'DISAPPROVE OF THE HEALTH CARE LAW' (Q.45=2):

Q.54 What do you think elected officials who oppose the health care law should do now that the law has started to take effect? Should they **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** or should they **[ITEM]**?

BASED ON TOTAL:

(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
54	<i>NET Disapprove of health care law (Q.45)</i>	53
29	Do what they can to make the law work as well as possible	27
19	Do what they can to make the law fail	23
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4
46	<i>Approve of health care law/ Don't know (Q.45)</i>	47

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Q.55 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to health care policy – 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>	None <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Barack Obama					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	23	28	16	32	1
	<i>Dealing with health care reform</i>					
	Dec 9-13, 2009 ¹³	19	25	19	32	5
	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	20	30	21	27	2
	Aug 20-27, 2009	26	30	21	22	3
b.F1	Republican leaders in Congress					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	5	27	33	33	1
	<i>Dealing with health care reform</i>					
	Aug 20-27, 2009	7	32	36	21	4
c.F1	Democratic leaders in Congress					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	13	35	24	26	1
	<i>Dealing with health care reform</i>					
	Aug 20-27, 2009	12	33	28	24	4

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

Q.56F2 As you may know, the government has set up health insurance exchanges around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. Just your impression, as of today, how well are these online health insurance exchanges working? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		Oct 9-13 <u>2013</u> ¹⁴
4	Very well	7
26	Fairly well	22
27	Not too well	23
30	Not at all well	24
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	25

¹³ In Dec 2009 and Oct 2009, "Dealing with health care reform" was an item asked in a list of similar political items; the question asked only about Barack Obama, not Republican and Democratic leaders.

¹⁴ In Oct 2013, the question read "Just your impression, how well have the online health insurance exchanges been working?" The preceding question read "As you may know, as part of the 2010 health care law the government has set up health insurance exchanges around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard is there a health insurance exchange available to people in your state, or not?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:Q.57F1 Do you think the problems the health care law has faced are mainly **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

(U)

Dec 3-8	
<u>2013</u>	
44	Short-term problems that can be resolved
50	Long-term problems that show fundamental flaws in the law
3	Both/Neither (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.58 Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or are you not covered at this time? **[READ IF NECESSARY:** A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid]

	Covered by health insurance	Not covered by health insurance	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	81	19	*
Oct 9-13, 2013	81	18	1
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	81	19	*
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	17	*
Dec 9-13, 2009	83	16	*
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	80	20	*
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	80	20	*
Jul 22-26, 2009	81	19	*
Jun 10-14, 2009	81	18	*

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Q.59F1 Do you think the Obama administration deliberately misled the American public about whether people would be able to keep their existing health care plans under the health care law, or not?

(U)

Dec 3-8	
<u>2013</u>	
47	Yes, deliberately misled
47	No, did not
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the American public about whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, or not?

	Yes, <u>misled</u>	No, <u>did not</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
CNN/ORC: March, 2013	54	44	2
CNN/ORC: December, 2011	57	41	2
USA Today/Gallup: February, 2008	53	42	5
CNN/ORC: March, 2007	54	40	7
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: March, 2006 ¹⁵	51	46	3
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: January 2006	53	46	1
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: October, 2005	53	45	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: July, 2005	51	47	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: April, 2005	50	48	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: October, 2004	47	51	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: July, 2004	45	52	3

¹⁵ In March, 2006 and earlier question asked "Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the American public about whether Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, or not?"

Q59F1 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED ...

Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the American public about whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, or not?

	Yes, <u>misled</u>	No, <u>did not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>USA Today/Gallup/CNN: February, 2004</i>	43	54	3
<i>USA Today/Gallup/CNN: July, 2003</i>	39	58	3
<i>USA Today/Gallup/CNN: Late June, 2003</i>	37	61	2
<i>USA Today/Gallup/CNN: Mid-June, 2003</i>	31	64	5
<i>USA Today/Gallup/CNN: Early June, 2003</i>	31	67	2

NO QUESTION 60**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Q.61 How much do you think each of the following has to do with the problems the health care law has faced. First, do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is a major reason, minor reason or not a reason why the health care law has faced problems? How about **[ITEM]**? Is this a major reason, minor reason or not a reason why the health care law has faced problems?

