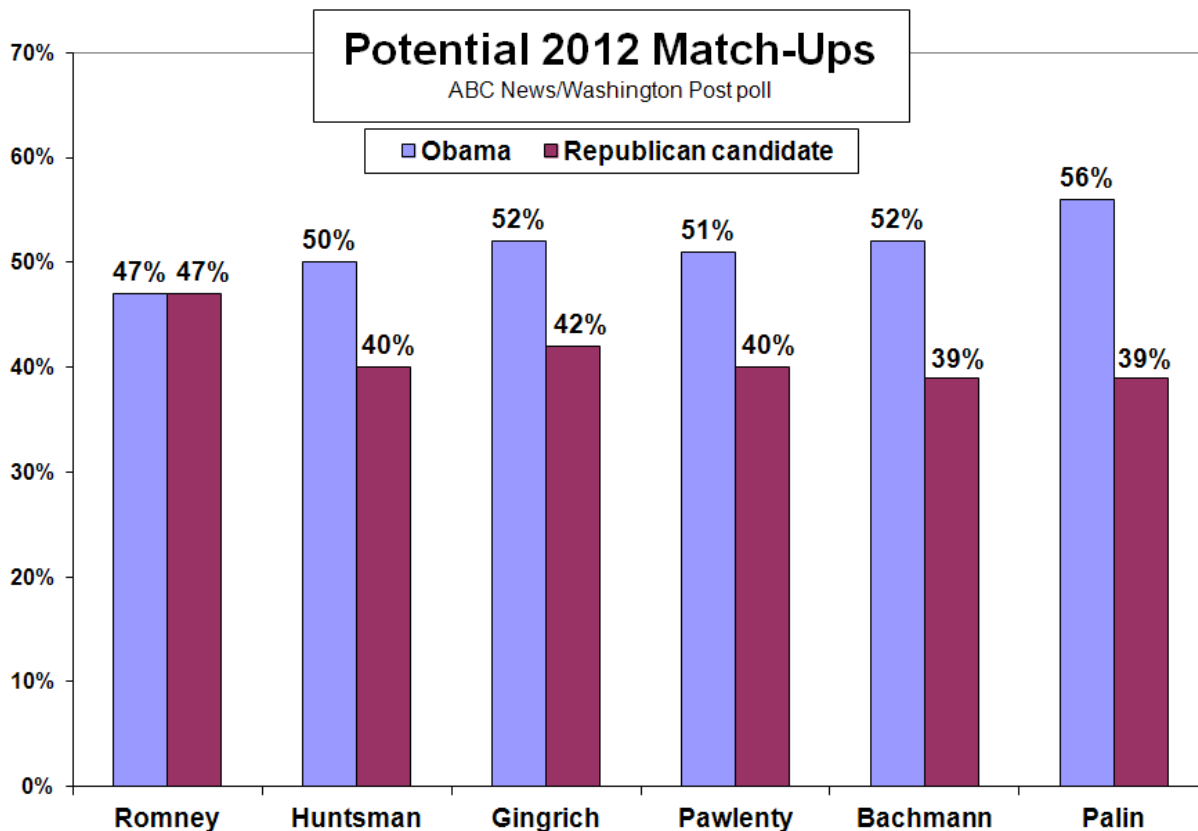


## **Bump for Romney, Boost for Palin As Public Frustration Stays High**

An announcement bump for Mitt Romney and a bus-tour boost for Sarah Palin put the pair at the head of the current contest for the Republican presidential nomination. But while their primary standings are similar, their broader prospects look vastly different.

Romney appears formidable: In a general-election trial heat in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll he runs evenly with Barack Obama among all Americans, and numerically outpoints him, 49-46 percent, among registered voters – not a statistically significant lead, given sampling error, but a clear reflection of Obama’s vulnerability to a well-positioned challenger.

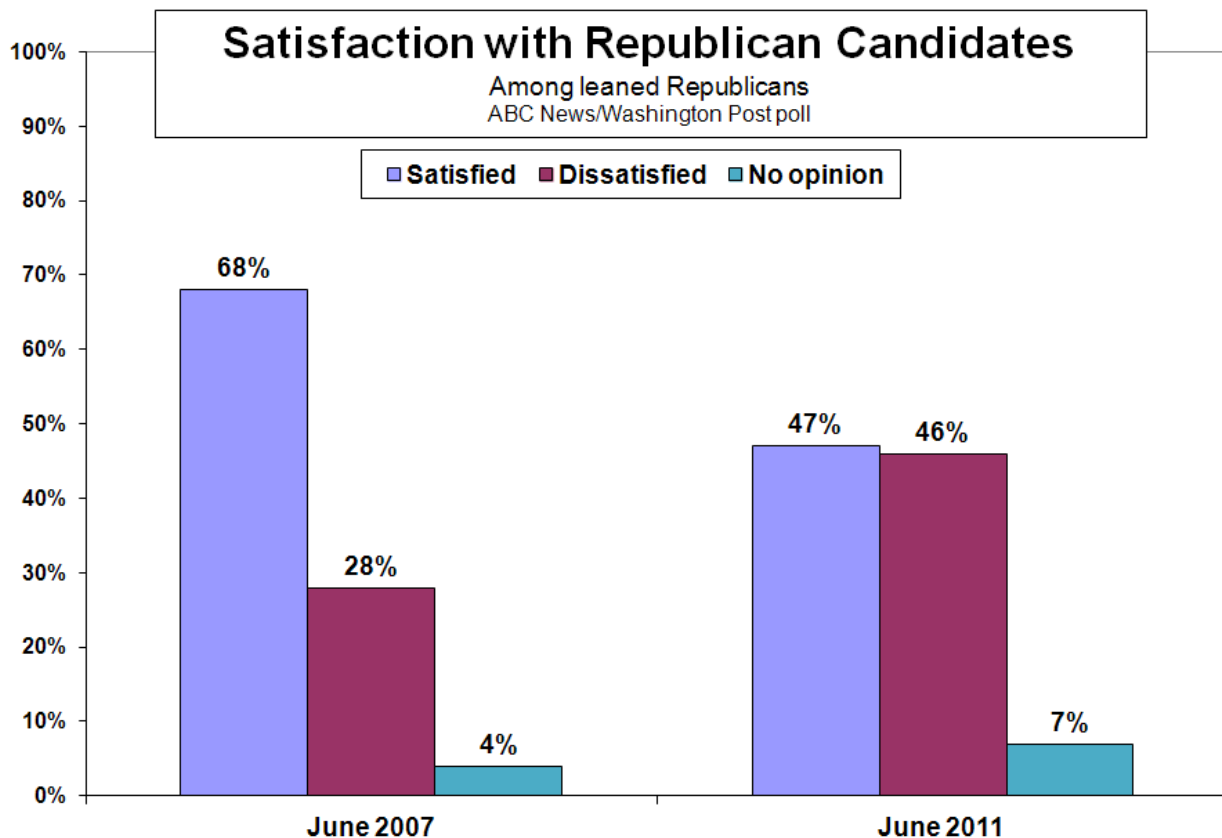
Romney, though, is the only Republican to run that well; Obama leads all other potential opponents tested in this poll – Palin, Newt Gingrich, Tim Pawlenty, Michele Bachmann and Jon Huntsman. Palin fares worst, trailing Obama by 17 points among all adults, 15 points among registered voters.



