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Study #14643 -- page 1 NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey

Interviews: 1000 Adults, including 350 respondents with a cell phone only and 43 respondents reached on a cell phone but who also have a landline

Date: July 30-August 3, 2014

48 Male 52 Female

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1000 interviews among Adults is $\pm 3.10\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

Q2a For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are?
(IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? (READ LIST)

18-24	11
25-29	7
30-34	11
35-39	8
40-44	10
45-49	7
50-54	10
55-59	10
60-64	11
65-69	5
70-74	5
75 and over	5
Not sure/refused	-

Q2b To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic	11
No, not Hispanic	87
Not sure/refused	2

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	74
Black	12
Asian	1
Other	4
Hispanic (VOL)	7
Not sure/refused	2

Q3 All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

Headed in the right direction Off on the wrong track Mixed (VOL)	8/14 22 71 5 2	6/14 25 63 7 5	4/14 27 63 6 4	3/14 26 65 5 4	1/14 28 63 5 4	12/13 29 64 5 2	10/25- 28/13 22 70 4 4	10/7- <u>9/13</u> 14 78 4 4	9/01 72 11 11 6	Low 10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7 3
	9/13 30 62 5 3	7/13 29 61 6 4	6/13 32 59 6 3	4/13 31 61 5 3	2/13 32 59 6 3	1/13 35 57 4 4	12/12 41 53 3 3	10/12+ 41 53 4 2		
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	12/10 28 63 6 3	11/10 32 58 6 4	10/28- 30/10+ 31 60 5 4	10/14- 18/10+ 32 59 6 3	9/10 32 59 5 4	8/26- 30/10 30 61 6 3	8/5- <u>9/10</u> 32 58 6 4	6/10 29 62 5 4	5/6- 11/10 34 56 6 4	3/10 33 59 5 3
	1/23 - 25/10 32 58 7 3	1/10- 14/10 34 54 10 2	12/09 33 55 10 2	10/09 36 52 9 3	9/09 39 48 10 3	7/09 39 49 9	6/09 42 46 9 3	4/09 43 43 10 4	2/09 41 44 9 6	1/09 26 59 9

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Q3a Please rate how things are going in your life right now on a scale from one to ten. On this scale, a ten means that you are extremely happy and content with the way things are going in your life right now, and a one means that you are extremely disappointed and not content with the way things are going in your life right now. You may use any number from one to ten, depending on how you feel.

	<u>8/14</u> *	9/13	<u>1/12</u>	3/11 ¹	1/07
10, extremely happy	9	12	10	12	20
9	13	13	12	11	16
8	24	25	26	21	25
7	19	16	18	18	16
6	9	10	7	8	5
5	12	11	10	13	9
4	3	4	4	4	2
3	4	4	4	4	2
2	3	1	3	3	1
1, extremely disappointed	4	4	6	6	3
Cannot rate	-	-	1	-	1

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q4 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	8/14 40 54 6	6/14 41 53 6	4/14 44 50 6	3/14 41 54 5	1/14 43 51 6	12/13 43 54 3	10/25- 28/13 42 51 7	10/7- <u>9/13</u> 47 48 5	9/13 45 50 5	High 4/09 61 30 9	Low 8/14 40 54 6
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	11/10 47 47 6	10/28- 30/10+ 45 50 5	10/14- 18/10+ 47 49 4	9/10 46 49 5	8/26- 30/10 45 49 6	8/5- <u>9/10</u> 47 48 5	6/10 45 48 7	5/20- <u>23/10</u> 48 45 7	5/6- 11/10 50 44 6	3/10 48 47 5	
	1/23- 25/10 50 44 6	1/10- <u>14/10</u> 48 43 9	12/09 47 46 7	10/09 51 42 7	<u>9/09</u> 51 41 8	<u>8/09</u> 51 40 9	7/09 53 40 7	6/09 56 34 10	<u>4/09</u> 61 30 9	2/09 60 26 14	

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¹ Data from a CNBC Survey conducted by Hart/McInturff in March 2011.

