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PESSIMISM ABOUT ECONOMY, LOW MARKS FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA
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- Americans cite the economy as the nation’s number-one problem, and by a wide margin the lack of jobs tops the list of specific economic problems.
- Americans’ prognosis for the economy is poor. Few think things are improving, either nationally or in their local job market, and most think the effects of the recession will continue for two more years or even longer.
- 52% of Americans do not think President Obama has spent enough time addressing the economy, and many say his policies have had no impact on them or on the economy generally. The President’s approval rating on handling the economy is 40%, down five points from last month.
- The public is divided on President Obama’s overall job rating, and on whether he shares their priorities for the country. While he is viewed as a decisive leader, more than half think the President is not tough enough when dealing with the country’s problems.

AMERICANS’ PRIORITY: JOBS

The economy remains the nation’s top problem: 38% volunteer it, far outdistancing mentions of the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan (7%), health care (6%), the deficit (5%), and the oil spill in the Gulf (5%), which is mentioned by fewer people now than it was last month.

Country’s Most Important Problem

The economy	38%
Wars, Iraq/ Afghanistan	7
Health care	6
Nat’l debt/budget deficit	5
Oil Spill in Gulf	5

Specifically, Americans say the most important economic problem is jobs: 38% volunteer that. The national debt is a very distant second place, offered by only 10%. Jobs going overseas and the home mortgage crisis each get a mention of 3%.

Most Important ECONOMIC Problem

Jobs and Unemployment	38%
National debt/ deficit/spending	10
Jobs overseas	3
Home mortgage crisis/housing	3

THE ECONOMY: LOW RATINGS, DIM OUTLOOK

Americans express long-term pessimism about the current recession: a majority thinks its effects will continue two more years or even longer. Views now are slightly more negative than they were when this was last asked in February.

Effects of Recession Will Last:

	Now	2/2010
Six months	3%	4%
A year	17	23
Another two years	24	25
More than 2 more years	51	45

Only one-quarter of Americans think the economy is improving, and just as many say it's getting even worse. There was more optimism this spring, but it was short-lived and has since waned.

The U.S. Economy is...

	Now	6/2010	5/2010	4/2010	2/2010
Getting better	25%	28%	30%	41%	24%
Getting worse	26	24	28	15	29
Staying the same	48	48	42	43	45

More than eight in ten Americans say the economy is currently bad, continuing the negative assessments that have persisted this past year. The percentage that say it is good – just 17% - has dropped in recent weeks.

Condition of the Economy

	Now	6/2010	4/2010	2/2010	4/2009	2/2009
Good	17%	22%	23%	17%	16%	5%
Bad	82	77	77	83	84	94

PRESIDENT OBAMA: LOW MARKS ON THE ECONOMY

While it may be their most important priority, 52% of Americans do not think President Obama has spent enough time dealing with the economy, and majorities say his economic policies have had no impact on them personally or on the economy generally.

52% say President Obama has spent too little time on the economy, and just one-third say he has spent the right amount of time.

Time Obama has Spent on Economy

Too little	52%
Right amount	33
Too much	8

Almost two-thirds of Americans think Barack Obama's economic programs have had no effect on them personally – and just 13% think they have helped. 23% say that his economic programs have hurt them, up from 18% in May.

How Have Barack Obama's Economic Programs Affected you Personally?

	Now	5/2010
Helped	13%	13%
Hurt	23	18
No effect	63	68

Majorities of Republicans, Democrats, and independents alike think his economic programs have had no effect on them personally.

When looking specifically at the stimulus package and its effect on the national economy, 56% of Americans think it has made no impact. 23% thinks it has made the economy better, and 18% thinks it has made the economy worse.

Did the Stimulus Package Make the Economy...?

	Now	4/2010	9/2009
Better	23%	32%	36%
Worse	18	18	13
No impact	56	44	46

And the President's approval rating on the economy has dropped to 40%, down five points from last month. Disapproval of his handling of the economy is now at a majority of 54% - the highest to date.

President Obama's Job Rating on the Economy

	Now	6/2010	5/2010	4/2010	1/2010
Approve	40%	45%	43%	48%	41%
Disapprove	54	48	48	47	47

48% do think the economy is something a president can do something about, though almost as many (45%) think it is beyond a president's control.

