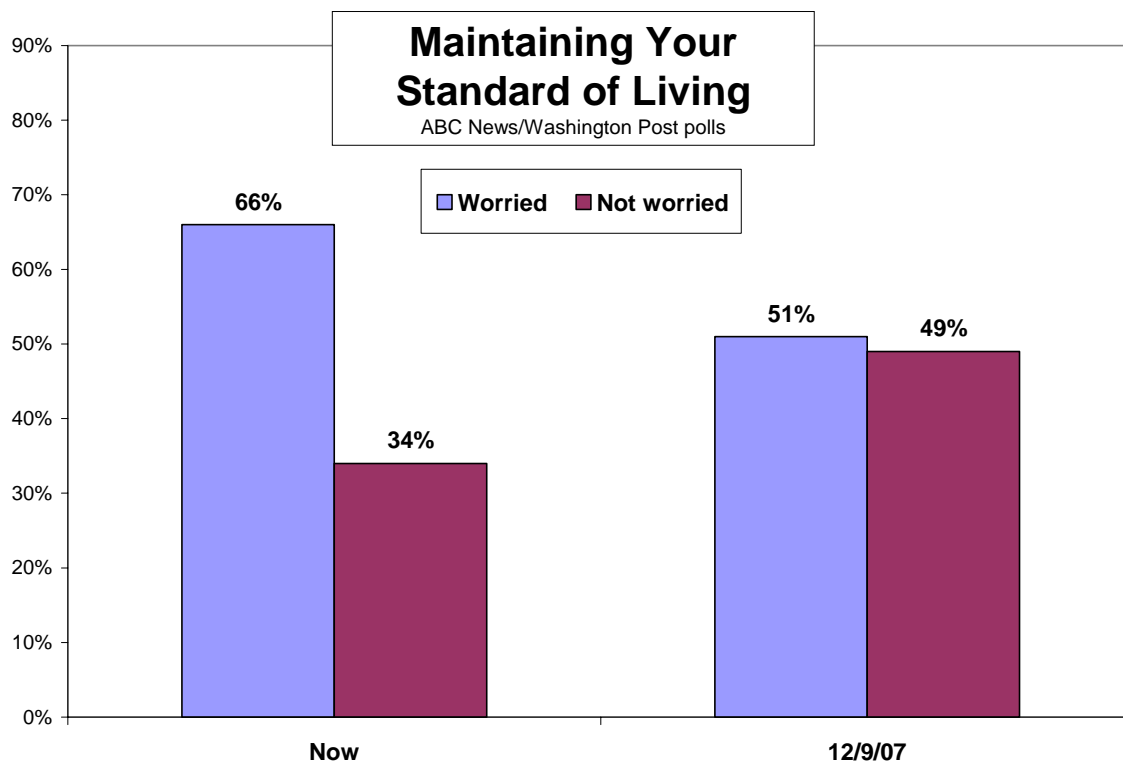


Recession's Toll is Written in Cutbacks, Layoffs and Worry

Across the country's kitchen tables, this recession is written in cutbacks, layoffs – and pure worry.

Job insecurity is its worst in 33 years of polls; holiday spending plans, their worst in data back 23 years. Americans report cuts in work hours and pay, and concerns about making the rent or mortgage, heating the house, paying for retirement. In all it's an extraordinary loss of confidence – with repercussions in families across economic and political lines.



