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Interviews with 1,013 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 28-30, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 883 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points) and 783 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 756 interviews among landline respondents and 257 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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7. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today?

September 28-30, 2012

	Likely Voters	Registered Voters
The economy	46%	48%
The federal budget deficit	15%	15%
Health care	14%	12%
Education	10%	10%
The situation in Afghanistan**	4%	3%
Terrorism	3%	3%
Energy and environmental policies	3%	3%
Immigration policy*	2%	2%
Other (vol.)	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%

All Americans

	Oct. 27-30 <u>2010</u>	Sept. 21-23 <u>2010</u>	July 16-21 <u>2010</u>	May 21-23 <u>2010</u>
The economy	52%	49%	47%	45%
The federal budget deficit	8%	11%	13%	12%
Health care	8%	9%	8%	11%
Education	8%	10%	6%	7%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	8%	9%	8%	6%
Terrorism	4%	3%	4%	4%
Energy and environmental policies	4%	1%	3%	7%
Illegal immigration	8%	6%	9%	8%
Other (vol.)	1%	1%	2%	*
No opinion	*	1%	1%	1%

*WORDING PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2012: "Illegal immigration"

**WORDING PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2012: "The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan"

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

September 28-30, 2012

	Likely Voters	Registered Voters
Unemployment	44%	44%
The federal budget deficit	31%	28%
The price of gasoline*	8%	10%
Taxes	8%	8%
Mortgages and housing issues**	8%	8%
The stock market	1%	2%
Other (vol.)	1%	1%
No opinion	*	*

All Americans

	<u>Mar. 24-25</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Dec. 16-18</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Aug. 5-7</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Apr. 29-May 1</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Mar. 11-13</u> <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"

**WORDING PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2012: "Mortgages and housing costs"

10. 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. 28-30, 2012	2%	27%	36%	35%	*	29%	71%
Sept. 7-9, 2012	1%	32%	33%	33%	*	33%	66%
Registered Voters							
Sept. 28-30, 2012	1%	26%	39%	34%	*	27%	73%
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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10. 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.

11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view: You feel as if you have achieved the American dream; you have not achieved the American dream but you feel that you will do so eventually; or you feel that you will never achieve the American dream?

	<u>Have achieved</u>	<u>Will do so eventually</u>	<u>Will never achieve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	47%	39%	11%	2%
Registered Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	44%	42%	12%	2%
July 16-21, 2010	42%	38%	19%	1%
All Americans				
July 16-21, 2010	40%	39%	20%	1%
March 16-18, 2009	44%	38%	15%	2%

14. Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?

	<u>Doing too much</u>	<u>Should do more</u>	<u>Mixed/ depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	63%	31%	5%	1%
Registered Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	61%	33%	5%	2%
All Americans				
June 3-7, 2011	63%	33%	3%	1%
July 16-21, 2010	61%	35%	3%	1%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	52%	45%	2%	*
Oct. 20-22, 2006	54%	37%	*	9%

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	<u>Government doing too much</u>	<u>Government should do more</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Sep 12-15	50	44	6
2004 Nov 19-21	55	36	9
2004 Sep 13-15	49	41	10
2003 Oct 24-26	52	40	8
2003 Sep 8-10	51	43	6
2002 Sep 5-8	50	43	7
2001 Oct 5-6	41	50	9
2001 Sep 7-10	55	36	9
2000 Sep 11-13	50	37	13
2000 Aug 18-19	54	38	8
1999 Sep 10-14	55	39	6
1998 Oct 29-30	50	38	12
1998 Apr 17-19	59	33	8
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	33	9
1996 Jan 12-15	58	35	7
1995 Dec 15-19	60	32	8
1994 Nov 2-6	55	37	8
1994 Oct 22-25	57	37	6
1994 Jan 15-17	54	39	7
1993 Dec 17-19	55	38	7
1993 Apr 22-24	49	45	6
1993 Mar 22-24	45	49	6
1992 Oct 23-25	48	44	8
1992 Sep 11-15	51	43	6

15. Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view?

