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**Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on March 24-25, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 925 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).**

**The sample includes 761 interviews among landline respondents and 253 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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

	Mar. 24-25 <u>2012</u>	Dec. 16-18 <u>2011</u>	Aug. 5-7 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>
Unemployment	37%	51%	49%	38%	38%
The federal budget deficit	26%	27%	27%	28%	28%
The price of gasoline*	20%	6%	12%	21%	19%
Taxes	6%	7%	5%	4%	6%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	6%	3%	6%	5%
The stock market	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%
Other (vol.)	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
No opinion	*	*	1%	1%	*

\*WORDING PRIOR TO AUGUST 2011: "Rising gasoline prices"

28. Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

	<u>Mar. 24-25 2012</u>				
Yes, caused hardship	71%				
No, did not cause hardship	29%				
No opinion	*				
	<u>Mar. 11-13 2011</u>	<u>Sept. 5-7 2008</u>	<u>July 27-29 2008</u>	<u>Apr. 28-30 2008</u>	<u>Mar. 14-16 2008</u>
Yes, caused hardship	64%	63%	75%	60%	72%
No, did not cause hardship	36%	37%	25%	39%	28%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
	<u>Nov. 2-4 2007</u>	<u>Apr. 10-12 2007</u>	<u>Aug. 2-3 2006</u>	<u>May 5-7 2006</u>	<u>Apr. 21-23 2006</u>
Yes, caused hardship	63%	66%	65%	65%	69%
No, did not cause hardship	37%	33%	34%	34%	28%
No opinion	*	2%	*	1%	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Yes, caused hardship</u>	<u>No, did not cause hardship</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
September 26-28, 2005	72%	28%	*
September 8-11, 2005	61%	38%	1%
August 28-30, 2005	69%	31%	*
May 20-22, 2005	59%	41%	*
April 1-2, 2005	58%	42%	*
February 14-15, 2000*	40%	60%	*

\*WORDING: Have recent price increases in gasoline, diesel fuel and home fuel oil caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

28. Has the price of gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?  
 29. (IF YES:) Is that a severe hardship that affects your ability to maintain your current standard of living, or is it a moderate hardship that affects you somewhat but does not jeopardize your current standard of living

QUESTIONS 28 AND 29 COMBINED

	<u>Severe Hardship</u>	<u>Moderate Hardship</u>	<u>No, Did Not Cause Hardship</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
March 24-25, 2012	23%	49%	29%	*
March 11-13, 2011	19%	45%	36%	*
July 27-29, 2008	27%	48%	25%	*
April 28-30, 2008	19%	42%	39%	*
April 10-12, 2007	19%	47%	33%	2%
August 2-3, 2006	23%	42%	34%	*
May 5-7, 2006	21%	44%	34%	1%
April 21-23, 2006	23%	46%	28%	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Severe hardship</u>	<u>Moderate hardship</u>	<u>No, did not Cause hardship</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
September 26-28, 2005	21%	51%	28%	*
September 8-11, 2005	16%	45%	38%	1%
August 28-30, 2005	18%	51%	31%	*
April 1-2, 2005	15%	43%	42%	*

30. Just your best guess -- how likely do you think it is that sometime this year you will have to pay five dollars per gallon for gasoline? Do you think that is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

	<u>Mar. 24-25 2012</u>	<u>Apr. 29-May 1 2011</u>	<u>Mar. 11-13 2011</u>	<u>June 4-5 2008</u>	<u>Apr. 28-30 2008</u>	<u>May 4-6 2007</u>
Very likely	48%	59%	40%	59%	44%	10%
Somewhat likely	31%	29%	41%	27%	34%	18%
Not very likely	14%	9%	12%	9%	16%	29%
Not likely at all	7%	3%	6%	4%	6%	22%
Already paying \$5 (vol.)	*	*	NA	NA	NA	NA
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	*	1%

31. Please tell me whether you think each of the following deserves a great deal of blame, some blame, not much blame, or no blame at all for the recent increase in gas prices. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Great deal of blame</u>	<u>Some blame</u>	<u>Not much blame</u>	<u>No blame at all</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Oil companies</b>					
March 24-25, 2012	55%	35%	5%	5%	*
April 29-May 1, 2011	61%	27%	5%	7%	*
<b>Foreign countries that produce oil</b>					
March 24-25, 2012	34%	49%	9%	8%	*
April 29-May 1, 2011	42%	39%	9%	8%	1%
<b>The policies of the Obama administration</b>					
March 24-25, 2012	24%	40%	15%	20%	1%
April 29-May 1, 2011	25%	36%	16%	21%	2%
<b>The policies of the Republicans in Congress</b>					
March 24-25, 2012	21%	47%	16%	15%	1%
April 29-May 1, 2011	24%	42%	16%	16%	2%
<b>The situation in Iran</b>					
March 24-25, 2012	28%	50%	11%	10%	1%

