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The 2012 Race for the Republican Nomination
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- In a turnaround from four years ago, Republicans are more enthusiastic than Democrats about voting in 2012 compared to past elections.
- At this early stage in the race for the Republican nomination, Rick Perry (23%) leads Mitt Romney (16%) nationally by 7 points. All other candidates' support is in single digits. One in five Republican primary voters are undecided.
- A majority of both Perry and Romney's supporters have reservations about their candidate.
- Republican primary voters divide on whether its more important to have a nominee who shares their views on the issues (48%) or one who can beat Barack Obama in 2012 (48%).
- Sarah Palin receives her highest unfavorable rating (62%) in this poll since CBS News began asking about her in 2008. And for the first time, more Republicans now view her unfavorably than favorably.

The Enthusiasm Gap

At this early stage of the campaign, 31% of registered voters nationwide say they are more enthusiastic about the 2012 presidential election compared to past elections. This level of enthusiasm is similar to what it was in the fall of 2007.

But there is an 18 point partisan enthusiasm gap that currently favors Republicans: 44% of Republican voters are more enthusiastic about voting in 2012, while just 26% of Democrats are. This is a reversal compared to October, 2007, when twice as many Democrats as Republicans expressed more enthusiasm about voting.

Enthusiasm Now vs. Past Elections

(among registered voters)

	----- Now -----				----- 10/2007 -----			
	All	Reps	Dems	Inds	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
More	31%	44%	26%	24%	28%	18%	37%	29%
Less	18	11	20	23	24	32	15	25
Same	50	45	52	52	47	50	47	45

Republicans are also more likely than Democrats to be tuned into the 2012 campaign. 77% of Republicans are paying at least some attention (including more than a third who are paying a lot of attention), compared to 61% of Democrats. But it's still early in the campaign cycle, and only 30% of voters overall are paying a lot of attention to the 2012 election campaign so far.

Attention to the 2012 Campaign

(among registered voters)

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
A lot	30%	37%	27%	27%
Some	39	40	34	41
Not much	22	16	27	23
None	8	6	11	8

The Republican Vote

Among voters who intend to vote in a Republican primary or caucus, Rick Perry leads the pack of candidates nationally with 23%, with Mitt Romney at 16%. Newt Gingrich and Michele Bachmann tie for third with 7%, followed by Ron Paul (5%) and Herman Cain (5%). Jon Huntsman and Rick Santorum each receive 1%.

With months to go before the start of the primaries and caucuses, one in five Republican primary voters is undecided on a candidate at this point – about twice as many compared to four years ago.

At a similar stage in the campaign in 2007, Rudy Giuliani was the leading choice of Republican primary voters (34%), followed by Fred Thompson (23%), and the eventual nominee, John McCain, in third (16%), according to a CBS News Poll. Romney received the support of 9% in that poll.

2012 Republican Nomination for President

(among Republican primary voters)

Rick Perry	23%
Mitt Romney	16
Newt Gingrich	7
Michele Bachmann	7
Ron Paul	5
Herman Cain	5
Jon Huntsman	1
Rick Santorum	1
Undecided/Don't know	22

Half of primary voters who pick a candidate for the nomination say they like their candidate but have reservations about him or her. Six in 10 Perry and Romney supporters say they have reservations about their candidate. And Romney's support is somewhat weaker than Perry's – just 25% of Romney's supporters strongly favor him, compared to 33% of Perry's.

Strength of Support for Candidate

(among Republican primary voters with a choice)

	All	Perry supporters	Romney supporters
Strongly favor	30%	33%	25%
Like but have reservations	50	60	63
Dislike others	14	5	9

There is a desire for more candidate choices among some Republicans, but it is not unusual for voters to want more choices. Even though 43% of Republican primary voters are satisfied with the field of presidential candidates, more – 50% - would like other choices. This level of satisfaction among Republicans is similar to what it was in the fall of 2007.

Satisfied with Republican Candidates for President

(among Republican primary voters)

	Now	9/2007
Yes, satisfied	43%	45%
No, want more choices	50	49

Views of the Candidates

But it is still early in the campaign, and many of the Republican candidates for president remain unknown to voters nationwide -- even to many Republicans.