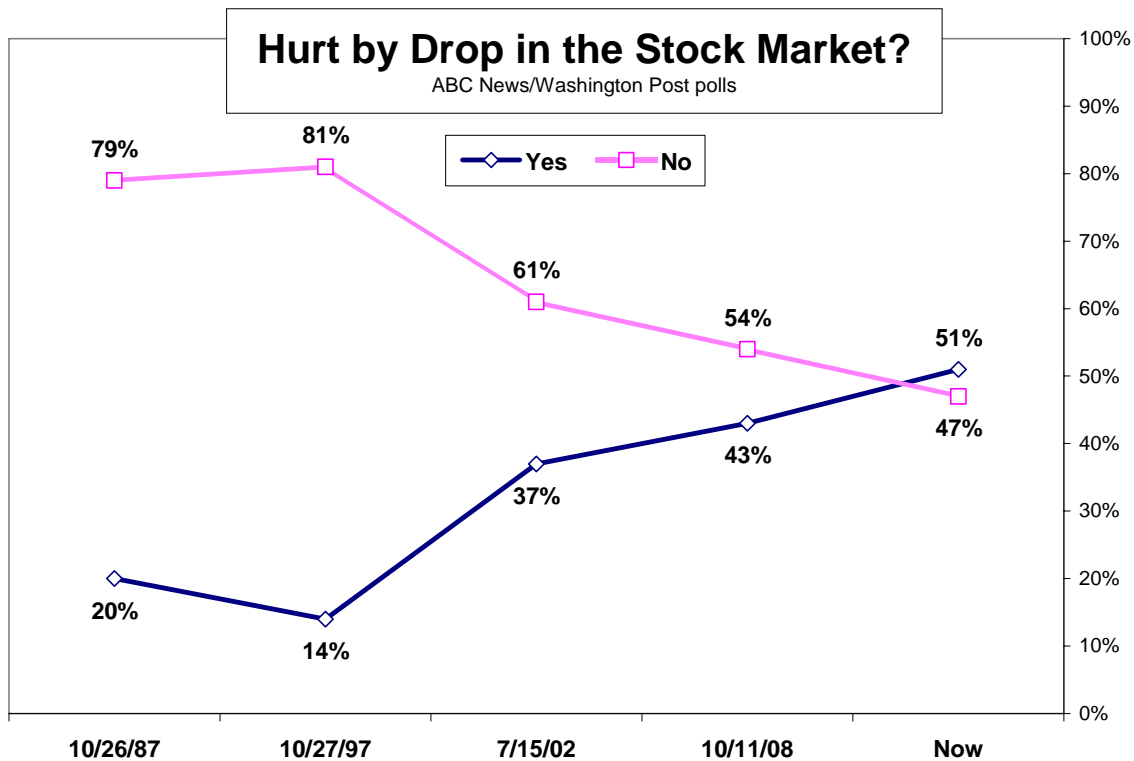
Sixty-three percent in this ABC News/Washington Post poll now think the country is in a “long-term economic decline,” up from 49 percent 10 months ago; just a third say the economic system is still “basically pretty solid.” And while economic distress tends to be greatest among lower-income Americans, the biggest increase in views of a long-term decline has been among the better-off, hammered by the stock market.

HURT – An identical 63 percent say they themselves have been hurt financially by this recession, 10 points higher than the damage in the recession of 1990-91. Three in 10 say they’ve been hurt “a great deal,” double what it was just after that recession 17 years ago.

Two-thirds of Americans are worried about maintaining their standard of living, up from 51 percent a year ago – nearly a 30 percent increase. One in four is “very” worried. On this, as in several measures, there’s an economic gender gap: Seventy-four percent of women are worried about maintaining their living standard, vs. 57 percent of men.

For many, these worries are more than theoretical: Twenty-seven percent – one in four – say they or someone in their household have had their pay or work hours cut in the last few months. Eighteen percent, nearly one in five, say someone in their household has lost a job lately.

Far more, 51 percent, say they’ve been hurt in the stock market rout – up from 43 percent just two months ago and more than half for the first time in ABC/Post polls dating to 1987. That soars to two-thirds of higher-income adults, who are more apt to have stock investments.



And fewer than half of Americans, 46 percent, are confident they’ll have enough money to retire, down from a high of 69 percent three years ago. Just 15 percent are now “very” confident they’ll have sufficient retirement income.

INSECURITY: JOBS AND MORE – Some have more immediate worries. Among people who are currently employed, 21 percent – one in five – are worried about getting laid off – nearly double what it was a year ago, and the most in polls dating back to 1975.

