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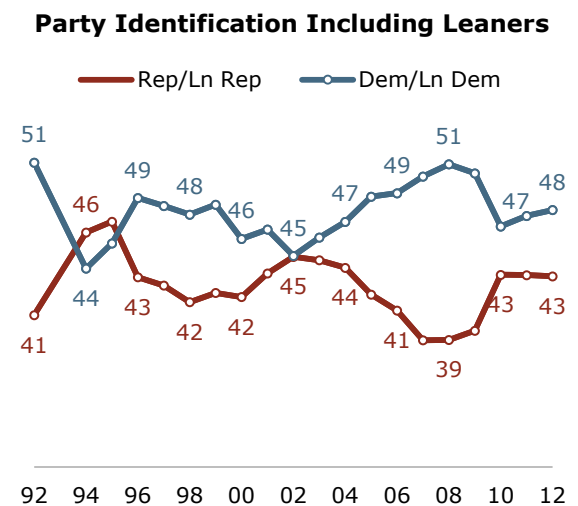
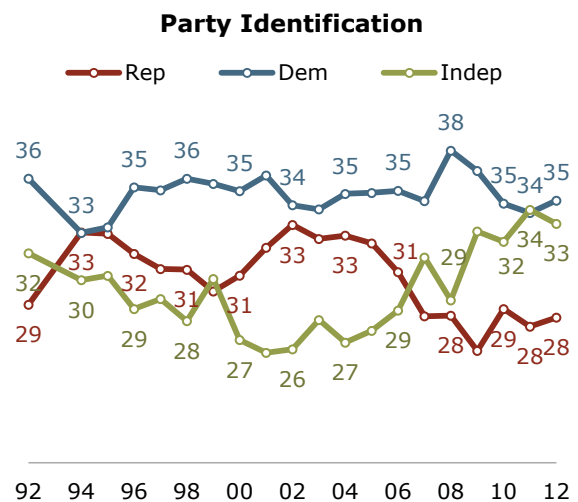
As the 2012 party conventions approach, the Democratic Party continues to maintain an advantage in party identification among voters, but its lead is much smaller than it was in 2008.

In more than 13,000 interviews conducted so far in 2012, 35% of registered voters identify with the Democratic Party, 28% with the Republican Party and 33% as independents. The share of Democrats has fallen three points since 2008, while the proportion of Republicans has remained steady.

When the leanings of independent voters are taken into account, the closing of the Democratic advantage is even more noticeable. Currently, independents lean slightly more toward the Republican Party than the Democratic Party (15% vs. 13%). Four years ago, the reverse was true (13% leaned Democratic, 11% Republican).

Overall, the Democrats now have a five-point lead in party affiliation among registered voters when independents who lean to either party are included (48% to 43%). That is down from a 12-point advantage in 2008 (51% to 39%). The current Democratic edge in leaned party identification is comparable to the slim leads they held in 2004 (three points) and 2000 (four points).

#### Trend in Party Identification: 1992-2012



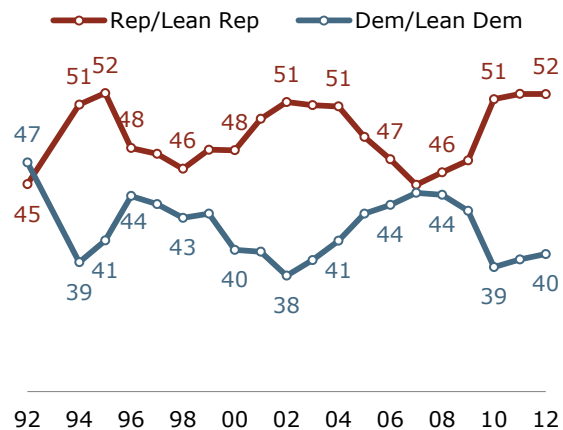
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For a detailed analysis of recent trends in party identification, the composition of the parties and the opinions and values of Republicans and Democrats, [see the accompanying tables](#).

## White Voters Turn Toward GOP

Over the past four years, the shift in party identification has occurred almost entirely among white voters. The Republican Party now has a 12-point advantage over Democrats among non-Hispanic white voters: 52% identify with or lean toward the Republican Party while 40% identify with the Democratic Party or lean Democratic. In 2008, the balance of party identification among whites was almost evenly divided (46% Republican vs. 44% Democrat). The Democratic Party's advantage among blacks and Hispanics, by comparison, has remained largely unchanged.

### Party Identification Among Whites



PEW RESEARCH CENTER. Based on white non-Hispanic registered voters interviewed in each year. Percent not identifying with or leaning to either party not shown.

The Republican Party's current lead among white voters is not unprecedented – their advantage is on par with the GOP's lead among whites from 2002-2004 and from 1994-1995. And all of the GOP gain among whites over the past four years is in leaning among independents. In other words, whites are no more likely to call themselves Republicans today than in 2008 (34% in both years), but they are more likely to *lean* Republican (17% today, up from 12% in 2008).

The Republican Party's gains among whites cross many demographic subgroups. The GOP lead among white men has doubled from 11 points in 2008 (51% Republican or lean Republican vs. 40% Democrat/lean Democratic) to 22 points (57% vs. 35%). And white women, who leaned Democratic by a 49% to 42% margin in 2008, now tilt slightly toward the GOP by a 47% to 44% margin. The two parties now run even among white voters younger than 30, while Republicans have the advantage among all other age groups.

## GOP Gains Among Working-Class White Voters

	2008			2012		
	Rep/ Ln Rep	Dem/ Ln Dem		Rep/ Ln Rep	Dem/ Ln Dem	
	%	%		%	%	
All voters	39	51	D+12	43	48	D+5
White	46	44	R+2	52	40	R+12
Black	6	88	D+82	8	87	D+79
Hispanic	28	66	D+38	29	61	D+32
<i>Among whites</i>						
Men	51	40	R+11	57	35	R+22
Women	42	49	D+7	47	44	R+3
18-29	42	49	D+7	46	45	R+1
30-49	49	42	R+7	54	38	R+16
50-64	45	45	Even	51	41	R+10
65+	46	44	R+2	54	38	R+16
\$75k+	52	41	R+11	54	41	R+13
\$30k-75k	47	46	R+1	55	38	R+17
<\$30k	37	52	D+15	43	45	D+2
<i>College grad</i>						
Yes	46	47	D+1	48	46	R+2
No	46	43	R+3	54	37	R+17

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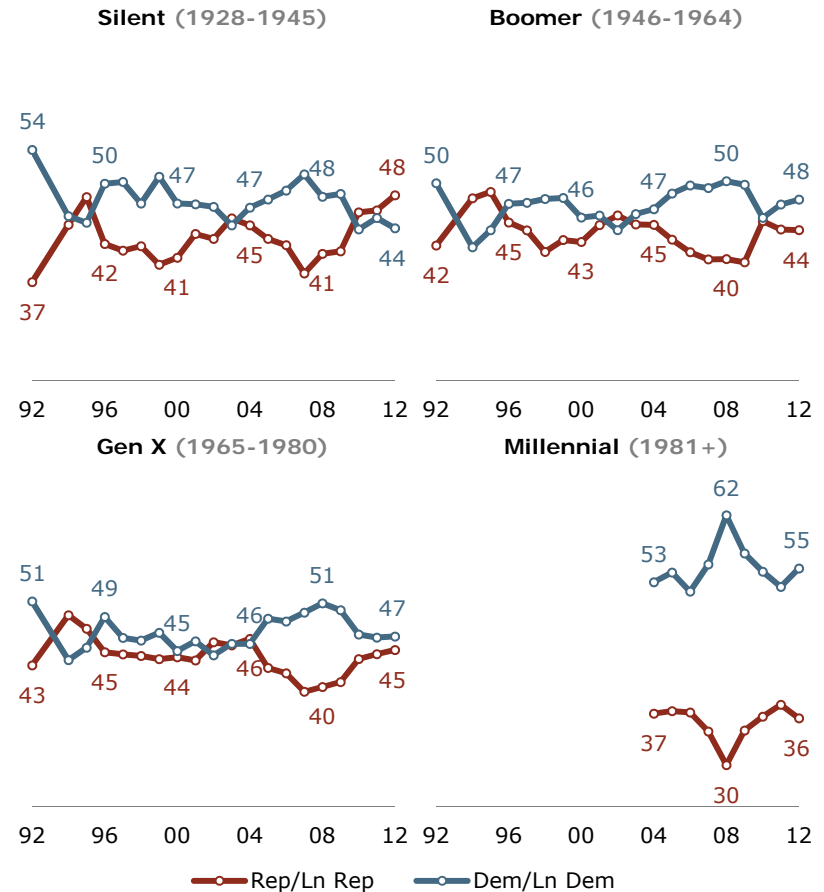
Lower-income and less educated whites also have shifted substantially toward the Republican Party since 2008. The GOP has largely erased the wide lead Democrats had among white voters with family incomes less than \$30,000. And middle-income whites (\$30,000-\$74,999), who were split between the parties four years ago, now favor the GOP by 17 points. By contrast, there has been no shift among higher income whites, who favor the GOP by roughly the same margin today as in 2008.

Similarly, whites without a college degree now tilt decidedly toward the Republican Party – the GOP now holds a 54% to 37% advantage among non-college whites, who were split about evenly four years ago. The partisanship of white college graduates, by contrast, has not changed.

The Democratic Party continues to have a wide lead in party identification among Millennials, voters born after 1980. Currently 55% of Millennials identify with or lean to the Democratic Party, compared with 36% who identify or lean to the Republican Party. However, the Democrats' advantage among Millennial voters has declined from 32 points in 2008 to 19 points today.

The balance of party identification is more evenly divided among other generations. Republicans have a four-point advantage among voters in the Silent Generation, while Democrats have an equivalent lead among Baby Boomers. Generation X is evenly divided (47% Democrat vs. 45% Republican).

## Democrats Maintain Wide Advantage Among Millennial Voters



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## GOP Voters: Overwhelmingly White, Mostly Male

The demographic differences between the Republican and Democratic voters are reflected in current profiles of the two parties' bases. In surveys conducted in 2012, nearly nine-in-ten (87%) Republican and Republican-leaning registered voters are white, while just 11% are minorities. In contrast, 61% of Democrats are white, while nearly four-in-ten are African American (21%), Hispanic (10%) or another race (7%).