Romney and Perry have the highest positive ratings among Republican primary voters – each is viewed favorably by over four in 10 primary voters. Republicans give Romney higher unfavorable ratings than Perry, but Perry is less well-known.

Congressman Ron Paul and former Ambassador Jon Huntsman are the only candidates viewed more negatively than positively among Republican primary voters, but seven in 10 don't yet have an opinion of Huntsman, and nearly half are undecided about Paul.

Republican primary voters who support the Tea Party movement (49% of them do) view Perry most positively (59%). They also hold especially favorable opinions of Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, who chairs the House Tea Party caucus, as well as Newt Gingrich. Ron Paul is viewed more negatively than positively by Tea Partiers who plan to vote in a Republican primary.

Views of Republican Presidential Candidates

	Rep Primary Voters			Tea Party Rep Primary Voters		
	Fav.	Unfav.	Don't know/ Undecided	Fav.	Unfav.	Don't know/ Undecided
Mitt Romney	45%	17	37	45%	22	33
Rick Perry	44%	9	47	59%	6	35
Newt Gingrich	38%	33	28	49%	30	21
Michele Bachmann	35%	21	43	50%	17	33
Herman Cain	30%	10	60	45%	10	44
Ron Paul	21%	34	45	26%	40	34
Rick Santorum	15%	13	71	25%	15	60
Jon Huntsman	10%	21	68	12%	30	58

Opinions of the candidates among all registered voters are more negative – no candidate enjoys a net positive rating among this broader group. And many registered voters overall have not yet formed an opinion of these candidates.

Perry's Supporters

Perry leads Romney (and the rest of the Republican field) among many demographic groups. He leads Romney among both men and women, but has a larger lead with men. He gets the support of 28% of evangelicals who plan to vote in a Republican primary or caucus, compared to just 10% for Romney. The race is tighter among non-evangelicals.

49% of Republican primary voters support the Tea Party movement, and they back Perry over Romney by nearly three to one. However, Romney has an advantage among non-Tea Party

primary voters. Romney does better with moderates, but Perry is stronger among conservatives – and more than two-thirds of Republican primary voters identify themselves as conservatives.

Those who would like to see Social Security privatized (more than six in 10 Republican primary voters) back Perry, while the race is close among those Republicans who think privatizing Social Security is a bad idea.

2012 Republican Nomination for President
(among Republican primary voters)

	Perry	Romney
Total	23%	16
Men	22%	14
Women	23%	18
Age <45	17%	11
Age 45-64	25%	18
Age 65+	30%	22
Evangelicals	28%	10
Not Evangelical	19%	21
Republicans	26%	16
Independents	14%	15
Conservative	27%	14
<i>Very conservative</i>	33%	10
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	19%	19
Moderate	16%	19
Tea Party	30%	12
Non-Tea Party	16%	22
Privatize Social Security?		
Good idea	25%	15
Bad idea	18%	17

Sarah Palin

Former Vice Presidential nominee Sarah Palin's negative ratings have been on the rise since she left her job as Governor of Alaska in 2009. 62% of voters now hold an unfavorable view of Palin – the highest since 2008, when CBS News began asking about her. Only 20% view her favorably.

Views of Sarah Palin
(among registered voters)

	Now	6/2011	9/2010	7/2009	9/2008
Favorable	20%	21%	23%	26%	44
Unfavorable	62	57	51	37	22
Undecided/Don't know	17	21	24	36	34

For the first time in CBS News Polls, more Republicans now view Palin unfavorably (39%) than favorably (36%). Opinions are similar among Republican primary voters.

Just after her convention speech in 2008, three in four Republicans viewed her favorably.

Republican Views of Sarah Palin					
(among Republican voters)					
	Now	6/2011	9/2010	7/2009	9/2008
Favorable	36%	37%	54%	39%	77%
Unfavorable	39	36	18	15	3
Undecided/Don't know	25	25	27	44	19

Palin's favorability among those who support the Tea Party movement has dropped a bit as well, but more still view her positively than negatively.

