

Siena College Research Institute  
 April 2-4, 7-10, 2013  
 813 New York State Residents  
 MOE +/- 3.4%

Q1. First, we are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you are better off or worse financially than you were a year ago?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Better off	29%	32%	26%	44%	31%	20%	16%	31%	24%	29%	33%	24%	28%	26%	33%	38%	25%	28%	35%	35%	27%	27%	36%	38%	17%	21%
Same	36%	35%	37%	29%	33%	37%	48%	37%	37%	33%	37%	32%	39%	35%	36%	28%	40%	36%	35%	34%	36%	36%	37%	35%	46%	25%
Worse off	35%	33%	36%	26%	35%	43%	36%	31%	38%	37%	29%	43%	33%	38%	31%	34%	35%	36%	30%	31%	37%	37%	26%	28%	37%	53%
Don't know/Refused	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

  

Q2. Now looking ahead -- Do you think that a year from now you will be better off financially, or worse off, or just about the same as now?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
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Better off	34%	36%	32%	50%	38%	24%	15%	42%	29%	27%	36%	24%	32%	32%	36%	38%	32%	30%	39%	40%	34%	31%	37%	36%	19%	50%
Worse off	17%	20%	15%	12%	15%	21%	26%	13%	24%	19%	14%	22%	23%	18%	16%	12%	20%	20%	8%	16%	19%	16%	18%	16%	22%	17%
Just about the same	44%	39%	47%	35%	44%	48%	52%	38%	42%	51%	45%	48%	43%	43%	44%	45%	42%	46%	47%	35%	42%	49%	43%	44%	54%	27%
Don't know/Refused	5%	5%	5%	3%	3%	7%	7%	6%	5%	4%	5%	7%	2%	7%	3%	4%	5%	4%	7%	8%	5%	4%	3%	5%	6%	5%

  

Q3. As you think about your income and expenses over the last year, which of the following best describes you and your household?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
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We spent more money than we took in. We went backwards.	29%	27%	31%	22%	30%	35%	31%	30%	37%	23%	27%	30%	22%	33%	24%	31%	28%	28%	27%	38%	39%	28%	17%	27%	34%	27%
Our income and expenses were pretty much the same, we stayed about even.	47%	47%	47%	54%	42%	41%	49%	46%	40%	52%	48%	44%	53%	47%	47%	45%	48%	45%	48%	45%	46%	53%	37%	45%	48%	49%
Our income was greater than our expenses. We made progress.	24%	25%	22%	23%	29%	23%	18%	24%	22%	24%	23%	26%	23%	19%	28%	25%	23%	26%	24%	16%	14%	19%	45%	27%	17%	23%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%

  

Q4. Do you and your household have a written monthly budget that you use to keep track of your income and expenses?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
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Yes	46%	42%	50%	42%	45%	50%	46%	42%	40%	55%	42%	46%	49%	49%	42%	50%	43%	44%	48%	51%	53%	46%	37%	43%	50%	50%
No	54%	58%	50%	57%	55%	49%	54%	58%	60%	45%	58%	54%	51%	50%	58%	50%	56%	56%	52%	47%	47%	54%	63%	57%	50%	48%
Don't know/Refused	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%

  

Q5. Did you or will you receive a federal tax refund for the 2012 tax year?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
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Yes	57%	57%	57%	64%	65%	56%	44%	53%	60%	59%	57%	59%	59%	58%	55%	62%	54%	57%	57%	62%	55%	66%	53%	65%	39%	57%
No	35%	35%	36%	32%	24%	38%	47%	40%	31%	33%	36%	32%	33%	35%	35%	32%	37%	34%	38%	32%	38%	30%	37%	27%	50%	39%
Don't know/Refused	8%	8%	8%	4%	10%	6%	10%	7%	10%	8%	7%	9%	8%	7%	9%	6%	9%	9%	5%	7%	7%	4%	10%	8%	11%	4%

