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Interview dates: November 18 – 22, 2010

Number of interviews: 1,000

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 4.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	11/18-22/10	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 10/16-20/08	1 Year Ago 11/5-9/09
Right direction	35	37	38	39	40	35	37	35	41	38	44	46	41	37	48	17	38
Wrong direction	61	58	59	59	57	60	60	59	57	56	50	50	51	57	44	78	56
Don't know [VOL]	4	5	3	3	2	4	2	5	2	5	5	5	8	6	7	5	5
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1	-	-	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	1

Based on:

N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,101 N=1,006

CUR2./

CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

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Total approve	48	47	49	45	49	49	50	49	49	53	56	56	54	56	50	55	64	64	67
Strongly approve	24	24	23	29	22	23	24	23	24	24	29	26	27	27	24	30	38	38	37
Somewhat approve	19	20	21	14	23	21	20	21	22	22	22	25	22	23	23	20	22	22	23
Lean approve	5	3	5	2	4	5	5	5	4	7	5	5	5	7	3	4	5	5	8
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	4
Total disapprove	48	51	50	54	50	50	49	50	50	46	42	42	43	39	49	42	32	30	24
Lean disapprove	3	4	4	1	5	4	5	5	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	6	5	4	4
Somewhat disapprove	11	12	12	10	12	10	13	12	10	12	9	12	9	10	10	9	6	5	4
Strongly disapprove	34	35	35	43	33	36	31	33	36	31	29	28	30	27	35	28	21	22	16
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	5
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*

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CURX1. How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about...
 [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

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The economy...																
Extremely/Very important	90	88	89	91	92	91	91	92	92	92	93	87	89	88	92	91
Extremely important	50	45	47	50	47	50	50	49	47	46	50	42	47	46	47	49
Very important	40	43	42	41	46	42	41	42	44	46	43	45	42	42	45	42
Moderately important	7	9	9	8	6	7	7	7	7	6	5	9	8	10	6	6
Slightly/Not at all important	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	3
Slightly important	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2
Not at all important	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-

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Health care...																
Extremely/Very important	79	78	80	80	82	80	77	80	80	73	81	81	78	83	77	78
Extremely important	44	38	41	43	43	44	42	42	43	40	46	40	42	46	41	43
Very important	35	41	39	37	39	35	36	38	36	33	35	41	36	37	36	35
Moderately important	14	13	13	12	11	13	15	12	11	17	9	12	13	10	16	13
Slightly/Not at all important	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	9	9	10	7	9	7	6	9
Slightly important	5	6	5	5	5	5	6	5	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	7
Not at all important	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	2	2
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	1	-

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Terrorism...																
Extremely/Very important	75	77	72	70	77	74	78	81	77	82	83	75	77	76	74	74
Extremely important	45	37	36	36	40	40	48	45	42	44	48	38	41	41	40	40
Very important	31	40	36	33	37	34	30	35	36	37	35	38	36	35	34	35
Moderately important	15	14	17	20	14	16	14	12	14	9	12	14	14	13	15	16
Slightly/Not at all important	9	9	11	11	9	10	8	7	9	9	6	11	9	10	11	9
Slightly important	6	6	7	7	5	6	6	5	7	7	4	7	5	7	7	6
Not at all important	2	3	4	4	4	4	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	3	4	3
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	*