Q5 Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	8/14 42 53 5	6/14 41 54 5	4/14 42 54 4	3/14 41 56 3	12/13 39 58 3	9/13 45 52 3	7/13 45 51 4	6/13 46 49 5	4/13 47 50 3	High 2/09 56 31 13	Low 8/11 37 59 4	ATTENDED TO THE TAXABLE STATES OF TAXABLE STATES
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		4/11 45 52 3	2/11 46 49 5	1/11 45 50 5	12/10 42 54 4	11/10 42 54 4	10/14- 18/10+ 43 53 4	9/10 42 54 4	8/26- 30/10 39 56 5	8/5- <u>9/10</u> 44 52 4	6/10 46 50 4	
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Q6 Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling foreign policy?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	8/14 36 60 4	6/14 37 57 6	4/14 38 53 9	3/14 41 53 6	12/13 44 48 8	8/13 41 49 10	7/13 46 46 8	4/13 46 43 11	12/12 52 40 8	High 5/11 57 35 8	Low 8/14 36 60 4
		10/12+ 49 46 5	9/26- 30/12+ 49 46 5	9/12- 16/12+ 49 46 5	8/12+ 54 40 6	7/12+ 53 41 6	5/12 51 42 7	1/12 51 41 8	11/11 52 41 7	8/11 50 45 5	6/11 50 44 6
		<u>5/11</u> 57	<u>4/11</u> 49	11/10 48	<u>1/10</u> 50	<u>12/09</u> 49	<u>10/09</u> 51	<u>9/09</u> 50	<u>7/09</u> 57	<u>6/09</u> 54	<u>4/09</u> 56
		35 8	46 5	44 8	37 13	42 9	39 10	36 14	33 10	36 10	31 13

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Q7 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

		ı								High	Low
Approve Disapprove Not sure	8/14**	1/14	7/13	1/13	8/12+	1/12	8/11	6/11	<u>5/11</u>	9/98	7/13
	14	13	12	14	12	13	13	18	22	61	12
	79	81	83	81	82	80	82	74	70	28	83
	7	6	5	5	6	7	5	8	8	11	5
	4/11 20 73 7	2/11 22 69 9	9/10 20 73 7	8/26- 30/10 21 71 8	8/5- <u>9/10</u> 21 72 7	6/10 22 73 5	5/6- 11/10 21 72 7	3/10 17 77 6	1/10- 14/10 21 67 12	12/09 22 68 10	10/09 24 65 11
	9/09 22 66 12	7/09 24 63 13	6/09 29 57 14	4/09 28 58 14	2/09 31 54 15	1/09 23 68 9	12/08 21 69 10	10/17- 20/08+ 12 79 9	10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 13 78 9	9/19- 22/08+ 15 73 12	7/08+ 15 75 10
	6/08+	1/08	9/07	3/07	9/06+	1/06	9/05	1/05	6/04+	1/04	9/03
	13	18	23	31	20	29	29	41	40	46	39
	79	70	65	53	65	56	53	40	42	41	45
	8	12	12	16	15	15	18	19	18	13	16
	1/03	9/02	1/02	6/01	1/01	9/00+	1/00	<u>9/99</u>	12/98	1/96	1/94
	42	40	54	47	48	46	48	40	44	26	33
	39	44	29	34	35	41	36	49	42	65	54
	19	16	17	19	17	13	16	11	14	9	13

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Q8 Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE EXCEPT BARACK OBAMA)