As pessimism about the country's economic prospects continues, President Obama's overall job approval rating has slipped lower this month to 44% - matching his previous all-time low reached in March. 44% of Americans disapprove of the way he is handling his job.

President Obama's Overall Job Rating

	Now	6/2010	4/2010	3/2010	2/2010
Approve	44%	47%	51%	44%	46%
Disapprove	44	43	39	41	45

Most Republicans disapprove, while most Democrats approve. Independents are more divided, though more disapprove than approve.

PRESIDENT OBAMA: HANDLING OTHER ISSUES, LEADERSHIP

The economy is not the only issue Americans think the President has not spent enough time addressing. 51% also say he has not spent enough time on the oil spill in the Gulf, and 38% say he hasn't spent enough time on financial reform. At the same time, he is also faulted in this poll for spending relatively too much time on health care.

When Handling the Following Issues, Has Barack Obama Spent...?

	Too little time	Right amount of time	Too much time
Economy	52%	33	8
Oil spill	51%	34	7
Financial reform	38%	31	19
Health care	24%	31	39

The percentage of Americans that disapproves of President Obama's handling of the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has risen in this poll: 53% now disapprove, up from 47% last month. Americans are divided about his handling of foreign policy and the war in Afghanistan.

President Obama's Job Approval Ratings

	Approve	Disapprove
Foreign Policy	44%	41
Afghanistan	43%	44
Economy	40%	54
Oil Spill	37%	53

When evaluating how he handles himself, most Americans (67%) think Barack Obama does take decisive action to try to solve the major problems facing the country, but they are divided as to whether he shares the same priorities for the country as they do. 53% do not think he is tough enough in his approach to these problems.

Does/Is Barack Obama...?

	Yes	No
Take decisive action	67%	28
Share your priorities	48%	48
Tough enough in his approach	42%	53

Still, most Americans (68%) continue to think Barack Obama cares about people like them - including more than a third who thinks he cares about people like them a lot.

How Much Does Barack Obama Care about People like You?

	Now	6/2010	1/2010	2/2009
A lot	37%	37%	41%	53%
Some	31	31	28	30
Not much/at all	30	31	29	14

AMERICANS' VIEWS ON THE ISSUES

Jobs

On the home front, Americans rate their local job market poorly: 71% call it bad. Those living in all regions of the country rate their local job market negatively.

Your Local Job Market is...

Good	27%
Bad	71

As with the national economy, Americans don't expect much improvement in the local job market over the next year. 56% say it will stay the same, just 28% expect it to get better and 14% say it will get worse.

Though jobs are Americans' top economic concern, they aren't sure the federal government is in the best position to create them.

When asked whether government spending on job creation or tax cuts would be better to get the economy moving, Americans prefer tax cuts. Only Democrats would prefer more spending for job creation.

Which Better for Getting the Economy Moving Again?

	All	Dems	Reps	Inds
Cutting taxes	53%	36%	70%	55%
Gov't spending on job creation	37	50	24	35

Americans overall are divided as to whether or not they would prefer the federal government spend money to create jobs or instead focus on reducing the budget deficit. Democrats prefer job creation, Republicans prefer deficit reduction, and independents are divided.

Federal Government Spending Priority should be:

	All	Dems	Reps	Inds
Spending to create jobs	46%	63%	25%	46%
Put focus on deficit reduction	47	27	72	46

A majority does agree that Congress should extend unemployment benefits now, though Democrats are much more likely to favor the extension than Republicans. And those worried about job loss are also more in favor.

Should Congress Extend Unemployment Benefits Now?

	All	Dems	Reps	Inds
Yes	52%	69%	35%	50%
No	39	24	54	40

The Oil Spill in the Gulf

A solid majority of Americans (74%) continues to disapprove of how BP is handling the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Just one in five approve. And while 48% are confident the company will be able to stop the flow of oil into the Gulf by the end of the summer, 50% are not confident that will happen. Most interviews for this poll were conducted before the new containment cap was put in place.

Confident BP Will Stop Flow of Oil by End of Summer?

Yes	48%
No	50

Moreover, fewer Americans now express confidence that BP will fairly compensate those affected by the spill. 40% are very or somewhat confident, down from 50% last month.