Question 4

And 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	37%	35%	39%	33%	46%
The price of gasoline	20%	18%	22%	20%	19%
Taxes	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%
The stock market	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
The federal budget deficit	26%	29%	24%	30%	17%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Unemployment	37%	43%	33%	38%	31%	39%	35%
The price of gasoline	20%	17%	22%	15%	30%	19%	21%
Taxes	6%	4%	12%	5%	5%	7%	5%
The stock market	3%	2%	1%	5%	2%	2%	4%
The federal budget deficit	26%	25%	23%	29%	29%	24%	29%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	8%	7%	6%	3%	8%	5%
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Unemployment	37%	42%	32%	35%	39%
The price of gasoline	20%	20%	17%	26%	15%
Taxes	6%	5%	8%	7%	6%
The stock market	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
The federal budget deficit	26%	25%	29%	21%	30%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	5%	8%	7%	6%
Other	1%	*	2%	*	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Unemployment	37%	52%	33%	25%	52%	39%	24%
The price of gasoline	20%	19%	18%	24%	15%	25%	19%
Taxes	6%	7%	7%	4%	5%	5%	9%
The stock market	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%
The federal budget deficit	26%	14%	28%	41%	16%	21%	39%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	6%	8%	2%	9%	6%	5%
Other	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Unemployment	37%	45%	28%	38%	38%	42%	38%	26%
The price of gasoline	20%	15%	21%	25%	16%	18%	18%	26%
Taxes	6%	11%	7%	4%	5%	6%	6%	9%
The stock market	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%	4%
The federal budget deficit	26%	18%	32%	26%	29%	23%	28%	27%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%	6%	8%	7%
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 4

And 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	37%	18%	39%	52%
The price of gasoline	20%	22%	23%	14%
Taxes	6%	5%	8%	6%
The stock market	3%	1%	2%	5%
The federal budget deficit	26%	45%	21%	18%
Mortgages and housing costs	6%	7%	6%	6%
Other	1%	2%	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 28

Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Yes, hardship	71%	69%	74%	70%	73%		
No hardship	29%	31%	26%	29%	27%		
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Yes, hardship	71%	68%	77%	73%	65%	72%	70%
No hardship	29%	32%	23%	27%	35%	28%	30%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College		
Yes, hardship	71%	81%	62%	80%	65%		
No hardship	29%	19%	38%	20%	35%		
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5		

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, hardship	71%	66%	73%	75%	61%	71%	80%
No hardship	29%	34%	27%	25%	39%	29%	20%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, hardship	71%	61%	72%	76%	73%	66%	70%	81%
No hardship	29%	39%	28%	24%	27%	34%	30%	19%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Yes, hardship	71%	80%	76%	59%
No hardship	29%	20%	24%	41%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 28/29

Q28. Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

Q29. Is that a severe hardship that affects your ability to maintain your current standard of living, or is it a moderate hardship that affects you somewhat but does not jeopardize your current standard of living?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Yes severe hardship	23%	20%	25%	23%	23%		
Yes moderate hardship	49%	48%	49%	48%	49%		
No hardship	29%	31%	26%	29%	27%		
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Yes severe hardship	23%	17%	26%	24%	26%	21%	25%
Yes moderate hardship	49%	52%	50%	49%	39%	51%	45%
No hardship	29%	32%	23%	27%	35%	28%	30%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes severe hardship	23%	29%	16%	31%	16%
Yes moderate hardship	49%	51%	45%	48%	48%
No hardship	29%	19%	38%	20%	35%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes severe hardship	23%	21%	22%	26%	17%	18%	32%
Yes moderate hardship	49%	45%	51%	49%	45%	53%	47%
No hardship	29%	34%	27%	25%	39%	29%	20%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes severe hardship	23%	19%	20%	26%	24%	16%	23%	31%
Yes moderate hardship	49%	43%	51%	50%	49%	50%	47%	49%
No hardship	29%	39%	28%	24%	27%	34%	30%	19%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Yes severe hardship	23%	31%	24%	16%
Yes moderate hardship	49%	49%	52%	43%
No hardship	29%	20%	24%	41%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 30

