

Interviews: 800 Adults, including 240 cell phone only respondents

Date: October 7-9, 2013

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48 Male 52 Female

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

<i>The margin of error for 800 interviews among Adults is $\pm 3.46\%$</i>
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<i>Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.</i>

Q2a For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are?
(IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST.)

18-24.....	10
25-29.....	7
30-34.....	11
35-39.....	8
40-44.....	11
45-49.....	7
50-54.....	9
55-59.....	9
60-64.....	11
65-69.....	6
70-74.....	4
75 and over.....	6
Not sure/refused	1

Q2b To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11
No, not Hispanic	88
Not sure/refused	1

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	74
Black.....	12
Asian.....	3
Other.....	3
Hispanic (VOL).....	6
Not sure/refused	2

Q3 All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>10/7-9/13</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>4/13</u>	<u>2/13</u>	<u>1/13</u>	<u>12/12</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>
Headed in the right direction.....	14	30	29	32	31	32	35	41	72	12
Off on the wrong track	78	62	61	59	61	59	57	53	11	78
Mixed (VOL)	4	5	6	6	5	6	4	3	11	7
Not sure.....	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	6	3

	<u>10/12+</u>	<u>9/26-30/12+</u>	<u>9/12-16/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>4/12</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>1/12</u>
	41	40	39	32	32	31	33	33	33	30
	53	53	55	61	60	61	58	59	58	61
	4	5	4	4	5	5	5	6	5	5
	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	2	4	4

	<u>12/11</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>4/11</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>1/11</u>
	22	19	17	19	25	29	36	28	31	35
	69	73	74	73	67	62	50	63	60	56
	6	5	5	5	5	6	10	6	6	5
	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	4

	<u>12/10</u>	<u>11/10</u>	<u>10/28-30/10+</u>	<u>10/14-18/10+</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>8/26-30/10</u>	<u>8/5-9/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>
	28	32	31	32	32	30	32	29	34	33
	63	58	60	59	59	61	58	62	56	59
	6	6	5	6	5	6	6	5	6	5
	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	3

	<u>1/23-25/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>
	32	34	33	36	39	39	42	43	41	26
	58	54	55	52	48	49	46	43	44	59
	7	10	10	9	10	9	9	10	9	9
	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	6	6

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Q4 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	10/7- 9/13	9/13	8/13	7/13	6/13	4/13	2/13	1/13	12/12	High 4/09	Low 11/11
Approve.....	47	45	44	45	48	47	50	52	53	61	44
Disapprove.....	48	50	48	50	47	48	45	44	43	30	51
Not sure	5	5	8	5	5	5	5	4	4	9	5
			10/12+	9/26- 30/12+	9/12- 16/12+	8/12+	7/12+	6/12	5/12	4/12	3/12
			49	49	50	48	49	47	48	49	50
			48	48	48	49	48	48	46	46	45
			3	3	2	3	3	5	6	5	5
	1/12	12/11	11/11	10/11	8/11	7/11	6/11	5/11	4/11	2/11	
	48	46	44	44	44	47	49	52	49	48	
	46	48	51	51	51	48	46	41	45	46	
	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	7	6	6	
	1/11	12/10	11/10	10/28- 30/10+	10/14- 18/10+	9/10	8/26- 30/10	8/5- 9/10	6/10	5/20- 23/10	5/6- 11/10
	53	45	47	45	47	46	45	47	45	48	50
	41	48	47	50	49	49	49	48	48	45	44
	6	7	6	5	4	5	6	5	7	7	6
	3/10	1/23- 25/10	1/10- 14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09
	48	50	48	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60
	47	44	43	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26
	5	6	9	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14

