

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 22-25, 2010
Margin of Error $\pm 3.7\%$

1. How much have you heard or read about President Obama's nomination of Elena Kagan to replace John Paul Stevens as a Supreme Court Justice?

A lot	30%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	24%

2. Elena Kagan is the Solicitor General of the United States. She was appointed by President Obama. She graduated from Princeton University and then earned her law degree from the University of Chicago. She was formerly a professor of law at both the University of Chicago and Harvard, and the dean of Harvard Law School.

Do you think Elena Kagan would make a good Supreme Court Justice?

Definitely yes	13%
Probably yes	25%
Hard to say	37%
Probably no	10%
Definitely no	16%

3. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Elena Kagan as a Supreme Court Justice?

Should confirm	38%
Should not confirm	27%
Not sure	35%

4. How do you feel about increased drilling for oil and natural gas offshore in U.S. waters?

Strongly favor	31%
Mildly favor	18%
Mildly oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	15%

5. How much have you heard or read about the recent explosion on an offshore oil rig off the coast of Louisiana that killed 11 workers and resulted in an oil spill of thousands of barrels a day?

A lot 73%
 A little 21%
 Nothing at all 6%

6. How much trust do you have in each of the following to do the right thing in stopping the oil spill and cleaning it up? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

	A great deal	Quite a bit	Only some	Very little	None at all	Not sure
BP	9%	13%	20%	20%	28%	10%
Halliburton	7%	8%	16%	17%	31%	21%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	11%	20%	28%	18%	15%	8%
U.S. Department of the Interior and its agency in charge of mining and oil drilling, the Minerals Management Service	7%	13%	28%	23%	19%	9%
U.S. Coast Guard	18%	30%	26%	11%	4%	10%
The Obama Administration	13%	14%	21%	17%	28%	7%

7. From what you have heard, seen or read, was the oil rig accident more a result of...? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Lax government oversight and inspections and failure to enforce the rules for offshore oil drilling 45%
 Efforts by the companies involved in the oil drilling to get away with ignoring rules and inspections 55%

8. Have BP and the other companies involved been more interested in...? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

- Doing whatever it takes to stop the spill and clean up the oil 35%
- Pointing the blame on others and avoiding responsibility 65%

9. You may have heard or read about efforts to stop the oil spill, such as capturing oil at the spill and pumping it up to a ship for capture, putting a cap over the spill, or blocking the spill by dropping concrete and other material on it. Generally speaking, how well would you say these efforts have worked when it comes to stopping the oil spill? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

- Very well 1%
- Fairly well 5%
- Had some positive effect, but not enough to solve the problem 39%
- Were mostly a failure 55%

10. Which of these two statements comes closer to your own personal point of view? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

- The technology for offshore oil drilling generally works well. This was an unusual accident. 56%
- The technology for offshore oil drilling is generally risky and not reliable. This kind of accident was inevitable. 44%

11. Going forward, as a result of this oil spill, which of the following consequences worries you more in the long run? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

- The U.S. will stop most offshore oil drilling, leaving us dependent on foreign sources of oil 46%
- The U.S. will continue offshore oil drilling, leaving us at risk for additional major oil spills like this one 54%

12. Do you think financial markets need more or less regulation by the federal government?

More	42%
About the same	24%
Less	19%
Not sure	16%

13. Do you think the problems with banks have been fixed?

Most problems have been fixed	10%
Most problems have not been fixed	64%
Not sure	26%

14. Do you think that the U.S. banking system can survive an economic crisis?

Definitely can	9%
Probably can	41%
Probably cannot	26%
Definitely cannot	9%
Not sure	16%

15. How much have you heard or read about the bill being debated in Congress to reform Wall Street and the financial companies?