Men make up a majority (52%) of Republican and Republican-leaning voters; among Democratic voters, 43% are men while 57% are women. Republican and Republican-leaning voters also are far more likely than Democratic voters to be married (65% of Republicans vs. 49% of Democrats).

More Democrats than Republicans have family incomes of \$30,000 or less (29% vs. 19%). And Democrats are less likely than Republicans to own their own homes (66% vs. 80%).

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### 2012 Profiles of the Parties' Bases

	All RVs	Rep/lean Rep	Dem/lean Dem
<i>% who are ...</i>	%	%	%
Men	47	52	43
Women	<u>53</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>57</u>
	100	100	100
White	73	87	61
Black	12	2	21
Hispanic	8	5	10
Other	6	4	7
Married	56	65	49
Unmarried	43	35	50
18-29	15	13	17
30-49	32	33	32
50-64	31	30	31
65+	20	23	19
Conservative	39	65	19
Moderate	36	29	41
Liberal	21	5	37
<i>Family income</i>			
\$75,000 or more	31	34	29
\$30,000-\$74,999	32	34	32
Less than \$30,000	25	19	29
Own home	73	80	66
Rent/Other	27	19	33
White evangelical Protestant	21	34	9
White mainline Protestant	17	20	14
White Catholic	16	18	13
Unaffiliated	18	11	24
Northeast	19	16	21
Midwest	24	24	23
South	36	39	34
West	21	21	22

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**TABLE 1: PARTY IDENTIFICATION AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS**

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	2004					2008					2012					2012 N
	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	
<b>FIGURES READ ACROSS</b>																
<b>ALL VOTERS</b>	33	35	27	5	D+2	28	38	29	5	D+10	28	35	33	4	D+7	13429
<b>GENDER</b>																
Men	35	30	30	5	R+5	30	32	33	5	D+2	29	29	38	4	Even	6212
Women	31	40	24	6	D+9	27	42	26	5	D+15	27	40	29	4	D+13	7217
<b>AGE</b>																
18-49	33	33	29	5	Even	28	37	31	4	D+9	26	33	38	3	D+7	4766
50+	33	38	24	5	D+5	29	38	27	5	D+9	31	36	29	4	D+5	8395
<b>DETAILED AGE</b>																
18-29	29	33	32	6	D+4	23	40	32	5	D+17	23	36	38	4	D+13	1408
30-49	35	33	27	5	R+2	29	36	31	4	D+7	27	32	38	3	D+5	3358
50-64	31	36	28	5	D+5	28	38	29	5	D+10	29	36	31	3	D+7	4453
65+	34	41	19	6	D+7	31	39	24	6	D+8	34	36	26	4	D+2	3942
<b>GENDER BY AGE</b>																
Men 18-29	31	28	35	5	R+3	26	34	35	5	D+8	26	27	44	3	D+1	748
Men 30-49	37	27	31	5	R+10	31	32	34	4	D+1	28	27	42	4	R+1	1681
Men 50-64	33	31	31	5	R+2	30	32	34	4	D+2	30	32	35	3	D+2	2072
Men 65+	38	35	22	5	R+3	34	34	27	6	Even	35	30	32	3	R+5	1614
Women 18-29	27	38	29	6	D+11	20	47	28	4	D+27	20	44	32	4	D+24	660
Women 30-49	33	38	24	5	D+5	28	40	28	5	D+12	26	38	34	2	D+12	1677
Women 50-64	30	40	25	5	D+10	27	43	25	5	D+16	28	40	28	4	D+12	2381
Women 65+	31	45	17	6	D+14	29	43	21	7	D+14	33	41	22	4	D+8	2328
<b>RACE*</b>																
White, non-Hispanic	39	29	27	5	R+10	34	31	31	5	R+3	34	28	35	3	R+6	10374
NET Nonwhite	15	54	25	6	D+39	12	59	25	4	D+47	11	57	28	4	D+46	2810
Black, non-Hispanic	5	71	19	5	D+66	4	76	17	3	D+72	5	76	16	3	D+71	1371
Hispanic	23	44	27	6	D+21	16	44	36	4	D+28	16	42	37	5	D+26	800
<b>EDUCATION</b>																
College grad+	35	32	29	4	R+3	29	35	32	4	D+6	27	35	35	2	D+8	5767
Some college or less	32	36	26	6	D+4	28	39	28	5	D+11	29	35	33	4	D+6	7601
<b>DETAILED EDUCATION</b>																
Post graduate	30	36	30	3	D+6	25	40	33	3	D+15	25	39	35	2	D+14	2624
College graduate	38	30	28	4	R+8	33	32	31	4	R+1	29	32	36	3	D+3	3143
Some college	35	31	28	6	R+4	29	35	31	5	D+6	30	33	33	4	D+3	3848
HS or less	30	39	25	6	D+9	27	41	26	6	D+14	28	36	32	4	D+8	3753
<b>GENDER BY EDUCATION</b>																
College grad men	38	25	33	3	R+13	32	29	36	3	R+3	30	26	42	2	R+4	2852
College grad women	31	39	25	4	D+8	27	41	28	4	D+14	25	44	29	3	D+19	2915
Some coll or less men	34	32	29	6	R+2	29	34	31	5	D+5	29	31	36	4	D+2	3337
Some coll or less women	31	40	23	6	D+9	26	43	25	6	D+17	28	38	29	4	D+10	4264
<b>INCOME</b>																
\$75,000+	40	29	28	3	R+11	35	32	30	3	R+3	31	32	34	3	D+1	4327
\$30,000-\$74,999	35	34	28	4	R+1	29	38	29	4	D+9	30	34	33	2	D+4	4374
Less than \$30,000	23	45	26	6	D+22	20	47	28	5	D+27	21	41	34	4	D+20	2974
<b>DETAILED INCOME</b>																
\$150,000+	38	27	30	5	R+11	35	29	32	4	R+6	36	30	32	2	R+6	1121
\$100,000-\$149,999	41	30	26	3	R+11	35	32	30	3	R+3	30	32	35	2	D+2	1493
\$75,000-\$99,999	40	29	28	3	R+11	34	33	30	3	R+1	30	32	35	3	D+2	1713
\$50,000-\$74,999	38	31	28	3	R+7	31	36	30	4	D+5	31	33	33	3	D+2	1978
\$30,000-\$49,999	33	35	28	4	D+2	26	41	29	4	D+15	29	35	34	2	D+6	2396
\$20,000-\$29,999	25	42	28	5	D+17	24	44	28	4	D+20	23	40	34	3	D+17	1258
Less than \$20,000	22	47	25	7	D+25	18	49	28	5	D+31	20	42	34	4	D+22	1716
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>																
Married	40	26	29	4	R+14	35	28	32	4	R+7	33	26	38	2	R+7	2423
Living with a partner	--	--	--	--	--	24	39	33	5	D+15	23	34	38	5	D+11	1261
Divorced/Separated	26	41	28	6	D+15	21	45	29	5	D+24	21	40	35	4	D+19	1153
Widowed	29	46	19	6	D+17	27	43	22	8	D+16	32	40	24	4	D+8	744
Never married	22	41	32	5	D+19	18	46	31	4	D+28	21	41	34	4	D+20	1248
<b>MARITAL STATUS BY GENDER</b>																
Married men	40	26	29	4	R+14	35	28	32	4	R+7	33	26	38	2	R+7	2423
Unmarried men	26	36	32	6	D+10	24	39	33	5	D+15	23	34	38	5	D+11	1261
Married women	37	34	23	5	R+3	33	35	26	5	D+2	32	35	29	4	D+3	2476
Unmarried women	23	47	24	6	D+24	19	50	25	6	D+31	23	45	28	3	D+22	1884



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<b>PARENT OR GUARDIAN</b>																
Yes	36	33	27	5	R+3	31	35	30	4	D+4	28	34	35	3	D+6	1502
No	31	36	27	5	D+5	27	39	28	6	D+12	28	35	33	4	D+7	4804
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>																
Own home	36	33	26	5	R+3	32	34	30	4	D+2	35	30	31	4	R+5	912
Rent/Other	22	42	30	6	D+20	19	44	32	5	D+25	23	38	35	5	D+15	243
<b>EMPLOYED</b>																
Yes	34	33	29	5	R+1	29	37	30	5	D+8	27	33	37	3	D+6	2186
No	31	40	23	6	D+9	27	40	26	6	D+13	29	37	31	3	D+8	1733
<b>UNION HOUSEHOLD</b>																
Yes	26	43	27	5	D+17	20	46	29	5	D+26	15	46	34	5	D+31	202
No	34	34	27	5	Even	29	36	30	5	D+7	30	33	35	2	D+3	1354
<b>REGION</b>																
Northeast	29	37	29	5	D+8	23	40	31	5	D+17	23	38	35	4	D+15	2316
Midwest	32	33	29	6	D+1	28	36	30	6	D+8	29	32	35	4	D+3	3370
South	35	36	24	5	D+1	31	37	27	5	D+6	31	34	31	3	D+3	4892
West	33	35	27	5	D+2	28	38	30	5	D+10	27	35	33	4	D+8	2851
<b>DETAILED REGION</b>																
New England	21	34	42	3	D+13	17	34	45	4	D+17	15	31	51	3	D+16	638
Mid-Atlantic	32	39	24	6	D+7	26	43	25	6	D+17	25	41	29	5	D+16	1678
Great Lakes	31	34	29	7	D+3	27	38	30	5	D+11	26	34	35	4	D+8	2163
Midwest Plains	36	30	29	5	R+6	31	34	29	6	D+3	34	28	35	3	R+6	1207
South Atlantic	34	37	24	5	D+3	29	39	27	5	D+10	28	38	31	3	D+10	2713
Deep South	37	35	23	5	R+2	35	35	24	5	Even	38	31	27	4	R+7	943
South Central	36	33	25	5	R+3	32	34	29	5	D+2	33	29	34	4	R+4	1236
Mountain	39	28	28	5	R+11	32	32	32	5	Even	32	26	38	4	R+6	1009
Pacific	31	38	26	5	D+7	26	41	29	5	D+15	25	40	31	4	D+15	1842
<b>COMMUNITY TYPE</b>																
Urban	25	43	27	5	D+18	24	43	28	5	D+19	22	42	32	4	D+20	3789
Suburban	36	32	27	5	R+4	31	34	30	5	D+3	30	33	34	3	D+3	6553
Rural	35	33	26	6	R+2	32	33	29	6	D+1	34	29	33	4	R+5	2616
<b>IDEOLOGY</b>																
Conservative	54	21	20	4	R+33	50	23	23	4	R+27	51	18	28	3	R+33	5449
Moderate	24	38	33	5	D+14	19	39	38	4	D+20	18	36	42	3	D+18	4803
Liberal	8	59	29	4	D+51	5	66	26	3	D+61	5	64	29	2	D+59	2708
<b>RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE*</b>																
Total Protestant	38	34	24	5	R+4	34	35	26	5	D+1	36	33	28	3	R+3	7221
White evangelical Prot.	54	22	20	4	R+32	51	20	25	5	R+31	52	17	27	3	R+35	2965
White mainline Prot.	36	30	29	5	R+6	33	31	31	4	R+2	34	28	35	3	R+6	2572
Black Protestant	5	73	17	5	D+68	3	79	14	3	D+76	5	80	13	3	D+75	1071
Total Catholic	30	37	28	5	D+7	27	40	29	5	D+13	26	35	35	4	D+9	2839
White Catholic	34	33	29	4	R+1	30	35	30	5	D+5	31	29	37	3	R+2	2235
Hispanic Catholic*	21	49	25	5	D+28	18	53	26	3	D+35	15	49	32	4	D+34	394
Mormon	57	16	21	6	R+41	51	10	32	6	R+41	57	14	27	2	R+43	234
Jewish	16	59	21	4	D+43	13	56	28	3	D+43	19	49	28	3	D+30	298
Unaffiliated	17	38	39	6	D+21	14	42	39	5	D+28	13	39	45	4	D+26	2139

