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Interviews: 802 adults  
 Dates: March 21-24, 2016

**FINAL**

48 Male 52 Female <b>[109]</b>
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***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

***The margin of error for 802 interviews among adults is ± 3.5%***

1a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? **(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24 .....	11	<b>[148-149]</b>
25-29 .....	9	
30-34 .....	10	
35-39 .....	7	
40-44 .....	8	
45-49 .....	9	
50-54 .....	9	
55-59 .....	8	
60-64 .....	12	
65-69 .....	6	
70-74 .....	6	
75 and over .....	5	
Refused/not sure .....	-	

1bc. And to ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black or African American, Asian, or something else?

White .....	73	<b>[150/151]</b>
Black or African American .....	11	
Hispanic .....	11	
Asian .....	2	
Other .....	2	
Not sure/refused .....	1	

2a. How would you rate the current state of the economy? Would you say it is excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>3/16</u>	<u>11-12/15</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>6/15</u>	<u>3/15</u>	<u>11-12/14</u>	<u>9/14</u>	<u>6/14</u>	<u>3/14</u>	<u>12/13</u>	
Excellent .....	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	[152]
Good .....	25	23	22	22	25	24	16	17	16	14	
Only fair .....	45	42	42	44	42	44	45	48	43	42	
Poor .....	26	31	33	30	29	28	34	33	38	41	
Not sure .....	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	
		<u>9/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		14	15	13	13	9	9	10	7	6	
		40	42	41	41	36	40	35	30	37	
		44	40	44	44	53	49	53	61	55	
		1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>3/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>10/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>9/18, 20-21/08+</u>	<u>9/10-12/08</u>	<u>6/08</u>	<u>2/08</u>	
		-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	
		8	6	7	6	4	7	10	6	14	
		37	39	30	33	25	28	32	29	39	
		54	53	62	60	70	65	56	63	44	
		1	1	-			-	1	1	1	
		<u>12/07</u>	<u>10/05<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/05<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>8/04<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/04<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/03<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/02<sup>1</sup></u>			
		4	5	4	4	4	1	1			
		22	27	37	33	32	18	26			
		39	46	41	42	38	44	48			
		33	22	18	21	26	36	24			
		2	-	1	1	-	1	-			

<sup>1</sup>Comparative data prior to 12/07 comes from surveys among registered likely voters conducted by The Tarrance Group and/or Lake, Snell, Perry, Mermin Associates.

+ Results for 9/18, 20-21/08 among likely voters.

2b. And over the course of the next year, do you think the state of the economy will get better, stay about the same, or get worse?

	<u>3/16</u>	11- <u>12/15</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>6/15</u>	<u>3/15</u>	11- <u>12/14</u>	<u>9/14</u>	<u>6/14</u>	<u>3/14</u>	
Will get better .....	21	22	22	24	28	27	23	28	29	[153]
Will stay about the same .....	41	45	37	44	41	39	42	40	37	
Will get worse .....	25	25	32	26	25	28	28	28	30	
Not sure.....	13	8	9	6	6	6	7	4	4	
		<u>12/13</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>3/12</u>	
		26	28	34	32	37	35	33	36	
		40	33	35	31	23	23	37	31	
		30	35	27	33	35	25	21	27	
		4	4	4	4	5	17	9	6	
		<u>11/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>3/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>10/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	9/18, <u>20-21/08+</u>	
		27	30	29	37	37	43	39	42	
		43	36	30	37	35	29	30	28	
		26	30	37	21	26	25	27	23	
		4	4	4	5	2	3	4	7	
		9/10- <u>12/08</u>	<u>6/08</u>	<u>2/08</u>						
		28	21	24						
		35	27	34						
		26	43	34						
		11	9	8						

+ Results for 9/18, 20-21/08 among likely voters.

