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Interviews with 1,022 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 7-9, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 875 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points) and 709 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 765 interviews among landline respondents and 257 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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14. 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>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
Likely Voters							
Sept. 7-9, 2012	1%	32%	33%	33%	*	33%	66%
Registered Voters							
Sept. 7-9, 2012	1%	31%	35%	33%	*	32%	68%
All Americans							
June 28–July 1, 2012	2%	25%	39%	34%	*	27%	73%
May 29-31, 2012	2%	29%	39%	30%	*	31%	69%
Mar. 24-25, 2012	*	31%	42%	27%	*	31%	69%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	1%	17%	42%	38%	*	18%	80%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	1%	14%	34%	51%	*	15%	85%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	*	13%	39%	47%	1%	13%	86%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	1%	9%	40%	50%	*	10%	90%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	1%	13%	41%	44%	*	14%	85%
July 18-20, 2011	*	16%	38%	46%	*	16%	84%
June 3-7, 2011	1%	18%	40%	41%	*	19%	81%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	1%	17%	44%	38%	*	18%	82%
Mar. 11-13, 2011	1%	15%	42%	42%	*	16%	84%
Jan. 14-16, 2011	1%	23%	40%	35%	1%	24%	75%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	1%	18%	81%
Sept. 1-2, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	*	18%	81%
July 16-21, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*	22%	78%
May 21-23, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*	22%	78%
Mar. 25-28, 2010	1%	20%	39%	39%	*	21%	78%
Feb. 12-15, 2010	2%	15%	39%	44%	*	17%	83%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	2%	18%	42%	38%	*	20%	80%
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*	20%	80%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*	18%	82%
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*	16%	84%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*	21%	79%
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*	20%	80%
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*	17%	83%
Mar. 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*	11%	89%
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*	13%	86%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*	8%	93%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%	16%	83%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*	16%	84%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*	19%	81%
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*	25%	75%
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*	22%	78%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*	26%	75%
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*	40%	59%

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14. 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>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%	46%	54%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*	54%	45%
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%	56%	43%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%	61%	39%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%	52%	46%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%	63%	36%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%	49%	50%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%	62%	37%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*	59%	41%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*	44%	56%
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%	51%	47%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%	52%	47%

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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>
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 July 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 July 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.

15. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be -- 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>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
Likely Voters							
Sept. 7-9, 2012	11%	57%	18%	9%	4%	68%	27%
Registered Voters							
Sept. 7-9, 2012	10%	57%	22%	9%	3%	67%	31%
All Americans							
June 28–July 1, 2012	9%	51%	26%	13%	2%	60%	39%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	5%	34%	34%	26%	1%	39%	60%
July 18-20, 2011	4%	36%	30%	29%	1%	40%	59%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	4%	48%	30%	16%	2%	52%	46%
Dec. 16-20, 2009	5%	53%	25%	18%	*	58%	43%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	8%	50%	26%	14%	1%	58%	40%
Apr. 23-26, 2009	7%	54%	27%	12%	1%	61%	39%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	6%	49%	29%	16%	1%	55%	45%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	4%	58%	29%	7%	3%	62%	36%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	6%	58%	25%	11%	1%	64%	36%
June 4-5, 2008	6%	46%	28%	18%	2%	52%	46%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	10%	50%	24%	14%	1%	60%	38%
Dec. 6-9, 2007	7%	43%	30%	19%	1%	50%	49%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	11%	51%	23%	13%	2%	62%	36%
Aug. 6-8, 2007	12%	48%	25%	13%	2%	60%	38%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	43%	28%	14%	5%	53%	42%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	48%	26%	10%	4%	61%	36%
Sept. 22-24, 2006	12%	50%	26%	9%	3%	62%	35%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	11%	45%	25%	17%	2%	56%	42%

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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>
2006 Mar 10-12	15	45	25	12	3	60	37
2005 Sep 8-11*	8	41	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Apr 29-May 1	8	43	29	19	1	51	48
2004 Dec 17-19	17	43	24	15	1	60	39
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	18	49	18	11	4	67	29
2003 Dec 5-7	22	51	19	7	1	73	26
2003 Oct 10-12	12	52	22	12	2	64	34
2003 Mar 14-15	9	49	25	15	2	58	40
2003 Feb 24-26	9	46	26	16	3	55	42
2002 Dec 9-10	12	53	21	11	3	65	32
2002 Oct 21-22	7	58	21	9	5	65	30
2002 Sep 20-22	14	57	20	7	2	71	27
2002 Jun 28-30	13	58	21	6	2	71	27
2002 Apr 5-7	17	60	15	5	3	77	20
2002 Jan 11-14	15	63	16	5	1	78	21
2001 Dec 14-16	17	59	14	7	3	76	21
2001 Sep 21-22	21	56	15	5	3	77	20
2001 Apr 20-24	16	54	18	9	3	70	27
2001 Feb 9-11	18	53	21	6	2	71	27
2001 Jan 15-16	13	55	22	8	2	68	30
2000 Jun 6-7	24	56	10	5	5	80	15
2000 Mar 10-12	24	55	13	4	4	79	17
1999 Jun 25-27	21	55	15	7	2	76	22
1999 Jan 8-10	25	56	12	4	3	81	16
1998 July 7-8	19	54	14	7	6	73	21
1997 Oct 27-29	20	55	18	4	3	75	22

* Asked of a half sample.