	Very Positive	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
Barack Obama ¹		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>. roganro</u>	····ga·	
August 2014	22	18	13	14	33	-
June 2014	20	21	13	14	31	1
April 2014	24	20	15	13	28	-
March 2014	21	20	15	14	30	-
January 2014	23	19	13	14	30	1
December 2013	22	20	11	13	33	1
October 25-28, 2013	24	17	13	13	32	1
October 7-9, 2013	26	21	11	11	30	1
September 2013	25	20	12	16	26	1
July 2013	28	20	12	14	26	-
May 30-June 2, 2013	28	19	13	12	28	-
April 2013	30	17	10	15	27	1
February 2013	31	18	11	14	26	-
January 2013	31	21	11	11	26	-
December 2012	37	16	9	14	24	-
October 2012+	34	15	8	12	31	-
September 26-30, 2012+	37	15	6	11	31	-
August 2012+	31	17	8	13	30	1
July 2012+	33	16	8	11	32	-
June 2012	29	19	14	11	27	-
May 2012	32	17	10	12	29	-
April 2012	30	18	13	13	26	-
March 2012	28	21	14	12	25	-
January 2012	28	22	10	14	25	1
December 2011	22	23	13	15	27	-
November 2011	26	19	15	13	27	-
October 2011	23	23	14	12	28	-
August 2011	24	20	12	14	30	-
June 2011	27	22	14	13	24	-
May 2011	33	21	14	13	18	1
April 2011	28	22	14	13	23	-
February 2011	28	21	15	15	20	1
January 2011	29	23	15	14	18	1
December 2010	25	23	14	14	24	-
November 2010	28	21	12	13	26	-
October 28-30, 2010+	29	18	12	15	27	-
September 2010	29	18	12	14	27	-
August 26-30, 2010	26	20	12	14	27	1
June 2010	27	20	13	15	25	-
May 20-23, 2010	28	19	15	14	24	-
March 2010	31	19	11	14	24	1
January 23-25, 2010	29	23	14	14	20	-
December 2009	29	21	13	15	22	-
October 2009	36	20	11	12	21	-
September 2009	38	18	11	14	19	-
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	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat Negative	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure
Barack Obama (Continued) ¹		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>ga</u>	<u>. 10 ga 10</u>	<u></u>
July 2009	37	18	10	14	20	1
June 2009	41	19	11	12	17	-
April 2009	45	19	12	10	13	1
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
January 2009	43	23	17	8	6	3
Barack Obama					•	
High						
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1
Presidential Term Low August 2014	22	18	13	14	33	_
All-time Obama Low	22	10	73	14	33	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40
Republicans in Congress						
August 2014	4	15	24	24	30	3
January 2003	12	31	25	18	12	2
April 2002	10	33	28	15	11	3
D						
Democrats in Congress	0	22	24	20	24	0
August 2014	8	23	21	22	24	2
January 2003	9	30	30	18	11	2
April 2002	11	31	28	17	11	2
John Kerry						
August 2014	10	23	26	15	18	8
January 2013	11	21	29	15	12	12
December 2006	7	20	25	17	27	4
December 2004	19	24	18	17	<u>-</u> . 21	1
October 2004+	21	23	12	14	29	1
September 2004+	18	25	14	14	28	1
August 2004+	21	23	14	13	27	2
July 2004+	17	25	21	16	19	2
June 2004+	13	27	21	14	21	4
May 2004+	12	26	19	16	22	5
March 2004	15	27	20	13	17	8
January 2004	5	17	25	16	10	29
December 13, 2003	3	18	20	13	11	36
December 2002	5	14	25	8	5	43
Wall Office						
Wall Street	4	47	20	40	45	7
August 2014	4	17	39	18	15	7
September 2013 (Wall Street Firms)	3	11	27	23	19	17
Benjamin Netanyahu						
August 2014*	12	12	21	9	6	40
. 9	- -	- -		-	-	
Vladimir Putin						
August 2014**	2	2	14	16	52	14
March 2014	2	3	16	22	41	16

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** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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SUMMARY TABLE OF IMAGES - BY D/S (POSITIVE - NEGATIVE)

	TOTAL POSITIVE	TOTAL NEGATIVE	D/S
Benjamin Netanyahu	24	15	9
John Kerry	33	33	-
Barack Obama	40	47	-7
Wall Street	21	33	-12
Democrats in Congress	31	46	-15
Republicans in Congress	19	54	-35
Vladimir Putin	4	68	-64

Thinking about something else...

Q9 Is there something that upsets you enough that, if you could, you would carry a protest sign for a day? **

Yes	57
No	41
Not sure	2

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

(FORM B) (IF Q9:1, THEN ASK)

Q10 What would you want your protest sign to say? SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES

And, moving on and thinking about this November's elections ...

Please tell me how interested you are in November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten. (IF "NOT SURE," RECORD AS "DK.")