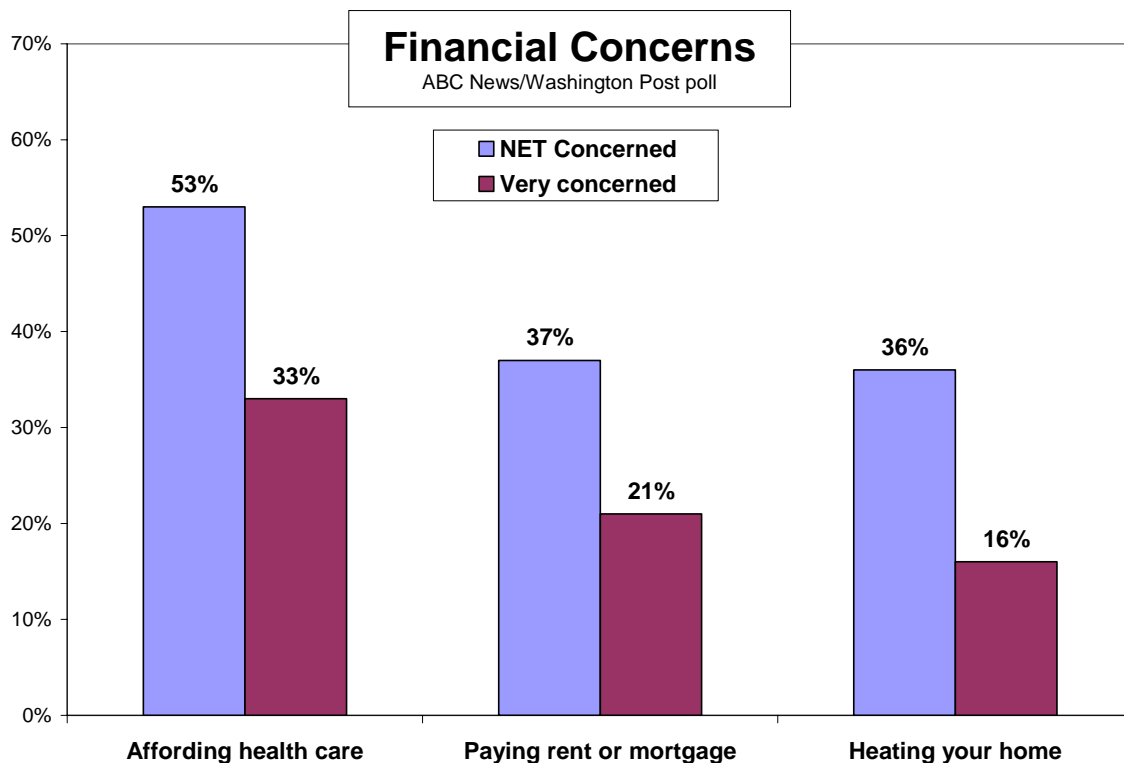
If they were to get laid off, moreover, nearly half, 47 percent, think it’s unlikely they could find another job as good – the most in polls back seven years. Of the rest, just 22 percent call it “very” likely they could get another job as good as the one they have now. That uncertainty peaks among older workers and people in union households.

But insecurity extends beyond employment. Examples:

-Fifty-three percent are concerned about being able to afford health care for themselves or a family member; a third are “very” worried. Concern jumps to 59 percent among women, compared with 46 percent of men. And it rises to 75 percent among lower-income Americans; a majority in this group is very worried.

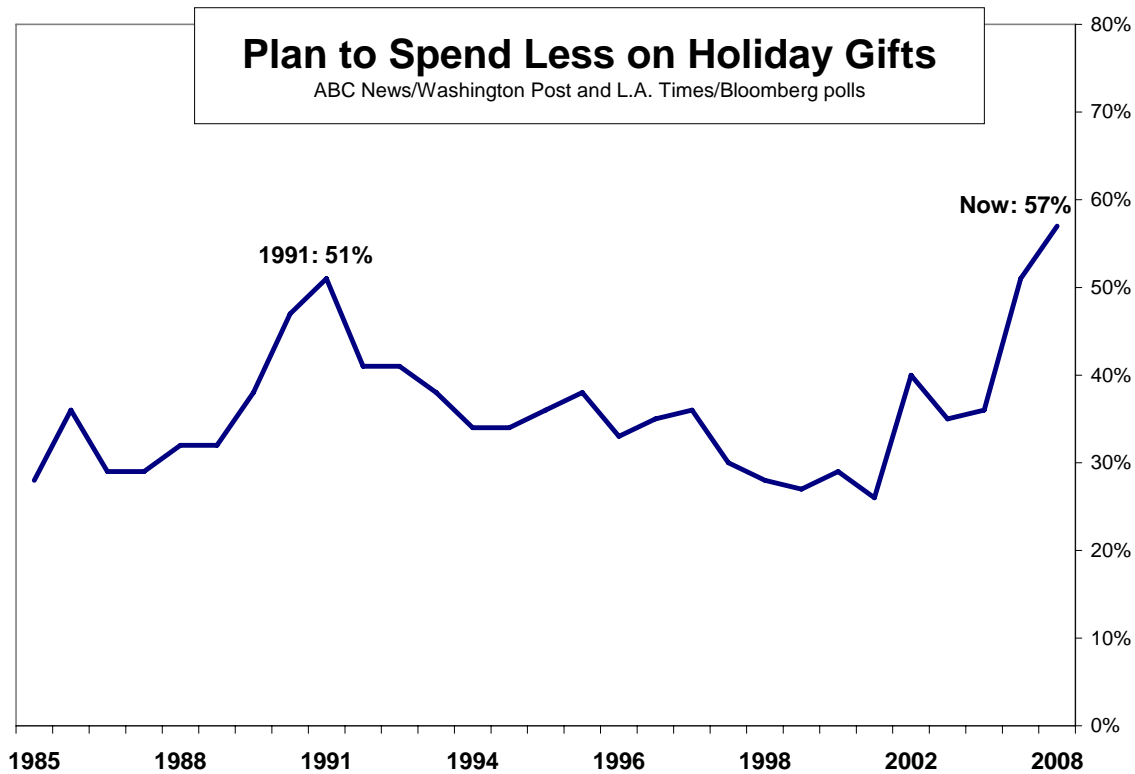
-Nearly four in 10 Americans, 36 percent, are concerned about being able to heat their homes this winter – 28 percent of men, but 44 percent of women, and soaring to 68 percent of the lowest-income Americans.

