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	Adults 18+	Men	Women	<\$50K	\$50K+	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi endorsed the establishment of an independent “truth commission” to investigate the Bush administration’s detainee interrogation policy, including allegations of torture. Do you agree with such an investigation?											
Yes, I think there should be an independent truth commission to investigate torture allegations.	37.9%	34.8%	40.8%	42.1%	33.4%	45.8%	36.7%	31.6%	15.5%	60.3%	32.5%
No, I think the Senate Intelligence Committee should continue their investigation and that be enough.	23.8%	23.7%	24.0%	22.6%	25.0%	24.0%	24.3%	23.1%	26.3%	21.9%	26.3%
No, I think they should drop the subject. Elected U.S. leaders should protect Americans as they see fit and not be questioned after the fact.	38.3%	41.5%	35.2%	35.3%	41.6%	30.2%	39.1%	45.3%	58.2%	17.8%	41.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Do you think the CIA lied or mislead Nancy Pelosi about waterboarding detainees in the war on terror?											
Yes	26.6%	29.0%	24.5%	28.2%	25.6%	27.3%	27.7%	24.8%	12.3%	43.8%	25.0%
No	34.4%	41.5%	27.7%	29.8%	39.8%	28.6%	32.9%	42.0%	57.7%	15.4%	36.6%
I don't know	38.9%	29.6%	47.8%	42.0%	34.6%	44.1%	39.4%	33.3%	30.0%	40.8%	38.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Do you think the U.S. Government is spending too much money?											
Yes	75.1%	75.1%	75.0%	75.2%	75.1%	69.5%	76.2%	79.3%	90.5%	64.1%	79.2%
No	11.0%	13.3%	8.9%	11.5%	10.7%	13.0%	10.1%	10.0%	4.2%	19.0%	6.8%
I don't know	13.9%	11.6%	16.1%	13.3%	14.1%	17.5%	13.7%	10.6%	5.3%	16.9%	14.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
The costs of administering Social Security are now expected to exceed tax revenues in 2016 and the trust funds for the program are now projected to run out in 2037. What would be the best way for the Government to handle the challenges of Social Security?											
Raise taxes	5.4%	7.9%	3.1%	5.8%	5.0%	8.4%	4.1%	4.1%	4.6%	7.8%	3.4%
Cut other government programs... Social Security are more important	11.9%	11.4%	12.3%	13.5%	10.0%	13.0%	10.1%	13.0%	12.2%	13.5%	9.5%
Cut pork barrel spending... government spending should benefit the entire country, not just particular constituents	51.5%	50.4%	52.5%	50.1%	53.2%	39.2%	51.6%	63.5%	53.5%	52.0%	60.8%
Give Americans the option to keep their money and invest it privately rather than putting it in a government Social Security fund	15.8%	16.7%	14.9%	15.5%	16.2%	18.4%	18.2%	10.2%	21.0%	11.8%	14.3%
I don't know	15.4%	13.6%	17.2%	15.1%	15.7%	21.0%	16.0%	9.2%	8.7%	14.9%	12.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	Adults 18+	Men	Women	<\$50K	\$50K+	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+	Republicans	Democrats	Independents
Please select the following statement you agree with most:											
It's the right of all Americans to be helped in times of financial need, even if other Americans have to pay.	11.4%	11.7%	11.1%	13.3%	9.1%	14.6%	11.5%	8.2%	6.6%	17.0%	10.9%
I think there should be a balance. Taxpayer dollars should help those in need, but those who pay taxes should also be rewarded.	42.8%	42.9%	42.8%	45.8%	39.2%	50.6%	41.7%	36.4%	33.8%	51.8%	40.7%
It makes me angry that I work and try to be a responsible contributing citizen while others are rewarded for irresponsibility.	45.8%	45.4%	46.1%	40.9%	51.7%	34.8%	46.8%	55.4%	59.6%	31.2%	48.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Are you for or against universal healthcare (health care coverage that is extended to all eligible US citizens) in the United States?

