

First Focus

Frequency Questionnaire

April 13-18, 2011
1024 Likely Voters
114 Cell respondents

Q.3 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes	100
No.....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for president between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	98
Not registered in 2008/Ineligible/too young	2
Did not vote	-
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:VOTE08)	

Q.5 As you may know, there was an election last November for Congress and other offices. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	81
Did not vote	17
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	1
(Refused).....	0
Not registered/ineligible/too young	1
(ref:VOTE10)	

Q.7 I know it is a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for President and Congress in 2012: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	95
Probably	5
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	0
(Refused).....	-
(ref:CP10)	

Q.8 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	24
Wrong track.....	69
(Don't know/Refused).....	6
Right - Wrong.....	-45
(ref:DIRECT)	

Q.9 Thinking about the last ten years, would you say that the lives of children in America have gotten better, gotten worse or no change?

	Total
Much better	4
Somewhat better	15
Somewhat worse.....	32
Much worse.....	26
No change.....	17
(Don't know/refused)	5
Total Better	20
Total Worse.....	58
Better - Worse.....	-38
(ref:CHILDIR)	

Q.10 From what you have heard or seen, would you say the federal government's budget deficit is a crisis, a major problem but not a crisis, is a minor problem or is not a problem at all?

	Total
Crisis	54
Major problem, but not a crisis	38
Minor problem	5
Not a problem at all	1
(Don't know/refused)	1
Crisis/Major problem.....	92
Minor/Not a problem	7
Crisis/Major - Minor/Not.....	86
(ref:CRISIS)	

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Q.11 (SPLIT A) When it comes to dealing with the federal government deficit, which approach would you prefer: raising taxes or cutting important programs?

	Total
Raising taxes.....	41
Cutting important programs.....	40
(Both).....	5
(Neither)	10
(Don't know/refused)	4
Raising taxes - Cutting important programs	2
(ref:APPROACH)	

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Q.12 (SPLIT B) When it comes to dealing with the federal government deficit, which approach would you prefer: raising taxes on those earning over one million dollars a year or cutting important programs?

	Total
Raising taxes on those earning over one million dollars	62
Cutting important programs.....	24
(Both).....	8
(Neither)	4
(Don't know/refused)	2
Raising taxes - Cutting important programs	39
(ref:APPROAC2)	

Q.13 Last week, Republicans in the House of Representatives proposed a budget for the next 10 years that will cut 6.2 trillion dollars from the federal budget. From what you know, do you favor or oppose this budget plan?

	Total
Strongly favor	24
Somewhat favor	21
Somewhat oppose.....	14
Strongly oppose	25
(Don't know/Refused).....	16
Total favor	45
Total oppose	39
Favor - Oppose	5
(ref:BUDGCUT1)	

Q.14 Let me read you some more information about the House Republicans' budget proposal. - The plan cuts \$6.2 trillion dollars below the president's budget in order to reduce the deficit and balance the budget within 10 years. The plan cuts domestic spending in the coming year by 72 billion dollars and freezes spending for five years. It repeals the new health care reform law and makes major long-term cuts in spending for Medicaid and Medicare. Starting in 2022, instead of receiving healthcare through Medicare, new retirees will buy subsidized insurance from private health insurance companies. It reduces the top corporate and top income tax rate to 25 percent. Now that you've heard more information, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Total
Strongly favor	20
Somewhat favor	17
Somewhat oppose.....	17
Strongly oppose	39
(Don't know/Refused).....	7
Total favor	37
Total oppose	56
Favor - Oppose	-19
(ref:REBDGCUT)	

Q.15 Most states are facing fiscal challenges and a number of governors have called for the need to have more flexibility to decide how Medicaid dollars are spent in the states. Medicaid is a federal health program that provides care to low-income children, the elderly and the disabled. Would you favor or oppose allowing governors this flexibility if it meant eliminating insurance coverage for some children?

	Total
Strongly favor	16
Somewhat favor	15
Somewhat oppose.....	20
Strongly oppose	44
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total favor	31
Total oppose	63
Favor - Oppose	-32
(ref:MED1)	

Q.16 The House budget proposal cuts over \$750 billion from funding for Medicaid, a federal health program that provides care to low-income children, the elderly and the disabled. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose this cut in Medicaid.

	Total
Strongly favor	14
Somewhat favor	13
Somewhat oppose.....	22
Strongly oppose	48
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
Total favor	27
Total oppose	70
Favor - Oppose	-43
(ref:MEDSPEC4)	

Q.17 The House budget proposal cuts spending for the Children's Health Insurance Program, a federal health program for low-income children whose families do not qualify for Medicaid. The budget proposal creates a \$150 billion shortfall and could threaten the health care coverage for more than 7 million children. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose this cut in the Children's Health Insurance Program?

	Total
Strongly favor	13
Somewhat favor	10
Somewhat oppose.....	22
Strongly oppose	51
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
Total favor	23
Total oppose	73
Favor - Oppose	-50
(ref:MEDSPEC1)	

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Q.18 (SPLIT A) The House budget proposal repeals the health care reform law that was passed last year. This law improved access to health insurance for millions of low-income children and ensures that no child can be denied health care coverage based on a pre-existing condition. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose repealing the health care reform law as part of the effort to reduce the budget deficit.

	Total
Strongly favor	27
Somewhat favor	13
Somewhat oppose.....	16
Strongly oppose	41
(Don't know/Refused).....	4
Total favor	40
Total oppose	57
Favor - Oppose	-17
(ref:MEDSPEC2)	

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Q.19 (SPLIT B) The House budget proposal repeals the health care reform law that was passed last year. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose repealing the health care reform law as part of the effort to reduce the budget deficit.