**Q.2a and Q.2b COMBINED: CURRENT AND FUTURE VIEW OF THE ECONOMY**

	<u>3/16</u>	11- <u>12/15</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>6/15</u>	<u>3/15</u>	11- <u>12/14</u>	<u>9/14</u>	<u>6/14</u>	<u>3/14</u>		
Optimistic now/optimistic for the future .....	21	20	19	21	23	23	15	16	15		
Optimistic now/pessimistic for the future .....	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1		
Pessimistic now/optimistic for the future.....	13	13	14	15	15	15	16	18	19		
Pessimistic now/pessimistic for the future .....	49	55	56	55	53	53	59	59	60		
Not sure for now or the future.....	14	9	9	7	7	7	8	5	5		
		<u>12/13</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>11/11</u>	
		14	12	15	13	13	8	9	10	6	
		1	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	
		16	20	24	22	26	28	27	28	23	
		63	61	55	59	56	45	55	54	65	
		6	5	5	5	5	18	9	7	5	
		<u>6/11</u>	<u>3/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>10/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	9/18, <u>20-21/08*</u>	9/10- <u>12/08</u>	<u>6/08</u>	<u>2/08</u>
		6	7	7	7	5	4	6	8	5	13
		1	1	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	2
		25	25	32	31	39	37	64	23	18	18
		63	63	56	59	52	54	23	55	66	58
		5	4	5	2	3	4	7	12	10	9

\* Results for 9/18, 20-21/08 among likely voters.

3. As of right now, what issue will be the most important to you in the 2016 presidential election? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to say just one, which issue will be the MOST important to you in the 2016 presidential election?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

	<u>3/16</u>	<u>3/15</u>	
The economy and unemployment.....	25	23	<b>[154-155]</b>
Foreign policy, world leadership, and combating terrorism ....	19	16	
Taxes and government spending.....	14	15	
Healthcare .....	9	17	
Political gridlock.....	9	7	
Immigration reform.....	7	5	
The environment and climate change .....	6	7	
Trade with other countries .....	2	NA	
Other.....	5	3	
Not sure .....	4	5	

- 4ab. Are you currently employed? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO," ASK:)** Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES, EMPLOYED," ASK:)** What type of work do you do?

<b>Yes, Employed</b>			
Professional/manager .....	22		<b>[167-178]</b>
White-collar worker.....	18	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Blue-collar worker.....	18		
Farmer/rancher.....	-		
<b>Not Currently Employed</b>			
Student.....	6		
Homemaker.....	5		
Retired.....	21		
Unemployed, looking for work .....	5	<b>Skip to Q.6</b>	
Volunteer (VOL) .....	-		
Disabled (VOL).....	4		
Not sure/refused.....	1		

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES, EMPLOYED" IN Q.4a.)**

5a. Over the next twelve months, do you expect that your wages will increase, decrease, or stay about the same? [179]

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "INCREASE" IN Q.5a)**

5b. If you had to give your best estimate, by what percentage do you expect your wages to increase over the next twelve months? Please use only whole numbers, without any decimals. [208-210]

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "DECREASE" IN Q.5a)**

5c. If you had to give your best estimate, by what percentage do you expect your wages to decrease over the next twelve months? Please use only whole numbers, without any decimals. [211-213]