Indeed, despite advancing in GOP primary preference, Palin faces daunting challenges. Sixty-four percent of Americans say they definitely will not vote for her for president, a new high. Sixty-three percent describe her as unqualified for the job, below its peak but still a substantial majority. Even in her own party, among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, 41 percent rule out voting for her and 39 percent see her as unqualified.

Overall, 21 percent of leaned Republicans support Romney for the nomination, 17 percent Palin, with all others in single digits. Still, while those two lead, the flipside is that each is not supported by eight in 10 potential GOP voters, indicating plenty of room to move as the field coalesces and voters tune in. Today just 22 percent of Americans (and 24 percent of leaned Republicans) are following the 2012 presidential election very closely.

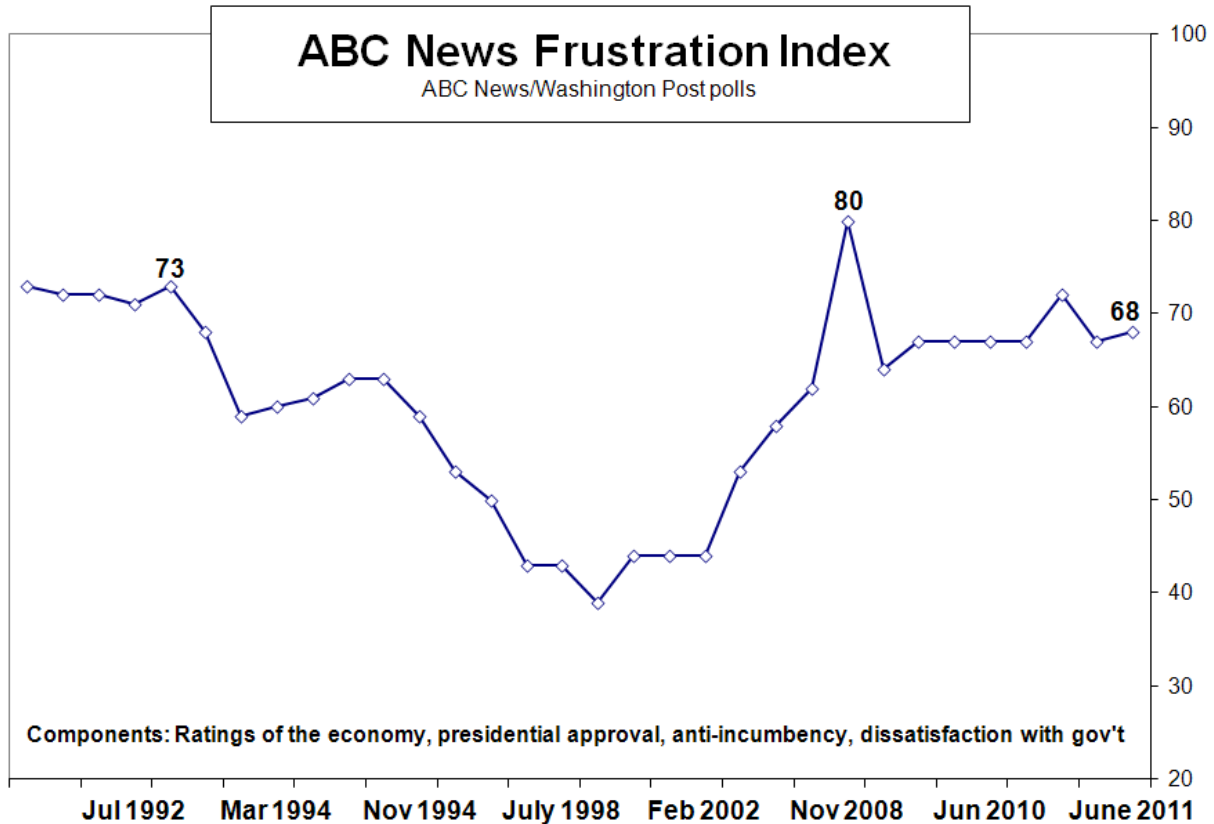
There is, moreover, a continued lack of enthusiasm for the Republican field. Fewer than half of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, 47 percent, describe themselves as satisfied with their choice of candidates for the nomination, barely changed from 43 percent in April despite the official entrances of Romney, Gingrich and Pawlenty; exits of Mike Huckabee, Donald Trump and Mitch Daniels; and revving-up sounds from Palin, Bachmann and Huntsman. That's far lower than the level of satisfaction, 68 percent, in June '07.