		Major <u>reason</u>	Minor <u>reason</u>	Not a <u>reason</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F2	Poor management by the Obama administration Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	56	26	13	6
b.F2	Flaws in the health care law itself Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	55	27	12	6
c.F2	Politicians who oppose the law trying to undermine it Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	50	23	22	4
d.F2	The complexity of the health insurance system Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	58	22	13	7

NO QUESTIONS 62-66**ASK ALL:**

Q.67 How much, if anything, have you heard about a recent agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)		<i>Recent international talks regarding Iran's nuclear enrichment program</i>	
Dec 3-8		Oct 30-Nov 6	
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>	
24	A lot	24	
48	A little	49	
28	Nothing at all	26	
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	

Q67 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

*How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program?
Have you heard...*

Mar 7-11 <u>2012</u>		Feb 8-12 <u>2012</u>	Jan 11-16 <u>2012</u> ¹⁶	Sep 30- Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	Sep <u>2006</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>
41	A lot	38	42	41	41	32
38	A little	39	41	41	44	46
21	Nothing at all	23	15	18	14	21
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	2	*	1	1

ASK ALL:

Q.68 From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program?

(U)

Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>	
32	Approve
43	Disapprove
25	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q.68 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON...

From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?

Sep 30-Oct 4 <u>2009</u>	
63	Approve
28	Disapprove
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

From what you know, would you favor or oppose the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?

Sep <u>2006</u>	
54	Favor
32	Oppose
14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (Q.67=1,2):

Q.69 Do you think Iranian leaders are serious about addressing international concerns about their country's nuclear enrichment program, or not?

BASED ON THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE [N=1,551]:

Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		Oct 30-Nov 6 <u>2013</u>
29	Serious	33
62	Not serious	60
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7

¹⁶

In June 11-16, 2012, the question read: "...recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf." In February 2006, question read: "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Next,

Q.70 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] [AFTER CHOICE IS MADE, PROBE: Do you feel STRONGLY about that, or not?]

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Next,

Q.71 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]¹⁷

BASED ON TOTAL:

	Government is almost always wasteful and <u>inefficient</u>	Government often does a better job than people <u>give it credit for</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
a.			
Dec 3-8, 2013	55	39	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	55	39	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	61	35	4
December, 2008	53	40	7
October, 2008	57	35	8
September, 2005	56	39	5
December, 2004	47	45	8
June, 2003	48	46	6
September, 2000	52	40	8
August, 1999	51	43	6
June, 1997	59	36	5
October, 1996	56	39	5
April, 1995	63	34	3
October, 1994	64	32	4
July, 1994	66	31	3
	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health <u>care</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
b.			
Dec 3-8, 2013	53	35	11
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	49	40	11
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

¹⁷ Q.70 was asked of Form 1 only and included a follow up asking whether respondents felt strongly about their response or not. Q.71 was asked of Form 2 only and did not include a strength follow up. There were no significant differences in the overall views between the two forms, so the data are shown merged, without strength. Most past trends included a strength follow up; that data is not shown here.

Q.70/71 CONTINUED...

	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work <u>and talents</u>	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health <u>care</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
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
	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
c.			
Dec 3-8, 2013	43	43	14
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
	Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside <u>of our control</u>	Everyone has it in their <u>own power to succeed</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
d.			
Dec 3-8, 2013	18	76	7
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	19	75	5
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	12	82	6
December, 2004	16	78	6
August, 1999	15	80	5
July, 1994	18	79	3
	The best way to ensure peace is through military <u>strength</u>	Good diplomacy is the <u>best way to ensure peace</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ Ref
e.			
Dec 3-8, 2013	31	57	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	31	58	11
October, 2006	28	57	15
December, 2004	30	55	15
August, 1999	33	55	12
October, 1996	36	53	11
October, 1995	36	59	5

Q.70/71 CONTINUED...

	The best way to ensure peace is through military <u>strength</u>	Good diplomacy is the <u>best way to ensure peace</u>	(VOL.) Neither/DK/ <u>Ref</u>
April, 1995	35	58	7
October, 1994	40	52	8
July, 1994	36	58	6

NO QUESTIONS 72-79**ASK ALL:**

On another subject ...

Q.80 Do you celebrate Christmas, or not?

Dec 3-8

2013

92	Yes
7	No
1	Sometimes (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:*Do you celebrate Christmas?*

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Gallup/USA Today: December, 2010	95	4	*
Gallup/USA Today: December, 2008	93	7	0
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: December, 2005	96	4	*
Gallup: December, 2003	95	5	0
Gallup: December, 2000	96	4	*
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: December, 1994	96	4	*

READ TO ALL:

[IF R CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS OR DECLINED TO SAY (Q.80=1,3,9), READ: I have a few more questions about Christmas and the holiday season; **IF R DOES NOT CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS (Q.80=2), READ:** Even though you don't personally celebrate Christmas, I have a few questions about Christmas and the holiday season in general].