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Q5 Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE EXCEPT BARACK OBAMA)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
Barack Obama¹						
October 7-9, 2013.....	26	21	11	11	30	1
September 2013.....	25	20	12	16	26	1
July 2013.....	28	20	12	14	26	-
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	28	19	13	12	28	-
April 2013.....	30	17	10	15	27	1
February 2013.....	31	18	11	14	26	-
January 2013.....	31	21	11	11	26	-
December 2012.....	37	16	9	14	24	-
October 2012+.....	34	15	8	12	31	-
September 26-30, 2012+.....	37	15	6	11	31	-
September 12-16, 2012+.....	35	13	9	11	31	1
August 2012+.....	31	17	8	13	30	1
July 2012+.....	33	16	8	11	32	-
June 2012.....	29	19	14	11	27	-
May 2012.....	32	17	10	12	29	-
April 2012.....	30	18	13	13	26	-
March 2012.....	28	21	14	12	25	-
January 2012.....	28	22	10	14	25	1
December 2011.....	22	23	13	15	27	-
November 2011.....	26	19	15	13	27	-
October 2011.....	23	23	14	12	28	-
August 2011.....	24	20	12	14	30	-
June 2011.....	27	22	14	13	24	-
May 2011.....	33	21	14	13	18	1
April 2011.....	28	22	14	13	23	-
February 2011.....	28	21	15	15	20	1
January 2011.....	29	23	15	14	18	1
December 2010.....	25	23	14	14	24	-
November 2010.....	28	21	12	13	26	-
October 28-30, 2010+.....	29	18	12	15	27	-
October 14-18, 2010+.....	29	19	9	17	26	-
September 2010.....	29	18	12	14	27	-
August 26-30, 2010.....	26	20	12	14	27	1
August 5-9, 2010.....	27	19	13	14	27	-
June 2010.....	27	20	13	15	25	-
May 20-23, 2010.....	28	19	15	14	24	-
May 6-11, 2010.....	29	20	12	14	24	1
March 2010.....	31	19	11	14	24	1
January 23-25, 2010.....	29	23	14	14	20	-
December 2009.....	29	21	13	15	22	-
October 2009.....	36	20	11	12	21	-
September 2009.....	38	18	11	14	19	-
July 2009.....	37	18	10	14	20	1
June 2009.....	41	19	11	12	17	-
April 2009.....	45	19	12	10	13	1
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1
January 2009.....	43	23	17	8	6	3
Barack Obama						
<i>High</i>						
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1
<i>Presidential Term Low</i>						
August 2011.....	24	20	12	14	30	-
<i>All-time Obama Low</i>						
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Republican Party¹						
October 7-9, 2013	7	17	21	24	29	2
September 2013.....	7	21	27	23	21	1
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	8	24	26	18	23	1
February 2013.....	8	21	24	20	26	1
January 2013	6	20	24	24	25	1
December 2012.....	9	21	23	18	27	2
October 2012+	15	21	20	18	25	1
September 26-30, 2012+	14	24	18	18	25	1
August 2012+.....	12	24	18	16	29	1
July 2012+.....	11	23	22	18	25	1
June 2012	10	21	23	18	26	2
May 2012	9	23	23	19	24	2
April 2012.....	11	22	23	19	24	1
March 2012	8	24	23	19	24	2
January 2012	8	23	24	19	25	1
December 2011.....	6	21	23	23	25	2
November 2011.....	9	21	23	18	26	3
October 2011	11	22	21	18	26	2
August 2011.....	8	24	21	23	23	1
June 2011	8	22	24	23	21	2
May 2011	8	24	22	21	23	2
April 2011.....	7	24	24	22	22	1
January 2011	7	27	24	21	19	2
December 2010.....	11	27	23	17	20	2
November 2010.....	11	23	24	20	19	3
October 28-30, 2010+	12	22	24	18	23	1
October 14-18, 2010+	8	23	25	19	23	2
September 2010.....	8	23	25	21	22	1
August 26-30, 2010.....	7	23	25	22	21	2
August 5-9, 2010.....	6	18	28	24	22	2
June 2010	6	24	26	23	19	2
May 20-23, 2010	10	23	26	21	19	1
May 6-11, 2010	8	22	26	22	20	2
March 2010	6	25	24	20	23	2
January 23-25, 2010	7	25	27	18	20	3
January 10-14, 2010	7	23	27	24	18	1
December 2009.....	5	23	27	24	19	2
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2
September 2009.....	5	23	27	22	21	2
July 2009.....	9	19	29	21	20	2
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2
April 2009.....	7	22	25	22	22	2
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3
<i>High</i>						
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3
<i>Low</i>						
October 7-9, 2013	7	17	21	24	29	2