	<u>Promote traditional values</u>	<u>Not favor any set of values</u>	<u>Mixed/ depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	40%	55%	2%	3%
Registered Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	41%	54%	2%	3%
All Americans				
June 3-7, 2011	46%	50%	N/A	4%
July 16-21, 2010	53%	44%	N/A	4%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	57%	41%	N/A	2%
Oct. 20-22, 2006	51%	43%	N/A	6%

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	<u>Promote traditional values</u>	<u>Not favor any set of values</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Sep 12-15	50	47	3
2004 Nov 19-21	55	41	4
2004 Sep 13-15	54	41	5
2003 Sep 8-10	56	40	4
2002 Sep 5-8	56	38	6
2001 Oct 5-6	59	39	3
2001 Sep 7-10	53	41	6
2000 Sep 11-13	54	38	8
1999 Sep 10-14	56	39	5
1998 Oct 29-30	56	37	7
1998 Apr 17-19	55	38	7
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	53	40	7
1996 Jan 12-15	59	36	5
1994 Nov 2-6	55	37	8
1994 Oct 22-25	55	40	5
1994 Jan 15-17	54	40	6
1993 Dec 17-19	57	37	6
1993 Apr 22-24	55	39	6
1993 Mar 22-24	53	42	5

BASED ON 392 LIKELY VOTERS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 5% PTS.
 BASED ON 437 REGISTERED VOTERS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

16. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	No difference (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	56%	32%	2%	9%
Sept. 7-9, 2012	59%	34%	2%	5%
Registered Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	56%	34%	3%	8%
Sept. 7-9, 2012	62%	32%	2%	4%

FOR COMPARISON

<i>QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Barack Obama, or John McCain?</i>				
	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	No difference (vol.)	No <u>Opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Sept. 19-21, 2008	59%	34%	5%	1%
Registered Voters				
Sept. 19-21, 2008	59%	34%	6%	1%

BASED ON 391 LIKELY VOTERS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 5% PTS.
 BASED ON 446 REGISTERED VOTERS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

17. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the vice presidential debates -- Joe Biden, or Paul Ryan? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 446 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	<u>Biden</u>	<u>Ryan</u>	No difference (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	39%	55%	1%	5%
Registered Voters				
Sept. 28-30, 2012	40%	52%	1%	7%

FOR COMPARISON

<i>QUESTION WORDING: And who do you think is likely to do a better job in the vice presidential debates -- Joe Biden, or Sarah Palin?</i>				
	<u>Biden</u>	<u>Palin</u>	No difference (vol.)	No <u>Opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Sept. 19-21, 2008	48%	47%	4%	1%
Registered Voters				
Sept. 19-21, 2008	48%	46%	4%	1%

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	<u>Sept. 24-26, 2004</u>	<u>Oct. 1-3, 2004</u>	<u>Oct. 9-10, 2004</u>
Kerry	39%	48%	54%
Bush	52%	41%	36%
No difference	3%	4%	5%
No opinion	6%	7%	5%

QUESTION WORDING: Sept. 24-26, 2004: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates? Oct. 1-3, 2004: As you may know, next Friday, October 8, George W. Bush and John Kerry will debate in a town hall format in which average citizens from the audience will ask the candidates questions. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in this presidential debate? Oct. 9-10: As you may know, George W. Bush and John Kerry will debate economic and domestic policy issues on Wednesday, October 13. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in this presidential debate?

	<u>Sept. 4-6, 2000</u>
Gore	44%
Bush	36%
No difference	4%
No opinion	16%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Al Gore or George W. Bush?

	<u>Oct. 1-2, 1996</u>
Clinton	71%
Dole	19%
No difference	2%
No opinion	8%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Bill Clinton or Bob Dole?

	<u>Sept. 11-15, 1992</u>
Clinton	46%
Bush	38%
No difference	4%
No opinion	12%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Bill Clinton or George Bush?

	<u>Sept. 7-10, 1984</u>
Reagan	61%
Mondale	22%
No difference	7%
No opinion	10%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Walter Mondale or Ronald Reagan?

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Oct. 1-3, 2004

Edwards	42%
Cheney	40%
No difference	3%
No opinion	15%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, next Tuesday, October 5, vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney and John Edwards will debate each other. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the vice-presidential debate -- John Edwards or Dick Cheney?

Oct. 1-2, 1996

Gore	46%
Kemp	40%
No difference	3%
No opinion	11%

QUESTION WORDING: And who do you think is likely to do a better job in the vice-presidential debate -- Al Gore or Jack Kemp?

Sept. 11-15, 1992

Gore	70%
Quayle	19%
No difference	2%
No opinion	9%

QUESTION WORDING: Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the vice-presidential debate -- Dan Quayle or Al Gore?