For	49.6%	46.8%	52.4%	56.0%	42.2%	47.7%	53.5%	46.8%	26.6%	73.1%	51.0%
Against	29.8%	34.6%	25.3%	25.2%	35.5%	28.3%	26.4%	35.5%	55.0%	12.3%	27.3%
I don't know	20.5%	18.7%	22.3%	18.8%	22.3%	24.0%	20.1%	17.7%	18.3%	14.6%	21.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Do you think if healthcare was extended to all US citizens that the current quality of healthcare insured Americans receive would...

Increase for the better	29.8%	28.8%	30.9%	34.5%	24.2%	33.8%	31.5%	23.9%	16.0%	46.3%	26.2%
Decrease for the worse	40.7%	42.7%	38.9%	34.6%	48.4%	34.9%	38.9%	48.8%	63.6%	23.0%	40.5%
Stay the same	29.4%	28.5%	30.2%	30.9%	27.4%	31.3%	29.6%	27.3%	20.4%	30.7%	33.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Senate leaders are considering new federal taxes on soda and other sugary drinks to help pay for an overhaul of the nation's healthcare system. How would you vote?

In favor	37.3%	35.9%	38.7%	37.3%	37.6%	40.0%	32.2%	41.0%	29.4%	45.4%	41.0%
Opposed	44.4%	48.6%	40.3%	43.0%	45.9%	35.8%	51.1%	44.7%	57.3%	36.6%	43.2%
I don't know	18.3%	15.5%	20.9%	19.7%	16.5%	24.3%	16.7%	14.3%	13.3%	17.9%	15.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

How likely would you be to make a big dollar purchase in this economy if you knew the manufacturer/retailer would offer payment assistance if you lost your job?

Very likely	14.0%	16.3%	11.8%	15.0%	12.8%	18.1%	15.1%	8.5%	13.8%	16.1%	11.8%
Somewhat likely	22.9%	21.9%	23.9%	22.3%	24.0%	26.4%	22.1%	20.5%	22.5%	26.8%	23.2%
Unsure	32.5%	32.2%	32.8%	34.1%	30.4%	34.3%	32.7%	30.5%	29.8%	30.2%	34.6%
Not likely	14.6%	14.1%	15.0%	13.9%	15.6%	11.7%	13.5%	18.7%	16.5%	13.9%	15.9%
Not at all likely	16.0%	15.5%	16.4%	14.7%	17.2%	9.5%	16.5%	21.8%	17.4%	13.0%	14.4%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Regarding flu shots this year, will you...

Get a flu shot to protect against influenza	27.7%	29.2%	26.2%	28.0%	27.1%	24.5%	24.2%	35.1%	30.1%	29.4%	26.3%
Get a combination of flu shots to protect against influenza and swine flu (if developed)	24.8%	24.3%	25.4%	23.9%	26.1%	20.9%	21.0%	33.6%	27.3%	25.5%	24.9%
I won't get any flu shot	47.5%	46.5%	48.5%	48.1%	46.9%	54.6%	54.9%	31.3%	42.6%	45.0%	48.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Do you think the legalization of marijuana in the US would help with the drug wars in Mexico?

Yes	33.7%	35.6%	32.0%	33.7%	34.1%	33.0%	35.3%	32.6%	25.6%	42.0%	36.4%
No, there are worse illegal drugs out there	26.0%	26.1%	26.0%	26.4%	25.7%	28.5%	25.1%	24.7%	26.3%	25.0%	29.1%
No, I'm against the legalization of any non-medicinal drugs	25.2%	25.0%	25.3%	24.2%	26.2%	20.7%	24.1%	30.9%	36.8%	18.4%	22.9%
I don't know	15.1%	13.3%	16.7%	15.7%	13.9%	17.8%	15.6%	11.8%	11.3%	14.6%	11.5%

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Do you twitter?											
Yes	9.6%	9.9%	9.3%	9.0%	10.2%	15.5%	8.9%	4.7%	8.9%	10.5%	11.3%
No	77.6%	77.7%	77.4%	75.2%	80.8%	72.9%	78.5%	81.0%	81.1%	78.8%	78.9%
What's twitter?	12.8%	12.4%	13.3%	15.9%	9.0%	11.6%	12.6%	14.3%	10.0%	10.7%	9.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%