

The New York Times
CBS NEWS

POLL

April 24-28, 2013
Total N= 965

*All trends are from New York Times/CBS News polls unless otherwise noted.
Asterisk indicates registered respondents only.*

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

	Right Direction	Wrong Track	DK/NA		Right Direction	Wrong Track	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	42	48	10	3/28-4/2/08	14	81	5
7/22-23/02 CBS	39	53	8	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	14	83	3
8/6-7/02 CBS	41	51	8	7/7-14/08	14	81	5
9/2-5/02	43	49	8	9/12-16/08	14	81	5
10/3-6/02	42	48	10	10/10-13/08	7	89	4
10/27-31/02	41	52	8	10/19-22/08	11	85	4
11/20-24/02	41	49	10	10/25-29/08	11	85	4
2/10-12/03	35	56	9	12/4-8/08 CBS	12	83	5
3/22/2003	50	40	10	1/11-15/09	15	79	6
4/11-13/03	56	36	9	2/2-4/09 CBS	23	68	9
9/28-10/1/03	37	56	7	3/12-16/09 CBS	35	57	8
7/13-27/03	46	49	5	4/1-5/09	39	53	7
11/10-12/03 CBS	39	53	8	4/22-26/09	41	50	9
12/10-13/03	39	56	5	5/6-12/09 CBS	45	48	7
12/14-15/03	49	43	8	6/12-16/09	44	50	6
1/12-15/04	42	53	5	7/9-12/09 CBS	35	57	8
2/12-15/04 CBS	41	51	8	7/24-28/09	42	49	9
3/10-14/04	38	54	8	9/19-23/09	41	53	6
3/30-4/1/04 CBS	36	57	7	12/4-8/09	37	56	7
4/23-27/04	36	55	9	1/14-17/10 CBS	36	55	9
5/20-23/04 CBS	30	65	5	2/5-10/10	33	62	5
6/23-27/04	36	57	6	4/5-12/10	34	59	7
7/11-15/04	36	56	8	5/4-5/10 CBS	33	58	9
8/15-18/04 CBS	39	55	6	5/20-24/10 CBS	32	61	7
9/12-16/04	41	51	7	6/16-20/10	32	60	8
9/20-22/04 CBS	41	54	5	9/10-14/10	33	60	6
10/1-3/04	40	51	9	10/1-5/10 CBS	32	63	5
10/14-17/04	37	59	4	10/21-26/10	34	61	5
10/28-30/04	43	55	2	11/7-10/10 CBS	29	62	9
11/18-21/04	40	54	6	1/15-19/11	32	64	4
1/14-18/05	39	56	5	2/11-14/11 CBS	36	58	6
2/24-28/05	42	52	6	3/18-21/11 CBS	30	64	6
3/9-14/05 NYT	37	56	7	4/15-20/11	26	70	5
4/13-16/05 CBS	32	62	6	6/3-7/11 CBS	31	60	9
5/20-24/05 CBS	34	60	6	6/24-28/11	28	63	9
6/10-15/05	33	61	6	7/22-24/11 CBS	22	70	8
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	37	57	6	9/10-15/11	23	72	5
9/9-13/05	31	63	6	9/28-10/2/11 CBS	19	73	8
10/3-5/05 CBS	37	58	5	10/19-24/11	21	74	5
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	27	68	5	12/5-7/11 CBS	21	75	4
12/2-6/05	31	60	9	12/14-18/11 CBS	25	69	6
1/5-8/06 CBS	31	62	7	1/4-8/12 CBS	29	65	6
1/20-25/06	32	61	7	1/12-17/12	29	66	4
3/9-12/06 CBS	28	66	9	2/8-13/12	35	59	6
4/28-30/06 CBS	24	71	5	2/24-27/12 CBS	24	67	8
5/4-8/06	23	70	7	3/7-11/12	29	63	7
6/10-11/06 CBS	27	69	4	4/13-17/12	31	61	7
7/21-25/06	28	66	6	5/31-6/3/12 CBS	31	62	7
8/17-21/06	29	67	4	7/11-16/12	30	64	6
10/27-31/06	29	64	7	8/22-26/12 CBS	31	62	7
12/8-10/06 CBS	24	70	6	9/8-12/12	40	54	6
1/1-3/07 CBS	27	68	5	10/17-20/12 CBS	40	53	7
1/18-21/07 CBS	26	69	5	10/25-28/12	39	54	7
2/8-11/07 CBS	26	68	6	12/12-16/12 CBS	37	57	6
2/23-27/07	23	68	9	1/11-15/13	38	57	5
5/18-23/07	24	72	4	2/23-27/13	29	63	8
6/26-28/07 CBS	19	75	6	3/20-24/13 CBS	32	61	7
7/9-17/07	22	72	6	4/24-28/13	34	59	7
9/4-8/07	24	71	4				
12/5-9/07	21	71	8				
1/9-12/08	19	75	6				

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	50	15	35
2/18-22/09	57	17	26
4/1-5/09	59	19	22
4/22-26/09	59	23	18
6/12-16/09	59	23	19
7/9-12/09 CBS	53	30	17
7/24-28/09	54	24	23
10/5-8/09 CBS	48	28	24
11/13-16/09 CBS	50	36	14
1/14-17/10 CBS	49	38	13
2/5-10/10	47	34	19
4/28-5/2/10	48	38	14
7/9-12/10 CBS	44	41	15
11/7-10/10 CBS	46	37	17
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	40	45	15
1/15-19/11	46	32	22
2/11-14/11 CBS	46	33	21
3/18-21/11 CBS	47	36	17
4/15-20/11	39	46	15
5/2-3/11	52	34	15
6/3-7/11 CBS	47	37	16
10/19-24/11	50	31	19
11/6-10/11 CBS	45	41	14
12/5-7/11 CBS	41	41	18
12/14-18/11 CBS	51	32	17
1/4-8/12 CBS	46	37	17
1/12-17/12	48	35	16
2/8-13/12	50	36	14
3/7-11/12	40	41	19
4/13-17/12	46	36	18
7/11-16/12	41	42	17
8/22-26/12 CBS	45	35	20
9/8-12/12	50	36	15
10/25-28/12	47	41	12
12/12-14/12	51	32	17
1/11-15/13	49	36	15
2/6-10/13 CBS	48	31	21
3/20-24/13 CBS	43	37	19
4/24-28/13	45	38	17

