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AND PEW FORUM ON RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE
2010 RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
July 21-August 5, 2010
N=3,003**

ASK ALL:

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

| | <u>Approve</u> | Dis- <u>approve</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 47 | 41 | 12 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| May 6-9, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| Apr 8-11, 2010 | 48 | 43 | 9 |
| Mar 10-14, 2010 | 46 | 43 | 12 |
| Feb 3-9, 2010 | 49 | 39 | 12 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 49 | 42 | 10 |
| Dec 9-13, 2009 | 49 | 40 | 11 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 51 | 36 | 13 |
| Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 52 | 36 | 12 |
| Sep 10-15, 2009 | 55 | 33 | 13 |
| Aug 20-27, 2009 | 52 | 37 | 12 |
| Aug 11-17, 2009 | 51 | 37 | 11 |
| Jul 22-26, 2009 | 54 | 34 | 12 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 61 | 30 | 9 |
| Apr 14-21, 2009 | 63 | 26 | 11 |
| Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 | 61 | 26 | 13 |
| Mar 9-12, 2009 | 59 | 26 | 15 |
| Feb 4-8, 2009 | 64 | 17 | 19 |

ASK ALL:

The congressional elections will be coming up later this year ...

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming November election... Quite a lot or only a little?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2431]:

| | | Quite <u>A lot</u> | (VOL.) <u>Some</u> | Only a <u>Little</u> | (VOL.) <u>None/DK/Ref</u> |
|------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2010 | Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 44 | 5 | 44 | 7 |
| 2006 | November, 2006 | 61 | 5 | 28 | 6 |
| | Late October, 2006 | 54 | 6 | 35 | 5 |
| | Early October, 2006 | 51 | 4 | 40 | 5 |
| | September, 2006 | 45 | 4 | 48 | 3 |
| 2002 | Early November, 2002 | 52 | 6 | 35 | 7 |
| | Early October, 2002 | 45 | 6 | 45 | 4 |
| | Early September, 2002 | 36 | 5 | 54 | 5 |
| 1998 | Late October, 1998 | 49 | 11 | 35 | 5 |
| | Early October, 1998 | 42 | 8 | 43 | 7 |
| 1994 | November, 1994 | 56 | 7 | 32 | 5 |
| | Late October, 1994 | 45 | 7 | 45 | 3 |
| | Early October, 1994 | 44 | 2 | 50 | 4 |
| 1990 | <i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990 ¹ | 43 | 7 | 46 | 4 |
| | <i>Gallup</i> : October, 1982 | 29 | 22 | 37 | 12 |

¹ Gallup trends based on general public.

THOUGHT CONTINUED...

| | | Quite A lot | (VOL.) Some | Only a Little | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1978 | Gallup: October, 1978 | 23 | 22 | 39 | 17 |
| | Gallup: September, 1978 | 21 | 18 | 44 | 18 |

ASK ALL:

Q.2 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district?

ASK IF ANSWERED OTHER OR DON'T KNOW (Q.2=3,9):

Q.2a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.2; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2431]:

| | Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u> | Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u> | (VOL.) Other/ <u>Undecided</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 44 | 45 | 11 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 45 | 45 | 10 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| Feb 3-9, 2010 | 42 | 45 | 13 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 42 | 47 | 11 |
| Aug 20-27, 2009 | 44 | 45 | 10 |
| 2008 Election | | | |
| June, 2008 | 37 | 52 | 11 |
| 2006 Election | | | |
| November, 2006 | 40 | 48 | 12 |
| Late October, 2006 | 38 | 49 | 13 |
| Early October, 2006 | 38 | 51 | 11 |
| September, 2006 | 39 | 50 | 11 |
| August, 2006 | 41 | 50 | 9 |
| June, 2006 | 39 | 51 | 10 |
| April, 2006 | 41 | 51 | 8 |
| February, 2006 | 41 | 50 | 9 |
| Mid-September, 2005 | 40 | 52 | 8 |
| 2004 Election | | | |
| June, 2004 | 41 | 48 | 11 |
| 2002 Election | | | |
| Early November, 2002 | 42 | 46 | 12 |
| Early October, 2002 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| Early September, 2002 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| June, 2002 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| February, 2002 | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| Early November, 2001 | 44 | 44 | 12 |
| 2000 Election | | | |
| Early November, 2000 | 42 | 48 | 10 |
| Early October, 2000 | 43 | 47 | 10 |
| July, 2000 | 43 | 47 | 10 |
| February, 2000 | 44 | 47 | 9 |
| October, 1999 | 43 | 49 | 8 |
| June, 1999 | 40 | 50 | 10 |
| 1998 Election | | | |
| Late October, 1998 | 40 | 47 | 13 |
| Early October, 1998 | 43 | 44 | 13 |
| Early September, 1998 | 45 | 46 | 9 |
| Late August, 1998 | 44 | 45 | 11 |
| Early August, 1998 | 42 | 49 | 9 |
| June, 1998 | 44 | 46 | 10 |
| March, 1998 | 40 | 52 | 8 |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| February, 1998 | 41 | 50 | 9 |
| Q.2/Q.2a CONTINUED... | | | |
| | | | (VOL.) |
| | Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u> | Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u> | Other/ <u>Undecided</u> |
| January, 1998 | 41 | 51 | 8 |
| August, 1997 | 45 | 48 | 7 |
| 1996 Election | | | |
| November, 1996 ² | 44 | 48 | 8 |
| October, 1996 | 42 | 49 | 9 |
| Late September, 1996 | 43 | 49 | 8 |
| Early September, 1996 | 43 | 51 | 6 |
| July, 1996 | 46 | 47 | 7 |
| June, 1996 | 44 | 50 | 6 |
| March, 1996 | 44 | 49 | 7 |
| January, 1996 | 46 | 47 | 7 |
| October, 1995 | 48 | 48 | 4 |
| August, 1995 | 50 | 43 | 7 |
| 1994 Election | | | |
| November, 1994 | 45 | 43 | 12 |
| Late October, 1994 | 47 | 44 | 9 |
| Early October, 1994 | 52 | 40 | 8 |
| September, 1994 | 48 | 46 | 6 |
| July, 1994 | 45 | 47 | 8 |

ASK ALL:

PLANTO1 Thinking ahead to November, do you yourself plan to vote in the Congressional election this November, or not?³

ASK IF YES (PLANTO1=1):

PLANTO2 How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2431]:

| | Yes, plan to vote | Absolutely certain | Fairly certain | Not certain | No, don't plan to | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 91 | 70 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 90 | 69 | 19 | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 91 | 69 | 20 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| 2008 Election | | | | | | |
| Mid-October, 2008 ⁴ | 97 | 92 | 5 | * | 2 | 1 |
| Early October, 2008 | 97 | 92 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Late September, 2008 | 97 | 91 | 6 | * | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 97 | 90 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| August, 2008 | 97 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| July, 2008 | 97 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| June, 2008 | 95 | 85 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 2006 Election | | | | | | |
| November, 2006 | 90 | -- | -- | -- | 8 | 2 |
| Late October, 2006 | 94 | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 3 |
| Early October, 2006 | 93 | 75 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Early September, 2006 | 92 | -- | -- | -- | 5 | 3 |

2 November 1996 trends based on likely voters.

3 Question began with "Thinking ahead to November," on June 16-20, 2010 and March 11-21, 2010 surveys. Surveys prior to March, 2010 did not ask specifically about voting in the "Congressional election."

4 In Mid-October 2008 and from Mid-October 2004 to November 2006 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted. In November 2006, Early November 2002, Early November, 2000, Late October 1998, November 1996 and November 1994 the question was worded: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?"

PLANTO1/PLANTO2 CONTINUED. . .