Q6. (If receive tax refund) What do you plan to do with those funds?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Pay bills	62%	64%	60%	63%	69%	61%	49%	59%	65%	64%	63%	62%	57%	67%	57%	68%	59%	61%	55%	73%	74%	53%	55%	62%	52%	74%
Place in savings for emergencies that might arise	39%	34%	43%	44%	36%	33%	37%	44%	28%	39%	39%	35%	44%	38%	39%	39%	39%	36%	42%	48%	39%	45%	32%	42%	31%	34%
Vacations and other leisure activities	17%	17%	17%	20%	17%	14%	18%	19%	17%	15%	21%	13%	12%	14%	19%	14%	18%	17%	17%	8%	11%	20%	19%	17%	21%	11%
Place in savings for retirement	15%	13%	17%	11%	15%	17%	22%	14%	11%	19%	16%	18%	18%	14%	17%	13%	17%	15%	19%	18%	13%	15%	19%	16%	21%	8%
Purchase major household appliances, or furniture, or clothes	15%	17%	13%	16%	18%	13%	11%	15%	10%	18%	18%	10%	13%	18%	12%	16%	14%	14%	19%	12%	11%	17%	17%	19%	9%	8%
Place in savings for college for children	11%	10%	12%	14%	11%	8%	6%	15%	7%	10%	13%	9%	11%	13%	9%	21%	6%	9%	10%	14%	13%	11%	8%	13%	7%	9%
Other	4%	2%	6%	4%	6%	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%	0%	2%	6%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	2%	5%	3%	5%	1%	5%
Don't know/Refused	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	2%	5%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%	6%	4%

Q7. As you think about what you paid in income taxes this year, would you say you paid the right amount in taxes, too much, or not enough?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Too much	46%	45%	47%	44%	54%	48%	37%	41%	54%	47%	40%	52%	56%	45%	48%	50%	44%	49%	38%	49%	40%	56%	44%	50%	42%	38%
The right amount	42%	44%	40%	43%	40%	37%	48%	43%	38%	42%	48%	40%	32%	41%	43%	42%	42%	40%	45%	37%	45%	37%	44%	42%	42%	41%
Not enough	4%	6%	2%	5%	2%	6%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	2%	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	6%	5%	4%	2%	6%	4%	3%	5%
Don't know/Refused	8%	5%	11%	8%	4%	8%	13%	10%	6%	8%	8%	6%	6%	11%	6%	5%	10%	8%	11%	9%	11%	5%	5%	4%	13%	16%

Q8. Thinking about income taxes, the federal budget and the current federal deficit, which of the following proposals comes closer to your view?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
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We should increase the taxes paid by Americans that earn the most while we trim any wasteful spending. That is fair and I believe it would close the deficit.	52%	55%	49%	53%	51%	51%	54%	59%	49%	46%	68%	36%	43%	46%	60%	43%	57%	50%	66%	50%	50%	54%	56%	53%	52%	52%
We need to reduce taxes across the board, lessen the rates and cut runaway spending on entitlements. If government lives within its means and gets out of the way, prosperity will solve the deficit.	43%	39%	46%	44%	44%	45%	37%	37%	46%	48%	27%	62%	50%	50%	35%	52%	38%	46%	27%	46%	46%	40%	40%	42%	41%	47%
Don't know/Refused	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	4%	8%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	7%	1%

Many people plan for and save for their future in different ways. For each of the following, tell me whether you currently do or do not have it. [Q9A-Q9G ROTATED]

Q9A. A savings account with at least \$1,000 in it																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
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Have this	69%	71%	67%	60%	65%	74%	81%	70%	73%	65%	67%	82%	72%	59%	78%	64%	72%	73%	57%	55%	47%	76%	89%	72%	76%	51%
Do not have this	30%	28%	31%	40%	34%	24%	17%	29%	25%	33%	33%	15%	27%	39%	20%	35%	27%	26%	41%	45%	53%	24%	11%	27%	22%	48%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%

Q9B. A savings account with enough money to take care of six months of your household's expenses																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Have this	43%	46%	40%	24%	44%	49%	63%	45%	38%	44%	41%	54%	43%	36%	50%	38%	46%	50%	31%	26%	23%	47%	64%	40%	58%	32%
Do not have this	55%	52%	58%	75%	55%	50%	34%	55%	59%	54%	58%	43%	55%	62%	49%	61%	52%	48%	67%	72%	77%	53%	35%	59%	40%	66%
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%