FRUSTRATED? – The risks to Obama are underscored by the ABC News [Frustration Index](#): It stands at 68, essentially what it was going into the 2010 midterm elections. Based on ratings of

the economy, presidential approval, anti-incumbency and dissatisfaction with the federal government, it correlates strongly with House re-election rates and presidential prospects alike.

The index peaked at 80 in 2008, when the Democrats regained the White House, and at 73 in summer 1992, shortly before the first President Bush lost re-election; it was 67 last fall, when the GOP regained the House and scored major inroads in the Senate. The Frustration Index today is a relatively mild 50 among Democrats, but a boiling 80 among Republicans – and close to it, 72, among independents, the quintessential swing voters in national elections.



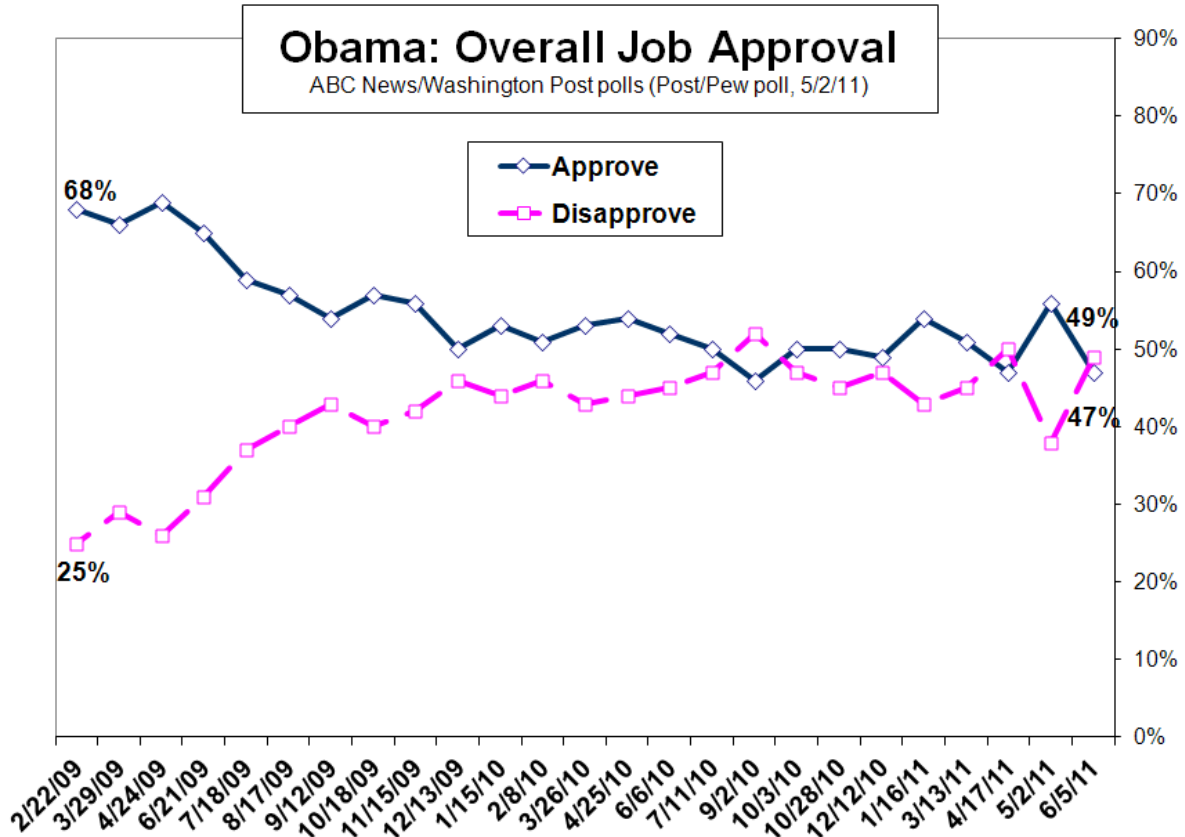
Tellingly, the Frustration Index is a cool 19 among the few who say the economy's in excellent or good shape, rising to 65 among those who say it's not so good – and 83 among the more than four in 10 who say the economy is in poor shape. In partisan terms, the index is relatively low (48) among liberal Democrats, but 81 among conservative Republicans; and likewise 48 among Obama supporters in a match-up with Romney, while 85 among Romney supporters.

Among the index's components, and related survey results in this poll, produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#):

- A vast 89 percent of Americans say the economy's in bad shape. It's ranged from 87 to 94 percent steadily since spring 2008. This gets old; people want relief. But 57 percent say that in terms of their own experience, the economy has not yet even begun to recover

from the recession. And among the minority that says a recovery has begun, 81 percent say it's a weak one.