A lot	19%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	35%

16. Here is a list of things supporters of the bill say the new law will accomplish. Which of the following, if any, do you think will actually be accomplished if this bill becomes law? (Asked if respondent is aware of financial reform bill)

Requiring the Federal Reserve Bank to protect consumers from abuse in credit card, mortgage and auto loans	23%
Requiring the Government to close major banks on Wall Street instead of bailing them out in the next crisis	13%
Ensuring that big banks never again make massive and risky bets on whether the price of things will go up or down	12%
Placing a limit on fees credit card companies charge businesses for credit card transactions	35%
Having the government put an early warning system in place to avoid being surprised by a future global financial crisis	19%
None of these	47%

17. Whether you think any of these provisions of the bill will actually be accomplished or not, which ONE of the following would be the thing you personally would MOST like to see happen if this bill becomes law? (Asked if respondent is aware of financial reform bill)

Requiring the Federal Reserve Bank to protect consumers from abuse in credit card, mortgage and auto loans	21%
Requiring the Government to close major banks on Wall Street instead of bailing them out in the next crisis	20%
Ensuring that big banks never again make massive and risky bets on whether the price of things will go up or down	22%
Placing a limit on fees credit card companies charge businesses for credit card transactions	10%
Having the government put an early warning system in place to avoid being surprised by a future global financial crisis	14%
None of these	14%

18. Would the passage of the financial reform bill into law increase or decrease the likelihood of a future financial crisis? (Asked if respondent is aware of financial reform bill)

Increase	13%
No effect	34%
Decrease	29%
Not sure	24%

19. How committed do you think the Republicans in Congress are to financial reform?

Very committed	9%
Somewhat committed	24%
Not very committed	23%
Not at all committed	24%
Not sure	20%

20. How committed do you think the Democrats in Congress are to financial reform?

Very committed	20%
Somewhat committed	28%
Not very committed	18%
Not at all committed	16%
Not sure	18%

21. How much have you heard or read about the European debt crisis?

A lot	26%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	31%

22. How likely is it that the European debt crisis will hurt the economic recovery in the U.S.?

(Asked if respondent is aware of European debt crisis)

Very likely	34%
Somewhat likely	43%
Neither likely, nor unlikely	10%
Somewhat unlikely	6%
Very unlikely	3%
Not sure	4%

23. In your opinion, should U.S. funds be used to help rescue foreign governments facing financial crises without a guarantee that those loans will be repaid?

Definitely yes	1%
Probably yes	10%
Probably no	20%
Definitely no	55%
Not sure	14%

24. Below are some issues facing the country. For each one, indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling that issue.

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Opinion
The war in Iraq	12%	30%	21%	25%	13%
The economy	13%	24%	16%	40%	8%
Immigration	8%	22%	13%	42%	16%
The environment	10%	30%	20%	25%	15%
Terrorism	16%	25%	15%	31%	13%
Gay rights	9%	26%	14%	23%	29%
Education	14%	28%	18%	25%	16%
Health care	21%	20%	11%	40%	7%
Social security	11%	20%	16%	33%	20%
The budget deficit	10%	22%	14%	42%	12%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	30%	21%	25%	13%
Taxes	13%	22%	16%	36%	13%

25. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	45%	40%	11%	5%
The economy	84%	13%	2%	1%
Immigration	53%	30%	12%	4%
The environment	50%	34%	10%	5%
Terrorism	62%	27%	8%	3%
Gay rights	22%	26%	26%	27%
Education	59%	31%	7%	4%
Health care	75%	18%	4%	3%
Social security	64%	27%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	62%	29%	7%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	46%	39%	10%	5%
Taxes	63%	28%	6%	2%

26. Which of these is the **most** important issue for you?

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	38%
Immigration	8%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	14%
Social security	10%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	8%

28. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	10%

29. If the 2010 elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

	Republican	Lean Republican	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Not Sure
Registered Voters (N = 704)	39%	5%	5%	40%	10%
All Respondents	34%	5%	8%	36%	18%

30. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	14%

31. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	23%
About the same	40%
Getting worse	31%
Not sure	6%

32. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44%
Not sure	6%

33. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	23%
About the same	33%
Lower	25%
Not sure	19%

34. Which of these words would you use to describe Barack Obama?

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	31%	35%	33%
Intelligent	58%	29%	13%
Religious	16%	56%	28%
Inspiring	35%	44%	20%
Patriotic	29%	43%	28%
Strong	36%	45%	20%
Bold	36%	49%	15%
Experienced	15%	39%	45%
Sincere	35%	36%	29%
Partisan	26%	57%	18%
Effective	23%	48%	29%
Unifying	18%	51%	31%
In Touch	25%	45%	30%
Realistic	28%	41%	31%
Decisive	26%	51%	23%

35. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	2%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	19%

36. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	48%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52%

37. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot	36%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	26%
Not sure	12%