10, very interested	8/14+ 43 8 14 10 7 7 3 3 2 3	6/14+ 43 8 16 10 6 8 1 3 1	4/14+ 45 6 16 10 7 7 1 2 2 3	3/14+ 41 6 17 11 8 9 3 1 1 3	10/28- 30/10+ 52 9 14 9 4 5 2 2 1	10/14- 18/10+ 51 10 13 9 5 7 1 1 2	9/10+ 50 7 14 11 5 5 2 2 1 4	8/26- 30/10+ 47 6 15 10 5 8 2 1 2 3
	8/5- <u>9/10</u> + 49 9 13 9 4 7 2 2 1 4	6/10+ 44 7 13 11 6 10 2 2 1 3	5/6- 10/10+ 47 7 14 8 5 9 2 2 2 3 1	3/10+ 47 6 15 9 5 9 2 3 - 4	1/23- 25/10+ 41 6 16 10 5 14 2 2 1 3	1/10- 14/10 44 5 12 10 7 11 2 2 1 5	12/09 48 6 12 10 5 9 2 2 1 5	10/13- 16/06+ 53 8 14 7 6 5 2 1 1 3
		9/30- 10/2/06+ 46 9 17 12 5 6 1 2	9/8- 11/06+ 47 8 16 10 5 8 2 1 - 2	7/06+ 51 9 17 10 4 6 2 -	6/06+ 47 8 17 9 5 8 1 2	4/06+ 49 7 17 10 5 7 2 - 1 2	3/06+ 45 7 18 11 5 7 1 2 1 3	1/06+ 46 7 15 12 5 7 2 1 1 4

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What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE) a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

							10/25-	10/7-			
	<u>8/14</u> +	<u>6/14</u> +	<u>4/14</u> +	<u>3/14</u> +	<u>1/14</u> +	<u>12/13</u> +	<u>28/13</u> +	<u>9/13</u> +	<u>9/13</u> +	<u>7/13</u> +	<u>6/13</u> +
Republican-controlled Congress	44	43	45	44	43	44	41	39	43	44	42
Democrat-controlled Congress	43	45	45	43	45	42	45	47	46	44	45
Not sure	13	12	10	13	12	14	14	14	11	12	13
			9/26-								
		10/12+	30/12+	<u>8/12</u> +	<u>7/12</u> +	<u>6/12</u> +	<u>5/12</u> +	<u>4/12</u> +	<u>3/12</u> +	<u>1/12</u> +	<u>12/11</u> +
		43	43	42	45	44	43	44	41	41	43
		45	47	47	46	45	44	46	46	47	45
		12	10	11	9	11	13	10	13	12	12
						10/28-	10/14-		8/26-	8/5-	
		11/11+	<u>10/11</u> +	<u>8/11</u> +	6/11+	30/10+	10/14- 18/10+	9/10+	30/10+	9/10+	<u>6/10</u> +
		43	41	47	44	46	44	44	43	42	45
		46	45	41	44	44	46	44	43	43	43
		11	14	12	12	10	10	12	14	15	12
		5/20-	5/6-		1/23-	1/10-			- /		
		<u>23/10</u> +	<u>11/10</u> +	<u>3/10+</u>	<u>25/10+</u>	<u>14/10</u> +	<u>12/09</u> +	<u>10/09</u> +	<u>9/09</u> +	<u>7/09</u> +	<u>4/09</u> +
		44	44	42 45	42	41	41	38	40	39 46	39
		43 13	44 12	45 13	44 14	41 18	43 16	46 16	43 17	46 15	48 13
		13	12	13	14	10	10	10	17	13	13
		<u>11/08</u> +	<u>10/08</u> +	<u>9/08</u> +	<u>8/08</u> +	<u>7/08</u> +	<u>6/08</u> +	<u>4/08</u> +	3/08+	<u>11/07</u> +	<u>9/07</u> +
		36	36	37	36	36	33	34	35	37	35
		48	49	50	47	49	52	49	49	46	47
		16	15	13	17	15	15	17	16	17	18
		10/06+	9/06+	<u>7/06</u> +	<u>6/06</u> +	<u>4/06</u> +	<u>3/06</u> +	<u>1/06</u> +	<u>12/05</u> +	<u>11/05</u> +	<u>10/05</u> +
		37	39	38	38	39	37	38	38	37	39
		52	48	48	49	45	50	47	46	48	48
		11	13	14	13	16	13	15	16	15	13
			- /								
		<u>7/05</u> + 40	<u>5/05</u> + 40	<u>10/04</u> + 43	<u>9/04</u> + 42	<u>6/04</u> + 42	<u>5/04</u> + 41	<u>3/04</u> + 42	<u>1/04</u> 42	12/13/03 42	10/02+ 43
		40 45	40 47	43 44	42 46	42 44	41	42 45	42	42 42	43 42
		15	13	13	12	14	15	13	15	16	15
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		9/02	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	7/99	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>
		42	43	42	44	42	40	39	39	42	41
		42	41 46	41 47	40 46	40	44	41	43	41	40 40
		16	16	17	16	18	16	20	18	17	19
	3/99	<u>10/98</u> +	9/98	7/98	6/98	2/98	1/98	12/97	<u>9/97</u>	7/97	4/97
	37	41	40	41	39	41	40	41	41	45	44
	43	43	39	40	40	37	42	37	39	39	38
L Populto about reflect responses amos	20	16	21	19	21	22	18	22	20	16	18
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Q13 Will your vote for Congress this November be a vote to send a message that we need... (ROTATE :1-2) +

