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ALLSTATE/NATIONAL JOURNAL HEARTLAND MONITOR POLL XV

National Sample of 1000 ADULTS AGE 18+

(Margin of Error = +/-3.1% in 95 out of 100 cases)

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Mood of the Country Questions

- Now, to start with, do you feel that **THE COUNTRY**, in general, is headed in the right direction, or do you think things are seriously off on the wrong track?

Direction of Country <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	4/09	7/09	9/09	1/10	4/10	8/10	12/10
Right direction	47%	38%	38%	34%	34%	27%	30%
Wrong track	42%	50%	50%	55%	54%	62%	60%
Neither	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%
Don't Know / Refused	9%	9%	8%	6%	8%	4%	6%

Direction of Country <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	3/11	5/11	10/11	12/11	3/12	5/12	9/12	11/12
Right direction	26%	28%	20%	20%	30%	33%	35%	41%
Wrong track	60%	58%	70%	70%	60%	57%	56%	50%
Neither	6%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Don't Know / Refused	8%	10%	6%	5%	7%	7%	6%	5%



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And now thinking about things in Washington, D.C...

2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASKED:]** Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

Obama Approval/Disapproval <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	4/09	7/09	9/09	1/10	4/10	8/10	12/10
Strongly approve	38%	32%	31%	26%	26%	25%	26%
Somewhat approve	23%	24%	21%	21%	22%	21%	22%
TOTAL APPROVE	61%	56%	52%	47%	48%	46%	48%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	9%	11%	13%	11%	10%	12%
Strongly disapprove	20%	27%	29%	32%	35%	39%	35%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	28%	36%	40%	45%	46%	49%	46%
Don't Know / Refused	11%	9%	8%	8%	7%	4%	6%

Obama Approval/Disapproval <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	3/11	5/11	10/11	12/11	3/12	5/12	9/12	11/12
Strongly approve	24%	27%	24%	22%	25%	26%	29%	32%
Somewhat approve	25%	24%	20%	22%	27%	21%	21%	22%
TOTAL APPROVE	49%	51%	44%	44%	51%	47%	49%	54%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	13%	11%	12%	12%	12%	8%	9%
Strongly disapprove	30%	28%	39%	37%	32%	36%	37%	34%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	44%	41%	50%	49%	45%	48%	45%	42%
Don't Know / Refused	8%	8%	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	4%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? **[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASKED:]** Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

Congressional Job Approval/Disapproval	Total
Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	17%
TOTAL APPROVE	21%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	51%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	72%
Don't Know / Refused	8%



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4. What do you consider the most pressing economic issue facing the United States today?

<u>Most Pressing Economic Issue</u>	Total
Jobs and unemployment	30%
Government spending	19%
The budget deficit	15%
Wages not keeping up with prices	11%
The fiscal cliff	9%
Taxes	6%
Gas prices	5%
Home values	2%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

5. Did you happen to vote in the recent election for President?

<u>Voted in Election</u>	Total
Yes	83%
No	17%
Don't Know / Refused	*

6. **[ASKED IF Q5:1 – VOTED IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, N = 829]**
For whom did you vote, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

<u>Presidential Ballot</u>	Total
Barack Obama	48%
Mitt Romney	41%
Someone Else / Other	3%
Don't Know / Refused	7%



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7. And, overall, do you think that the actions being taken by the Obama Administration will...

Obama Administration's Actions <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	7/09	9/09	1/10	4/10	8/10	12/10
Increase opportunity for people like you to get ahead	40%	39%	37%	34%	32%	32%
Decrease opportunity for people like you to get ahead	30%	30%	34%	36%	38%	35%
Have no impact	23%	25%	25%	25%	26%	27%
Don't Know / Refused	8%	7%	4%	5%	5%	5%

Obama Administration's Actions <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	3/11	5/11	10/11	12/11	3/12	5/12	9/12	11/12
Increase opportunity for people like you to get ahead	31%	29%	31%	28%	31%	32%	36%	36%
Decrease opportunity for people like you to get ahead	34%	32%	37%	37%	34%	34%	36%	33%
Have no impact	30%	31%	26%	29%	29%	29%	21%	25%
Don't Know / Refused	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%

8. And, in your opinion did President Obama's economic policies...

Obama Economic Policies Over the Years <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	9/09*	1/10*	4/10*	8/10*	10/11^	3/12^	5/12^	9/12^	11/12
Run up a record federal deficit while failing to end the recession or slow the record pace of job losses.	43%	46%	46%	48%	48%	44%	46%	44%	44%
Help avoid an even worse economic crisis, and are laying the foundation for our eventual economic recovery.	43%	43%	42%	39%	43%	45%	45%	46%	47%
Don't Know/ Refused	14%	11%	11%	12%	9%	11%	10%	10%	9%

*And, in your opinion did President Obama's economic policies over the last 12 months...