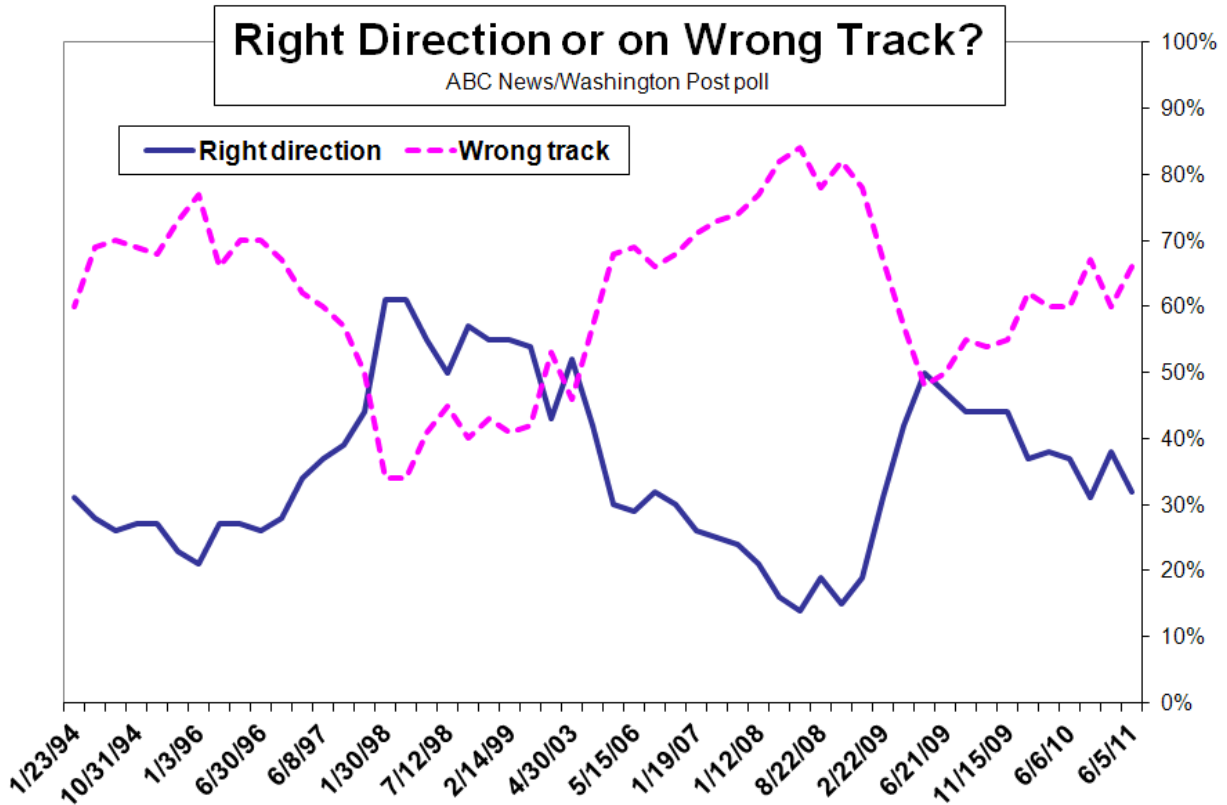
- The president's bin Laden bounce is gone. He had a 47 percent job approval rating in April. That bounced to 56 percent in a Post/Pew poll immediately after Osama bin Laden was killed. It's back, exactly, to 47 percent now. Forty-nine percent disapprove of the president's performance, including 53 percent of independents, and strong disapprovers outnumber strong approvers by 10 points.



- More – 59 percent, a new high – disapprove of Obama's handling of the economy, which, in a nutshell, is what the public's frustration is all about. Obama also is back to about an even split with the Republicans in Congress in trust to handle the economy – 42 percent pick him, 45 percent the GOP. This also was essentially tied in December, then moved away from the GOP in January and March; we're now back to an even division on this most fundamental issue. On the deficit Obama fares worse – 33 percent approval, down six points since April to a career low.
- In another expression of the public's discontent, just 34 percent say they're inclined to re-elect their representative in Congress. Fifty-five percent, instead, say they'll look around for someone new, a level of anti-incumbency as high as it was in early October 2010. If it

holds, the risk may not be just to Obama, but to any and all officeholders associated with the status quo.

- In two equally critical measures, 66 percent say the country’s seriously off on the wrong track and 69 percent describe themselves as dissatisfied or even angry with the way the federal government is working. Both are not quite as high as they were just before the last midterms – but close. And 25 percent are downright angry about the way the government is operating, tying the high in polls since 1992.



ROMNEY/PALIN – Romney faces his own challenges. There’s potential risk from the health care plan he signed into law as governor of Massachusetts in 2006: Leaned Republicans by 2-1, 41 percent to 21 percent, say they oppose that plan; and while a mere 3 percent support it strongly, 25 percent describe themselves as strong opponents.

So far it’s not hurting Romney significantly; even among those who oppose the law, 20 percent support him for the nomination, and in a match-up with Obama, 88 percent in this group take Romney. At the same time a substantial 37 percent of leaned Republicans haven’t formed an opinion of the law yet; where they wind up may matter.

Religion may be another question. Romney, a Mormon, has 15 percent support for the nomination from born-again and evangelical white Protestants, a core GOP group, vs. 23 percent

from non-evangelicals. Evangelicals accounted for 44 percent of Republican primary voters in 2008, and Romney won 20 percent of their votes, vs. 28 percent from non-evangelicals.

Palin, for her part, does slightly better with white evangelical Republicans than with non-evangelicals, 23 percent vs. 15 percent. But Romney edges Palin among conservative potential GOP voters, and runs evenly with her among supporters of the Tea Party political movement.

Romney is strongest within his party among those earning more than \$100,000 a year – with 30 percent support vs. Palin’s 9 percent – and those with college degrees, 28-10 percent. Palin comes back among those less well-off, leading Romney by 25 percent to 11 percent among people with incomes less than \$50,000. They’re more closely matched in the middle-income group and among non-graduates.

OBAMA/ROMNEY – With Romney matched against Obama, most Republicans and conservative groups rally. Romney hauls in 87 percent of Republicans, 71 percent of conservatives and evangelical white Protestants alike, and two-thirds of “very conservative” Americans. No candidate does better against Obama among any of these groups.

Romney gains 72 percent support from the 46 percent of Americans who describe themselves as supporters of the Tea Party political movement. But, showing breadth, he also draws in 48 percent of independents, the key swing voters.

Romney currently fares better against Obama than John McCain did in 2008 among several important groups, and some surprising ones. Romney and Obama run evenly among women, a group Obama won by 13 points in 2008; among white women, while McCain won by 7 points, Romney leads by 18. McCain won white Catholics, an important swing-voting group, by 5 points, while Romney leads here by 19.

Romney runs about evenly with Obama in the Midwest, a region Obama won by 10 points in 2008. While 18-29 year olds still overwhelmingly favor Obama regardless of the Republican candidate, his margin against Romney is 23 points, vs. 34 points against McCain. Even among liberals, Obama’s edge is down – 79 points vs. McCain, 61 vs. Romney.