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	55	24	21
2/18-22/09	57	32	11
3/12-16/09 CBS	56	33	11
3/20-22/09 CBS	61	29	10
4/1-5/09	56	34	10
4/22-26/09	61	29	10
5/6-12/09 CBS	56	33	11
6/12-16/09	57	35	7
7/9-12/09 CBS	48	44	8
7/24-28/09	51	41	9
8/27-31/09 CBS	53	41	6
9/19-23/09	50	40	10
10/5-8/09 CBS	54	38	8
11/13-16/09 CBS	49	43	8
12/4-8/09	47	43	10
1/6-10/10 CBS	41	47	12
1/14-17/10 CBS	46	48	6
2/5-10/10	42	52	5
3/18-21/10 CBS	45	45	10
3/29-4/1/10 CBS	42	50	8
4/5-12/10	43	46	11
4/28-5/2/10	48	47	6
5/20-24/10 CBS	43	48	9
6/16-20/10	45	48	7
7/9-12/10 CBS	40	54	6
8/20-24/10 CBS	44	48	8
9/10-14/10	41	51	8
10/1-5/10 CBS	38	50	12
10/21-26/10	42	50	8
11/7-10/10 CBS	40	53	7
11/29-12/2/10 CBS	43	50	7
1/15-19/11	41	52	7
2/11-14/11 CBS	42	50	8
3/18-21/11 CBS	39	53	8
4/15-20/11	38	57	5
5/2-3/11	34	55	11
6/3-7/11 CBS	37	56	7
6/24-28/11	39	52	9
9/10-15/11	34	57	9
9/28-10/2/11 CBS	35	53	12
10/19-24/11	38	56	5
12/5-7/11 CBS	33	60	7
12/14-18/11 CBS	40	53	7
1/4-8/12 CBS	38	55	7
1/12-17/12	40	54	6
2/8-13/12	44	50	6
3/7-11/12	39	54	7
4/13-17/12	44	48	7
7/11-16/12	39	55	6
8/22-26/12 CBS	39	54	7
9/8-12/12	45	47	8
10/25-28/12	46	47	7
12/12-16/12 CBS	47	47	6
1/11-15/13	46	49	5
2/6-10/13 CBS	45	49	6
3/20-24/13 CBS	39	54	7
4/24-28/13	41	52	7

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the federal budget deficit?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
7/24-28/09	40	43	17
2/5-10/10	31	58	11
4/5-12/10	29	53	18
1/15-19/11	30	56	13
2/11-14/11 CBS	31	58	11
3/18-21/11 CBS	31	58	11
4/15-20/11	33	59	8
6/3-7/11 CBS	30	63	7
2/8-13/12	32	59	9
12/12-16/12 CBS	37	51	12
1/11-15/13	37	54	9
2/6-10/13 CBS	37	55	8
3/20-24/13 CBS	33	57	10
4/24-28/13	33	57	10

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/6-10/13 CBS	46	41	13
4/24-28/13	44	45	11

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling gun policy?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/6-10/13 CBS	44	49	6
4/24-28/13	41	52	7