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	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
The Democratic Party¹						
October 7-9, 2013.....	14	25	18	20	20	3
September 2013.....	13	27	22	20	18	-
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	14	25	22	19	18	2
February 2013.....	18	23	22	17	19	1
January 2013.....	17	27	17	19	19	1
December 2012.....	21	23	19	16	19	2
October 2012+.....	21	21	17	17	23	1
September 26-30, 2012+.....	21	21	17	17	22	2
August 2012+.....	19	23	16	17	23	2
July 2012+.....	17	23	20	17	23	-
June 2012.....	14	23	25	18	19	1
May 2012.....	17	22	19	21	19	1
April 2012.....	15	24	21	19	19	1
March 2012.....	15	23	24	18	18	2
January 2012.....	15	23	23	21	18	-
December 2011.....	9	23	25	23	19	1
November 2011.....	15	25	22	18	19	1
October 2011.....	12	25	19	20	22	2
August 2011.....	11	22	21	19	25	2
June 2011.....	13	25	21	19	20	2
May 2011.....	15	26	22	18	17	2
April 2011.....	12	26	22	18	21	1
January 2011.....	15	24	25	19	16	1
December 2010.....	9	28	20	18	23	2
November 2010.....	14	26	18	18	23	1
October 28-30, 2010+.....	16	23	17	19	23	2
October 14-18, 2010+.....	14	24	16	19	26	1
September 2010.....	15	22	20	20	22	1
August 26-30, 2010.....	11	25	19	19	24	2
August 5-9, 2010.....	11	22	22	18	26	1
June 2010.....	11	24	21	20	24	-
May 20-23, 2010.....	15	26	18	18	22	1
May 6-11, 2010.....	11	26	19	18	24	2
March 2010.....	9	28	19	19	24	1
January 23-25, 2010.....	14	25	22	17	21	1
January 10-14, 2010.....	11	27	20	18	23	1
December 2009.....	10	25	19	19	26	1
October 2009.....	14	28	20	14	22	2
September 2009.....	14	27	18	17	22	2
July 2009.....	13	29	19	17	20	2
June 2009.....	19	26	16	16	21	2
April 2009.....	17	28	19	15	19	2
February 2009.....	20	29	18	14	17	2
December 2008.....	17	32	22	15	13	1
<i>High</i>						
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2
<i>Low</i>						
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2

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The Tea Party Movement						
October 7-9, 2013.....	9	12	20	13	34	12
September 2013.....	9	16	23	15	27	10
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	11	15	26	13	25	11
January 2013.....	9	14	20	15	32	10
July 2012+.....	14	14	23	14	29	6
April 2012.....	10	17	23	11	27	12
January 2012.....	10	18	19	16	27	10
December 2011.....	10	17	21	15	28	9
November 2011.....	12	15	21	14	30	8
October 2011.....	12	16	21	12	29	10
August 2011.....	11	17	20	14	29	9
June 2011.....	13	15	20	14	27	11
April 2011.....	13	16	20	14	30	7
January 2011.....	13	16	22	14	24	11
December 2010.....	15	18	20	14	23	10
November 2010.....	14	16	21	13	25	11
October 28-30, 2010+.....	14	18	18	12	28	10
October 14-18, 2010+.....	14	16	20	11	27	12
September 2010.....	15	15	21	13	23	13
August 26-30, 2010.....	12	16	19	12	24	17
August 5-9, 2010.....	14	16	23	12	22	13
June 2010.....	15	19	21	12	19	14
May 6-11, 2010.....	16	15	21	10	20	18
March 2010.....	13	16	22	10	18	21
January 23-25, 2010.....	14	14	20	6	15	31
<i>High</i>						
June 2010.....	15	19	21	12	19	14
<i>Low</i>						
October 7-9, 2013.....	9	12	20	13	34	12
John Boehner						
October 7-9, 2013.....	5	12	20	17	25	21
January 2013.....	3	15	23	18	19	22
December 2012.....	3	16	23	14	15	29
January 2012.....	4	14	22	16	16	28
February 2011.....	6	14	22	9	12	37
January 2011.....	7	16	23	9	6	39
November 11-15, 2010.....	8	11	20	7	10	44
October 14-18, 2010+.....	3	11	16	6	12	52
September 2010.....	5	9	19	8	9	50
October 2009.....	2	7	12	7	8	64
January 2007.....	1	4	12	4	2	77
Harry Reid						
October 7-9, 2013.....	5	13	16	12	20	34
January 2013.....	4	12	20	10	18	36
January 2012.....	4	10	23	10	21	32
November 11-15, 2010.....	3	11	20	11	21	34
September 2010.....	3	12	20	12	20	33
August 5-9, 2010.....	2	9	22	7	24	36
January 10-14, 2010.....	3	10	20	8	24	35
October 2009.....	2	12	18	7	19	42
January 2009.....	2	12	22	10	11	43
January 2007.....	3	9	13	9	8	58
September 2006+.....	2	8	15	6	12	57
February 2005.....	4	7	21	5	3	60
Ted Cruz						
October 7-9, 2013.....	7	7	13	8	20	44
May 30-June 2, 2013.....	4	6	13	4	8	65