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Q9C. A retirement fund like a 401K or similar that is professionally managed for which you receive regular statements																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Have this	57%	61%	53%	41%	66%	68%	53%	49%	68%	60%	54%	66%	72%	45%	69%	62%	54%	62%	41%	42%	29%	66%	84%	67%	54%	29%
Do not have this	42%	38%	46%	59%	33%	30%	44%	51%	32%	38%	45%	33%	27%	54%	30%	38%	44%	36%	58%	56%	70%	33%	16%	32%	44%	70%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%

Q9D. A portfolio of individual stocks or bonds that you either manage yourself or that you work with a financial professional to manage																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Have this	37%	40%	34%	21%	36%	44%	52%	34%	41%	37%	31%	48%	45%	27%	46%	31%	39%	43%	19%	15%	16%	42%	59%	38%	48%	18%
Do not have this	63%	60%	65%	78%	64%	55%	48%	65%	58%	62%	69%	51%	54%	72%	54%	69%	60%	56%	81%	85%	83%	58%	41%	61%	52%	82%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

Q9E. A pension through your work that will upon retirement or currently provides you with a specified income																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Have this	47%	47%	46%	25%	45%	57%	66%	40%	50%	52%	49%	53%	52%	43%	50%	42%	49%	50%	51%	27%	30%	59%	54%	47%	66%	19%
Do not have this	52%	52%	52%	73%	54%	43%	31%	59%	48%	46%	49%	46%	47%	56%	47%	57%	49%	48%	45%	73%	69%	40%	44%	52%	32%	80%
Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%

Q9F. A will																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Have this	40%	39%	41%	16%	31%	56%	74%	32%	44%	49%	39%	54%	45%	35%	45%	34%	44%	49%	26%	17%	26%	44%	53%	33%	68%	25%
Do not have this	59%	60%	58%	84%	68%	44%	26%	67%	56%	51%	61%	46%	55%	64%	55%	65%	56%	50%	74%	81%	73%	56%	47%	66%	32%	74%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%

Q9G. A financial advisor with whom you discuss your finances at least once every year																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
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Have this	32%	32%	32%	24%	25%	41%	43%	29%	42%	30%	31%	42%	30%	26%	38%	26%	35%	36%	23%	29%	21%	35%	45%	30%	42%	23%
Do not have this	67%	67%	68%	76%	75%	59%	56%	71%	58%	69%	68%	57%	70%	73%	62%	73%	65%	63%	77%	69%	79%	65%	55%	69%	58%	76%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%

Now I'm going to read you some statements that some have made about retirement and social security. For each tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree, or if you simply do not have enough information in order to say. [Q10A-Q10D ROTATED]

Q10A. Unless something is done, social security will be bankrupt within the next 20 to 25 years																										
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Strongly agree	38%	39%	37%	42%	39%	41%	26%	36%	38%	41%	35%	44%	41%	39%	37%	40%	37%	37%	38%	48%	39%	41%	36%	42%	34%	33%
Somewhat agree	21%	19%	23%	17%	27%	23%	18%	20%	18%	24%	22%	27%	21%	20%	22%	22%	21%	24%	21%	8%	19%	21%	26%	20%	19%	26%
Somewhat disagree	11%	11%	11%	9%	10%	13%	15%	11%	10%	12%	11%	9%	14%	10%	12%	13%	10%	13%	7%	11%	12%	10%	13%	10%	16%	7%
Strongly disagree	10%	12%	9%	9%	9%	8%	17%	13%	10%	7%	13%	6%	8%	11%	9%	9%	11%	9%	15%	14%	10%	10%	9%	10%	12%	9%
Do not have enough information	19%	18%	20%	24%	16%	13%	23%	20%	22%	16%	18%	16%	15%	18%	20%	16%	20%	17%	18%	20%	18%	18%	17%	17%	19%	25%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