	<u>101</u>	<u>Dem</u>	Ind	<u>GOP</u>
More Republicans to be a check and balance to Barack Obama and Congressional Democrats	22	5	16	43
More Democrats who will help Barack Obama and Congressional Democrats pass their agenda	24	51	9	2
More incumbents of both parties to lose so Congress has a lot of new people		24	43	38
I would want my vote to send a different message than these	20	18	29	17
Not sending a message (VOL)	-	-	-	-
Not sure	1	2	3	-

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I'd like to get your opinion about how things are going in some areas of our society today. For each one, please tell me if you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with conditions in this area. (FOR EACH ITEM BELOW, ASK:) When it comes to (READ ITEM), are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with how things are going today? (ALWAYS ASK "STATE OF ECONOMY" FIRST, THEN ROTATE ORDER OF OTHER ITEMS)

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Sure
The state of the US economy ¹ August 2014	3	32	31	33	1
America's role in the world					
August 2014	6	29	33	29	3
December 1995	10	42	28	15	5
The political system					
August 2014	2	17	30	49	2
December 1995	4	21	34	38	3

¹State of Economy Trend

How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today – are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

						5/6-			High	Low
Very satisfiedSomewhat satisfied	1/14 2 26	6/13 4 32	1/13 3 24	10/10+ 3 17	6/10+ 2 16	10/10 2 17	<u>1/10</u> 1 15	10/09 2 17	<u>9/98</u> 31 55	<u>2/09</u> 1 6
Somewhat dissatisfied	37	35	32	31	34	36	33	31	10	22
Very dissatisfied	34	29	40	48	48	45	50	49	3	70
Not sure	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1
		9/09	<u>7/09</u>	6/09	<u>4/09</u>	2/09	1/09	<u>4/08</u> +	12/07	<u>9/06</u> +
		2	2	1	2	1	2	2	5	10
		21	11	11	16	6	8	12	27	33
		35	31	33	30	22	25	28	28	32
		41	56	54	52	70	65	58	40	25
		1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
		<u>1/04</u>	12/02	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	7/02	4/02	1/02	12/01	<u>1/01</u>
		6	3	4	2	4	6	4	5	18
		45	33	27	32	42	44	43	47	57
		30	38	37	41	39	33	39	32	18
		18	25	31	24	14	15	13	15	6
		1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
		<u>4/00</u> +	10/99	12/98	<u>10/98</u> +	9/98	12/97	9/97	6/97	<u>3/97</u>
		29	23	26	27	31	18	13	10	13
		52	53	54	55	55	52	52	51	45
		12	17	13	12	10	20	23	27	27
		6	7	6	5	3	8	10	10	13
		1	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
		<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96</u> +	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	12/94
		9	7	5	4	3	3	4	4	4
		51	49	43	43	39	37	39	40	41
		27	30	32	38	37	38	35	37	38
		11	12	18	14	19	19	21	18	15
		2	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2
+ Results shown reflect responses	among reg	istered vote	rs.							

And, thinking about some other issues...

Q15 Do you think America is in a state of decline, or do you feel that this is not the case?

			8/26-		9/19-				
	<u>8/14</u> *	<u>1/11</u>	30/10	12/09	<u>22/08</u> +	<u>6/08</u> +	<u>11/07</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>
In a state of decline	60	54	65	61	74	69	57	63	53
Not in a state of decline	38	42	31	35	22	25	38	32	42
Not sure	2	4	4	4	4	6	5	5	5

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q16 Do you feel confident or not confident that life for our children's generation will be better than it has been for us?

Feel confident	8/14** 21 76 3	5/12 30 63 7	8/26- 30/10 27 66 7	12/09 27 66 7	6/09 31 57 12	9/19- 22/08+ 34 56 10	1/07 33 60 7
		7/06 27 65 8	12/01 49 42 9	9/93 25 68 7	12/92 41 52 7	12/91+1 44 51 5	10/90+ 50 45 5

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Moving on...