16. 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>Obama and the Democrats</u>	<u>Bush and the Republicans</u>	<u>Both equally (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Likely Voters					
Sept. 7-9, 2012	38%	54%	5%	2%	1%
Registered Voters					
Sept. 7-9, 2012	35%	57%	6%	2%	1%
All Americans					
Mar. 24-25, 2012	29%	56%	10%	3%	1%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	32%	52%	13%	2%	2%
July 18-20, 2011*	29%	57%	10%	3%	*
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	30%	55%	10%	4%	*
Sept. 1-2, 2010	33%	53%	10%	3%	1%

*Asked of half sample

17. And now I'd like you to compare your financial situation to what it was four years ago, during the last presidential election. Would you say that you are financially better off now than you were four years ago, or are you financially worse off?

	<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Sept. 7-9, 2012	37%	42%	19%	1%
Registered Voters				
Sept. 7-9, 2012	37%	44%	19%	1%
May 29-31, 2012*	43%	44%	13%	1%

*Asked of half sample

Question 14

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

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Very good	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%		
Somewhat good	31%	29%	33%	23%	54%	31%		
Somewhat poor	35%	37%	33%	40%	23%	35%		
Very poor	33%	33%	32%	37%	20%	33%		
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-3.5		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Very good	1%	N/A	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Somewhat good	31%	N/A	31%	27%	36%	31%	31%
Somewhat poor	35%	N/A	37%	36%	26%	38%	32%
Very poor	33%	N/A	31%	35%	36%	30%	35%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very good	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Somewhat good	31%	37%	27%	35%	29%
Somewhat poor	35%	30%	39%	29%	38%
Very poor	33%	32%	32%	34%	32%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	1%	2%	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Somewhat good	31%	52%	26%	9%	43%	34%	22%
Somewhat poor	35%	29%	41%	35%	36%	38%	31%
Very poor	33%	17%	33%	56%	20%	27%	46%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very good	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	*
Somewhat good	31%	32%	29%	31%	32%	41%	29%	25%
Somewhat poor	35%	35%	38%	32%	37%	28%	38%	37%
Very poor	33%	33%	32%	35%	30%	28%	32%	38%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 15

Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Very good	10%	9%	10%	6%	19%	10%		
Somewhat good	57%	57%	56%	54%	64%	57%		
Somewhat poor	22%	21%	22%	25%	11%	22%		
Very poor	9%	11%	8%	10%	4%	9%		
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-3.5		
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Very good	10%	N/A	8%	12%	11%	8%	11%	
Somewhat good	57%	N/A	53%	53%	63%	56%	57%	
Somewhat poor	22%	N/A	26%	19%	15%	26%	17%	
Very poor	9%	N/A	10%	11%	5%	9%	9%	
No opinion	3%	N/A	3%	5%	6%	2%	5%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Very good	10%	11%	9%	14%	8%			
Somewhat good	57%	57%	55%	55%	58%			
Somewhat poor	22%	21%	23%	18%	24%			
Very poor	9%	8%	10%	10%	8%			
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Very good	10%	15%	6%	7%	10%	9%	9%	
Somewhat good	57%	69%	50%	48%	64%	57%	53%	
Somewhat poor	22%	11%	28%	28%	16%	24%	21%	
Very poor	9%	5%	12%	11%	10%	7%	10%	
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	6%	1%	2%	6%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Very good	10%	9%	7%	12%	8%	12%	10%	4%
Somewhat good	57%	60%	57%	53%	56%	58%	54%	63%
Somewhat poor	22%	21%	23%	23%	19%	22%	22%	19%
Very poor	9%	8%	7%	9%	12%	7%	10%	10%
No opinion	3%	2%	5%	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16

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 = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Obama and Democrats	35%	33%	37%	42%	15%	35%		
Bush and Republicans	57%	56%	58%	48%	81%	57%		
Both equally	6%	9%	3%	7%	3%	6%		
Neither	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%		
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	*	1%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-3.5		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama and Democrats	35%	N/A	41%	36%	41%	31%	38%
Bush and Republicans	57%	N/A	54%	49%	53%	63%	51%
Both equally	6%	N/A	4%	11%	4%	4%	8%
Neither	2%	N/A	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama and Democrats	35%	30%	38%	36%	34%
Bush and Republicans	57%	62%	53%	59%	56%
Both equally	6%	5%	7%	4%	7%
Neither	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama and Democrats	35%	7%	37%	72%	11%	30%	52%
Bush and Republicans	57%	89%	53%	15%	87%	62%	36%
Both equally	6%	2%	7%	9%	1%	6%	9%
Neither	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama and Democrats	35%	27%	39%	39%	33%	25%	39%	37%
Bush and Republicans	57%	68%	50%	52%	59%	67%	53%	54%
Both equally	6%	3%	9%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%
Neither	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 17

Now I'd like you to compare your financial situation to what it was four years ago, during the last presidential election. Would you say that you are financially better off now than you were four years ago, or are you financially worse off?

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Better off	37%	41%	33%	30%	58%	37%
Worse off	44%	42%	45%	49%	27%	44%
Same	19%	17%	20%	20%	15%	19%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Better off	37%	N/A	31%	35%	30%	41%	33%
Worse off	44%	N/A	49%	46%	41%	42%	44%
Same	19%	N/A	21%	19%	28%	16%	22%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	*	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Better off	37%	37%	41%	36%	38%
Worse off	44%	45%	41%	45%	43%
Same	19%	16%	17%	18%	19%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better off	37%	55%	33%	16%	47%	39%	32%
Worse off	44%	20%	49%	70%	34%	40%	51%
Same	19%	24%	17%	13%	19%	19%	17%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Better off	37%	35%	36%	44%	29%	48%	35%	27%
Worse off	44%	44%	40%	43%	50%	36%	47%	45%
Same	19%	19%	23%	14%	21%	15%	17%	27%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%