Confident BP Will Compensate People Affected by Oil Spill?

	Now	6/2009
Yes	40%	50%
No	58	49

Health Care

More Americans disapprove than approve of the health care bill that was signed into law in March. 36% support the law, down seven points from last month, and similar to the level it was in late March. Most Republicans and independents disapprove of the law, while Democrats approve.

Health Care Reform Law			
	Now	5/2010	3/2010
Approve	36%	43%	32%
Disapprove	49	47	53

Americans continue to see little personal benefit from the health care reform legislation. By more than two to one, Americans think it will hurt rather than help them, and 48% expect the reform to have no effect on them personally.

How Will Reforms Affect You Personally?			
	Now	5/2010	3/2010
Help	13%	16%	17%
Hurt	33	36	36
No effect	48	41	39

Regulation of Financial Institutions

Americans continue to back increased government regulation of banks and financial institutions -- 57% do. A majority of Democrats and independents support more regulations, while 49% of Republicans are opposed.

Should Bank Regulations be Increased?				
	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Yes	57%	38%	71%	59%
No	35	49	23	35

Immigration

57% of Americans see Arizona's recent immigration law -- which gives police the power to question someone they have already stopped, detained, or arrested about their legal status in the country, and requires people to produce documents verifying their status if asked -- as about right, an uptick of five points since May. 23% think the law goes too far, and 17% say it does not go far enough.

New Arizona Law on Illegal Immigration		
	Now	5/2010
Goes too far	23%	28%
Doesn't go far enough	17	17
About right	57	52

And about half of Americans - 52% - say states should be able to enact laws regarding illegal immigrants, while 42% think only the federal government should be able to do that. There is a sharp partisan divide on this question: most Democrats say laws covering illegal immigration should be the responsibility of the federal government only, while Republicans (and independents) think the states should be allowed to pass such laws.

Who Should be Allowed to Pass Illegal Immigration Laws?

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
The States	52%	64%	34%	58%
Federal gov't only	42	32	58	35

Half of Americans think illegal immigrants take jobs that Americans don't want, while fewer – 42% - say they take jobs away from Americans.

Illegal Immigrants Take Jobs...

	Now	5/2007	5/2006
Away from Americans	42%	30%	36%
That Americans don't want	50	59	53

Supreme Court Nominee Elena Kagan

More than half of Americans can't say whether President Obama's nominee to the Supreme Court, Elena Kagan, should be confirmed by the Senate. 21% think she should be confirmed, while 19% say she should not. Democrats are more inclined to back Kagan's nomination, while Republicans are more likely to be against it.

Should Senate Vote to Confirm Elena Kagan?

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Yes	21%	6%	36%	19%
No	19	40	4	16
Can't say	53	49	55	56

Similar percentages of Americans were unable to offer an opinion on the confirmation of other recent nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court. Support for Kagan's nomination, at 21%, is lower than that for Sonia Sotomayor, Samuel Alito, and John Roberts.

Should Senate Vote to Confirm ...?

	Kagan	Sotomayor	Alito	Roberts	Thomas	Bork
Yes	21%	30%	33%	26%	57%	21%
No	19	14	18	8	19	27
Can't say	53	52	46	63	22	48

Fewer than half of Americans are closely following news about the appointment of Elena Kagan, including just 8% who are following the story very closely. More (61%) were following Judge Sotomayor's nomination last summer. Among those following the Kagan nomination closely, 38% say she should be confirmed, while 32% think she should not.

The Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq

Most Americans continue to say things are going badly for the U.S. in Afghanistan, and those assessments are more pessimistic now than they were just two months ago. Today, 62% say the war is going badly, up from 49% in May. Americans continue to hold more positive views of the war in Iraq – 55% say things are going well for the U.S. there.

How Are Things Going for the U.S. in ...?

	<u>Afghanistan</u>		<u>Iraq</u>	
	Now	5/2010	Now	5/2010
Well	31%	40%	55%	53%
Badly	62	49	38	37

Nine years into the U.S. war in Afghanistan, 56% of Americans say they are willing to have U.S. troops stay there for two more years or less. Fewer - just 35% - are willing for them to stay longer than that or for as long as it takes. Most Americans - 54%- think the U.S. should set a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan; 41% disagree.

