

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: ECONOMY AND PERSONAL FINANCE

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 7-11, 2011 with a random sample of –1,077—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.**

**For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.**

**Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.**

**Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.**

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Next,

12. As I read some names and groups, please tell me how much confidence you have in each to do or to recommend the right thing for the economy -- a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or almost none. How about -- [ITEMS A-C ROTATED, THEN ITEMS D-E ROTATED, THEN ITEMS F-H ROTATED, THEN ITEM I READ]?

<b><i>2011 Apr 7-11</i></b> <b><i>(sorted by "great deal")</i></b>	Great deal	Fair amount	Only a little/ Almost none
The governor in your state	19	39	40
President Barack Obama	18	32	50
Business leaders	11	43	43
Tea Party movement leaders	9	29	52
Labor union leaders	7	31	57
The Democratic leaders in Congress	7	34	55
The Republican leaders in Congress	6	38	52
Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke	6	35	42
Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner	5	34	43

**TREND RESULTS:**

**A. President Barack Obama**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	18	32	19	31	*
2010 Apr 8-11	25	29	15	29	1
2009 Apr 6-9	38	33	14	15	*
2008 Apr 6-9 ^	19	33	18	25	5

^ WORDING: Senator Barack Obama

**For comparison: *President George W. Bush***

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2008 Apr 6-9	10	24	17	48	1
2007 Apr 2-5	15	28	18	38	1
2006 Apr 10-13	15	29	16	39	1
2005 Apr 4-7	23	28	21	27	1
2004 Apr 5-8	24	31	20	24	1
2003 Apr 7-9	35	30	16	17	2
2002 Apr 8-11	36	37	15	11	1
2001 Apr 6-8	29	39	16	15	1

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## Q.12 (CONFIDENCE IN ECONOMIC LEADERS) CONTINUED

### B. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	6	35	23	19	17
2010 Apr 8-11	6	38	20	19	18
2009 Apr 6-9	7	42	19	16	17
2008 Apr 6-9	8	39	20	14	19
2007 Apr 2-5	9	41	15	10	25
2006 Apr 10-13	9	32	16	10	34

### For comparison: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Apr 4-7	20	36	26	8	10
2004 Apr 5-8	21	40	23	7	9
2003 Apr 7-9	24	41	18	7	10
2002 Apr 8-11	25	44	15	5	11
2001 Apr 6-8	29	45	11	5	10

### C. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	5	34	21	22	17
2010 Apr 8-11	6	33	19	25	17
2009 Apr 6-9	9	38	18	21	14

### D. The Democratic leaders in Congress

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	7	34	25	30	4
2010 Apr 8-11	10	33	21	33	4
2009 Apr 6-9	10	41	20	25	3
2008 Apr 6-9	8	41	24	23	4
2007 Apr 2-5	11	43	21	22	3
2006 Apr 10-13	7	38	29	21	5
2005 Apr 4-7	8	34	36	19	3
2004 Apr 5-8	7	40	34	16	3
2003 Apr 7-9	11	41	26	19	3
2002 Apr 8-11	11	45	26	13	5
2001 Apr 6-8	15	51	18	12	4

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**Q.12 (CONFIDENCE IN ECONOMIC LEADERS) CONTINUED****E. The Republican leaders in Congress**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	6	38	27	25	4
2010 Apr 8-11	6	37	25	29	3
2009 Apr 6-9	5	33	30	28	4
2008 Apr 6-9	6	31	24	36	4
2007 Apr 2-5	7	41	23	27	3
2006 Apr 10-13	8	37	24	27	4
2005 Apr 4-7	12	35	26	24	3
2004 Apr 5-8	11	38	30	18	3
2003 Apr 7-9	18	44	21	14	3
2002 Apr 8-11	13	46	23	14	4
2001 Apr 6-8	15	51	18	12	4

**F. Business leaders**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	11	43	24	19	4
2010 Apr 8-11	11	43	23	18	6

**G. Labor union leaders**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	7	31	24	33	6
2010 Apr 8-11	7	31	22	30	9

**H. Tea Party movement leaders**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	9	29	20	32	10
2010 Apr 8-11	10	29	16	28	17

**I. The governor in your state**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Apr 7-11	19	39	19	21	3