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SUMMARY TABLE OF IMAGES – BY D/S (POSITIVE – NEGATIVE)

	TOTAL POSITIVE	TOTAL NEGATIVE	D/S
Barack Obama.....	47	41	6
The Democratic Party.....	39	40	-1
Ted Cruz.....	14	28	-14
Harry Reid.....	18	32	-14
John Boehner.....	17	42	-25
The Tea Party Movement.....	21	47	-26
The Republican Party.....	24	53	-29

(ROTATE Q6 AND Q7)

Q6 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Republicans in Congress are doing?

	<u>10/7- 9/13</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>
Approve.....	24	26	25
Disapprove.....	70	69	67
Not sure.....	6	5	8

Q7 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Democrats in Congress are doing?

	<u>10/7- 9/13</u>	<u>12/11</u>	<u>7/11</u>
Approve.....	36	31	33
Disapprove.....	59	62	60
Not sure.....	5	7	7

And, although it's a long way off...

Q8 What is your preference for the outcome of NEXT year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE:) a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>10/7-</u>					<u>9/26-</u>				
	<u>9/13+</u>	<u>9/13+</u>	<u>7/13+</u>	<u>6/13+</u>	<u>10/12+</u>	<u>30/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>			
Republican-controlled Congress	39	43	44	42	43	43	42			
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	47	46	44	45	45	47	47			
Not sure.....	14	11	12	13	12	10	11			
	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12+</u>	<u>5/12+</u>	<u>4/12+</u>	<u>3/12+</u>	<u>1/12+</u>	<u>12/11+</u>			
	45	44	43	44	41	41	43			
	46	45	44	46	46	47	45			
	9	11	13	10	13	12	12			
	<u>11/11+</u>	<u>10/11+</u>	<u>8/11+</u>	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>10/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>	<u>8/26-</u> <u>30/10+</u>	<u>8/5-</u> <u>9/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>5/20-</u> <u>23/10+</u>
	43	41	47	44	44	44	43	42	45	44
	46	45	41	44	46	44	43	43	43	43
	11	14	12	12	10	12	14	15	12	13
	<u>5/6-</u> <u>11/10+</u>	<u>3/10+</u>	<u>1/23-</u> <u>25/10+</u>	<u>1/10-</u> <u>14/10+</u>	<u>12/09+</u>	<u>10/09+</u>	<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08+</u>
	44	42	42	41	41	38	40	39	39	36
	44	45	44	41	43	46	43	46	48	48
	12	13	14	18	16	16	17	15	13	16
	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>
	36	37	36	36	33	34	35	37	35	37
	49	50	47	49	52	49	49	46	47	52
	15	13	17	15	15	17	16	17	18	11
	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>
	39	38	38	39	37	38	38	37	39	40
	48	48	49	45	50	47	46	48	48	45
	13	14	13	16	13	15	16	15	13	15
	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>
	40	43	42	42	41	42	42	42	43	42
	47	44	46	44	44	45	43	42	42	42
	13	13	12	14	15	13	15	16	15	16
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>
	43	42	44	42	40	39	39	42	41	37
	41	41	40	40	44	41	43	41	40	43
	16	17	16	18	16	20	18	17	19	20
	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>
	41	40	41	39	41	40	41	41	45	44
	43	39	40	40	37	42	37	39	39	38
	16	21	19	21	22	18	22	20	16	18

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Q9 If there were a place on your ballot that allowed you to vote to defeat and replace every single member of Congress, including your own representative, would you do this, or not?

	10/7- 9/13+**	7/13+	1/12+	8/11+	10/28- 30/10+	8/26- 30/10+	6/10+	3/10+
Yes.....	60	57	56	54	45	48	47	50
No	35	39	40	41	50	49	50	47
Not sure ...	5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3

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** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, thinking about something else...

Q10 I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view. (ROTATE STATEMENTS.)