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Federal budget deficit...																
Extremely/Very important	69	73	72	77	75	75	77	76	77	75	75	71	73	73	74	77
Extremely important	37	35	34	41	38	41	42	41	43	41	39	35	38	38	40	40
Very important	33	37	38	37	37	34	34	35	34	34	35	37	34	35	34	38
Moderately important	18	15	17	15	17	17	15	16	16	14	16	19	17	17	14	14
Slightly/Not at all important	11	12	10	8	8	8	7	8	6	10	8	9	9	10	11	8
Slightly important	9	8	7	6	5	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	5	7	7	5
Not at all important	3	4	3	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	4	3
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
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Taxes...																
Extremely/Very important	70	70	69	73	71	69	68	69	67	72	74	71	72	66	71	69
Extremely important	37	30	31	34	32	34	36	35	35	31	34	31	32	32	33	34
Very important	33	40	39	39	39	35	33	34	33	41	40	40	39	35	38	35
Moderately important	21	21	21	19	20	20	20	21	24	19	19	20	18	23	20	20
Slightly/Not at all important	9	9	10	8	9	11	11	10	9	9	8	9	11	10	9	11
Slightly important	7	7	7	6	7	8	8	7	8	7	6	6	8	9	7	9
Not at all important	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2
Don't know [VOL]	1	-	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
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Unemployment...																
Extremely/Very important	82	83	82	84	86	83	83	84	83	84	84	82	79	81	78	81
Extremely important	41	38	38	40	41	43	44	40	40	41	41	37	38	40	36	40
Very important	40	45	44	44	45	40	38	44	43	43	43	45	41	41	42	41
Moderately important	14	12	12	11	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	14	14	13	14	13
Slightly/Not at all important	4	5	6	5	4	5	5	5	6	5	4	5	6	7	8	6
Slightly important	2	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	5	5	4
Not at all important	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2
Don't know [VOL]	1	-	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*

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Gas prices...																
Extremely/Very important	57	54	56	51	54	55	62	66	66	62	63	57	64	56	61	64
Extremely important	29	23	23	21	23	24	28	34	32	31	29	22	30	27	25	26
Very important	27	30	33	30	31	32	35	31	34	31	35	35	33	29	36	38
Moderately important	28	30	29	34	28	27	25	19	23	24	24	26	23	27	28	22
Slightly/Not at all important	15	15	15	16	18	18	13	15	11	15	13	17	13	17	12	13
Slightly important	10	12	10	11	11	12	11	10	10	11	9	13	9	13	8	11
Not at all important	5	3	5	5	7	6	2	5	2	4	4	4	3	4	3	2
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*

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CUR25. Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

	TOTAL 11/18-22/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Handling the economy										
Democrats	44	44	41	41	45	47	44	44	47	49
Republicans	42	47	51	46	43	42	41	44	40	40
Neither [VOL]	10	8	7	11	10	9	13	10	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	*	1	*	*	*	1	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,108

	TOTAL 11/18-22/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Handling health care										
Democrats	47	48	46	49	50	51	47	48	48	48
Republicans	39	43	47	40	40	38	39	40	37	38
Neither [VOL]	10	7	7	9	8	10	12	11	11	10
Don't know [VOL]	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
Refused [VOL]	1	*	-	*	*	1	*	*	*	1

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,108

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CUR25. (Continued) Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

	TOTAL 11/18-22/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
Managing the federal budget deficit				
Democrats	38	40	39	40
Republicans	44	48	52	47
Neither [VOL]	13	11	9	12
Don't know [VOL]	5	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-

Based on:

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	TOTAL 11/18-22/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
Handling taxes				
Democrats	41	44	41	42
Republicans	45	47	52	48
Neither [VOL]	9	7	7	8
Don't know [VOL]	4	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,000

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Continues...

CUR25. Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

	TOTAL 11/18-22/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
Creating jobs				
Democrats	44	44	40	42
Republicans	42	45	52	45
Neither [VOL]	8	9	8	10
Don't know [VOL]	5	1	1	3
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,000

N=1,501

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BUD1. Do you expect that life for the next generation of Americans will be better than life today, worse than life today or about the same as life today? (**IF BETTER/WORSE:** Is that much BETTER/WORSE or a little BETTER/WORSE)?

	11/18-22/10
Total better	21
Much better than life today	11
A little better than life today	10
About the same as life today	33
Total worse	45
Much worse than life today	26
A little worse than life today	19
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

Based on:

N=1,000

BUD2. How likely is it that the current size of the federal budget deficit will cause a major economic crisis for this country in the next ten years? Is that...?

	11/18-22/10
Total likely	56
Extremely likely	27
Very likely	28
Somewhat likely	31
Total unlikely	13
Not too likely	9
Not likely at all	4
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

Based on:

N=1,000

ECO7. How worried are you that increasing federal debt will harm the financial future of your children and grandchildren?

