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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted March 8-11, 2012 with a random sample of **-1,024—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**.

For results based on the sample of **-521—national adults in Form A** and **-503—national adults in Form B**, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±5 percentage points**.

For results based on the sample of **-457—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents**, the maximum margins of sampling error are **±6 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 by 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 2011 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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6. Next, I'm going to read a list of problems facing the country. For each one, please tell me if you personally worry about this problem a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or not at all? First, how much do you personally worry about -- [A-L READ IN RANDOM ORDER, M READ, N-O READ IN RANDOM ORDER]?

<b><i>2012 Mar 8-11</i></b> <b><i>(sorted by "a great deal")</i></b>	Great deal	Fair amount	Only a little/ not at all
The economy	71	22	7
Gas prices	65	23	12
Federal spending and the budget deficit	60	21	18
The availability and affordability of health care	60	21	19
Unemployment	55	26	18
The Social Security system	48	30	21
The availability and affordability of energy	48	31	21
The size and power of the federal government	46	25	29
Hunger and homelessness	44	32	25
Crime and violence	42	31	26
Drug use	42	24	34
The quality of the environment	37	36	26
The possibility of future terrorist attacks in the U.S.	35	30	34
Illegal immigration	34	23	41
Race relations	17	27	55

**FULL TRENDS: CONCERN ABOUT PROBLEMS FACING THE COUNTRY**

**A. Hunger and homelessness**

	Great <u>deal</u>	Fair <u>amount</u>	Only a <u>little</u>	Not <u>at all</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	44	32	19	6	*
2011 Mar 3-6	41	34	19	7	*
2010 Mar 4-7	40	34	19	7	*
2008 Mar 6-9	38	35	19	7	*
2007 Mar 11-14	43	29	21	8	--
2006 Mar 13-16	43	34	18	5	*
2005 Mar 7-10	37	27	27	8	1
2004 Mar 8-11	35	29	28	8	--
2003 Mar 24-25	37	33	22	8	--
2002 Mar 4-7	37	30	26	7	*
2001 Mar 5-7	45	34	16	5	*

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### B. Crime and violence

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	42	31	21	5	*
2011 Mar 3-6	44	30	19	6	*
2010 Mar 4-7	43	30	21	6	*
2008 Mar 6-9	49	31	16	3	*
2007 Mar 11-14	48	32	16	4	*
2006 Mar 13-16	45	36	15	4	*
2005 Mar 7-10	46	25	26	3	*
2004 Mar 8-11	46	26	24	4	*
2003 Mar 24-25	45	31	18	5	1
2002 Mar 4-7	49	27	20	4	0
2001 Mar 5-7	62	26	9	3	*

### C. The quality of the environment

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	37	36	19	7	1
2011 Mar 3-6	34	34	24	7	*
2010 Mar 4-7	34	34	24	7	1
2008 Mar 6-9	40	34	19	7	1
2007 Mar 11-14	43	33	18	6	*
2006 Mar 13-16	40	37	18	5	*
2005 Mar 7-10	35	30	28	6	1
2004 Mar 8-11	35	27	31	7	*
2003 Mar 24-25	34	34	21	10	1
2002 Mar 4-7	35	31	27	6	1
2001 Mar 5-7	42	35	17	5	1

### D. The availability and affordability of health care

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	60	21	15	4	*
2011 Mar 3-6	58	25	12	5	1
2010 Mar 4-7	56	23	12	8	*
2008 Mar 6-9	58	23	11	7	*
2007 Mar 11-14	63	20	12	4	*
2006 Mar 13-16	68	21	7	4	*
2005 Mar 7-10	60	19	14	6	1
2004 Mar 8-11	62	18	13	7	*
2003 Mar 24-25	55	24	12	8	1
2002 Mar 4-7	56	23	14	7	*
2001 Mar 5-7	60	24	11	5	*

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### E. Drug use

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	42	24	21	13	*
2011 Mar 3-6	40	24	21	14	1
2010 Mar 4-7	37	27	22	13	1
2008 Mar 6-9	43	24	24	9	*
2007 Mar 11-14	45	26	20	8	*
2006 Mar 13-16	48	25	18	9	*
2005 Mar 7-10	42	23	24	11	*
2004 Mar 8-11	46	19	20	14	1
2003 Mar 24-25	42	26	20	12	*
2002 Mar 4-7	49	22	19	9	1
2001 Mar 5-7	58	22	13	7	*