CONSIDER? – As suggested above, Romney’s position far from shuts down other potential GOP runners. Majorities of leaned Republicans say they’d consider each of a dozen potential candidates tested, or at least haven’t decided yet. Those garnering the most flat objections include Palin – 38 percent say they definitely would not support her for the nomination; Ron Paul, 36 percent; and Newt Gingrich, 34 percent. Still, just 18 percent, by contrast, say there’s no way they’d consider Romney.

OBAMA’S BASE – Obama, while down, is hardly out. Against Romney he retains support from 86 percent of Democrats and 79 percent of liberals, and majorities (regardless of his opposition) among non-whites, 18- to 29-year-olds, moderates, East and West coast residents, college graduates, and people with incomes less than \$50,000 a year. He gets more than two-thirds of the vote from those who are satisfied with the way the government is working and those who think the economy has begun to recover – but these ranks are thin.

Marking his teeter-totter position, Obama gets precisely split decisions, 49-49 percent, on two personal attributes, understanding the problems of “people like you” and sharing “your values.” He does better, though, on one other – 55 percent rate him a strong leader.

But it’s the economy that drives Obama’s fortunes. Among the nearly six in 10 Americans who think economic recovery has not yet begun, a vast 69 percent disapprove of the president’s job performance overall and 64 percent say they won’t even consider voting for him in 2012. Romney leads him in this group by 63-29 percent.

Ultimately, 53 percent overall say they’d at least consider voting for Obama for re-election next year, vs. 45 percent who flatly rule him out (among registered voters, 47 percent). That leaves just enough room for Obama to gain re-election – but with precious little margin for error. And if the economy worsens still, it’ll be all the more opportunity for his ultimate challenger.

**METHODOLOGY** – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone June 2-5, 2011, among a random national sample of 1,002 adults, including landline and cell-phone-only respondents. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points. The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y, with sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

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Full results follow.

\*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11*	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/28/10 LV	46	31	15	52	8	44	2
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4

11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

\*Washington Post-Pew Research Center poll

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

6/5/11 - Summary Table\*

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. The economy	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
b. The federal budget deficit	33	16	17	61	12	49	6

c-e. Previously released or held for release.  
\*Full sample asked item a; half sample asked item b.

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/5/11	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
5/2/11*	40	18	22	55	16	39	4
4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2
3/13/11	43	22	21	55	13	41	2
1/16/11	46	22	24	51	13	38	2
12/12/10	43	21	22	54	15	39	3
10/28/10 RV	44	21	23	54	15	39	3
10/28/10 LV	42	23	19	55	10	45	2
10/3/10	45	22	23	53	13	41	2
9/2/10	41	20	21	57	13	44	2
7/11/10	43	20	23	54	13	41	4
6/6/10	50	26	24	49	12	37	2
4/25/10	49	24	25	49	10	39	2
3/26/10	45	23	22	52	12	40	3
2/8/10	45	22	23	53	15	38	2
1/15/10	47	22	24	52	13	39	1
12/13/09	46	23	24	52	12	40	2
11/15/09	51	26	25	47	12	36	2
10/18/09	50	29	22	48	13	35	1
9/12/09	51	28	24	46	13	33	2
8/17/09	52	27	25	46	13	33	2
7/18/09	52	29	23	46	10	35	3
6/21/09	56	28	28	41	13	27	3
4/24/09	58	31	28	38	13	25	4
3/29/09	60	34	25	38	12	26	3
2/22/09	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6

\*Washington Post-Pew Research Center poll

b. The federal budget deficit

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	

6/5/11	33	16	17	61	12	49	6
4/17/11	39	21	18	58	11	47	3
3/13/11	39	18	20	55	13	42	6
1/16/11	43	21	22	52	11	41	6
12/12/10	38	16	22	55	19	36	7
9/2/10	39	18	20	58	13	45	3
7/11/10	40	20	20	56	11	45	4
6/6/10	39	22	17	56	13	42	6
4/25/10	40	20	20	55	14	42	5
3/26/10	43	22	21	52	14	38	5
2/8/10	40	17	23	56	16	40	4
1/15/10	38	18	20	56	15	41	6
12/13/09	37	16	21	56	12	44	6
11/15/09	42	19	23	53	10	43	5
10/18/09	45	20	25	51	14	37	4
9/12/09	39	17	22	55	13	42	6
8/17/09	41	19	22	53	12	41	5
7/18/09	43	19	24	49	11	38	8
6/21/09	48	22	26	48	13	35	5
4/24/09	51	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	7
3/29/09	52	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	5

3. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opinion
6/5/11	32	66	2
1/16/11	38	60	3
12/12/10	31	67	2
10/28/10 RV	27	71	2
10/28/10 LV	27	71	2
6/6/10	37	60	3
3/26/10	38	60	2
1/15/10	37	62	1
11/15/09	44	55	2
10/18/09	44	54	2
8/17/09	44	55	1
6/21/09	47	50	3
4/24/09	50	48	2
3/29/09	42	57	1
2/22/09	31	67	2
1/16/09	19	78	3
12/14/08	15	82	3
10/25/08 LV	13	85	2
10/11/08 RV	8	90	2
9/22/08 RV	14	83	3
8/22/08	19	78	2
6/15/08	14	84	2
5/11/08	16	82	2
1/12/08	21	77	2
11/1/07	24	74	2
6/1/07	25	73	2
1/19/07	26	71	3

Call for full trend.

4. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
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6/5/11	41	32	2	20	4
10/28/10 RV	45	40	2	11	2
10/28/10 LV	41	45	1	10	2
10/3/10	42	38	3	15	2
9/2/10	40	37	3	18	2
6/6/10	44	32	2	18	4
4/25/10	46	32	2	18	3
2/8/10	43	37	2	17	2
11/15/09	47	31	2	17	3
9/12/09	48	28	3	19	2
2/22/09	56	30	3	9	3
12/14/08	56	23	3	15	3
5/11/08	53	32	2	10	2
10/8/06	54	35	2	7	2
9/7/06	47	38	1	10	4
6/25/06	48	38	1	10	3
5/15/06	50	36	1	11	3
4/9/06	51	37	1	9	2
3/5/06	42	40	2	14	2
1/26/06	51	37	1	8	3

Call for full trend.