^And, in your opinion did President Obama's economic policies over the past few years...



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9. And, in general, over the next 12 months, do you think the economy, overall will...

Change in Economy	Total
Improve	44%
Stay the same	22%
Become worse	31%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

**Previous Question Wording and Data:*

And, in general, over the next 12 months, do you think the economy, overall will...

Change in Economy <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	4/10	8/10	5/11	10/11	12/11	3/12	5/12	9/12
Significantly improve	11%	8%	9%	7%	6%	10%	11%	12%
Somewhat improve	59%	47%	51%	43%	50%	51%	51%	45%
TOTAL IMPROVE	70%	55%	61%	50%	56%	60%	62%	57%
Somewhat worsen	15%	23%	20%	29%	24%	19%	20%	16%
Significantly worsen	12%	17%	12%	17%	12%	14%	11%	14%
TOTAL WORSEN	27%	40%	32%	46%	36%	33%	31%	30%
Don't Know / Refused	3%	5%	7%	4%	8%	7%	8%	12%

10. Thinking ahead to this time next year, do you expect that your personal financial situation will...

Change in Personal Financial Situation <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	1/10	12/10	3/11	10/11	12/11	3/12	5/12	9/12	11/12
Improve	37%	30%	35%	38%	44%	41%	44%	45%	39%
Stay the same	41%	42%	39%	46%	38%	43%	41%	35%	36%
Become worse	20%	25%	23%	14%	14%	13%	12%	13%	22%
Don't Know / Refused	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	7%	2%



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11. Now, which of the following comes CLOSEST to your view regarding the proper role of government in the economy?

Proper Role of Government in the Economy <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	1/10	4/10	8/10	5/11	10/11	5/12	9/12	11/12
In the current economic environment, government is not the solution to our economic problems; government is the problem.	35%	33%	35%	36%	40%	38%	38%	37%
I would like to see government play an active role in the economy to ensure it benefits people like me, but I am not sure that I can trust government to do this effectively.	33%	28%	33%	34%	29%	31%	27%	28%
In the current economic environment, the government must play an active role in regulating the marketplace and ensuring that the economy benefits people like me.	29%	32%	28%	27%	27%	27%	29%	31%
Don't Know/ Refused	3%	7%	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%

12. And, who do you trust more to develop solutions to the country's economic challenges?

Trust to Develop Solutions <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	4/09	7/09	9/09	1/10	4/10	8/10	12/10
President Obama	55%	46%	48%	41%	39%	42%	42%
Republicans in Congress	26%	28%	27%	33%	32%	37%	36%
Both	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Neither	12%	17%	16%	19%	19%	14%	15%
Don't know / Refused	5%	7%	6%	5%	8%	5%	4%

Trust to Develop Solutions <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	3/11	5/11	10/11	12/11	3/12	5/12	11/12
President Obama	40%	40%	40%	39%	44%	42%	48%
Republicans in Congress	36%	37%	33%	38%	36%	39%	32%
Both	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Neither	15%	14%	20%	16%	13%	13%	13%
Don't know / Refused	8%	8%	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%

13. And, do you believe that over the next four years the President and Congress will...

Cooperation Between Congress and the President	Total
Work together more than they did in the previous four years	43%
Work together less than they did in the previous four years	10%
Or will things be about the same between the President and Congress?	45%
Don't Know / Refused	2%



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14. **[ASKED OF SAMPLE A ONLY, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%]**
And, which of the following approaches to governing do you think the President should take?

Presidential Approach to Governing	Total
A practical approach to addressing our near-term challenges	40%
A visionary approach, focusing on long-term goals for the future of our country	55%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

15. **[ASKED OF SAMPLE B ONLY, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%]**
And, as you know, the United States faces a number of challenges, including, but not limited to a large budget deficit and national debt, a slow economy recovery from recession, high unemployment, and a deep political divide on many issues. Do you believe that...