	Total
Strongly favor	29
Somewhat favor	10
Somewhat oppose.....	16
Strongly oppose	36
(Don't know/Refused).....	9
Total favor	39
Total oppose	52
Favor - Oppose	-12
(ref:MEDSPEC3)	

Q.20 I am going to read you a list of different programs that might be affected by efforts to reduce the federal budget deficit. After each one I read, please tell me whether you would support no reductions in this program, whether you would support minor reductions in this program or support major reductions in this program.

	No Reduc tion	Minor Reduc tion	Major Reduc tio	DK/ Ref
20 K-through-12 education	61	27	10	1
21 Transportation funding for highway construction, modernization and high-speed rail.....	22	49	28	1
22 Student loans, including Pell Grant scholarships for low and moderate-income college students.....	43	41	16	1
23 Head Start, a program that helps pre-school children from disadvantaged backgrounds.....	48	37	14	1
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24 (SPLIT B) National defense	33	46	21	1
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25 (SPLIT A) Unemployment insurance	35	42	22	1
26 Federal child nutrition programs that provide nutritious meals to low-income children in schools and other settings.....	54	34	12	1
27 The Children's Health Insurance Program, a federal health program for low-income children.....	51	37	11	2
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28 (SPLIT A) Job-training programs	28	52	19	1
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29 (SPLIT B) Medical and scientific research	33	51	16	1
30 Medicaid, a federal health program that provides care to low-income children, the elderly and the disabled	49	40	10	1
31 Medicare	49	41	9	1
(ref:CUT2)				

Q.32 I am going to read you a list of additional proposals that some people have made that will impact the federal budget deficit. After each one I read, please tell me if you find this proposal totally acceptable, mostly acceptable, mostly unacceptable or totally unacceptable.

	Totly Accpt	Mostly Accpt	Un acct	Un acct	Dk/ Ref	Total Accpt	Total Un acct	Accpt - Unacp
32 Ending subsidies for oil companies.....	39	22	13	18	7	62	31	30
33 Eliminating the Bush tax cuts for families earning over \$250,000 a year, requiring those families to pay more	38	25	16	20	1	63	36	27
34 Eliminating corporate tax loopholes and federal subsidies to corporations	50	22	10	15	2	72	26	47
35 Cutting the income tax rate for those earning over 372 thousand dollars a year from 35 percent to 25 percent.....	16	18	19	45	3	34	64	-30
36 Reducing the corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent.....	21	24	20	33	2	45	53	-8
37 Reducing the size of government by eliminating 10 percent of public-sector jobs over the next 3 years.....	31	32	18	15	4	63	33	31
38 Replacing the current Medicare program with a voucher system in which retirees will receive vouchers to use to purchase subsidized insurance from private insurance companies for those age 55 or older	15	27	18	35	5	43	53	-10

(ref:REVENUE)

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Q.39 (SPLIT A) After hearing these suggestions, when it comes to dealing with the federal government deficit, which approach would you prefer: raising taxes or cutting important programs?

	Total
Raising taxes.....	48
Cutting important programs.....	38
(Both).....	5
(Neither)	5
(Don't know/refused)	4
Raising taxes - Cutting important programs	10
(ref:REPPRCH)	

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Q.40 (SPLIT B) After hearing these suggestions, when it comes to dealing with the federal government deficit, which approach would you prefer: raising taxes on those earning over one million dollars a year or cutting important programs?

	Total
Raising taxes on those earning over one million dollars	72
Cutting important programs.....	21
(Both).....	4
(Neither)	2
(Don't know/refused)	2
Raising taxes - Cutting important programs	51
(ref:APPROA2B)	

Q.41 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	3
High School graduate	19
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	27
College graduate	32
Post-graduate school	16
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.42 Are you a current or retired member of a labor union?
 (IF YES) Are you a current member or a retired member? (IF NOT CURRENT OR RETIRED UNION MEMBER ASK) Is any member of your household a union member?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	10
Household member	4
Yes, retired member	6
Household member - retired.....	2
No member belongs.....	78
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
Union Household.....	22
(ref:UNION)	

Q.43 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	58
Single	18
Separated/Divorced.....	12
Widowed.....	8
Living with partner	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	20
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.44 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	Total
Yes	31
No.....	68
(Don't know/Refused).....	0
(ref:KIDS)	

Q.45 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	23
Weak Democrat.....	14
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9
Independent	10
Independent-lean Republican	9
Weak Republican	13
Strong Republican.....	20
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.46 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	43
Moderate	36
Conservative	18
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Phone Use

	Total
Cell Only.....	11
Cell Mostly.....	20
Dual User	32
Landline Mostly	24
Landline Only	12
Landline Unknown.....	0
Cell Mostly (from Cell Sample).....	4
Cell Mostly (from Landline Sample)	16
(ref:DUALUSE)	

Q.47 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	55
Catholic	22
Jewish	1
Muslim.....	0
(Don't know/Refused).....	21
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.48 How often do you attend religious services -- more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, several times a year, or hardly ever?

	Total
More than once a week	15
Once a week	29
Once or twice a month	14
Several times a year.....	11
Hardly ever	24
(Never)	5
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RELIG2)	

Q.49 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE08) In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama.....	48
Republican John McCain	41
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Bob Barr).....	0
(Other).....	3
(Don't Know/Refused)	7
(ref:VOTE2008)	

Q.50 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White	74
African-American or Black.....	12
Hispanic or Latino.....	8
Native American	1
Asian	1
(Other)	2
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
(ref:RACETHN)	

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	47
Female	53
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	7
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	7
35 - 39	9
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	9
50 - 54	11
55 - 59	10
60 - 64	10
65 and over	20
(No answer).....	3
(ref:AGE)	