

**FINAL WEIGHTED TOPLINE**

	<i>May 2009 (n=800)</i>
Gender of respondent	
Male .....	52
Female .....	48
Region	
New England .....	5
Middle Atlantic .....	14
East North Central .....	15
West North Central .....	7
South Atlantic.....	19
East South Central .....	6
West South Central .....	11
Mountain .....	7
Pacific .....	16

Hello. This is (caller name). I'm calling from National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions. I am not selling anything, and I will not ask for a contribution.

Could I please speak with the (MALE/FEMALE) in your household, 18 years or older, who celebrated a birthday most recently?

1. First, are you currently working full-time, working part-time, unemployed, looking for work, are you retired, a full time student or are you a homemaker?

Working full time .....	57
Working part time .....	20
Unemployed or looking for work .....	<b>GO TO Q5</b> .... 23
Retired .....	<b>TERMINATE</b> .....0
Full time student .....	<b>TERMINATE</b> .....0
Homemaker .....	<b>TERMINATE</b> .....0

2. How would you describe your position in your company? Are you a...

**READ CHOICES**

Business owner or CEO .....	<b>TERMINATE</b> .....0
Manager or supervisor .....	<b>ASK Q4</b> .....9
Company executive .....	<b>TERMINATE</b> .....0
Independent professional such as a physician or lawyer.....	<b>TERMINATE</b> .....0
Independent contractor.....	4
Hourly employee.....	52
Salaried employee.....	32
(Other) .....	<b>ASK Q3</b> .....3
(Don't know).....	<b>ASK Q3</b> .....0

**IF ONLY Q2=8 or 9(OTHER OR DON'T KNOW)**

3. Would you describe yourself as an owner, executive, manager, or none of those?

Yes, owner/executive/manager ..... **TERMINATE** .....0  
 No, none of those ..... **SKIP TO Q5** .. 100  
 (Don't know).....0

**IF ONLY Q2=2(MANAGER OR SUPERVISOR)**

4. Are you paid on an hourly basis?

Yes..... 100  
 No ..... **TERMINATE** .....0  
 (Don't know)..... **TERMINATE** .....0

5. In which of the following ranges does your personal annual income fall, before taxes?

**READ CATEGORIES:**

Below 20 thousand ..... 23  
 Between 20 and 30 thousand..... 18  
 Between 30 and 40 thousand..... 16  
 Between 40 and 50 thousand..... 14  
 Between 50 and 75 thousand..... 13  
 Between 75 thousand and 100 thousand.....9  
 Over 100 thousand ..... **TERMINATE** .....0  
 (Don't know/refused): **Is it more than 100 thousand or less than that?**  
**TERMINATE** IF OVER \$100,000 DON'T KNOW  
 REFUSED .....0  
**KEEP** IF UNDER \$100,000 DON'T KNOW REFUSED .....7

6. Thinking about your own situation, what current economic issue are you personally most worried about?

**READ AND ROTATE**

7. And what current economic issue are you personally second most worried about?

**READ AND ROTATE, OMIT CHOICE IN Q6**

*First choice*

Losing your job .....	20
Rising health care costs .....	13
Higher taxes.....	13
A secure retirement .....	12
Expenses like child care or college tuition.....	5
Every day expenses like food and gas.....	10
Housing and mortgage costs.....	5
Lack of jobs that pay a wage that allows you to support a family .....	6
The decline of the stock market and the financial crisis .....	3
Declining or stagnant wages .....	1
Credit card debt or other expenses .....	2
The federal budget deficit and national debt .....	5
(Other) .....	5
(Don't know).....	1

*Second choice*

Losing your job .....	6
Rising health care costs .....	13
Higher taxes.....	12
A secure retirement .....	12
Expenses like child care or college tuition.....	6
Every day expenses like food and gas.....	13
Housing and mortgage costs.....	6
Lack of jobs that pay a wage that allows you to support a family .....	6
The decline of the stock market and the financial crisis .....	4
Declining or stagnant wages .....	3
Credit card debt or other expenses .....	2
The federal budget deficit and national debt .....	7
(Other) .....	4
(Don't know).....	5

*Combined*

Losing your job ..... 27  
 Rising health care costs ..... 27  
 Higher taxes..... 25  
 A secure retirement ..... 24  
 Expenses like child care or college tuition..... 11  
 Every day expenses like food and gas..... 23  
 Housing and mortgage costs..... 11  
 Lack of jobs that pay a wage that allows you to support a family ..... 12  
 The decline of the stock market and the financial crisis .....7  
 Declining or stagnant wages .....4  
 Credit card debt or other expenses .....3  
 The federal budget deficit and national debt ..... 11  
 (Other) .....6  
 (Don't know).....5

Now I'd like to ask you about some public figures or groups. For each, please tell me whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression.

