



**Interviews with 1,034 adult Americans conducted by telephone
by Opinion Research Corporation on April 29 - May 1, 2011.
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sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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5. Thinking specifically about the economy, which of the following is the most important economic issue facing the country today? (RANDOM ORDER)

	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>
Unemployment	38%	38%
The federal budget deficit	28%	28%
Rising gasoline prices	21%	19%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	5%
Taxes	4%	6%
The stock market	2%	1%
Other (vol.)	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	*

8. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	1%	17%	44%	38%	*
Mar. 11-13, 2011	1%	15%	42%	42%	*
Jan. 14-16, 2011	1%	23%	40%	35%	1%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	1%
Sept. 1-2, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	*
July 16-21, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*
May 21-23, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*
Mar. 25-28, 2010	1%	20%	39%	39%	*
Feb. 12-15, 2010	2%	15%	39%	44%	*
Jan. 8-10, 2010	2%	18%	42%	38%	*
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*
Mar. 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*
Mar. 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
<u>ALL AMERICANS</u>							
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

*Asked of a half sample.

9. Do you think the policies of Barack Obama and the Democrats or George W. Bush and the Republicans are more responsible for the country's current economic problems?

	<u>Apr. 29-May 1 2011</u>	<u>Sept. 1-2 2010</u>
Obama and Democrats	30%	33%
Bush and Republicans	55%	53%
Both equally (vol.)	10%	10%
Neither (vol.)	4%	3%
No opinion	*	1%

Question 5

Thinking specifically about the economy, which of the following is the most important economic issue facing the country today?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Unemployment	38%	34%	41%	35%	41%
Rising gasoline prices	21%	24%	19%	22%	21%
Taxes	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%
The stock market	2%	1%	2%	2%	*
The federal budget deficit	28%	30%	26%	31%	22%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	5%	7%	3%	12%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
No opinion	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
Unemployment	38%	N/A	33%	38%	39%	37%	38%
Rising gasoline prices	21%	N/A	25%	21%	22%	21%	22%
Taxes	4%	N/A	6%	4%	3%	5%	3%
The stock market	2%	N/A	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
The federal budget deficit	28%	N/A	24%	28%	31%	26%	30%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	N/A	9%	5%	1%	8%	4%
Other	1%	N/A	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Unemployment	38%	37%	38%	35%	39%
Rising gasoline prices	21%	27%	14%	29%	14%
Taxes	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%
The stock market	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
The federal budget deficit	28%	23%	35%	24%	32%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	6%	7%	7%	5%
Other	1%	1%	*	*	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Unemployment	38%	47%	37%	27%	47%	40%	29%
Rising gasoline prices	21%	24%	18%	24%	22%	18%	24%
Taxes	4%	3%	4%	7%	3%	3%	6%
The stock market	2%	1%	3%	*	3%	2%	*
The federal budget deficit	28%	17%	31%	38%	19%	25%	36%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	8%	6%	4%	4%	10%	4%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Unemployment	38%	39%	34%	34%	45%	44%	33%	39%
Rising gasoline prices	21%	19%	26%	25%	14%	15%	22%	28%
Taxes	4%	4%	3%	6%	2%	4%	4%	2%
The stock market	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
The federal budget deficit	28%	26%	29%	29%	27%	27%	29%	28%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	8%	4%	4%	9%	5%	9%	2%
Other	1%	*	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 5

Thinking specifically about the economy, which of the following is the most important economic issue facing the country today?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
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Unemployment	38%	26%	37%	46%
Rising gasoline prices	21%	18%	27%	17%
Taxes	4%	8%	3%	2%
The stock market	2%	*	1%	3%
The federal budget deficit	28%	43%	23%	23%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	4%	7%	6%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 8

How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today - as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
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Very good	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Somewhat good	17%	20%	13%	13%	25%
Somewhat poor	44%	45%	43%	44%	45%
Very poor	38%	34%	43%	42%	29%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
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
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Very good	1%	N/A	*	2%	1%	*	2%
Somewhat good	17%	N/A	13%	14%	18%	18%	16%
Somewhat poor	44%	N/A	46%	45%	34%	47%	41%
Very poor	38%	N/A	41%	39%	46%	35%	42%
No opinion	*	N/A	1%	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Very good	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Somewhat good	17%	16%	17%	14%	19%
Somewhat poor	44%	42%	46%	45%	44%
Very poor	38%	41%	36%	40%	36%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Very good	1%	2%	*	*	1%	1%	1%
Somewhat good	17%	23%	15%	10%	22%	21%	10%
Somewhat poor	44%	50%	43%	38%	50%	45%	40%
Very poor	38%	24%	41%	51%	27%	34%	49%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Very good	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Somewhat good	17%	17%	17%	13%	20%	26%	14%	11%
Somewhat poor	44%	44%	44%	46%	41%	45%	43%	44%
Very poor	38%	37%	38%	39%	38%	28%	41%	44%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Very good	1%	2%	1%	*
Somewhat good	17%	8%	16%	24%
Somewhat poor	44%	39%	43%	53%
Very poor	38%	51%	40%	23%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 9

Do you think the policies of Barack Obama and the Democrats or George W. Bush and the Republicans are more responsible for the country's current economic problems?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama and Democrats	30%	30%	30%	34%	23%
Bush and Republicans	55%	54%	56%	49%	69%
Both equally	10%	12%	8%	12%	5%
Neither	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%
No opinion	*	*	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
Obama and Democrats	30%	N/A	31%	30%	34%	30%	32%
Bush and Republicans	55%	N/A	50%	55%	49%	57%	53%
Both equally	10%	N/A	11%	10%	13%	9%	11%
Neither	4%	N/A	8%	4%	3%	5%	4%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama and Democrats	30%	27%	34%	34%	27%
Bush and Republicans	55%	60%	49%	57%	54%
Both equally	10%	9%	11%	6%	14%
Neither	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama and Democrats	30%	10%	29%	62%	9%	20%	54%
Bush and Republicans	55%	84%	52%	20%	88%	63%	27%
Both equally	10%	2%	14%	12%	2%	10%	15%
Neither	4%	3%	4%	6%	1%	6%	4%
No opinion	*	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama and Democrats	30%	20%	31%	35%	32%	22%	33%	32%
Bush and Republicans	55%	65%	55%	51%	51%	69%	50%	52%
Both equally	10%	9%	8%	11%	10%	5%	12%	12%
Neither	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	4%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama and Democrats	30%	62%	29%	4%
Bush and Republicans	55%	18%	55%	87%
Both equally	10%	18%	9%	4%
Neither	4%	2%	6%	4%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%