Statement A: Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people,

OR

Statement B: Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	10/7- 9/13	6/13	6/12	6/11				
A/Government should do more.....	52	48	49	51				
B/Government is doing too many things.....	44	48	47	46				
Some of both (VOL).....	2	2	2	2				
Not sure	2	2	2	1				
					8/26- 30/10			
	2/11	10/10+			6/10			
	51	45	47	47				
	46	50	47	49				
	2	2	3	2				
	1	3	3	2				
	1/10- 14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	4/09	2/09	10/4- 5/08+	
	43	44	46	45	47	51	47	
	48	47	48	49	46	40	45	
	6	7	5	5	6	7	7	
	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	
	9/19- 22/08+	7/08+	9/07	3/07	1/02	12/97	12/95 ¹	
	48	53	55	52	45	41	32	
	42	42	38	40	43	51	62	
	8	NA	6	6	9	5	NA	
	2	5	1	2	3	3	6	

¹ In December 1995, the question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

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Now, turning to the economy...

Q11 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	10/7- 9/13	9/13	7/13	6/13	12/12	10/12+	9/26- 30/12+	9/12- 16/12+	8/12+
Economy will get better.....	17	27	31	32	38	45	44	42	36
Economy will get worse	42	24	21	18	28	9	13	18	18
Economy will stay about the same....	38	48	47	49	33	34	35	32	38
Not sure	3	1	1	1	1	12	8	8	8

	7/12+	6/12	5/12	4/12	3/12	1/12	12/11	11/11	10/11
	27	35	33	38	40	37	30	25	21
	25	20	19	19	23	17	22	28	32
	45	41	46	42	35	44	47	47	45
	3	4	2	1	2	2	1	-	2

	8/11	7/11	6/11	4/11	2/11	1/11	12/10	11/10	10/14- 18/10+
	22	26	29	33	29	40	32	37	37
	30	31	30	21	29	17	24	15	20
	47	41	39	46	41	42	42	46	41
	1	2	2	-	1	1	2	2	2

	9/10	8/26- 30/10	8/5- 9/10	6/10	5/6- 10/10	3/10	1/10- 14/10	10/09	9/09
	32	26	34	33	40	41	41	42	47
	24	26	25	23	20	22	19	22	20
	41	45	39	43	38	36	38	33	30
	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	3	3

	7/09	6/09	4/09	10/08+	10/06+	10/04+	10/02+	10/98+	10/94
	44	46	38	38	22	43	41	17	31
	21	22	30	20	22	10	20	24	24
	32	29	30	37	51	33	34	54	40
	3	3	2	5	5	14	5	5	5

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the next year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q12 Thinking about President Obama and Republicans in Congress and their negotiations about the budget, does it make you feel -- (ROTATE) more confident or less confident – about the economy getting better or does it not make a difference in your opinion one way or the other?

	10/7- 9/13	2/13	1/13
More confident.....	7	16	16
Less confident	63	51	51
No difference	28	29	31
Not sure	2	4	2

Now, thinking about the recent debate over the federal budget...

Q13 As you know, President Obama and the Republicans in Congress have not reached a budget agreement, and this has led to a shutdown of the federal government. Who do you think is more to blame for this shutdown -- President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

President Obama	31
Republicans in Congress.....	53
Both equal (VOL)	13
Not sure.....	3

1995			
If President Clinton and the Republican Congress do not reach an agreement to balance the budget, who do you think will be more to blame--President Clinton or the Republican Congress?			
	<u>1/96</u>	<u>11/95¹</u>	<u>10/95²</u>
President Clinton	33	27	32
Republican Congress.....	44	47	43
Both equal (VOL).....	18	20	18
Not sure	5	6	7
¹ In November 1995, the question read, "As you know, President Clinton and the Republican Congress have not reached a budget agreement, and this has led to a shutdown of the federal government. Who do you think is more to blame for this shutdown. . .".			
² In October 1995, the question read, "If President Clinton and the Republican Congress do not reach a budget agreement in time to avoid a major shutdown of the federal government. . ."			

Q14 In your view, how serious a problem is this shutdown of the federal government -- extremely serious, quite serious, just somewhat serious, or not that serious?

	<u>10/7-9/13</u>	<u>11/95</u>
Extremely serious	46	29
Quite serious.....	27	28
Just somewhat serious.....	18	23
Not that serious.....	9	18
Not sure	-	2

Q15 Have you or anyone in your family been affected by the federal government shutdown, in terms of employment, services, or benefits?