5 held for release.

6. Who do you trust to do a better job [ITEM] - (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

a. Handling the economy

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/11	42	45	2	9	2
3/13/11	46	34	2	15	4
1/16/11	46	41	3	7	3
12/12/10	44	45	2	7	2
4/25/10	49	38	1	9	2
2/8/10	47	42	1	7	2
12/13/09	48	36	1	12	3
11/15/09	52	37	1	8	1
9/12/09	48	37	1	12	2
7/18/09	56	33	1	9	2
6/21/09	55	31	2	9	2
4/24/09	61	24	2	11	2
3/29/09	58	25	1	14	2
2/22/09	61	26	1	9	3

6 b-d held for release.

7. I am going to mention four phrases and ask you which one best describes how you feel about the way the federal government works. Do you feel enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

	NET	Positive Enthusi- astic	Satis- fied	NET	Negative Dissat- isfied	Angry	None/ Other	No opinion
6/5/11	30	3	27	69	44	25	NA	1
10/28/10	27	4	23	72	51	21		1
10/28/10 LV	23	3	20	76	50	25		1
10/3/10	29	4	25	71	46	25		*

9/2/10	22	2	20	78	52	25		*
7/11/10	36	4	32	64	43	21		1
6/6/10	30	2	28	69	45	25		1
4/25/10	30	4	26	69	51	18		1
2/8/10	32	3	29	67	48	19		*
10/29/03	42	2	41	57	42	15		*
11/4/02 LV	49	4	45	50	41	9		1
11/3/02 LV	50	5	45	49	40	9		1
11/2/02 LV	51	6	45	49	40	9		1
10/27/02	50	4	47	49	42	7		1
10/27/02 LV	53	3	50	47	41	6		1
2/21/02	56	7	49	43	36	7		1
12/15/00	59	4	55	39	34	6		1
2/14/99	52	3	48	47	35	12		1
9/28/98	50	4	46	49	36	12		1
9/28/98 LV	48	4	44	50	37	14		1
8/16/98*	41	2	39	57	46	11	"	1
1/19/98	46	2	43	53	45	8	1	*
8/27/97	34	2	33	64	52	11	2	1
3/17/96	29	2	27	70	54	16	NA	*
5/14/95	48	3	45	50	41	9	NA	1
1/4/95	29	2	27	69	53	16	*	1
11/6/94 RV	28	2	26	70	49	21	1	1
10/31/94	26	1	25	73	55	18	1	1
10/23/94	28	1	26	71	52	20	*	*
10/9/94	25	2	24	72	53	19	2	*
9/11/94	26	2	25	73	53	20	NA	*
3/27/94	30	1	29	68	48	20	1	1
2/28/93	33	4	29	66	50	16	*	*
10/4/92 LV	17	1	16	81	56	25	1	1
10/4/92 RV	17	1	16	81	56	25	1	1
7/8/92	23	1	22	76	53	23	*	1
6/7/92	21	1	20	79	58	21	*	1
4/9/92	21	1	20	79	55	24	1	*
3/18/92	22	1	21	77	54	23	1	*
3/11/92	18	1	17	80	60	20	1	1

\*After 8/16/98: No "None/other" option recorded

8. Changing topics: Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Obama, or not: [ITEM]?

6/5/11 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. He understands the problems of people like you	49	49	2
b. He is a strong leader	55	44	1
c. He shares your values	49	49	3

Trend:

a. He understands the problems of people like you

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/5/11	49	49	2
1/16/11	58	40	2
9/2/10	50	48	2
6/6/10	51	48	2
3/26/10	56	43	2
1/15/10	57	42	2
7/18/09	63	35	1
4/24/09	73	25	1
1/16/09	72	24	4

b. He is a strong leader

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/5/11	55	44	1
6/6/10	57	43	1
3/26/10	65	33	2
1/15/10	63	35	1
7/18/09	71	27	2
4/24/09	77	22	2
1/16/09	72	18	10

c. He shares your values

	Yes	No	No opinion
6/5/11	49	49	3
9/2/10	49	50	1
1/15/10	55	43	1
4/24/09	60	38	2
1/16/09	67	30	3
7/13/08	56	39	5

9-11 held for release.

12. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1
10/28/10 LV	8	*	7	92	42	50	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04 RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04 RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1

10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02 LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02 LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02 LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99	74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99	76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99	80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98	73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98 LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97	61	12	49	39	27	11	*

13. Regardless of whether or not the recession is over, in terms of your own personal experience, do you feel the economy has or has not begun to recover?

	Has	Has not	No opinion
6/5/11	42	57	1
3/13/11	46	53	1
12/12/10	41	57	2
10/5/10*	34	63	2
2/8/10	45	53	1
12/13/09**	50	49	1
11/15/09	44	54	1

\*ABC News / Yahoo! News poll

\*\*Add "Regardless of whether or not the recession is over..."

14. (IF ECONOMY HAS BEGUN TO RECOVER) Do you think the economy's recovery so far has been a strong one or a weak one?

	Strong	Weak	No opinion
6/5/11	17	81	2
2/8/10	25	75	1
12/13/09	24	73	3

13/14 NET:

	- Recovery's begun-				
	NET	Strong	Weak	Has not	No opinion
6/5/11	42	7	34	57	1
2/8/10	45	11	34	53	1
12/13/09	50	12	36	49	1

15-21 and 27-29 held for release, 22-26 previously released.