Sept. 7-10, 1984

Ferraro	38%
Bush	36%
No difference	9%
No opinion	17%

QUESTION WORDING: And who do you think is likely to do a better job in a debate between the vice-presidential candidates -- George Bush or Geraldine Ferraro?

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,013 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, telephone usage and whether respondents own or rent their homes. Registered voters were asked questions about their likelihood of voting, past voting behavior, and interest in the campaign; based on answers to those questions, 783 respondents were classified as likely voters. Respondents who reported that they had already cast an absentee ballot or voted early were automatically classified as likely voters. Among those likely voters, 37% described themselves as Democrats, 34% described themselves as Independents, and 29% described themselves as Republicans.

Registered voters

Question 7

Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today?

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
The economy	48%	50%	46%	48%	47%	48%
Immigration policy	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%
The situation in Afghanistan	3%	2%	4%	2%	6%	3%
Education	10%	9%	11%	8%	17%	10%
Health care	12%	10%	14%	11%	14%	12%
Terrorism	3%	2%	4%	4%	1%	3%
The federal budget deficit	15%	18%	13%	17%	11%	15%
Energy & environmental policy	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
Other	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
The economy	48%	N/A	49%	50%	52%	45%	51%
Immigration policy	2%	N/A	2%	4%	3%	1%	4%
The situation in Afghanistan	3%	N/A	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Education	10%	N/A	13%	8%	5%	14%	7%
Health care	12%	N/A	12%	14%	11%	11%	13%
Terrorism	3%	N/A	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
The federal budget deficit	15%	N/A	16%	14%	14%	16%	14%
Energy & environmental policy	3%	N/A	1%	2%	1%	5%	2%
Other	2%	N/A	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	4%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
The economy	48%	48%	49%	48%	48%
Immigration policy	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%
The situation in Afghanistan	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%
Education	10%	7%	13%	11%	10%
Health care	12%	15%	9%	13%	12%
Terrorism	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
The federal budget deficit	15%	14%	16%	16%	15%
Energy & environmental policy	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%
Other	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The economy	48%	46%	49%	49%	38%	51%	51%
Immigration policy	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%
The situation in Afghanistan	3%	6%	2%	2%	5%	3%	2%
Education	10%	15%	8%	7%	19%	10%	6%
Health care	12%	18%	8%	10%	17%	11%	10%
Terrorism	3%	1%	1%	7%	2%	2%	4%
The federal budget deficit	15%	8%	18%	19%	8%	14%	20%
Energy & environmental policy	3%	2%	6%	1%	7%	3%	2%
Other	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
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
The economy	48%	48%	47%	45%	53%	48%	44%	53%
Immigration policy	2%	5%	3%	1%	1%	2%	4%	1%
The situation in Afghanistan	3%	1%	6%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%
Education	10%	7%	8%	12%	14%	17%	7%	6%
Health care	12%	14%	10%	17%	6%	13%	13%	9%
Terrorism	3%	7%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	4%
The federal budget deficit	15%	13%	18%	14%	15%	9%	18%	18%
Energy & environmental policy	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%

Other	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	*
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	2%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

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Question 8

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

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters			
Unemployment	44%	44%	44%	42%	48%	44%			
The price of gasoline	10%	10%	9%	10%	8%	10%			
Taxes	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%	8%			
The stock market	2%	3%	*	1%	2%	2%			
The federal budget deficit	28%	27%	29%	30%	24%	28%			
Mortgage and housing issues	8%	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%			
Other	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-3.5			
		18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older		
Unemployment	44%	N/A	43%	41%	43%	47%	42%		
The price of gasoline	10%	N/A	10%	8%	8%	11%	8%		
Taxes	8%	N/A	14%	8%	6%	10%	7%		
The stock market	2%	N/A	2%	*	1%	3%	*		
The federal budget deficit	28%	N/A	21%	35%	36%	21%	35%		
Mortgage and housing issues	8%	N/A	11%	7%	4%	9%	6%		
Other	1%	N/A	*	1%	*	*	1%		
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	1%	*	1%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0		
		Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Unemployment	44%	52%	42%	46%	44%				
The price of gasoline	10%	9%	10%	12%	8%				
Taxes	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%				
The stock market	2%	*	1%	3%	1%				
The federal budget deficit	28%	25%	29%	25%	30%				
Mortgage and housing issues	8%	5%	9%	6%	8%				
Other	1%	*	*	*	1%				
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0				
		Total	Demo-ocrat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative	
Unemployment	44%	46%	47%	39%	48%	48%	40%		
The price of gasoline	10%	12%	8%	9%	10%	10%	9%		
Taxes	8%	9%	7%	8%	11%	5%	10%		
The stock market	2%	4%	1%	*	4%	1%	2%		
The federal budget deficit	28%	18%	28%	40%	13%	30%	33%		
Mortgage and housing issues	8%	11%	8%	2%	13%	8%	5%		
Other	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%		
No opinion	*	*	*	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
Unemployment	44%	50%	39%	43%	46%	47%	44%	39%	
The price of gasoline	10%	14%	7%	11%	7%	7%	10%	14%	
Taxes	8%	9%	11%	7%	7%	8%	10%	4%	
The stock market	2%	2%	*	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	
The federal budget deficit	28%	16%	35%	29%	30%	23%	28%	38%	
Mortgage and housing issues	8%	8%	7%	7%	9%	12%	6%	4%	
Other	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	1%	*	
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	