If you haven't heard of the person {6}, or if you don't know enough about that person or group to have an impression {5}, just say so and we will move on.

[REPEAT AS NEEDED] Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of [NAME]?

**RANDOMIZE Q8-Q14**

8. Barack Obama

Very favorable..... 38  
 Somewhat favorable ..... 27  
 Somewhat unfavorable .....9  
 Very unfavorable ..... 18  
 No opinion.....9  
 Never heard .....0  
**Favorable** ..... **65**  
**Unfavorable** ..... **26**

9. Republicans in Congress

Very favorable.....8  
 Somewhat favorable ..... 24  
 Somewhat unfavorable ..... 25  
 Very unfavorable ..... 27  
 No opinion..... 16  
 Never heard .....0  
**Favorable** ..... **32**  
**Unfavorable** ..... **52**

10. Democrats in Congress

Very favorable.....	15
Somewhat favorable.....	34
Somewhat unfavorable.....	17
Very unfavorable .....	21
No opinion.....	13
Never heard.....	0
<b>Favorable.....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Unfavorable.....</b>	<b>38</b>

11. Rush Limbaugh [LIM-baw]

Very favorable.....	9
Somewhat favorable.....	18
Somewhat unfavorable.....	13
Very unfavorable .....	34
No opinion.....	18
Never heard.....	7
<b>Favorable.....</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Unfavorable.....</b>	<b>47</b>

12. \* Corporate CEOs

Very favorable.....	5
Somewhat favorable.....	13
Somewhat unfavorable.....	29
Very unfavorable .....	35
No opinion.....	17
Never heard.....	2
<b>Favorable.....</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Unfavorable.....</b>	<b>64</b>

13. \* Corporations

Very favorable.....	12
Somewhat favorable.....	37
Somewhat unfavorable.....	20
Very unfavorable .....	13
No opinion.....	17
Never heard.....	0
<b>Favorable.....</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Unfavorable.....</b>	<b>33</b>

14. \* the federal government

Very favorable.....	9
Somewhat favorable.....	33
Somewhat unfavorable.....	26
Very unfavorable .....	18
No opinion.....	13
Never heard.....	0
<b>Favorable.....</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Unfavorable.....</b>	<b>44</b>

\* Denote question asked of half the sample.

Now I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the general election in November of 2010, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for [ROTATE] \_the Democratic candidate or \_the Republican candidate, or are you undecided?

**[IF CANDIDATE]** And do you support that candidate strongly or not so strongly?

**[IF UNDECIDED]** Well, as of right now, do you lean more toward \_the Democratic candidate or \_the Republican candidate

Dem Cand—Strongly.....	33
Dem Cand—Not So Strongly.....	9
Dem Cand—Undecided Lean.....	5
<b>Dem Cand</b> .....	<b>46</b>
<b>Undecided</b> .....	<b>24</b>
<b>Rep Cand</b> .....	<b>27</b>
Rep Cand— Undecided Lean.....	5
Rep Cand— Not So Strongly.....	5
Rep Cand—Strongly.....	17
(Don't Know) .....	2
(Refused) .....	1

15. \* How would you rate the job being done by Democrats in Congress on helping working and middle class Americans– EXCELLENT, GOOD, just FAIR, or POOR?

Excellent .....	4
Good .....	25
Just fair .....	38
Poor .....	27
(don't know) .....	5
<b>Excellent /good</b> .....	<b>30</b>
<b>Just fair /poor</b> .....	<b>65</b>

16. \* How would you rate the job being done by Republicans in Congress on helping working and middle class Americans – EXCELLENT, GOOD, just FAIR, or POOR?

Excellent .....	4
Good .....	16
Just fair .....	38
Poor .....	37
(don't know) .....	6
<b>Excellent /good</b> .....	<b>20</b>
<b>Just fair /poor</b> .....	<b>74</b>

17. \* For people like you, do you think that the economy in this country is going in the RIGHT DIRECTION, or do you feel the economy has gotten pretty seriously off on the WRONG TRACK?

Right direction.....	30
Wrong track .....	62
(Don't know).....	7

18. \* For your family, do you think that the economy in this country is going in the RIGHT DIRECTION, or do you feel the economy has gotten pretty seriously off on the WRONG TRACK?