-Fifteen percent – one in seven – have fallen behind on rent or mortgage payments in the past year, nearly double what it was in the teeth of the 1990-91 recession. Looking ahead, many more – nearly four in 10 (37 percent) – are worried about being able to keep up with future rent or mortgage payments.



That concern is 10 points higher among women than men (42 vs. 32 percent), higher among younger adults (46 percent of those under age 40) and especially high among low-income Americans: Fifty-five percent of those with incomes under \$35,000 are worried about keeping up with their basic housing costs.

XMAS and BEYOND – Given these stresses, Christmas spending plans have weakened further, to their worst in polling since 1985. Fifty-seven percent of Americans now say they’ll spend less on holiday gifts this year than last. The closest in any previous year was 51 percent in 1991, when holiday sales were their worst in a generation.



Separately, the weekly ABC News Consumer Comfort Index is in the midst of its worst stretch since it began 23 years ago: Just 7 percent of Americans say the economy’s in good shape, 22 percent call it a good time to spend money and fewer than half, 44 percent, rate their personal finances positively.

There are signs, moreover, of potentially deeper problems ahead. Many of these measures are dramatically worse among members of households in which someone’s lost a job or had their pay or work hours cut – indicating that further contraction in employment or incomes would have a strongly negative effect on consumer attitudes.

People who report a layoff in their household, for instance, are nearly 30 points more likely than other Americans to say they’re cutting back on holiday spending – 81 percent vs. 52 percent. They’re nearly 30 points more apt to be “very worried” about maintaining

their standard of living and 35 points more likely to be “very concerned” about paying for health care. And 41 percent in this group report falling behind on their rent or mortgage payments. That compares with just 9 percent of those who haven’t been hit by a job loss.

POLICY and POLITICS – Barack Obama’s election hasn’t changed the basic dynamic; 82 percent still say the country is “seriously off on the wrong track,” 8 points shy of the record level in mid-October but still an astonishing number.

Asked the single biggest problem for Obama and the Congress to address, 66 percent cite economic issues – a huge level of agreement on an open-ended question. And while 55 percent say Obama’s off to a good start on the economy, for the first time in ABC/Post polling just over half don’t think there’s much he can do to improve it.

Obama does shine in comparison to George W. Bush: Just 24 percent approve of his handling of the economy; likewise just 23 percent approve of the overall federal response to the economic situation. And 69 percent don’t think the government has put in place adequate controls on how economic recovery money is being spent.

Looking ahead, two-thirds support a huge economic stimulus of construction projects and other programs, as Obama’s proposed. But support weakens considerably – to about an even split - if it’ll add to the federal budget deficit. And there’s doubt here, too, that sufficient spending controls will be put in place to avoid waste and fraud – suggesting the path to recovery, like the recession itself, could be an especially bumpy road.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Dec. 11-14, 2008, among a random national sample of 1,003 adults, including landline and cell-only respondents. Results for the full sample have a 3-point error margin; click [here](#) for a detailed description of sampling error. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, PA.

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Full results follow (*= less than 0.5 percent).

1. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opinion
12/14/08	15	82	3
10/25/08 LV	13	85	2
10/11/08 RV	8	90	2
9/22/08 RV	14	83	3
8/22/08	19	78	2
6/15/08	14	84	2

