

Interviews with $\mathbf{1 , 0 3 8}$ adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 9-11, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 943 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The sample includes 834 interviews among landline respondents and 204 interviews among cell phone respondents.
5. Who do you trust more to handle the economy -- Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

Sept. 9-11
$\underline{2011}$

| Obama | $46 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Republicans | $37 \%$ |
| Both equally (vol.) | $1 \%$ |
| Neither (vol.) | $15 \%$ |
| No opinion | $1 \%$ |

6. If you had to choose, would you rather see Barack Obama and Congress pay more attention to reducing the budget deficit, or more attention to creating more jobs?

## Sept. 9-11

$\underline{2011}$

| Deficit | $29 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Jobs | $65 \%$ |
| Both equally (vol.) | $6 \%$ |
| Neither (vol.) | $*$ |
| No opinion | $*$ |

10. Now I'd like you to compare the situation today with what it was three years ago. Are you better off than you were three years ago, or not?

Sept. 9-11
$\underline{2011}$

| Yes, better off | $32 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| No, not better off | $58 \%$ |
| Just as well off (vol.) | $11 \%$ |
| No opinion | $*$ |

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|  | Yes, better off | No, not better off | Just as well off (vol.) | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| QUESTION WORDING: Now here are some questions that ask you to compare the situation today with what it was three years ago. Are you better off than you were three years ago, or not? |  |  |  |  |
| 2003 Oct 10-12 | 50 | 42 | 8 | * |
| 1996 Jan 5-7 | 51 | 33 | 15 | 1 |
| 1992 Jan 3-6 | 50 | 38 | 11 | 1 |
| QUESTION WORDING: Now here are some questions that ask you to compare the situation today with what it was two years ago. Are you better off than you were two years ago, or not? |  |  |  |  |
| 2002 Oct 3-6 | 46 | 44 | 9 | 1 |
| 1994 Sep 6-7 | 41 | 45 | 14 | * |
| QUESTION WORDING: Are you better off than you were eight years ago, or not? |  |  |  |  |
| 2000 Jan 7-10 | 73 | 19 | 7 | 1 |
| QUESTION WORDING: Now here is a question that asks you to compare the situation today with what it was four years ago. Are you better off than you were four years ago, or not? |  |  |  |  |
| 1996 Oct 6 | 52 | 34 | 13 | 1 |
| 1996 Sep 11-13 | 51 | 29 | 17 | 2 |
| 1992 Oct 23-25 | 38 | 46 | 15 | 1 |

11. Would you say you are very angry, somewhat angry, not very angry or not angry at all about the way things are going in the country today?

|  | Sept. 9-11 | Aug. 6-10 | Oct. 30-Nov. 1 | Feb. 18-19 | Oct. 17-19 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2010}$ | 2009* | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2008}$ |
| Very angry | 27\% | 31\% | 23\% | 31\% | 35\% |
| Somewhat angry | 45\% | 39\% | 41\% | 40\% | 40\% |
| Not very angry | 14\% | 17\% | 19\% | 16\% | 14\% |
| Not angry at all | 13\% | 13\% | 16\% | 13\% | 11\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | * | * | * |

12. Would you say you are very scared, somewhat scared, not very scared or not scared at all about the way things are going in the country today?

Sept. 9-11 Oct. 30-Nov. 1 Feb. 18-19 Oct. 17-19
$\underline{2011} \underline{2009 *} \underline{2008}$
Very scared
Somewhat scared
Not very scared
Not scared at all
No opinion
*Asked of a half sample.
13. As you may know, Barack Obama gave a speech to a joint session of Congress on Thursday night in which he outlined a number of proposals concerning the economy and unemployment. Based on what you have read or heard, do you generally favor or oppose the proposals that Obama made in that speech?