Just your best guess -- how likely do you think it is that sometime this year you will have to pay five dollars per gallon for gasoline? Do you think that is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not likely at all?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
Very likely	48%	50%	46%	49%	45%			
Somewhat likely	31%	25%	37%	31%	31%			
Not very likely	14%	14%	13%	14%	13%			
Not likely at all	7%	10%	4%	5%	11%			
Already paying \$5 a gallon	*	*	*	*	*			
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5			
		18-	35-	50-	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Very likely	48%	47%	49%	48%	48%	48%	48%	
Somewhat likely	31%	32%	31%	29%	31%	32%	30%	
Not very likely	14%	16%	13%	12%	13%	15%	12%	
Not likely at all	7%	5%	7%	10%	6%	6%	8%	
Already paying \$5 a gallon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	2%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	
		Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Very likely	48%	53%	44%	59%	40%			
Somewhat likely	31%	32%	29%	24%	36%			
Not very likely	14%	9%	19%	9%	17%			
Not likely at all	7%	5%	7%	8%	6%			
Already paying \$5 a gallon	*	*	*	*	*			
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5			
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Very likely	48%	45%	50%	48%	33%	51%	57%	
Somewhat likely	31%	32%	27%	36%	38%	26%	30%	
Not very likely	14%	16%	13%	11%	21%	14%	8%	
Not likely at all	7%	7%	8%	5%	7%	9%	4%	
Already paying \$5 a gallon	*	*	*	*	*	*	1%	
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	
		North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very likely	48%	43%	46%	47%	55%	47%	44%	58%
Somewhat likely	31%	30%	32%	31%	30%	30%	33%	26%
Not very likely	14%	16%	16%	12%	12%	15%	15%	10%
Not likely at all	7%	10%	6%	8%	3%	7%	7%	5%
Already paying \$5 a gallon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0
		Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Very likely	48%	57%	53%	33%				
Somewhat likely	31%	27%	30%	36%				
Not very likely	14%	10%	10%	24%				
Not likely at all	7%	4%	7%	7%				
Already paying \$5 a gallon	*	1%	*	*				
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5				

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 31A

Please tell me whether you think each of the following deserves a great deal of blame, some blame, not much blame, or no blame at all for the recent increase in gas prices.

A. Oil companies

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal of blame	55%	57%	54%	54%	58%
Some blame	35%	31%	38%	35%	33%
Not much blame	5%	6%	4%	6%	1%
No blame at all	5%	6%	4%	4%	8%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Great deal of blame	55%	54%	58%	58%	51%	56%	55%
Some blame	35%	38%	32%	33%	35%	35%	34%
Not much blame	5%	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%	5%
No blame at all	5%	3%	5%	5%	8%	4%	6%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal of blame	55%	55%	55%	59%	53%
Some blame	35%	36%	34%	34%	35%
Not much blame	5%	4%	7%	2%	7%
No blame at all	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal of blame	55%	63%	58%	39%	65%	58%	45%
Some blame	35%	33%	31%	44%	31%	34%	37%
Not much blame	5%	*	5%	11%	2%	3%	10%
No blame at all	5%	4%	6%	5%	2%	4%	8%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal of blame	55%	53%	56%	55%	57%	53%	56%	56%
Some blame	35%	34%	35%	35%	34%	35%	33%	36%
Not much blame	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	3%	7%	4%
No blame at all	5%	9%	3%	5%	3%	8%	4%	4%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Great deal of blame	55%	39%	55%	68%
Some blame	35%	39%	38%	28%
Not much blame	5%	13%	2%	2%
No blame at all	5%	8%	4%	2%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 31B

Please tell me whether you think each of the following deserves a great deal of blame, some blame, not much blame, or no blame at all for the recent increase in gas prices.

B. Foreign countries that produce oil

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal of blame	34%	32%	36%	32%	38%
Some blame	49%	46%	51%	50%	45%
Not much blame	9%	12%	7%	10%	8%
No blame at all	8%	10%	6%	7%	9%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Great deal of blame	34%	29%	36%	38%	33%	32%	36%
Some blame	49%	53%	44%	48%	48%	49%	48%
Not much blame	9%	12%	8%	8%	10%	10%	9%
No blame at all	8%	6%	13%	6%	7%	9%	6%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal of blame	34%	34%	34%	36%	32%
Some blame	49%	49%	49%	47%	50%
Not much blame	9%	9%	9%	7%	11%
No blame at all	8%	8%	7%	9%	7%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal of blame	34%	36%	37%	25%	35%	29%	39%
Some blame	49%	48%	45%	57%	46%	51%	48%
Not much blame	9%	10%	8%	11%	9%	11%	8%
No blame at all	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%	8%	5%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal of blame	34%	27%	36%	37%	34%	33%	34%	34%
Some blame	49%	53%	49%	45%	49%	48%	48%	49%
Not much blame	9%	11%	12%	10%	5%	7%	12%	10%
No blame at all	8%	10%	2%	8%	11%	11%	6%	7%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Great deal of blame	34%	24%	37%	36%
Some blame	49%	58%	47%	46%
Not much blame	9%	12%	9%	9%
No blame at all	8%	5%	6%	9%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 31C

Please tell me whether you think each of the following deserves a great deal of blame, some blame, not much blame, or no blame at all for the recent increase in gas prices.