30. On another subject: Thinking about the next election in November 2012, right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress in the next election or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

		Re-elect	Look around	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/11	All	34	55	4	6
10/28/10	All	32	50	7	11
10/28/10	RV	35	52	7	6
10/28/10	LV	40	49	6	5
10/3/10	All	29	55	9	7
10/3/10	RV	31	55	8	6
9/2/10	All	31	58	5	6
9/2/10	RV	33	57	5	5
7/11/10	All	25	60	6	8
7/11/10	RV	26	62	6	6
6/6/10	All	29	60	5	6
6/6/10	RV	30	59	5	5
4/25/10	RV	32	57	7	4
2/8/10	ALL	36	56	4	4
2/8/10	RV	37	56	5	3
11/15/09	All	38	50	6	5
5/15/06	All	35	55	6	4
5/15/06	RV	37	54	6	3
6/5/05	All	40	50	8	3
2/21/02	All	40	48	7	6
2/21/02	RV	43	47	7	4
10/31/99	RV	43	47	9	2
9/28/98	LV	52	42	NA	6
7/12/98	All	42	44	5	10
7/12/98	RV	46	43	5	6
1/19/98	All	47	41	7	4
1/19/98	RV	49	41	7	3
8/27/97	All	34	52	9	5
11/6/94	RV	37	47	7	8
10/31/94	RV	37	56	2	5
10/23/94	RV	34	58	4	5
9/11/94	RV	39	52	4	5
6/26/94	All	35	54	6	5
6/26/94	RV	38	53	6	3
3/27/94	All	32	56	6	7
3/27/94	RV	34	55	6	5
1/23/94	All	32	46	10	12
1/23/94	RV	35	44	10	10
11/14/93	All	38	52	5	5
11/14/93	RV	40	51	5	4
8/21/92	RV	35	48	5	12
7/8/92	All	34	54	3	9
7/8/92	RV	36	54	3	6
6/7/92	All	36	53	4	7
6/7/92	RV	39	53	4	5
4/9/92	All	33	56	3	8
4/9/92	RV	35	56	3	7
3/18/92	All	35	56	3	5
3/18/92	RV	36	56	4	4
3/11/92	All	36	54	3	7
2/2/92	All	38	51	4	7
2/2/92	RV	41	49	4	5
10/21/91	All	31	55	7	6
10/21/91	RV	32	56	8	5

6/2/91	All	37	49	5	9
11/4/90	LV	41	50	NA	8
10/14/90	All	36	57	NA	7
5/21/90	All	43	50	3	3
5/23/89	All	45	44	4	6

31. How closely are you following the presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	opinion
6/5/11		61	22	39	38	23	15	*
11/3/08	RV	91	64	28	8	5	4	*
11/2/08	RV	90	63	28	9	5	4	*
11/1/08	RV	90	61	29	10	6	4	*
10/31/08	RV	89	60	29	11	7	4	*
10/30/08	RV	89	59	29	11	7	4	*
10/29/08	RV	89	60	30	10	6	4	*
10/28/08	RV	90	59	31	10	6	4	*
10/27/08	RV	91	60	31	9	5	4	*
10/26/08	RV	90	60	30	9	5	4	*
10/25/08	RV	89	59	30	11	6	5	*
10/24/08	RV	89	60	28	11	6	5	*
10/23/08	RV	88	58	30	12	6	6	*
10/22/08	RV	89	57	32	11	6	5	*
10/21/08	RV	90	58	32	10	6	4	*
10/20/08	RV	90	57	34	10	6	4	*
10/19/08	RV	90	57	33	10	6	3	*
10/11/08	RV	92	59	33	8	4	4	*
9/29/08	RV	89	58	31	11	7	5	*
9/22/08	RV	91	55	36	9	5	4	0
9/7/08	RV	89	51	38	10	6	5	*
8/22/08	RV	84	42	42	16	11	5	*
7/13/08	RV	79	36	42	21	12	9	1
6/15/08		75	34	41	25	12	13	*
5/11/08		83	39	44	17	13	5	0
4/13/08		84	37	47	16	11	5	*
3/2/08		84	42	42	15	11	4	*
2/1/08		81	35	46	19	12	7	*
1/12/08		79	32	47	21	15	6	*
12/9/07		72	21	51	28	19	8	*
11/1/07		67	21	46	33	22	12	0
9/30/07		69	21	48	30	21	10	*
7/21/07		70	22	48	30	20	10	*
6/1/07		66	18	48	34	22	13	*
4/15/07		66	20	45	34	20	14	*
2/25/07		65	20	44	35	25	10	*

Call for full trend.

32. As you may know, Obama has announced that he is running for re-election in 2012. Would you say you will definitely vote for him, you'll consider voting for him, or you definitely will not vote for him?

	Definitely will	Will consider	Definitely will not	No opinion
6/5/11	24	29	45	1
4/17/11	28	25	45	2
12/12/10*	26	30	43	2
11/23/09**	24	31	41	4

\*"If Obama runs...would you..."

\*\*"Thinking ahead to 2012, at this point would you..."

33. If Sarah Palin runs for president in 2012, would you definitely vote for her, would you consider voting for her, or would you definitely not vote for her?

	Definitely would	Would consider	Definitely would not	No opinion
6/5/11	7	28	64	1
12/12/10	8	31	59	2
11/15/09	9	37	53	1

Among leaned Republicans:

6/5/11	12	46	41	1
12/12/10	13	49	36	2
11/15/09	18	55	26	1

34. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for the Republican nomination for President next year - are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

	---- Satisfied -----			--- Dissatisfied ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
6/5/11	47	7	40	46	38	9	7
4/17/11	43	5	38	40	30	10	17
11/1/07	69	16	54	28	22	7	2
9/7/07	68	19	49	26	21	6	5
7/21/07	65	13	53	32	26	6	3
6/1/07	68	11	56	28	22	6	4
4/15/07	65	16	49	31	27	5	3
2/25/07	73	14	58	24	20	5	3

35. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) I'm going to name some people who are running or might run for the Republican nomination for president. For each, please tell me if you would strongly consider voting for that person in the Republican primary or caucus in your state, consider them but not strongly, or if you would definitely NOT vote for them for the Republican nomination for president. If you don't know enough about them to say, just tell me that. The first is [ITEM]. How about [NEXT ITEM].

