


**American Pulse Survey 8 (2.19.08)**

	All Adults	HH Income Less than \$50,000	HH Income Greater than \$50,000	HH Income Greater than \$75,000	Men	Women	18 - 34	35 - 54	55+
<b>Do you believe the media can stimulate or encourage a recession by their reporting?</b>									
Yes	66.2%	64.3%	68.7%	69.0%	66.5%	65.8%	56.7%	67.0%	74.7%
No	17.5%	16.6%	18.6%	19.5%	20.3%	14.9%	21.2%	18.0%	13.2%
I don't know	16.3%	19.1%	12.7%	11.5%	13.2%	19.3%	22.1%	15.0%	12.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Do you believe that the U.S. is currently in a recession?</b>									
Yes	45.6%	46.1%	45.1%	41.5%	45.3%	45.9%	42.1%	49.9%	43.7%
No, but will soon be in one	39.1%	39.7%	38.2%	38.4%	35.9%	42.1%	37.8%	38.3%	41.6%
No	15.3%	14.2%	16.7%	20.0%	18.7%	12.0%	20.1%	11.8%	14.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Do you believe Federal taxes are too high?</b>									
Yes	77.9%	78.8%	76.7%	73.1%	74.4%	81.1%	67.4%	83.4%	81.5%
No	12.5%	11.2%	14.4%	16.8%	16.0%	9.2%	17.0%	9.7%	11.5%
I don't know	9.6%	10.0%	9.0%	10.1%	9.6%	9.7%	15.7%	6.8%	7.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Americans will soon receive rebate checks from the U.S. government worth almost \$152 billion. Would you rather have Congress and the President work out long term solutions to current economic challenges or do you prefer getting the rebate check?</b>									
Work out long term solutions	50.2%	44.6%	57.8%	59.0%	53.7%	46.8%	42.9%	49.5%	58.4%
Prefer rebate check	35.3%	39.6%	29.3%	28.6%	32.6%	37.9%	40.7%	36.2%	28.7%
I don't have a preference	14.5%	15.8%	12.9%	12.3%	13.8%	15.3%	16.4%	14.3%	13.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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<b>Do you think the problems in the housing market are the cause of today's sluggish economy?</b>									
Yes	60.7%	61.4%	59.7%	58.3%	57.3%	63.9%	64.2%	62.3%	55.2%
No	39.3%	38.6%	40.3%	41.7%	42.7%	36.1%	35.8%	37.7%	44.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Please check all that apply to you...</b>									
My debt is too high	42.7%	45.8%	39.0%	34.4%	42.6%	42.7%	46.3%	50.4%	29.3%
My savings are too low	64.0%	68.6%	58.2%	51.6%	61.1%	66.7%	65.5%	70.6%	54.1%
I live paycheck to paycheck	50.8%	60.9%	37.9%	31.5%	45.8%	55.5%	56.6%	58.8%	34.8%
I'm concerned I will not receive a raise from my employer to compensate for inflation	24.5%	24.0%	25.1%	22.0%	23.5%	25.4%	29.4%	30.8%	11.5%
I'm concerned about the health of my 401k/IRA/Investments	28.7%	23.1%	36.5%	38.7%	26.7%	30.6%	21.7%	34.2%	28.8%
I'm concerned that the value of my home has declined	27.2%	21.6%	34.9%	38.0%	26.0%	28.4%	14.8%	30.9%	35.2%
Other	10.4%	11.0%	9.7%	9.4%	9.9%	11.0%	6.6%	10.7%	14.0%
<small>*The sum of the % totals may be greater than 100% because the respondents can select more than one answer.</small>									
<b>Do you believe Americans are addicted to debt?</b>									
Yes	79.2%	77.1%	82.2%	81.2%	80.0%	78.4%	73.1%	80.5%	83.8%
No	10.2%	10.6%	9.4%	11.1%	11.1%	9.4%	15.3%	8.5%	7.2%
I don't know	10.6%	12.3%	8.4%	7.8%	8.9%	12.2%	11.5%	11.0%	9.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Regarding the federal government's national debt...</b>									
The government should deal with debt issues now	71.8%	70.3%	73.9%	75.1%	74.1%	69.6%	65.6%	74.4%	74.7%
The government should concentrate on other issues now and worry about the debt later	8.8%	8.8%	8.9%	9.5%	11.3%	6.5%	11.1%	7.6%	8.0%
I don't know what should be done about the government's debt	19.4%	20.9%	17.1%	15.4%	14.7%	23.9%	23.3%	18.0%	17.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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<b>Do you believe Americans should save more and spend less?</b>									
Yes, American consumers should focus on savings to benefit their individual financial situations	77.4%	74.8%	81.3%	80.4%	74.5%	80.2%	72.5%	78.3%	81.3%
No, American consumers should keep spending to help the U.S. economy	13.5%	15.1%	11.4%	11.7%	16.0%	11.2%	15.4%	13.4%	11.9%
I don't care	9.0%	10.1%	7.3%	7.9%	9.5%	8.6%	12.1%	8.3%	6.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Regarding the money for rebate checks, where do you think the government will get this money?</b>									
Cuts in other programs	39.6%	41.9%	36.6%	37.0%	34.2%	44.7%	41.8%	40.9%	35.8%
Government bonds	4.3%	4.8%	3.7%	3.6%	4.9%	3.7%	6.1%	4.3%	2.5%
Government savings account	4.3%	4.8%	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%	5.0%	5.0%	4.7%	2.8%
Taxes on business and wealthy	12.5%	12.8%	11.8%	11.3%	11.7%	13.1%	16.9%	13.5%	6.6%
The government prints it	9.8%	9.6%	10.2%	9.0%	13.0%	6.8%	10.5%	8.9%	10.4%
The government will borrow it	29.6%	26.2%	34.2%	35.6%	32.7%	26.7%	19.8%	27.7%	41.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>The U.S. government is looking out for my financial interests.' On a scale of 1 – 5 (with 1 being Strongly Disagree and 5 being Strongly Agree), please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with this statement.</b>									
1 – Strongly Disagree	40.6%	41.0%	39.6%	36.7%	39.9%	41.2%	31.3%	42.7%	47.3%
2 – Disagree	28.0%	25.9%	30.8%	30.2%	26.3%	29.6%	27.4%	26.8%	29.9%
3 – Neutral	23.6%	24.4%	22.8%	25.0%	24.0%	23.3%	30.7%	23.2%	17.0%
4 – Agree	4.8%	5.1%	4.5%	5.2%	6.0%	3.7%	7.4%	4.1%	3.2%
5 – Strongly Agree	3.0%	3.6%	2.3%	2.9%	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%	3.2%	2.6%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Average</b>	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.0	1.8

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