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA		Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	49	38	14	2/18-22/09	26	63	12
9/22-23/02 CBS	48	36	16	3/12-16/09 CBS	30	56	14
10/3-6/02	42	45	13	3/20-22/09 CBS	30	56	14
10/27-31/02	45	40	15	4/1-5/09	26	64	10
5/9-12/03	35	48	16	4/22-26/09	28	55	16
7/13-27/03	39	46	15	7/9-12/09 CBS	22	65	13
9/28-10/1/03	37	47	16	8/27-31/09 CBS	26	58	16
1/12-15/04	45	42	13	10/5-8/09 CBS	22	65	13
10/14-17/04	38	46	16	10/29-11/1/09 CBS	18	70	12
1/14-18/05	44	39	17	11/13-16/09 CBS	26	60	14
2/24-28/05	41	44	15	1/14-17/10 CBS	23	63	14
3/21-22/05 CBS	34	49	17	2/5-10/10	15	75	10
4/13-16/05 CBS	35	51	14	3/18-21/10 CBS	14	76	10
5/20-23/05 CBS	29	55	16	3/29-4/1/10 CBS	16	74	10
6/10-15/05	33	53	14	4/5-12/10	17	73	10
7/13-14/05 CBS	33	50	17	5/20-24/10 CBS	15	77	8
9/9-13/05	34	54	12	6/16-20/10	19	70	11
10/3-5/05 CBS	31	57	12	8/20-24/10 CBS	22	71	7
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	34	53	13	9/10-14/10	21	70	9
12/2-6/05	33	53	14	10/1-5/10 CBS	18	71	11
1/5-8/06 CBS	27	57	16	10/21-26/10	14	76	10
1/20-25/06	29	61	11	11/29-12/2/10 CBS	17	72	11
2/22-26/06 CBS	28	61	11	2/11-14/11 CBS	24	62	14
3/9-12/06 CBS	32	54	14	3/18-21/11 CBS	21	66	13
4/6-9/06 CBS	27	61	12	4/15-20/11	16	75	9
5/4-8/06	23	64	13	6/3-7/11 CBS	18	72	10
6/10-11/06 CBS	26	60	14	6/24-28/11	20	70	10
7/21-25/06	28	58	14	8/2-3/11	14	82	3
8/17-21/06	29	60	11	9/10-15/11	12	80	8
9/15-19/06	25	61	14	9/28-10/2/11 CBS	11	80	9
10/5-8/06	27	64	9	10/19-24/11	9	84	7
10/27-31/06	29	56	15	11/6-10/11 CBS	9	83	8
1/18-21/07 CBS	33	49	18	12/5-7/11 CBS	11	82	7
2/8-11/07 CBS	32	52	16	12/14-18/11 CBS	11	83	6
2/23-27/07	33	50	17	1/4-8/12 CBS	12	80	8
3/7-11/07	31	53	16	1/12-17/12	13	79	9
4/9-12/07 CBS	34	54	12	2/8-13/12	10	82	8
5/18-23/07	35	52	13	4/13-17/12	13	77	9
6/26-28/07 CBS	27	60	13	5/31-6/3/12	15	77	9
7/9-17/07	29	59	12	7/11-16/12	12	79	9
7/20-22/07	26	61	13	8/22-26/12 CBS	14	74	12
8/8-12/07 CBS	25	63	12	9/8-12/12	16	74	10
9/4-8/07	23	66	11	10/25-28/12	15	75	10
10/12-16/07 CBS	27	59	14	12/12-16/12 CBS	11	81	9
12/5-9/07	21	64	15	1/11-15/13 CBS	12	82	6
4/25-29/08	21	68	11	2/6-10/13 CBS	14	77	8
9/27-30/08 CBS	15	72	13	3/20-24/13 CBS	11	81	8
10/10-13/08	12	74	14	4/24-28/13	17	75	8
10/19-22/08	17	70	13				
2/2-4/09 CBS	26	62	12				

For trend going back further than 2002, please contact nytpolls@nytimes.com.

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job? QUESTIONS 12 AND 13 WERE ROTATED.

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
9/10-14/10	30	58	11
9/10-15/11	28	63	9
11/6-10/11 CBS	22	66	12
1/12-17/12	26	65	10
1/11-15/13	30	60	9
4/24-28/13	28	61	10

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job? *QUESTIONS 12 AND 13 WERE ROTATED.*

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
9/10-14/10	20	68	11
9/10-15/11	19	72	9
11/6-10/11 CBS	19	71	10
1/12-17/12	19	73	8
1/11-15/13	19	73	8
4/24-28/13	22	69	9

14. Do you think most members of Congress are more interested in serving the people they represent, or more interested in serving special interest groups?

	People	Special interest	DK/NA
10/8-10/90	20	71	8
9/8-11/94	14	79	7
10/29-11/1/94	16	78	6
10/17-20/96*	23	65	12
10/26-28/98	25	62	13
9/15-19/06	20	73	7
10/5-8/06	16	78	6
2/5-10/10	13	80	7
12/17-20/10 CBS	9	85	6
5/20-23/11 CBS	13	80	7
4/24-28/13	9	85	6