6/5/11 - Summary Table

	Strongly consider	Consider but not strongly	Definitely not	No opinion
a. Newt Gingrich	14	38	34	15
b. Tim Pawlenty	12	22	20	45
c. Mitt Romney	24	46	18	13
d. Sarah Palin	24	37	38	1
e. Herman Cain	12	19	19	50
f. Ron Paul	14	29	36	21
g. Michele Bachmann	15	28	23	35
h. Jon Huntsman	5	17	19	60
i. Gary Johnson	1	10	20	69
j. Rick Santorum	4	24	23	48
k. Rudy Giuliani	21	40	27	12
l. Rick Perry	9	21	19	51

36. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) If the 2012 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, for whom would you vote? (OPEN END; SINGLE RESPONSE) Which candidate would you lean toward?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	6/5/11	4/17/11
Michele Bachmann	3	1
Haley Barbour	0	1
Herman Cain	4	NA
Chris Christie	1	1
Mitch Daniels	1	1
Jim DeMint	0	*
Newt Gingrich	6	2
Rudy Giuliani	8	NA
Mike Huckabee	1	6
Jon Huntsman	1	*
Gary Johnson	0	NA
Sarah Palin	17	5
George Pataki	0	NA
Ron Paul	6	2
Tim Pawlenty	4	1
Mike Pence	0	1
Rick Perry	3	0
Mitt Romney	21	16
Rick Santorum	1	*
John Thune	0	0
Donald Trump	*	8
Other	3	5
No one/None of them	5	12
Anyone/Any of them	*	4
Would not vote	-	-
No opinion	14	33

37. (IF NAMED A CANDIDATE) Who would your second choice be? (OPEN END; SINGLE RESPONSE)

	6/5/11
Michele Bachmann	6
Haley Barbour	0
Herman Cain	5
Chris Christie	1
Mitch Daniels	0
Jim DeMint	0
Newt Gingrich	9
Rudy Giuliani	10
Mike Huckabee	0
Jon Huntsman	2
Gary Johnson	1
Sarah Palin	13
George Pataki	0
Ron Paul	7
Tim Pawlenty	5
Mike Pence	0
Rick Perry	2
Mitt Romney	17
Rick Santorum	1
John Thune	0
Donald Trump	1
Other	2
No one/None of them	6
Anyone/Any of them	1

Would not vote -  
 No opinion 3

First Choice/Second Choice NET.

6/5/11

Michele Bachmann	8
Haley Barbour	0
Herman Cain	8
Chris Christie	2
Mitch Daniels	1
Jim DeMint	0
Newt Gingrich	13
Rudy Giuliani	16
Mike Huckabee	1
Jon Huntsman	2
Gary Johnson	1
Sarah Palin	28
George Pataki	0
Ron Paul	12
Tim Pawlenty	8
Mike Pence	0
Rick Perry	5
Mitt Romney	34
Rick Santorum	2
John Thune	0
Donald Trump	1
Other	5
No one/None of them	9
Anyone/Any of them	1
Would not vote	-
No opinion	24

38. Regardless of whether or not you'd vote for her, do you think Palin is or is not qualified to serve as president?

	Is qualified	Is not qualified	No opinion
6/5/11	33	63	4
10/28/10 RV	27	67	6
10/28/10 LV	28	67	5
2/8/10	26	71	4
11/15/09	38	60	3

39 held for release.

40. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Given what you know about it, do your support or oppose the health care reform plan that Mitt Romney put into place in Massachusetts when he was governor there? Do you support/oppose it strongly or somewhat?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/5/11	21	3	18	41	16	25	37

41-42 held for release.

43. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Barack Obama, the Democrat) and (ITEM, the Republican), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Obama) or toward (ITEM)? (ORDER SCRAMBLED)

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

6/5/11 - Summary Table

	Obama	Rep.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Sarah Palin	56	39	*	3	1	1
b. Newt Gingrich	52	42	1	3	1	1
c. Mitt Romney	47	47	*	2	1	2
d. Tim Pawlenty	51	40	1	2	2	4
e. Michele Bachmann	52	39	*	3	2	4
f. Jon Huntsman	50	40	*	3	2	5

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS

6/5/11 - Summary Table

	Obama	Rep.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
a. Sarah Palin	55	40	*	3	1	1
b. Newt Gingrich	50	44	1	2	1	2
c. Mitt Romney	46	49	*	2	1	2
d. Tim Pawlenty	50	41	1	2	1	4
e. Michele Bachmann	51	40	*	3	1	4
f. Jon Huntsman	50	40	1	2	1	6

Trend where available:

a. Sarah Palin

	Obama	Palin	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/11	56	39	*	3	1	1
4/17/11	55	38	1	3	2	1
12/12/10	54	39	1	3	3	1

b. Newt Gingrich

	Obama	Gingrich	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/11	52	42	1	3	1	1
4/17/11	54	39	*	3	2	1

c. Mitt Romney

	Obama	Romney	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/11	47	47	*	2	1	2
4/17/11	49	45	*	3	1	2

d. Tim Pawlenty

	Obama	Pawlenty	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/11	51	40	1	2	2	4
4/17/11	53	38	*	4	1	3

e. Michele Bachmann

	Obama	Bachmann	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
6/5/11	52	39	*	3	2	4
4/17/11	51	39	*	4	2	3

f. No trend.

45. On another subject: What is your view of the Tea Party political movement - would you say you support it strongly, support it somewhat, oppose it somewhat or oppose it strongly?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
6/5/11	46	13	33	44	21	24	10
4/17/11	42	16	26	49	21	27	10

\*\*\*END\*\*\*