\*Whites and blacks include only those who are non-Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Hispanics reported only for polls conducted in both English and Spanish.

**TABLE 2: PARTY IDENTIFICATION AMONG WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS**

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	2004					2008					2012					2012 N
	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	
<b>FIGURES READ ACROSS ALL WHITE VOTERS</b>	39	29	27	5	R+10	34	31	31	5	R+3	34	28	35	3	R+6	10374
<b>GENDER</b>																
Men	40	25	30	4	R+15	36	26	34	4	R+10	36	22	39	3	R+14	4796
Women	37	33	24	5	R+4	32	35	28	5	D+3	33	32	31	3	R+1	5578
<b>AGE</b>																
18-49	41	26	29	4	R+15	35	29	32	4	R+6	33	26	39	3	R+7	3324
50+	37	33	25	5	R+4	33	33	29	5	Even	36	29	31	3	R+7	6879
<b>DETAILED AGE</b>																
18-29	39	24	32	5	R+15	32	30	34	5	R+2	30	27	39	3	R+3	902
30-49	41	27	28	4	R+14	36	29	32	4	R+7	33	25	39	2	R+8	2422
50-64	36	30	29	5	R+6	32	32	31	4	Even	34	29	34	3	R+5	3498
65+	37	37	21	5	Even	35	34	25	6	R+1	39	29	28	4	R+10	3381
<b>GENDER BY AGE</b>																
Men 18-29	39	20	35	5	R+19	34	25	36	5	R+9	33	20	45	2	R+13	505
Men 30-49	43	23	31	4	R+20	37	25	34	4	R+12	36	19	43	3	R+17	1204
Men 50-64	37	28	32	4	R+9	34	27	36	4	R+7	35	25	37	3	R+10	1649
Men 65+	41	31	24	4	R+10	37	29	29	5	R+8	39	24	35	3	R+15	1382
Women 18-29	39	27	29	5	R+12	29	35	31	4	D+6	28	34	34	4	D+6	397
Women 30-49	40	31	25	4	R+9	34	32	29	4	R+2	31	32	35	2	D+1	1218
Women 50-64	35	33	27	5	R+2	31	37	28	5	D+6	34	32	31	3	R+2	1849
Women 65+	34	41	18	6	D+7	33	37	23	7	D+4	38	34	23	4	R+4	1999
<b>EDUCATION</b>																
College grad+	39	29	29	3	R+10	33	31	32	3	R+2	31	31	36	2	Even	4687
Some college or less	38	30	26	6	R+8	34	31	30	6	R+3	36	26	34	4	R+10	5664
<b>DETAILED EDUCATION</b>																
Post graduate	33	34	31	3	D+1	28	37	33	2	D+9	28	36	35	2	D+8	2159
College graduate	43	26	28	3	R+17	37	27	32	4	R+10	34	27	36	2	R+7	2528
Some college	42	25	28	5	R+17	35	28	33	5	R+7	37	25	36	3	R+12	2956
HS or less	36	32	25	6	R+4	34	32	28	6	R+2	36	27	33	4	R+9	2708
<b>GENDER BY EDUCATION</b>																
College grad men	41	24	32	3	R+17	36	26	36	3	R+10	34	23	41	2	R+11	2343
College grad women	37	34	26	3	R+3	31	36	29	3	D+5	29	39	31	2	D+10	2344
Some coll or less men	40	26	29	5	R+14	35	27	33	5	R+8	36	22	39	3	R+14	2447
Some coll or less women	37	33	24	6	R+4	33	34	27	6	D+1	36	29	31	4	R+7	3217
<b>INCOME</b>																
\$75,000+	44	26	28	3	R+18	39	28	31	3	R+11	36	28	35	2	R+8	3550
\$30,000-\$74,999	41	27	28	4	R+14	34	31	31	4	R+3	37	26	35	2	R+11	3433
Less than \$30,000	30	37	27	5	D+7	27	37	31	5	D+10	28	32	37	4	D+4	2048
<b>DETAILED INCOME</b>																
\$150,000+	41	26	29	4	R+15	38	27	32	3	R+11	40	29	30	2	R+11	929
\$100,000-\$149,999	44	27	26	3	R+17	38	28	31	3	R+10	34	29	36	2	R+5	1229
\$75,000-\$99,999	45	25	28	3	R+20	39	29	30	2	R+10	35	26	37	2	R+9	1392
\$50,000-\$74,999	43	26	28	3	R+17	36	30	31	3	R+6	37	27	33	3	R+10	1592
\$30,000-\$49,999	40	28	28	4	R+12	32	32	32	4	Even	37	26	36	1	R+11	1841
\$20,000-\$29,999	33	34	30	4	D+1	30	36	30	4	D+6	30	30	37	3	Even	925
Less than \$20,000	29	40	25	6	D+11	25	38	31	6	D+13	26	33	37	4	D+7	1123
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>																
Married	43	26	26	4	R+17	39	27	30	4	R+12	38	25	34	3	R+13	4010
Living with a partner	--	--	--	--	--	19	39	39	4	D+20	21	34	41	3	D+13	394
Divorced/Separated	32	33	30	5	D+1	27	36	32	5	D+9	27	29	40	5	D+2	822
Widowed	34	40	20	6	D+6	32	37	24	8	D+5	40	30	25	4	R+10	600
Never married	29	32	34	5	D+3	25	36	35	4	D+11	28	32	38	3	D+4	822
<b>MARITAL STATUS BY GENDER</b>																
Married men	44	23	29	4	R+21	40	24	32	4	R+16	39	20	38	2	R+19	1960
Unmarried men	33	29	33	5	R+4	29	31	35	5	D+2	29	23	43	5	R+6	872
Married women	42	30	23	5	R+12	37	31	27	5	R+6	37	30	30	3	R+7	2050
Unmarried women	30	38	26	6	D+8	26	40	28	6	D+14	31	36	30	3	D+5	1372

**TABLE 2: PARTY IDENTIFICATION AMONG WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS (CONT.)**

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	2004					2008					2012					2012 N
	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Other/ DK %	R-D gap	
<b>PARENT OR GUARDIAN</b>																
Yes	43	25	27	4	R+18	39	27	31	4	R+12	36	26	35	3	R+10	1071
No	36	32	27	5	R+4	31	33	30	6	D+2	34	28	35	3	R+6	3820
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>																
Own home	40	29	27	4	R+11	36	29	32	4	R+7	39	25	32	4	R+14	756
Rent/other	31	32	31	5	D+1	26	34	34	6	D+8	31	27	37	4	R+4	156
<b>EMPLOYED</b>																
Yes	40	27	29	4	R+13	34	30	32	4	R+4	34	25	38	2	R+9	1646
No	37	34	23	5	R+3	32	34	28	6	D+2	34	29	34	3	R+5	1381
<b>UNION HOUSEHOLD</b>																
Yes	30	38	27	5	D+8	24	40	32	4	D+16	17	42	37	4	D+25	153
No	40	28	27	5	R+12	35	29	31	5	R+6	37	25	37	2	R+12	1055
<b>REGION</b>																
Northeast	33	33	30	4	Even	27	35	34	4	D+8	27	32	38	3	D+5	1873
Midwest	36	29	29	6	R+7	32	32	31	5	Even	33	27	37	4	R+6	2865
South	44	27	24	5	R+17	40	27	29	5	R+13	41	23	33	3	R+18	3524
West	39	30	26	4	R+9	33	32	30	4	R+1	33	31	33	3	R+2	2112
<b>DETAILED REGION</b>																
New England	22	32	43	3	D+10	18	32	47	4	D+14	17	27	53	3	D+10	556
Mid-Atlantic	37	33	25	5	R+4	32	36	27	5	D+4	31	34	31	3	D+3	1317
Great Lakes	35	29	29	6	R+6	31	33	31	5	D+2	30	28	37	5	R+2	1780
Midwest Plains	37	29	29	4	R+8	34	31	30	6	R+3	37	25	36	2	R+12	1085
South Atlantic	42	28	25	5	R+14	38	28	29	5	R+10	38	26	34	2	R+12	1948
Deep South	45	27	23	5	R+18	43	26	25	5	R+17	45	23	29	3	R+22	744
South Central	46	26	24	5	R+20	42	23	30	5	R+19	45	18	34	4	R+27	832
Mountain	45	23	28	4	R+22	37	25	33	4	R+12	36	24	37	3	R+12	808
Pacific	33	33	29	4	Even	30	34	31	4	D+4	30	32	36	3	D+2	2546
<b>COMMUNITY TYPE</b>																
Urban	33	33	29	4	Even	30	34	31	4	D+4	30	32	36	3	D+2	2546
Suburban	40	27	27	5	R+13	35	29	31	5	R+6	35	27	35	3	R+8	5216
Rural	39	30	25	6	R+9	35	29	29	6	R+6	38	26	33	4	R+12	2277
<b>IDEOLOGY</b>																
Conservative	61	15	20	4	R+46	58	15	24	4	R+43	59	10	28	3	R+49	4463
Moderate	28	33	35	5	D+5	23	33	40	4	D+10	23	28	46	3	D+5	3617
Liberal	9	58	29	4	D+49	5	64	27	3	D+59	5	64	29	2	D+59	2018

Whites include only those who are non-Hispanic.