Tea Party Views of Sarah Palin			
(among voters who are Tea Party supporters)			
	Now	6/2011	9/2010
Favorable	44%	48%	62%
Unfavorable	32	27	16
Undecided/Don't know	24	25	22

As for Palin's political future, 71% of voters nationwide say they would not like to see her become a major national political figure for many years to come. Most Democrats and independents would not like to see this happen, as do almost half of Republicans. Tea Partiers are more likely to want Palin to remain in the political spotlight.

Like to See Sarah Palin be a Major Political Figure for Many Years?
(among registered voters)

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds	Tea Party
Yes	23%	42%	6%	24%	53%
No	71	48	93	69	38

What Republicans Want

Looking ahead, Republican primary voters divide on whether they prefer a nominee who agrees with their positions on issues, or one with the best chance of defeating Barack Obama in 2012.

More Important that Republican Nominee...
(among Republican primary voters)

Agrees with me on the issues	48%
Can beat Obama in 2012	48

While Perry, who has spent most of his career in politics, leads the Republican field nationally in this poll, 48% of Republican primary voters say they prefer a nominee whose experience has mostly been in the business or private sector, while fewer - 14% - want someone with a mostly political background. A third says it doesn't matter.

Republican Nominee's Experience Should be Mostly...

(among Republican primary voters)

In politics and government	14%
In business or private sector	48
Doesn't matter	35

More than half of Republican primary voters say it is important that a presidential candidate share their religious beliefs. This is also important to four in 10 registered voters overall.

Among white evangelicals (six in 10 of whom plan to vote in a Republican primary), 81% say it is important that a candidate have the same religious beliefs as they do, including half who say it is very important.

Important that a Presidential Candidate Share Your Religious Beliefs

	All Voters	Rep Primary Voters	White Evangelicals
Very	19%	24%	49%
Somewhat	21	28	32
Not very	20	20	9
Not at all	40	28	11

The field of Republican candidates includes a woman and two Mormon candidates. 45% of Republican primary voters say most people they know would support a candidate who is Mormon for president (without mentioning a candidate by name), but 36% say most people they know would not.

There is more support for a hypothetical woman candidate.

Most People You Know Support....for President

	All Voters			Republican Primary voters		
	Yes	No	DK	Yes	No	DK
A Mormon	35%	40	25	45%	36	19
A woman	68%	21	11	69%	21	10

Republicans and the Issues

Social Security and Medicare have surfaced as major topics in the Republican nomination race. In some areas, Republicans' views on policies for these programs aren't much different from those of Americans overall. Tea Party Republicans – who make up just under half the party - hold slightly more conservative views than Republicans generally.

- Republicans – including Tea Party Republicans - voice widespread agreement that Social Security and Medicare programs are worth the costs. It's a view widely shared by all Americans.
- The idea of reducing benefits doesn't find much favor among Republicans (only one-third would support that), or among the overall population.
- Half of Republicans have doubts the Social Security program will be there for them when they retire. This view is especially prevalent among younger Republicans. Half of all Americans share that sentiment, too.

- One big difference between Republicans and Americans overall: Republicans are more likely to say privatized Social Security accounts are a good idea. Two-thirds like that idea, while Americans generally are split. Tea Party Republicans especially like the idea.

Stands on Social Security and Medicare

	All	Republicans	Tea Party Reps
Social Security and Medicare are...			
Worth it	79%	73%	66%
Not worth it	15	22	27
Social Security will....			
Be there when you retire	33%	29%	24%
Not be there	50	51	56
Allowing private Social Security accounts is....			
Good idea	45%	65%	71%
Bad idea	46	30	25
To fix Social Security U.S. should...			
Raise taxes	49%	43%	38%
Reduce benefits	30	32	37
Not sure	21	25	25

In the Republican nomination contest, a variety of issues are being debated: global warming, health care, and immigration among them. On these matters, there are some important differences between rank and file Republicans and the rest of Americans.

- Compared to Americans overall, Republicans are far less likely to believe that global warming is caused by human activity (about half as many think so) – and are more likely to doubt it exists at all. Tea Party Republicans are particularly doubtful.
- At nearly twice the rate as all Americans, Republicans say the new health care law ought to be repealed in whole or in part. And Tea Party Republicans overwhelmingly want full repeal.
- Republicans are more likely to say illegal immigrants should be deported – half do – while four in ten Americans agree. Republicans are less like to support a citizenship process for them.
- Most Americans favor capital punishment in at least some instances, but Republicans favor it in greater numbers than the public overall (eight in ten compared to six in ten.)
- As has been the case for some time, Republicans voice more opposition to the idea of same sex marriage, and to abortion.

Stands On Other Issues

	All	Republicans	Tea Party Reps
Global warming...			
Is caused by humans	42%	22%	11%
Is part of natural patterns	33	46	56
Doesn't exist	12	22	28

	All	Republicans	Tea Party Reps
The new health care law should be...			
Repealed entirely	30%	59%	75%
Repeal parts, not all	17	23	17
Let stand	40	9	4
Illegal immigrants working in US should...			
Be allowed citizenship process	37%	24%	16%
Be allowed to stay as guest workers	20	24	28
Be required to leave US	38	49	52
Legal immigration levels should be...			
Kept at present level	36%	37%	37%
Increased	19	14	15
Decreased	38	43	44
Capital punishment:			
Favor	60%	79%	85%
Oppose	27	14	9
Same sex couples should be...			
Allowed to marry	38%	22%	14%
Allowed civil unions, not marriage	27	33	37
Not legally recognized	28	42	46
Abortion should be...			
Generally available	31%	18%	15%
Available with limits	42	47	44
Not permitted	23	34	41

The Direction of the Republican Party

Most, but not all, Republicans think the party is headed in the right direction – and ideology divides people on this question. Conservative Republicans say it is. Moderates – who are outnumbered by conservatives in the party – are divided.

Is the Republican Party Headed in Right Direction?

	(Among Republicans)		
	All	Conservatives	Moderates
Yes	55%	60%	39%
No	29	25	40
Not sure	16	15	21

A majority of Republicans think their party currently reflects the values of most of its rank-and-file. Again, though, moderates are the least likely to think so.

Does the Republican Party Today Reflect Values of Most Republicans?

	(Among Republicans)		
	All	Conservatives	Moderates
It does	60%	63%	50%
It does not	32	28	44

Republicans, ideology and the Tea Party

Most Republicans are conservative – no surprise there – but there are differences of degree. On economic issues, three in ten call themselves “very” conservative and four in ten “somewhat.” Likewise, on social issues, three in ten are “very” conservative and a similar percentage is “somewhat” conservative. On both scales, about two in ten say they’re moderates.

On both scales, Tea Party Republicans are more conservative than Republicans overall.

Among all Americans, the general public is more likely to call themselves moderate or liberal than Republicans.

Republicans’ Ideology Breakdown: Social and Economic Stands

	All	Republicans	Tea Party Republicans
On <u>economic issues</u> are you....			
Very liberal	7%	0%	0%
Somewhat liberal	15	3	1
Moderate	36	19	11
Somewhat conservative	25	42	39
Very conservative	12	33	47
On <u>social issues</u> are you....			
Very liberal	10%	1%	1%
Somewhat liberal	20	6	4
Moderate	31	24	16
Somewhat conservative	22	36	37
Very conservative	14	31	41

Compared to Americans overall, Republicans are much stronger backers of the Tea Party. About half of Republicans say they support the Tea Party, while two in ten Americans does.

Tea Party Supporter?

	All	Republicans
Yes	20%	48%
No	65	44

Republicans have a favorable opinion of the Tea Party by a margin of seven to one. Half of all Americans don’t have an opinion of the Tea Party, but those who do view it more unfavorably than favorably.

Opinion of the Tea Party

	All	Republicans
Favorable	21%	49%
Unfavorable	29	7
Undecided/don’t know	49	44

Most Republicans think the Tea Party has the right amount of influence within the Republican Party, though moderate Republicans are more likely to say they have too much influence than conservative Republicans.

The Tea Party's Influence on the Party is...

(Among Republicans)

	All	Conservatives	Moderates
Too much	12%	8%	23%
Too little	18	18	17
Right amount	53	59	42
Not sure	17	15	18

Most Republicans – 66% - say it would make no difference in voting for a candidate if that person was or was not a member of the tea Party.

Republicans continue to criticize the President for growing government and increasing the budget deficit. While just 37% of Americans overall think President Obama has expanded the role of government too much, that rises to 72% among Republicans, and 84% of Tea Party supporters.

Has Obama Expanded Role of Gov't:

	All	Republicans	Tea Party Republicans
Too much	37%	72%	84%
Not enough	23	14	13
About right	32	9	3

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1,452 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone September 10-15, 2011. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher. An oversample of Republicans was also conducted for this poll, for a total of 781 interviews among this group. The results were then weighted in proportion to the average party distributions in previous 2011 CBS News and CBS News/New York Times Polls and in the random sample in this poll. The margin of error for Republicans is plus or minus 4 percentage points. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

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q26 How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2012 presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				Jun11c
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	%	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	%
A lot	30	37	27	27	27
Some	39	40	34	41	39
Not much	22	16	27	23	24
None	8	6	11	8	9
DK/NA	0	0	0	0	1

q27 Are you generally satisfied with the candidates now running for the Republican nomination for President, or do you wish there were more choices?

	REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	Sep07a
Satisfied	43	45
More choices	50	49
DK/NA	7	6

q29 Which one of these candidates would you like to see the Republican Party nominate for President in 2012 - Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Ron Paul, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, or would you like to see someone else nominated? IF SOMEONE ELSE, ASK: Who would you like to see nominated? [CANDIDATES' NAMES ROTATE]

Rick Perry	23
Mitt Romney	16
Michele Bachmann	7
Newt Gingrich	7
Herman Cain	5
Ron Paul	5
Jon Huntsman	1
Rick Santorum	1
Chris Christie (vol.)	1
John McCain (vol.)	1
Sarah Palin (vol.)	3
Mike Huckabee (vol.)	2
Undecided (Vol.)	12
No/No one	2
Other	4
DK/NA	10

q31 Which of these best describes your preference for the Republican nomination for President in 2012: 1) I strongly favor my candidate, 2) I like my candidate but with reservations, or 3) I dislike the other candidates?

	REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS WITH A CANDIDATE CHOICE		
	Total	Perry supporters	Romney supporters
Strongly favor	30	33	25
Like with reservations	50	60	63
Dislike others	14	5	9
DK/NA	6	2	3

q32 Compared to past Presidential elections, how would you describe your level of enthusiasm about voting in the 2012 Presidential election next year -- are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as usual?

*** REGISTERED VOTERS ***
 *** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jun11c
	%	%	%	%	%
More	31	44	26	24	27
Less	18	11	20	23	18
Same	50	45	52	52	54
DK/NA	1	0	2	1	1

q37 Is your opinion of Michele Bachmann favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Michele Bachmann yet to have an opinion?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **

	Total	Republican Primary voters	Jun11a
Favorable	19	35	13
Not favorable	36	21	20
Undecided	20	22	13
Haven't heard enough	24	21	54
Refused	1	1	0

q38 Is your opinion of Herman Cain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Herman Cain yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	14	30	11
Not favorable	14	10	6
Undecided	15	13	10
Haven't heard enough	57	47	72
Refused	0	0	1

q39 Is your opinion of Newt Gingrich favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Newt Gingrich yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	18	38	13
Not favorable	46	33	46
Undecided	19	18	23
Haven't heard enough	17	10	17
Refused	0	1	1

q40 Is your opinion of Jon Huntsman favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Jon Huntsman yet to have an opinion?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
	Total	Republican Primary voters	Jun11a
	%	%	%
Favorable	9	10	5
Not favorable	18	21	8
Undecided	17	15	13
Haven't heard enough	56	53	73
Refused	0	1	1

q41 Is your opinion of Sarah Palin favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Sarah Palin yet to have an opinion?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **					
*** Party ID ***					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jun11a
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	20	36	5	20	21
Not favorable	62	39	82	64	57
Undecided	14	21	8	15	17
Haven't heard enough	3	4	4	2	4
Refused	1	0	1	0	1

q42 Is your opinion of Ron Paul favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Ron Paul yet to have an opinion?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
	Total	Republican Primary voters	Apr10a
	%	%	%
Favorable	17	21	12
Not favorable	31	34	15
Undecided	23	25	19
Haven't heard enough	28	20	54
Refused	1	0	0

q43 Is your opinion of Rick Perry favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Rick Perry yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	21	44
Not favorable	28	9
Undecided	21	19
Haven't heard enough	29	28
Refused	1	0

q44 Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Mitt Romney yet to have an opinion?

			Jun11a
Favorable	25	45	25
Not favorable	29	17	24
Undecided	29	27	28
Haven't heard enough	16	10	22
Refused	1	1	1

q45 Is your opinion of Rick Santorum favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Rick Santorum yet to have an opinion?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
	Total	Republican Primary voters	Jun11a
	%	%	%
Favorable	7	15	7
Not favorable	18	13	11
Undecided	18	20	16
Haven't heard enough	56	51	65
Refused	1	1	1

q46 Would you, personally, like to see Sarah Palin be a major national political figure for many years to come, or not?

*** REGISTERED VOTERS ***				
*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Yes, would	23	42	6	24
No, would not	71	48	93	69
DK/NA	6	10	1	7

q47 Would you prefer the Republican nominee for president be someone whose experience has been mostly in politics and government, or someone whose experience has been mostly in the business or private sector, or doesn't it matter to you?

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	
Mostly politics & gov't	14
Mostly business	48
Doesn't matter	35
Don't know/No answer	3

q48 Thinking about the Republican party's nominee for President in 2012, if you had to choose, which is more important to you -- having a Republican nominee who agrees with your positions on most issues, or having a nominee with the best chance of defeating Barack Obama in 2012?

Agrees with issues	48
Win in 2012	48
Don't know/No answer	4

q49 Thinking about your vote for president next year, how important is it that a candidate shares your religious beliefs -- is it very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **			
	Total	Republican Primary voters	Dec07a
Very important	19	24	16
Somewhat important	21	28	27
Not very important	20	20	21
Not at all important	40	28	35
Don't know/No answer	0	0	1

q50 Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is Mormon, or not?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **		
	Total	Republican Primary voters	Dec07a
	%	%	%
Yes	35	45	45
No	40	36	41
DK/NA	25	19	14

q51 Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is a woman, or not?

			Mar08a
Would	68	69	46
Would not	21	21	45
DK/NA	11	10	9

q78 Thinking about most economic issues, would you say your views are very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Very liberal	7	0	15	5
Somewhat liberal	15	3	29	11
Moderate	36	19	41	44
Somewhat conservative	25	42	10	26
Very conservative	12	33	2	7
Don't know/No answer	5	3	3	6

q79 Thinking about most social issues, would you say your views are very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative?

Very liberal	10	1	20	8
Somewhat liberal	20	6	25	24
Moderate	31	24	32	36
Somewhat conservative	22	36	16	17
Very conservative	14	31	4	11
Don't know/No answer	3	2	3	4

q80 Overall, do you think the benefits from government programs such as Social Security and Medicare are worth the costs of those programs for taxpayers, or are they not worth the costs?

				Oct10a
Worth it	79	73	90	73
Not worth it	15	22	7	18
Don't know/No answer	6	5	3	9

q81 Do you think the Social Security system will have the money available to provide the benefits you expect for your retirement?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	**** Party ID ****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jun05a
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	33	29	39	31	31
No	50	51	43	55	51
Already getting SS (vol.)	10	14	9	8	12
Don't know/No answer	7	6	9	6	6

q82 Currently, most Americans are scheduled to receive full Social Security benefits by age 67. But the money Social Security takes in from taxpayers is not enough to pay for the program as it exists now. How should the government deal with the shortfall? If you HAD to choose ONE, should the federal government raise Social Security taxes on people paying into the system or should the federal government reduce the future benefits of Social Security recipients?