5/11/08		16	82	2
1/12/08		21	77	2
11/1/07		24	74	2
6/1/07		25	73	2
1/19/07		26	71	3
11/4/06	RV	39	59	2
10/22/06		30	68	2
10/8/06		32	66	2
5/15/06		29	69	2
11/2/05		30	68	2
10/24/04	LV	41	55	4
4/18/04		42	57	1
4/30/03		52	46	2
9/26/02		43	53	4
2/21/02		54	42	4
2/14/99		55	41	4
11/1/98		55	43	2
11/1/98	LV	55	44	1
8/21/98		57	40	4
7/12/98		50	45	6
4/4/98		55	41	4
1/31/98		61	34	5
1/30/98		61	34	5
1/19/98		44	50	6
8/27/97		39	57	4
6/8/97		37	60	3
3/9/97		34	62	4
10/17/96	RV	40	55	5
10/16/96	RV	42	53	5
10/15/96	RV	43	52	5
10/14/96	RV	44	51	5
10/13/96	RV	44	51	5
9/04/96	RV	40	54	6
8/21/96		28	67	5
6/30/96		26	70	5
3/17/96		27	70	3
1/21/96		27	66	6
1/3/96		21	77	3
4/5/95		23	73	3
1/4/95		27	68	6
10/31/94		27	69	4
7/20/94		26	70	4
3/27/94		28	69	3
1/23/94		31	60	10
11/14/93		25	69	6
8/8/93		26	71	3
6/20/93		26	71	3
4/26/93		27	71	2
3/11/93		36	57	7
2/28/93		37	59	4
1/17/93		31	63	6
12/14/92		35	60	5
10/27/92	RV	22	76	2
10/4/92	RV	18	78	4
6/7/92		14	83	3
4/9/92		16	81	3
3/11/92		18	79	4
1/15/92		19	78	3
11/10/91		24	72	4
10/29/91		26	71	3
8/27/91		31	60	9
7/28/91		30	67	3
6/2/91		39	57	4

4/9/91	42	51	7
2/26/91	58	39	3
1/27/91	49	48	4
10/14/90	19	79	2
9/9/90	36	60	4
8/20/90	35	60	5
7/24/90	37	60	2
5/21/90	39	60	2
3/26/90	44	53	2
2/4/90	49	48	3
1/16/90	48	49	3
5/23/89	42	55	3
3/16/89	46	52	2
1/16/89 LV	51	46	3
10/25/88 RV	49	46	6
9/27/88	48	44	8
7/11/88	40	56	4
5/25/88	35	59	6
3/21/88	40	56	4
1/23/88	39	59	2
12/13/87	49	47	4
12/2/87	35	61	4
9/23/87	43	54	4
6/29/87	35	62	3
4/13/87	37	60	3
3/9/87	38	58	4
1/18/87	39	56	5
9/8/86	50	48	2
1/26/86	45	47	8
7/29/85	52	43	6
1/16/85	59	36	4
5/22/84	47	48	5
12/13/83	43	51	6
11/7/83	51	44	5
4/12/83	41	54	4
3/2/83	43	53	3
1/25/83	58	39	3
1/25/83	43	52	4
10/11/82	35	57	8
1/30/82	39	56	5
2/80*	20	70	10
2/78	34	53	13
2/77	41	44	14
10/75	19	71	9
10/74	15	75	11
10/73	16	74	10

*2/80 and previous: Roper

2 previously released.

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling the economy?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/14/08	24	8	17	73	18	54	3
9/29/08	22	7	16	74	17	57	3
4/13/08	28	NA	NA	70	NA	NA	3
2/1/08	30	14	16	67	18	50	3
1/12/08	28	NA	NA	69	NA	NA	3
12/9/07	34	"	"	63	"	"	3
9/30/07	37			61			3
6/1/07	40			57			3

4/15/07	40			59			1
2/25/07	43			55			2
1/19/07	41			57			2
12/11/06	43			55			2
10/8/06	41			56			2
8/6/06	39			59			2
6/25/06	38			61			1
5/15/06	38			60			2
4/9/06	40	20	21	59	18	41	1
3/5/06	48	NA	NA	51	NA	NA	1
1/26/06	46	"	"	52	"	"	1
12/18/05	47			52			1
11/2/05	36			61			3
9/11/05	40			58			2
8/28/05	44			54			3
6/5/05	40			58			2
4/24/05	40			57			3
3/13/05	43			55			2
1/16/05	46			52			2
12/19/04	46			51			3
9/26/04	RV			50			4
8/29/04	RV			52			3
7/25/04				50			3
6/20/04				53			1
5/23/04				54			2
4/18/04				54			2
3/7/04				59			1
2/11/04				54			2
1/18/04				47			2
12/21/03				44			5
11/16/03				49			3
10/29/03				53			2
10/13/03				52			2
9/13/03				56			3
9/7/03				51			5
8/11/03				51			5
7/10/03				49			4
4/30/03				45			3
2/9/03				49			4
2/1/03				52			4
1/28/03				49			4
1/27/03				47			5
1/20/03				53			4
1/5/03				43			7
12/15/02				46			4
11/4/02	LV			45			2
11/3/02	LV			46			2
11/2/02	LV			43			2
10/27/02				43			6
9/26/02				47			3
9/8/02				40			4
7/28/02				39			4
7/15/02				38			3
4/21/02				33			3
1/27/02				34			4
12/19/01				27			6
11/6/01				23			5
9/9/01				48			4
7/30/01				45			3
6/3/01				41			6
4/22/01				38			7
3/25/01				42			8

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the federal government's overall response to the economic situation?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/14/08	23	4	19	72	26	47	4

5-6 previously released.