| | Yes, plan to vote | Absolutely certain | Fairly certain | Not certain | No, don't plan to | (VOL.) DK/Ref |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2004 Election | | | | | | |
| November, 2004 | 97 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2004 | 98 | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |
| Early October, 2004 | 98 | 91 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| September, 2004 | 98 | 91 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| August, 2004 | 98 | 89 | 8 | 1 | 2 | * |
| June, 2004 | 96 | 85 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 2002 Election | | | | | | |
| Early November, 2002 | 90 | -- | -- | -- | 8 | 2 |
| Early October, 2002 | 95 | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 2 |
| 2000 Election | | | | | | |
| Early November, 2000 | 96 | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 1 |
| Late October, 2000 | 97 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 1 |
| Mid-October, 2000 | 96 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 2 |
| Early October, 2000 | 97 | 87 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| September, 2000 | 95 | 84 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| June, 2000 | 95 | 84 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1998 Election | | | | | | |
| Late October, 1998 | 91 | -- | -- | -- | 6 | 3 |
| Early October, 1998 | 92 | -- | -- | -- | 4 | 4 |
| Early September, 1998 | 95 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 3 |
| Late August, 1998 | 93 | 75 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| June, 1998 | 95 | 74 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 1996 Election | | | | | | |
| November, 1996 | 96 | -- | -- | -- | 2 | 2 |
| October, 1996 | 98 | 87 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Late September, 1996 | 98 | 89 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Early September, 1996 | 96 | 83 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| July, 1996 | 95 | 82 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| June, 1996 | 96 | 84 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 1994 Election | | | | | | |
| November, 1994 | 93 | -- | -- | -- | 5 | 2 |
| October, 1994 | 95 | -- | -- | -- | 3 | 2 |
| 1992 Election | | | | | | |
| October, 1992 | 98 | 91 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| September, 1992 | 98 | 85 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| August, 1992 | 97 | 89 | 8 | * | 1 | 2 |
| June, 1992 | 97 | 88 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 1988 Election | | | | | | |
| Gallup: November, 1988 | 97 | 87 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| October, 1988 | 98 | -- | -- | -- | 1 | 1 |

NO QUESTIONS 3-6

QUESTIONS 7-10 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTIONS 11-15 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 16-19

ASK ALL:

Q.20 In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship **[RANDOMIZE: keep out of political matters; express their views on day-to-day social and political questions]** – or should they **[INSERT OTHER OPTION]**?

| Jul 21- Aug 5 <u>2010</u> | | Aug <u>2008</u> | Jul <u>2006</u> | Jul <u>2005</u> | Aug <u>2004</u> | Mid-Jul <u>2003</u> | Mar <u>2001</u> | Sep <u>2000</u> ⁵ | Jun <u>1996</u> | — Gallup — <u>Feb-68</u> | <u>Mar-57</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 52 | Should keep out | 52 | 46 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 43 | 45 | 43 | 53 | 44 |
| 43 | Should express views | 45 | 51 | 51 | 51 | 52 | 51 | 51 | 54 | 40 | 48 |
| 5 | DK/Ref (VOL.) | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 8 |

ASK ALL:

Q.21 During political elections, should churches and other houses of worship come out in favor of one candidate over another, or shouldn't they do this?

| Jul 21- Aug 5 <u>2010</u> | | Aug <u>2008</u> | Aug <u>2007</u> | Aug <u>2004</u> | Mar <u>2002</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 24 | Should come out in favor of candidates | 29 | 28 | 25 | 22 |
| 70 | Should not come out in favor of candidates | 66 | 63 | 65 | 70 |
| 6 | Don't know/refused (VOL.) | 5 | 9 | 10 | 8 |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1491]:

Q.22F1 Do you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?

| Jul 21- Aug 5 <u>2010</u> | | Aug <u>2008</u> | Aug <u>2007</u> | Jul <u>2005</u> | Aug <u>2004</u> | Mid-Jul <u>2003</u> | Mar <u>2002</u> ⁶ | Early Oct <u>2001</u> ⁷ |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 29 | Too much | 29 | 27 | 26 | 27 | 21 | 16 | 12 |
| 37 | Too little | 36 | 38 | 39 | 31 | 41 | 24 | 22 |
| 24 | Right amount | 28 | 26 | 27 | 32 | 29 | 53 | 60 |
| 10 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) | 7 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 6 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1512]:

Q.23F2 Do you think Barack Obama mentions his religious faith and prayer too much, too little, or about the right amount?

| | | -----George W. Bush----- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Jul 21- Aug 5 <u>2010</u> | | July <u>2006</u> ⁸ | Jul <u>2005</u> | Aug <u>2004</u> | Mid- Jul <u>2003</u> |
| 10 | Too much | 24 | 28 | 24 | 14 |
| 19 | Too little | 14 | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| 53 | Right amount | 52 | 52 | 53 | 62 |
| 17 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) | 10 | 10 | 12 | 13 |

⁵ September 2000 results are based on registered voters. In 2000 and earlier, the question did not include "and other houses of worship."

⁶ In March 2002 the question was worded, "Since September 11th, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?"