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Total worried	85	80	80	80	81	79	80	79	79	79
Very worried	56	48	50	54	50	47	46	49	45	42
Somewhat worried	29	32	30	26	31	33	34	30	34	37
Total not worried	13	20	20	20	19	20	19	21	20	19
Not too worried	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	12	13	11
Not at all worried	4	10	9	9	8	9	8	9	7	8
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	*	-	-	*	1	-	*	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	2

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CURJ16. As you may know, it is estimated that the federal budget deficit now exceeds one trillion dollars. If you had to choose, what do you think should be the HIGHER priority? [READ EACH ITEM.]

[RANDOMIZE ORDER]

	11/18-22/10	10/13-18/10	10/13-18/10	9/3-9/8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
	Total	Total	Likely voters	Total	Total	Total
Increasing government spending on education, health care reform, and the development of alternative energy sources, even if that means the federal budget deficit will increase even more	46	45	38	46	47	49
Reducing the federal budget deficit by cutting spending, even if that means the government could not enact new programs on education, health care reform, and the development of alternative energy sources	47	50	58	50	47	43
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	6	5	3	4	5	7
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1	1	1	*

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BUD3. In order to balance the federal budget, which should be the main focus of lawmakers?
[READ EACH ITEM-- RANDOMIZE.]

RANDOMIZE	11/18-22/10
Increasing taxes	30
Cutting government services	59
Both equally [VOL.]	4
Neither [VOL.]	5
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*

Based on:

N=925

[RANDOMIZE PRESENTATION OF QBUD4A AND BUD4B]

BUD4a. Do you think it is possible for the federal government to balance its budget without increasing taxes, or do you think some taxes will have to be increased?

RANDOMIZE	11/18-22/10
Possible to balance budget without increasing taxes	33
Some taxes will have to be increased	65
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

BUD4b. Do you think it is possible for the federal government to balance its budget without cutting government services, or do you think some government services will have to be cut?

RANDOMIZE	11/18-22/10
Possible to balance budget without cutting government services	19
Some government services will have to be cut	79
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

BUD5. The following are ways that some people have proposed making cuts in government spending to reduce the federal budget deficit. For each one, please tell me if you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose it as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit.

(FOR EACH FAVOR/OPOSE): Do you FAVOR/OPOSE that strongly or only somewhat?

(READ AS NECESSARY:) Do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose that as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit?

	Total Favor	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Total Oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know (VOL.)	Refused (VOL)
Randomize									
Reducing the number of federal workers	62	36	26	12	25	14	12	1	*
Freezing the salaries of federal workers	59	40	19	8	32	17	15	1	-
Reducing the number of overseas military bases	54	29	25	10	34	15	19	2	-
Eliminating the tax deduction for mortgage interest, in exchange for a lower overall income tax rate	49	18	30	15	31	14	17	5	*
Reducing Medicare benefits for seniors with higher incomes	45	17	27	11	43	18	25	2	*
Reducing Social Security benefits for seniors with higher incomes	44	19	24	9	46	18	28	2	-
Reducing farm subsidies by 3 billion dollars per year	41	22	19	14	40	19	21	4	*
Reducing research on advanced military weapons systems	39	19	20	11	49	25	24	2	-
Reducing federal government spending on homeland security	34	16	18	11	54	21	33	2	-
Freezing the non-combat pay of members of the military	28	11	17	13	55	20	36	4	*
Reducing the number of people in the military	26	12	14	10	61	21	40	2	*
Reducing federal government spending on education	25	13	12	7	67	19	49	1	*
Eliminating the child tax credit	24	10	14	11	61	24	38	4	-
<i>N=1,000</i>									

TC1. The tax cuts that were passed in 2001 will expire this year if they are not continued. Which of the following best describes what you think Congress should do about the tax cuts?

	11/18-22/10	11/3-8/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10
Allow the tax cuts to expire for everyone	14	12	15	14
Allow the tax cuts for people earning more than \$250,000 to expire, but continue them for other people	50	32	39	38
Continue the tax cuts for everyone	34	53	44	45
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	3	2	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,007

TC20. If you had to choose, which would you prefer?