**TABLE 3: PARTY IDENTIFICATION WITH LEANERS AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS**

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	2004				2008				2012				2012 N
	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	
<b>FIGURES READ ACROSS</b>													
<b>ALL VOTERS</b>	44	47	9	D+3	39	51	10	D+12	43	48	9	D+5	13429
<b>GENDER</b>													
Men	48	43	9	R+5	44	46	10	D+2	48	43	9	R+5	6212
Women	40	51	9	D+11	35	56	10	D+21	39	52	8	D+13	7217
<b>AGE</b>													
18-49	45	46	9	D+1	38	53	9	D+15	42	50	9	D+8	4766
50+	43	48	8	D+5	40	50	10	D+10	45	47	8	D+2	8395
<b>DETAILED AGE</b>													
18-29	40	50	9	D+10	32	60	8	D+28	36	55	9	D+19	1408
30-49	47	45	8	R+2	41	50	9	D+9	45	47	8	D+2	3358
50-64	44	48	8	D+4	40	51	10	D+11	43	48	8	D+5	4453
65+	42	50	9	D+8	41	49	11	D+8	48	45	7	R+3	3942
<b>GENDER BY AGE</b>													
Men 18-29	44	48	8	D+4	37	54	8	D+17	41	50	9	D+9	748
Men 30-49	52	40	8	R+12	45	45	10	Even	49	42	9	R+7	1681
Men 50-64	48	44	8	R+4	45	45	10	Even	47	45	8	R+2	2072
Men 65+	47	45	8	R+2	45	44	11	R+1	53	39	7	R+14	1614
Women 18-29	37	53	10	D+16	27	66	7	D+39	31	61	8	D+30	660
Women 30-49	43	49	8	D+6	37	54	9	D+17	41	52	8	D+11	1677
Women 50-64	40	51	8	D+11	35	55	10	D+20	40	52	9	D+12	2381
Women 65+	38	53	9	D+15	37	53	10	D+16	44	49	7	D+5	2328
<b>RACE*</b>													
White, non-Hispanic	51	41	8	R+10	46	44	10	R+2	52	40	8	R+12	10374
NET Nonwhite	22	67	10	D+45	18	73	9	D+55	20	73	8	D+53	2810
Black, non-Hispanic	9	83	8	D+74	6	88	6	D+82	8	87	5	D+79	1371
Hispanic	34	56	10	D+22	28	66	6	D+38	29	61	10	D+32	800
<b>EDUCATION</b>													
College grad+	47	47	7	Even	41	51	8	D+10	43	51	7	D+8	5767
Some college or less	43	48	10	D+5	38	52	10	D+14	44	47	9	D+3	7601
<b>DETAILED EDUCATION</b>													
Post graduate	42	51	7	D+9	36	56	8	D+20	39	54	7	D+15	2624
College graduate	50	44	7	R+6	44	48	8	D+4	45	48	7	D+3	3143
Some college	48	44	9	R+4	40	50	10	D+10	46	46	8	Even	3848
HS or less	40	50	10	D+10	37	53	10	D+16	42	47	11	D+5	3753
<b>GENDER BY EDUCATION</b>													
College grad men	53	40	7	R+13	47	44	10	R+3	50	42	8	R+8	2852
College grad women	41	53	6	D+12	35	58	7	D+23	36	58	6	D+22	2915
Some coll or less men	46	45	9	R+1	42	48	10	D+6	47	44	9	R+3	3337
Some coll or less women	40	50	10	D+10	35	55	10	D+20	41	49	10	D+8	4264
<b>INCOME</b>													
\$75,000+	53	41	6	R+12	47	46	7	R+1	48	46	6	R+2	4327
\$30,000-\$74,999	48	45	7	R+3	40	52	8	D+12	45	48	7	D+3	4374
Less than \$30,000	32	58	10	D+26	28	62	10	D+34	34	56	10	D+22	2974
<b>DETAILED INCOME</b>													
\$150,000+	50	40	10	R+10	49	44	8	R+5	51	43	6	R+8	1121
\$100,000-\$149,999	53	43	5	R+10	48	46	7	R+2	48	47	5	R+1	1493
\$75,000-\$99,999	54	40	6	R+14	46	47	7	D+1	46	46	7	Even	1713
\$50,000-\$74,999	51	43	6	R+8	43	50	8	D+7	46	46	7	Even	1978
\$30,000-\$49,999	45	47	8	D+2	37	55	8	D+18	44	49	7	D+5	2396
\$20,000-\$29,999	35	56	9	D+21	33	58	9	D+25	37	54	9	D+17	1258
Less than \$20,000	30	60	10	D+30	25	64	11	D+39	32	57	11	D+25	1716
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>													
Married	51	40	8	R+11	47	44	9	R+3	50	42	8	R+8	4899
Living with a partner	--	--	--	--	23	68	9	D+45	29	62	9	D+33	589
Divorced/Separated	36	54	9	D+18	30	60	10	D+30	35	54	11	D+19	1153
Widowed	36	55	9	D+19	35	53	12	D+18	44	48	8	D+4	744
Never married	32	59	9	D+27	27	64	9	D+37	33	58	9	D+25	1248
<b>MARITAL STATUS BY GENDER</b>													
Married men	55	38	7	R+17	50	40	10	R+10	55	38	7	R+17	2423
Unmarried men	38	52	10	D+14	35	55	10	D+20	38	51	11	D+13	1261
Married women	48	43	9	R+5	43	48	9	D+5	46	46	8	Even	2476
Unmarried women	32	60	9	D+28	26	64	10	D+38	34	58	8	D+24	1884

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	2004				2008				2012				2012 N
	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	
<b>PARENT OR GUARDIAN</b>													
Yes	48	44	8	R+4	42	48	10	D+6	45	46	9	D+1	1502
No	42	49	9	D+7	37	53	10	D+16	43	48	9	D+5	4804
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>													
Own home	47	44	8	R+3	45	46	9	D+1	51	40	9	R+11	912
Rent/Other	32	59	9	D+27	28	63	9	D+35	33	55	12	D+22	243
<b>EMPLOYED</b>													
Yes	47	45	8	R+2	39	51	10	D+12	45	47	8	D+2	2186
No	40	51	9	D+11	36	52	11	D+16	43	48	9	D+5	1733
<b>UNION HOUSEHOLD</b>													
Yes	36	56	8	D+20	31	59	10	D+28	30	62	8	D+32	202
No	46	46	9	Even	40	50	9	D+10	48	46	6	R+2	1354
<b>REGION</b>													
Northeast	40	52	9	D+12	34	55	11	D+21	37	54	9	D+17	2316
Midwest	45	46	10	D+1	38	51	11	D+13	43	47	9	D+4	3370
South	46	45	8	R+1	42	48	9	D+6	47	45	8	R+2	4892
West	43	48	8	D+5	38	53	9	D+15	43	49	9	D+6	2851
<b>DETAILED REGION</b>													
New England	36	54	10	D+18	32	55	13	D+23	34	54	11	D+20	638
Mid-Atlantic	41	51	8	D+10	34	56	10	D+22	39	53	8	D+14	1678
Great Lakes	43	47	10	D+4	37	52	11	D+15	41	50	9	D+9	2163
Midwest Plains	47	43	10	R+4	42	47	11	D+5	48	42	10	R+6	1207
South Atlantic	44	48	8	D+4	40	51	9	D+11	43	49	8	D+6	2713
Deep South	48	44	8	R+4	47	45	8	R+2	53	39	8	R+14	943
South Central	49	42	9	R+7	44	46	10	D+2	51	42	7	R+9	1236
Mountain	51	41	8	R+10	44	47	10	D+3	52	39	9	R+13	1009
Pacific	40	52	8	D+12	36	56	8	D+20	38	53	9	D+15	1842
<b>COMMUNITY TYPE</b>													
Urban	35	56	9	D+21	33	57	10	D+24	35	57	8	D+22	3789
Suburban	47	44	9	R+3	42	48	10	D+6	46	46	8	Even	6553
Rural	47	44	9	R+3	44	45	11	D+1	51	40	9	R+11	2616
<b>IDEOLOGY</b>													
Conservative	67	26	6	R+41	64	29	7	R+35	71	23	6	R+48	5449
Moderate	36	54	9	D+18	31	58	12	D+27	35	55	10	D+20	4803
Liberal	13	80	7	D+67	9	86	6	D+77	10	84	6	D+74	2708
<b>RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE*</b>													
Total Protestant	50	43	8	R+7	45	46	9	D+1	50	42	7	R+8	7221
White evangelical Prot.	67	27	6	R+40	65	28	8	R+37	71	22	7	R+49	2965
White mainline Prot.	49	43	8	R+6	45	45	10	Even	52	40	8	R+12	2572
Black Protestant	8	85	7	D+77	5	89	6	D+84	7	89	4	D+82	1071
Total Catholic	42	50	8	D+8	37	53	9	D+16	44	47	8	D+3	2839
White Catholic	47	45	8	R+2	41	49	9	D+8	50	41	8	R+9	2235
Hispanic Catholic*	31	61	9	D+30	25	66	9	D+41	28	63	9	D+35	394
Mormon	72	22	6	R+50	68	19	14	R+49	79	19	3	R+60	234
Jewish	22	71	7	D+49	20	72	8	D+52	28	66	6	D+38	298
Unaffiliated	26	62	12	D+36	25	64	12	D+39	26	63	11	D+37	2139

\*Whites and blacks include only those who are non-Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Hispanics reported only for polls conducted in both English and Spanish.