⁷ In Early October 2001 the question was part of a series and began, "As I read from a list, tell me if you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of what I mention."

⁸ In July 2006 and before the question asked about George W. Bush.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1491]:

Q.24F1 How much do you think Barack Obama relies on his own religious beliefs in making policy decisions – a great deal, a fair amount, or not very much?

George W. Bush

| Jul 21- Aug 5 2010 | | Aug 2004 ⁹ | Mid-Jul 2003 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 14 | A great deal | 26 | 20 |
| 27 | A fair amount | 38 | 40 |
| 43 | Not very much | 28 | 31 |
| 16 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) | 8 | 9 |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1491]:

Q.25F1 Do you think he relies on his religious beliefs too MUCH, too LITTLE or about the right amount when making policy decisions?

George W. Bush

| Jul 21- Aug 5 2010 | | Aug 2004 ¹⁰ | Mid-Jul 2003 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 11 | Too much | 15 | 10 |
| 21 | Too little | 21 | 21 |
| 48 | Right amount | 53 | 58 |
| 20 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) | 11 | 11 |

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1491]:

Q.26F1 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on American life or losing its influence?

| | Increasing Influence | Losing Influence | Same (VOL.) | No Opinion |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 23 | 67 | 3 | 7 |
| July, 2006 | 34 | 59 | 2 | 5 |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 30 | 56 | 5 | 9 |
| March, 2002 | 37 | 52 | 3 | 8 |
| December, 2001 (Gallup) | 71 | 24 | 2 | 3 |
| Mid-November, 2001 | 78 | 12 | 3 | 7 |
| March, 2001 | 37 | 55 | 4 | 4 |
| March, 2000 (Gallup) | 37 | 58 | 0 | 5 |
| June, 1998 (Gallup) | 37 | 56 | 4 | 3 |
| March, 1994 (Gallup) | 27 | 69 | 2 | 2 |
| March, 1988 (Gallup) | 36 | 49 | 6 | 9 |
| June, 1984 (Gallup) | 42 | 39 | 14 | 6 |
| December, 1978 (Gallup) | 37 | 48 | 10 | 5 |
| December, 1974 (Gallup) | 31 | 56 | 8 | 5 |
| April, 1968 (Gallup) | 19 | 67 | 8 | 7 |
| February, 1965 (Gallup) | 33 | 45 | 13 | 8 |
| February, 1962 (Gallup) | 45 | 32 | 17 | 7 |
| March, 1957 (Gallup) | 69 | 14 | 10 | 6 |

⁹ In August 2004 and before the question asked about George W. Bush.

¹⁰ In August 2004 and before the question asked about George W. Bush. In July 2003 the question read: "In making policy decisions, do you think he relies on his religious beliefs too much, too little or about the right amount?"

IF GAVE RESPONSE IN Q.26F1 (Q.26F1=1,2,3), ASK:

Q.28F1 All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

BASED ON TOTAL FORM 1 [N=1491]:

| Jul 21-Aug 5 2010 | | Jul 2006 | Mar 2002 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 23 | Increasing influence | 34 | 37 |
| 13 | Good thing | 21 | 3 |
| 7 | Bad thing | 11 | 4 |
| 2 | Both/Neither/Depends (VOL.) | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 |
| 67 | Losing influence | 59 | 52 |
| 10 | Good thing | 6 | 5 |
| 53 | Bad thing | 50 | 44 |
| 2 | Both/Neither/Depends (VOL.) | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | Same (VOL.) | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | No opinion | 5 | 8 |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1512]:

Q.27F2 At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is increasing its influence on government leaders and institutions such as the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court, or losing its influence?

| | Increasing Influence | Losing Influence | Same (VOL.) | No Opinion |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 23 | 62 | 4 | 10 |
| Jul 6-19, 2006 | 42 | 45 | 6 | 7 |

IF GAVE RESPONSE IN Q.27F2 (Q.27F2=1,2,3), ASK:

Q.28F2 All in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

BASED ON TOTAL FORM 2 [N=1512]:

| Jul 21-Aug 5 2010 | | Jul 2006 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 23 | Increasing influence | 42 |
| 9 | Good thing | 15 |
| 13 | Bad thing | 24 |
| 2 | Both/Neither/Depends (VOL.) | 2 |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused | 1 |
| 62 | Losing influence | 45 |
| 15 | Good thing | 8 |
| 42 | Bad thing | 36 |
| 4 | Both/Neither/Depends (VOL.) * | |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused | 1 |
| 4 | Same (VOL.) | 6 |
| 10 | No opinion | 7 |

ASK ALL:

Q.29 How do you feel about this statement: It's important to me that members of Congress have strong religious beliefs. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it?