	<u>10/7-9/13</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>11/95</u>
Yes, have been affected.....	31	18	18
No, have not been affected	68	81	81
Not sure	1	1	1

(ROTATE Q16a AND Q16b)

Q16a Which of these is closer to your own view of President Obama's actions and positions during the current budget disagreement?

- A) He is being a strong leader and standing up for what he believes in 46
- B) He is putting his own political agenda ahead of what's good for the country 51
- Both equal (VOL) 1
- Not sure 2

November 1995	
Which of these is closer to your own view of President Clinton's actions and positions during the current budget disagreement?	
A) He is being a strong leader and standing up for what he believes in	49
B) He is putting his own political agenda ahead of what's good for the country.....	43
Both equal (VOL)	4
Not sure.....	4

Q16b Which of these is closer to your own view of Congressional Republicans' actions and positions during the current budget disagreement?

- A) They are demonstrating strong leadership and standing up for what they believe in 27
- B) They are putting their own political agenda ahead of what is good for the country 70
- Both equal (VOL) 1
- Not sure 2

Q17 How much harm, if any, is the government shutdown having on the U.S. economy – a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or none at all?

- Great deal 34
- Quite a bit 31
- Just some 21
- Very little 10
- None at all 2
- Not sure 2

(ASKED OF FORM A ON 10/7-8 ONLY)

Q18a In your own words, what word or short phrase best describes how you think President Obama has handled the budget negotiations? **SEE VERBATIM RESPONSE**

(ASKED OF FORM B ON 10/7-8 ONLY)

Q18b In your own words, what word or short phrase best describes how you think Republicans in Congress have handled the budget negotiations? **SEE VERBATIM RESPONSE**

Now, talking a moment about something called the federal debt ceiling...

Q19 The federal debt ceiling limits the amount of money the government can borrow. When the U.S. Treasury needs to issue debt above the ceiling in order to avoid going into bankruptcy and to pay the government's bills, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling. Which of the following causes you more concern?

That Congress will not raise the debt ceiling and the federal government will not pay its bills, such as defaulting on its loans and not making payments to Social Security recipients and government workers	37
That Congress will raise the debt ceiling and that federal spending will increase and the government will go further into debt as a result	41
Or do you not know enough about this to have an opinion at this time	19
Not sure.....	3

CNBC Trend			
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	<u>9/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>6/11</u>
That Congress will not raise the debt ceiling and the federal government will not <u>meet its financial obligations</u> , such as defaulting on its loans and not making payments to Social Security recipients and government workers	41	32	25
That Congress will raise the debt ceiling and that federal spending will increase and the government will go further into debt as a result.....	47	39	49
Or do you not know enough about this to have an opinion at this time.....	6	22	19
Not sure	6	7	7

Q20 The president has asked Congress to raise the debt ceiling, and the Congress is currently considering whether to raise it. If Congress does not vote to raise the debt ceiling, do you believe that this would be a real and serious problem or not? If you do not know enough to have an opinion, please say so.

	10/7- <u>9/13*</u>	<u>7/11</u> ¹
A real and serious problem	63	55
Not a real and serious problem	15	18
Don't know enough to have opinion	22	25
Not sure	1	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ In July 2011, the question read "Right now Congress and the president are negotiating about whether and how much to raise the debt ceiling..."

Now as you may know, Barack Obama's health care plan was passed by Congress and signed into law in 2010...

Q21 From what you have heard about the new health care law, do you think it is (ROTATE) – a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so. (IF GOOD IDEA/BAD IDEA, ASK:) And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?

	10/7- 9/13	9/13	7/13	6/13	7/12+	6/12	4/12	12/11	1/11	10/14- 18/10+	6/10+	5/6- 10/10 ¹
Total Good idea	38	31	34	37	40	35	36	34	39	36	38	38
Strongly	31	24	26	28	31	25	27	23	29	25	28	28
Not so strongly	7	7	8	9	9	10	9	11	10	11	10	10
Total Bad idea	43	44	47	49	44	41	45	41	39	46	46	44
Not so strongly	5	6	6	6	5	6	6	8	5	5	7	6
Strongly	38	38	41	43	39	35	39	33	34	41	39	38
Do not have an opinion ..	17	24	18	13	15	22	17	24	21	16	15	17
Not sure	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1

	3/10	1/23- 25/10	1/10- 14/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09
Good idea	36	31	33	32	38	39	36	36	33	33
Bad idea	48	46	46	47	42	41	42	42	32	26
Do not have an opinion ..	15	22	18	17	16	17	17	17	30	34
Not sure	1	1	3	4	4	3	5	5	5	7

¹ Prior to May 2010, the question did not ask "And, do you feel that way strongly, or not so strongly?"
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Now, moving on...