Right direction.....	26
Wrong track .....	65
(Don't know).....	8

19. Thinking about the economy, which is more important to you personally – economic opportunity or economic security?

Opportunity .....	32
Security.....	66
(Don't know).....	3

20. With the economy today, how realistic a goal is the American Dream for families like your family: very realistic, somewhat realistic, not very realistic, or not at all realistic?

Very realistic .....	17
Somewhat realistic .....	49
Not very realistic .....	21
Not at all realistic .....	12
(Don't know).....	2
<b>Realistic .....</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Not realistic .....</b>	<b>33</b>

21. In the past 12 months, have you or your family had to go into debt on your credit cards to pay for routine living expenses like groceries, health care, prescription drugs or gas?

Yes.....	30	31
No .....	69	67
(DK/Refused).....	1	2

**ROTATE Q23/24 TO Q28**

22. \* Now I'd like to read you a pair of statements about solving America's problems. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views.

**[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

1. (Some/other people say) Government is the problem, not the solution.
2. (Some/other people say) We need to reform government to make it work for us. Our government has to be part of the solution.

**[IF STATEMENT 1 OR 2]** Is that much closer or only somewhat closer?

First statement much closer .....	18
First statement somewhat closer.....	7
Second statement somewhat closer .....	14
Second statement much closer .....	52
(Neither /both).....	8
(Don't know).....	1
<b>First statement .....</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Second statement.....</b>	<b>66</b>

23. \* Now I'd like to read you a different pair of statements about regulating corporations. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views.

**[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

1. (Some/other people say) Too much government regulation interferes with the proper functioning of the free market. We need across the board tax cuts and less regulation to let the free market function to create jobs and grow our economy.
2. (Some/other people say) Our current crisis was the result of deregulation and lack of corporate oversight that let greed run wild without common sense rules to protect us. We need government oversight and enforcement to hold big corporate interests and C.E.O's accountable.

**[IF STATEMENT 1 OR 2]** Is that much closer or only somewhat closer?

First statement much closer .....	25
First statement somewhat closer.....	12
Second statement somewhat closer .....	15
Second statement much closer .....	40
(Neither /both).....	8
(Don't know).....	1
<b>First statement .....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Second statement.....</b>	<b>54</b>

24. \* Now I'd like to read you two more statements. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views.

**[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

1. (Some/other people say) We should not spend billions on major reforms in areas like health care, energy, and education unless we first stabilize the economy and can keep spending low.
2. (Some/other people say) The time to act on health care, energy, and education is now. When we don't take action these problems get worse and cost much more. We need to act now to stabilize our economy, create new renewable energy jobs, and make sure working Americans can afford quality education and health care.

**[IF STATEMENT 1 OR 2]** Is that much closer or only somewhat closer?

First statement much closer .....	23
First statement somewhat closer.....	7
Second statement somewhat closer .....	14
Second statement much closer .....	47
(Neither /both).....	6
(Don't know).....	2
<b>First statement .....</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Second statement.....</b>	<b>62</b>

25. \* Now I'd like to read you two more statements. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views.

**[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

1. (Some/other people say) We should not spend billions on major reforms in areas like health care, energy, and education unless we first stabilize the economy and can keep spending and taxes low.
2. (Some/other people say) The time to act on health care, energy, and education is now. When we don't take action these problems get worse and cost much more. We need to act now to stabilize our economy, create new renewable energy jobs, and make sure working Americans can afford quality education and health care.

**[IF STATEMENT 1 OR 2]** Is that much closer or only somewhat closer?

First statement much closer .....	22
First statement somewhat closer.....	11
Second statement somewhat closer .....	15
Second statement much closer .....	44
(Neither /both).....	6
(Don't know).....	2
<b>First statement .....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Second statement.....</b>	<b>59</b>

26. \* Now I'd like to read you two more statements. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views.

**[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

1. (Some/other people say) The American Dream is about being free from government interference and excessive taxation so we can have the opportunity to start our own business, keep more of our money, and achieve individual success. When the government taxes, spends, and regulates too much, that just makes it even harder for people to own their own business, create jobs, or provide for their families.
2. (Some/other people say) The American Dream is about having economic security for yourself and your family, and having the opportunity to succeed with hard work. It's about a good job, affordable healthcare, and a secure retirement. Government needs to be a partner helping create good jobs, provide affordable, quality healthcare, and investing in education and training.