	11/18-22/10
Pay a lower tax rate but have no mortgage interest deduction, or	51
Pay a higher tax rate but be able to deduct the interest on your mortgage	38
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	9
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

TC21. Do you think any spending cuts or tax increases needed to close the federal budget deficit should: [READ LIST, RANDOMIZE ORDER OF FIRST TWO OPTIONS]

	11/18-22/10
Mainly impact higher-income Americans, who may have more money to spend	38
Mainly impact lower-income Americans, who may pay a smaller share of their income in taxes	6
Be spread out so that all Americans share evenly in the costs	54
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

TC22. Please tell me if you would favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose raising the tax on gasoline by 15 cents per gallon with the income dedicated to building and repairing roads and highways? (FOR EACH FAVOR/OPPOSE:) Do you favor/oppose that strongly or somewhat?

	11/18-22/10
Total favor	27
Strongly favor	11
Somewhat favor	16
Neither favor nor oppose	6
Total oppose	66
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	52
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

Based on:

N=1,000

HC20. Do you think the changes to the health care system enacted by Congress and the Obama administration in March will...

RANDOMIZE	11/18-22/10
Increase the federal budget deficit	57
Decrease the federal budget deficit	14
Have no effect on the federal budget deficit	20
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	9
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

[ASK IF "INCREASE" PUNCH 1 IN HC20:]

HC20b. Do you think that will be worth it, or do you think it won't be worth it?

RANDOMIZE	11/18-22/10
Worth it	25
Not worth it	72
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*

Based on:

N=593

- SS1. As you may know, there is a cap on how much people have to pay in Social Security taxes each year, so that once people earn over a certain amount, currently just under \$107,000, they don't have to pay any additional Social Security taxes. That's in part because the benefits that people can get from Social Security after retirement are also capped. Do you think that cap should...?

RANDOMIZE	11/18-22/10
Be INCREASED so that higher-income earners pay more in Social Security taxes, even if they don't get more benefits after retirement, or	49
STAY THE SAME, so that higher-income earners don't pay more in Social Security taxes?	47
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

- SS2. Please tell me if you would favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose raising the age at which people can retire and receive their full benefits from Social Security to age 69? (FOR EACH FAVOR/OPOSE:) Do you favor/oppose that strongly or somewhat?

	11/18-22/10
Total favor	28
Strongly favor	15
Somewhat favor	13
Neither favor nor oppose	6
Total oppose	64
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	51
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-

Based on:

N=1,000

SS3. What if that increase in the age at which people can retire and receive their full benefits were phased in over 65 years, so that people aged 4 today would be the first ones who would have to wait until age 69 to receive their full Social Security benefits? In that case, would you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose raising the age at which people can retire and receive their full benefits from Social Security to age 69? (FOR EACH FAVOR/OPPOSE:) Do you favor/oppose that strongly or somewhat?

	11/18-22/10
Total favor	26
Strongly favor	13
Somewhat favor	13
Neither favor nor oppose	18
Total oppose	53
Somewhat oppose	14
Strongly oppose	39
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*

Based on:

N=963

PID1/
PID2.

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?

[IF "DEMOCRAT," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?

[IF "REPUBLICAN," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?

[IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," ASK:] Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	11/18-22/10	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Total Democrat	45	39	43	42	44	43	46	45	41	45	44	37	43	43	39	44	46	46	46
Democrat – strong	13	14	16	20	16	14	15	15	14	15	14	12	18	17	14	14	20	16	18
Democrat – moderate	16	17	16	13	15	18	19	20	18	18	18	16	17	16	16	20	15	20	20
Independent – lean Democratic	16	9	11	9	13	12	12	10	9	12	12	9	8	10	9	9	11	10	9
None – lean Democratic	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*
Total Republican	42	38	40	48	40	39	35	39	40	34	33	32	31	32	33	33	32	28	30
Republican – strong	12	13	12	18	12	11	9	10	14	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	11	9	9
Republican – moderate	12	15	13	14	13	14	15	16	12	12	12	13	10	11	11	12	12	9	13
Independent – lean Republican	18	11	14	15	15	14	11	13	14	12	12	11	10	11	13	10	9	9	8
None – lean Republican	-	-	*	1	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	10	6	3	2	3	5	4	2	4	5	5	7	6	5	8	5	5	7	6
[VOL] None – don't lean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[VOL] Other	2	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Don't know	1	16	15	7	13	14	15	14	15	15	18	24	19	21	19	18	17	19	17
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