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| | |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 21 | Completely Agree |
| 40 | Mostly Agree |
| 21 | Mostly Disagree |
| 13 | Completely Disagree |
| 5 | Don't know/refused (VOL.) |

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How do you feel about this statement: It's important to me that a president have strong religious beliefs. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it?

| | Aug 2008 | August 2007 | August 2004 | Sept 2000 (RVs) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Completely Agree | 32 | 30 | 29 | 35 |
| Mostly Agree | 40 | 39 | 41 | 35 |
| Mostly Disagree | 14 | 16 | 15 | 17 |
| Completely Disagree | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| Don't know/refused (VOL.) | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 |

ASK ALL:

Q.30 Do you feel that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion?

| | <u>Friendly</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Unfriendly</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| a. The Democratic Party | | | | |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 26 | 41 | 19 | 14 |
| August 20-27, 2009 | 29 | 39 | 22 | 11 |
| August, 2008 | 38 | 37 | 15 | 10 |
| August, 2007 | 30 | 37 | 15 | 18 |
| July, 2006 | 26 | 42 | 20 | 12 |
| July, 2005 | 29 | 38 | 20 | 13 |
| August, 2004 | 40 | 34 | 13 | 13 |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 42 | 36 | 12 | 10 |

| | <u>Friendly</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Unfriendly</u> | <u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| b. The Republican Party | | | | |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 43 | 28 | 14 | 15 |
| August 20-27, 2009 | 48 | 29 | 12 | 12 |
| August, 2008 | 52 | 29 | 9 | 10 |
| August, 2007 | 50 | 23 | 9 | 18 |
| July, 2006 | 47 | 28 | 13 | 12 |
| July, 2005 | 55 | 23 | 9 | 13 |
| August, 2004 | 52 | 24 | 10 | 14 |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 52 | 27 | 10 | 11 |

ASK ALL:

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS "nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc." BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that's atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

ASK IF SOMETHING ELSE, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK/REF (RELIG=11, 12, 99):

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?

IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)

| | |
|----|---|
| 42 | Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.) |
| 23 | Roman Catholic (Catholic) |
| 2 | Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS) |
| 1 | Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church) |
| 2 | Jewish (Judaism) |
| 1 | Muslim (Islam) |
| 1 | Buddhist |
| * | Hindu |
| 2 | Atheist (do not believe in God) |
| 3 | Agnostic (not sure if there is a God) |
| 1 | Something else (SPECIFY) |
| 12 | Nothing in particular |
| 9 | Christian (VOL.) |
| * | Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.) |
| 2 | Don't Know/Refused (VOL.) |

ASK IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR ((RELIG=11 OR RELIG=99) AND CHR=1)):

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

BASED ON TOTAL

| | |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| 35 | Yes, would |
| 39 | No, would not |
| 4 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| * | Undesignated |
| 78% | Christian |

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

| | More than <u>once a week</u> | Once <u>a week</u> | Once or twice <u>a month</u> | A few times <u>a year</u> | <u>Seldom</u> | <u>Never</u> | (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 14 | 25 | 14 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 2 |
| August, 2009 | 14 | 23 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 1 |
| August, 2008 | 13 | 26 | 16 | 19 | 15 | 10 | 1 |
| Aug, 2007 | 14 | 26 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 9 | 1 |
| July, 2006 | 15 | 25 | 15 | 18 | 14 | 12 | 1 |
| July, 2005 | 14 | 27 | 14 | 19 | 14 | 11 | 1 |
| Aug, 2004 | 13 | 25 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 1 |
| July, 2003 | 16 | 27 | 15 | 18 | 14 | 10 | * |
| March, 2003 | 15 | 24 | 15 | 21 | 15 | 9 | 1 |
| March, 2002 | 15 | 25 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 9 | 1 |
| Mid-Nov, 2001 | 16 | 26 | 14 | 17 | 16 | 10 | 1 |
| March, 2001 | 17 | 26 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 7 | 1 |
| Sept, 2000 (RVs) | 17 | 28 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 8 | 1 |
| June, 1997 | 12 | 26 | 17 | 20 | 15 | 10 | * |
| June, 1996 | 14 | 25 | 17 | 21 | 13 | 9 | 1 |