Should U.S. Set a Timetable for Withdrawing Troops from Afghanistan?

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Yes	54%	32%	73%	54%
No	41	66	21	40

PERSONAL FINANCES

Job insecurity is evident in the poll. Six in ten Americans are concerned that someone in their household will lose a job in the next year, including 31% who are very concerned. 37% of employed Americans say that in the past year they have become less secure and confident that they could stay in their jobs as long as they want.

In Past Year, Confident Can Stay in Job as Long as You Want?

	(among employed)	
Become more confident		14%
Become less confident		37
No change		47

69% of Americans say they have been affected by the recession, including 33% who say they've been affected a lot. Three in 10 employed Americans say they have seen their wages cut in the past year. 44% have dipped into savings to make ends meet.

Despite the pessimism about jobs and the national economy, 65% of Americans say their household's finances are good. 35% rate their finances as bad.

Most Americans (65%) expect their personal finances to be stable over the next year, although one in four thinks their finances will get worse.

Household Finances will ...

	Now	2/2010	8/2009
Get better	12%	14%	10%
Get worse	23	20	30
Stay the same	65	66	59

Those who are unemployed and looking for work are of course faring worse. Two-thirds say their household finances are bad, and four in 10 say they are getting worse. Two thirds are very concerned about unemployment in their household, and one in three have considered moving to another area to find work. Seven in ten have used their savings to make ends meet.

LONG-TERM OPTIMISM

Still, Americans retain their long-term optimism about the future of the country generally: 59% think the nation's best days lie ahead, and 36% think the nation will never be as well-off as it was in the past.

These feelings are similar to twenty years ago, the last time the poll asked the question.

Will America Again Be As Well-off as in the Past?

	Now	9/1988
Yes, things will get better	59%	61%
No, best days are behind	36	30

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 966 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone July 9-12, 2010. Phone numbers were dialed from random digit dial samples of both standard land-line and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

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q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jun10B
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Approve	44	12	78	38	47
Disapprove	44	81	11	46	43
DK/NA	12	7	11	16	10

q2 Some people think that Americans will never be as well off again as they have been in the past. Others disagree and say that over the long run, things will continue to get better. Do you think we have already seen our best days, or do you think things will get better?

					Sep88a
Seen best days	36	47	24	38	30
Things will get better	59	49	72	56	61
DK/NA	5	4	4	6	9

q3 What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

Economy/Jobs	38	33	41	39	40
War/Iraq/Afghanistan	7	3	12	4	3
Health Care	6	6	5	7	5
Oil spill in Gulf	5	4	4	5	13
Budget Deficit/Natl Debt	5	8	5	4	5
Immigration	4	6	3	5	3
Misc. Government Issues	2	4	0	1	2
Big Government/Bureaucracy	2	2	1	2	1
Misc. moral values	2	3	2	3	2
Taxes/IRS	2	4	0	1	0
Miscellaneous Social Issues	2	0	1	5	1
Barack Obama	2	3	0	2	1
Other	19	18	23	18	21
DK/NA	4	6	3	4	3

q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

					Apr10b
Approve	44	22	66	39	48
Disapprove	41	62	16	48	38
DK/NA	15	16	18	13	14

q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

					Jun10b
Approve	40	14	68	35	45
Disapprove	54	84	27	56	48
DK/NA	6	2	5	9	7

q6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation with Afghanistan?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May10c
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	43	26	57	42	44
Disapprove	44	60	33	42	37
DK/NA	13	14	10	16	19

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q9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

					Jun10b
Approve	37	19	56	34	43
Disapprove	53	67	34	59	47
DK/NA	10	14	10	7	10

q10 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

Very good	2	0	3	1	2
Fairly good	15	7	22	13	20
Fairly bad	50	51	52	49	48
Very bad	32	41	23	35	29
DK/NA	1	1	0	2	1

q11 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Better	25	18	34	22	28
Worse	26	38	16	27	24
Same	48	44	49	50	48
DK/NA	1	0	1	1	0

q12 How much longer do you think the effects of the recession will last--six months, a year, two years, or more than two years?