EMPLOYED ADULTS											
	<u>3/16</u>	<u>11-12/15</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>6/15</u>	<u>3/15</u>	<u>11-12/14</u>	<u>9/14</u>	<u>6/14</u>	<u>3/14</u>	<u>12/13</u>	<u>9/13</u>
Decrease .....	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	6	6	7	9
Stay the same.....	61	62	56	59	58	56	62	56	61	56	57
<b>Total increase.....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>
Increase—1% to 3%.....	11	9	15	14	11	14	10	15	10	11	11
Increase—4% to 10%.....	13	11	15	15	15	15	13	14	13	15	12
Increase—11% or more.....	8	12	8	8	10	9	8	7	8	7	9
Increase—not sure how much.....	3	3	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	4	2
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Median.....</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
		<u>6/13</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>3/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>
Decrease .....		7	10	6	8	5	8	7	9	9	7
Stay the same.....		52	58	61	62	65	60	62	62	64	62
<b>Total increase.....</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>
Increase—1% to 3%.....		13	11	8	11	10	10	9	10	11	9
Increase—4% to 10%.....		15	13	13	11	11	12	13	10	8	11
Increase—11% or more.....		11	6	9	6	7	7	7	7	6	9
Increase—not sure how much.....		2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
<b>Mean.....</b>		<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Median.....</b>		<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
	<u>10/10</u>	<u>8/10<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>9/08</u>	<u>6/08</u>	<u>2/08</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>
Decrease .....	9	10	11	7	4	6	4	2	4	2	4
Stay the same.....	66	63	61	52	53	56	47	42	43	48	41
<b>Total increase.....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>
Increase—1% to 3%.....	7	NA	8	11	14	11	13	18	15	12	15
Increase—4% to 10%.....	12	NA	10	18	19	17	22	25	26	25	21
Increase—11% or more.....	5	NA	8	9	8	7	11	9	11	10	16
Increase—not sure how much.....	1	NA	2	3	2	3	3	4	1	3	3
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Median.....</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.6</b>

<sup>1</sup>Comparative data for August 2010 comes from a survey conducted for NBC News and the Wall Street Journal.

6. Do you expect the value of your home to increase, decrease, or stay about the same over the next twelve months? If you do not own your home, please just say so. <sup>1</sup>

	Home- owners	
Increase.....	37	[214]
Decrease .....	8	
Stay about the same .....	55	

HOMEOWNERS									
	11- 12/15	6/15	3/15	11- 12/14	9/14 <sup>1</sup>	6/14	3/14	12/13	9/13
<b>Own Their Home</b>									
Decrease.....	7	8	8	6	9	9	10	10	14
Stay the same .....	57	52	60	60	63	55	59	56	54
<b>Total increase.....</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>
Increase—1% to 4%.....	11	13	10	10	7	10	10	6	10
Increase—5% to 9%.....	9	13	9	10	9	11	8	14	9
Increase—10% or more .....	11	12	10	11	10	11	10	11	9
Increase—not sure how much.....	5	2	3	3	2	4	3	3	4
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Median.....</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
	6/13	3/13	11/12	9/12	5/12	3/12	11/11	6/11	3/11
<b>Own Their Home</b>									
Decrease.....	14	13	13	19	16	20	20	30	24
Stay the same .....	48	54	63	54	62	58	65	55	58
<b>Total increase.....</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
Increase—1% to 4%.....	9	10	9	7	6	6	4	4	5
Increase—5% to 9%.....	11	10	5	7	6	5	3	3	5
Increase—10% or more .....	15	10	6	10	7	9	5	6	6
Increase—not sure how much.....	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	2	2
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Median.....</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
	10/10	12/09	12/08	9/08	6/08	2/08	12/07	10/07	3/07
<b>Own Their Home</b>									
Decrease.....	21	20	22	20	23	20	16	11	9
Stay the same .....	60	59	61	56	54	54	50	49	43
<b>Total increase.....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>
Increase—1% to 4%.....	6	4	4	6	5	5	6	8	12
Increase—5% to 9%.....	4	6	5	7	6	8	9	9	13
Increase—10% or more .....	6	8	5	9	9	9	13	17	19
Increase—not sure how much.....	3	3	3	2	3	4	6	6	4
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Median.....</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup>Results shown among respondents who own their home, consisting of 76% in 3/16, 77% in 12/15, 74% in 6/15, 71% in 3/15, 83% in 11-12/14, 72% in 9/14, 80% in 6/14, 77% in 3/14, 76% in 12/13, 78% in 9/13, 77% in 6/13, 74% in 3/13, 74% in 11/12, 77% in 9/12, 76% in 5/12, 77% in 3/12, 77% in 11/11, 75% in 6/11, 78% in 3/11, 80% in 12/10, 83% in 10/10, 84% in 12/09, 77% in 12/08, 85% in 9/08, 86% in 6/08, 81% in 2/08, 82% in 12/07, 82% in 10/07, and 84% in 3/07.

