

Growing Concerns about ISIS; Optimism about the Economy February 13-17, 2015

- Americans are growing more pessimistic about the conflict with ISIS. Now, 67% of Americans describe the fight against ISIS as going badly for the U.S. – up 10 points from October - and 65% now think ISIS is a major threat.
- For the first time, a majority of Americans (57%) favor the use of ground troops to defeat ISIS. Most do not think the threat from ISIS can be removed with airstrikes alone.
- Although there is broad public support for passing the military authorization bill that President Obama has requested from Congress, over half (51%) disapprove of how President Obama is handling ISIS, and six in 10 don't think he has a clear plan for dealing with the militant group.
- Positive assessments of the economy continue: 54% say it is good, and 45% say it is bad. 51% are concerned about job loss in their household - down from 60% last year.
- The President's job approval rating is about where it was last month: 44% approve, 46% disapprove. Evaluations of his handling of foreign policy have become more negative.

The Conflict with ISIS

As President Obama seeks new Congressional authorization for using military force against ISIS, Americans' views on how things are going for the U.S. in its conflict with the militant group are negative and getting worse. 67% of Americans think things are going at least somewhat badly for the U.S. in its fight against ISIS – up ten percentage points from last October – including 33% who describe the situation as very bad.

How is the U.S. Fight Against ISIS Going?

	Now	10/2014
Well	28%	33%
Badly	67	57

There is public consensus for passing the military authorization bill President Obama has requested from Congress, which would allow the U.S. to use ground troops for limited operations for three years without any geographical limitations, but would preclude the use of ground troops for long term offensive operations. Two in three Americans think Congress should pass this authorization, including majorities of Democrats (71%), Republicans (65%), and independents (64%).

Should Congress Authorize the Use of Force Against ISIS?

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
Favor	66%	65%	71%	64%
Oppose	26	29	21	28

There is widespread and growing support for U.S. airstrikes - 77% of Americans favor the use of airstrikes against ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria, up from 71% last October. More significantly, support for the use of U.S. ground troops has also risen. For the first time, a majority of Americans (57%) favor the U.S. sending ground troops into Iraq and Syria to fight ISIS. In October, Americans were divided, and in September these numbers were reversed.

Using U.S. Ground Troops Against ISIS

	Now	10/2014	9/2014
Favor	57%	47%	39%
Oppose	37	46	55

Support for sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS has risen among all partisans, but particularly among Democrats and independents. Back in October, more Democrats and independents disapproved than approved of using ground troops – now more approve than disapprove.

Using U.S. Ground Troops Against ISIS

(by political party)

	----- Now -----			-- October 2014 --		
	Reps	Dems	Inds	Reps	Dems	Inds
Favor	72%	50%	53%	65%	39%	43%
Oppose	27	43	39	28	56	49

Most Americans think ground forces will ultimately be necessary to remove the threat from ISIS. 65% say U.S. ground troops will be needed, while less than one in five thinks airstrikes alone will work.

How Can the U.S. Remove the Threat from ISIS?

	Now	10/2014
Ground troops will be necessary	65%	64%
Only airstrikes are necessary	18	19

Still, 85% of Americans continue to express at least some concern that U.S. intervention in Iraq and Syria will lead to a long and costly involvement there, including 43% who are very concerned.

Concern that U.S. Intervention in Iraq and Syria Will Lead to Long & Costly Involvement

	Now	10/2014	9/2014
Very concerned	43%	48%	40%
Somewhat concerned	42	37	43
Not too/not at all concerned	13	13	16

Americans increasingly see ISIS as a threat. Now, 65% of Americans view ISIS as a major threat to the U.S. - up from 58% in October - while another 18% view it as a minor threat. Majorities of Republicans (86%), Democrats (61%) and independents (57%) view ISIS as a major threat.

How Great a Threat is ISIS to the U.S.?