**[IF STATEMENT 1 OR 2]** Is that much closer or only somewhat closer?

First statement much closer .....	22
First statement somewhat closer .....	9
Second statement somewhat closer .....	15
Second statement much closer .....	44
(Neither /both) .....	8
(Don't know) .....	2
<b>First statement .....</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Second statement .....</b>	<b>59</b>

27. \* Now I'd like to read you two more statements. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views.

**[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

1. (Some/other people say) The American Dream is about being free from government interference and excessive taxation so we can have the opportunity to start our own business, keep more of our money, and achieve individual success. When the government taxes, spends, and regulates too much, that just makes it even harder for people to own their own business, create jobs, or provide for their families.
2. (Some/other people say) The American Dream is about having economic security for yourself and your family, and having the opportunity to succeed with hard work. It's about a good job, affordable healthcare, and a secure retirement. Government needs to fight to protect people from insurance companies and big corporate interests that are hurting workers and families.

**[IF STATEMENT 1 OR 2]** Is that much closer or only somewhat closer?

First statement much closer .....	22
First statement somewhat closer .....	13
Second statement somewhat closer .....	15
Second statement much closer .....	39
(Neither /both) .....	9
(Don't know) .....	2
<b>First statement .....</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Second statement .....</b>	<b>54</b>

28. Now I'd like to read you two more statements. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views.

**[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

1. (Some/other people say) The recent economic problems are a sign of a more fundamental and permanent shift that will require us to accept a lower standard of living and less economic growth.
2. (Some/other people say) The recent economic problems in the country are only a temporary recession and we will eventually turn things around.

**[IF STATEMENT 1 OR 2]** Is that much closer or only somewhat closer?

First statement much closer .....	17
First statement somewhat closer.....	12
Second statement somewhat closer .....	17
Second statement much closer .....	42
(Neither /both).....	7
(Don't know).....	5
<b>First statement .....</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Second statement.....</b>	<b>59</b>

**END OF ROTATION**

29. Looking to the next generation, the way things are going now, do you feel the American Dream will be easier to reach than today, harder to reach, or will it be the same?

Harder.....	65
Easier.....	12
The same.....	18
(Don't know).....	4

[GOALS OF THE AMERICAN DREAM]

I'm going to read some goals that some people say are important for reaching the American Dream. For each one, please rate how important it is for you personally as part of the American Dream. Use a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means it is an extremely important part of the American Dream for you, and 0 means it is not important at all, and 5 is neutral. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

[READ ITEM]: On a scale from 0 to 10, how important is that to you as part of the American Dream?

**ROTATE/RANDOMIZE Q31 to Q37**

**CODE 'Don't Know' = 99**

30. Being able to afford to own your own home	
<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.9</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	62
8 - 9.....	22
6 - 7.....	8
5 - Neutral .....	6
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	2
(Don't know).....	0
31. Being treated with respect for the work you do	
<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>9.1</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	64
8 - 9.....	24
6 - 7.....	6
5 - Neutral .....	3
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	2
(Don't know).....	0
32. Having affordable quality health care that you can depend on.	
<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>9.1</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	65
8 - 9.....	22
6 - 7.....	8
5 - Neutral .....	3
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	2
(Don't know).....	0
33. Having a secure and dignified retirement	
<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>9.0</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	62
8 - 9.....	24
6 - 7.....	6
5 - Neutral .....	4
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	2
(Don't know).....	1

34. Being able to ensure your children have the opportunity to succeed

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>9.2</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	70
8 - 9.....	18
6 - 7.....	6
5 - Neutral .....	3
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	2
(Don't know).....	1

35. Having a job that pays enough to support a family

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>9.4</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	75
8 - 9.....	16
6 - 7.....	4
5 - Neutral .....	3
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	2
(Don't know).....	1

36. Owning your own small business

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>6.9</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	30
8 - 9.....	15
6 - 7.....	17
5 - Neutral .....	24
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	13
(Don't know).....	1

[BARRIERS]

Now, still thinking about the American Dream, I'm going to read you a list of things that some people say are reasons the American Dream is becoming more difficult to reach. For each one, please rate how convincing it is as a reason for why the American Dream may be more difficult to reach. Use a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means it is an extremely convincing reason, and 0 means it is not convincing at all as a reason, and 5 is neutral. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

[READ ITEM]: On a scale from 0 to 10, how convincing is this as a reason for why the American Dream may be more difficult to reach? Remember this is not how much you agree with this, but how much you think it is a reason why the American Dream may be more difficult to reach.

**RANDOMIZE Q38 to Q45**

**CODE 'Don't Know' = 99**

37. \* The government has been bailing out corporations who gamble and lose in the markets, while average Americans are losing their health benefits, retirement savings, and even their jobs.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.8</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	40
8 - 9.....	24
6 - 7.....	13
5 - Neutral .....	11
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	9
(Don't know).....	3

38. \* Americans are in a debt crisis because the rising costs of everything from health care to gasoline mean we have to use credit cards just to make ends meet.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>6.9</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	33
8 - 9.....	18
6 - 7.....	16
5 - Neutral .....	12
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	19
(Don't know).....	3

39. \* The failure of Congress to pass tough standards of accountability and provide oversight on big corporations

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.5</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	31
8 - 9.....	24
6 - 7.....	22
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	11
(Don't know).....	3

40. \* When corporations are profitable, the benefits are not shared with workers but go only to the top.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.6</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	41
8 - 9.....	23
6 - 7.....	14
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	12
(Don't know).....	1

41. \* Corporations have gained too much power in the political system and that has hurt working people.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.0</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	43
8 - 9.....	24
6 - 7.....	13
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	8
(Don't know).....	3

42. \* Corporations are breaking their promises to their workers by cutting health care and retirement benefits.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.7</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	40
8 - 9.....	24
6 - 7.....	13
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	13
(Don't know).....	1

43. \* Corporations are moving millions of good paying middle class jobs overseas, leaving us with low paying service jobs

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.1</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	46
8 - 9.....	23
6 - 7.....	12
5 - Neutral .....	10
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	8
(Don't know).....	1

44. \* The influence of corporate lobbyists has led to inaction by Congress on issues like protecting American jobs and access to healthcare

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.5</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	35
8 - 9.....	23
6 - 7.....	17
5 - Neutral .....	13
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	10
(Don't know).....	1

*[ACTION AGENDA]*

Now thinking overall about the goal of restoring the economy and the American Dream. I am going to read some steps that the President and Congress could take to help restore the economy and the American Dream. For each one, please rate how effective that step would be in restoring the economy and the American Dream.

Use a scale from 0 to 10, where 10 means this step would be very effective, and 0 means the step would not be effective at all, and 5 is neutral. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

**[READ ITEM]:** On a scale from 0 to 10, how effective would this step be in restoring the economy and the American Dream?

**RANDOMIZE Q46 to Q60**

**CODE 'Don't Know' = 99**

45. Change lending and mortgage policies to protect people from predatory lending policies.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.9</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	39
8 - 9.....	27
6 - 7.....	13
5 - Neutral .....	11
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	7
(Don't know).....	2

46. Strong enforcement of the laws to prevent discrimination and ensure that women and minorities get equal pay and have equal opportunity

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.2</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	47
8 - 9.....	24
6 - 7.....	12
5 - Neutral .....	8
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	7
(Don't know).....	1

47. Use trade agreements and the tax code to crack down on the corporations who are moving millions of good paying middle class jobs overseas, leaving us with low paying service jobs

<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>8.2</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	48
8 - 9.....	23
6 - 7.....	12
5 - Neutral .....	6
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	9
(Don't know).....	2

48. Create a more progressive tax system that is fair to workers and makes billionaires pay their fair share in taxes

<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>8.1</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	48
8 - 9.....	23
6 - 7.....	10
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	9
(Don't know).....	2

49. \* Enact health care reform to guarantee every American access to quality, affordable health care giving the choice of a private plan or a public health insurance plan

<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>7.9</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	46
8 - 9.....	21
6 - 7.....	13
5 - Neutral .....	8
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	11
(Don't know).....	1

50. \* Require large employers that don't offer health coverage to their employees to contribute a percentage of their payroll toward the cost of their employee's health care

<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>7.9</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	41
8 - 9.....	26
6 - 7.....	15
5 - Neutral .....	7
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	9
(Don't know).....	1

51. \* Create green manufacturing jobs in renewable energy technologies such as solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass.

<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>8.0</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	41
8 - 9.....	25
6 - 7.....	16
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	7
(Don't know).....	2

52. \* Create clean manufacturing jobs in renewable energy technologies such as solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.0</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	41
8 - 9.....	24
6 - 7.....	15
5 - Neutral .....	11
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	7
(Don't know).....	1

53. \* Create jobs working on infrastructure projects such as improving mass transit, repairing bridges and roads

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.0</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	40
8 - 9.....	27
6 - 7.....	18
5 - Neutral .....	8
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	7
(Don't know).....	0

54. \* Create jobs working on public works projects such as improving mass transit, repairing bridges and roads

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.9</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	35
8 - 9.....	32
6 - 7.....	15
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	8
(Don't know).....	1

55. \* Index the minimum wage to provide for annual cost of living adjustments.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.7</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	40
8 - 9.....	25
6 - 7.....	14
5 - Neutral .....	7
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	11
(Don't know).....	3

56. \* End the tax loophole that lets Wall Street hedge fund managers be taxed at a lower rate than the rest of us.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.7</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	45
8 - 9.....	19
6 - 7.....	11
5 - Neutral .....	10
0 - 4 - Not important at all .....	12
(Don't know).....	3

57. \* Expand programs and loans to help pay for college or post-high school training for individuals.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.0</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	40
8 - 9.....	29
6 - 7.....	13
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all.....	8
(Don't know).....	2

58. \* Expand programs and loans to help pay for training and apprenticeship programs for individuals who are not going to 4 year colleges.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.0</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	40
8 - 9.....	25
6 - 7.....	15
5 - Neutral .....	12
0 - 4 - Not important at all.....	7
(Don't know).....	1

59. Establish a retirement plan that provides a lifetime pension guaranteed by the government, with employers bearing at least half the cost and employees contributing.

<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>7.6</b>
10 - Extremely important .....	37
8 - 9.....	25
6 - 7.....	14
5 - Neutral .....	9
0 - 4 - Not important at all.....	13
(Don't know).....	3

**Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

60. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat .....	34
Not very strong Democrat.....	7
Independent/lean Democrat .....	7
<b>Democrat .....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Strictly independent .....</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Republican .....</b>	<b>31</b>
Independent/lean Republican.....	7
Not very strong Republican .....	6
Strong Republican .....	18
(Other) .....	3
(Not sure/nothing).....	3

61. What is your age? I am going to read you some categories. Please stop me when we get to your category.

**READ CATEGORIES:**

18-24 years.....	9
25-29.....	9
30-34.....	8
35-39.....	14
40-44.....	10
45-49.....	13
50-54.....	11
55-59.....	11
60-64.....	8
65-69.....	3
70-74.....	2
Over 74 .....	2
(Refused).....	2

62. Are you currently married, unmarried with a partner, single, widowed, or divorced?

Married.....	62
Unmarried with partner .....	6
Single.....	20
Widowed .....	4
Divorced.....	7
(Refused/DK).....	1

63. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed? **(DO NOT READ LIST.)**

1st through 11th grade .....	5
High school graduate.....	25
Non-college post-high school (e.g., technical school).....	5
Some college .....	27
College graduate .....	26
Postgraduate school.....	11
Not sure .....	1

64. Are you a current or retired member of a labor union? **(IF NOT CURRENT MEMBER, ASK:)** Is anyone in your household a current or retired member of a union?

Yes, current member of a labor union .....	11
Yes, retired member of a labor union .....	4
Yes, current member in household .....	2
Yes, retired member in household .....	3
No, no one in the household.....	80

65. \* How likely do you think it is that someone you know or a member of your family may lose their health insurance in the next year: very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

Very likely .....	24
Somewhat likely.....	28
Not too likely .....	21
Not likely at all.....	19
(Don't know).....	7
(Refused) .....	0
<b>Likely</b> .....	<b>52</b>
<b>Not likely</b> .....	<b>40</b>

66. \* How likely do you think it is that someone you know or a member of your family may lose their job in the next year: very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

Very likely .....	28
Somewhat likely.....	30
Not too likely .....	19
Not likely at all.....	12
(Don't know).....	10
(Refused) .....	1
<b>Likely</b> .....	<b>58</b>
<b>Not likely</b> .....	<b>31</b>

67. Which of the following terms term do you think fits you best: worker, working family, working American, working middle class, or middle class.

**RANDOMIZE**

Worker .....	9
Working Family .....	19
Working American .....	21
Working Middle Class .....	31
Middle Class .....	17
(Don't know).....	4

68. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? **[IF "NO", ASK:]** What is your race--white, black, Asian, American Indian, or something else?

**DO NOT READ**

White/Caucasian .....	68
Black/African American .....	14
Hispanic/Latino .....	11
Asian/Pacific Islander .....	2
Native American/American Indian .....	1
(Other) .....	2
(Don't know/refused).....	2