7ab. Do you have money invested in the stock market and mutual funds, including IRAs and 401(k)s? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES," ASK:)** And is the value of these investments above or below fifty thousand dollars?

	<u>3/16</u>	<u>11- 12/15</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>6/15</u>	<u>3/15</u>	<u>11- 12/14</u>	<u>9/14</u>	<u>6/14</u>	<u>3/14</u>	<u>12/13</u>	
<b>Yes, Have Money invested</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	
Above \$50,000.....	31	28	30	26	26	24	25	28	29	28	[215/216]
Below \$50,000.....	16	19	18	15	17	18	18	16	18	20	
Not sure.....	6	7	6	6	6	9	6	5	5	5	
No, no money invested.....	45	44	43	49	49	47	49	49	47	46	
Not sure/refused.....	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	
		<u>9/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>11/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	
		<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	
		28	26	29	25	28	26	24	27	29	
		17	16	20	21	19	21	19	19	19	
		6	6	6	5	5	5	6	5	4	
		47	50	43	47	46	46	49	47	46	
		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
	<u>3/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>									
	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>									
	25	27									
	21	20									
	NA	NA									
	47	45									
	7	8									

	<u>10/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
Less than \$10,000.....	7	8	8
At least \$10,000 but less than \$50,000.....	13	13	14
At least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000.....	11	8	9
At least \$100,000 but less than \$200,000.....	7	8	9
At least \$200,000 but less than \$300,000.....	3	2	4
At least \$300,000 but less than \$500,000.....	2	2	4
At least \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000.....	1	3	1
\$1,000,000 or more.....	1	2	1
No, no money invested in the stock market.....	44	42	42
Not sure/refused.....	11	12	8

8ab. In your opinion, would you say this is a good time or a bad time to be investing in the stock market? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "GOOD TIME" OR "BAD TIME," ASK:)** Would you say it is a very (good time/bad time) or just a somewhat (good time/bad time)?

	<u>3/16</u>	11- <u>12/15</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>6/15</u>	<u>3/15</u>	11- <u>12/14</u>	<u>9/14</u>	<u>6/14</u>	<u>3/14</u>	
Very good time .....	4	5	5	8	9	12	7	9	10	<b>[217/218]</b>
Just a somewhat good time .....	27	32	28	31	30	29	24	27	29	
Just a somewhat bad time .....	33	26	31	25	25	22	29	26	25	
Very bad time .....	12	11	15	9	9	8	11	13	14	
Not sure .....	24	26	21	27	27	29	29	25	22	
<b>Total Good Time</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	
<b>Total Bad Time</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	
		<u>12/13</u>	<u>9/13</u>	<u>6/13</u>	<u>3/13</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>9/12</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>3/12</u>	
		9	8	10	9	7	7	4	7	
		29	30	26	31	24	23	26	24	
		27	26	23	26	30	30	33	33	
		12	13	15	13	17	18	19	16	
		23	23	26	21	22	22	18	20	
<b>Total Good Time</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>Total Bad Time</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	
		<u>11/11</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>3/11</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>10/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/07</u>	
		7	7	8	7	6	12	15	13	
		22	24	27	28	31	29	23	36	
		31	33	31	31	31	24	22	18	
		22	17	15	15	20	24	30	9	
		18	19	19	19	12	11	10	24	
<b>Total Good Time</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49</b>	
<b>Total Bad Time</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>	

9. What best describes your view of economic opportunity in the United States?

Things are rigged for the privileged and the wealthy .....	41	<b>[219]</b>
Anyone can get ahead regardless of class or background .....	46	
Mixed/some of both (VOL) .....	9	
Neither (VOL) .....	1	
Not sure .....	3	

**Q.10a AND Q.10b ARE ROTATED.**

10a. When it comes to each of the following things, please tell me whether you feel happy, satisfied, neutral, dissatisfied, or angry with how things are.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HAPPY OR SATISFIED*