Overcoming National Challenges	Total
Americans will overcome these challenges in the foreseeable future, just like we've done with other major challenges throughout our history	67%
Americans are facing a unique set of challenges that are so serious that we might not be able to overcome them	31%
Don't Know / Refused	2%

- 16O. **[ASKED IF Q6:1 – VOTED OBAMA, N = 400]** Do you think that President Obama should...

President Obama's Approach With Congressional Republicans	Total
Compromise with Republicans to get more done, even if it means accepting some policies you don't necessarily agree with	59%
Remain firm in his views, even if it means causing a stalemate with very little getting accomplished in Washington	34%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

- 16R. **[ASKED IF Q6:2 – VOTED ROMNEY, N = 345]** Do you think that Republicans in Congress should...

Congressional Republicans' Approach With President Obama	Total
Compromise with President Obama and Democrats in Congress to get more done, even if it means accepting some policies you don't necessarily agree with	54%
Remain firm in their views, even if it means causing a stalemate with very little getting accomplished in Washington	40%
Don't Know / Refused	6%



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And, thinking ahead to four years from now at the end of President Obama's second term. By that time, do you think...

<u>Issue Impact of Obama's 2nd Term</u>	Increase	Decrease	Stay about the Same	DK / Ref
17a. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] Your taxes will...	62%	5%	31%	2%
17b. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] Overall government spending will...	51%	17%	31%	2%
17d. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] Government spending on programs that help people like you will...	26%	24%	46%	4%
17e. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] The gap in income between the rich and everyone else will...	36%	15%	46%	3%

And, do you think...

<u>Issue Impact of Obama's 2nd Term</u>	Improve	Get Worse	Stay about the Same	DK / Ref
17f. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] The economic wellbeing of Middle Class Americans will...	36%	31%	32%	1%
17g. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] Your personal financial situation will...	39%	21%	38%	2%
17h. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] The country's economy will...	51%	27%	20%	2%
17c. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] The country's budget deficit and debt situation will...	34%	41%	23%	3%



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Now, I'd like to ask you about some different issues related to the U.S. economy. For each of the following, please tell me how **much of a priority it should be for elected officials in Washington** to address. Please answer on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means it should not be a priority, and 10 means it should be a high priority. You can choose any number.

Issue Priority For Elected Officials in Washington <i>(Sorted by Mean)</i>	0-3 Not a Priority	4-6	7-10 High Priority	Mean	DK / Ref
18i. The budget deficit and national debt	3%	14%	83%	8.4	1%
18e. The status of Social Security and Medicare	3%	14%	82%	8.2	*
18a. The availability of good-paying jobs	6%	15%	79%	8.1	1%
18c. The education system, including cost and workforce preparedness	6%	16%	78%	8.0	*
18m. The tax system	4%	18%	77%	7.9	1%
18f. The cost of health care	6%	16%	76%	7.9	1%
18d. The retirement system	6%	22%	70%	7.5	2%
18j. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] Inflation and the rising costs of basic necessities	5%	24%	71%	7.5	*
18n. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] National defense and the war on terrorism	8%	22%	70%	7.5	*
18g. Economic competitiveness with the rest of the world	6%	23%	69%	7.4	1%
18l. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] The cost of energy	5%	31%	63%	7.2	1%
18h. The condition of roads, bridges, electricity supplies and communication systems	6%	33%	61%	7.1	*
18k. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] The status of illegal immigrants	14%	32%	53%	6.6	1%
18b. The state of the housing market	12%	37%	49%	6.3	2%



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For each of the following, please tell me how much of a **personal concern it is as it relates to you and your family**. Please answer on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you're not at all concerned, and 10 means you're extremely concerned. You can choose any number.

Personal Concerns <i>(Sorted by Mean)</i>	0-3 Not At All Concerned	4-6	7-10 Extremely Concerned	Mean	DK / Ref
19e. The continued availability of Social Security and Medicare	7%	14%	79%	8.1	*
19d. Being able to retire comfortably	8%	14%	78%	8.0	1%
19f. The cost of health care and prescription drugs	8%	18%	75%	7.8	*
19l. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] The price of gasoline, oil, electricity, and natural gas.	8%	21%	72%	7.6	*
19c. Being able to afford education or training for you or your children that will lead to a good job	12%	15%	72%	7.5	1%
19a. Job security and maintaining steady employment for you and your family	13%	14%	72%	7.6	*
19j. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] Being able to pay for basic necessities	15%	18%	67%	7.3	--
19n. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4] Your family's safety from war and terrorism	17%	17%	67%	7.2	--
19m. The level of taxes you pay	10%	24%	65%	7.2	1%
19h. The safety of local roads, bridges, and the reliability of electricity and communication systems	9%	30%	61%	7.0	*
19b. The value of your home and your ability to buy and sell a home	15%	25%	59%	6.7	1%
19k. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4] Illegal immigrants working for lower wages and using government services	21%	26%	52%	6.3	1%
19i. The amount of debt you currently hold and being able to pay it down	30%	22%	48%	5.7	1%
19g. The possibility that your job could be moved overseas	51%	15%	33%	4.2	1%