NO QUESTIONS 31-39**QUESTION 40 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.41 How much, if anything, have you heard about **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Have you heard **[READ]**?

a. The conservative Christian movement sometimes known as the religious right

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25 A lot
33 A little [OR]
41 Nothing at all
1 Don't know/Refused **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**

b. The liberal or progressive religious movement sometimes known as the religious left

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10 A lot
30 A little [OR]
59 Nothing at all
1 Don't know/Refused **[VOL. DO NOT READ]**

ASK IF Q.41a<3 OR Q41.b<3

Q.42 In general, do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.41]** or don't you have an opinion either way?

ASK IF Q.41a<3:

a. The conservative Christian movement

BASED ON TOTAL:

4 Strongly agree
9 Agree
9 Disagree
7 Strongly disagree
27 No opinion either way
1 DK/Refused **(VOL.)**

42 *Not heard of conservative Christian movement/DK*

ASK IF Q.41b<3:

b. The liberal or progressive religious movement

BASED ON TOTAL:

1 Strongly agree
4 Agree
6 Disagree
5 Strongly disagree
25 No opinion either way
1 Refused **(VOL.)**

59 *Not heard of liberal or progressive religious movement/DK*

QUESTION 43-47 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 48-57****ASK ALL:**

Q.58 Now, thinking about Barack Obama's religious beliefs... Do you happen to know what Barack Obama's religion is? Is he Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, or something else?

[INTERVIEWERS: IF R SAYS "MULTIPLE FAITHS/ALL OF THE ABOVE," RECORD AS "8-SOMETHING ELSE" AND RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE]

| | | (RVs) | | | | |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Jul 21-Aug 5 2010 | | March 2009 ¹¹ | Mid-Oct 2008 | Mid-Sept 2008 | June 2008 | March 2008 |
| 34 | Christian (include volunteers of: Protestant, Church of Christ, Trinity Church, Baptist, Methodists, etc.) | 48 | 51 | 48 | 57 | 47 |
| * | Jewish | 0 | * | 1 | 1 | * |
| 18 | Muslim (include Islam/Islamic) | 11 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 1 | Buddhist | * | * | * | * | * |
| * | Hindu | * | 0 | * | * | * |
| * | Atheist | * | * | * | * | * |
| * | Agnostic | * | * | * | * | * |
| 2 | Something else | * | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| 43 | Don't know | 34 | 32 | 33 | 25 | 36 |
| 2 | Refused (VOL.) | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 |

ASK IF SAYS OBAMA IS MUSLIM (Q.58=3) [N=558]:

Q.58a And how did you learn about Barack Obama's religion? **[OPEN END; CODE UP TO THREE RESPONSES]**

| Jul 21-Aug 5 2010 | |
|----------------------|---|
| 60 | Media (NET) |
| 36 | Media or news (non-specific) |
| 16 | Television |
| 6 | Newspapers |
| 3 | Magazines |
| 1 | Radio |
| 1 | Book (non-specific) |
| 1 | Obama's book(s) |
| 11 | Obama's behaviors or his own words |
| 7 | Things heard or read (non-specific) |
| 7 | Internet |
| 6 | Things heard or read during presidential campaign |
| 4 | Views of family or friends |
| 4 | Obama's ancestry - family background, name, appearance |
| 1 | My own opinion |
| 1 | Obama's policies towards Muslim countries or religion in the U.S. |
| 7 | Other |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused/Undesignated |

¹¹ In August 2009 and before, respondents who answered Don't Know were asked: "Is this because you've heard different things about his religion, or because you just don't know enough about him?"

