



The AP-National Constitution Center Poll August, 2011

Conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

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

Interview dates: August 18 – 22 2011

Number of interviews: 1,000

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 4.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

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NCC1. For each of the following tasks, please say if you think the government is doing a good job, a poor job, or a neither a good nor poor job at that particular one. How about...

[INTERVIEWER:]

FOR EACH "GOOD JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY good job or SOMEWHAT good job?

FOR EACH "POOR JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY poor job or SOMEWHAT poor job?

Making America a better place	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Total Good job	44	45	43	40
Very good	12	14	14	13
Somewhat good	32	32	29	27
Neither good nor bad	14	12	14	15
Total Poor job	42	42	42	43
Somewhat poor job	25	18	20	19
Very poor job	17	24	22	24
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	1

Based on:

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Making sure that all people are treated equally	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Total Good job	50	45	48	47
Very good	13	12	18	16
Somewhat good	37	33	31	31
Neither good nor bad	13	11	12	9
Total Poor job	37	44	38	44
Somewhat poor job	18	18	19	19
Very poor job	19	26	20	25
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	-	-	*	*

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Making sure that our nation is safe from foreign and domestic threats	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Total Good job	72	53	58	62
Very good	32	20	21	29
Somewhat good	40	33	37	33
Neither good nor bad	7	11	9	8
Total Poor job	20	35	33	29
Somewhat poor job	12	16	15	14
Very poor job	8	19	18	15
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	1	2
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	*

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Making sure all Americans feel safe, secure and free	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Total Good job	63	54	53	58
Very good	23	17	19	24
Somewhat good	40	37	35	34
Neither good nor bad	10	9	10	9
Total Poor job	27	37	37	32
Somewhat poor job	16	18	18	15
Very poor job	11	19	19	16
Don't know [VOL]	*	*	*	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	1

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FOR EACH "POOR JOB," ASK: Is that a VERY poor job or SOMEWHAT poor job?

Promoting the well-being of all Americans, not just special interests	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Total Good job	37	37	38	38
Very good	9	8	11	11
Somewhat good	28	29	27	27
Neither good nor bad	11	12	12	12
Total Poor job	51	51	49	49
Somewhat poor job	24	23	22	22
Very poor job	28	28	26	27
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	2	2
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	*

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Making sure that Americans are free to pursue happiness now and in the future	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Total Good job	53	48	46	55
Very good	16	15	18	20
Somewhat good	37	34	28	35
Neither good nor bad	14	10	13	9
Total Poor job	33	40	40	34
Somewhat poor job	19	18	18	17
Very poor job	14	22	22	17
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*

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I'm going to read you some pairs of statements, and for each pair, please tell me which one comes closest to your view. (DO NOT RANDOMIZE NCC2-NCC4)

NCC2. How about these statements...Which comes closest to your view?

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
The United States Constitution is an enduring document that remains relevant today, or	74	74	75	70
The United States Constitution is an outdated document that needs to be modernized	24	26	23	28
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	2	3
Refused [VOL]	-	-	-	*

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NCC3. And which of these comes closest to your view?

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
The rule of law should be followed in America, even if that comes at the expense of short term public safety considerations OR	62	60	61	54
If it's a matter of public safety, sometimes it's okay to break the law	33	35	35	38
Don't know [VOL]	4	4	3	7
Refused [VOL]	*	1	1	1

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NCC4. And how about these, which do you agree with more?

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
If a majority of people want something to happen, the rights of a few shouldn't stand in the way, or	35	35	37	33
The rights of everyone should be protected, even when that means saying no to something the majority of people want to happen.	62	62	57	62
Don't know [VOL]	3	2	5	5
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	*

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NCC18. Which comes closest to your view?

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09
Judges should interpret the laws as narrowly as possible, taking into account only what is clearly the intention of the lawmakers, or	36	41	43
Judges should interpret laws broadly, taking into account the broader interests of the nation	60	56	52
Don't know [VOL]	3	3	5
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*

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NCC5. If you thought it would help improve the economy would you favor or oppose giving the President more power at the expense of the power of Congress and the courts?

