

TIME MAGAZINE/ABT SRBI – July 12- 13, 2010 Survey

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BASE= 1,003 Adults Except Where Noted

Q1. To start with, in general, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling his job as president?
Base: Total Respondents

	(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
7/12/10 - 7/13/10	(1003)	49	45	6
7/27/09 - 7/28/09	(1002)	56	38	6

Q2. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT OBAMA IS DOING IN...?
A) HANDLING THE ECONOMY

	(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
7/12/10 - 7/13/10	(1003)	44	53	3
7/27/09 - 7/28/09	(1002)	51	44	5

Q2. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT OBAMA IS DOING IN...?
B) HANDLING OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

	(Base)	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) No Answer/ Don't Know
7/12/10 - 7/13/10	(1003)	52	41	7
7/27/09 - 7/28/09	(1002)	58	33	10

Q2. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT OBAMA IS DOING IN...?
C) DEALING WITH THE OIL SPILL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
APPROVE	41%
DISAPPROVE	54%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	5%

Q2. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT OBAMA IS DOING IN...?
D) HANDLING OF THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

ALL RESPONDENTS =====	
APPROVE	47%
DISAPPROVE	44%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	9%

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Q2. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB PRESIDENT OBAMA IS DOING IN...?
E) HANDLING OF IMMIGRATION POLICY

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

APPROVE	35%
DISAPPROVE	53%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	11%

Q3. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

Base: Total Respondents

	(Base)	Right Direction	Wrong Track	(VOL) No Answer/ Don' t Know
7/12/10 - 7/13/10	(1003)	39	56	5
7/27/09 - 7/28/09	(1002)	51	44	6
10/03/08 - 10/06/08	(1053)	12	84	5

Q4. OVERALL, WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE BETTER PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH OR BARACK OBAMA?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

BARACK OBAMA	53%
GEORGE W. BUSH	33%
EQUAL/SAME	4%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	10%

Q5. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE JOB THAT MICHELLE OBAMA HAS DONE AS FIRST LADY?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

EXCELLENT	31%
GOOD	32%
ONLY FAIR	23%
POOR	7%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	8%

Q6. THESE DAYS, MANY PEOPLE ARE SO BUSY THEY CAN' T FIND TIME TO REGISTER TO VOTE. ARE YOU NOW REGISTERED TO VOTE IN YOUR PRECINCT OR ELECTION DISTRICT, OR HAVEN' T YOU BEEN ABLE TO REGISTER SO FAR?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

YES, REGISTERED	87%
NO, NOT REGISTERED	13%
DON' T KNOW/REFUSED	*

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Q6A. IF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY AND THE CANDIDATES WERE BARACK OBAMA, THE DEMOCRAT, AND SARAH PALIN, THE REPUBLICAN, AND YOU HAD TO CHOOSE, FOR WHOM WOULD YOU VOTE?

BASE: REGISTERED VOTERS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

BARACK OBAMA, THE DEMOCRAT	55%
SARAH PALIN, THE REPUBLICAN	34%
OTHER/NEITHER	7%
WOULD NOT VOTE IN ELECTION	1%
UNDECIDED/DON' T KNOW/NO ANSWER	4%

Q7. MANY PEOPLE TELL US THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY NOT VOTE IN NOVEMBER' S ELECTION. WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU PERSONALLY WILL DEFINITELY NOT VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, PROBABLY NOT VOTE, MAY OR MAY NOT VOTE, WILL PROBABLY VOTE, OR WILL DEFINITELY VOTE?

BASE: REGISTERED VOTERS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DEFINITELY VOTE	77%
PROBABLY VOTE	11%
MAY OR MAY NOT VOTE	5%
PROBABLY NOT VOTE	4%
DEFINITELY NOT VOTE	3%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

Q8. THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION FOR U. S. CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER. IF YOU HAD TO DECIDE TODAY, WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE IN YOUR DISTRICT OR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE?

BASE: REGISTERED VOTERS WHO WILL DEFINITELY/PROBABLY VOTE IN NOVEMBER' S ELECTION

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	43%
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	42%
TEA PARTY	1%
OTHER	2%
DON' T KNOW/NO ANSWER	12%

Q9. ARE YOU LEANING MORE TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATE OR MORE TOWARD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATE?

BASE: UNDECIDED VOTERS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	30%
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	19%
OTHER	3%
DON' T KNOW/NO ANSWER	49%

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Q9. ARE YOU LEANING MORE TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATE OR MORE TOWARD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATE?

BASE: REGISTERED VOTERS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

(LEANING TOWARD) DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	47%
(LEANING TOWARD) REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE	43%
(LEANING TOWARD) TEA PARTY	1%
(LEANING TOWARD) OTHER	3%
DON' T KNOW/NO ANSWER	6%

Q10. IF CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS SWITCHED FROM THE DEMOCRATS TO THE REPUBLICANS AFTER NOVEMBER'S ELECTION, WOULD THIS BE A GOOD THING FOR THE COUNTRY, A BAD THING, OR WOULDN'T IT MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

WOULD NOT MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE	36%
GOOD THING	36%
BAD THING	24%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

Q11. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU USUALLY THINK OF YOURSELF AS...

	(Base)	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something Else	(Vol) No Answer/ Don't Know
7/12/10 - 7/13/10	(1003)	22%	33%	30%	14%	2%
10/26/09 - 10/27/09	(1003)	24%	34%	29%	9%	4%
7/27/09 - 7/28/09	(1002)	23%	34%	32%	8%	3%

Q12. DO YOU LEAN MORE TOWARD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OR MORE TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

BASE: UNSPECIFIED PARTISANSHIP

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

LEAN REPUBLICAN	30%
LEAN DEMOCRAT	47%
DON' T LEAN TO EITHER PARTY	17%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	6%

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Q11. GENERALLY SPEAKING, DO YOU USUALLY THINK OF YOURSELF AS...

Q12. DO YOU LEAN MORE TOWARD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OR MORE TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

REPUBLICAN / LEAN REPUBLICAN	26%
DEMOCRAT / LEAN DEMOCRAT	40%
INDEPENDENT	30%
DON' T LEAN TO EITHER PARTY	3%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	1%

Q13. I' M GOING TO READ A LIST OF PEOPLE WHO MAY BE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN 2012. PLEASE TELL ME WHICH ONE OF THESE CANDIDATES YOU WOULD BE MOST LIKELY TO SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT IN THE YEAR 2012 IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE TODAY.

BASE: REPUBLICAN / REPUBLICAN LEANERS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

MITT ROMNEY	18%
HALEY BARBOUR	1%
MITCH DANIELS	2%
MIKE HUCKABEE	19%
JEB BUSH	9%
SARAH PALIN	14%
TIM PAWLENTY	3%
NEWT GINGRICH	12%
SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY)	7%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	13%

Q14. AND ARE THERE ANY CANDIDATES WHO YOU PROBABLY COULD NOT SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION?

BASE: REPUBLICAN / REPUBLICAN LEANERS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

MITT ROMNEY	7%
HALEY BARBOUR	3%
MITCH DANIELS	2%
MIKE HUCKABEE	4%
JEB BUSH	7%
SARAH PALIN	22%
TIM PAWLENTY	2%
NEWT GINGRICH	8%
SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY)	3%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	53%

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Q15. TURNING TO THE ECONOMY, HOW WOULD YOU RATE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY TODAY?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
EXCELLENT	1%
GOOD	8%
ONLY FAIR	38%
POOR	52%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	*

Q16. WOULD YOU SAY THAT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ARE BETTER TODAY THAN THEY WERE A YEAR AGO, WORSE, OR ABOUT THE SAME?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
SAME	42%
BETTER	29%
WORSE	28%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	1%

Q17. A YEAR FROM NOW, DO YOU EXPECT THAT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WILL BE BETTER THAN THEY ARE NOW, WORSE THAN THEY ARE NOW, OR BE ABOUT THE SAME?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
BETTER	43%
SAME	36%
WORSE	18%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	3%

Q18. WHICH ADMINISTRATION DO YOU THINK IS MORE TO BLAME FOR THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THE COUNTRY FACES TODAY - THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION OR THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
BUSH ADMINISTRATION	61%
OBAMA ADMINISTRATION	27%
SOMEONE ELSE	5%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	8%

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Q19. HAVE THE POLICIES OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HELPED THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY, HURT IT, OR HAVE THEY NOT HAD MUCH IMPACT?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
NOT MUCH IMPACT	39%
HELPED	31%
HURT	26%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

Q20. IN GENERAL, WHICH POLITICAL PARTY DO YOU TRUST MORE TO HANDLE THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY - THE REPUBLICANS OR THE DEMOCRATS?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
DEMOCRATS	43%
REPUBLICANS	39%
NEITHER	13%
BOTH	1%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

Q21. LAST YEAR CONGRESS PASSED A STIMULUS PROGRAM OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL SPENDING TO HELP THE ECONOMY RECOVER. WOULD YOU SAY THAT THE STIMULUS PROGRAM HELPED THE ECONOMY A LOT, HELPED IT SOME, HURT THE ECONOMY SOME, OR HURT IT A LOT OR DIDN' T IT HAVE MUCH IMPACT?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
HELPED A LOT	5%
HELPED SOME	38%
HURT IT SOME	11%
HURT IT A LOT	11%
DIDN' T HAVE MUCH IMPACT	32%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	3%

Q22. THE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL SPENDING FOR THE STIMULUS PROGRAM INCREASED THE FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT. IS THE ECONOMY BETTER OFF TODAY BECAUSE OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE OR WOULD WE HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF IF THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT SPENT THE ADDITIONAL MONEY ON THE STIMULUS PROGRAM?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
BETTER OFF IF HAD NOT SPENT THE MONEY	53%
BETTER OFF WITH STIMULUS PACKAGE	38%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	9%

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Q23. WOULD YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING FOR A SECOND STIMULUS PACKAGE?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
OPPOSE	67%
FAVOR	24%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	9%

Q24. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAD TO REDUCE SPENDING, WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU REDUCE SPENDING?

A) SOCIAL SECURITY

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
WOULD REDUCE SPENDING	12%
WOULD NOT REDUCE SPENDING	86%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	1%

Q24. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAD TO REDUCE SPENDING, WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU REDUCE SPENDING?

B) MEDICARE

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
WOULD REDUCE SPENDING	16%
WOULD NOT REDUCE SPENDING	82%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	2%

Q24. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAD TO REDUCE SPENDING, WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU REDUCE SPENDING?

C) WARS IN AFGANISTAN AND IRAQ

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
WOULD REDUCE SPENDING	55%
WOULD NOT REDUCE SPENDING	41%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	3%

Q24. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAD TO REDUCE SPENDING, WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU REDUCE SPENDING?

D) EDUCATION

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
WOULD REDUCE SPENDING	17%
WOULD NOT REDUCE SPENDING	82%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	1%

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Q24. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAD TO REDUCE SPENDING, WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU REDUCE SPENDING?
E) UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR PEOPLE OUT OF WORK AND LOOKING FOR JOBS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

WOULD REDUCE SPENDING	34%
WOULD NOT REDUCE SPENDING	63%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

Q24. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAD TO REDUCE SPENDING, WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU REDUCE SPENDING?
F) HEALTHCARE

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

WOULD REDUCE SPENDING	28%
WOULD NOT REDUCE SPENDING	68%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

Q24. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAD TO REDUCE SPENDING, WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU REDUCE SPENDING?
G) MEDICAID, WHICH PROVIDES HEALTH CARE FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

WOULD REDUCE SPENDING	20%
WOULD NOT REDUCE SPENDING	77%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	3%

Q24. IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAD TO REDUCE SPENDING, WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU REDUCE SPENDING?
H) DEFENSE SPENDING OTHER THAN THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGANISTAN

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

WOULD REDUCE SPENDING	46%
WOULD NOT REDUCE SPENDING	50%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

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Q25. HOW BIG A PROBLEM IS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN THIS COUNTRY COMPARED TO OTHER PROBLEMS WE FACE?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
VERY MAJOR	33%
SOMEWHAT MAJOR	33%
SOMEWHAT MINOR	21%
VERY MINOR	5%
NOT REALLY A PROBLEM AT ALL	6%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	2%

Q26. HOW CLOSELY HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING THE NEWS ABOUT THE STATE OF ARIZONA' S NEW IMMIGRATION LAW?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
VERY CLOSELY	30%
SOMEWHAT CLOSELY	42%
NOT TOO CLOSELY	20%
NOT AT ALL	8%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	1%

Q27. THE ARIZONA LAW REQUIRES POLICE OFFICERS TO CHECK THE CITIZENSHIP PAPERS OF PEOPLE THEY STOP OR ARREST IF THE POLICE OFFICER IS SUSPICIOUS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. FROM WHAT YOU'VE HEARD OR READ SO FAR, DO YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE THIS NEW ARIZONA LAW?

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
FAVOR	60%
OPPOSE	35%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	5%

Q28. HERE ARE SOME ISSUES CRITICS OF THE LAW HAVE RAISED. FOR EACH ONE, PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE.

A) THE LAW COULD LEAD TO HARASSMENT BY POLICE OF LEGAL CITIZENS WHO MAY JUST LOOK LIKE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO A POLICE OFFICER

	ALL RESPONDENTS =====
AGREE	54%
DISAGREE	42%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	4%

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Q28. HERE ARE SOME ISSUES CRITICS OF THE LAW HAVE RAISED. FOR EACH ONE, PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE.
B) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND NOT THE STATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMMIGRATION LAWS

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

AGREE	63%
DISAGREE	32%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	5%

Q29. HOW GOOD A JOB HAS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DONE TO PROTECT THE NATION'S BORDERS FROM ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS?

ALL
RESPONDENTS
=====

EXCELLENT	1%
GOOD	12%
ONLY FAIR	35%
POOR	49%
NO ANSWER/DON' T KNOW	2%

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