Raise taxes	49	43	63	42
Reducing benefits	30	32	23	34
DK/NA	21	25	14	24

q83 Some people have suggested allowing individuals to invest portions of their Social Security taxes on their own, which might allow them to make more money for their retirement, but would involve greater risk. Do you think allowing individuals to invest a portion of their Social Security taxes on their own is a good idea or a bad idea?

Good idea	45	65	33	42	45
Bad idea	46	30	60	45	50
DK/NA	9	5	7	13	5

q84 Do you think Congress should try to repeal the health care law that was passed last year, or should they let it stand? IF REPEAL, ASK: Should they repeal the entire law or only certain parts?

Repeal entire law	30	59	9	29
Repeal certain parts	17	23	12	16
Let stand	40	9	67	39
DK/NA	13	9	12	16

q86 Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

					May10b
Favor	60	79	52	55	63
Oppose	27	14	39	25	26
DK/NA	13	7	9	20	11

q88 Which statement comes closest to your view about global warming? 1.Global warming is caused mostly by human activity such as burning fossil fuels or 2. Global warming is caused mostly by natural patterns in the earth's environment. or 3. Global warming does not exist.

Human activity	42	22	53	45
Natural patterns	33	46	24	32
Global warming does not exist	12	22	9	7
Caused by both (Vol.)	7	5	8	7
Not sure what it's caused	2	2	3	2
DK/NA	4	3	3	7

q89 Which comes closest to your view? Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, OR gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, OR there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jun11b
	**** Party ID ****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Allowed to legally marry	38	22	51	38	40
Civil unions	27	33	17	31	23
No legal recognition	28	42	26	21	30
DK/NA	7	3	6	10	7

q90 Which of these comes closest to your view? 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it, 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now, or 3. Abortion should not be permitted?

					Dec10a
Generally available	31	18	45	29	36
Available but limits	42	47	35	45	40
Should not be permitted	23	34	17	20	20
Don't know/No answer	4	1	3	6	4

q91 Should legal immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?

					Apr10b
Present level	36	37	36	35	44
Increased	19	14	22	20	17
Decreased	38	43	37	36	31
DK/NA	7	6	5	9	8

q92 Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S.? 1. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs and to eventually apply for U.S. citizenship, or 2. They should be allowed to stay in their jobs only as guest workers, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship, or 3. They should be required to leave their jobs and leave the U.S.

Stay and apply	37	24	51	34	43
Stay as guest workers	20	24	19	19	21
Required to leave U.S.	38	49	28	39	32
DK/NA	5	3	2	8	4

q96 Is your opinion of the Tea Party movement favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about the Tea Party movement yet to have an opinion?

					Aug11a
Favorable	21	49	5	16	20
Not favorable	29	7	50	27	40
Undecided	21	27	16	22	18
Haven't heard enough	28	17	28	34	21
Refused	1	0	1	1	1

q97 If a political candidate said they were part of the Tea Party movement would that make you more likely to support that candidate, less likely, or wouldn't that make a difference to you?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Apr11b
	**** Party ID ****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
More likely	8	21	2	5	14
Less likely	30	8	53	24	26
No difference	53	66	38	56	53
Depends (vol.)	3	2	5	3	2
DK/NA	6	3	2	12	5

q98 Do you think the Tea Party movement has too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence in the Republican Party?

					Aug11a
Too much	31	12	53	26	43
Too little	11	18	5	12	17
Right amount	31	53	21	24	24
DK/NA	27	17	21	38	16

q100 Is the Republican Party headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	***** REPUBLICANS *****		
Right	55		64
Wrong	29		23
DK/NA	16		13

q101 These days, does the Republican Party represent the values of most Republicans, or not?

	***** REPUBLICANS *****	
	%	
Does	60	
Does not	32	
DK/NA	8	

q108 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Aug11d
	**** Party ID ****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	20	48	2	16	25
No	65	44	84	63	67
DK/NA	15	8	14	21	8

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
Total Respondents	1452	
Total Registered Voters	1356	

Total Republicans*	781	383	(26%)
Total Democrats	315	485	(33%)
Total Independents	356	584	(41%)

*This survey included an oversample of self-identified Republicans.