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A telephone survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: May 3 – 7, 2012

Number of interviews: 1,004

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 10/16-20/08
Right direction	37	39	26	24	21	33	45	35	37	37	38	39	40	35	37	35	41	48	17
Wrong direction	56	57	70	72	75	63	52	62	57	58	59	59	57	60	60	59	57	44	78
Don't know [VOL]	7	3	4	5	4	3	3	3	6	5	3	3	2	4	2	5	2	7	5
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	1	-	-	1	*	*	*	1	1

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,101



CUR2./

CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," DK NOR REFUSED ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	HIGH 2/12-17/09	LOW 12/8-12/11
Total approve	53	49	44	46	46	52	60	53	53	47	49	45	49	49	50	49	49	53	67	44
Strongly approve	24	26	19	20	19	24	32	24	24	24	23	29	22	23	24	23	24	24	37	19
Somewhat approve	23	17	20	20	20	21	23	25	23	20	21	14	23	21	20	21	22	22	23	20
Lean approve	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	5	6	3	5	2	4	5	5	5	4	7	8	6
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	*	1	1	1	*	1	2	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	4	1
Total disapprove	46	49	54	52	52	47	39	45	46	51	50	54	50	50	49	50	50	46	24	54
Lean disapprove	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	5	4	4	1	5	4	5	5	3	3	4	4
Somewhat disapprove	10	10	12	12	13	12	10	11	12	12	12	10	12	10	13	12	10	12	4	12
Strongly disapprove	32	34	38	36	36	30	25	29	29	35	35	43	33	36	31	33	36	31	16	38
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	*	*	5	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=946 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000



CUR4./

CUR5. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," DK NOR REFUSED ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	HIGH 5/28-6/1/09	LOW 8/11-16/10
Total approve	18	19	15	16	12	21	30	27	26	26	23	20	26	24	24	28	28	22	38	12
Strongly approve	3	4	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	6	4	2	5	2
Somewhat approve	13	13	11	11	8	16	23	19	18	20	17	15	19	17	17	20	20	18	28	8
Lean approve	2	3	2	3	1	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	2	4	2	5	1
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	*	*	1	2	1	1	1	3	1
Total disapprove	78	78	84	82	87	76	68	71	69	71	75	79	73	74	73	71	70	76	55	87
Lean disapprove	4	4	5	3	3	5	4	7	5	4	5	3	4	4	6	4	5	6	5	3
Somewhat disapprove	24	23	24	23	24	27	28	26	26	24	26	23	23	24	22	24	18	24	19	24
Strongly disapprove	50	52	55	56	60	44	36	38	38	43	44	53	47	46	45	43	47	46	31	60
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	*
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*

Dem/Rep R=L09Y R=L09P R=L09S R=L09T R=L09U R=L09V R=L09W R=L09X R=L09Y R=L09Z R=L09A R=L09B R=L09C R=L09D R=L09E R=L09F R=L09G R=L09H R=L09I R=L09J R=L09K R=L09L R=L09M R=L09N R=L09O R=L09P R=L09Q R=L09R R=L09S R=L09T R=L09U R=L09V R=L09W R=L09X R=L09Y R=L09Z



ELE37/38 & ELE38a previously released

Some items in CURX/CURX2b were previously released

CURX2. And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about...
[PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The economy...	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	High: 4/16-20/09	Low: 8/18-22/11
Total approve	46	48	39	40	36	40	52	47	47	41	43	42	42	41	45	45	58	36
Strongly approve	16	24	14	14	11	14	21	18	18	16	15	17	17	16	18	18	30	11
Somewhat approve	27	23	24	24	24	26	30	27	28	24	28	23	23	26	27	26	28	24
Lean approve	3	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	-	-	*	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	*	1	*	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	*	1	3	5	4	6	1
Total disapprove	52	50	60	60	63	59	47	53	53	58	55	58	58	56	50	52	35	63
Lean disapprove	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	*	*	*	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	13	11	15	13	14	17	15	17	14	17	13	12	16	15	16	15	10	14
Strongly disapprove	38	38	43	46	48	40	31	35	38	40	40	45	39	41	34	36	25	48
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Health care...	5/3-7/12*	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	High: 5/5-9/11	Low: 9/3-8/09
Total approve	48	48	44	45	46	45	54	52	51	48	47	46	50	45	49	45	54	42
Strongly approve	25	25	21	24	23	24	29	27	29	25	26	27	26	24	29	30	29	22
Somewhat approve	21	21	23	21	22	20	24	24	20	22	19	18	22	21	20	16	24	19
Lean approve	3	2	*	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	*	*	*	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	2	4	4	*	6
Total disapprove	50	51	55	54	53	54	46	48	49	51	53	54	50	53	46	51	46	52
Lean disapprove	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	*	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	11	9	13	10	11	12	11	10	11	10	9	4	11	11	10	9	11	10
Strongly disapprove	37	41	40	42	42	41	34	37	37	40	43	49	39	42	36	42	34	43
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=536 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001