					Feb10a
Six months	3	1	5	4	4
A year	17	11	22	17	23
Two years	24	27	25	21	25
More than 2 years	51	58	42	55	45
Don't know/No answer	5	3	6	3	3

q13 What do you think is the most important Economic problem facing this country today?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr09a
	%	%	%	%	%
Jobs and Unemployment	38	32	42	40	38
Budget/Natl debt/govt spend.	10	11	7	12	4
Home/Housing mortgage crisis	3	3	4	2	6
Jobs going overseas	3	3	1	3	2
Immigration	2	2	1	2	0
Taxes	2	4	0	2	3
Fuel costs	2	3	1	1	4
Health care	2	2	3	1	3
Wall street/banks	2	2	2	4	9
Other	17	12	22	18	22
DK/NA	19	26	17	15	9

q14 How would you rate the job market in your area these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

Very good	2	2	3	1
Fairly good	25	20	32	23
Fairly bad	39	40	36	41
Very bad	32	35	28	32
Don't know/No answer	2	3	1	3

q15 Over the next year, do you think the job market in your area will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

					Dec09a
Better	28	17	39	26	39
Worse	14	18	9	16	18
The same	56	63	52	54	41
Don't know/No answer	2	2	0	4	2

q16 So far, do you think the government's stimulus package has made the economy better, made the economy worse, or has it had no impact on the economy so far?

					Apr10a
Better	23	8	35	23	32
Worse	18	24	8	21	18
No impact	56	66	51	52	44
DK/NA	3	2	6	4	6

q17 Is the condition of the national economy something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

					Jul08b
Can do a lot about	48	57	42	45	67
Beyond a president's control	45	36	48	50	26
DK/NA	7	7	10	5	7

q18 Do you think Barack Obama is tough enough in his approach to the main problems facing the country today, or not?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Tough enough	42	24	62	38
Not tough enough	53	72	35	55
DK/NA	5	4	3	7

q19 How much do you think Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself--a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

					Jun10b
					%
A lot	37	15	60	31	37
Some	31	30	28	36	31
Not much	15	25	7	14	16
Not at all	15	30	3	14	15
Don't know/No answer	2	0	2	5	1

q20 Do you think Barack Obama has the same priorities for the country as you have, or doesn't he?

					May10b
Yes	48	25	71	44	45
No	48	74	22	50	47
DK/NA	4	1	7	6	8

q21 Regardless of whether or not you agree with what he has done, do you think Barack Obama generally takes decisive action to try and solve the major problems facing the country, or doesn't he do that?

Has taken decisive action	67	46	88	64
Doesn't taken decisive action	28	49	9	30
Depends (Vol.)	3	3	2	3
DK/NA	2	2	1	3

q22 So far, have Barack Obama's economic programs helped you personally, hurt you personally, or have they not had much of an effect on you personally so far?

					May10c
Helped	13	5	24	9	13
Hurt	23	38	10	23	18
No effect	63	57	65	67	68
DK/NA	1	0	1	1	1

q23 Do you think Barack Obama has been spending too much time, too little time, or the right amount of time trying to fix the nation's economy and create jobs?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Too much	8	12	7	6
Too little	52	67	38	53
Right amount	33	12	47	35
Don't know/No answer	7	9	8	6

q24 Do you think Barack Obama has been spending too much time, too little time, or the right amount of time on changing the health care system?

Too much	39	56	20	42
Too little	24	21	26	25
Right amount	31	14	51	27
Don't know/No answer	6	9	3	6

q25 Do you think Barack Obama has been spending too much time, too little time, or the right amount of time dealing with the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

Too much	7	8	7	5
Too little	51	64	37	55
Right amount	34	22	47	31
Don't know/No answer	8	6	9	9

q26 Do you think Barack Obama has been spending too much time, too little time, or the right amount of time reforming the banking and financial industry?

Too much	19	27	6	24
Too little	38	32	47	36
Right amount	31	25	40	27
Don't know/No answer	12	16	7	13

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q30 Which comes closer to your own view? The federal government should spend money to create jobs, even if it means increasing the budget deficit, or the federal government should not spend money to create jobs and should instead focus on reducing the budget deficit.

					Apr10a
					%
Create jobs	46	25	63	46	50
Reduce budget deficit	47	72	27	46	42
Don't know/No answer	7	3	10	8	8

q31 Which would be a more effective way for the government to get the economy moving again -- cutting taxes to encourage spending and investment, or spending more money to create new jobs?