7. What would you say is the one most important problem you would like to see Obama and the Congress deal with next year?

	12/14/08	Compare to: Bush	
		12/11/06	12/18/05
Economy NET:	66	16	19
Economy	55	10	15
Jobs/Unemployment	8	3	2
Gasoline prices/Energy prices	1	3	2
Housing/Mortgages	1	NA	NA
Stock market/Wall Street	*	NA	NA
Banking/Insurance/Credit problems	*	NA	NA
Iraq/War in Iraq	9	44	32
Health care	6	6	11
Immigration	1	5	6
Terrorism/War on terrorism/			
Homeland security	2	4	5
Education	1	4	3
Medicare	*	1	3
Social Security	*	2	3
Taxes	1	2	2
Federal budget deficit	1	*	1
Environment	1	1	1
Poverty/Homelessness/Hunger	2	2	1
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption in			
government	1	2	1
Crime/Drugs	*	1	1
Prescription drug benefits	*	*	*
Global warming/Greenhouse effect	*	1	*
Foreign policy	*	NA	NA
Abortion	1	NA	NA
Morals/Family values	1	NA	NA
None	0	0	1
Other	4	6	6
No opinion	2	4	3

8. When it comes to dealing with the economy, would you say Obama has gotten off to a good start, a bad start or what?

	Good start	Bad start	In between	No start	No
			(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
12/14/08	55	10	8	17	10

Compare to:

Bill Clinton:					
4/26/93	44	43	9	3	1
2/7/93	34	28	9	23	6

9. How much do you think Obama will be able to do to improve the economy - a great deal, a good amount, only some or not much at all?

	- Grt deal/Good amt-			-- Some/Not much/Nothing --				
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Only some	Not much	Nothing (vol.)	No opinion
12/14/08	46	15	30	52	38	14	*	2
11/23/08	44	24	20	49	27	22	1	6
11/3/08* LV	50	25	25	48	23	22	2	2

*"If elected, how much do you think Obama could do to improve the economy"

10. Would you support or oppose new federal spending of up to 700 billion dollars on construction projects and other programs to try to stimulate the economy? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/14/08	65	37	28	32	13	18	3

10a. (IF SUPPORT SPENDING) What if that increases the federal budget deficit - in that case would you support or oppose this spending?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
12/14/08	69	28	3

10/10a NET

	Support	----- Oppose -----		No opinion
	NET	At first	Now do	
12/14/08	47	50	32	18
				3

11. How concerned, if at all, are you about the size of the federal budget deficit - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not concerned at all?

	--- Concerned ---			--- Not concerned ---			No
	NET	Very	Smwt	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
12/14/08	86	49	37	13	9	5	*

12a. How confident are you that the federal government has put in place adequate controls to avoid waste and fraud in the use of federal money in the economic recovery effort? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	----- Confident -----			----- Not confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
12/14/08	30	4	26	69	32	37	1

Compare to:

"...hurricane relief effort":

9/11/05	44	7	37	54	30	24	2
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12b. How confident are you that the federal government will put in place adequate controls to avoid waste and fraud in the use of federal money in the

economic recovery effort? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	----- Confident -----			----- Not confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
12/14/08	46	6	40	54	29	24	*

13-17 held for release.

18. Do you think the United States is in a long-term economic decline, or do you think the country's economic system is basically pretty solid?

	Long-term decline	Basically pretty solid	No opinion
12/14/08	63	34	3
2/1/08	49	47	4
5/6/96	46	51	3

19. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
12/14/08	56	23	3	15	3
5/11/08	53	32	2	10	2
10/8/06	54	35	2	7	2
9/7/06	47	38	1	10	4
6/25/06	48	38	1	10	3
5/15/06	50	36	1	11	3
4/9/06	51	37	1	9	2
3/5/06	42	40	2	14	2
1/26/06	51	37	1	8	3
12/18/05	47	42	1	8	2
11/2/05	49	37	3	9	3
6/5/05	46	41	1	9	2
8/11/03	39	40	3	10	7
12/15/02	41	44	2	11	2
10/27/02 LV	39	51	2	5	2
9/26/02	39	46	3	8	4
7/15/02	42	45	2	7	4
1/27/02	40	44	3	10	4
4/22/01	47	40	4	7	3
7/23/00	42	42	2	9	6
9/2/99	45	39	4	9	4
6/6/99	45	35	3	13	5
3/14/99	47	37	5	9	3
2/14/99	48	37	4	7	4
10/18/98	44	36	3	12	6
9/28/98	49	38	2	8	3
8/21/98	48	36	4	9	3
7/12/98	45	38	3	8	6
1/31/98	47	37	4	6	7
1/19/98	45	42	2	7	4
7/8/97	44	37	2	14	3
9/15/96 RV	45	38	3	11	3
8/5/96	43	38	3	11	3
6/30/96	46	37	3	12	3
5/22/96	47	38	3	10	3
11/6/94 RV	41	39	2	12	6
10/31/94	43	43	2	8	4
10/23/94	39	40	3	15	3