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Angry</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Your personal financial situation .....	18	39	20	17	4	2	<b>[221]</b>
The economic and financial system in the United States .....	5	13	23	44	12	3	<b>[220]</b>



10b. When it comes to each of the following things, please tell me whether you feel happy, satisfied, neutral, dissatisfied, or angry with how things are.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HAPPY OR SATISFIED*

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Angry</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The political system in your state .....	7	18	24	34	14	3	<b>[223]</b>
The political system in Washington.....	3	7	12	48	26	4	<b>[222]</b>

11a. Which of the following best describes your TOTAL household income, meaning the income earned by everyone in your household?

It is much higher than it has ever been.....	6	<b>[224]</b>
It is somewhat higher than it has been in the past.....	22	<b>Skip to Q.12</b>
It is about the same as it has been in the past .....	39	
It is somewhat lower than it has been in the past .....	19	<b>CONTINUE</b>
It is much lower than it has been in the past.....	11	
Not sure.....	3	<b>Skip to Q.12</b>

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY MUCH OR SOMEWHAT LOWER IN Q.11a)**

11b. Which of the following reasons, if any, best explains why your household income is lower? Is it because you or someone in your household...

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

	Those Whose Income has Decreased (Q.11a)	All Adults	
Has retired .....	32	10	
Is working in a new or the same full-time job at lower pay .....	14	4	
Has gone from working full time to part time.....	12	3	
Has lost their job and is now looking for work .....	10	3	<b>[225-236]</b>
Disabled.....	5	1	
Has voluntarily decided to stop working and is not looking for work .....	4	1	
Death of spouse.....	3	1	
Poor economy, cost of living increases, no raises .....	2	1	
Sales are down .....	2	-	
Divorce.....	2	1	
Obamacare .....	1	-	
Other.....	6	2	
None, none of those.....	2	1	
Not sure .....	5	2	
Income is Not Lower (Q.11a) .....	NA	70	

**Thinking now about the people running for president in both parties...**

12. Which candidate would you say has the best policies and approaches to help each of the following—Hillary Clinton, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Bernie Sanders, or Donald Trump?

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Which candidate has the best policies to help **(READ ITEM)**? Or would you say none of these candidates has policies and approaches that would help on this?

	Hillary Clinton	Ted Cruz	John Kasich	Bernie Sanders	Donald Trump	None	All The Same (VOL)	Other (VOL)	Not Sure	
The wealthy .....	17	10	3	3	48	10	2	1	6	[237/242]
The middle class.....	25	13	8	21	16	12	1	-	4	[238/243]
Lower-income people .....	23	10	4	34	12	11	-	-	6	[239/244]
Small businesses.....	21	10	9	15	22	14	1	-	8	[240/245]
Large corporations.....	18	8	2	5	46	12	2	1	6	[241/246]
Increase your wages+ .....	21	9	6	18	21	18	-	1	6	[247]
Your personal financial situation.....	20	11	6	16	19	21	1	1	5	[248]

+ Asked only of respondents who say they are employed (Q.4a).

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE HILLARY CLINTON OR DONALD TRUMP FOR "YOUR PERSONAL FINANCIAL SITUATION" IN Q.12c)**

13. You said that (Hillary Clinton/Donald Trump) has the best policies and approaches to help your personal financial situation. Please explain, in your own words, why you think that is. [249-259]

<b>CLINTON/TRUMP</b>	
Cares about the people, the poor, middle class, working people	18%
Will keep the economy stable, will continue with good economic policy	16
A successful businessman, good at making money	16
Will do good/the best candidate/will get things done	11
Experienced, qualified, has the knowledge	10
Agree with the candidates stand on issues, ideas, values	7
Will bring jobs, manufacturing jobs, will keep jobs in America	6
Will change the way the country is going, will make things better	6
Don't know; no response	8%
<b>HILLARY CLINTON</b>	
Cares about the people, the poor, middle class, working people	30%
Will do good/the best candidate/will get things done	21
Experienced, qualified, has the knowledge	18
Will keep the economy stable, will continue with good economic policy	16
Agree with the candidates stand on issues, ideas, values	7
Other candidates are no good, others have no class, crazy, lunatics	6
Vote Democrat, Democratic policies are better than the Republican's	6
Will take care of the elderly, protect retirement benefits	5
Don't know; no response	8%