[INTERVIEWER:

FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly favor or somewhat favor?

FOR EACH "OPPOSE" ASK: Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?]

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
Total Favor	38	26	24	29
Strongly favor	18	12	10	16
Somewhat favor	19	14	14	13
Total Oppose	61	73	75	66
Somewhat oppose	16	21	17	22
Strongly oppose	45	53	58	44
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	1	5
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	*

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NCC19. Do you think the Federal Government should have the power to require all Americans to buy health insurance, and to pay a fine if they don't or do you think the Federal Government should not have that power?

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The Federal Government should have the power to require all Americans to buy health insurance	16	17
The Federal Government should not have the power to require all Americans to buy health insurance	82	83
Don't know [VOL]	2	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*

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NCC9. Do you think freedom of speech should mean that...

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09	8/22-29/08
People should have the right to say what they believe even if they take positions that seem deeply offensive to most people OR	73	70	76	67
People should have the right to say what they believe, except when they want to say things that seem deeply offensive to most people	25	28	21	30
Don't know [VOL]	2	3	3	3
Refused [VOL]	1	*	1	1

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Some questions held for later release

NCC15. Do you think that laws limiting gun ownership infringe on the public's right to bear arms under the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution, or do you think they do not infringe on the public's right to bear arms?

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10	9/3-8/09
Infringe on the public's right to bear arms	49	51	55
Do not infringe on the public's right to bear arms	46	45	40
Don't know [VOL]	4	4	5
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1

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TI1. Now I'm going to read you a list of institutions in this country. For each one, please tell me if you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running each institution.

The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Banks and financial institutions		
Extremely/Very confident	10	6
Extremely confident	3	2
Very confident	7	4
Somewhat confident	42	42
Not too/Not confident at all	47	52
Not too confident	24	27
Not confident at all	24	25
Don't know [VOL]	1	*
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The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

Major companies	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	12	7
Extremely confident	3	2
Very confident	9	6
Somewhat confident	52	50
Not too/Not confident at all	35	42
Not too confident	19	26
Not confident at all	16	16
Don't know [VOL]	2	2
Refused [VOL]	-	*

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Small and local businesses	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	40	39
Extremely confident	10	8
Very confident	30	31
Somewhat confident	51	49
Not too/Not confident at all	8	11
Not too confident	6	6
Not confident at all	3	5
Don't know [VOL]	1	1
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Organized labor	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	14	10
Extremely confident	5	3
Very confident	9	8
Somewhat confident	45	46
Not too/Not confident at all	38	41
Not too confident	17	19
Not confident at all	21	22
Don't know [VOL]	3	2
Refused [VOL]	*	*

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The print media, such as newspapers and news magazines	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	12	13
Extremely confident	3	4
Very confident	10	9
Somewhat confident	48	49
Not too/Not confident at all	39	38
Not too confident	19	21
Not confident at all	20	17
Don't know [VOL]	1	1
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The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

The broadcast news media, such as television and cable news	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	13	12
Extremely confident	5	5
Very confident	9	8
Somewhat confident	47	49
Not too/Not confident at all	40	39
Not too confident	19	21
Not confident at all	21	18
Don't know [VOL]	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*

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The online news media, such as news websites	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	13	11
Extremely confident	4	3
Very confident	9	8
Somewhat confident	49	53
Not too/Not confident at all	34	33
Not too confident	18	21
Not confident at all	16	13
Don't know [VOL]	5	3
Refused [VOL]	*	-

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The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

Independent or citizen media, such as online blogs	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	8	8
Extremely confident	3	3
Very confident	5	5
Somewhat confident	39	33
Not too/Not confident at all	47	54
Not too confident	25	31
Not confident at all	22	23
Don't know [VOL]	6	5
Refused [VOL]	1	*