Q17 Which of the following statements about America comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)

Statement A: The United States is a country where anyone, regardless of their background, can work hard, succeed and be comfortable financially.

...or..

Statement B: The widening gap between the incomes of the wealthy and everyone else is undermining the idea that every American has the opportunity to move up to a better standard of living.

A: Anyone can succeed	44
B : Widening gap undermining opportunity	54
Both (VOL)	1
Neither (VOL)	1
Not sure	

¹In December 1991, the question was phrased, "Do you feel very confident, fairly confident, or not at all confident that life for our children will be better than it has been for us?"

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q18 When it comes to how the United States is dealing with [RANDOMIZE ITEMS] are you satisfied or dissatisfied with our actions or do you not know enough to have an opinion one way or the other? (IF DISSATISFIED, ASK) And is that because the United States has gotten too involved or not involved enough?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SATISFIED

	<u>Satisfied</u>	Total Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied, Too Involved	Dissatisfied, Not involved enough	Don't know enough to have opinion	Not Sure
The commercial airline jet shot down in Ukraine						
August 2014	26	37	7	30	33	4
The conflict between Russia and the		.	·			•
Ukraine						
August 2014*	23	43	15	28	32	2
The civil war in Syria						
August 2014	18	37	16	21	42	3
The conflict between Hamas and Israel						
in Gaza			4-	22	0.5	
August 2014	17	45	17	28	35	3
The rise of the terrorist group ISIS in						
Iraq	14	42	10	20	40	4
August 2014** The immigration problem with children	14	42	12	30	40	4
from Central America illegally crossing						
the border						
August 2014	11	64	16	48	20	5

Now, talking some more about the economy...

Do you feel that the economy is improving right now, or not? (IF "ECONOMY IS IMPROVING," ASK:) Do you think the economy is improving mostly for people at the highest economic level, or is it improving for people at all economic levels?

	<u>8/14</u>	12/05
Economy Is Improving	50	42
Mostly for highest economic level	23	18
For all economic levels	27	24
Economy Is NOT Improving	47	53
Not sure	3	5

Q20 Which of the following statements about the economic problems facing the country best describe your point of view: (ROTATE)*

These are mostly deep and longstanding problems with the economy	
and it does not really matter what elected officials in Washington do	23
These are mostly problems with the inability of elected officials in Washington	
to get things done to help improve the economy	71
Some of both (VOL)	3
Not sure	3

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q21 Right now, do you think the United States is in an economic recession, or not?

		-					CBS/NYT Surveys				
Yes, in a recession No, not in a recession Not sure	8/14** 49 46 5	6/13 58 38 4	12/12 64 34 2	5/10 76 22 2	9/19- <u>22/08</u> + 77 19 4	4/08+ 81 15 4	3/08 ¹ 66 27	1/08 53 41 6	8/02 56 39 5	1/02 70 25 5	9/20- 23/01 63 32 6
NOT SUITE	3	, ,	2	2	7	7	9/12/01 48 42 10	8/01 44 50 6	4/23- 25/01 42 52 6	4/4- <u>5/01</u> 42 51 7	2/01 35 57 7

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

(READ TO ALL)

Now, as you may know, the American economy was in a deep recession five or six years ago. Thinking back to that time, how much were you personally impacted by this recession – a lot, just some, not much, or none at all? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

A lot	35
Just some	36
Not much	18
None at all	11
Not sure	_

And, still thinking about the recession that started five or six years ago, how much is this still impacting you today – a lot, just some, not much, or not at all? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

A lot	24
Just some	40
Not much	19
None at all	16
Not sure	1

(IF Q23:1, THEN ASK)

- X1. And, tell me, what are one or two specific ways the recession is still impacting you a lot today? PROBE: What else can you tell me about that? **SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES**
- Q24 Which one statement best describes how you feel about the economy today...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM/BOTTOM TO TOP)

We are still in unusually difficult economic times and things just have not improved that much	22
The economy has improved a bit, but we have a long way to go before things get better	52
The economy has improved a lot, but I am not optimistic things are going to completely recover	16
The economy has improved a lot and things have recovered and will continue to get better	10
Not sure	_

¹Comparative data prior to April 2008 comes from surveys conducted for CBS/New York Times.