Q.13 (cont'd)

<b>DONALD TRUMP</b>	
A successful businessman, good at making money	32%
Will help the economy	16
Will bring jobs, manufacturing jobs, will keep jobs in America	12
Will change the way the country is going, will make things better	10
Agree with candidates stand on taxes, for lower taxes	9
Agree with the candidates stand on issues, ideas, values	7
More honest trustworthy, tells the truth, believe candidate	5
Cares about the people, the poor, middle class, working people	5
Don't know; no response	7%

14. Which candidate would you say has the best policies and approaches to help each of the following—Hillary Clinton, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Bernie Sanders, or Donald Trump?

Which candidate has the best policies to help **(READ ITEM)**? Or would you say none of these candidates has policies and approaches that would help on this?

	Hillary Clinton	Ted Cruz	John Kasich	Bernie Sanders	Donald Trump	None	All The Same (VOL)	Other (VOL)	Not Sure	
The overall U.S. economy.....	24	10	7	14	24	13	1	1	6	[260]
The immigration system.....	27	9	4	13	26	10	1	2	8	[261]
The budget deficit .....	19	11	7	13	25	14	1	1	9	[262]
Regulations on businesses .....	18	9	4	19	25	11	1	2	11	[263]
Improving the performance of the stock market .....	17	7	5	8	31	16	1	3	12	[264]
Healthcare .....	30	10	4	20	14	10	1	1	10	[265]
Trade with other countries .....	32	8	6	9	25	9	1	2	8	[266]
Regulations on Wall Street and big banks .....	16	7	5	24	26	11	1	2	8	[267]

15. In general, do you think that free trade between the United States and foreign countries has helped the United States, has hurt the United States, or has not made much of a difference either way?

	3/16	4/15 <sup>1</sup>	11/14 <sup>1</sup>	11/10 <sup>1</sup>	
Has helped the U.S.....	27	37	30	23	[268]
Has hurt the U.S.....	43	31	38	47	
Hasn't made much of a difference.....	23	25	23	23	
Not sure .....	7	7	9	7	

<sup>1</sup> Comparative data comes from surveys conducted by for NBC News and the *Wall Street Journal*.

<b>FREE TRADE TREND</b>				
In general, do you think that free trade <b>agreements</b> between the United States and foreign countries have helped the United States, have hurt the United States, or have not made much of a difference either way?				
	9/10 <sup>1</sup>	3/07 <sup>1</sup>	12/99 <sup>1</sup>	10/99 <sup>1</sup>
Have helped the U.S.....	17	28	39	35
Have hurt the U.S.....	53	46	30	32
Haven't made much of a difference .....	20	16	24	24
Not sure .....	10	10	7	9

<sup>1</sup> Comparative data comes from surveys conducted by for NBC News and the *Wall Street Journal*.

16. Would you say that trade with the following countries represents more of an economic threat to the United States, more of an economic opportunity for the United States, or neither a threat nor an opportunity?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ECONOMIC THREAT*

	<u>Economic Threat</u>	<u>Economic Opportunity</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
China.....	49	29	13	9	<b>[269/273]</b>
Mexico ** .....	27	38	24	11	<b>[274]</b>
India * .....	21	35	31	13	<b>[271]</b>
Japan ** .....	18	45	26	11	<b>[275]</b>
Germany * .....	8	47	35	10	<b>[272]</b>
England ** .....	4	52	33	11	<b>[276]</b>
Canada * .....	4	56	32	8	<b>[270]</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
 \*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. I'm going to read two statements. Please tell me which comes closer to your point of view.