*Asked of half the sample

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Terrorism...	5/3-7/12*	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	High: 5/5-9/11	Low: 9/3-8/09
Total approve	64	63	60	64	60	63	72	61	62	57	60	54	58	49	50	53	72	44
Strongly approve	33	33	27	30	30	31	40	25	24	22	25	23	23	24	22	25	40	18
Somewhat approve	27	28	32	30	28	30	31	33	36	32	32	28	32	25	27	27	31	26
Lean approve	4	3	1	3	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	2	*	*	*	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	11	8	1	14
Total disapprove	31	35	37	34	38	36	27	38	37	41	40	46	42	41	40	39	27	42
Lean disapprove	4	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	*	*	*	2	*
Somewhat disapprove	9	14	15	12	13	12	11	17	14	19	14	16	13	14	13	15	11	13
Strongly disapprove	19	20	21	19	22	21	14	20	22	20	24	29	27	27	26	24	14	28
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-

Based on: N=536 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,004 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001

*Asked of half the sample

Continues...



CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The situation in Afghanistan...	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	High: 5/5-9/11	Low: 11/5-9/09
Total approve	53	54	51	48	50	52	65	55	54	48	52	53	53	44	47	49	65	42
Strongly approve	22	21	16	17	14	18	26	15	17	14	15	16	17	15	13	19	26	14
Somewhat approve	27	30	32	27	33	33	36	35	34	31	34	33	33	29	33	30	36	27
Lean approve	5	2	3	4	3	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	4	*	1	*	3	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	11	12	1	10
Total disapprove	42	43	47	50	49	46	34	45	44	50	47	46	46	43	41	39	34	48
Lean disapprove	5	2	3	2	2	3	1	3	3	4	2	1	2	*	1	*	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	12	20	19	20	21	19	17	21	20	23	22	22	21	18	17	21	17	17
Strongly disapprove	25	22	24	28	26	25	15	20	22	24	22	23	23	26	24	18	15	30
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,007

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Unemployment...	5/3-7/12*	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	High: 4/16-20/09	Low: 10/13-17/11
Total approve	48	49	45	40	40	40	52	49	47	43	45	41	42	43	42	43	59	40
Strongly approve	19	23	16	16	13	12	18	19	19	16	14	15	16	16	16	19	28	16
Somewhat approve	24	25	26	22	25	26	31	29	26	25	28	24	23	28	26	24	30	22
Lean approve	4	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	*	*	*	*	2
Neither approve nor disapprove	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	11	9	12	1
Total disapprove	49	49	53	59	59	59	47	50	52	56	54	58	58	51	47	48	29	59
Lean disapprove	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	*	*	*	*	2
Somewhat disapprove	14	14	16	15	15	18	17	17	18	19	16	13	21	15	15	15	12	15
Strongly disapprove	32	34	35	42	43	39	28	31	32	35	37	44	35	35	32	32	17	42
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*

Based on: N=68 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,000

*Asked of half the sample

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, DK NOR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Gas prices...	5/3-7/12*	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	High: 4/16-20/09	Low: 5/3-7/12*
Total approve	30	39	39	39	36	34	35	36	37	43	49	46	51	39	40	33	51	30
Strongly approve	11	11	10	11	10	8	11	11	10	10	11	11	11	9	11	10	19	11
Somewhat approve	12	23	25	23	22	23	20	22	22	27	32	29	31	29	29	24	32	12
Lean approve	7	5	4	5	4	4	3	3	5	6	7	6	9	*	*	*	1	7
Neither approve nor disapprove	4	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	4	5	3	3	4	21	23	19	22	4
Total disapprove	65	58	57	56	61	63	61	63	59	52	49	51	45	40	37	47	25	65
Lean disapprove	7	3	3	4	2	2	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	*	*	*	*	7
Somewhat disapprove	15	19	20	18	21	18	16	18	21	22	21	20	21	20	18	18	12	15
Strongly disapprove	44	36	34	34	38	43	42	40	33	26	23	26	20	20	19	29	14	44
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	1

Based on: N=468 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=468

*Asked of half the sample

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FAV1 through PRES4 previously released