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

	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA		Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very Bad	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	2	47	36	13	2	7/31-8/5/08 CBS	1	16	40	43	
7/22-23/02CBS	3	42	39	14	2	8/15-19/08	1	17	41	41	-
8/6-7/02 CBS	2	45	38	13	2	9/12-16/08	2	20	39	39	-
9/2-5/02	3	47	36	14	1	9/21-24/08	-	17	34	46	2
10/3-6/02	4	39	42	14	2	9/27-30/08 CBS	-	10	37	52	1
10/27-31/02	1	44	38	15	1	10/3-5/08 CBS	1	10	34	55	-
11/20-24/02	2	46	37	13	2	10/10-13/08	-	11	38	50	-
1/4-6/03 CBS	1	40	43	14	2	10/19-22/08	-	13	35	51	-
1/19-22/03	1	42	43	12	1	10/25-29/08	1	10	41	48	1
5/9-12/03	2	42	41	14	1	12/4-8/08 CBS	1	8	37	54	
9/28-10/1/03	4	39	37	19	1	1/11-15/09	1	6	30	62	-
2/10-12/03	2	37	42	18	2	2/2-4/09 CBS	-	5	31	63	1
3/20-24/03	3	47	33	15	2	2/18-22/09	-	8	30	61	1
4/11-13/03	2	48	36	10	3	3/12-16/09 CBS		12	36	52	
10/20-21/03CBS	3	42	36	18	1	4/1-5/09	1	10	38	51	1
12/10-13/03	4	52	30	13	1	4/22-26/09	1	15	40	44	1
12/14-15/03	5	50	28	13	4	5/6-12/09 CBS	1	17	45	36	1
1/12-15/04	3	51	34	11	1	6/12-16/09	1	14	48	36	1
3/10-14/04	2	47	34	15	2	7/9-12/09 CBS	1	13	42	44	
4/23-27/04	4	51	30	15	1	7/24-28/09	1	17	47	35	1
5/20-23/04 CBS	5	47	31	16	1	8/27-31/09 CBS	2	18	43	36	1
6/23-27/04	4	54	30	11	1	9/19-23/09	1	21	49	28	1
8/15-18/04 CBS	5	47	32	15	1	10/5-8/09 CBS	1	15	49	35	
9/12-16/04	3	51	31	12	2	11/13-16/09 CBS	1	18	42	37	2
10/1-3/04	6	49	29	16	1	12/4-8/09	2	20	44	33	1
10/14-17/04	3	49	32	13	2	1/6-10/10 CBS	2	15	50	32	1
11/18-21/04	4	50	30	14	1	2/5-10/10	1	16	44	39	1
2/24-28/05	4	53	29	13	1	3/29-4/1/10 CBS	1	15	42	42	
6/10-15/05	4	50	32	13	1	4/5-12/10	1	22	43	34	1
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	7	50	31	11	1	4/28-5/2/10	3	23	45	27	3
9/9-13/05	4	45	33	17	1	5/20-24/10	1	19	47	32	1
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	3	44	35	16	2	6/16-20/10	2	20	48	29	1
12/2-6/05	6	49	29	14	1	7/9-12/10 CBS	2	15	50	32	1
1/5-8/06 CBS	6	48	32	13	1	8/20-24/10 CBS	2	15	42	41	
1/20-25/06	6	51	29	13	1	9/10-14/10	-	17	47	34	2
2/22-26/06 CBS	5	45	33	15	2	10/1-5/10 CBS	1	18	43	37	1
3/9-12/06 CBS	4	51	29	14	2	10/21-26/10	-	21	45	33	1
4/6-9/06 CBS	7	45	30	17	1	11/7-10/10 CBS	2	18	44	35	1
4/28-30/06 CBS	8	49	27	14	2	11/29-12/2/10 CBS	1	17	46	36	
5/4-8/06	6	47	31	15	1	1/15-19/11	2	24	46	28	1
7/21-25/06	5	46	34	13	1	2/11-14/11 CBS	1	23	46	29	1
8/17-21/06	5	47	32	15	1	3/18-21/11 CBS	2	21	48	29	
9/15-19/06	5	51	30	13	1	4/15-20/11	2	17	44	36	1
10/5-8/06	7	53	28	11	1	6/3-7/11 CBS	2	18	43	36	1
10/27-31/06	9	50	26	13	3	6/24-28/11	1	17	43	38	1
12/8-10/06 CBS	8	50	26	13	3	8/2-3/11	-	12	46	40	1
1/1-3/07 CBS	8	50	26	14	2	9/10-15/11	1	13	39	47	1
1/18-21/07 CBS	7	51	31	10	1	9/28-10/2/11 CBS		10	47	41	2
2/8-11/07 CBS	8	52	27	12	1	10/19-24/11	1	13	50	36	1
2/23-27/07	7	55	25	10	3	11/6-10/11 CBS	1	12	41	45	1
3/7-11/07	8	47	33	11	1	12/5-7/11 CBS	1	12	44	42	1
4/9-12/07 CBS	8	51	28	11	2	1/4-8/12 CBS	1	18	46	34	2
5/18-23/07	7	48	29	14	1	1/12-17/12	1	20	47	32	-
7/9-17/07	9	46	30	13	2	2/8-13/12	1	22	46	29	1
8/8-12/07 CBS	7	45	32	14	2	3/7-11/12	1	21	45	30	2
9/4-8/07	4	51	30	15	1	4/13-17/12	1	26	41	29	2
10/12-16/07 CBS	5	45	33	16	1	7/11-16/12	1	26	39	32	1
12/5-9/07	3	39	39	18	1	8/22-26/12 CBS	2	25	39	32	1
1/9-12/08	3	35	42	19	2	9/8-12/12	2	29	38	30	1
1/30-2/2/08 CBS	2	26	27	44	1	10/17-20 CBS	2	30	39	27	1
2/20-24/08	2	27	45	25	1	10/25-28/12	2	30	36	31	1
3/15-18/08 CBS	1	24	42	34		12/12-16/12 CBS	1	28	46	23	1
3/28-4/2/08	1	20	48	30	1	2/6-10/13 CBS	1	31	38	29	1
4/25-29/08	-	22	41	36	1	3/20-24/13 CBS	1	29	42	26	2
5/1-3/08	1	15	40	43	1	4/24-28/13	2	29	42	26	2
5/30-6/3/08 CBS	1	19	45	33	2						
7/7-14/08	1	18	45	35	1						

For trend going back further than 2002, please contact nytpolls@nytimes.com.