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Question 10

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%	2%	1%	*	4%	1%	
Somewhat good	26%	26%	25%	21%	38%	26%	
Somewhat poor	39%	41%	38%	41%	36%	39%	
Very poor	34%	32%	36%	38%	23%	34%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Very good	1%	N/A	*	3%	1%	1%	2%
Somewhat good	26%	N/A	30%	31%	27%	23%	29%
Somewhat poor	39%	N/A	41%	31%	31%	47%	31%
Very poor	34%	N/A	29%	36%	41%	29%	38%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very good	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Somewhat good	26%	25%	27%	27%	25%
Somewhat poor	39%	32%	47%	34%	42%
Very poor	34%	41%	26%	37%	32%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Somewhat good	26%	45%	16%	12%	40%	27%	17%
Somewhat poor	39%	41%	37%	40%	40%	44%	34%
Very poor	34%	12%	44%	48%	18%	26%	48%
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%	1%	3%	*	2%	1%	2%
Somewhat good	26%	22%	22%	31%	25%	34%	22%	19%
Somewhat poor	39%	41%	49%	31%	39%	39%	42%	35%
Very poor	34%	36%	28%	35%	35%	25%	35%	45%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

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Question 11

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
Have achieved the Amer dream	44%	42%	45%	49%	30%	44%	
Have not achieved Amer dream	42%	45%	39%	33%	61%	42%	
Never achieve the Amer dream	12%	12%	12%	15%	7%	12%	
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Have achieved the Amer dream	44%	N/A	43%	54%	70%	28%	61%
Have not achieved Amer dream	42%	N/A	47%	27%	13%	61%	21%
Never achieve the Amer dream	12%	N/A	8%	16%	12%	10%	15%
No opinion	2%	N/A	2%	3%	5%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Have achieved the Amer dream	44%	31%	51%	37%	47%
Have not achieved Amer dream	42%	49%	38%	45%	40%
Never achieve the Amer dream	12%	17%	10%	15%	10%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Have achieved the Amer dream	44%	43%	39%	51%	40%	45%	44%
Have not achieved Amer dream	42%	47%	41%	36%	46%	40%	41%
Never achieve the Amer dream	12%	7%	17%	11%	12%	13%	11%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	4%
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
Have achieved the Amer dream	44%	43%	50%	43%	39%	35%	50%	48%
Have not achieved Amer dream	42%	42%	33%	42%	50%	53%	35%	37%
Never achieve the Amer dream	12%	12%	14%	13%	9%	10%	14%	14%
No opinion	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

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Question 14

Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that the government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
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Govt trying to do too much	61%	62%	59%	67%	45%	61%	
Government should do more	33%	33%	33%	27%	48%	33%	
Mixed/Depends	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Govt trying to do too much	61%	N/A	58%	63%	72%	55%	66%
Government should do more	33%	N/A	36%	29%	21%	40%	26%
Mixed/Depends	5%	N/A	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Govt trying to do too much	61%	56%	64%	62%	60%
Government should do more	33%	38%	30%	32%	33%
Mixed/Depends	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Govt trying to do too much	61%	34%	64%	92%	29%	56%	82%
Government should do more	33%	57%	30%	6%	66%	32%	16%
Mixed/Depends	5%	7%	4%	2%	4%	9%	1%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	*	1%	3%	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
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Govt trying to do too much	61%	55%	63%	63%	60%	50%	64%	72%
Government should do more	33%	37%	31%	31%	33%	41%	32%	20%
Mixed/Depends	5%	7%	3%	4%	4%	7%	2%	6%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

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Question 15

Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view?