Sept. 9-11
$\underline{2011}$
Favor $\quad 43 \%$
Oppose 35\%
No opinion $\quad 22 \%$
14. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose the following: (RANDOM ORDER)

|  | Favor | Oppose | No <br> opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cutting the payroll tax for all American workers | $65 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Cutting the payroll tax for all American businesses | $58 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Providing federal money to state governments to allow <br> them to hire teachers and first responders | $74 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Increasing federal spending to build and repair roads, <br> bridges, and schools | $64 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $*$ |
| Increasing federal aid to unemployed workers | $52 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

15. Do you think the federal government should spend money to help the victims of the recent hurricanes, floods and wildfires throughout the country ONLY IF the same amount of money is cut from other government programs, or do you think the government should spend money to help those people EVEN IF that amount of money is not cut from other government programs?

Sept. 9-11
$\underline{2011}$
Aid only if offsetting cuts
38\%
Aid even if off settings cuts not made $59 \%$
No opinion 3\%
18. Which of the following statements comes closest to your views about the relationship between government and businesses:

Sept. 9-11
$\underline{2011}$
You think the free market can be trusted to do what is best for the country and no government regulation of business is necessary
$10 \%$
You trust the free market more than the government but there should be some government regulation of business 56\%
You trust the government more than the free market but the government should not interfere in every decision that businesses make 28\%
You think there should not be a free market and all economic decisions should be made by the government $5 \%$
No opinion 1\%
19. How much do you blame the Federal Reserve Bank for the economic conditions today -- almost completely, very much, some, not very much, or hardly at all?

Sept. 9-11
$\underline{2011}$

| Almost completely | $13 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Very much | $24 \%$ |
| Some | $40 \%$ |
| Not very much | $11 \%$ |
| Hardly at all | $10 \%$ |
| No opinion | $1 \%$ |

LOS ANGELES TIME TRENDS
1983 May 8-12

| Almost <br> completely | Very <br> much | Some | Not very <br> much | Hardly <br> at all | No <br> opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 17 | 32 | 14 | 12 | 20 |
| 5 | 19 | 35 | 11 | 9 | 21 |

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Question 5
Who do you trust more to handle the economy -- Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress?
Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obama | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | --------- |
| Republicans | $46 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| Both equally | $37 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Neither | $1 \%$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ |
| No opinion | $15 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Sampling Error | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
|  | $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-7.0$ |

Obama
Republicans
Both equally
Neither
No opinion
Sampling Error
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Republicans
Both equally
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No opinion
Sampling Error

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Republicans
Both equally
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Republicans
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Neither
No opinion
Sampling Error

Obama
Republicans
Both equally
Neither
No opinion
Sampling Error

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 6
If you had to choose, would you rather see Barack Obama and Congress pay more attention to reducing the budget deficit, or more attention to creating more jobs?

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deficit | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | -------- |
| Jobs | $29 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Both equal | $65 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| Neither | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| No opinion | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Sampling Error | $*$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ | $*$ | $*$ |
|  | $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-7.0$ |

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No opinion
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* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 10
Now I'd like you to compare the situation today with what it was three years ago. Are you better off than you were three years ago, or not?

Base $=$ Total Sample


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Question 11
Would you say you are very angry, somewhat angry, not very angry or not angry at all about the way things are going in the country today?

Base $=$ Total Sample
Very angry
Somewhat angry
Not very angry
Not angry at all
No opinion

Very angry
Somewhat angry
Not very angry
Not angry at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

## Very angry

Somewhat angry
Not very angry
Not angry at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Very angry
Somewhat angry
Not very angry
Not angry at al
No opinion

Sampling Error

Very angry
Somewhat angry
Not very angry
Not angry at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

Very angry
Somewhat angry
Not very angry
Not angry at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 12
Would you say you are very scared, somewhat scared, not very scared or not scared at all about the way things are going in the country today?

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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* percentage less than $1 \%$

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Question 14A
Please tell me whether you favor or oppose the following:
A. Cutting the payroll tax for all American workers

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 14B
Please tell me whether you favor or oppose the following:
B. Cutting the payroll tax for all American businesses

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 14C
Please tell me whether you favor or oppose the following:
C. Providing federal money to state governments to allow them to hire teachers and first responders

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 14D
Please tell me whether you favor or oppose the following:
D. Increasing federal spending to build and repair roads, bridges, and schools

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 14E
Please tell me whether you favor or oppose the following:
E. Increasing federal aid to unemployed workers

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 15
Do you think the federal government should spend money to help the victims of the recent hurricanes, floods and wildfires throughout the country ONLY IF the same amount of money is cut from other government programs, or do you think the government should spend money to help those people EVEN IF that amount of money is not cut from other government programs?