### F. Race relations

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	17	27	30	25	1
2011 Mar 3-6	16	28	29	25	1
2010 Mar 4-7	13	28	33	26	1
2008 Mar 6-9	18	27	31	23	1
2007 Mar 11-14	19	32	30	18	1
2006 Mar 13-16	22	36	23	19	*
2005 Mar 7-10	16	21	36	26	1
2004 Mar 8-11	19	23	34	23	1
2003 Mar 24-25	22	31	26	21	*
2002 Mar 4-7	23	25	30	21	1
2001 Mar 5-7	28	34	23	15	*

### G. Illegal immigration

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	34	23	24	17	1
2011 Mar 3-6	42	23	20	14	*
2010 Mar 4-7	39	25	21	14	*
2008 Mar 6-9	40	30	19	11	*
2007 Mar 11-14	45	23	20	12	1
2006 Mar 13-16	43	29	18	10	*
2005 Mar 7-10	33	23	29	14	1
2004 Mar 8-11	37	22	25	15	1
2003 Mar 24-25	37	26	23	13	1
2002 Mar 4-7	33	25	26	16	*
2001 Mar 5-7	28	24	29	18	1

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**H. The availability and affordability of energy**

**BASED ON –521—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11 ^	48	31	15	6	*
2011 Mar 3-6	46	33	14	7	*
2010 Mar 4-7	38	37	18	6	*
2008 Mar 6-9	47	35	13	4	1
2007 Mar 11-14	43	34	17	6	*
2006 Mar 13-16	48	35	12	5	*
2005 Mar 7-10	39	26	26	8	1
2004 Mar 8-11	35	28	25	11	1
2003 Mar 24-25	27	36	25	11	1
2002 Mar 4-7	32	30	29	9	*
2001 Mar 5-7	46	31	16	6	1

^ Asked of a half sample

**I. Gas prices**

**BASED ON –503—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11 ^	65	23	10	2	*

^ Asked of a half sample

**J. The economy**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	71	22	5	2	*
2011 Mar 3-6	71	22	5	2	1
2010 Mar 4-7	70	21	7	2	*
2008 Mar 6-9	60	30	7	3	--
2007 Mar 11-14	39	37	19	5	--
2006 Mar 13-16	43	37	14	5	*
2005 Mar 7-10	38	31	24	6	1
2004 Mar 8-11	41	29	24	6	*
2003 Mar 24-25	44	35	15	6	*
2002 Mar 4-7	37	36	21	6	*
2001 Mar 5-7	35	42	19	4	*

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### K. Unemployment

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	55	26	13	5	*
2011 Mar 3-6	57	27	10	5	*
2010 Mar 4-7	59	22	12	6	*
2008 Mar 6-9	36	32	20	11	*
2007 Mar 11-14	25	33	28	13	*
2006 Mar 13-16	31	34	24	11	1
2005 Mar 7-10	27	26	31	15	1
2004 Mar 8-11	36	25	29	10	*
2003 Mar 24-25	36	29	22	13	*
2002 Mar 4-7	33	30	25	12	*
2001 Mar 5-7	30	33	24	13	*

### L. The Social Security system

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	48	30	14	7	1
2011 Mar 3-6	51	26	15	7	*
2010 Mar 4-7	53	26	14	7	1
2008 Mar 6-9	46	29	16	8	1
2007 Mar 11-14	49	27	16	7	1
2006 Mar 13-16	51	29	14	6	*
2005 Mar 7-10	48	24	20	7	1

### M. The possibility of future terrorist attacks in the U.S.

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	35	30	26	8	*
2011 Mar 3-6	40	29	22	9	*
2010 Mar 4-7	41	29	24	6	*
2008 Mar 6-9	40	33	20	7	*
2007 Mar 11-14	41	32	19	7	*
2006 Mar 13-16	45	31	18	6	*
2005 Mar 7-10	41	27	25	7	*
2004 Mar 8-11	42	28	22	8	*
2003 Mar 24-25	49	30	16	5	*
2002 Mar 4-7	49	26	20	5	*

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**N. Federal spending and the budget deficit**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	60	21	15	3	1
2011 Mar 3-6	64	23	8	4	1

**O. The size and power of the federal government**

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Only a little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Mar 8-11	46	25	18	11	1
2011 Mar 3-6	48	24	17	11	1