Q10B. The full retirement age for receiving social security benefits should be increased for all Americans to age 70																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
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Strongly agree	12%	13%	11%	11%	11%	12%	15%	14%	11%	11%	11%	16%	10%	13%	10%	10%	13%	14%	5%	15%	14%	10%	14%	9%	15%	16%
Somewhat agree	15%	16%	14%	17%	14%	11%	19%	16%	14%	14%	15%	19%	10%	12%	18%	14%	16%	17%	10%	12%	15%	15%	16%	17%	17%	11%
Somewhat disagree	20%	18%	22%	19%	23%	19%	22%	20%	22%	18%	18%	17%	21%	19%	21%	23%	18%	20%	16%	17%	17%	19%	26%	21%	18%	19%
Strongly disagree	46%	46%	46%	46%	43%	54%	38%	41%	49%	51%	50%	42%	50%	50%	43%	47%	46%	43%	60%	50%	45%	51%	39%	50%	41%	44%
Do not have enough information	6%	6%	6%	7%	8%	3%	5%	8%	3%	6%	5%	6%	8%	5%	7%	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%	4%	6%	4%	7%	9%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	

Q10C. It would be better to partially privatize social security and let individuals invest some of their own money in individual accounts rather than to continue to have a totally government run program																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Strongly agree	19%	21%	17%	22%	24%	14%	14%	15%	17%	24%	15%	27%	22%	19%	18%	23%	17%	21%	18%	16%	19%	23%	15%	22%	15%	15%
Somewhat agree	22%	23%	21%	34%	20%	17%	11%	22%	19%	24%	17%	24%	25%	22%	21%	25%	20%	19%	14%	35%	22%	24%	20%	25%	15%	24%
Somewhat disagree	12%	8%	15%	15%	11%	11%	10%	14%	6%	12%	11%	15%	7%	14%	10%	14%	11%	11%	12%	12%	13%	10%	13%	11%	11%	14%
Strongly disagree	34%	37%	30%	17%	29%	43%	53%	36%	38%	28%	45%	20%	32%	28%	39%	27%	37%	35%	40%	23%	30%	32%	38%	30%	46%	26%
Do not have enough information	14%	11%	17%	12%	16%	15%	11%	12%	19%	13%	12%	14%	14%	16%	11%	11%	15%	14%	15%	14%	16%	11%	14%	12%	12%	22%
Refused	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

Q10D. We should lessen the social security benefit for those that retire with significant wealth. In other words, social security payments should be adjusted based on a person's assets.																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
Strongly agree	30%	36%	25%	29%	32%	34%	25%	34%	29%	26%	30%	30%	26%	28%	32%	28%	31%	29%	35%	30%	31%	28%	34%	31%	27%	30%
Somewhat agree	21%	18%	24%	27%	20%	18%	20%	21%	23%	21%	24%	19%	19%	18%	25%	22%	21%	21%	13%	23%	21%	24%	22%	23%	18%	21%
Somewhat disagree	12%	10%	15%	13%	12%	12%	12%	12%	14%	12%	11%	14%	11%	13%	12%	12%	13%	12%	10%	17%	13%	11%	13%	13%	11%	15%
Strongly disagree	25%	25%	26%	20%	27%	25%	32%	22%	26%	28%	24%	26%	32%	28%	22%	26%	24%	28%	28%	12%	25%	25%	24%	23%	31%	23%
Do not have enough information	10%	11%	9%	10%	8%	10%	9%	10%	6%	12%	10%	10%	11%	12%	8%	10%	10%	9%	12%	18%	11%	10%	6%	10%	11%	11%
Refused	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%

For each of the following issues, tell me whether you think President Obama and the Democrats have a better plan or if the Republicans have a better plan or if you don't think either the Democrats or the Republicans currently have a good plan. [Q11A-Q11D ROTATED]