- B1. Would you describe the nation's economy these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?
 [IF "GOOD," ASK:] Is that very good or somewhat good?
 [IF "POOR," ASK:] Is that very poor or somewhat poor?
 [IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	High: 2/16-20/12	Low: 8/18-22/11
Total good	20	30	15	12	11	16	21	22	20	15	19	22	15	16	24	20	30	11
Very good	1	2	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	2	1
Somewhat good	10	13	5	3	4	5	8	9	7	4	7	8	4	4	9	8	13	4
Neither – lean good	8	15	10	9	5	10	13	13	13	9	11	13	11	11	14	11	15	5
Neither–Don't lean [VOL]	15	4	5	6	3	4	6	4	5	3	6	7	6	3	4	5	4	3
Total poor	64	66	80	81	86	80	73	73	75	83	75	71	79	81	72	75	66	86
Neither – lean poor	6	10	12	8	12	12	15	17	14	16	15	12	14	17	12	14	10	12
Somewhat poor	27	24	34	31	33	32	32	33	35	33	30	27	30	30	33	33	24	33
Very poor	31	32	34	43	42	36	27	23	26	35	30	32	35	34	27	28	32	42
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,000



ECO41. In the past month, do you think the economy got better, got worse or stayed about the same?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09
Got better	22	28	20	9	6	13	22	15	30	20	17	20	13	12	19	25	25	20	25	24	22	24
Got worse	20	18	15	23	49	27	22	27	18	16	19	20	22	22	16	18	18	16	16	21	24	17
Stayed about the same	56	53	64	68	45	60	56	58	52	64	63	59	65	66	65	56	57	63	59	55	53	59
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=980 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000

CCON1. How do you expect the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months? Will it get better, get worse, or stay about the same?
 [IF "BETTER," ASK:] And would that be a lot or a little better?
 [IF "WORSE," ASK:] And would that be a lot or a little worse?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Better	31	37	36	34	31	32	34	32
A lot better	14	15	13	12	13	11	14	9
A little better	18	22	23	22	18	21	20	22
Stay about the same	47	50	52	54	56	57	54	55
Total Worse	18	11	11	12	12	11	11	13
A little worse	11	7	6	6	6	6	7	10
A lot worse	8	4	5	5	6	5	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	3	2	*	*	1	*	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

CCON2. How do you expect the general economic situation in this country will change over the next 12 months? Will it get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Get better	40	39	35	28	27	30	41	32
A lot better	10	9	6	5	6	5	7	5
A little better	30	30	29	23	22	25	33	27
Stay about the same	33	36	40	41	40	44	36	42
Get worse	22	24	25	30	32	26	23	26
A little worse	10	14	13	18	16	15	13	17
A lot worse	12	10	11	12	16	11	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	5	2	1	1	1	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

CCON3. Compared with the past 12 months, how do you think consumer prices will change in the next 12 months? Will they increase more rapidly, increase at the same rate, increase at a slower rate, stay about the same, or will they fall?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Increase more rapidly	19	29	18	24	24	25	30	33
Increase at the same rate	28	28	29	26	28	28	28	25
Increase at a slower rate	21	20	22	23	22	21	20	18
Stay about the same	25	20	28	24	21	22	18	19
Will fall	4	2	3	3	4	3	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

CCON4. Thinking of the general economic situation, do you think that now is a good time, a bad time, or neither a good nor a bad time to make major purchases such as furniture and electronic devices?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
A good time	30	36	35	27	28	29	34	31
Neither a good nor bad time	26	28	28	29	30	31	29	30
A bad time	38	34	35	42	41	39	36	38
Don't know [VOL]	6	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

CCON5. Thinking of the general economic situation, do you think that now is a good or bad time to save?
 [IF "GOOD," ASK:] And would that be a very good or fairly good time to save?
 [IF "BAD," ASK:] And would that be very bad or fairly bad time to save?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Good Time to Save	88	90	90	91	89	89	90	91
Very good time to save	54	50	53	56	57	54	50	51
Fairly good time to save	34	40	37	35	32	35	40	40
Total Bad Time to Save	11	9	10	9	10	9	9	8
Fairly bad time to save	5	5	4	5	5	5	6	6
Very bad time to save	5	5	5	4	5	4	3	2
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

CCON6. How do you expect the number of people who are unemployed in this country to change over the next 12 months? Will it increase, decrease, or remain the same?
 [IF "INCREASE," ASK:] And would that be a sharp or slight increase?
 [IF "DECREASE," ASK:] And would that be a sharp or slight decrease?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Increase	35	30	35	40	43	37	34	33
A sharp increase	11	8	10	11	15	11	9	9
A slight increase	25	22	25	29	28	26	26	24
Remain the same	32	35	41	36	33	40	35	37
Total Decrease	29	34	24	23	24	23	31	30
A slight decrease	25	28	21	19	19	20	27	25
A sharp decrease	4	6	3	4	5	3	3	5
Don't know [VOL]	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

S1. Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?

	5/3-7/12
Yes	79
No	20
VOL: Not necessary in my state	*
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=1,004

TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10
Supporter	22	25	30	28	25	33	30	30	31	30	30	36	28	28	27	27
Strongly	7	8	10	10	9	10	8	11	11	8	9	13	10	8	13	9
Moderately	15	17	20	18	16	24	23	19	21	22	21	24	18	20	14	18
Not a supporter	67	71	64	68	70	61	63	65	61	66	67	60	68	69	65	68
Don't know [VOL]	10	4	6	4	5	5	7	6	7	4	4	3	4	3	7	5
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	*

Based on:

N=1,004

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N=1,501

N=846

N=1,000

N=1,007

N=1,044

N=1,002

AFX2 through OBL1 previously released

Some items held for later release

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or none of these?

	5/3-7/12
Democrat	31
Independent	29
Republican	22
None of these	17
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Democrat

5/3-7/12

PID1/
PID2.

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?
 [IF "DEMOCRAT," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?
 [IF "REPUBLICAN," ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?
 [IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," ASK:] Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	5/3-7/12
Total Democrat	49
Democrat – strong	16
Democrat – moderate	15
Democrat-unknown intensity	1
Independent – lean Democratic	13
None – lean Democratic	6
Total Republican	37
Republican – strong	11
Republican – moderate	10
Republican-unknown intensity	1
Independent – lean Republican	10
None – lean Republican	5
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	6
[VOL] None – don't lean	6
[VOL] Other	2
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,004

G11a. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
 [IF "Liberal," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal?]
 [IF "Conservative," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?]

	5/3-7/12
Liberal - strongly	10
Liberal - somewhat	13
Conservative - strongly	20
Conservative - somewhat	19
Moderate	32
Don't know	5
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,004

[INTERVIEWER READ:] The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM1. What is your marital status? Are you... [READ EACH ITEM]

Married/Living as Married/Co-habiting	49
Separated	4
Divorced	11
Widowed	9
Never Married	26
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,004

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed? [READ EACH ITEM]

Less than high school graduate	10
High school graduate	30
Technical/trade school	6
Some college	24
College graduate	15
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,004

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	20
30-49	36
50-64	23
65+	18
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live? [READ EACH ITEM]

Urban area	26
Suburban area	41
Rural area	29
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,004

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

Own	56
Rent	28
Other arrangement	14
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,004

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18, or not?

Yes	31
No	68
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=986

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

None	31
One Line	63
Two lines	3
Three or more lines	1
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,004

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

None	8
One	73
Two	13
Three or more	5
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,004

DM10. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

Landline	26
Cell phone	44
Both equally	30
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=653

DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

None	41
One	43
Two	8
Three or more	5
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=301

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	38
No	56
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM13. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

Protestant	24
Catholic	23
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other religion	22
Don't belong to religious denomination	23
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,004

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13, ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	83
No, not a Christian	17
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=221

DM15. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

Never	16
Less often than a few times a year	15
A few times a year	18
Once or twice a month	12
Once a week	24
More than once a week	11
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM16. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

Yes	13
No	84
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=1), ASK:] In addition to being Hispanic, Latino or Spanish, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White, Caucasian	69
Black, African-American, Negro	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	*
Native Hawaiian	*
Chinese	1
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	*
Samoan	-
Japanese	*
Korean	-
Vietnamese	*
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	*
Some other race	5
Don't know	2
Refused	4
Multiple races	5

Based on:

N=1,004

DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher? [READ LIST]

Below \$50,000	48
\$50,000+	43
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	8

Based on:

N=1,004

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	14
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	10
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	4
Refused [VOL]	11

Based on:

N=1,004

DM21. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	38
No	56
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	5

Based on:

N=1,004

[ASK DM22 ONLY IF "YES" IN DM21:]

DM22. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments—buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

None	48
1	16
2	8
3	4
4	3
5-9 times	5
10-14 times	6
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	1
25 times or more	3
Don't know [VOL]	6
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=454

DM25. [INTERVIEWER RECORD:] Respondent's Gender:

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,004

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,004

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted May 3 – 7, 2012 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,004 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 703 respondents on landlines and 301 respondents on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2009 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2009 Fall estimates provided by GfK MRI Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.