20. And, considering the economic challenges facing the country, which of the following actions do you believe would do the MOST to help **the country** improve over the next couple of years?

What would be your second choice for how to help the country improve?

Actions to Solve Economic Challenges	1st Choice	Top 2 Choices
Growing the economy and creating jobs through investments in education, training, infrastructure, and research, even if it means continued deficits and tax increases	43%	66%
Growing the economy and creating jobs through tax cuts for businesses and individuals, even if it means continued deficits and cuts to public services	29%	63%
Reducing the federal deficit, even if it means both tax increases and cuts to public services	22%	50%
Don't Know / Refused	6%	11%



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21. And, thinking about some other actions that could be taken, which of the following do you believe would do the most to improve **the country** over the long term, say in the next 10 to 20 years?

What would be your second choice for how to help the country improve?

Actions to Improve the Country Over the Long Term <i>(Among Total Sample)</i>	1st Choice	Top 2 Choices
Making education more affordable, accessible and relevant to today's job market	30%	47%
Promoting American manufacturing and industrial innovation	17%	34%
Providing incentives to help people start their own businesses	15%	34%
Reducing the trade deficit by increasing exports and decreasing imports	14%	28%
Eliminating the federal budget deficit through tax increases and spending cuts	12%	23%
Increasing US energy security through production, alternatives, and efficiency	10%	23%
Don't Know / Refused	2%	5%

[ASKED SERIES A22 OF SAMPLE A ONLY, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%]

And, when it comes to getting the country's finances under control, how effective do you think each of the following would be at reducing the deficit and cutting the national debt? Would they be...

Effectiveness in Reducing Deficit and Cutting the National Debt	TOTAL EFFECTIVE	TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Not Very Effective	Not At All Effective	DK / Ref
A22a. Increasing taxes on American families who make over \$250,000 per year	76%	23%	37%	39%	14%	10%	1%
A22c. Reducing taxes and regulations to spur economic growth	73%	26%	30%	43%	15%	11%	2%
A22b. Increasing taxes on all Americans	53%	46%	20%	33%	23%	23%	1%
A22d. Reducing spending on the military and national defense	54%	45%	23%	31%	21%	24%	1%
A22f. Reducing spending on programs that benefit the poor, like welfare and Medicaid	51%	47%	19%	32%	22%	25%	3%
A22e. Reducing spending on programs that benefit the elderly, like Social Security and Medicare	34%	64%	12%	22%	28%	36%	2%



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[ASKED SERIES B22 OF SAMPLE B ONLY, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%]

And, in the next four years, how effective do you think the federal government will be on each of the following issues? Will it be...

Government Effectiveness	TOTAL EFFECTIVE	TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Not Very Effective	Not At All Effective	DK / Ref
B22e. Ensuring the long-term future of entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare	65%	34%	24%	41%	23%	11%	1%
B22c. Creating jobs	64%	35%	23%	41%	22%	13%	*
B22f. Improving the public education system	64%	35%	23%	40%	24%	12%	1%
B22a. Growing the economy	63%	36%	21%	43%	23%	13%	1%
B22d. Creating a business environment that allows for innovation and entrepreneurship	57%	42%	16%	42%	27%	15%	1%
B22b. Lowering the federal deficit	48%	51%	14%	34%	29%	22%	1%

Earlier in the survey, we asked you how concerned you were about several issues related to the economy and to your personal financial situation. I'd like get a better understanding of your opinions on these individual issues.

23. On the issue of the housing market... The federal government has long encouraged home ownership through programs like tax incentives, interest deductions, and mortgage guarantees.

These policies have resulted in an increase in home ownership from 44% in 1940 to about 66% today. However, some have questioned whether the benefits of increased home ownership are worth the cost of the federal programs. On this issue, which statement do you agree with more?

