



PRRI/RNS November 2011 Survey
November 10 – 14, 2011
N = 1,002

ROTATE Q1 & Q2

Thinking about political movements in the country today...

Q.1 Would you say the Tea Party movement shares your values, or not?

29	Yes, shares my values
57	No, does not share my values
3	Haven't heard about (VOL.)
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

And...

Q.2 Would you say the Occupy Wall Street movement shares your values, or not?

29	Yes, shares my values
56	No, does not share my values
5	Haven't heard about (VOL.)
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ROTATE Q3 & Q4

Q.3 All in all, do you think the Tea Party movement is a good thing for society, a bad thing for society, or do you think the Tea Party movement doesn't matter one way or the other?

32	Good thing
19	Bad thing
38	Doesn't matter
3	Haven't heard about (VOL.)
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

And...

Q.4 All in all, do you think the Occupy Wall Street movement is a good thing for society, a bad thing for society, or do you think the Occupy Wall Street movement doesn't matter one way or the other?

32	Good thing
18	Bad thing
39	Doesn't matter
3	Haven't heard about (VOL.)
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 Do you think the gap between the rich and poor has gotten larger, gotten smaller or stayed about the same over the last 20 years?

79	Gotten larger
4	Gotten smaller
14	Stayed about the same
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 Do you think the American Dream--that if you work hard you'll get ahead--still holds true, never held true, or once held true but does not anymore?

44	Still holds true
6	Never held true
48	Once held true, but not anymore
*	Other (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.7 Now I am going to read you a series of statements on some different topics. For each statement, please tell me if you completely agree with it, mostly agree with it, mostly DISagree with it or completely disagree with it. The first one is...

[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE.] Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely disagree?

a. Poor people have become too dependent on government assistance programs

42	Completely agree
29	Mostly agree
16	Mostly disagree
11	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. The government should do more to reduce the gap between the rich and poor

40	Completely agree
27	Mostly agree
15	Mostly disagree
16	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. In order to reduce the deficit, it's fair to ask wealthier Americans to pay a greater percentage in taxes than the middle class or those less well off

40	Completely agree
28	Mostly agree
15	Mostly disagree
15	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Churches and clergy have not provided enough moral leadership on the country's most pressing economic problems

20	Completely agree
26	Mostly agree
28	Mostly disagree
17	Completely disagree
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Do you think the government should do more to help students pay for college and pay off student loan debt, or should the government not do this?

66	Yes, should
32	No, should not
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Thinking about the nation's budget deficit...

Q.9 Please tell me if you would favor or oppose each of the following to help reduce the nation's budget deficit. First, do you favor or oppose **[INSERT; RANDOMMIZE]**? What about... **[INSERT NEXT]**?

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=495]:

a. Cutting federal funding for social programs that help the poor

28	Favor
67	Oppose
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=507]:

b. Cutting federal funding for religious organizations that help the poor

29	Favor
66	Oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

c. Increasing taxes on Americans making at least one million dollars per year

69	Favor
28	Oppose
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Eliminating tax breaks for large corporations

57	Favor
39	Oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Cutting funding for the military

23	Favor
74	Oppose
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding

Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between November 10, 2011 and November 14, 2011 by professional interviewers under the direction of Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS). Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,002 adults 18 years of age or older in the continental United States (301 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone).

The final sample was weighted to six different parameters—age, race, sex, geographic region, education and telephone usage¹—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the total adult population.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.0 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

¹ Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types and the frequency with which they use each type.