9/11/94	43	40	4	11	3
6/26/94	41	36	3	14	5
2/27/94	46	32	4	16	3
11/14/93	42	39	3	11	4
1/17/93	49	28	5	13	5
7/8/92	48	38	1	8	4
6/7/92	43	37	3	11	6
3/11/92	45	37	1	11	5
3/8/92	51	36	1	7	5
2/2/92	49	39	2	7	3
12/15/91	39	37	3	15	6
10/21/91	39	40	3	13	5
6/2/91	37	42	5	10	6
3/4/91	34	47	5	9	5
11/4/90 LV	42	40	3	11	4
10/14/90	46	41	1	8	4
5/21/90	41	45	3	8	2
1/16/90	38	50	3	6	3
8/21/89	42	43	4	9	2
10/10/88 RV	45	45	1	4	5
8/17/88	40	43	2	8	8
8/14/88	47	36	1	11	5
7/20/88	51	36	1	7	6
7/17/88	43	39	1	10	7
5/25/88	45	40	2	7	7
5/21/88	45	42	1	7	4
1/23/88	43	44	1	9	2
12/17/87	49	39	1	6	5
10/19/87	44	43	2	8	3
6/1/87	47	41	3	6	3
3/9/87	47	38	3	9	3
1/18/87	46	38	3	8	6
9/8/86	38	47	2	8	5
6/23/86	41	46	2	8	4
3/24/86	40	46	NA	8	7
2/12/86	40	46	2	8	5
10/28/85	37	45	NA	11	7
9/23/85	39	45	NA	10	6
7/29/85	41	43	NA	10	6
6/22/85	36	47	10	NA	6
2/26/85	40	52	5	NA	3
1/16/85	33	49	11	NA	7
7/8/84	44	43	9	NA	5
5/22/84	41	40	12	NA	7
2/15/84	41	45	8	NA	6
1/17/84	42	37	11	NA	10
12/13/83	38	38	14	NA	10
8/1/83	45	36	9	2	8
10/11/82	44	38	10	NA	9
9/13/82	45	37	10	NA	8

20. Do you think the country's current financial situation is a crisis, a serious problem but not a crisis, a problem but not a serious one, or not much of a problem at all?

	----- Problem -----			----- Not a problem -----			
	NET	Crisis	Serious problem	NET	Not serious problem	Not much of a problem	No opin.
12/14/08	90	54	36	10	7	3	*
9/29/08 RV	94	52	43	5	4	*	1

21-23 previously released.

24. Would you say this recession has hurt you financially, or not? (IF YES) Is that a great deal or only somewhat?

	----- Hurt -----				
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	Not hurt	No opinion
12/14/08	63	30	34	36	*
6/2/91	53	16	37	46	1

25. How concerned are you about being able to maintain your current standard of living - are you very worried, somewhat worried, not so worried or not worried at all?

	---- Worried ----			---- Not worried ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Smwt	NET	Not so	At all	
12/14/08	66	24	42	34	17	16	*
5/11/08	68	28	40	32	16	15	*
12/9/07	51	17	34	49	22	27	*

26. Compared to last year, would you say this Christmas you will spend more, less, or about the same on presents for friends and family? (IF MORE/LESS) Will you be spending a lot (MORE/LESS) or a little (MORE/LESS)?

	----- More -----			----- Less -----			No opin./ Don't celebrate (vol.)	
	NET	A lot	A little	NET	A little	A lot	Same	
12/14/08	7	4	3	57	23	34	34	1
11/16/08	8	4	5	51	19	31	37	3
11/18/07	14	6	7	36	16	19	48	2
12/11/06*	15	4	11	35	16	19	49	1