ASK IF CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS OR DECLINED TO SAY (Q80=1, 3, 9):

Q.81 For you personally, is Christmas [INSERT; RANDOMIZE]?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Dec 3-8

2013

52	More of a religious holiday
33	More of a cultural holiday
7	Both of these (VOL.)
1	Other/none of these (VOL.)
0	Do not celebrate Christmas (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
7	Does not celebrate Christmas (Q.80=2)

RANDOMIZE Q.82F1 AND Q.83F1**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:**

Q.82F1 What do you most look forward to about Christmas or the holiday season? **[OPEN END; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE; RECORD UP TO THREE MENTIONS IN ORDER MENTIONED BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]**

Dec 3-8

2013

69	Spending time with family/friends
11	Church/Religious reflection
7	People are in good mood/Children
4	Christmas spirit/Joy/Love/Peace
4	Gifts/Receiving gifts/Exchanging gifts/Buying gifts
4	Nothing/The end of Christmas/Christmas being over
3	Vacation/Rest
3	Giving/Acts of kindness/Generosity
2	Music/Decorations/Movies/TV Shows
2	Food/Drinks/Cooking/Eating
1	Shopping/Holiday deals
1	Snow/Winter weather/Winter
4	Other
2	Don't know/Refused

RANDOMIZE Q.82F1 AND Q.83F1**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:**

Q.83F1 What do you like the least about Christmas or the holiday season? **[OPEN END; RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE; RECORD UP TO THREE MENTIONS IN ORDER MENTIONED BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL]**

Dec 3-8

2013

33	Commercials/Materialism/Consumerism/Greed
22	Expectation of buying gifts/Money/Cost
10	Shopping/Crowds/Crowded stores/Black Friday
6	Lack of religious reflection/Removing Christ
6	Nothing/It's over too fast
3	Snow/Winter weather/Winter
3	Music/Decorations/Decorations too early/Season starts too early
3	Hectic pace/Being busy
2	People/People that are in a bad mood
2	Travel/Traffic
2	Having to go to church/Too religious/Controversy about religion
2	Inability to spend time with family/friends
1	Food/Gaining weight/too much food
1	Remembering loss
5	Other
8	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

Q.84 Please tell me whether or not you plan to do each of the following this year over Christmas or the holiday season. Do you plan to **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE, A SHOULD ALWAYS PRECEDE C, THOUGH IT NEED NOT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDE C]** over Christmas or the holiday season this year, or not? And do you plan to **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Do you plan to do this over Christmas or the holiday season this year, or not?]**

		<u>Yes</u> ¹⁸	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Give homemade gifts, such as baked goods or crafts Dec 3-8, 2013	58	41	1
b.	Put up a Christmas tree Dec 3-8, 2013	79	20	1
	TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>Do you, or does your family, do each of the following as part of its celebration of Christmas, or not? How about put up a Christmas tree? USA Today/Gallup: December, 2010¹⁹</i>	88	12	*
c.	Buy gifts for friends or family Dec 3-8, 2013	86	13	1
d.	Go caroling Dec 3-8, 2013	16	82	2
e.	Send Christmas or holiday cards Dec 3-8, 2013	65	34	1

ASK ALL:

Now, thinking specifically about what you'll be doing on Christmas Eve and Christmas day...

Q.85 Do you plan to **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** on Christmas Eve or Christmas day this year, or not? And do you plan to **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** on Christmas Eve or Christmas day this year, or not? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you plan to do this on Christmas Eve or Christmas day this year, or not?]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>Plan to do this, but on a different day</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Attend a gathering with extended family or friends Dec 3-8, 2013	86	12	*	1
b.	Attend religious services Dec 3-8, 2013	54	43	1	3
	TREND FOR COMPARISON: <i>Do you, or does your family, do each of the following as part of its celebration of Christmas, or not? How about attend religious services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day USA Today/Gallup: December, 2010²⁰</i>	62	39	--	*
c.	Pretend Santa Claus visits your home Dec 3-8, 2013	31	68	*	1

¹⁸ Includes those who volunteer that they have already done this.

¹⁹ Those who answered in a previous question that they did not celebrate Christmas were not asked this question and recorded as "no."

²⁰ Those who answered in a previous question that they did not celebrate Christmas were not asked this question and recorded as "no." "Plan to do this, but on a different day" was not a volunteered option.

ASK ALL:

Now, thinking about your childhood...