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

Q25 Next, I'm going to mention a number of different policies that some people say could help improve economic conditions in the country and for each one please tell me if you believe this would make a very positive impact, a somewhat positive impact, no real impact either way, a somewhat negative impact, or a very negative impact. (RANDOMIZE)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A POSITIVE IMPACT

	Impact					
	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	No Real Impact	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>
Providing tax incentives for companies to bring jobs back from other countries. August 2014**	52	33	7	3	2	3
Making college more affordable by providing access to lower cost student loans and more time and flexibility to those who are paying off their student loan debt. August 2014*	52	28	8	6	4	2
Increasing the fines and seeking jail time for executives at financial institutions when they break the law and profit from their wrongdoing. August 2014*	50	28	12	5	3	2
Increasing spending on infrastructure projects that improve and rebuild our roads and highways. August 2014**	40	35	14	6	4	1
Cutting regulations that add to the cost of doing business to make it easier and more profitable for corporations to stay in America. August 2014*	41	29	11	8	8	3
Keeping business taxes low and preventing any tax increases from going into place to create a more favorable economic climate. August 2014**	30	36	13	11	4	6
Increasing taxes on the richest one (1) percent of Americans to reduce the amount of taxes paid by the middle class. August 2014**	39	25	13	10	10	3
Addressing income inequality by increasing the minimum wage to ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) per hour. August 2014*	31	29	11	11	16	2

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). ** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, thinking about immigration...

As you may know, thousands of children from Central America have crossed the border and entered the United States illegally. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view? (ROTATE)

Statement A: We have a responsibility to look out for children who are fleeing crime and violence in their own country and have come here for their safety. These children need a process to determine whose life is in danger if they are sent back and those children should be allowed to stay here, while others should be sent back to their country.

...or...

Statement B: We do not have the resources to deal with the thousands of children who have entered the country illegally and they should be returned immediately. Allowing them to stay will be a signal that will encourage thousands more to try and come here, placing an even greater burden on limited public services such as hospitals and schools.

A: Responsibility for children	43
B : Do not have resources	51
Both (VOL)	2
Neither (VOL)	1
Not sure	3

Talking about a different topic...

Q27a When it comes to the conflict between (ROTATE) the Israelis and the Palestinians, do you think that the United States should (ROTATE FIRST TWO) support the Israelis more than the Palestinians, support the Palestinians more than the Israelis or should the U.S. treat Israelis and the Palestinians the same and not support one more than the other?

	<u>8/14</u> *	2/13
Favor Israelis over Palestinians	34	31
Favor Palestinians over Israelis	4	4
Treat Israelis and the Palestinians the same	53	55
Not sure	9	10

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q27b Thinking about the Israeli military action in Gaza, which statement best describes what you think...(ROTATE :1-2), or do you don't know enough about the situation to have an opinion?

Statement A: Israel is defending its interests and their military actions are justified.

Statement B: Israel has gone too and their military actions are NOT justified. **

A: Israel defending interests and justified	44
B: Israel too far and not justified	24
Don't know enough to have an opinion	32
Not sure	_

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Talking some more about you...

Q28 Which of the following comes closest to describing your financial situation today? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Getting ahead	25
Staying where you are	
Slipping behind	
Falling backward	9
Not sure	2

Q29 Please tell me whether each of the following situations applies to you personally.

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	Applica	Does <u>Not Apply</u>	Not	
	<u>Applies</u>	NOT Apply	<u>Sure</u>	
In the past five years someone in your household has lost a				
job.				
August 2014	40	60	-	
/ 1.5 g = 0 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
In the past five years someone in your household has had				
to switch jobs with a significant decline in income.				
August 2014	33	67	-	
. 9				
Have more than \$5,000 in student loan debt for yourself or				
a child.				
August 2014	27	72	1	
/ 1.5 g = 0 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		. –	•	
Someone in your household has had to take on a second or				
third job to make ends meet.				
August 2014	25	74	1	
			•	
Provide some financial support for an adult child over the				
age of twenty-one.				
August 2014	24	76	-	
December 2009 ¹	_ · 19	81	_	
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Provide some financial support for another relative other				
than children or parents.				
August 2014	22	78	_	
December 2009 ¹	13	87	_	
December 2009	13	07		
Have more than \$2,000 in credit card debt you are unable to				
pay off month to month.				
August 2014	20	79	1	
August 2014	20	13		
Have a parent or child over age twenty-one living with you				
for financial or health reasons.				
August 2014	17	83		
December 2009 ¹	13	87	-	
December 2009	13	07	-	
Provide some financial support for a parent over the age of				
sixty-five.				
August 2014	14	05	1	
December 2009 ¹		85 80	ı	
December 2009	11	89	-	
Owe more on your home than it is worth				
Owe more on your home than it is worth.	11	00	4	
August 2014 In December 2009, the question was phrased "Please tell me whether an		88	1	
in December 2009, the question was phrased "Please tell me whether an	v of the follov	wing represent a		

¹ In December 2009, the question was phrased "Please tell me whether any of the following represent a situation you are currently facing"

in (state from Q1x)]?