					Jan92c
Cutting taxes	53	70	36	55	28
Government spending	37	24	50	35	59
Both (Vol.)	3	1	4	3	4
Neither (Vol.)	2	2	3	2	5
Don't know/No answer	5	3	7	5	4

q32 Do you think Congress should extend unemployment benefits for people who are currently out of work, even if it means increasing the budget deficit, or shouldn't they do that?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Should extend benefits	52	35	69	50
Should not extend benefits	39	54	24	40
Depends (vol.)	4	4	3	4
DK/NA	5	7	4	6

q33 From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the health care law that was enacted last March?

IF APPROVE, ASK: Do you strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF DISAPPROVE, ASK: Do you somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove?

					May10c*
					%
Strongly approve	17	3	33	13	19
Somewhat approve	19	14	28	14	24
Somewhat disapprove	16	13	11	22	13
Strongly disapprove	33	57	10	34	34
Don't know/No answer	15	13	18	17	10

*...the **new** health care reform **bill**.

q34 From what you've heard or read, do you think the new health care reform law will mostly help you personally, will mostly hurt you personally, or don't you think it will have much of an effect on you personally?

					May10c*
Help	13	6	19	14	16
Hurt	33	56	11	36	36
No effect	48	35	64	43	41
Don't know/No answer	6	3	6	7	7

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q35 When it comes to government regulation of banks and financial institutions, which comes closer to your opinion? The government should increase regulations on these institutions now to help prevent more financial crises from happening again in the future. The government should not increase regulations on these institutions now, because that will discourage private investors and slow down economic growth.

					May10c
Should increase regulations	57	38	71	59	53
Should not	35	49	23	35	37
Don't know/No answer	8	13	6	6	10

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q37 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the oil company, BP, is handling the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

					Jun10b
Approve	20	22	20	17	13
Disapprove	74	70	75	76	79
DK/NA	6	8	5	7	8

q38 How confident are you that BP will fairly compensate those affected by the oil spill in the Gulf -- very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **					
*** Party ID ***					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jun10b
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	8	7	11	7	10
Somewhat confident	32	40	27	31	40
Not very confident	33	32	32	34	30
Not at all confident	25	19	28	27	19
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	1

q39 How confident are you that BP will be able to stop the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico by the end of the summer -- very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

Very confident	11	10	12	12
Somewhat confident	37	46	31	35
Not very confident	30	23	36	29
Not at all confident	20	18	19	23
DK/NA	2	3	2	1

q40 Do you think illegal immigrants coming to this country take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans don't want?

					May07a
Take jobs away	42	51	34	41	30
Take jobs Americans don't want	50	39	59	49	59
Both (Vol.)	6	7	4	6	9
DK/NA	2	3	3	4	2

q41 BLANK

q42 How closely would you say you have been following news about the appointment of U.S. Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court--very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

					May10c
Very closely	8	7	5	11	11
Somewhat closely	33	38	33	30	35
Not very closely	28	27	34	23	30
Not at all closely	30	27	27	35	23
Don't know/No answer	1	1	1	1	1

q43 What do you think right now? Should the Senate vote to confirm Elena Kagan as a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, or vote against Kagan, or can't you say?

Vote to confirm	21	6	36	19
Vote against	19	40	4	16
Can't say	53	49	55	56
Don't know/No answer	7	5	5	9

q44-47 BLANK

q48 As you may know, the state of Arizona recently passed a law that gives the police the power to question someone they have already stopped, detained, or arrested about their legal status in the country. The law requires people to produce documents verifying their status if asked, Do you think this law goes too far in dealing with the issue of ILLEGAL immigration, doesn't go far enough, or is about right?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				May10c
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Too far	23	5	34	26	28
Not far enough	17	16	16	20	17
About right	57	77	46	51	52
DK/NA	3	2	4	3	3

q49 Do you think state governments should be able to pass laws regarding illegal immigrants who reside in their states, or do you think laws regarding illegal immigrants should only be passed by the federal government?