**TABLE 4: PARTY IDENTIFICATION WITH LEANERS AMONG WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS**

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	2004				2008				2012				2012 N
	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	
<b>FIGURES READ ACROSS ALL WHITE VOTERS</b>	51	41	8	R+10	46	44	10	R+2	52	40	8	R+12	10374
<b>GENDER</b>													
Men	55	38	8	R+17	51	40	10	R+11	57	35	8	R+22	4796
Women	47	44	9	R+3	42	49	9	D+7	47	44	8	R+3	5578
<b>AGE</b>													
18-49	54	38	8	R+16	47	44	9	R+3	51	40	8	R+11	3324
50+	48	44	8	R+4	45	45	10	Even	52	40	8	R+12	6879
<b>DETAILED AGE</b>													
18-29	51	40	9	R+11	42	49	8	D+7	46	45	9	R+1	902
30-49	55	38	8	R+17	49	42	9	R+7	54	38	8	R+16	2422
50-64	50	43	8	R+7	45	45	9	Even	51	41	8	R+10	3498
65+	46	46	9	Even	46	44	10	R+2	54	38	7	R+16	3381
<b>GENDER BY AGE</b>													
Men 18-29	54	39	7	R+15	47	44	9	R+3	50	41	9	R+9	505
Men 30-49	58	34	7	R+24	53	38	9	R+15	59	32	9	R+27	1204
Men 50-64	53	40	7	R+13	50	40	10	R+10	56	37	8	R+19	1649
Men 65+	51	41	8	R+10	50	39	11	R+11	59	33	7	R+26	1382
Women 18-29	49	41	10	R+8	37	55	7	D+18	42	50	8	D+8	397
Women 30-49	51	41	8	R+10	44	47	9	D+3	49	44	7	R+5	1218
Women 50-64	47	45	8	R+2	41	50	9	D+9	46	45	9	R+1	1849
Women 65+	41	50	9	D+9	42	48	10	D+6	51	42	8	R+9	1999
<b>EDUCATION</b>													
College grad+	52	43	6	R+9	46	47	8	D+1	48	46	6	R+2	4687
Some college or less	51	40	9	R+11	46	43	10	R+3	54	37	9	R+17	5664
<b>DETAILED EDUCATION</b>													
Post graduate	46	49	5	D+3	40	53	7	D+13	43	51	6	D+8	2159
College graduate	55	39	6	R+16	49	42	8	R+7	52	42	6	R+10	2528
Some college	56	36	8	R+20	48	43	10	R+5	55	37	8	R+18	2956
HS or less	48	42	10	R+6	45	44	11	R+1	53	37	11	R+16	2708
<b>GENDER BY EDUCATION</b>													
College grad men	56	38	6	R+18	51	40	9	R+11	55	38	7	R+17	2343
College grad women	47	48	5	D+1	40	53	7	D+13	41	53	5	D+12	2344
Some coll or less men	54	38	8	R+16	50	39	10	R+11	57	34	9	R+23	2447
Some coll or less women	48	42	10	R+6	43	47	11	D+4	51	39	10	R+12	3217
<b>INCOME</b>													
\$75,000+	57	37	5	R+20	52	41	7	R+11	54	41	6	R+13	3550
\$30,000-\$74,999	54	39	7	R+15	47	46	8	R+1	55	38	7	R+17	3433
Less than \$30,000	41	50	9	D+9	37	52	11	D+15	43	45	12	D+2	2048
<b>DETAILED INCOME</b>													
\$150,000+	55	38	7	R+17	53	40	7	R+13	55	40	5	R+15	929
\$100,000-\$149,999	56	40	4	R+16	52	41	7	R+11	53	42	5	R+11	1229
\$75,000-\$99,999	59	36	5	R+23	51	42	7	R+9	53	39	7	R+14	1392
\$50,000-\$74,999	57	38	6	R+19	49	43	7	R+6	54	39	7	R+15	1592
\$30,000-\$49,999	53	40	7	R+13	44	48	8	D+4	55	38	7	R+17	1841
\$20,000-\$29,999	44	47	9	D+3	41	49	10	D+8	47	44	10	R+3	925
Less than \$20,000	38	52	9	D+14	35	53	12	D+18	41	46	13	D+5	1123
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>													
Married	56	36	7	R+20	52	39	9	R+13	57	36	7	R+21	4010
Living with a partner	--	--	--	--	30	59	11	D+29	38	51	11	D+13	394
Divorced/Separated	44	47	8	D+3	38	52	10	D+14	44	43	13	R+1	822
Widowed	42	49	9	D+7	40	48	12	D+8	54	37	8	R+17	600
Never married	41	50	9	D+9	36	55	9	D+19	43	49	8	D+6	822
<b>MARITAL STATUS BY GENDER</b>													
Married men	59	34	7	R+25	56	35	9	R+21	62	31	7	R+31	1960
Unmarried men	46	45	9	R+1	42	48	10	D+6	49	40	12	R+9	872
Married women	53	39	8	R+14	48	43	9	R+5	51	41	8	R+10	2050
Unmarried women	40	51	9	D+11	34	55	10	D+21	43	48	8	D+5	1372

**TABLE 4: PARTY IDENTIFICATION WITH LEANERS AMONG WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS (CONT.)**

Pew Research Center for the People &amp; the Press

	2004				2008				2012				2012 N
	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %	No leaning %	R-D gap	
<b>PARENT OR GUARDIAN</b>													
Yes	57	35	8	R+22	50	40	9	R+10	56	35	9	R+21	1071
No	48	44	8	R+4	43	47	10	D+4	50	40	9	R+10	3820
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>													
Own home	53	40	8	R+13	50	41	9	R+9	57	36	8	R+21	756
Rent/other	42	49	9	D+7	38	52	10	D+14	45	45	10	Even	156
<b>EMPLOYED</b>													
Yes	54	39	7	R+15	46	44	9	R+2	54	38	8	R+16	1646
No	47	45	9	R+2	43	46	11	D+3	51	40	9	R+11	1381
<b>UNION HOUSEHOLD</b>													
Yes	41	51	7	D+10	37	53	10	D+16	34	60	6	D+26	153
No	53	39	8	R+14	47	43	9	R+4	56	38	6	R+18	1055
<b>REGION</b>													
Northeast	45	47	8	D+2	39	51	11	D+12	44	47	9	D+3	1873
Midwest	49	41	9	R+8	43	46	11	D+3	49	42	9	R+7	2865
South	57	36	8	R+21	53	38	9	R+15	60	33	7	R+27	3524
West	50	43	7	R+7	45	47	8	D+2	50	43	7	R+7	2112
<b>DETAILED REGION</b>													
New England	38	52	10	D+14	35	53	13	D+18	38	50	12	D+12	556
Mid-Atlantic	48	45	7	R+3	40	50	10	D+10	46	46	8	Even	1317
Great Lakes	49	41	10	R+8	42	47	11	D+5	47	44	9	R+3	1780
Midwest Plains	50	42	9	R+8	45	44	11	R+1	52	39	9	R+13	1085
South Atlantic	54	38	8	R+16	50	41	9	R+9	55	37	8	R+18	1948
Deep South	58	35	8	R+23	57	35	8	R+22	63	29	8	R+34	744
South Central	60	32	7	R+28	58	33	9	R+25	67	27	7	R+40	832
Mountain	58	35	7	R+23	50	41	9	R+9	59	35	7	R+24	808
Pacific	46	47	7	D+1	42	51	7	D+9	45	48	7	D+3	1304
<b>COMMUNITY TYPE</b>													
Urban	45	47	8	D+2	42	49	10	D+7	46	46	8	Even	2546
Suburban	53	39	8	R+14	48	43	10	R+5	53	39	8	R+14	5216
Rural	52	40	9	R+12	49	41	10	R+8	55	36	9	R+19	2277
<b>IDEOLOGY</b>													
Conservative	75	19	6	R+56	73	20	7	R+53	81	14	5	R+67	4463
Moderate	42	49	9	D+7	36	52	12	D+16	42	47	11	D+5	3617
Liberal	14	80	6	D+66	9	85	6	D+76	10	85	6	D+75	2018

Whites include only those who are non-Hispanic.

**TABLE 5: PROFILES OF THE PARTIES AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS**

Pew Research Center for the People &amp; the Press

FIGURES READ DOWN	All voters %	Party Identification			Party ID with Leaners	
		Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %
<b>GENDER</b>						
Men	47	49	39	54	52	43
Women	53	51	61	46	48	57
<b>AGE</b>						
18-49	47	43	46	54	46	49
50+	51	56	53	45	53	50
<b>DETAILED AGE</b>						
18-29	15	12	15	17	13	17
30-49	32	31	30	37	33	32
50-64	31	31	32	29	30	31
65+	20	25	21	16	23	19
<b>GENDER BY AGE</b>						
Men 18-29	8	7	6	10	7	8
Men 30-49	15	15	12	19	17	13
Men 50-64	14	15	13	15	16	14
Men 65+	9	11	8	9	11	7
Women 18-29	7	5	9	7	5	9
Women 30-49	17	15	18	17	16	18
Women 50-64	16	16	19	13	15	17
Women 65+	12	14	14	7	12	12
<b>RACE*</b>						
White, non-Hispanic	73	89	58	76	87	61
Black, non-Hispanic	12	2	25	5	2	21
Hispanic	8	4	9	9	5	10
Other/Mixed, non-Hispanic	6	3	6	7	4	7
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
College grad+	34	33	34	36	34	36
Some college	30	31	28	30	31	29
HS or less	36	35	37	34	35	35
<b>DETAILED EDUCATION</b>						
Post graduate	15	13	17	15	13	17
College graduate	19	20	18	21	20	19
Some college	30	31	28	30	31	29
HS graduate	29	30	28	27	29	27
Less than HS	7	5	9	6	5	8
<b>INCOME</b>						
\$75,000+	31	34	28	32	34	29
\$30,000-\$74,999	32	35	32	32	34	32
Less than \$30,000	25	18	30	25	19	29
Don't know	12	13	10	11	13	10
<b>DETAILED INCOME</b>						
\$150,000+	8	10	7	7	9	7
\$100,000-\$149,999	11	11	10	11	12	10
\$75,000-\$99,999	13	13	12	13	13	12
\$50,000-\$74,999	14	16	14	14	15	14
\$30,000-\$49,999	18	19	18	18	18	18
\$20,000-\$29,999	10	8	11	10	8	11
Less than \$20,000	15	11	18	15	11	18
Don't know	12	13	10	11	13	10