- Q.86 When you were growing up, did you or your family typically **[INSERT ITEM; READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q84]** over Christmas or the holiday season, or not? And when you were growing up, did you or your family typically **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** over Christmas or the holiday season, or not? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: When you were growing up, did you or your family typically do this over Christmas or the holiday season, or not?]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Give homemade gifts, such as baked goods or crafts Dec 3-8, 2013	66	33	1
b.	Put up a Christmas tree Dec 3-8, 2013	92	8	*
c.	Buy gifts for friends or family Dec 3-8, 2013	89	10	1
d.	Go caroling Dec 3-8, 2013	36	63	1
e.	Send Christmas or holiday cards Dec 3-8, 2013	81	18	1

ASK ALL:

And thinking specifically about Christmas Eve and Christmas Day...

- Q.87 When you were growing up, did you typically **[INSERT ITEM; READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q85]** on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, or not? And when you were growing up, did you typically **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, or not? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: When you were growing up did you typically do this on Christmas Eve or Christmas day, or not?]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>Did this, but on a different day</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Attend a gathering with extended family or friends Dec 3-8, 2013	91	9	*	*
b.	Attend religious services Dec 3-8, 2013	69	30	1	1
c.	Pretend Santa Claus visited your home Dec 3-8, 2013	72	27	*	1

ASK ALL:

- Q.88 Do you believe that Jesus Christ was born to a virgin, or don't you believe this?

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73	Believe
19	Don't believe
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 89-93

ASK ALL:

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

ASK IF R IS A PARENT (PARENT=1) [N=XXX]:

SANTA As far as you know, do any of these children currently believe in Santa Claus?

BASED ON TOTAL:

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19	Parent, has child who believes in Santa
13	Parent, no children believe in Santa
1	Parent, not sure if child believes in Santa (VOL.)
*	Parent, don't know/refused if child believes in Santa (VOL.)
67	<i>Not a parent or guardian of any children under 18 now living in household (PARENT=2, 9)</i>

ASK ALL:

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?]

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	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
39	
23	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
1	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
1	Hindu
2	Atheist (do not believe in God)
3	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
1	Something else
14	Nothing in particular
12	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
1	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)

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
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
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
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 (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.94 Thinking about next year's Congressional elections, do you think the Republican Party will do better, worse, or about the same as it has in recent elections?

BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=752]:

(U)		Oct 13-18		Jun 16-20	Nov	Early		Sept	June	Feb	Dec
Dec 3-8		2010 ²¹		2010	2006	2006		2006	2006	2006	2005
55	Better	76		72	17	16		23	16	21	16
5	Worse	1		2	29	21		22	17	17	21
33	About the same	18		23	48	56		50	62	57	56
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4		3	6	7		5	5	5	7

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.95 Thinking about next year's Congressional elections, do you think the Democratic Party will do better, worse, or about the same as it has in recent elections?

BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC-LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=715]:

(U)		Oct 13-18		Jun 16-20	Nov	Early		Sept	June	Feb	Dec
Dec 3-8		2010 ²²		2010	2006	2006		2006	2006	2006	2005
43	Better	26		29	72	67		66	62	64	64
9	Worse	30		18	1	2		1	2	2	1
43	About the same	39		48	22	26		30	32	29	29
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5		4	5	5		3	4	5	6

NO QUESTIONS 96-97**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

Q.98 Please tell me how often you vote in each type of election. First, do you vote in [INSERT ITEM; READ IN ORDER; OBSERVE FILTERS] always, nearly always, part of the time or seldom? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you vote in [ITEM] always, nearly always, part of the time or seldom?]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,579]:

a. National elections for U.S. president

Dec 3-8	
2013	
83	Always
6	Nearly always
3	Part of the time
5	Seldom
2	Never (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

²¹ Between June 2006 and Oct 13-18, 2010, item asked about "this year's Congressional elections."

²² Between June 2006 and Oct 13-18, 2010, item asked about "this year's Congressional elections."

Q.98 CONTINUED...**ASK IF (Q.98a=1,2):**

- b. Presidential primary elections, that is the elections where the parties choose their candidate for the general election

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,579]:

Dec 3-8

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56	Always
12	Nearly always
7	Part of the time
7	Seldom
6	Never (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

11 *Votes less than nearly always in national elections for U.S. president (Q.98a=3,4,8,9)*

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):

- c. Elections for the U.S. House and Senate in non-presidential years

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,579]:

Dec 3-8

2013

57	Always
14	Nearly always
11	Part of the time
10	Seldom
7	Never (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF (Q.98c=1,2):

- d. Congressional primary elections in non-presidential years, that is the elections where the parties choose their candidates for House and Senate elections

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,579]:

Dec 3-8

2013

44	Always
14	Nearly always
5	Part of the time
4	Seldom
3	Never (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

29 *Votes less than nearly always in elections for U.S. House and Senate in non-presidential years (Q.98c=3,4,8,9)*

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

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

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=896]:

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ²³	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

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In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

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 Social and Demographic Trends