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

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA		Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	14	41	44	2	12/4-8/08 CBS	8	60	29	3
10/3-5/02	13	39	46	2	1/11-15/09	7	54	37	2
10/27-31/02	17	34	48	1	2/2-4/09 CBS	5	51	42	2
11/20-24/02	19	30	50	2	2/18-22/09	8	51	40	1
1/19-22/03	17	39	44	1	3/12-16/09 CBS	19	41	37	3
4/11-13/03	17	31	49	2	4/1-5/09	20	34	43	3
5/9-12/03	22	28	49	1	4/22-26/09	26	25	48	2
7/13-27/03	22	31	46	1	5/6-12/09 CBS	32	23	44	1
8/26-28/03 CBS	25	31	43	1	6/12-16/09	27	25	46	2
9/28-10/1/03	24	29	46	1	7/9-12/09 CBS	21	33	45	1
12/10-13/03	34	24	41	1	7/24-28/09	32	22	45	1
12/14-15/03	39	19	39	2	8/27-31/09 CBS	36	25	38	1
1/12-15/04	34	26	39	1	9/19-23/09	36	17	46	-
2/12-15/04 CBS	33	27	39	1	10/5-8/09 CBS	31	18	50	1
3/10-14/04	28	27	43	2	11/13-16/09 CBS	32	25	42	1
5/20-23/04 CBS	23	32	43	2	12/4-8/09	29	23	47	1
6/23-27/04	28	23	47	1	1/6-10/10 CBS	31	19	49	1
9/12-16/04	26	27	45	2	1/14-17/10 CBS	24	28	48	1
10/14-17/04	24	33	42	1	2/5-10/10	24	29	45	2
11/18-21/04	26	29	44	1	4/5-12/10	33	23	43	1
1/14-18/05	25	29	45	1	4/28-5/2/10	41	15	43	1
2/24-28/05	23	30	46	1	5/20-24/10	30	28	42	-
6/10-15/05	18	36	45	2	6/16-20/10	28	24	48	-
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	20	32	47	1	7/9-12/10 CBS	25	26	48	1
9/9-13/05	13	47	38	2	8/20-24/10 CBS	20	34	44	2
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	16	40	44	-	9/10-14/10	22	30	48	1
12/2-6/05	19	35	45	1	10/1-5/10 CBS	22	27	50	1
1/5-8/06 CBS	20	37	43	-	10/21-26/10	25	28	46	1
1/20-25/06	17	38	44	1	11/29-12/2/10 CBS	31	24	44	1
3/9-12/06	13	39	47	1	1/15-19/11	30	21	46	2
5/4-8/06	14	47	39	1	2/11-14/11 CBS	32	22	45	1
7/21-25/06	12	47	41	1	3/18-21/11 CBS	26	26	47	1
9/15-19/06	17	36	46	1	4/15-20/11	23	39	38	1
10/5-8/06	19	31	49	1	6/3-7/11 CBS	24	31	44	1
10/27-31/06	16	38	44	-	6/24-28/11	20	31	48	1
2/8-11/07 CBS	15	34	49	2	9/10-15/11	12	43	44	1
2/23-27/07	11	35	51	2	9/28-10/2/11 CBS	12	40	46	2
4/9-12/07 CBS	11	44	44	1	10/19-24/11	14	36	49	1
5/18-23/07	11	43	44	2	11/6-10/11 CBS	18	32	50	-
7/9-17/07	12	41	45	2	12/5-7/11 CBS	21	39	40	-
9/4-8/07	8	49	43	1	12/14-18/11 CBS	24	30	45	1
10/12-16/07 CBS	9	45	44	2	1/4-8/12 CBS	25	29	45	1
12/5-9/07	5	53	40	2	1/12-17/12	28	23	49	-
1/9-12/08	4	62	33	1	2/8-13/12	34	22	43	1
1/30-2/2/08 CBS	6	67	26	1	3/7-11/12	30	24	44	2
2/20-24/08	3	63	32	1	4/13-17/12	33	28	38	1
3/15-18/08 CBS	2	75	21	2	7/11-16/12	24	30	45	1
3/28-4/2/08	4	70	25	1	8/22-26/12 CBS	25	30	43	1
4/25-29/08	4	70	24	1	9/8-12/12	32	28	39	1
5/30-6/3/08 CBS	3	69	27	1	10/17-20/12 CBS	38	27	34	2
7/7-14/08	3	67	29	1	10/25-28/12	36	28	35	1
9/12-16/08	6	61	32	1	12/12-16/12 CBS	33	23	43	1
9/21-24/08	2	70	26	2	2/6-10/13 CBS	32	28	39	1
9/27-30/08 CBS	2	76	20	2	3/20-24/13 CBS	35	25	39	1
10/3-5/08 CBS	3	75	21	1	4/24-28/13	31	24	44	1
10/10-13/08	5	67	26	2					
10/19-22/08	11	57	30	2					
10/25-29/08	8	57	32	3					
5/30-6/3/08 CBS	3	69	27	1					

For trend going back further than 2002, please contact nytpolls@nytimes.com.

19. Who do you trust more to make the right decisions about the nation's economy – the Republicans in Congress or Barack Obama?

	Republicans in Congress	Barack Obama	Both(vol.)	Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
8/2-3/11	33	47	3	14	2
1/12-17/12	40	44	1	9	7
1/11-15/13	35	50	2	10	3
4/24-28/13	39	43	1	13	5

21. Who do you trust more to make the right decisions about the federal budget deficit – the Republicans in Congress or Barack Obama?

	Republicans in Congress	Barack Obama	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	DK/NA
1/15-19/11 ¹	44	42	1	8	5
2/11-14/11 CBS ¹	42	42	2	9	5
4/15-20/11 ¹	44	39	2	12	4
1/12-17/12	42	43	1	9	5
1/11-15/13	37	50	3	8	3
4/24-28/13	42	41	3	10	5

¹ Question read: "...about reducing the federal budget deficit..."

22. Who do you trust more to make the right decisions about gun laws – the Republicans in Congress or Barack Obama?

	Republicans in Congress	Barack Obama	Both(vol.)	Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	39	47	3	7	5
4/24-28/13	44	41	2	8	6

23. Who do you trust more to make the right decisions about immigration issues – the Republicans in Congress or Barack Obama?

	Republicans in Congress	Barack Obama	Both(vol.)	Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	40	43	3	8	6

24. In general, do you think gun control laws should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

	More	Less	Kept as they are now	DK/NA
11/27-28/94 CBS	59	10	28	3
10/27-31/02	56	11	30	3
11/10-13/03 CBS	51	10	35	4
4/5-12/10	40	16	42	3
1/9-10/11 CBS	47	12	36	5
1/15-19/11	46	13	38	2
4/27-30/12 CBS	39	13	41	6
12/14-16/12 CBS	57	9	30	4
1/11-15/13	54	9	34	3
2/6-10/13 CBS	53	10	34	3
3/20-24/13 CBS	47	11	39	3
4/24-28/13	54	10	33	3