Base = Registered voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Traditional values	41%	42%	40%	42%	37%	41%		
No particular set of values	54%	54%	54%	53%	56%	54%		
Mixed/Depends	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%		
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5	+/-3.5		
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Traditional values	41%	N/A	36%	42%	44%	39%	43%	
No particular set of values	54%	N/A	56%	55%	45%	57%	51%	
Mixed/Depends	2%	N/A	4%	1%	6%	2%	3%	
No opinion	3%	N/A	4%	2%	4%	2%	3%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Traditional values	41%	45%	40%	44%	38%			
No particular set of values	54%	50%	57%	49%	58%			
Mixed/Depends	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%			
No opinion	3%	3%	1%	5%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-4.0			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Traditional values	41%	33%	35%	58%	24%	32%	56%	
No particular set of values	54%	58%	62%	39%	73%	63%	39%	
Mixed/Depends	2%	4%	1%	2%	1%	4%	2%	
No opinion	3%	5%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	
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
Traditional values	41%	43%	45%	45%	28%	37%	39%	50%
No particular set of values	54%	54%	52%	49%	64%	59%	57%	42%
Mixed/Depends	2%	1%	2%	2%	5%	2%	2%	4%
No opinion	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.0

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Likely Voters

Question 16

Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Base = Likely voters, half sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Obama	56%	62%	51%	51%	N/A	56%		
Romney	32%	31%	34%	37%	N/A	32%		
No difference	2%	*	4%	4%	N/A	2%		
No opinion	9%	7%	11%	9%	N/A	9%		
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5		+/-5.0		
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Obama	56%	N/A	N/A	N/A	40%	N/A	46%	
Romney	32%	N/A	N/A	N/A	39%	N/A	36%	
No difference	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	2%	
No opinion	9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	18%	N/A	16%	
Sampling Error	+/-5.0				+/-7.5		+/-6.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Obama	56%	N/A	54%	N/A	56%			
Romney	32%	N/A	32%	N/A	31%			
No difference	2%	N/A	4%	N/A	3%			
No opinion	9%	N/A	11%	N/A	9%			
Sampling Error	+/-5.0		+/-6.5		+/-5.5			
	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative	
Obama	56%	87%	N/A	15%	N/A	66%	29%	
Romney	32%	3%	N/A	71%	N/A	18%	61%	
No difference	2%	*	N/A	6%	N/A	3%	2%	
No opinion	9%	10%	N/A	8%	N/A	13%	7%	
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-8.5		+/-8.5		+/-8.5	+/-7.5	
	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	56%	N/A	N/A	43%	N/A	65%	56%	N/A
Romney	32%	N/A	N/A	48%	N/A	26%	32%	N/A
No difference	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	3%	2%	N/A
No opinion	9%	N/A	N/A	8%	N/A	7%	9%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5		+/-8.5	+/-7.5	

* percentage less than 1%

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Likely Voters

Question 17

Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the vice presidential debates -- Joe Biden, or Paul Ryan?

Base = Likely voters, half sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Biden	39%	34%	43%	31%	N/A	39%		
Ryan	55%	62%	48%	62%	N/A	55%		
No difference	1%	*	1%	1%	N/A	1%		
No opinion	5%	3%	8%	5%	N/A	5%		
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5		+/-5.0		
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Biden	39%	N/A	N/A	36%	32%	N/A	35%	
Ryan	55%	N/A	N/A	52%	63%	N/A	56%	
No difference	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	1%	N/A	1%	
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	10%	4%	N/A	8%	
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5	+/-8.0		+/-6.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Biden	39%	40%	39%	N/A	38%			
Ryan	55%	52%	57%	N/A	58%			
No difference	1%	1%	*	N/A	*			
No opinion	5%	6%	4%	N/A	4%			
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0		+/-6.0			
	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative	
Biden	39%	74%	28%	N/A	N/A	N/A	16%	
Ryan	55%	20%	63%	N/A	N/A	N/A	82%	
No difference	1%	1%	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	
No opinion	5%	5%	8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-5.0	+/-8.5	+/-8.5				+/-7.0	
	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Biden	39%	N/A	N/A	45%	N/A	N/A	36%	N/A
Ryan	55%	N/A	N/A	50%	N/A	N/A	57%	N/A
No difference	1%	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	N/A	*	N/A
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	5%	N/A	N/A	7%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-5.0			+/-8.5			+/-7.0	

* percentage less than 1%