Federal Government Home Ownership Subsidies <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	3/11	11/12
The federal government should continue funding programs to encourage home ownership at roughly the same level	46%	49%
The federal government's programs to encourage home ownership cost too much and should be scaled back	46%	47%
Don't Know / Refused	8%	4%



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24. **[ASKED OF SAMPLE A ONLY, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%]**

On the issue of higher education...

In your opinion, what is the best way for the federal government to make college more affordable?

Government Policy on College Affordability	Total
The federal government should spend more on providing financial aid to students and families	47%
The federal government should penalize schools that raise tuition too quickly by reducing or eliminating the government funds they receive	44%
The federal government should not be involved in making college more affordable	3%
Don't Know / Refused	6%

25. **[ASKED OF SAMPLE B ONLY, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%]**

On the issue of education, there is concern that the American education system has begun to fall behind growing economies like China and India. Which of the following do you think would do more to improve education in this country to compete in today's changing global market?

Education Policy Focus	Total
Focusing on improving pre-K through 12 th grade to ensure that more children learn fundamentals and graduate from high school	61%
Focusing on making a college education more accessible and affordable so more people can obtain a college degree	34%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

26. Now, on the issue of retirement security and government benefits like Social Security and Medicare...

Which do you believe would do more to provide financial security for America's seniors now and in the future?

Government Benefit Policy	Total
Continue the current system of Social Security and Medicare which offer guaranteed benefits to seniors but are consuming a growing share of the federal budget	62%
Restructure Social Security and Medicare to rely more on the private sector, which would place less strain on the federal budget but provide seniors fewer guaranteed benefits	34%
Don't Know / Refused	4%



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27. On the issue of health care... Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

Health Care Reform Opinion	Total
I believe the recent health care reform efforts will improve the system by lowering costs and increasing access to quality care	31%
I worry that health care reform efforts won't do enough to change the health care system and I will face increasing costs and declining access to the care I need in the years ahead	32%
I worry that health care reform efforts will do too much to change the health care system, lowering the quality of care and disrupting the care I receive	34%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

28. And, on the issue of the country's retirement system... As you know, the primary way many Americans plan for retirement is to personally invest in stocks and bonds through their 401 (k) accounts. I want to read you two opinions on this subject and see which one comes CLOSER to your own...

Retirement Planning and the Stock Market <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	4/09	12/11	11/12
People are still better off relying on their own investments, such as 401(k)s rather than depending on pension programs from employers or government.	48%	49%	52%
Given the recent ups and downs in the economy and stock market, it is too risky for people to rely primarily on the success of their personal investments to pay for their retirement.	42%	41%	44%
Don't Know / Refused	10%	10%	5%

29. On the issue of the global economy....Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

U.S. Economic Policy <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	8/10	12/10	11/12
The U.S. government should pursue more free-trade agreements, increasing legal immigration of skilled workers to the US, and encourage the free flow of investment money across borders.	23%	21%	20%
The U.S. government should identify the industries that can best compete globally and support those industries with tax incentives, research funding, and education and training programs.	32%	38%	30%
The US government should protect American industry by placing tariffs on foreign products, penalizing companies that outsource jobs, limiting legal immigration, and limiting the flow of investment money across borders.	36%	35%	46%
Don't Know / Refused	9%	6%	4%



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30. And, on the issue of U.S. infrastructure, including roads, bridges, public buildings and the country's gas, electricity and communication systems. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

Infrastructure Policy	Total
Federal and State governments should continue to invest in public infrastructure for all Americans to allow the country's economy to operate and grow, even if it requires significant government spending	54%
The private sector should take the lead on developing and improving the country's infrastructure because they can do it more efficiently, even if it means that infrastructure won't be updated or repaired as rapidly	43%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

31. And, on the issue of America's demographics...

The ethnic and racial profile of the US is changing. Hispanic/Latino and Asian populations are growing rapidly, much faster than an aging non-Hispanic white population. African-American population is growing faster than the national average and an increasing percentage of people identify as more than one race. By 2050, it is projected that the Hispanic population will triple in size and non-Hispanic whites will make up less than half of the country's population.

Thinking about these population changes, which of the following statements do you agree with more?

