



**Interviews with 1,023 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 11-13, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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<b>The Democratic Party</b>				
March 11-13, 2011	46%	48%	*	7%
December 17-19, 2010	47%	47%	1%	6%
November 11-14, 2010	46%	48%	1%	5%
October 27-30, 2010	46%	47%	*	7%
September 1-2, 2010	44%	49%	1%	6%
April 9-11, 2010	49%	46%	1%	5%
January 22-24, 2010	46%	46%	*	8%
October 16-18, 2009	53%	41%	*	6%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	52%	39%	1%	8%
April 23-26, 2009	51%	44%	*	4%
February 18-19, 2009	58%	36%	*	5%
December 1-2, 2008	60%	34%	*	5%
November 6-9, 2008	62%	31%	1%	6%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	53%	42%	*	5%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	51%	40%	1%	8%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	59%	36%	*	4%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	52%	40%	1%	7%
April 28-30, 2008	56%	35%	1%	8%
January 9-10, 2008	55%	34%	2%	8%
June 22-24, 2007	51%	38%	1%	9%
March 9-11, 2007	51%	34%	1%	13%
November 3-5, 2006	53%	35%	*	11%
September 22-24, 2006	56%	39%	*	5%

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	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 16-18	46	45	*	9	2002 Jul 26-28	55	34	*	11
2005 Oct 13-16	52	36	2	10	2002 Jan 11-14	55	33	*	12
2005 Sep 8-11	47	41	1	11	2001 Sep 7-10	56	38	*	6
2005 Jul 22-24	52	38	1	9	2000 Nov 13-15	53	38	1	8
2005 Apr 1-2	50	42	*	8	2000 Aug 4-5	53	38	1	8
2005 Feb 25-27	52	41	1	6	2000 Jul 25-26	56	35	*	9
2005 Feb 4-6	46	47	*	7	2000 Jan 7-10	61	33	*	6
2004 Sep 13-15	49	45	--	6	1999 Nov 18-21	51	41	*	8
2004 Sep 3-5	50	41	*	9	1999 Apr 30-May 2	53	37	1	9
2004 Aug 23-25*	54	36	1	9	1999 Feb 19-21	55	37	0	8
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	55	37	1	7	1999 Feb 12-13	56	38	*	6
2004 Jul 19-21*	48	41	1	10	1999 Feb 4-8	57	37	*	6
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	59	34	*	7	1999 Jan 8-10	57	35	*	8
2004 Jan 2-5	47	44	*	9	1998 Dec 19-20	57	30	*	13
2003 Sep 8-10	49	45	--	6	1998 Dec 15-16	58	32	2	8
2003 Mar 29-30	49	39	1	11	1997 Oct 27-29	54	39	*	7
2003 Jan 3-5	52	36	1	11	1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	60	36	*	4
2002 Dec 16-17	52	37	1	10	1996 Aug 16-18**	55	41	1	3
2002 Nov 8-10	48	42	0	10	1996 Aug 5-7**	57	38	1	4
2002 Oct 21-22	58	30	*	12	1996 Apr 9-10	55	38	0	7
2002 Sep 5-8	56	38	0	6	1995 Apr 17-19	51	43	*	6
					1992 Jul 6-8**	54	38	*	8

\*Asked of a half sample.

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September 1-2, 2010	45%	49%	1%	6%
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April 23-26, 2009	39%	55%	*	6%
February 18-19, 2009	39%	54%	*	7%
December 1-2, 2008	41%	52%	*	6%
November 6-9, 2008	38%	54%	1%	8%
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Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	48%	45%	*	6%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	43%	50%	*	6%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	48%	46%	*	6%
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2005 Dec 16-18	45	48	*	7	2002 Jul 26-28	55	36	*	9
2005 Oct 13-16	40	50	2	8	2002 Jan 11-14	61	30	*	9
2005 Sep 8-11	45	45	1	9	2001 Sep 7-10	47	48	*	5
2005 Jul 22-24	46	45	1	8	2000 Nov 13-15	49	43	*	8
2005 Apr 1-2	50	44	1	5	2000 Aug 4-5	54	37	1	8
2005 Feb 25-27	51	42	1	6	2000 Jul 25-26	49	39	*	12
2005 Feb 4-6	56	39	1	4	2000 Jan 7-10	53	41	*	6
2004 Sep 13-15	55	41	*	4	1999 Nov 18-21	50	44	*	6
2004 Sep 3-5	53	40	*	7	1999 Apr 30-May 2	47	44	*	9
2004 Aug 23-25*	50	41	1	8	1999 Feb 19-21	45	46	0	9
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	47	45	1	7	1999 Feb 12-13	40	54	1	5
2004 Jul 19-21*	50	43	*	7	1999 Feb 4-8	45	47	*	8
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	48	45	*	7	1999 Jan 8-10	40	52	*	8
2004 Jan 2-5	52	40	1	7	1998 Dec 19-20	31	57	*	12
2003 Sep 8-10	50	44	--	6	1998 Dec 15-16	43	47	2	8
2003 Mar 29-30	56	33	1	10	1997 Oct 27-29	50	42	*	8
2003 Jan 3-5	51	38	1	10	1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	50	45	*	5
2002 Dec 16-17	51	38	1	10	1996 Aug 16-18**	55	41	1	2
2002 Nov 8-10	54	38	*	8	1996 Aug 5-7**	51	44	*	5
2002 Oct 21-22	53	35	*	12	1996 Apr 9-10	52	41	*	7
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<b>The Tea Party movement</b>				
March 11-13, 2011	32%	47%	7%	14%
December 17-19, 2010	37%	43%	7%	13%
November 11-14, 2010	38%	42%	9%	11%
October 27-30, 2010	37%	37%	10%	16%
September 1-2, 2010	36%	40%	10%	14%
April 9-11, 2010	38%	36%	12%	13%
January 22-24, 2010	33%	26%	24%	16%