	Now	10/2014
Major threat	65%	58%
Minor threat	18	21
Not a threat	13	15

More Americans disapprove (51%) than approve (39%) of how President Obama is handling the situation with ISIS, and most are still unconvinced that President Obama has a clear plan for dealing with the militant group. Six in 10 don't think he has a clear plan – the same proportion as in October. Most Republicans (84%) and independents (61%) don't think he has a clear plan, while more Democrats think he does.

Does President Obama Have a Clear Plan for Dealing with ISIS?

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
Yes	30%	13%	48%	27%
No	60	84	42	61

News of the death of aid worker Kayla Mueller has not softened the public's resolve when it comes to the U.S. policy of refusing to negotiate with hostage-takers to secure the release of prisoners. 64% of Americans think the U.S. should never negotiate with terrorists over hostages, up from 53% last September.

Should the U.S. Ever Negotiate with Terrorists for Hostages?

	Now	9/2014
Yes, sometimes	29%	38%
No, never	64	53

Positive Views of the Economy Continue

While views of the state of the conflict with ISIS worsen, views of the economy – which showed improvement in last month's CBS News Poll -- continue to be positive. Now, 54% say the economy is in good shape, with 45% rating it as bad.

	Condition of the Economy						
	Now	1/2015	10/2014	1/2014	1/2012	2/2009	4/2007
Good	54%	53%	40%	37%	21%	5%	59%
Bad	45	46	58	61	79	94	39

38% say the economy is improving, and another 42% say it is staying the same. Just 19% say it is getting worse. These figures are similar to last month.

The poll finds positive assessments of two specific economic segments. Six in ten Americans say the stock market is in good shape; 26% think it is getting better, and 51% say it is staying the same. Among those who have investments in the stock market (about half of Americans), 72% think the stock market is in good shape, and 33% think it is improving.

Views are similarly positive about the local housing market; 64% say it is good.

	Views of...	
	Stock Market	Local Housing Market
Current condition:		
Good	60%	64%
Bad	20	31
Getting:		
Better	26%	31%
Worse	9	13
Same	51	52

Family Finances

There is another positive economic finding from the poll -- worries about job loss have dropped since last year. While 51% of Americans are concerned about someone in their household losing a job in the next year, that is down from 60% last May. Now, 47% are not concerned about that, up from 38%.

Concern About Household Job Loss in the Next 12 Months

	Now	5/2014	1/2014	5/2013
Very concerned	27%	35%	37%	32%
Somewhat concerned	24	25	27	29
Not at all concerned	47	38	34	38

72% say their household finances are good and 22% say their finances are improving – up from 16% in 2011, and the highest percentage since the question was first asked in 2006.

Household Financial Situation

Good	72%
Bad	27
Getting better	22%
Getting worse	18
Staying the same	60

Three in ten Americans say their income is now enough to save and buy extras, and for another 51% it is enough to make ends meet. Just 17% say their income is not enough to pay their bills; that is the lowest that figure has been in five years.

Household Income is....

	Now	3/2014	2/2013	12/2011	2/2010	4/2009
Enough to save and buy extras	30%	30%	25%	28%	25%	29%
Just enough to pay bills	51	45	47	51	57	49
Not enough to pay bills	17	23	27	20	17	22

Gas prices remain low – and that is something that many Americans say affects their pocketbook. 43% say gas prices affect their family finances a lot, and another 28% say gas prices have some effect.

Gas Prices Affect Your Family Finances

A lot	43%
Some	28
Not much/not at all	28

Economic Opportunity and Income Inequality

But despite some positive economic assessments, 71% say that over the past ten years, life for the middle class has gotten worse – up from 59% in 2007. Among those who describe themselves as middle class, 21% say life for the middle class has improved, and 72% say it has gotten worse.

Over Past 10 Years, Life for Middle Class has Gotten:

	Now	4/2007
Better	23%	30%
Worse	71	59
Same (vol.)	4	7

There is cynicism as well. Just 36% now say that anyone has a fair chance to get ahead in today's economy, down from 52% a year ago. Six in ten think only a few people at the top have a chance to get ahead, the highest in over four years.

Who Can Get Ahead In Today's Economy?