States can pass laws	52	64	34	58
Only federal gov't	42	32	58	35
Depends (Vol.)	3	1	3	4
Don't know/No answer	3	3	5	3

q50 BLANK

q51 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Very well	4	4	2	5	3
Somewhat well	51	64	50	43	50
Somewhat badly	24	21	26	25	26
Very badly	14	6	15	20	11
Don't know/No answer	7	5	7	7	10

q52-53 BLANK

q54 What is your impression of how the war in Afghanistan is going for the United States right now -- very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

Very well	2	0	1	4	2
Somewhat well	29	34	28	26	38
Somewhat badly	41	45	41	39	37
Very badly	21	16	21	25	12
Don't know/No answer	7	5	9	6	11

q55 From what you know about the U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, how much longer would you be willing to have large numbers of U.S. troops remain in Afghanistan--less than a year, one to two years, two to five years, five to ten years, or as long as it takes?

					Dec09a
Less than a year	33	21	42	34	32
One to two years	23	21	30	19	25
Two to five years	7	8	5	9	6
Five to ten years	2	2	2	3	1
As long as it takes	26	42	15	25	26
Should leave now (Vol.)	2	2	2	3	4
Don't know/No answer	7	4	4	7	6

q56 Do you think the United States should or should not set a timetable for the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Should	54	32	73	54
Should not	41	66	21	40
Don't know/No answer	5	2	6	6

q57-63 BLANK

q64 How would you rate the financial situation in your household these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

					Jun10b
					%
Very good	11	10	14	10	10
Fairly good	54	53	56	53	56
Fairly bad	25	30	19	26	25
Very bad	10	6	11	11	8
DK/NA	0	1	0	0	1

q65 Do you think your household's financial situation is getting better, getting worse or staying about the same?

					Feb10a
Getting better	12	9	13	13	14
Getting worse	23	25	18	25	20
Same	65	66	69	61	66
DK/NA	0	0	0	1	0

q66 How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job- - very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

					Jun10b
Very concerned	31	36	27	31	32
Somewhat concerned	29	24	29	34	25
Not at all concerned	39	40	43	35	41
DK/NA	1	0	1	0	2

q67 Are you currently employed -- either full time or part time -- or are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all?
IF NOT IN MARKET FOR WORK, ASK: Are you currently retired, or not?

Currently employed	58	57	59	57
Temporarily out of work	14	9	10	22
Not in the market for work	12	16	13	8
Retired	16	17	18	13
DK/NA	0	1	0	0

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q69 In the last 12 months, as a result of bad economic conditions, have your salary or wages been reduced, or not?

** AMONG THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes	31	36	23	35
No	69	64	77	65
DK/NA	0	0	0	0

q70 In the last 12 months would you say you have felt MORE secure and confident that you can continue in your job as long as you want, or LESS secure and confident, or has there been NO change?

More	14	8	18	16
Less	37	44	28	39
No change	47	49	54	40
DK/NA	2	0	0	5

q71-q74 HELD FOR RELEASE

q75 Overall, how much has the economic recession affected you and your family--a lot, some, or only a little?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May10c
	%	%	%	%	%
A lot	33	27	29	41	31
Some	36	42	35	31	39
A little	30	29	35	28	28
Don't know/No answer	1	2	1	0	2

q76 In the last 12 months, as a result of bad economic conditions, have you been threatened with foreclosure or eviction for not paying your mortgage or rent, or haven't you?

IF YES: Did you lose your home, or didn't you?

Yes, and lost home	2	2	1	3
Yes, but did not lost home	6	7	5	8
No	91	92	94	87
DK/NA	1	0	0	2

q77 In the last 12 months, as a result of bad economic conditions, have you taken money out of any savings account, including retirement savings, in order to make ends meet, or haven't you taken money out of savings?

Yes	44	44	40	48
No	54	54	58	51
DK/NA	2	2	2	1

q78 BLANK

q79 If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr10a
	%	%	%	%	%
Upper	1	1	0	1	2
Upper-middle	11	12	10	12	10
Middle	46	50	52	36	40
Working	31	28	25	40	34
Lower	10	8	12	10	13
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1

q80 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

					May10c
Yes	27	55	6	25	20
No	56	36	79	52	59
DK/NA	17	9	15	23	21

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>	
Total Respondents	966		
Total Republicans	276	279	(29%)
Total Democrats	345	329	(34%)
Total Independents	345	358	(37%)