

The logo consists of two parts. The top part is a grey rectangular box containing the text 'CNN | ORC' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The 'CNN' is in a stylized, rounded font, followed by a vertical bar and 'ORC'. The bottom part is a black rectangular box containing the word 'POLL' in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

Interviews with 1,017 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 24-25, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 927 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The sample includes 805 interviews among landline respondents and 212 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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14. Do you think the economy is now in a recession, or not?
 15. (IF YES:) Do you think we are in a mild recession, or a moderate recession, or a serious recession?

QUESTIONS 14 AND 15 COMBINED

	Aug. 24-25 <u>2011</u>	Sept. 21-23 <u>2010</u>	June 16 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>
Serious recession	35%	33%	33%	36%	42%
Moderate recession	34%	29%	35%	35%	35%
Mild recession	13%	12%	11%	13%	10%
Not in a recession (from Q.14)	18%	25%	21%	16%	13%
No opinion	*	1%	1%	*	1%

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u>	June 26-29 <u>2008</u>	Mar. 14-16 <u>2008*</u>
Serious recession	36%	42%	32%	27%	29%
Moderate recession	39%	35%	30%	29%	29%
Mild recession	12%	12%	14%	19%	16%
Not in a recession	12%	10%	23%	25%	25%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%

*Asked of half sample

LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL TRENDS

	Serious	Moderate	Mild	None		Serious	Moderate	Mild	None
2003 Apr 22-23**	10	25	21	41	1993 Sep 25-28	29	27	16	24
2002 Dec 12-15	13	24	24	35	1993 Jun 12-14	25	27	18	26
2002 Aug 22-25	11	23	25	36	1993 Feb 18-19	25	25	15	30
2002 Jan 31-Feb 2	18	34	29	15	1993 Jan 14-17	27	27	17	25
2001 Sep 13-14	9	19	23	41	1992 Oct 24-26	46	30	12	9
1997 Sep 6-9	7	16	12	59	1992 Oct 2-5	45	26	15	11
1997 Feb 5-6	6	14	13	62	1992 Aug 20-21	45	27	16	9
1996 Oct 24-27	12	15	16	52	1992 Aug 12-14	45	31	13	8
1996 Sep 7-10	8	14	16	53	1992 Jul 7-9	42	33	12	10
1996 Aug 3-6	11	15	19	47	1992 Mar 27-29	35	31	18	13
1995 Jun 9-11	12	20	21	39	1992 Jan 31-Feb 2	41	34	14	8
1995 Mar 15-19	13	18	20	45	1991 Nov 21-24	33	35	17	12
1994 Jul 23-26	16	20	17	41	1991 Sep 21-25	30	33	19	14
1994 Apr 16-19	12	22	17	44	1991 Jun 28-30	32	33	18	14
1994 Jan 15-19	20	20	18	37	1991 Mar 9-11	21	38	29	9
1993 Dec 4-7	22	26	18	29	1991 Feb 15-17	23	33	28	13

**003 results from CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll

16. Which do you think should be more important for the Obama administration: (RANDOM ORDER)

	Aug. 24-25 <u>2011</u>	July 16-21 <u>2010*</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>
Reduce deficit even if unemployment remains high	30%	25%	25%
Create more jobs even if it means less deficit reduction	68%	74%	74%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%

*Asked of a half sample.

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 Question 14
 Do you think the economy is in a recession, or not?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
Yes	82%	79%	84%	84%	76%			
No	18%	21%	16%	16%	24%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0			
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Yes	82%	77%	89%	81%	78%	83%	80%	
No	18%	23%	11%	19%	21%	17%	20%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Yes	82%	81%	81%	85%	79%			
No	18%	19%	18%	15%	21%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Yes	82%	74%	81%	91%	80%	77%	87%	
No	18%	26%	18%	8%	20%	22%	12%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	
	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes	82%	83%	85%	79%	80%	80%	84%	81%
No	18%	16%	15%	21%	20%	20%	16%	19%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Yes	82%	88%	85%	70%				
No	18%	11%	15%	29%				
No opinion	*	1%	*	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5				

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 14/15

Q14. Do you think the economy is in a recession, or not?

Q15. Do you think we are in a mild recession, or a moderate recession, or a serious recession?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Yes, mild	13%	16%	10%	13%	12%
Yes, moderate	34%	30%	38%	37%	28%
Yes, serious	35%	33%	36%	34%	35%
No, not in recession	18%	21%	16%	16%	24%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Yes, mild	13%	12%	17%	11%	10%	15%	11%
Yes, moderate	34%	40%	35%	32%	29%	37%	31%
Yes, serious	35%	26%	37%	39%	39%	31%	39%
No, not in recession	18%	23%	11%	19%	21%	17%	20%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes, mild	13%	12%	12%	14%	12%
Yes, moderate	34%	32%	37%	34%	34%
Yes, serious	35%	37%	32%	37%	32%
No, not in recession	18%	19%	18%	15%	21%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, mild	13%	12%	12%	14%	12%	13%	14%
Yes, moderate	34%	37%	35%	30%	35%	37%	31%
Yes, serious	35%	25%	34%	47%	34%	28%	42%
No, not in recession	18%	26%	18%	8%	20%	22%	12%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, mild	13%	13%	17%	11%	11%	10%	15%	12%
Yes, moderate	34%	40%	33%	30%	36%	41%	31%	33%
Yes, serious	35%	31%	34%	38%	33%	28%	38%	35%
No, not in recession	18%	16%	15%	21%	20%	20%	16%	19%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Yes, mild	13%	10%	14%	12%
Yes, moderate	34%	33%	34%	36%
Yes, serious	35%	46%	37%	22%
No, not in recession	18%	11%	15%	29%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 16

Which do you think should be more important for the Obama administration...

Reducing the deficit, even if unemployment might remain high

Creating more jobs, even if it might mean less deficit reduction

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reducing deficit	30%	33%	27%	32%	23%
Create jobs	68%	64%	72%	66%	76%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reducing deficit	30%	36%	26%	31%	22%	31%	28%
Create jobs	68%	63%	73%	67%	73%	68%	70%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reducing deficit	30%	25%	35%	26%	33%
Create jobs	68%	74%	63%	72%	66%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reducing deficit	30%	16%	32%	44%	15%	24%	44%
Create jobs	68%	83%	66%	54%	84%	75%	53%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reducing deficit	30%	24%	32%	29%	36%	35%	26%	30%
Create jobs	68%	74%	65%	70%	63%	63%	73%	67%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Reducing deficit	30%	50%	26%	18%
Create jobs	68%	48%	72%	81%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%