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The scientific community, such as universities and research institutes	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	33	30
Extremely confident	9	8
Very confident	24	22
Somewhat confident	50	53
Not too/Not confident at all	16	17
Not too confident	9	10
Not confident at all	7	7
Don't know [VOL]	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	-

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The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Organized religion		
Extremely/Very confident	18	18
Extremely confident	6	5
Very confident	12	13
Somewhat confident	46	44
Not too/Not confident at all	34	35
Not too confident	14	16
Not confident at all	20	19
Don't know [VOL]	1	3
Refused [VOL]	1	1

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	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Public schools		
Extremely/Very confident	20	22
Extremely confident	6	3
Very confident	14	10
Somewhat confident	44	49
Not too/Not confident at all	36	37
Not too confident	19	24
Not confident at all	17	13
Don't know [VOL]	1	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-

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The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The military		
Extremely/Very confident	54	43
Extremely confident	17	13
Very confident	37	30
Somewhat confident	38	43
Not too/Not confident at all	8	13
Not too confident	5	8
Not confident at all	3	5
Don't know [VOL]	1	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*

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	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
The federal government		
Extremely/Very confident	10	10
Extremely confident	4	3
Very confident	6	7
Somewhat confident	42	48
Not too/Not confident at all	47	42
Not too confident	26	19
Not confident at all	22	24
Don't know [VOL]	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-

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The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
State government		
Extremely/Very confident	13	9
Extremely confident	4	3
Very confident	9	7
Somewhat confident	54	53
Not too/Not confident at all	33	38
Not too confident	19	23
Not confident at all	14	14
Don't know [VOL]	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-

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	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Local government		
Extremely/Very confident	15	15
Extremely confident	4	3
Very confident	11	11
Somewhat confident	55	55
Not too/Not confident at all	29	30
Not too confident	16	18
Not confident at all	13	12
Don't know [VOL]	*	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*

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The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

The U.S. Supreme Court	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	24	16
Extremely confident	7	3
Very confident	17	13
Somewhat confident	54	58
Not too/Not confident at all	21	25
Not too confident	10	14
Not confident at all	10	11
Don't know [VOL]	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	-

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State courts	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	19	12
Extremely confident	5	3
Very confident	14	9
Somewhat confident	58	62
Not too/Not confident at all	21	24
Not too confident	15	14
Not confident at all	6	10
Don't know [VOL]	2	1
Refused [VOL]	-	*

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- T11. (Confident) Now I'm going to read you a list of institutions in this country. For each one, please tell me if you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running each institution.

The first institution is (INSERT NAME). Would you say you are extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all in the people who are running (INSERT NAME).

The U.S. Congress	8/18-22/11	8/11-16/10
Extremely/Very confident	8	7
Extremely confident	4	3
Very confident	4	4
Somewhat confident	35	44
Not too/Not confident at all	57	49
Not too confident	26	23
Not confident at all	31	26
Don't know [VOL]	1	*
Refused [VOL]	-	-

Based on:

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Charitable organizations	8/18-22/11
Extremely/Very confident	26
Extremely confident	5
Very confident	21
Somewhat confident	56
Not too/Not confident at all	17
Not too confident	11
Not confident at all	6
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

CIT1. I'm going to read you two statements about America, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

	8/18-22/11
America needs more sense of community and people helping one another	58
America needs more self-reliance and personal responsibility	37
Some of both [VOL]	4
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

VOL1. Since September 1st of last year, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

	8/18-22/11
Yes	60
No	40
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=1,000

VOL2. [IF NO OR DON'T KNOW IN VOL1:] Sometimes people don't think of activities they do infrequently or activities they do for children's schools or youth organizations as volunteer activities. Since September 1st of last year, have you done any of these types of volunteer activities?

	8/18-22/11
Yes	23
No	77
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=373

VOL3. [IF NO IN VOL1 OR VOL2:] Before September 1st of last year, did you EVER participate in any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

	8/18-22/11
Yes	38
No	62
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=373

VOL4. [IF NO IN VOL1 OR VOL2:] What would you say is the main reason you haven't participated in volunteer activities in the past year?

	8/18-22/11
Don't have the time	58
Health issues/physical limitations/inabilities	20
Age	6
Not interested in it	4
Haven't found an organization that you would volunteer through	3
Donate money instead	2
Don't think it makes a difference	1
Don't have the money	1
Haven't found an activity you would volunteer for	1
Other (SPECIFY)	-
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=252

VOL5. Now I'd like to ask about some of your involvement in your community. Since September 1st, 2010 have you attended any public meetings in which there was discussion of community affairs?

	8/18-22/11
Yes	42
No	57
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

VOL6. Now I I'd like to ask just one question about donations to charitable and religious organizations. Charitable organizations focus on areas such as poverty and disaster relief, health care and medical research, education, arts, and the environment.

During the past 12 months, did you donate money, assets, or property with a combined value of more than \$25 to charitable or religious organizations?

	8/18-22/11
Yes	80
No	20
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

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

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09
Democrat	29	31	35	29	29	31	32	33	32	31	34	35	32	32	32	28	35	33	31	35	36	36
Independent	30	27	27	34	31	26	28	27	31	30	28	25	27	27	29	27	24	26	30	25	25	26
Republican	21	25	18	19	25	28	26	32	25	25	24	26	26	26	21	21	22	21	21	23	23	18
None of these	20	16	20	17	15	16	14	7	12	13	15	14	15	15	17	23	18	19	18	17	16	18
Refused	*	1	-	-	*	-	-	-	1	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	1	1	1	1	1	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09
Total Democrat	43	43	46	45	42	39	43	42	44	43	46	45	41	45	44	37	43	43	39	44	46
Democrat – strong	13	12	14	14	12	14	16	20	16	14	15	15	14	15	14	12	18	17	14	14	20
Democrat – moderate	16	19	21	15	16	17	16	13	15	18	19	20	18	18	18	16	17	16	16	20	15
Independent – lean Democratic	14	11	12	16	14	9	11	9	13	12	12	10	9	12	12	9	8	10	9	9	11
None – lean Democratic	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*
Total Republican	32	37	29	33	36	38	40	48	40	39	35	39	40	34	33	32	31	32	33	33	32
Republican – strong	9	11	6	9	9	13	12	18	12	11	9	10	14	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	11
Republican – moderate	12	14	12	11	16	15	13	14	13	14	15	16	12	12	12	13	10	11	11	12	12
Independent – lean Republican	11	13	11	14	11	11	14	15	15	14	11	13	14	12	12	11	10	11	13	10	9
None – lean Republican	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	1	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	5	3	4	4	6	6	3	2	3	5	4	2	4	5	5	7	6	5	8	5	5
[VOL] None – don't lean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[VOL] Other	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	*
Don't know	20	17	20	17	16	16	15	7	13	14	15	14	15	15	18	24	19	21	19	18	17
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7/10-12/10	TOTAL 10/16-20/08	LIKELY VOTERS 10/16-20/08
Liberal - strongly	9	9	9	8	8	8	9	10	10	10	11	8	6	9	11
Liberal - somewhat	13	14	14	15	14	11	14	11	12	15	11	15	14	14	14
Conservative - strongly	20	21	16	18	20	22	22	29	20	20	21	21	21	18	20
Conservative - somewhat	23	22	22	23	19	24	22	18	25	21	23	23	23	21	18
Moderate	32	33	36	32	36	33	31	31	31	33	32	31	32	35	35
Don't know	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	2
Refused	*	1	1	*	2	1	1	*	1	*	1	1	1	1	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=800

G11b. And when it comes to most social issues, do you consider your views to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

IF "Liberal," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal?

IF "Conservative," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?

	8/18-22/11
Liberal - strongly	13
Liberal - somewhat	13
Conservative - strongly	19
Conservative - somewhat	17
Moderate	36
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,000

EM1. Are you, yourself, currently employed...

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09
Full-time	50	44	49	45	44	47	46	46	46	47	48	49	45	43	44	46	44	44
Part-time	13	14	13	15	17	12	13	13	16	11	13	11	14	13	15	11	10	12
Not employed	37	42	37	39	38	40	41	40	38	42	39	39	41	44	41	42	45	42
Don't know	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-
Refused	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001

EM2. [IF "NOT EMPLOYED" IN EM1, ASK:] Are you...

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09
Retired	51	46	51	40	48	48	46	47	44	47	42	50	49	48	47	49	52	52
Homemaker	14	17	16	17	16	21	18	16	21	15	16	18	19	15	13	16	18	15
Student	13	10	12	16	14	11	12	11	14	12	11	9	9	8	7	9	10	8
Temporarily unemployed	18	24	19	27	19	17	22	21	20	25	27	21	23	27	32	24	18	22
Don't know	4	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	1	2	4	2	*	1	1	1	2	2
Refused	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	1	*	-	1	-	1	*	1	*	*

Based on: N=431 N=450 N=448 N=413 N=411 N=421 N=655 N=414 N=400 N=472 N=416 N=415 N=420 N=420 N=423 N=404 N=451 N=438

CUR38. Thinking of the last 6 months – that is, since December of 2010 – have you or has someone in your family lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	12/10-14/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Yes (self lost job)	5	6	7	6	8	6	7	6	6	7	8	6	9	5	8	6
Yes (someone in family)	25	18	23	22	27	18	16	25	25	29	21	23	22	26	21	25
No	69	74	67	70	62	72	76	68	67	61	69	69	66	65	65	67
Both (self and family member) [VOL]	1	2	3	1	4	3	1	1	2	4	1	3	3	2	4	2
Don't know	-	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*
Refused	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	1	1	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,007

CUR39. And thinking of the last 6 months – that is, since December of 2010 – has someone you know personally, other than a family member, lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	12/10-14/09	10/1-5/09	1 Year Ago 8/11-16/10
Yes	60	57	62	60	65	55	54	65	65	70	63	64	69	65	65
No	40	43	38	40	35	44	46	35	35	29	36	36	30	34	35
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,003 N=1,007

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

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

Married/Living as Married/Co-habiting	60
Separated	2
Divorced	9
Widowed	7
Never Married	21
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Less than high school graduate	6
High school graduate	33
Technical/trade school	5
Some college	26
College graduate	16
Some graduate school	4
Graduate degree	10
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	19
30-49	37
50-64	24
65+	18
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Urban area	27
Suburban area	43
Rural area	30
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Own	61
Rent	27
Other arrangement	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Yes	32
No	68
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

None	28
One Line	69
Two lines	2
Three or more lines	1
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

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

None	9
One	70
Two	16
Three or more	5
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Landline	28
Cell phone	37
Both equally	35
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=641

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

None	50
One	34
Two	12
Three or more	4
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=300

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	41
No	57
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Protestant	27
Catholic	20
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Other religion	21
Don't belong to religious denomination	26
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Yes, a Christian	88
No, not a Christian	12
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	-

Based on:

N=185

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

Never	18
Less often than a few times a year	11
A few times a year	22
Once or twice a month	13
Once a week	22
More than once a week	12
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Yes	12
No	88
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

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

White, Caucasian	73
Black, African-American, Negro	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	-
Chinese	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	*
Korean	-
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	1
Some other race	6
Other (specify)	-
Don't know	1
Refused	2
Multiple races	2

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Below \$50,000	47
\$50,000+	49
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Under \$10,000	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	6

Based on:

N=1,000

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

Yes	43
No	54
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=1,000

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

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

None	51
1	14
2	12
3	6
4	2
5-9 times	4
10-14 times	2
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	1
25 times or more	4
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=540

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

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,000

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	17
Midwest	23
South	38
West	23

Based on:

N=1,000

AP-NCC Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-NCC Poll** was conducted from August 18 through August 22, 2011, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,000 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 700 respondents on landlines and 300 respondents on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

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

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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