	Now	1/2014	2/2011	8/2010
Anyone has a fair chance	36%	52%	49%	35%
Only those at the top	60	43	48	62

And six in ten think the rich benefit the most from the government's policies. 76% of Democrats think that, while Republicans are more divided: 38% say the rich benefit the most, and another 38% say the poor do.

Who Benefits Most from Federal Government's Policies?

	Now	5/2011	Reps	Dems	Inds
Rich	61%	66%	38%	76%	62%
Middle class	8	4	8	9	6
Poor	19	12	38	7	18
All equal	8	10	12	6	8

Homeland Security Funding and Immigration Policy

The Department of Homeland Security will run out of money if Congress does not pass a bill funding it by February 27th. Efforts have been made to add a rider to the DHS funding bill that would block President Obama's executive action on immigration from taking effect.

Most Americans -- 60% -- think any agreement to fund Homeland Security should be kept separate from immigration policy. Just 29% think a funding bill for Homeland Security should include changes to immigration policy.

Republicans, Democrats and independents alike share these views.

DHS Funding Bill and Immigration Policy

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Bill should include immigration	29%	30%	29%	29%
Bill should be kept separate from immigration	60	63	60	59

Same-Sex Marriage and States' Rights

Despite the recent legal showdown in Alabama, national support for same-sex marriage continues to grow. 60% of Americans say it should be legal for same-sex couples to marry, up from 56% last September and a new high. Most Democrats (70%) and independents (62%) think same-sex marriage should be legal, while just over half of Republicans (51%) do not.

	Now	Same-Sex Marriage Should Be...				
		9/2014	7/2014	3/2013	11/2012	7/2012
Legal	60%	56%	53%	53%	51%	46%
Not legal	35	37	40	39	41	44

Earlier this year a federal court ruled Alabama's ban on same-sex marriage illegal. Most Americans continue to think same-sex marriage should be left up to each individual state government to decide, though support for leaving this decision up to the states has dropped eight points from a year ago, from 64% last February to 56% today.

Who Should Decide about Same-Sex Marriage?

	Now	2/2014	3/2013	2/2013	5/2012
Federal government	38%	33%	26%	29%	32%
State governments	56	64	62	61	57

The Affordable Care Act

Approval of the Affordable Care Act has inched up to an all time high since its passage in 2010. 44% of Americans now approve of the law, though a majority of 52% continue to disapprove of the law.

	Now	The Affordable Care Act			
		1/2015	10/2014	3/2014	11/2013
Approve	44%	43%	36%	41%	31%
Disapprove	52	50	55	53	61

While just 6% of Americans think the Affordable Care Act should be kept in place as it is, only 32% want the law repealed entirely. Most – 60% - think that there are some good things in the law, though changes are needed to make it work better.

Views of the Affordable Care Act

	Now	Reps	Dems	Inds
Working well, keep as is	6%	1%	14%	5%
Good things, but changes needed	60	41	73	61
Needs to be repealed entirely	32	56	13	32

Just over half of Republicans (56%) think the law should be repealed entirely, while most Democrats (73%) and independents (61%) think there are good things in the law, but changes are needed.

The President

President Obama's overall job approval rating is 44% in this poll; about as many disapprove. These figures are similar to last month.

President Obama's Overall Job Rating						
	Now	1/2015	9/2014	1/2014	1/2013	1/2012
Approve	44%	46%	40%	46%	51%	47%
Disapprove	46	46	50	47	41	45

Evaluations of the President's handling of specific issues have also changed little since last month, with the exception of foreign policy. On that measure, evaluations are more negative than they were in January: 39% approve, and 50% disapprove. Ratings on his handling of ISIS are similarly negative.

President Obama's Job Ratings on Issues					
	<u>Now</u>		<u>Past Rating</u>		
	Approve	Disapprove	Approve	Disapprove	
Economy	48%	47	47%	47	(1/2015)
Terrorism	45%	47	46%	43	(1/2015)
ISIS	39%	51	38%	50	(10/2014)
Foreign policy	39%	50	41%	44	(1/2015)
Immigration	39%	54	40%	50	(1/2015)

Country's Direction

A majority of Americans continue to say the country is off on the wrong track, while just 37% say it is headed in the right direction.

Direction of the Country						
	Now	1/2015	1/2014	2/2013	10/2010	10/2008
Right direction	37%	38%	33%	40%	34%	7%
Wrong track	56	56	61	54	61	89

Congress

Overall, 18% approve of the job Congress is doing; 73% disapprove.

Congress' Job Rating						
	Now	1/2015	10/2014	1/2014	1/2013	1/2012
Approve	18%	16%	14%	11%	12%	12%
Disapprove	73	72	76	82	82	80

This poll was conducted by telephone February 13-17, 2015 among 1,006 adults nationwide. Data collection was conducted on behalf of CBS News by SSRS of Media, PA. Phone numbers were dialed from samples of both standard land-line and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups may be higher. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

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Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	* TOTAL RESPONDENTS *				Jan15b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	44	12	76	39	46
Disapprove	46	84	16	47	46
Don't know/No answer	10	4	8	14	8

Q2. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	37	14	57	36	38
Wrong track	56	85	33	56	56
Don't know/No answer	7	2	10	7	7

Q3. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

Economy & jobs	18	21	15	19	18
Islamic extremists /Al Qaeda/ISIS	6	7	7	4	--
Terrorism (general)	5	7	4	4	5
Health care/health insurance/coverage	5	2	4	6	5
Education/school loans/better quality	4	2	3	5	3
Income gap/disparity	4	1	6	4	3
Immigration/illegal immigrants	3	3	4	2	5
War/peace (general)	3	2	4	2	2
Partisan politics/negativity	3	1	3	3	2
Barack Obama/the president	3	6	1	3	3
Budget/national debt/deficit/surplus	3	4	3	3	2
Poverty/homelessness/hunger	2	-	3	1	2
Environment/global warming	2	*	3	1	1
Racism/race relations	2	-	3	1	2
Foreign policy/foreign affairs	2	4	1	3	1
Defense/military/national security	2	5	*	2	*
Politicians/corrupt politicians	2	*	2	2	1
Big government/bureaucracy	2	3	*	2	1
Moral values/family values	2	4	2	1	1
Other	23	24	29	27	37
Don't know/No answer	4	4	3	5	6

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

Approve	39	14	66	34	41
Disapprove	50	81	22	52	44
Don't know/No answer	12	5	12	14	14

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Jan15b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	48	16	78	44	47
Disapprove	47	80	20	49	47
Don't know/No answer	5	3	2	8	6

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the issue of immigration

Approve	39	13	66	36	40
Disapprove	54	85	27	55	50
Don't know/No answer	7	2	7	10	10

Q7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the threat of terrorism?

					Sep14b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Approve	45	15	74	43	46
Disapprove	47	78	19	49	43
Don't know/No answer	7	7	6	8	10

Q8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation with ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria?

					Oct14f
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Approve	39	13	60	38	38
Disapprove	51	81	27	50	50
Don't know/No answer	11	6	13	12	12

Q10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

					Jan15b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Approve	18	22	14	18	16
Disapprove	73	67	81	71	72
Don't know/No answer	9	11	5	10	12

Q11. –Q12. Separate release.

Q13. How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

Very good	5	2	9	4	5
Fairly good	49	32	64	48	48
Fairly bad	31	43	21	30	28
Very bad	14	22	4	16	18
Don't know/No answer	2	1	2	2	1

Q14. Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Jan15b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Better	38	22	54	35	42
Worse	19	27	11	21	17
Same	42	51	35	42	40
Don't know/No answer	1	1	*	1	1

Q15. How would you rate the overall condition of the stock market these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

					Mar13b
Very good	14	14	17	13	12
Fairly good	46	47	45	45	44
Fairly bad	16	18	13	17	22
Very bad	4	7	2	4	5
Don't know/No answer	20	14	23	22	17

Q16. Do you think the stock market is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

					Jan14c
Better	26	20	31	26	30
Worse	9	14	7	8	13
Same	51	59	47	51	39
Don't know/No answer	13	7	15	15	18

Q17. How would you rate the housing market in your community --very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

Very good	13	8	17	14
Fairly good	51	46	49	54
Fairly bad	21	26	19	20
Very bad	10	12	10	10
Don't know/No answer	5	8	6	3

Q18. Do you think the housing market is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	* TOTAL RESPONDENTS *				Jan14c
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Better	31	29	37	29	41
Worse	13	13	18	11	16
Same	52	54	42	56	38
Don't know/No answer	4	5	3	4	5

Q19. How much does the price of gasoline affect your family finances--a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

A lot	43	39	38	49
Some	28	30	32	24
Not much	19	22	20	18
Not at all	9	9	10	9
Don't know/No answer	*	*	1	*

Q20. Which comes closer to your view? In today's economy, everyone has a fair chance to get ahead in the long run OR In today's economy, it's mainly just a few people at the top who have a chance to get ahead?

					Jan14c
Anyone can get ahead	36	48	30	34	52
Only those at the top can get ahead	60	49	66	62	43
Don't know/No answer	4	3	4	4	5

Q21. Who do you think benefits most from the policies of the federal government the rich, the middle class, the poor, or do all benefit equally?

					May11b
Rich	61	38	76	62	66
Middle class	8	8	9	6	4
Poor	19	38	7	18	12
All equally	8	12	6	8	10
Don't know/No answer	4	3	2	6	8

Q22 Over the past 10 years, do you think life for middle class Americans has gotten better or worse?

					Apr07a
Better	23	14	31	22	30
Worse	71	80	64	72	59
Same (vol.)	4	3	4	4	7
Don't know/No answer	2	3	1	3	4

Q23.-Q25 Separate release.

Q25a. As you may know, the Department of Homeland Security will run out of money if Congress does not pass a bill funding the department by February 27th. Do you think any agreement to fund Homeland Security should include changes to immigration policy, or do you think any agreement to fund Homeland Security should be kept separate from immigration policy?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Should include immigration	29	30	29	29
Should be separate from immigration	60	63	60	59
Don't know/No answer	10	7	10	12

Q26. Do you think there are circumstances when the United States government should negotiate with international terrorists who are holding American hostages, or should the U.S. government never negotiate with terrorists under any circumstances?

					Sep14b
					%
Should negotiate	29	24	36	28	38
Never negotiate	64	74	54	65	53
Don't know/No answer	7	3	10	7	9

Q27. From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the health care law that was enacted in 2010?

					Jan15b
Strongly approve	20	4	40	15	22
Somewhat approve	24	10	33	26	21
Somewhat disapprove	14	15	10	16	13
Strongly disapprove	38	70	13	38	37
Don't know/No answer	4	1	4	6	7

Q28. Which comes closest to your view about the 2010 health care law? 1. The law is working well and should be kept in place as is. 2. There are some good things in the law, but some changes are needed to make it work better. 3. The law has so much wrong with it that it needs to be repealed entirely.

Working well and kept in place	6	1	14	5	11
Good things, but changes needed	60	41	73	61	54
Needs to be repealed entirely	32	56	13	32	32
Don't know/No answer	2	2	1	3	2

Q29. If the 2010 health care law is repealed, do you think it should be replaced by a new health care law, or do you think the health care system should go back to the way it was before the 2010 health care law was in effect?

	THINK THE 2010 HEALTH CARE LAW SHOULD BE REPEALED				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May14c
Replaced with new health care law	36	33	44	38	33
Go back to the way it was	59	61	54	58	62
Don't know/No answer	5	6	2	5	5

Q30. Do you think it should be legal or not legal for same sex couples to marry?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Sep14b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, legal	60	43	70	62	56
No, not legal	35	51	27	31	37
Don't know/No answer	5	6	3	7	7

Q31. Do you think laws regarding whether same-sex marriage is legal or not should be determined by the federal government or left to each individual state government to decide?

					Feb14c
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Federal government	38	18	52	39	33
Individual states	56	78	39	55	64
Both (vol.)	*	*	-	*	*
Don't know/No answer	6	4	9	6	3

Q32.-Q40. Held for future release.

Q41. How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its fight against the militant group ISIS in Iraq and Syria? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

					Oct14f
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Very well	2	1	2	2	3
Somewhat well	26	10	37	26	30
Somewhat badly	34	34	33	35	33
Very badly	33	52	21	32	24
Don't know/No answer	6	4	7	5	9

Q41a. Barack Obama has asked Congress to authorize the use of military force against the militant group ISIS for three years with no geographical limitations. The authorization would allow using U.S. ground troops for limited operations but would rule out using them for long term operations. Do you favor or oppose Congress passing this authorization?

Favor	66	65	71	64
Oppose	26	29	21	28
Don't know/No answer	7	6	8	8

Q42. Do you think the militant group ISIS is a threat to the security of the United States, or not?
IF YES, ASK: Do you think it is a major threat or a minor threat?

					Oct14f
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Yes, major	65	86	61	57	58
Yes, minor	18	8	23	20	21
Not a threat	13	4	11	18	15
Don't know/No answer	4	2	5	4	6

Q43. Do you think Barack Obama has a clear plan for dealing with ISIS militants, or not?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Oct14f
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, has clear plan	30	13	48	27	29
No, does not have clear plan	60	84	42	61	61
Don't know/No answer	10	4	10	13	10

Q44. Do you favor or oppose US airstrikes against ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria?

Favor	77	90	74	73	71
Oppose	16	8	17	19	20
Don't know/No answer	7	2	9	8	9

Q45. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. sending ground troops into Iraq or Syria to fight ISIS militants?

Favor	57	72	50	53	47
Oppose	37	27	43	39	46
Don't know/No answer	6	1	8	8	6

Q45a. Do you think the United States will be able to remove the threat from ISIS militants using airstrikes alone, or do you think ground troops will be necessary in order to remove the threat from ISIS militants?

Air strikes alone	18	14	23	16	19
Ground troops will be necessary	65	78	54	65	64
Don't know/No answer	17	9	22	19	17

Q46. How concerned are you that U.S. intervention in Iraq and Syria will lead to a long and costly involvement there – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?

Very concerned	43	36	44	46	48
Somewhat concerned	42	48	45	37	37
Not too concerned	10	11	6	11	8
Not at all concerned	3	4	2	3	5
Don't know/No answer	2	1	3	3	2

Q51. How would you rate the financial situation in your household these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

					Jan13a
Very good	14	15	14	13	12
Fairly good	58	63	59	55	61
Fairly bad	20	17	21	21	18
Very bad	7	4	5	9	8
Don't know/No answer	1	1	1	2	1

Q52. Do you think your household's financial situation is getting better, getting worse or staying about the same?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Jun11c
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Better	22	19	19	24	16
Worse	18	18	16	18	15
Same	60	63	64	56	68
Don't know/No answer	1	*	-	1	1

Q53. Thinking about your household income, would you say that it is more than enough so that you can save money or buy some extras, just enough to meet your bills and obligations, or is it not enough to meet your bills and obligations?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jan15b
					%
Can save and buy extras	30	39	29	27	23
Just enough to pay bills	51	48	52	53	47
Not enough to pay bills, etc.	17	12	19	19	28
Don't know/No answer	1	1	-	1	2

Q54. How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job— very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	May14c
					%
Very concerned	27	21	31	27	35
Somewhat concerned	24	23	23	26	25
Not at all concerned	47	53	43	46	38
Respondent or someone in HH already out of work and looking for a job (vol.)	1	2	2	1	2
Don't know/No answer	1	1	2	*	*

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
Total respondents	1,006	
Republicans	255	236 (23%)
Democrats	305	300 (30%)
Independents	446	470 (47%)