Q11A. Revitalizing the economy																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
President Obama and the Democrats have a better plan	37%	39%	35%	39%	33%	36%	36%	52%	29%	24%	56%	9%	27%	33%	41%	33%	39%	30%	60%	43%	36%	37%	35%	36%	36%	39%
The Republicans have a better plan	17%	18%	17%	15%	23%	17%	18%	11%	25%	21%	7%	41%	17%	21%	13%	21%	16%	23%	6%	11%	13%	20%	22%	17%	16%	21%
Don't think either the Democrats or the Republicans currently have a good plan	39%	39%	39%	39%	36%	42%	39%	31%	40%	47%	31%	45%	49%	38%	39%	36%	40%	42%	24%	38%	41%	38%	39%	39%	41%	35%
Don't know/Refused	7%	5%	9%	8%	8%	5%	7%	6%	7%	8%	6%	5%	7%	8%	6%	10%	5%	6%	9%	8%	9%	5%	4%	8%	7%	5%

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Q11B. Protecting social security																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
President Obama and the Democrats have a better plan	35%	36%	35%	35%	34%	36%	39%	50%	27%	23%	55%	12%	23%	31%	39%	31%	37%	27%	61%	40%	35%	35%	40%	32%	39%	40%
The Republicans have a better plan	12%	13%	11%	11%	13%	12%	11%	7%	14%	17%	4%	26%	13%	13%	10%	14%	10%	16%	2%	5%	11%	12%	11%	12%	10%	14%
Don't think either the Democrats or the Republicans currently have a good plan	41%	40%	42%	38%	39%	45%	40%	35%	46%	45%	31%	49%	56%	41%	41%	39%	42%	44%	25%	44%	39%	44%	40%	42%	43%	35%
Don't know/Refused	12%	11%	13%	16%	14%	7%	10%	8%	14%	15%	9%	14%	9%	14%	10%	15%	10%	13%	12%	11%	15%	9%	9%	14%	8%	11%
Q11C. Addressing the federal budget deficit																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
President Obama and the Democrats have a better plan	30%	31%	29%	28%	31%	30%	33%	39%	21%	24%	49%	5%	21%	27%	33%	30%	30%	23%	61%	38%	30%	32%	30%	29%	33%	30%
The Republicans have a better plan	18%	20%	16%	15%	21%	18%	20%	14%	24%	20%	6%	39%	21%	20%	15%	25%	14%	23%	2%	11%	15%	19%	22%	19%	16%	17%
Don't think either the Democrats or the Republicans currently have a good plan	42%	41%	43%	44%	38%	44%	38%	38%	44%	46%	35%	46%	50%	43%	42%	33%	47%	45%	26%	41%	43%	43%	39%	40%	43%	46%
Don't know/Refused	10%	8%	11%	12%	10%	8%	9%	9%	11%	10%	10%	11%	7%	10%	9%	12%	9%	9%	12%	9%	12%	6%	9%	12%	8%	7%
Q11D. Fixing the healthcare system																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
President Obama and the Democrats have a better plan	40%	40%	40%	45%	38%	35%	36%	56%	30%	26%	60%	10%	29%	35%	44%	34%	43%	30%	72%	48%	44%	35%	41%	39%	36%	46%
The Republicans have a better plan	15%	15%	15%	13%	21%	14%	14%	7%	24%	20%	7%	37%	13%	17%	14%	18%	14%	19%	6%	10%	11%	18%	19%	16%	13%	14%
Don't think either the Democrats or the Republicans currently have a good plan	38%	39%	37%	34%	35%	45%	39%	30%	41%	46%	27%	46%	50%	40%	36%	38%	38%	43%	15%	35%	36%	41%	37%	38%	42%	33%
Don't know/Refused	7%	6%	9%	8%	6%	6%	10%	7%	6%	9%	6%	6%	9%	8%	6%	10%	6%	8%	6%	7%	9%	6%	3%	7%	8%	7%
Q12. Which of the following two statements more closely matches your thinking about the economy? [CHOICES ROTATED]																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K-\$100K	\$100K+	Employed	Retired	Not employed
The current economic problems our country faces are temporary. I believe the country's economy is strong and we will as a people make adjustments to return us to financial health.	48%	48%	48%	56%	43%	46%	49%	52%	50%	42%	52%	35%	50%	48%	48%	53%	46%	46%	56%	48%	45%	49%	53%	50%	48%	43%
Unfortunately, I think our country's best economic days are behind us. I'm afraid the next generation will have to accept a lower standard of living.	47%	47%	47%	41%	52%	48%	46%	43%	46%	52%	43%	61%	44%	49%	45%	43%	49%	50%	38%	47%	52%	47%	42%	46%	46%	51%
Don't know/Refused	5%	5%	5%	3%	6%	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	6%	3%	7%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	3%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%