C. The policies of the Obama administration

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal of blame	24%	27%	21%	29%	14%
Some blame	40%	38%	41%	41%	35%
Not much blame	15%	15%	16%	14%	19%
No blame at all	20%	19%	21%	15%	32%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Great deal of blame	24%	12%	27%	27%	36%	19%	30%
Some blame	40%	54%	36%	31%	34%	46%	32%
Not much blame	15%	14%	16%	20%	10%	15%	16%
No blame at all	20%	20%	22%	21%	18%	21%	20%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	2%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal of blame	24%	24%	24%	27%	22%
Some blame	40%	41%	37%	41%	38%
Not much blame	15%	13%	19%	12%	18%
No blame at all	20%	21%	19%	18%	22%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal of blame	24%	8%	24%	48%	12%	13%	45%
Some blame	40%	35%	41%	43%	31%	46%	39%
Not much blame	15%	21%	16%	5%	20%	21%	6%
No blame at all	20%	35%	17%	4%	36%	19%	9%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal of blame	24%	20%	22%	31%	21%	16%	27%	32%
Some blame	40%	37%	45%	37%	41%	34%	42%	37%
Not much blame	15%	16%	16%	15%	15%	14%	16%	16%
No blame at all	20%	26%	17%	16%	23%	34%	15%	14%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Great deal of blame	24%	52%	22%	7%
Some blame	40%	41%	45%	31%
Not much blame	15%	4%	15%	25%
No blame at all	20%	2%	18%	37%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 31D

Please tell me whether you think each of the following deserves a great deal of blame, some blame, not much blame, or no blame at all for the recent increase in gas prices.

D. The policies of the Republicans in Congress

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal of blame	21%	21%	21%	18%	28%
Some blame	47%	43%	51%	48%	46%
Not much blame	16%	17%	14%	17%	12%
No blame at all	15%	17%	12%	16%	13%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Great deal of blame	21%	18%	24%	22%	22%	21%	22%
Some blame	47%	55%	45%	43%	44%	50%	44%
Not much blame	16%	14%	17%	16%	15%	15%	16%
No blame at all	15%	13%	13%	17%	18%	13%	17%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal of blame	21%	24%	18%	27%	17%
Some blame	47%	50%	45%	50%	45%
Not much blame	16%	12%	20%	9%	21%
No blame at all	15%	14%	15%	14%	16%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal of blame	21%	28%	25%	4%	30%	20%	16%
Some blame	47%	51%	46%	45%	45%	52%	43%
Not much blame	16%	10%	12%	30%	11%	13%	22%
No blame at all	15%	10%	16%	20%	13%	13%	18%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal of blame	21%	26%	17%	21%	20%	26%	19%	21%
Some blame	47%	43%	49%	50%	45%	44%	47%	49%
Not much blame	16%	15%	19%	12%	17%	14%	18%	14%
No blame at all	15%	15%	13%	15%	16%	15%	14%	15%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Great deal of blame	21%	10%	20%	30%
Some blame	47%	45%	52%	44%
Not much blame	16%	23%	14%	14%
No blame at all	15%	21%	13%	11%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 31E

Please tell me whether you think each of the following deserves a great deal of blame, some blame, not much blame, or no blame at all for the recent increase in gas prices.

E. The situation in Iran

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal of blame	28%	28%	28%	26%	33%
Some blame	50%	47%	53%	51%	46%
Not much blame	11%	12%	11%	12%	10%
No blame at all	10%	12%	7%	9%	11%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Great deal of blame	28%	26%	33%	26%	28%	29%	27%
Some blame	50%	54%	48%	50%	44%	52%	48%
Not much blame	11%	13%	10%	11%	12%	11%	12%
No blame at all	10%	6%	9%	11%	13%	8%	12%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal of blame	28%	29%	28%	30%	26%
Some blame	50%	48%	50%	48%	51%
Not much blame	11%	12%	12%	9%	13%
No blame at all	10%	9%	10%	11%	9%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal of blame	28%	35%	28%	17%	30%	28%	26%
Some blame	50%	46%	49%	56%	50%	49%	53%
Not much blame	11%	9%	11%	16%	9%	13%	11%
No blame at all	10%	8%	11%	10%	10%	9%	9%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal of blame	28%	25%	20%	33%	31%	27%	32%	21%
Some blame	50%	52%	56%	45%	48%	51%	47%	54%
Not much blame	11%	8%	18%	10%	11%	9%	10%	17%
No blame at all	10%	14%	5%	10%	9%	13%	10%	6%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Great deal of blame	28%	16%	28%	35%
Some blame	50%	56%	55%	41%
Not much blame	11%	17%	9%	12%
No blame at all	10%	9%	8%	10%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%