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

ASK IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

| | | | | (VOL.) | (VOL.) | (VOL.) | Lean | Lean |
|----------------------|------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|------|------|
| | Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference | Other party | DK/Ref | Rep | Dem |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 26 | 33 | 34 | 4 | * | 3 | 14 | 14 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 27 | 34 | 34 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 15 |
| Apr 21-26, 2010 | 26 | 33 | 36 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 13 |
| Apr 8-11, 2010 | 23 | 32 | 38 | 5 | * | 2 | 17 | 13 |
| Apr 1-5, 2010 | 24 | 29 | 40 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 15 |
| Mar 18-21, 2010 | 24 | 30 | 40 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 13 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010 | 28 | 34 | 32 | 3 | * | 3 | 13 | 12 |
| Mar 10-14, 2010 | 22 | 33 | 37 | 6 | * | 3 | 14 | 13 |
| Feb 3-9, 2010 | 26 | 31 | 37 | 3 | * | 3 | 14 | 17 |
| Jan 6-10, 2010 | 22 | 33 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 17 | 16 |
| Dec 9-13, 2009 | 25 | 32 | 38 | 2 | * | 2 | 14 | 15 |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 | 27 | 35 | 32 | 3 | * | 2 | 13 | 13 |
| Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 | 23 | 34 | 37 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 14 |
| Sep 10-15, 2009 | 23 | 34 | 34 | 4 | * | 5 | 13 | 17 |
| Aug 20-27, 2009 | 26 | 32 | 36 | 3 | * | 3 | 14 | 16 |
| Aug 11-17, 2009 | 23 | 33 | 38 | 3 | * | 3 | 16 | 15 |
| Jul 22-26, 2009 | 22 | 34 | 37 | 5 | * | 2 | 15 | 14 |
| Jun 10-14, 2009 | 25 | 34 | 34 | 3 | * | 3 | 11 | 16 |
| Yearly Totals | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 | 23.9 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 3.4 | .4 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 |
| 2008 | 25.3 | 35.8 | 31.7 | 3.8 | .3 | 3.1 | 10.5 | 15.4 |
| 2007 | 25.4 | 32.9 | 33.7 | 4.6 | .4 | 3.1 | 10.7 | 16.7 |
| 2006 | 27.6 | 32.8 | 30.3 | 5.0 | .4 | 3.9 | 10.2 | 14.5 |
| 2005 | 29.2 | 32.8 | 30.3 | 4.5 | .3 | 2.8 | 10.2 | 14.9 |
| 2004 | 29.7 | 33.4 | 29.8 | 3.9 | .4 | 2.9 | 11.7 | 13.4 |
| 2003 | 29.8 | 31.4 | 31.2 | 4.7 | .5 | 2.5 | 12.1 | 13.0 |
| 2002 | 30.3 | 31.2 | 30.1 | 5.1 | .7 | 2.7 | 12.6 | 11.6 |
| 2001 | 29.2 | 33.6 | 28.9 | 5.1 | .5 | 2.7 | 11.7 | 11.4 |
| 2001 Post-Sept 11 | 30.9 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 5.2 | .6 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 9.4 |
| 2001 Pre-Sept 11 | 28.2 | 34.6 | 29.5 | 5.0 | .5 | 2.1 | 11.7 | 12.5 |
| 2000 | 27.5 | 32.5 | 29.5 | 5.9 | .5 | 4.0 | 11.6 | 11.6 |
| 1999 | 26.6 | 33.5 | 33.7 | 3.9 | .5 | 1.9 | 13.0 | 14.5 |
| 1998 | 27.5 | 33.2 | 31.9 | 4.6 | .4 | 2.4 | 11.8 | 13.5 |
| 1997 | 28.2 | 33.3 | 31.9 | 4.0 | .4 | 2.3 | 12.3 | 13.8 |
| 1996 | 29.2 | 32.7 | 33.0 | 5.2 | -- | -- | 12.7 | 15.6 |
| 1995 | 31.4 | 29.7 | 33.4 | 5.4 | -- | -- | 14.4 | 12.9 |
| 1994 | 29.8 | 31.8 | 33.8 | 4.6 | -- | -- | 14.3 | 12.6 |
| 1993 | 27.4 | 33.8 | 34.0 | 4.8 | -- | -- | 11.8 | 14.7 |
| 1992 | 27.7 | 32.7 | 35.7 | 3.9 | -- | -- | 13.8 | 15.8 |
| 1991 | 30.9 | 31.4 | 33.2 | 4.5 | -- | -- | 14.6 | 10.8 |
| 1990 | 31.0 | 33.1 | 29.1 | 6.8 | -- | -- | 12.4 | 11.3 |
| 1989 | 33 | 33 | 34 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1987 | 26 | 35 | 39 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |