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**POLL**

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*All trends are from New York Times/CBS News polls unless otherwise noted.*

2. Is your opinion of labor unions favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about labor unions yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not favorable	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
2/24-27/11	33	25	19	20	2

3. Do you think labor unions have too much influence, too little influence, or about the right amount of influence on American life and politics today?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	DK/NA
9/22-27/81	60	11	22	7
3/12-16/09 CBS	47	18	24	11
2/26-3/1/10 CBS	43	15	27	15
2/24-27/11	37	19	29	15

4. If you HAD to choose ONE, which of the following would you be willing to do in order to reduce your STATE'S budget deficit 1. increase taxes, 2. decrease benefits of public employees like teachers or police officers, 3. decrease funding for roads and public transportation, OR 4. decrease funding for education? ANSWERS CATEGORIES WERE ROTATED

	2/24-27/11
Increase taxes	40
Decrease benefits of public employees	22
Decrease funding for roads	20
Decrease funding for education	3
No state deficit (vol.)	1
DK/NA	15

5. In general, do you think the salaries and benefits of MOST public employees are too high for the work that they do, too low for the work that they do, or are their salaries and benefits about right for the work that they do?

	Too high	Too low	About right	Depends(vol.)	DK/NA
2/24-27/11	26	25	36	9	4

6. How much have you heard or read about the recent efforts in many states to reduce state budget deficits by cutting the benefits of public employees – a lot, some, not much or nothing at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Nothing	DK/NA
2/24-27/11	39	33	20	6	1

7. In order to reduce state budget deficits, do you favor cutting the pay or benefits of public employees, or do you oppose that? IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Do you favor/oppose that strongly or somewhat?

	Favor strongly	Favor somewhat	Oppose strongly	Oppose somewhat	DK/NA
2/24-27/11	17	20	29	27	7

8. In general, when governors and state legislators try to reduce the benefits of public employees, do you think they are doing this mostly to reduce state budget deficits or mostly to weaken the power of unions?

	Reduce budget deficits	Weaken the power of unions	DK/NA
2/24-27/11	45	41	14

9. As you may know, collective bargaining refers to negotiations between an employer and a labor union's members to determine the conditions of employment. Some states are trying to take away some of the collective bargaining rights of public employee unions. Do you favor or oppose taking away some of the collective bargaining rights of these unions? IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE: Do you favor/oppose that strongly or somewhat?

	Favor strongly	Favor somewhat	Oppose strongly	Oppose somewhat	DK/NA
<b>2/24-27/11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>

10. Do you think police officers and firefighters should be able to retire after 25 years of service and begin collecting pension checks, even if they are in their forties or fifties, or should they have to be older than that to retire and collect pension checks regardless of the number of years they have served?

	Should be able to retire	Should have to be older	DK/NA
<b>2/24-27/11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6</b>

11. Do you think teachers should be able to retire after a set period of service and begin collecting pension checks even if they are younger than 65 or shouldn't they?

	Should be able to retire	Shouldn't be able to retire	DK/NA
<b>2/24-27/11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5</b>

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

	Yes	No	DK/NA
4/5-12/10	18	62	19
5/20-24/10 CBS	20	59	21
7/9-12/10 CBS	27	56	17
8/20-24/10 CBS	29	54	17
9/10-14/10	19	63	19
10/21-26/10	24	63	14
<b>2/24-27/11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>13</b>

57. Do you or does someone in your household belong to a labor union? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, self	Yes, someone else in HH	Yes, self and other	No	DK/NA
<b>2/24-27/11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1</b>

58. Are you or is someone in your household a public employee - that is a teacher, police officer, firefighter, or in some other government job? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, self	Yes, someone else in HH	Yes, self and other	No	DK/NA
<b>2/24-27/11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA		Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA
1/92A	29	35	31	5	3/8-12/01	31	35	29	5
1/92B	28	32	35	5	6/14-18/01	27	36	30	7
2/92A	32	37	27	4	10/25-28/01	32	37	23	8
2/92B	30	33	32	5	12/7-10/01	30	32	30	8
3/92	30	38	27	5	1/21-24/02	28	34	31	7
4/92	30	38	27	5	4/28-5/1/02	33	37	23	8
5/92A	30	33	31	6	7/13-16/02	28	34	33	5
6/92	33	33	29	5	9/2-5/02	29	35	26	10
7/92	29	34	32	5	10/3-5/02	27	38	28	7
7/92B	26	38	28	8	10/27-31/02	31	34	28	7
8/92A	28	33	33	5	11/20-24/02	29	32	31	8
8/92D	27	32	33	8	1/19-22/03	29	32	33	6
8/92E	28	35	29	8	2/10-12/03	28	34	31	6
9/92A	28	34	33	5	3/7-9/03	29	32	30	9
10/92A	29	35	31	5	4/11-13/03	31	30	32	6
10/92C	29	36	31	5	7/13-27/03	27	32	34	7
10/92D	28	37	31	4	9/28-10/1/03	31	35	30	4
10/92E	28	38	29	5	12/10-13/03	27	33	35	6
12/92	28	39	28	5	12/14-15/03	28	31	35	6
1/93	30	36	28	6	1/12-15/04	28	32	33	8
2/93	28	36	30	6	3/10-14/04	31	30	32	7
3/93	26	37	30	7	4/23-27/04	29	35	29	7
5/93A	29	34	29	8	6/23-27/04	29	35	29	7
6/93A	29	34	32	5	7/11-15/04	29	37	30	4
6/93B	31	37	27	5	9/12-16/04	33	31	29	7
9/93	26	36	32	6	10/1-3/04	29	34	28	10
11/93	29	38	29	4	10/14-17/04	30	34	29	7
1/94	30	30	34	6	10/28-30/04	30	35	30	6
2/94	28	33	32	7	11/18-21/04	29	36	30	5
3/94	30	34	29	7	1/14-18/05	31	34	28	8
4/94	32	32	30	6	2/24-28/05	29	36	29	6
7/94	27	35	31	6	6/10-15/05	28	34	31	6
9/94	28	36	34	3	9/9-13/05	26	36	28	9
11/94	31	34	29	6	12/2-6/05	28	32	33	7
12/94	31	32	29	7	1/20-25/06	29	34	33	4
2/95	30	33	32	5	5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4
4/95	30	30	34	6	7/21-25/06	31	33	30	5
8/95	30	35	29	6	8/17-21/06	30	35	27	8
9/95	28	33	30	9	9/15-19/06	30	32	32	5
10/95	31	35	27	7	10/5-8/06	30	35	30	6
12/95	32	35	26	6	10/27-31/06	28	35	31	7
12/95	27	33	33	7	2/24-27/07	25	35	33	6
1/96	29	35	31	5	3/7-11/07	27	35	33	6
2/96	30	35	31	4	4/20-24/07	24	34	36	6
4/96	31	36	28	5	5/18-23/07	29	37	32	3
6/96	27	39	29	5	7/9-17/07	28	34	34	4
6/96 NYT	26	37	32	5	7/20-22/07	24	32	36	9
7/96	31	34	29	6	9/4-8/07	31	32	33	5
8/96	32	41	24	3	12/5-9/07	26	35	31	8
8/96C	30	34	28	8	1/9-12/08	28	40	27	5
9/96	29	36	29	6	2/20-24/08	27	38	29	6
10/96	28	40	25	7	3/28-4/2/08	26	41	27	6
10/96C	28	37	27	7	4/25-29/08	27	37	31	5
11/96	28	38	28	7	5/1-3/08	29	39	27	5
12/96	28	39	24	9	7/7-14/08	26	37	31	6
1/97	29	32	33	6	8/15-20/08	29	37	26	8
4/97	29	36	26	8	9/12-16/08	28	39	26	7
1/98	27	34	30	8	9/21-24/08	28	34	32	6
1/98B	26	35	31	7	10/10-13/08	28	36	29	7
2/98	31	32	30	8	10/19-22/08	26	41	28	5
4/98	28	31	33	8	10/25-29/08	30	37	27	5
6/98	28	32	30	10	1/11-15/09	21	39	31	8
7/98	28	35	30	7	2/18-22/09	26	36	32	5
8/98	26	37	29	8	4/1-5/09	23	39	30	7
9/98B	26	35	31	7	4/22-26/09	20	38	36	6
9/98C	27	35	32	6	6/12-16/09	24	38	31	8
10/98A	24	37	32	7	7/24-28/09	20	34	39	7
10/98B	27	39	28	6	9/19-23/09	22	37	33	7
12/98	27	37	30	6	12/4-8/09	27	36	29	8
1/99	25	37	33	5	2/5-10/10	28	30	37	5
4/99	30	34	28	7	4/5-12/10	28	31	33	7
11/99	28	37	30	5	4/28-5/2/10	25	34	31	10
2/00	28	37	28	6	6/16-20/10	24	34	33	9
5/00	31	34	27	7	9/10-14/10	25	35	33	7
7/00B	31	36	26	7	10/21-26/10	28	37	31	4
9/00A	31	33	27	9	1/15-19/11	27	34	32	6
9/00D	28	37	27	8	<b>2/24-27/11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>
10/00	29	35	30	7					
11/00	27	36	29	9					