Now I	m going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.	
QF1a	Are you currently registered to vote [LANDLINE: at this address; CEL	L:

Registered	84
Not registered	16
Not sure	-

QF1b/c A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the 2012 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote--Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, or someone else? +

Yes, Voted	
Voted for Barack Obama	44
Voted for Mitt Romney	35
Voted for someone else	6
Not sure	4
No, Did Not Vote	10
Not sure	1
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered	voters.

QF1d And did you happen to vote in the 2010 election for U.S. Congress? +

Yes, voted	70
No, did not vote	25
Not sure	5
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.	

Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do? (RECORD UNDER "6--OTHER.") (IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a stay-athome mom or dad, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u> Professional, manager

Professional, manager	26
White-collar worker	18
Blue-collar worker	18
Farmer, rancher	-
Not Currently Employed	
Student	2
Stay at home mom/dad	5
Retired	24
Unemployed, looking for work	6
Other	-
Not sure	1

QF3 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	-
Some high school	4
High school graduate	23
Some college, no degree	16
Vocational training/school	2
2-year college degree	12
4-year college/bachelor's degree	25
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	12
Doctoral/law degree	3
Not sure/refused	1

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	20
Not very strong Democrat	11
Independent/lean Democrat	
Strictly Independent	16
Independent/lean Republican	15
Not very strong Republican	10
Strong Republican	12
Other (VOL)	4
Not sure	

QF4b Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

Yes No Depends (VOL) Not sure	8/14+ 22 66 4 8	6/14+ 22 67 4 7	4/14+ 24 66 3 7	3/14+ 24 66 2 8	1/14+ 24 65 3 8	12/13+ 24 67 2 7	10/25- 28/13+ 22 70 3 5
		10/7- <u>9/13</u> + 20 70 2 8	9/13+ 21 67 3 9	7/13+ 21 67 3 9	6/13+ 24 65 3 8	2/13+ 20 64 4 12	1/13+ 23 63 4 10
		10/12+ 24 64 3 9	9/26- 30/12+ 25 66 2 7	9/12- 16/12+ 22 65 4 9	8/12+ 26 63 3 8	7/12+ 25 65 2 7	6/12+ 24 64 3 9
		5/12+ 30 60 2 8	4/12+ 25 64 2 9	3/12+ 28 63 2 7	1/12+ 27 66 2 5	12/11+ 27 65 3 5	11/11+ 25 69 2 4
		10/11+ 26 64 3 7	8/11+ 27 62 4 7	6/11+ 26 63 3 8	5/11+ 26 62 2 10	4/11+ 25 67 3 5	2/11+ 29 61 3 7
		1/11+ 27 62 3 8	12/10+ 29 61 3 7	11/10+ 30 59 4 7	10/28- 30/10+ 28 61 3 8	10/14- 18/10+ 30 59 2 10	9/10+ 28 61 3 8

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QF5	Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be lil conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider you (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?	
	Very liberal	
	Moderate	
	Somewhat conservative	
	Very conservative	
	Not sure 3	
QF6	Are you married, widowed, separated, divorced, single and never been married, cliving with a partner?	or are you unmarried and
	Married 51	
	Widowed	
	Separated 2	
	Divorced11	
	Single/never been married 24	
	Unmarried and living with a partner 6	
	Refused	
QF7	If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who we would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars a dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thi forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars dollars, or would the total be more than that?	nd twenty thousand rty thousand dollars and between fifty thousand
	Less than \$10,000 5	
	Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	
	Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	
	Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	
	Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	
	Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	
	Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	
	More than \$100,000	
	Not sure/refused	
QF8	And, do you have any children under the age of 18 you are responsible for raising household?	g currently living in your
	Yes, children in household	
	No, no children in household68	
	Not sure	