Base = Total Sample
Aid only if offsetting cuts
Aid even if cuts not made
No opinion
Sampling Error

| Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ------- |
| $38 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| $59 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-7.0$ |

Aid only if offsetting cuts
Aid even if cuts not made
No opinion
Sampling Error

|  | $18-$ | $35-$ | $50-$ |  | Under | 50 and |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 34 | 49 | 64 | $65+$ | 50 | Older |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ------ |
| $38 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| $59 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-8.0$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-4.0$ |

Aid only if offsetting cuts
Aid even if cuts not made
No opinion
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Aid even if cuts not made
No opinion
Sampling Error

|  | Under | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ | or |
| ----- | ----- | -- |
| $38 \%$ | $35 \%$ |  |
| $59 \%$ | $62 \%$ |  |
| $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |  |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/$ |


| $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ | No | Attended <br> or more <br> College |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| College |  |  |


|  | Demo- <br> Total | Indep- <br> endent | Repub- <br> lican | Lib- <br> eral | Mod- <br> erate | Conser- <br> vative |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ----- | ----- | ------ | ------ | ----- | ----- | ------- |
| $38 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| $59 \%$ | $69 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-6.0$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.0$ |


| North | Mid- |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | east | west | South |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| $38 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| $59 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-6.0$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-5.5$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total | Support | Neutral | Oppose |
| ----- | ------ | ------ | ------ |
| $38 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| $59 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-6.0$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.5$ |

* percentage less than 1\%

Question 18
Which of the following statements comes closest to your views about the relationship between government and businesses:

You think the free market can be trusted to do what is best for the country and no government regulation of business is necessary
You trust the free market more than the government but there should be some government regulation of business
You trust the government more than the free market but the government should not interfere in every decision that businesses make
You think there should not be a free market/all economic decisions should be made by govt Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trust free market no reg | 10\% | 12\% | 8\% | 11\% | 7\% |  |  |
| Trust free market some reg | 56\% | 58\% | 54\% | 57\% | 52\% |  |  |
| Govt not int in every dec | 28\% | 24\% | 32\% | 27\% | 33\% |  |  |
| No free market | 5\% | 6\% | 3\% | 4\% | 7\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-7.0 |  |  |
|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 18- \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | 35 | $\begin{aligned} & 50- \\ & 64 \end{aligned}$ | 65+ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | 50 and Older |
| Trust free market no reg | 10\% | 8\% | 10\% | 10\% | 13\% | 9\% | 11\% |
| Trust free market some reg | 56\% | 57\% | 53\% | 60\% | 52\% | 55\% | 57\% |
| Govt not int in every dec | 28\% | 31\% | 27\% | 25\% | 29\% | 29\% | 27\% |
| No free market | 5\% | 3\% | 9\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 4\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | -5.0 | /-4.0 |



* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 19
How much do you blame the Federal Reserve Bank for the economic conditions today -- almost completely, very much, some, not very much, or hardly at all?

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Almost completely | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ------- |
| Very much | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Some | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Not very much | $40 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Hardly at all | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| No opinion | $10 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Sampling Error | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $*$ |
|  | $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-7.0$ |

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No opinion
Sampling Error

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No opinion
Sampling Error

Almost completely
Very much

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $18-$ | $35-$ | $50-$ |  | Under | 50 and |
| Total | 34 | 49 | 64 | $65+$ | 50 | Older |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ------ |
| $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| $24 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| $40 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| $10 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| $1 \%$ | $\star$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $\star$ | $2 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-8.0$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-4.0$ |

Some
Not very much
Hardly at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

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| Total | $\$$ |
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| $13 \%$ | 17 |
| $24 \%$ | 24 |
| $40 \%$ |  |
| $11 \%$ |  |
| $10 \%$ |  |
| $1 \%$ |  |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-5.0$ |

Total
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$13 \%$
$24 \%$
$40 \%$
$11 \%$
$10 \%$
$1 \%$
$+/-3.0$


[^0]:    * percentage less than 1\%