	<u>3/16</u>	<u>8/15<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/14<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/13<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/12<sup>1</sup></u>	
Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents.....	53	53	57	49	52	<b>[277]</b>
Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing, and healthcare .....	31	38	35	41	35	
Both (VOL) .....	8					
Neither (VOL) .....	4	{10	{8	{10	{13	
Not sure .....	4					

<sup>1</sup>Comparative data comes from surveys conducted by Pew Research Center.

**On another topic...**

18. The government loaned billions of dollars to rescue financial companies that the government believed were too big to fail--that is, if they failed, the entire financial system might collapse. Should the government have the power to break up banks and financial companies that it believes are too big to fail, or should the government not interfere with privately owned businesses?

	<u>3/16</u>	<u>10/09<sup>1</sup></u>	
Should have the power to break up banks .....	36	36	<b>[278]</b>
Should not interfere .....	55	57	
Not sure .....	9	8	

<sup>1</sup>Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Time/Abt SRBI.

**Turning to another subject...**

19a. Do you think that technology companies should or should not be selling software and devices with encryption coding that prevents criminals and law enforcement agencies from reading a person's e-mails or messages? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please say so.

	<u>3/16</u>	<u>11-12/15</u>	
Should sell .....	39	40	<b>[279]</b>
Should not sell .....	23	17	
Don't know enough to have an opinion .....	24	35	
Depends/mixed feelings (VOL) .....	7	5	
Not sure .....	7	3	

19b. I'm going to read you two statements about this issue. Please tell me which comes closer to your point of view.

	<u>3/16</u>	<u>11-12/15</u>	
Technology companies SHOULD be selling software and devices with encryption coding because it protects consumer data from criminals and protects the privacy of people's personal communications from being read by the government .....	57	53	<b>[280]</b>
Technology companies should NOT be selling software and devices with encryption coding because it allows criminals and terrorist organizations to communicate secretly and hinders law enforcement agencies' ability to monitor and prevent terrorist threats....	28	36	
Depends/mixed feelings (VOL) .....	7	5	
Not sure .....	8	6	

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

F1. Are you currently registered to vote? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "REGISTERED," ASK:)** A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the 2012 election for president? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, or someone else?

<b>Yes, Registered</b>		
Voted for Barack Obama .....	36	<b>[308-310]</b>
Voted for Mitt Romney .....	24	
Voted for someone else .....	8	
Not sure .....	6	
No, did not vote .....	12	
No, not registered .....	13	
Not sure .....	1	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school .....	1	<b>[311-312]</b>
Some high school .....	5	
High school graduate .....	25	
Some college, no degree .....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college .....	9	
4-year college/bachelor's degree .....	24	
Some postgraduate work, no degree .....	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree .....	10	
Doctoral/law degree .....	3	
Not sure/refused .....	1	

F3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "SOMETHING ELSE," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, do you think of yourself as strictly independent, or do you think of yourself as something else?

Strong Democrat .....	20	<b>[313-327]</b>
Not very strong Democrat.....	12	
Independent/something else/closer to Democratic Party.....	9	
Strictly independent .....	16	
Independent/something else/closer to Republican Party .....	8	
Not very strong Republican .....	12	
Strong Republican .....	13	
Something else.....	5	
Not sure .....	5	
<b>Total Democratic</b>	<b>41</b>	
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>33</b>	

F4. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? **(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:)** Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal .....	9	<b>[328/329]</b>
Somewhat liberal.....	14	
Moderate .....	38	
Somewhat conservative .....	20	
Very conservative.....	13	
Not sure .....	6	
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>33</b>	

F5. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be? I'm going to read some income ranges, please stop me when I reach the range for your family--less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, between one hundred thousand dollars and two hundred thousand dollars, or more than two hundred thousand dollars?

Less than \$10,000 .....	5	<b>[330-331]</b>
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	15	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
Between \$100,000 and \$200,000.....	16	
More than \$200,000 .....	5	
Not sure/refused .....	12	