**TABLE 5: PROFILES OF THE PARTIES AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS (CONT.)**

Pew Research Center for the People &amp; the Press

	All voters %	Party Identification			Party ID with Leaners	
		Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Rep/ Ln Rep %	Dem/ Ln Dem %
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>						
Married	56	66	49	56	65	49
Living with a partner	9	5	10	10	6	11
Divorced/Separated	13	10	15	14	11	15
Widowed	6	7	7	4	6	6
Never married	15	11	18	16	12	18
<b>MARITAL STATUS BY GENDER</b>						
Married men	30	34	23	34	37	24
Unmarried men	17	13	17	19	14	18
Married women	32	35	32	28	33	31
Unmarried women	21	17	28	18	16	26
<b>PARENT OR GUARDIAN</b>						
Yes	30	30	30	31	31	29
No	70	69	70	69	68	71
<b>HOMEOWNER</b>						
Own home	73	81	68	70	80	66
Rent/Other	27	19	31	29	19	33
<b>EMPLOYED</b>						
Yes	61	60	58	65	62	60
No	39	40	42	35	38	40
<b>UNION HOUSEHOLD</b>						
Yes	14	7	18	14	9	17
No	86	92	81	86	90	82
<b>REGION</b>						
Northeast	19	15	21	20	16	21
Midwest	24	24	22	25	24	23
South	36	40	35	34	39	34
West	21	21	22	21	21	22
<b>DETAILED REGION</b>						
New England	5	3	4	7	4	6
Mid-Atlantic	14	13	17	12	13	16
Great Lakes	16	15	16	16	15	16
Midwest Plains	8	10	6	8	9	7
South Atlantic	20	20	22	19	20	20
Deep South	7	9	6	6	8	6
South Central	9	11	8	10	11	8
Mountain	7	8	6	8	9	6
Pacific	14	13	16	13	12	16
<b>COMMUNITY TYPE</b>						
Urban	31	24	37	30	25	37
Suburban	51	54	48	53	54	49
Rural	18	22	15	17	21	15
<b>IDEOLOGY</b>						
Conservative	39	71	21	33	65	19
Moderate	36	24	37	46	29	41
Liberal	21	4	38	18	5	37
<b>RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE*</b>						
White evangelical Prot.	21	39	10	17	34	9
White mainline Prot.	17	21	13	18	20	14
Other Protestant	14	6	25	9	6	22
Catholic	21	20	21	23	22	21
Other	8	6	8	8	7	9
Unaffiliated	18	8	20	24	11	24

\*Whites and blacks include only those who are non-Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race.  
Race reported only for polls conducted in both English and Spanish.

**TABLE 6: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES BY PARTY AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS**

Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

		All voters %	Rep voters %	Dem voters %	Indep voters %	R-D diff
<b>ECONOMIC</b>						
How would you rate economic conditions in this country today- excellent, good, only fair, or poor? (June 2012)	Excellent/Good	9	6	13	8	-7
	Only fair	47	38	56	45	-18
	Poor	43	55	30	46	25
	Don't know	1	1	*	1	
A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same? (June 2012)	Better	34	27	46	27	-19
	Worse	11	12	4	16	8
	Same	49	51	45	53	6
	Don't know	6	10	5	4	
How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially? (June 2012)	Excellent/Good	45	51	43	44	8
	Only fair/Poor	54	48	56	54	-8
	Don't know	1	1	1	2	
Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse, or get a lot worse? (June 2012)	Net Improve	60	54	70	56	-16
	Net Get worse	19	21	15	23	6
	Don't know	5	8	3	3	
If you were setting priorities for the federal gov't these days, would you place a higher priority on spending to help the economy recover or a higher priority on reducing the budget deficit? (June 2012)	Spend to recover	46	30	61	44	-31
	Reduce deficit	49	66	33	51	33
	Don't know	5	4	6	5	
During the financial market problems of 2008 the gov't made major loans to banks and financial institutions to try to keep the markets secure. Do you think this was the right thing or the wrong thing for the gov't to do? (Feb 2012)	Right thing	36	15	59	34	-44
	Wrong thing	57	79	33	61	46
	Don't Know	7	6	8	5	
The gov't gave loans to General Motors and Chrysler during this period. Do you think this was mostly good or mostly bad for the economy (Feb 2012)	Mostly good	60	42	77	61	-35
	Mostly bad	36	54	20	36	34
	Other/Don't know	4	4	3	3	
In early 2009, President Obama and Congress passed a major economic stimulus plan that included money for states to deal with budget problems and funding for roads and other infrastructure. Do you think this was mostly good or mostly bad for the economy? (Feb 2012)	Mostly good	60	33	84	62	-51
	Mostly bad	32	58	9	32	49
	Other/Don't know	8	9	7	7	
As you may know, in early 2009 Congress passed Barack Obama's \$800 billion stimulus plan. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan? (Feb 16-20, 2012)	Agree	37	10	68	34	-58
	Disagree	46	81	15	45	66
	Don't know	17	10	17	21	
How fair do you think our present federal tax system is? Would you say it is very fair, moderately fair, not too fair, or not fair at all? (Dec 2011)	Net Fair	44	52	41	43	11
	Net Not fair	55	47	58	57	-11
	Don't know	1	1	1	1	
Which of the following bothers you most about taxes - The large amount you pay in taxes, the complexity of the tax system, or the feeling that some wealthy people get away with not paying their fair share? (Dec 2011)	Amt you pay	10	16	8	7	8
	Complexity	31	45	17	35	28
	Wealthy don't pay	55	35	73	52	-38
	Don't know	4	3	2	6	
Which comes closest to expressing your view of the federal tax system - on the whole, the federal tax system works pretty well and Congress should only make minor changes to make it work better, or there is so much wrong with the federal tax system that Congress should completely change it? (Dec 2011)	Minor changes	34	32	41	29	-9
	Complete change	61	63	55	65	8
	Don't know	5	5	4	5	

**TABLE 6: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES BY PARTY AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS (CONT.)**

Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

		All voters	Rep voters	Dem voters	Indep voters	R-D diff
		%	%	%	%	
Do you think raising taxes on income over \$250,000 would help the economy, hurt the economy, or not make a difference? (July 12-15, 2012)	Help	45	25	67	41	-42
	Hurt	24	40	12	23	28
	No difference	21	26	12	26	14
	Don't know	10	9	9	10	
Do you think raising taxes on income over \$250,000 would make the tax system more fair, less fair, or not make a difference? (July 12-15, 2012)	More fair	45	24	69	43	-45
	Less fair	22	35	9	24	26
	No difference	24	31	16	24	15
	Don't know	9	10	6	9	
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>						
If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services or a bigger government providing more services (Jan 2012)	Smaller	58	82	29	64	53
	Bigger	33	14	59	27	-45
	Other/Don't know	9	5	12	9	
Would you say your overall opinion of the Republican party is favorable or unfavorable? (July 2012)	Favorable	36	74	12	31	62
	Unfavorable	59	22	85	61	-63
	Don't know	6	4	3	8	
Would you say your overall opinion of the Democratic party is favorable or unfavorable? (July 2012)	Favorable	46	8	83	38	-75
	Unfavorable	49	88	14	54	74
	Don't know	5	3	3	8	
Would you say your overall opinion of Congress is favorable or unfavorable? (July 2012)	Favorable	18	24	22	12	2
	Unfavorable	76	71	72	83	-1
	Don't know	6	6	6	5	
Would you say your overall opinion of the Supreme Court is favorable or unfavorable? (July 2012)	Favorable	50	37	62	49	-25
	Unfavorable	40	55	28	41	27
	Don't know	10	8	10	10	
<b>DOMESTIC ISSUES</b>						
What do you think is more important - to protect the right of Americans to own guns or to control gun ownership (July 26-29, 2012)	Protect rights	48	71	19	55	52
	Control guns	46	25	75	38	-50
	Don't know	6	3	6	8	
Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? (July 2012)	Favor	48	23	66	52	-43
	Oppose	44	71	29	38	42
	Don't know	7	6	6	10	
Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to adopt children? (July 2012)	Favor	54	32	68	58	-36
	Oppose	40	62	28	35	34
	Don't know	6	7	4	7	
Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases? (April 2012)	Net Legal	56	30	72	60	-42
	Net Illegal	36	63	21	31	42
	Don't know	8	7	7	8	
Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder? (Nov 2011)	Favor	64	82	50	65	32
	Oppose	30	12	43	31	-31
	Don't know	6	6	7	3	
Do you approve or disapprove of the health care legislation passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010? (July 2012)	Approve	45	9	81	39	-72
	Disapprove	48	87	14	52	73
	Don't know	7	4	5	8	

**TABLE 6: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES BY PARTY AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS (CONT.)**

Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

		All voters	Rep voters	Dem voters	Indep voters	R-D diff
		%	%	%	%	
What should be the priority for dealing with illegal immigration in the U.S.? Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws, creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements, or should both be given equal priority? (June 2012)	Enforce laws	31	46	20	30	26
	Path to citizenship	24	13	34	21	-21
	Equal priority	41	37	42	45	-5
	Other/Don't know	4	3	4	4	
As you may know, two years ago the state of Arizona passed a law that requires police to verify the legal status of someone they have already stopped or arrested if they suspect that the person is in the country illegally. Do you approve or disapprove of Arizona's immigration law? (June 2012)	Approve	64	86	43	68	43
	Disapprove	33	12	53	29	-41
	Don't know	3	2	4	3	
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY</b>						
Right now, which one of the following do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply- Developing alternative sources, such as wind, solar and hydrogen technology, or expanding exploration and production of oil, coal, and natural gas? (Mar 2012)	Alternative energy	49	27	61	54	-34
	Oil, coal, gas	42	64	32	36	32
	Other/Don't know	9	9	7	10	
Would you favor or oppose the gov't allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters? (Mar 2012)	Favor	68	91	50	69	41
	Oppose	29	9	44	28	-35
	Don't know	3	*	6	2	
Would you favor or oppose the gov't increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology? (Mar 2012)	Favor	69	50	81	71	-31
	Oppose	28	44	17	26	27
	Don't know	3	5	2	3	
Would you favor or oppose the gov't promoting the increased use of nuclear power? (Mar 2012)	Favor	45	57	36	47	21
	Oppose	48	36	57	48	-21
	Don't know	7	7	8	5	
How much have you heard about the Keystone XL pipeline that would transport oil from Canada's oil sands region through the midwest to refineries in Texas? Do you think the government should or should not approve the building of this pipeline? (Feb 2012)	Heard about	73	83	64	73	19
	<i>Among those who have heard</i>					
	Should approve	67	86	47	66	39
	Shouldn't approve	22	8	34	28	-26
Is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades or not? Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity, such as burning fossil fuels, or mostly because of natural patterns in the earth's environment? (Nov 2011)	Yes, warmer	61	40	77	62	-37
	Human activity	36	15	50	38	-35
	Natural patterns	18	21	16	18	5
	Don't know	8	4	11	6	-7
In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem? (Nov 2011)	No, not warmer	30	50	16	30	34
	Other/Don't know	9	10	8	8	
	Net Serious	63	39	82	64	-43
In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem? (Nov 2011)	Net Not serious	35	59	16	34	43
	Don't know	2	2	2	2	
	<b>FOREIGN POLICY</b>					
How well is the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan going? (April 2012)	Very/fairly well	39	40	42	35	-2
	Not too/at all well	51	51	46	56	5
	Don't know	10	9	12	9	