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Q14. (If not retired) How confident are you that when you retire, you will be able to maintain your current standard of living? Are you:																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income			Employment Status		
	Total	M	F	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+	Employed		Not employed
Very confident	20%	25%	16%	24%	20%	15%	19%	20%	19%	21%	19%	24%	12%	20%	21%	17%	23%	21%	24%	17%	18%	18%	28%	21%		19%
Somewhat confident	44%	42%	46%	43%	50%	38%	47%	49%	43%	39%	43%	41%	57%	44%	45%	48%	42%	42%	49%	40%	43%	41%	48%	44%		44%
Not very confident	17%	17%	18%	13%	16%	26%	16%	18%	20%	15%	19%	17%	14%	17%	18%	17%	18%	17%	10%	25%	18%	23%	12%	18%		17%
Not at all confident	16%	14%	17%	17%	12%	20%	9%	10%	17%	23%	19%	18%	15%	18%	14%	16%	16%	18%	17%	13%	20%	17%	12%	16%		15%
Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	9%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	6%	1%	2%	2%	1%		4%
Q15. (If retired) When you compare your standard of living today with how you lived before you retired, would you describe your standard of living as better, not as good or the same as before you retired?																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income					
	Total	M	F			50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+			
Better	23%	20%	25%			20%	21%	25%	25%	21%	22%	24%	24%	26%	20%	30%	23%	22%	37%	16%	18%	27%	27%			
Not as good	36%	38%	34%			40%	32%	34%	31%	39%	40%	26%	42%	40%	30%	50%	34%	36%	30%	51%	48%	35%	16%			
Same	40%	40%	39%			39%	46%	39%	44%	38%	37%	48%	33%	32%	50%	15%	42%	42%	29%	33%	33%	37%	58%			
Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	1%			1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	6%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	0%	0%			
Q16. (If retired) How confident are you that you will be able to maintain your standard of living at the same level as it is today throughout your retirement with the income that you now have? Are you:																										
	Gender			Age				Region			Party			Education		Children in HH		Ethnicity			Income					
	Total	M	F			50-64	65+	NYC	Subs	Upst	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Other	Less than college	College degree	Yes	No	White	Afr Amer /Black	Latino	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K	\$100K+			
Very confident	23%	23%	23%			14%	30%	23%	19%	26%	24%	25%	26%	23%	25%	25%	24%	22%	31%	14%	12%	36%	26%			
Somewhat confident	47%	47%	48%			59%	43%	47%	47%	47%	47%	46%	48%	45%	49%	35%	48%	50%	35%	51%	47%	43%	56%			
Not very confident	17%	17%	16%			15%	16%	16%	14%	18%	19%	10%	16%	16%	17%	21%	16%	15%	20%	30%	24%	13%	14%			
Not at all confident	10%	10%	10%			8%	9%	10%	17%	7%	7%	16%	7%	13%	6%	10%	10%	11%	6%	6%	14%	7%	4%			
Don't know/Refused	3%	2%	3%			4%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	8%	2%	1%	8%	0%	3%	2%	0%			

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<b>Nature of the Sample</b>	
<b>New York State Residents</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	48%
Female	52%
<b>Age</b>	
18 to 34	29%
35 to 49	26%
50 to 64	24%
65 and older	17%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
White	66%
African American/Black	12%
Latino	12%
<b>Education</b>	
Less than college degree	50%
College degree	49%
<b>Children in Household</b>	
Yes	34%
No	65%
<b>Employment Status</b>	
Employed	56%
Retired	26%
Not Employed	18%
<b>Region</b>	
NYC	43%
Suburbs	21%
Upstate	36%
<b>Party (Among Registered Voters)</b>	
Democrat	46%
Republican	23%
Independent/Other	25%
<b>Income</b>	
Less than \$50,000	32%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	31%
\$100,000 or more	24%