Q22 President Obama says he will not negotiate with Republicans in Congress about the health care law and the federal budget until Congress has reopened the government and raised the country's debt ceiling limit. Do you agree or disagree with the president on this? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please just say so and we will move on. (IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK:) And, do you strongly or just somewhat (agree/disagree) with the president on this?

Strongly agree	30
Somewhat agree	10
Somewhat disagree	7
Strongly disagree	36
Don't know enough to say ...	16
Not sure	1

And, switching topics slightly...

Q23a/b Thinking again about the new health care law, would you favor or oppose totally eliminating federal funding for the new health care law? (IF "FAVOR," ASK:) Would you favor totally eliminating federal funding for the health care law, even if this meant continuing a partial shutdown of the federal government?

Favor	39
Even if it means continuing the government shutdown	23
Not if it means continuing the government shutdown	13
Not sure.....	3
Oppose.....	50
Not sure	11

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Thinking again about the new health care law, would you favor or oppose totally eliminating federal funding for the new health care law? (IF "FAVOR," ASK:) Would you favor totally eliminating federal funding for the health care law, even if this meant shutting down the federal government and having the government default on its debts?	
Favor	38
Even if it means government shut-down and default.....	19
Not if it means government shut-down and default	15
Not sure	4
Oppose	44
Not sure	18

Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote [LANDLINE: at this address; CELL: in (state from Q1x)]?

Registered.....	86
Not registered.....	14
Not sure.....	-

QF1b/c A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, or someone else?+

Yes, Voted	
Voted for Barack Obama	44
Voted for Mitt Romney	35
Voted for someone else	6
Not sure	5
No, Did Not Vote	10
Not sure	-

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QF2 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	-
Some high school	5
High school graduate	24
Some college, no degree.....	15
Vocational training/school.....	3
2-year college degree.....	11
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	24
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	11
Doctoral/law degree	5
Not sure/refused	-

QF3 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	17
Not very strong Democrat.....	11
Independent/lean Democrat	15
Strictly Independent.....	19
Independent/lean Republican	13
Not very strong Republican	7
Strong Republican	12
Other (VOL).....	4
Not sure.....	2

QF4 Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

	<u>10/7-</u>							<u>9/26-</u>	<u>9/12-</u>	
	<u>9/13+</u>	<u>9/13+</u>	<u>7/13+</u>	<u>6/13+</u>	<u>2/13+</u>	<u>1/13+</u>	<u>10/12+</u>	<u>30/12+</u>	<u>16/12+</u>	<u>8/12+</u>
Yes	20	21	21	24	20	23	24	25	22	26
No	70	67	67	65	64	63	64	66	65	63
Depends (VOL)	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	4	3
Not sure	8	9	9	8	12	10	9	7	9	8
	<u>7/12+</u>	<u>6/12+</u>	<u>5/12+</u>	<u>4/12+</u>	<u>3/12+</u>	<u>1/12+</u>	<u>12/11+</u>	<u>11/11+</u>	<u>10/11+</u>	<u>8/11+</u>
	25	24	30	25	28	27	27	25	26	27
	65	64	60	64	63	66	65	69	64	62
	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	4
	7	9	8	9	7	5	5	4	7	7
	<u>6/11+</u>	<u>5/11+</u>	<u>4/11+</u>	<u>2/11+</u>	<u>1/11+</u>	<u>12/10+</u>	<u>11/10+</u>	<u>10/28-</u> <u>30/10+</u>	<u>10/14-</u> <u>18/10+</u>	<u>9/10+</u>
	26	26	25	29	27	29	30	28	30	28
	63	62	67	61	62	61	59	61	59	61
	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	3
	8	10	5	7	8	7	7	8	10	8

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QF5 Do you or an immediate family member living with you work for the federal government or a state or local government? (IF YES, SPECIFY, ACCEPT ALL THAT APPLY)

Total Yes	20
Yes, federal	9
Yes, state	8
Yes, local.....	5
No	79
Not sure.....	1