**TABLE 6: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES BY PARTY AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS (CONT.)**

Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

		All voters	Rep voters	Dem voters	Indep voters	R-D diff
		%	%	%	%	
Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should remove troops as soon as possible? (April 2012)	Keep troops	35	47	29	32	18
	Remove troops	58	46	64	60	-18
	Don't know	7	7	7	8	0
How much have you heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program? Do you think tougher international sanctions on Iran will or will not work in getting Iran to give up its nuclear program? (Feb 2012)	Heard about	84	88	80	85	8
	<i>Among those who have heard</i>					
	Will work	22	18	29	19	-11
	Will not work	69	76	60	72	16
In your opinion, which is more important- To prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, even if it means taking military action, or to avoid a military conflict with Iran, even if it means they may develop nuclear weapons? (Feb 2012)	Prevent weapons	60	75	52	56	23
	Avoid conflict	29	15	36	36	-21
	Other/Don't know	11	10	13	8	
If Israel were to attack Iran to stop its nuclear weapons program, what position should the U.S. take? Should it support Israel's military action, oppose Israel's military action, or should the U.S. stay neutral? (Feb 2012)	Support	46	64	36	40	28
	Oppose	4	2	5	7	-3
	Stay neutral	46	32	55	51	-23
	Don't know	3	2	4	3	
Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. conducting missile strikes from pilotless aircraft called drones to target extremists in countries such as Pakistan, Yemen, and Somalia? (July 2012)	Approve	61	74	55	58	19
	Disapprove	29	17	33	33	-16
	Don't know	11	9	12	9	

**PARTY HEATS**

Which party do you think is better described by the phrase "can better manage the federal gov't"? (Mar 2012)	Republican party	43	89	8	46	81
	Democratic party	43	4	82	29	-78
	Other/Don't know	15	8	10	25	
Which party do you think is better described by the phrase "is more extreme in its positions"? (Mar 2012)	Republican party	51	20	75	51	-55
	Democratic party	36	68	15	34	53
	Other/Don't know	13	12	10	15	
Which party do you think is better described by the phrase "is more willing to work with political leaders from the other party"? (Dec 2011)	Republican party	26	63	4	22	59
	Democratic party	52	13	87	47	-74
	Other/Don't know	23	24	9	32	
Which party do you think is better described by the phrase "governs in a more honest and ethical way"? (Dec 2011)	Republican party	30	78	3	23	75
	Democratic party	45	3	83	39	-80
	Other/Don't know	25	19	15	38	
Which party do you think could do a better job of improving the job situation? (Mar 2012)	Republican party	42	89	5	44	84
	Democratic party	45	5	86	33	-81
	Other/Don't know	13	6	8	22	
Which party do you think could do a better job of representing your views on abortion? (Mar 2012)	Republican party	33	69	7	35	62
	Democratic party	49	19	76	44	-57
	Other/Don't know	18	13	17	21	
Which party do you think could do a better job of dealing with health care? (Mar 2012)	Republican party	39	83	6	44	77
	Democratic party	48	9	84	38	-75
	Other/Don't know	13	9	10	18	

**TABLE 6: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES BY PARTY AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS (CONT.)**

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		All voters %	Rep voters %	Dem voters %	Indep voters %	R-D diff
Which party do you think could do a better job of dealing with the nation's energy problems? (Mar 2012)	Republican party	37	78	9	39	69
	Democratic party	48	10	79	42	-69
	Other/Don't know	15	12	11	19	
Which party do you think could do a better job of dealing with the federal budget deficit? (Mar 2012)	Republican party	44	87	6	51	81
	Democratic party	42	6	85	26	-79
	Other/Don't know	13	7	9	24	
Which party do you think could do a better job of dealing with the Medicare system? (Mar 2012)	Republican party	38	78	4	41	74
	Democratic party	48	11	87	38	-76
	Other/Don't know	14	11	9	21	
<b>ENTITLEMENTS</b>						
How much have you heard about a proposal to change Medicare into a program that would give future participants a credit toward purchasing private health insurance coverage? Do you favor or oppose this proposal? (Aug 16-19, 2012)	Heard about	76	75	83	76	-8
	<i>Among those who have heard</i>					
	Favor	32	48	25	33	23
	Oppose	51	32	64	48	-32
Which is more important, taking steps to reduce the budget deficit or keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are? (Oct 2011)	Budget deficit	37	50	26	40	24
	Keep benefits	56	43	67	53	-24
	Other/Don't know	7	7	7	7	
Which do you think is more important when it comes to Social Security's future - Avoiding any Social Security tax increases for workers and employers, or avoiding any future cuts in Social Security benefits? (Oct 2011)	Avoid tax increases	30	33	25	31	8
	Avoid benefit cuts	60	56	67	59	-11
	Other/Don't know	10	11	7	10	
If there are financial sacrifices that come with changing Social Security, should people of all income levels share in the financial sacrifices or should higher income people who can most afford it make the financial sacrifices? (June 2011)	All incomes equally	43	58	27	48	31
	High income more	51	37	70	46	-33
	Other/Don't know	5	5	3	6	
Does Medicare, the program that provides health care for seniors and people with permanent disabilities, make it too easy to get medical care and treatments that may not be necessary, too difficult to get medical care and treatments that may be necessary, or is Medicare coverage about right? (June 2011)	Too easy	17	22	11	18	11
	Too difficult	29	23	36	29	-13
	About right	41	41	45	37	-4
	Other/Don't know	13	13	8	16	
Which comes closer to your view - People on Medicare need to be responsible for more of the costs of their health care to keep the program financially secure, or people on Medicare already pay enough of the cost of their health care? (June 2011)	Should pay more	30	39	21	31	18
	Pay enough now	62	54	73	59	-19
	Other/Don't know	8	7	5	10	
Which comes closer to your view about the Medicaid program for low-income people - States should be able to cut back on who is eligible for Medicaid in order to deal with budget problems, or low-income people should not have their benefits taken away? (June 2011)	Be able to cut back	41	58	24	43	34
	Don't cut benefits	54	35	72	52	-37
	Other/Don't know	5	7	4	5	

**TABLE 7: POLITICAL AND SOCIAL VALUES BY PARTY AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS**

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For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly disagree with it, or completely disagree with it.

		All voters %	Rep voters %	Dem voters %	Indep voters %	R-D diff
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>						
When something is run by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful	Agree	61	81	40	62	41
	Disagree	37	17	57	35	-40
	Don't know	3	3	3	3	
The federal government should run only those things that cannot be run at the local level	Agree	69	83	53	73	30
	Disagree	27	12	43	24	-31
	Don't know	3	4	3	2	
The federal government controls too much of our daily lives	Agree	63	80	45	65	35
	Disagree	36	18	54	34	-36
	Don't know	1	1	1	1	
The government is really run for the benefit of all the people	Agree	39	35	49	34	-14
	Disagree	59	62	48	64	14
	Don't know	2	3	2	2	
I am concerned that the government is collecting too much information about people like me	Agree	65	71	58	67	13
	Disagree	32	27	39	30	-12
	Don't know	3	2	3	3	
The government needs to do more to make health care affordable and accessible	Agree	79	60	94	78	-34
	Disagree	19	37	4	21	33
	Don't know	2	3	2	2	
I am concerned about the government becoming too involved in healthcare	Agree	60	88	35	63	53
	Disagree	38	10	63	36	-53
	Don't know	1	1	2	1	
<b>SAFETY NET</b>						
It is the responsibility of the government to take care of people who can't take care of themselves	Agree	55	39	72	52	-33
	Disagree	41	56	24	44	32
	Don't know	4	5	4	4	
The government should help more needy people even if it means going deeper in debt	Agree	38	19	63	29	-44
	Disagree	57	77	31	65	46
	Don't know	5	3	6	6	
The government should guarantee every citizen enough to eat and a place to sleep	Agree	55	34	77	49	-43
	Disagree	44	65	21	48	44
	Don't know	2	1	2	2	
Poor people have become too dependent on government assistance programs	Agree	72	92	54	74	38
	Disagree	24	6	40	22	-34
	Don't know	4	2	6	4	
<b>BUSINESS</b>						
Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good	Agree	57	79	38	59	41
	Disagree	38	19	57	36	-38
	Don't know	4	3	5	4	
The strength of this country today is mostly based on the success of American business	Agree	72	79	68	72	11
	Disagree	25	19	29	25	-10
	Don't know	3	2	2	3	
A free market economy needs government regulation in order to best serve the public interest	Agree	60	44	80	53	-36
	Disagree	34	50	13	43	37
	Don't know	5	6	7	4	

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		All voters	Rep voters	Dem voters	Indep voters	R-D diff
		%	%	%	%	
There is too much power concentrated in the hands of a few big companies	Agree	75	61	85	75	-24
	Disagree	24	37	13	24	24
	Don't know	2	2	1	1	
Business corporations generally strike a fair balance between making profits and serving the public interest	Agree	37	53	27	35	26
	Disagree	60	42	70	63	-28
	Don't know	3	5	3	2	
Business corporations make too much profit	Agree	58	45	74	53	-29
	Disagree	38	52	23	45	29
	Don't know	3	3	3	3	
I am concerned that business corporations are collecting too much information about people like me	Agree	77	76	73	82	3
	Disagree	21	22	25	17	-3
	Don't know	2	2	2	1	
<b>WALL STREET</b>						
Wall Street makes an important contribution to the American economy	Agree	58	68	54	56	14
	Disagree	35	27	39	37	-12
	Don't know	6	5	7	6	
Wall Street only cares about making money for itself	Agree	74	67	79	74	-12
	Disagree	23	27	18	24	9
	Don't know	4	6	3	2	
<b>LABOR</b>						
Labor unions are necessary to protect the working person	Agree	60	40	82	55	-42
	Disagree	36	57	16	42	41
	Don't know	4	4	3	3	
Labor unions have too much power	Agree	58	80	40	58	40
	Disagree	37	17	54	37	-37
	Don't know	5	3	6	5	
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>						
There needs to be stricter laws and regulations to protect the environment	Agree	70	44	92	70	-48
	Disagree	29	54	7	29	47
	Don't know	1	1	2	1	
People should be willing to pay higher prices in order to protect the environment	Agree	43	24	57	45	-33
	Disagree	55	72	41	52	31
	Don't know	2	4	2	2	
<b>FOREIGN POLICY</b>						
It's best for the future of our country to be active in world affairs	Agree	85	87	90	81	-3
	Disagree	12	10	9	17	1
	Don't know	2	3	1	2	
We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate on problems here at home	Agree	83	85	80	86	5
	Disagree	14	12	18	12	-6
	Don't know	3	2	2	2	
The best way to ensure peace is through military strength	Agree	55	75	45	50	30
	Disagree	41	22	50	47	-28
	Don't know	4	3	5	3	