25. Should LEGAL immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?

	Present level	Increased	Decreased	DK/NA
6/19-23/86 ¹	35	7	49	9
6/21-24/93 ²	27	7	61	5
9/8-11/94 ²	27	6	63	4
9/18-22/95 ²	30	6	54	9
12/3-6/95 NYT ³	31	2	64	3
10/23-27/96 CBS	35	8	50	7
9/13-14/01	29	10	53	8
12/7-10/01	29	9	59	3
7/13-27/03	37	9	48	6
1/12-15/04	34	16	45	5
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	32	13	51	4
10/3-5/05 CBS	30	11	51	8
4/6-9/06 CBS	33	16	45	6
5/4-8/06	39	22	34	6
3/7-11/07	29	18	48	5
5/18-23/07	39	20	35	5
7/7-14/08	38	23	32	7
4/5-12/10	35	16	41	7
4/28-5/2/10	44	17	31	8
9/10-15/11	36	19	38	7
4/24-28/13	35	25	31	8

¹ Question read: Should immigration be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

² Question read: Should immigration to the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

³ Question read: Do you think immigration into the United States should be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

27. Overall, what do you think is the best way to reduce the federal budget deficit -- by cutting federal spending, by increasing taxes, or by a combination of both?

	Cut federal spending	Raising taxes	Combination of both	DK/NA
10/25-28/12	30	2	64	5
1/11-15/13	33	3	61	3
2/6-10/13 CBS	32	3	59	5
3/1-3/13 CBS	35	5	56	5
3/20-24/13 CBS	34	2	58	6
4/24-28/13	36	3	57	4

28. As you may know, automatic spending cuts to military and domestic problems are in effect because President Obama and Republicans in Congress could not agree on a plan to reduce the federal budget deficit. These automatic spending cuts are commonly referred to as the Sequester. Do you think these cuts will help the economy, hurt the economy, or will they not have much of an effect on the economy one way or the other?

	Help the economy	Hurt the economy	No effect	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	10	46	35	9

30. Have you personally been affected by the spending cuts in the Sequester, or not? IF YES: Have you been affected a great deal, or only somewhat?

	Yes, great deal	Yes, somewhat	No	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	8	19	69	4

31. IF GREAT DEAL OR SOMEWHAT: How have you been MOST affected by the spending cuts?

	4/24-28/13
Job loss/unemployment	9
Job depends on federal gov't/services	7
Hours cut/loss of income/personal finance	13
Taxes	11
Specific gov't program (SS, vet benefits)	11
Flight delays/air traffic	6
Gov't funding for research	1
Affects people around me	2
Parks/landmarks/White House tours	1
Personal finance (general)	23
Other	4
DK/NA	12

33. If you HAD to choose ONE, which of the following domestic programs would you be willing to reduce in order to cut government spending -- 1. education, OR 2. roads, bridges and other infrastructure, OR 3. science and medical research, OR 4. aid to the unemployed and poor?

	Education	Infrastructure	Research	Aid to the poor	DK/NA
1/15-19/11	8	34	26	21	11
4/24-28/13	7	29	16	29	29

34. As you may know, the largest items in the federal budget are Medicare, the government health insurance program for seniors, Social Security and the military. If you HAD to choose ONE, which of the following programs would you be willing to change in order to cut government spending - Medicare, Social Security or the military?

	Medicare	Social Security	Military	All	None	Combination	DK/NA
1/15-19/11 ¹	21	13	55				11
3/2-7/11 ¹	16	16	50				18
4/15-20/11 ¹	21	17	45				17
12/14-18/11 CBS	23	22	27	4	16	4	5
2/8-13/12	15	13	52	2	10	2	6
1/11-15/13	21	11	46	3	12	2	5
4/24-28/13	23	13	43				21

¹ All, none and combination were not offered as voluntary answer codes.

38. Thinking about how the federal government spends its money, which do you think should be the higher priority -- programs that benefit older adults or programs that benefit younger adults?

	Older adults	Younger adults	Both equally important (vol.)	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	38	44	12	7

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

	Stay and apply for citizenship	Stay as guest workers	Required to leave jobs & U.S.	DK/NA
12/5-9/07	38	28	28	6
4/22-26/09	44	21	30	5
4/28-5/2/10	43	21	32	4
9/10-15/11	37	20	38	5
12/14-18/11 CBS	44	26	26	4
2/8-13/12	42	22	30	5
5/31-6/3/12	43	21	32	3
10/25-28/12	51	20	24	5
12/12-16/12	47	24	27	3
1/24-27/13	51	20	24	5
2/6-10/13	53	21	21	5
2/23-27/13	56	19	20	5
4/24-28/13	43	21	32	3

45. Would you favor or oppose providing a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants in the U.S. if they met certain requirements, like paying fines and back taxes, passing criminal background checks and learning English?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	83	14	3

46. IF FAVOR: Do you think illegal immigrants currently in the U.S. should be allowed to obtain legal status only after the border is secure, or should they be allowed to obtain legal status while border security is still being strengthened?

	After border is secure	While border is being strengthened	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	35	56	10

47. Do you favor or oppose creating a federal employment verification system that all employers would be required to use to confirm that new hires are legally authorized to work in the U.S.?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	80	15	5

48. When the U.S. government is deciding which immigrants to admit to this country, should priority be given to people who have family members already living in the U.S., or should priority be given to people based on education, job skills and work experience?

	People with family members	Based on background	It depends (vol.)	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	27	58	8	7

49. Is it possible you would ever vote for a candidate who does not share your views on immigration, or is this issue so important that you could not vote for a candidate who disagrees with you?

	Yes, would vote	No, would not vote	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	57	29	9	5

50. As a result of LEGAL immigration into the United States, do you think the threat of terrorism against the United States has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Stayed the same	DK/NA
5/18-23/07	42	3	54	1
4/24-28/30	49	4	41	5

54. Do you favor or oppose a nationwide ban on semi-automatic weapons - including some rifles, pistols, and shotguns that have detachable magazines, allowing them to rapidly fire a high number of rounds?