Demographic Change <i>(Trend Data among Total Sample)</i>	5/11	11/12
These trends continue the American tradition of welcoming people of all backgrounds to come to this country and make a better life for their family. Immigrant and minority populations have always shaped American society and have contributed to America's position as the world's biggest economy and the land of opportunity.	42%	53%
These trends are troubling because the population change in this country is happening too quickly and causing fundamental changes to the character and values of the United States at a time when the country is already faced with high unemployment and many Americans are living at or below the poverty line.	50%	42%
Don't Know / Refused	8%	5%



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And, as a result of these changes, do you believe...

Impact of Demographic Changes	More	Less	Same	DK / Ref
32a. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] The American economy will be more or less competitive in the world	57%	36%	2%	5%
32b. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] Our political system will be more or less divided	64%	30%	3%	3%
32c. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] There will be more or less opportunity for you and your family	44%	40%	11%	5%
32d. [ASKED OF SAMPLE A, N = 497, MOE = ±4.4%] There will be more of less of a gap in income between the rich and everyone else	63%	22%	6%	9%
32e. [ASKED OF SAMPLE B, N = 503, MOE = ±4.4%] There will be more or less equality between people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds	62%	30%	3%	6%



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Demographic Questions

A. Gender

<u>Gender</u>	Total
Male	48%
Female	52%

C. Region

<u>Region</u>	Total
Northeast	11%
Midatlantic	12%
Deep South	24%
Outer South	9%
Upper Midwest	16%
Great Plains	6%
Mountain	7%
Pacific	16%

D. Age

<u>Age</u>	Total
18-29	22%
30-39	18%
40-49	19%
50-59	17%
60-64	6%
65+	17%
Don't Know / Refused	*

R1. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

<u>Hispanic, Latino, Spanish Origin</u>	Total
Yes	14%
No	85%
Don't Know / Refused	1%



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R2. What is your main racial background?

Race	Total
White / Caucasian	71%
African-American/Black	13%
Hispanic / Latino (VOLUNTEERED)	7%
Native American	2%
Asian-American / Asian	1%
Other	5%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

R3. **[ASKED IF R1:1 – OF HISPANIC, LATINO, OR SPANISH ORIGIN, N = 140]**
Specifically, is your family's main ancestry or origin from...

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish Origin	Total
Mexico	56%
Puerto Rico	11%
Cuba	2%
Other	26%
Don't Know / Refused	5%

E. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employment	Total
Employed Full-time	43%
Employed Part-time	11%
Retired	21%
Student	6%
Homemaker	7%
Unemployed and looking for work	8%
Unemployed, but not looking for work	4%
Don't Know / Refused	1%



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F. Regarding children, which of the following applies to you? (ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-2)

<u>Children</u>	Total
I have one or more child under age 18	35%
I have one or more adult child age 18 or older	45%
I have no children but plan to in the future	14%
I have no children and don't plan to have any	11%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

H. Which of the following best describes your current relationship status? Are you . . .

<u>Marital Status</u>	Total
Married	54%
Single and never married	18%
Widowed	8%
Divorced	8%
Not married, but living together with a partner	8%
Separated	3%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

K. What is the last grade of formal education you have completed?

<u>Education</u>	Total
Less than high school	8%
High school graduate	24%
Some college / vocational school	27%
College graduate	26%
Post-graduate	15%
Don't Know / Refused	1%

L. And, generally speaking, do you think of yourself as...

<u>Political Affiliation</u>	Total
Republican	24%
Democrat	33%
Independent / Something else / Other	39%
Don't Know / Refused	2%



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M. On most issues, do you consider yourself to be...

<u>Ideology</u>	Total
Conservative	38%
Moderate	34%
Liberal	23%
Don't Know / Refused	4%

N. Please tell me which of the following categories best applies to your total household income for 2011...

<u>Income</u>	Total
Less than \$15,000	14%
\$15,000 to less than \$30,000	16%
\$30,000 to less than \$50,000	18%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	12%
\$100,000 to less than \$200,000	13%
\$200,000 or more	3%
Don't Know / Refused	8%

O. People are often classified in different economic categories. Do you consider yourself to be...

<u>Class</u>	Total
Upper Class	2%
Upper Middle Class	14%
Middle Class	47%
Lower Middle Class	24%
Lower Class	11%
Don't Know / Refused	3%

Q. Were you born in the United States or in some other country?

<u>Born in the U.S.</u>	Total
In the U.S.	89%
Some Other Country	10%
Don't Know / Refused	1%