G11a. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

IF "Liberal," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal?

IF "Conservative," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?

	11/18-22/10	11-3-8/10	10/13-18/10		9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	10/16-20/08		9/27-30/08
	Total	Total	Total	Likely Voters	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Likely Voters	Likely Voters
Liberal - strongly	6	8	9	10	10	10	11	8	6	9	11	10
Liberal - somewhat	13	11	14	11	12	15	11	15	14	14	14	11
Conservative - strongly	23	22	22	29	20	20	21	21	21	18	20	24
Conservative - somewhat	24	24	22	18	25	21	23	23	23	21	18	14
Moderate	31	33	31	31	31	33	32	31	32	35	35	39
Don't know	3	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	2
Refused	1	1	1	*	1	*	1	1	1	1	*	--

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=800 N=808

[INTERVIEWER READ:] The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM1. What is your marital status? Are you... [READ EACH ITEM]

Married/Living as Married/Co-habiting	61
Separated	3
Divorced	10
Widowed	5
Never Married	20
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed? [READ EACH ITEM]

Less than high school graduate	8
High school graduate	34
Technical/trade school	5
Some college	24
College graduate	15
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	21
30-49	37
50-64	24
65+	17
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live? [READ EACH ITEM]

Urban area	25
Suburban area	39
Rural area	33
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

Own	62
Rent	25
Other arrangement	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

[ASK IF HOMEOWNER (DM6=1)]

DMHO. Do you currently have a home mortgage or home equity loan, or not?

Yes	68
No	32
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=734

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18, or not?

Yes	37
No	62
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

None	25
One Line	70
Two lines	3
Three or more lines	1
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

None	13
One	62
Two	16
Three or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM10. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

Landline	25
Cell phone	39
Both equally	35
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=637

DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

None	55
One	30
Two	8
Three or more	7
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=300

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	41
No	56
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM13. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

Protestant	29
Catholic	22
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion [SPECIFY]	22
Don't belong to religious denomination	21
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,000

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13, ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	91
No, not a Christian	8
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=186

DM15. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

Never	13
Less often than a few times a year	10
A few times a year	23
Once or twice a month	15
Once a week	25
More than once a week	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,000

DM16. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

Yes	12
No	86
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

- DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=1), ASK:] In addition to being Hispanic, Latino or Spanish, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]
- DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White	71
Black, African-American, or Negro	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	*
Asian Indian	*
Vietnamese	-
Chinese	*
Filipino	1
Korean	-
Native Hawaiian	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Other Asian	*
Other Pacific Islander	-
Some other race [SPECIFY]	10
Multiple races [VOL]	1
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,000

- DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher? [READ LIST]

Below \$50,000	47
\$50,000+	46
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	5

Based on:

N=1,000

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall?
[READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	7
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	11
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	8

Based on:

N=1,000

DM21. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	36
No	59
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,000

[ASK DM22 ONLY IF "YES" IN DM21:]

DM22. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments— buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

None	52
1	16
2	11
3	2
4	2
5-9 times	6
10-14 times	3
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	1
25 times or more	1
Don't know [VOL]	5
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=455

DM25. [INTERVIEWER RECORD:] Respondent's Gender:

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,000

REGION:

	Total
Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

Based on:

N=1,000

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-CNBC Poll** was conducted from November 18 through November 22, 2010, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,000 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 700 respondents on landlines and 300 respondents on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample includes the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2009 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2009 Fall estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.