	Favor ban	Oppose ban	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	53	44	4
2/6-10/13 CBS	52	44	5
3/20-24/13 CBS	49	49	3
4/24-28/13	50	47	3

55. Do you favor or oppose a federal law requiring background checks on all potential gun buyers?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
1/11-15/13	92	7	1
2/6-10/13 CBS	91	7	2
3/20-24/13 CBS	90	8	2
4/24-28/13	88	11	2

56. Is your opinion of the National Rifle Association favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about the National Rifle Association yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not favorable	Undecided	Not heard enough	Refused
3/15/89 CBS	28	19	15	37	1
1/22-25/92	27	20	16	35	1
3/28-31/93	30	23	17	29	1
4/25/95 CBS	23	21	19	33	4
4/22/99 CBS	25	23	15	35	2
8/1-3/99 CBS	33	19	13	33	2
8/15/99 CBS	33	19	13	33	2
3/19-21/00 CBS	33	28	16	21	2
4/15-17/00	33	25	17	22	3
5/10-13/00	31	29	20	19	1
7/13-16/00	37	30	16	15	1
10/27-31/02	34	20	15	26	6
1/11-15/13	38	29	14	17	2
4/24-28/13	34	26	16	21	3

57. Is it possible you would ever vote for a candidate who does not share your views on gun policy, or is this issue so important that you could not vote for a candidate who disagrees with you?

	Yes, would vote	No, would not vote	Depends (vol.)	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	41	47	7	5

58. As you may know, the Senate recently voted AGAINST several measures that would have made the laws covering gun sales more strict. Which best describes how you feel about that -- enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, disappointed but not angry, or angry?

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied	Disappointed	Angry	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	9	27	40	19	5

61. How closely have you been following news about the bombings at the Boston marathon -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	45	40	13	2	1

84. These last few questions are for background only. Do you or does any other member of your household own a handgun, rifle, shot-gun, or any other kind of firearm? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, self	Yes, other	Yes, self and other	No	DK/NA
4/22/99 CBS	31	13		55	1
8/1-3/99 CBS	30	16		52	2
8/15/99 CBS	32	16		48	4
5/10-13/00	30	17		52	2
7/13-16/00	32	20		47	2
8/4-6/00 CBS	27	14		56	3
10/27-31/02	30	15		53	2
4/5-12/10	21	13	7	56	3
1/9-10/11 CBS	20	11	9	58	2
1/15-19/11	18	17	10	54	1
1/11-15/13	21	17	9	49	3
4/24-28/13	18	17	8	52	5

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1/8-12/78	51	47	2
4/22-26/81	50	49	2
3/15/89 CBS	52	47	1
5/7-8/91	49	50	2
1/22-25/92	49	50	2
3/28-31/93	49	51	1
12/5-7/93 CBS	49	50	1
1/15-17/94	53	46	1
4/25/95 CBS	45	53	2
4/22/99 CBS	44	55	1
8/1-3/99 CBS	46	52	2
8/15/99 CBS	48	48	4
5/10-13/00	47	52	2
7/13-16/00	52	47	2
8/4-6/00 CBS	41	56	3
10/27-31/02	45	53	2
11/10-13/03 CBS	43	54	3
4/25-29/08	41	58	2
4/5-12/10	41	56	3
1/9-10/11 CBS	40	58	2
1/15-19/11	45	54	1
1/11-15/13	47	49	3
4/24-28/13	43	52	5

85. Are you or is any other member of your household a member of the National Rifle Association? IF YES, ASK: Is that person you or someone else?

	Yes, self	Yes, other	Yes, self and other	No	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	4	7	1	85	2

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No
4/24-28/13	84	15

Do you have any children? IF YES, ASK: Are any of your children 18 or under?

	Yes, 18 or under	Yes, over 18	No	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	29	39	32	1

Are you currently employed -- either full-time or part-time, are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all? IF NOT IN MARKET FOR WORK, ASK: Are you currently retired, or not?

	Employed	Out of work	Not in the market	Retired	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	57	10	11	22	-