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA		Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA
1/92A	19	41	34	6	7/00B	22	43	30	5
1/92B	21	43	30	5	9/00A	20	42	32	6
2/92A	19	39	36	6	9/00D	20	42	32	5
2/92B	20	43	31	6	12/7-10/01	23	39	33	4
3/92	20	47	30	4	1/21-24/02	22	44	29	5
4/92	18	44	33	4	4/28-5/1/02	22	38	35	6
5/92A	21	40	34	4	7/13-16/02	21	44	32	4
6/92	23	39	32	6	9/2-5/02	20	39	36	5
7/92	20	42	32	6	10/3-5/02	18	45	34	3
7/92B	21	41	30	8	10/27-31/02	20	38	37	5
8/92A	20	45	30	6	11/20-24/02	20	44	30	6
8/92D	22	44	27	7	1/19-22/03	19	45	32	3
9/92A	19	46	31	4	2/10-12/03	21	41	35	3
10/92C	22	39	34	5	3/7-9/03	18	45	35	3
10/92D	21	39	33	6	4/11-13/03	19	45	33	3
10/92E	21	40	33	6	7/13-27/03	22	40	34	5
2/92	20	41	34	5	9/28-10/1/03	19	42	34	5
1/93	18	45	32	6	12/10-13/03	20	45	31	4
2/93	23	41	31	5	12/14-15/03	19	39	37	5
3/93	22	39	34	5	1/12-15/04	20	43	31	5
5/93A	21	41	33	5	3/10-14/04	21	40	34	5
6/93A	19	43	32	6	4/23-27/04	22	42	30	6
6/93B	19	44	31	6	6/23-27/04	21	42	32	5
9/93	19	43	34	4	7/11-15/04	22	41	34	3
11/93	21	41	33	5	9/12-16/04	20	40	36	4
1/94	17	44	34	6	10/1-3/04	24	36	35	6
2/94	18	41	34	7	10/14-17/04	19	42	33	6
3/94	21	38	35	5	10/28-30/04	17	42	35	5
4/94	19	42	33	6	11/18-21/04	22	41	33	4
9/94	20	42	35	4	1/14-18/05	20	41	33	6
11/94	20	41	35	4	2/24-28/05	23	38	35	5
12/94	18	40	36	6	6/10-15/05	20	43	33	4
2/95	19	39	37	4	9/9-13/05	18	43	34	5
4/95	19	42	34	5	12/2-6/05	18	45	32	5
8/95	19	40	35	5	1/20-25/06	21	45	30	4
9/95	20	39	33	8	5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4
12/95	32	35	26	6	7/21-25/06	21	39	36	4
12/95	27	33	33	7	8/17-21/06	24	38	33	5
10/95	16	44	34	5	9/15-19/06	17	43	35	4
12/95	17	46	33	4	10/5-8/06	23	39	34	3
12/95	15	46	34	5	10/27-31/06	20	45	30	5
1/96	20	42	35	4	2/24-27/07	20	42	33	6
2/96	17	45	34	4	3/7-11/07	20	40	36	4
4/96	18	47	31	4	4/20-24/07	21	42	33	5
6/96	19	46	29	6	5/18-23/07	20	43	32	5
6/96	16	48	32	4	7/9-17/07	19	44	33	4
7/96	20	42	34	3	7/20-22/07	15	48	31	5
8/96	17	47	30	6	9/4-8/07	22	42	32	4
8/96C	18	43	33	6	12/5-9/07	22	43	31	4
9/96	16	44	34	6	1/9-12/08	25	39	32	4
10/96	16	47	31	7	2/20-24/08	23	41	29	6
10/96C	18	45	32	6	3/28-4/2/08	21	39	34	5
11/96	15	48	32	6	4/25-29/08	22	41	33	4
12/96	17	40	35	8	5/1-3/08	15	49	32	4
1/97	17	46	33	4	7/7-14/08	22	41	32	5
4/97	19	42	34	5	8/15-20/08	24	36	35	5
12/97	21	42	33	5	9/12-16/08	24	39	33	4
1/98	19	40	33	7	9/21-24/08	22	38	36	4
2/98	21	42	33	4	10/10-13/08	18	49	29	4
4/98	18	42	35	5	10/19-22/08	21	39	33	7
6/98	20	39	34	7	10/25-29/08	22	38	33	7
7/98	20	42	33	5	1/11-15/09	21	43	30	6
8/98	21	43	31	5	2/18-22/09	20	38	36	6
9/98	21	41	34	5	4/1-5/09	23	39	31	7
9/98C	21	41	31	6	4/22-26/09	22	42	29	7
10/98B	20	41	33	5	6/12-16/09	27	37	29	7
12/98	20	41	34	5	7/24-28/09	22	41	30	7
1/99	20	45	30	4	9/19-23/09	21	39	36	4
4/99	19	46	29	6	12/4-8/09	21	36	38	5
11/99	22	43	31	5	4/28-5/2/10	21	34	38	6
2/00	21	44	31	4	6/16-20/10	18	42	35	5
5/00	21	41	34	4	9/10-14/10	19	40	36	5
7/00	22	38	33	7	10/21-26/10	19	37	38	5
					1/15-19/11	20	41	35	4
					<b>2/24-27/11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>

How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	Refused
2/24-27/11	24	27	32	16	1

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
2/24-27/11	10	35	28	15	10	-

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
2/24-27/11	13	86	1

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
2/24-27/11	74	11	2	11	2

Was your total family income in 2010 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
2/24-27/11	9	17	18	21	11	14	8

	Male	Female
2/24-27/11	49	51