	More	Less	Same	No opinion/ Don't celebrate (vol.)
12/14/08	7	57	34	1
11/16/08	8	51	37	3
11/18/07	14	36	48	2
12/11/06*	15	35	49	1
12/15/02*	15	40	44	1
9/14/01*	11	26	59	4
11/7/99	15	29	54	2
12/5/98	16	27	55	2
10/25/98	19	28	52	1
11/9/97	17	30	52	1
10/12/97	18	36	36	9
12/8/96	14	35	48	3
10/13/96	11	33	55	1
11/26/95	13	38	48	1
10/15/95	13	36	50	1
11/27/94	15	34	48	2
10/16/94	14	34	51	1
10/17/93	14	38	47	0
11/29/92	10	41	47	3
10/18/92	12	41	45	1
11/24/91*	13	51	35	1
10/20/91	11	47	40	1
10/21/90	14	38	45	2
10/22/89	20	32	47	2
10/30/88	16	32	51	0
12/17/87	25	29	45	1
10/26/87	17	29	53	1
11/30/86	17	36	46	0

12/17/85 25 28 45 3
 * Trend from LA Times/Bloomberg "this holiday season"

27. At any time within the last 12 months did you fall behind in paying your rent or mortgage?

	Yes	No	No opinion
12/14/08	15	85	1
1/4/05*	7	93	0
2/91	9	91	0

*2005 and previous: General Social Survey

28. How concerned are you, if at all, about [ITEM] - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about this?

12/14/08 - Summary Table

	--- Concerned ---			--- Not concerned ---			Not apply	No
	NET	Very	Smwt	NET	Not so	At all	(vol)	op.
a. Being unable to afford necessary health care when a family member gets sick	53	33	20	46	17	29	1	*
c. Being able to heat your home this winter	36	16	20	63	20	43	1	*
d. Not having enough money to pay your rent or mortgage	37	21	16	57	16	41	5	*

29. How confident are you that you will retire with enough income and assets to last for the rest of your life - would you say you're very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	----- Confident -----			----- Not Confident -----			Retired	No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	(vol.)	opin.
12/14/08	46	15	31	48	22	26	6	*
10/11/08	44	10	34	49	25	24	7	1
10/16/05	69	30	39	28	16	13	2	*
7/15/02	55	18	37	40	21	18	5	0
7/15/01	68	33	35	23	10	12	7	2
7/4/99	54	21	33	39	21	18	6	0
7/21/96	45	16	29	47	25	21	7	1

30. In the last few months have you or has anyone living in your household [ITEM]?

12/14/08 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. been laid off or lost their job	18	82	*
b. had work hours or pay cut	27	73	*

31. (IF EMPLOYED) Thinking about the next 12 months, how likely do you think it is that you will lose your job or be laid off - very likely, fairly likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

----- Likely ----- ----- Not Likely ----- No

	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	At all	opinion
12/14/08	21	10	11	78	30	48	1
4/5/07*	12	4	8	88	31	57	*
4/13/06	10	3	7	89	32	57	*
9/22/01	13	7	6	87	25	62	*
4/8/01	12	5	7	88	36	52	*
12/6/98	12	5	7	87	27	60	1
6/29/97	9	3	6	89	26	63	2
4/10/96	14	5	9	85	34	51	1
12/6/93	12	5	7	86	27	59	2
10/91	14	6	8	85	26	59	1
7/91	15	5	10	84	25	59	1
3/91	12	5	7	87	22	65	1
10/90	16	7	9	83	21	62	1
7/90	12	6	6	86	24	62	2
2/89	12	4	8	88	35	53	*
4/83	16	8	8	81	26	55	4
11/82	19	9	10	77	29	48	4
6/82	15	8	7	81	27	54	4
1/82	15	5	10	82	25	57	3
9/80	15	6	9	84	24	60	2
5/80	14	6	8	84	24	60	2
11/79	11	3	8	84	18	66	4
10/76	12	6	6	85	21	64	3
4/75	12	4	8	85	22	63	3
1/75	15	5	10	81	27	54	4

*2007 and previous: Gallup

32. (IF EMPLOYED) If you were to lose your job, how likely is it that you would find another job just as good as the one you have now - very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

	----- Likely -----			----- Not Likely -----			No
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Not very	At all	opinion
12/14/08	53	22	31	47	23	23	1
4/5/07*	64	34	30	36	21	15	1
4/13/06	60	29	31	39	23	16	1
4/8/01	70	37	33	30	23	7	*
2/11/01	64	35	29	35	24	11	1

*2007 and previous: Gallup

33. Have you or anyone in your immediate family been hurt financially by the recent sharp drop in stock prices, or not? IF YES: Have you or they been hurt financially A GREAT DEAL or ONLY SOMEWHAT?

	----- Hurt -----			Not	Too soon	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	hurt	(vol.)	opinion
12/14/08	51	24	27	47	1	1
10/11/08	43	16	27	54	1	3
7/15/02	37	NA	NA	61	1	1
10/27/97	14	"	"	81	4	1
10/26/87	20			79	*	1

34-40 previously released.

END