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		All voters	Rep voters	Dem voters	Indep voters	R-D diff
		%	%	%	%	
It is my belief that we should get even with any country that tries to take advantage of the United States	Agree	41	46	38	41	8
	Disagree	51	45	56	52	-11
	Don't know	8	9	6	7	
We all should be willing to fight for our country, whether it is right or wrong	Agree	50	60	47	45	13
	Disagree	43	31	48	50	-17
	Don't know	7	9	5	5	
Most of the countries that have gotten help from America end up resenting us	Agree	65	73	54	68	19
	Disagree	29	22	39	26	-17
	Don't know	6	5	7	6	

**TERRORISM/CIVIL LIBERTIES**

Occasional acts of terrorism in the U.S. will be part of life in the future	Agree	67	78	60	64	18
	Disagree	29	19	34	32	-15
	Don't know	4	4	5	4	
I often worry about the chances of a nuclear attack by terrorists	Agree	42	47	39	41	8
	Disagree	57	52	60	57	-8
	Don't know	1	0	1	2	
Freedom of speech should not extend to groups that are sympathetic to terrorists	Agree	46	53	47	39	6
	Disagree	49	43	48	57	-5
	Don't know	5	4	6	4	
The police should be allowed to search the houses of people who might be sympathetic to terrorists without a court order	Agree	32	42	30	27	12
	Disagree	67	57	69	72	-12
	Don't know	1	1	1	1	

**RELIGION**

Prayer is an important part of my daily life	Agree	76	87	73	72	14
	Disagree	23	13	27	27	-14
	Don't know	1	0	0	1	
I never doubt the existence of God	Agree	80	94	76	74	18
	Disagree	18	6	22	24	-16
	Don't know	2	1	2	2	
We all will be called before God at the Judgment Day to answer for our sins	Agree	74	90	70	67	20
	Disagree	22	8	27	27	-19
	Don't know	4	2	3	5	

**SOCIAL VALUES**

Gays and lesbians should not be allowed to teach in public schools	Agree	15	21	14	12	7
	Disagree	82	76	85	85	-9
	Don't know	3	3	2	3	
School boards ought to have the right to fire teachers who are known homosexuals	Agree	19	30	15	15	15
	Disagree	76	62	83	83	-21
	Don't know	5	8	3	3	
Books that contain dangerous ideas should be banned from public school libraries	Agree	36	44	37	29	7
	Disagree	59	50	61	66	-11
	Don't know	5	5	2	5	

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		All voters	Rep voters	Dem voters	Indep voters	R-D diff
		%	%	%	%	
I have old-fashioned values about family and marriage	Agree	71	88	59	70	29
	Disagree	26	12	37	28	-25
	Don't know	3	0	4	2	
There are clear guidelines about what's good or evil that apply to everyone regardless of their situation	Agree	74	85	67	72	18
	Disagree	23	13	29	25	-16
	Don't know	4	1	4	4	
Women should return to their traditional roles in society	Agree	15	19	17	11	2
	Disagree	82	77	81	87	-4
	Don't know	3	4	2	3	
Women get fewer opportunities than men for good jobs	Agree	51	39	63	47	-24
	Disagree	46	56	34	50	22
	Don't know	3	4	3	3	
One parent can bring up a child as well as two parents together	Agree	47	33	59	46	-26
	Disagree	51	65	39	52	26
	Don't know	2	2	2	2	
A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works	Agree	32	40	26	32	14
	Disagree	65	57	72	65	-15
	Don't know	3	2	2	3	
<b>EQUAL OPPORTUNITY</b>						
Our society should do what is necessary to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed	Agree	84	74	94	81	-20
	Disagree	13	22	4	15	18
	Don't know	3	4	1	4	
We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country	Agree	42	61	27	41	34
	Disagree	54	33	72	54	-39
	Don't know	4	6	1	5	
<b>RACE RELATIONS</b>						
I think it's all right for blacks and whites to date each other	Agree	85	77	93	85	-16
	Disagree	11	20	6	10	14
	Don't know	4	3	2	5	
I think it's all right for blacks and whites to marry each other	Agree	88	81	91	92	-10
	Disagree	9	15	8	6	7
	Don't know	3	4	2	2	
We should make every possible effort to improve the position of blacks and other minorities, even if it means giving them preferential treatment	Agree	28	9	52	21	-43
	Disagree	68	89	42	76	47
	Don't know	4	2	5	3	
In the past few years there hasn't been much real improvement in the position of black people in this country	Agree	38	30	48	35	-18
	Disagree	53	62	45	55	17
	Don't know	9	9	7	10	
Discrimination against blacks are rare today	Agree	33	45	25	31	20
	Disagree	62	50	72	64	-22
	Don't know	5	5	3	5	

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		All voters %	Rep voters %	Dem voters %	Indep voters %	R-D diff
<b>IMMIGRATION</b>						
We should restrict and control people coming into our country to live more than we do now	Agree	71	86	58	70	28
	Disagree	26	12	38	28	-26
	Don't know	3	2	4	1	
The growing number of newcomers from other countries threaten traditional American customs and values	Agree	49	61	41	47	20
	Disagree	46	32	55	49	-23
	Don't know	5	6	4	4	
It bothers me when I come in contact with immigrants who speak little or no English	Agree	42	55	32	43	23
	Disagree	57	42	68	56	-26
	Don't know	1	3	0	1	
<b>PERSONAL EFFICACY</b>						
As Americans we can always find a way to solve our problems and get what we want	Agree	70	76	65	72	11
	Disagree	27	21	32	26	-11
	Don't know	2	2	3	1	
I don't believe that there are any real limits to growth in this country today	Agree	52	61	48	47	13
	Disagree	45	36	48	50	-12
	Don't know	3	2	4	2	
Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside our control	Agree	31	28	39	27	-11
	Disagree	67	71	58	72	13
	Don't know	2	1	3	1	
Hard work offers little guarantee of success	Agree	32	26	37	31	-11
	Disagree	67	73	61	68	12
	Don't know	1	1	2	1	
Many people today think they can get ahead without working hard and making sacrifices	Agree	55	66	44	59	22
	Disagree	43	32	55	39	-23
	Don't know	2	2	2	2	
I admire people who get rich by working hard	Agree	90	95	87	91	8
	Disagree	8	3	13	8	-10
	Don't know	1	2	1	1	
I admire people who are rich	Agree	29	41	25	23	16
	Disagree	66	52	69	72	-17
	Don't know	6	7	6	4	
<b>FINANCIAL SITUATION</b>						
Today it's really true that the rich just get richer while the poor get poorer	Agree	73	53	91	70	-38
	Disagree	25	45	7	29	38
	Don't know	2	2	2	1	
I often don't have enough money to make ends meet	Agree	42	33	52	38	-19
	Disagree	57	66	47	60	19
	Don't know	1	1	1	2	
I'm pretty well satisfied with the way things are going for me financially	Agree	55	64	50	55	14
	Disagree	43	35	48	44	-13
	Don't know	1	1	1	1	

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		All voters %	Rep voters %	Dem voters %	Indep voters %	R-D diff
<b>POLITICAL EFFICACY</b>						
People like me don't have any say about what the government does	Agree	53	54	45	58	9
	Disagree	46	44	54	42	-10
	Don't know	1	1	1	1	
Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things	Agree	73	77	76	69	1
	Disagree	25	22	22	30	0
	Don't know	2	2	2	1	
<b>ELECTED OFFICIALS</b>						
Most elected officials care what people like me think	Agree	35	37	41	30	-4
	Disagree	63	62	57	69	5
	Don't know	2	2	2	1	
Generally speaking, elected officials in Washington lose touch with the people pretty quickly	Agree	83	88	75	87	13
	Disagree	16	12	23	12	-11
	Don't know	1	0	2	1	
It is time for Washington politicians to step aside and make room for new leaders	Agree	76	87	64	81	23
	Disagree	20	10	31	16	-21
	Don't know	4	2	5	3	
We need new people in Washington even if they are not as effective as experienced politicians	Agree	56	64	45	62	19
	Disagree	41	34	53	36	-19
	Don't know	2	2	2	2	
I like political leaders who are willing to make compromises in order to get the job done	Agree	78	66	89	79	-23
	Disagree	19	30	9	18	21
	Don't know	3	3	2	3	
<b>POLITICAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT</b>						
I am very patriotic	Agree	92	95	87	93	8
	Disagree	6	3	10	6	-7
	Don't know	2	2	3	1	
I feel it's my duty as a citizen to always vote	Agree	96	97	97	95	0
	Disagree	4	3	3	4	0
	Don't know	0	0	0	1	
I feel guilty when I don't get a chance to vote	Agree	71	74	73	69	1
	Disagree	23	21	21	25	0
	Don't know	6	6	6	6	
Most issues discussed in Washington don't affect me personally	Agree	20	19	24	17	-5
	Disagree	79	81	74	82	7
	Don't know	1	0	2	1	
I'm interested in keeping up with national affairs	Agree	90	90	92	89	-2
	Disagree	9	9	8	10	1
	Don't know	1	1	0	1	
I'm pretty interested in following local politics	Agree	83	86	83	83	3
	Disagree	16	14	17	16	-3
	Don't know	0	0	0	1	
Everyone has a duty to be involved in community activities to address local issues	Agree	90	90	89	92	1
	Disagree	9	9	11	8	-2
	Don't know	1	1	1	1	