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	53	5	11	3	27	1

Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	27	70	3

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	47	20	2	1	6	21	3

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA		Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	28	34	33	5	12/4-8/09	27	36	29	8
9/2-5/02	29	35	26	10	2/5-10/10	28	30	37	5
10/3-5/02	27	38	28	7	4/5-12/10	28	31	33	7
10/27-31/02	31	34	28	7	4/28-5/2/10	25	34	31	10
11/20-24/02	29	32	31	8	6/16-20/10	24	34	33	9
1/19-22/03	29	32	33	6	9/10-14/10	25	35	33	7
2/10-12/03	28	34	31	6	10/21-26/10	28	37	31	4
3/7-9/03	29	32	30	9	1/15-19/11	27	34	32	6
4/11-13/03	31	30	32	6	4/15-20/11	25	33	34	7
7/13-27/03	27	32	34	7	6/24-28/11	26	33	34	6
9/28-10/1/03	31	35	30	4	8/2-3/11	24	32	39	4
12/10-13/03	27	33	35	6	9/10-15/11	26	33	32	8
12/14-15/03	28	31	35	6	10/19-24/11	25	35	34	5
1/12-15/04	28	32	33	8	1/12-17/12	25	35	36	4
3/10-14/04	31	30	32	7	2/8-14/12	27	34	32	7
4/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	3/7-11/12	26	30	35	9
6/23-27/04	29	35	29	7	4/13-17/12	26	34	33	6
7/11-15/04	29	37	30	4	7/11-16/12	25	32	37	6
9/12-16/04	33	31	29	7	9/8-12/12	22	35	36	7
10/1-3/04	29	34	28	10	10/25-28/12	27	36	30	7
10/14-17/04	30	34	29	7	1/11-15/13	26	34	34	6
10/28-30/04	30	35	30	6	4/24-28/13	25	31	36	8
11/18-21/04	29	36	30	5					
1/14-18/05	31	34	28	8					
2/24-28/05	29	36	29	6					
6/10-15/05	28	34	31	6					
9/9-13/05	26	36	28	9					
12/2-6/05	28	32	33	7					
1/20-25/06	29	34	33	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	31	33	30	5					
8/17-21/06	30	35	27	8					
9/15-19/06	30	32	32	5					
10/5-8/06	30	35	30	6					
10/27-31/06	28	35	31	7					
2/24-27/07	25	35	33	6					
3/7-11/07	27	35	33	6					
4/20-24/07	24	34	36	6					
5/18-23/07	29	37	32	3					
7/9-17/07	28	34	34	4					
7/20-22/07	24	32	36	9					
9/4-8/07	31	32	33	5					
12/5-9/07	26	35	31	8					
1/9-12/08	28	40	27	5					
2/20-24/08	27	38	29	6					
/28-4/2/08	26	41	27	6					
4/25-29/08	27	37	31	5					
5/1-3/08	29	39	27	5					
7/7-14/08	26	37	31	6					
8/15-20/08	29	37	26	8					
9/12-16/08	28	39	26	7					
9/21-24/08	28	34	32	6					
10/10-13/08	28	36	29	7					
10/19-22/08	26	41	28	5					
10/25-29/08	30	37	27	5					
1/11-15/09	21	39	31	8					
2/18-22/09	26	36	32	5					
4/1-5/09	23	39	30	7					
4/22-26/09	20	38	36	6					
6/12-16/09	24	38	31	8					
7/24-28/09	20	34	39	7					
9/19-23/09	22	37	33	7					

For trend going back further than 2002, please contact nytpolls@nytimes.com.

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA		Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA
7/13-16/02	21	44	32	4	4/28-5/2/10	21	34	38	6
9/2-5/02	20	39	36		6/16-20/10	18	42	35	5
10/3-5/02	18	45	34	3	9/10-14/10	19	40	36	5
10/27-31/0	20	38	37	5	10/21-26/1	19	37	38	5
11/20-24/0	20	44	30	6	1/15-19/11	20	41	35	4
1/19-22/03	19	45	32	3	4/15-20/11	26	32	36	6
2/10-12/03	21	41	35	3	6/24-28/11	22	37	34	7
3/7-9/03	18	45	35	3	8/2-3/11	22	43	32	2
4/11-13/03	19	45	33	3	10/19-24/1	22	38	35	4
7/13-27/03	22	40	34	5	1/12-17/12	22	38	34	6
9/28-10/1/0	19	42	34	5	2/8-14/12	22	41	32	4
12/10-13/0	20	45	31	4	3/7-11/12	20	39	35	7
12/14-15/0	19	39	37	5	4/13-17/12	23	36	38	4
1/12-15/04	20	43	31	5	7/11-16/12	20	35	38	7
3/10-14/04	21	40	34	5	9/8-12/12	23	33	37	7
4/23-27/04	22	42	30	6	10/25-28/12	21	39	34	6
6/23-27/04	21	42	32	5	1/11-15/13	21	39	34	5
7/11-15/04	22	41	34	3	4/24-28/13	22	31	41	6
9/12-16/04	20	40	36	4					
10/1-3/04	24	36	35	6					
10/14-17/0	19	42	33	6					
10/28-30/0	17	42	35	5					
11/18-21/0	22	41	33	4					
1/14-18/05	20	41	33	6					
2/24-28/05	23	38	35	5					
6/10-15/05	20	43	33	4					
9/9-13/05	18	43	34	5					
12/2-6/05	18	45	32	5					
1/20-25/06	21	45	30	4					
5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4					
7/21-25/06	21	39	36	4					
8/17-21/06	24	38	33	5					
9/15-19/06	17	43	35	4					
10/5-8/06	23	39	34	3					
10/27-31/0	20	45	30	5					
2/24-27/07	20	42	33	6					
3/7-11/07	20	40	36	4					
4/20-24/07	21	42	33	5					
5/18-23/07	20	43	32	5					
7/9-17/07	19	44	33	4					
7/20-22/07	15	48	31	5					
9/4-8/07	22	42	32	4					
12/5-9/07	22	43	31	4					
1/9-12/08	25	39	32	4					
2/20-24/08	23	41	29	6					
3/28-4/2/0	21	39	34	5					
4/25-29/08	22	41	33	4					
5/1-3/08	15	49	32	4					
7/7-14/08	22	41	32	5					
8/15-20/08	24	36	35	5					
9/12-16/08	24	39	33	4					
9/21-24/08	22	38	36	4					
10/10-13/0	18	49	29	4					
10/19-22/0	21	39	33	7					
10/25-29/0	22	38	33	7					
1/11-15/09	21	43	30	6					
2/18-22/09	20	38	36	6					
4/1-5/09	23	39	31	7					
4/22-26/09	22	42	29	7					
6/12-16/09	27	37	29	7					
7/24-28/09	22	41	30	7					
9/19-23/09	21	39	36	4					
12/4-8/09	21	36	38	5					

For trend going back further than 2002, please contact nytpolls@nytimes.com.

How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	Refused
4/24-28/13	22	26	34	17	-

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
4/24-28/13	9	35	28	17	11	1

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
4/24-28/13	14	85	1

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
4/24-28/13	74	12	2	10	2

Was your total family income in 2012 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
4/24-28/13	9	13	19	20	13	17	10

	Male	Female
4/24-28/13	49	51