Question 8K

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K. The Democratic Party

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favorable Opinion	46%	42%	49%	38%	64%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	52%	44%	55%	32%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	6%	6%	7%	3%
Never heard of	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favorable Opinion	46%	N/A	40%	47%	41%	47%	45%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	N/A	52%	46%	52%	48%	49%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	N/A	7%	5%	5%	6%	5%
Never heard of	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favorable Opinion	46%	48%	42%	49%	43%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	46%	53%	44%	52%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%
Never heard of	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable Opinion	46%	83%	42%	8%	68%	59%	24%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	14%	48%	88%	26%	33%	72%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	3%	8%	4%	6%	8%	3%
Never heard of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favorable Opinion	46%	47%	39%	46%	50%	51%	43%	42%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	39%	55%	51%	45%	44%	48%	53%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	12%	6%	3%	4%	5%	7%	4%
Never heard of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favorable Opinion	46%	11%	49%	71%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	85%	44%	23%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	4%	6%	5%
Never heard of	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 8L

We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.

L. The Republican Party

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favorable Opinion	44%	45%	44%	51%	28%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	49%	48%	43%	64%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	5%	7%	6%	5%
Never heard of	*	*	1%	*	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favorable Opinion	44%	N/A	38%	42%	49%	44%	45%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	N/A	52%	51%	42%	50%	47%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	N/A	8%	4%	7%	6%	6%
Never heard of	*	N/A	*	1%	*	*	1%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favorable Opinion	44%	42%	49%	44%	45%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	51%	45%	51%	46%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%
Never heard of	*	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable Opinion	44%	14%	42%	85%	9%	35%	71%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	80%	50%	9%	87%	55%	24%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	6%	6%	6%	2%	9%	4%
Never heard of	*	*	1%	*	2%	*	*
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favorable Opinion	44%	39%	44%	46%	48%	43%	40%	53%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	50%	51%	48%	45%	50%	52%	41%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	8%	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	5%
Never heard of	*	*	*	*	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favorable Opinion	44%	77%	45%	17%
Unfavorable Opinion	48%	17%	46%	80%
Heard of, No opinion	6%	5%	7%	3%
Never heard of	*	*	1%	*
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 8M

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M. The Tea Party movement

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favorable Opinion	32%	39%	26%	37%	21%
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	49%	46%	43%	57%
Heard of, No opinion	13%	7%	18%	14%	9%
Never heard of	7%	4%	9%	5%	12%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favorable Opinion	32%	N/A	36%	35%	36%	29%	36%
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	N/A	49%	51%	46%	46%	49%
Heard of, No opinion	13%	N/A	9%	8%	15%	14%	11%
Never heard of	7%	N/A	5%	5%	2%	9%	4%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favorable Opinion	32%	32%	34%	32%	33%
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	45%	48%	45%	49%
Heard of, No opinion	13%	13%	12%	14%	11%
Never heard of	7%	9%	3%	6%	6%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable Opinion	32%	10%	31%	61%	9%	19%	58%
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	71%	48%	18%	75%	57%	25%
Heard of, No opinion	13%	10%	13%	16%	14%	11%	14%
Never heard of	7%	8%	7%	4%	1%	12%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

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Favorable Opinion	32%	32%	31%	34%	31%	30%	34%	33%
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	49%	48%	45%	49%	53%	47%	41%
Heard of, No opinion	13%	7%	18%	13%	12%	12%	12%	15%
Never heard of	7%	9%	3%	7%	7%	4%	6%	10%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favorable Opinion	32%	91%	18%	5%
Unfavorable Opinion	47%	4%	43%	93%
Heard of, No opinion	13%	4%	24%	1%
Never heard of	7%	*	13%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

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