



Third Way Economy poll

6/19/10 - 6/22/10
1100 Likely Voters

C3. CODE REGION

Northeast	17%
Midwest	26%
South	35%
West	22%

C4. CODE GENDER:

MALE	47%
FEMALE	53%

S1. Are you 18 years or older and registered to vote?

Yes	100%
No	.
Don't know	.

S2. This November, there will be a general election in your state for Congress and other offices. While it is a long way off, how likely are you to vote in this election?

Absolutely certain	60%
Very likely	29%
Possibly	11%
Not very likely	.
Not at all likely	.
Dont know	.

S3. Do you or does anyone in your household work in any of the following industries?

Advertising	1%
Journalism or the media	.
Computers	3%
Politics	.
NONE OF THE ABOVE	96%

S4. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat, weak Democrat, strong Republican, weak Republican, or an Independent or unaffiliated voter?

Strong Democrat	28%
Weak Democrat	6%
Strong Republican	23%
Weak Republican	6%
Independent/unaffiliated	33%
Don't know	3%
DEMOCRAT	35%
REPUBLICAN	29%
INDEPENDENT	37%

Q1. Do you generally think that things in the Nation are headed in the right direction or are they on the wrong track?

Right direction	30%
Wrong track	58%
Dont know	12%

Now I am going to read the names of some people and organizations in public life. For each one, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of that person or organization. If you don't recognize them, just say so. Here's the first one.

	Very Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Unfav	Very Unfav	No Opn	Not Heard	NET-Fav	NET-Unfav	NET-Other
Q2. Barack Obama.	27%	26%	16%	29%	2%	0%	53%	45%	2%
Q3. George Bush.	14%	32%	20%	30%	3%	1%	46%	51%	3%
Q3A. The Tea Party Movement.	17%	26%	12%	22%	14%	9%	43%	34%	23%

Q4. If the election for Congress was held tomorrow, are you more likely to vote for... [READ CHOICES 1-2, 2-1]?

The Republican candidate	42%
The Democratic candidate	39%
A candidate from another party	2%
Don't Know	18%

Q5. How would you rate the state of the U.S. economy right now?

Excellent	1%
Good	7%
Just fair	32%
Poor	59%
Don't know	1%
EXCELLENT/GOOD	8%
FAIR/POOR	92%

Q6. Which is closer to your view of the U.S. in the next five years?

America will bounce back - we always do	58%
America may never get back to what we once were	36%
Don't know	7%

Q7. Generally speaking, who is more responsible for the recent economic recession?

President Barack Obama	26%
President George W. Bush	53%
Don't know	21%

Q8. Generally speaking, who is more responsible for the recent economic recession?

President Barack Obama	13%
President George W. Bush	20%
Big banks and Wall Street	34%
American consumers who lived beyond their means	24%
Don't know	9%

Q9. Thinking about the future, whose economic ideas are best for the country? [READ CHOICES 1-2, 2-1. DO NOT ACCEPT "ALL OF THE ABOVE" AS AN ANSWER]

Barack Obama's	46%
George W. Bush's	32%
Don't know	22%

Q10. How would you rate the financial situation of your household right now?

Excellent	9%
Good	43%
Just fair	35%
Poor	12%
Don't know	1%
EXCELLENT/GOOD	52%
FAIR/POOR	47%

Which, if any, of the following do you think is likely to happen to you or someone in your household over the next twelve months?

	Very Lkly	Smwt Lkly	Smwt Unlkly	Very Unlkly	Don't Knkow	NET-Lkly	NET-Unlkly
Q11. Lose a job because of the economy.	9%	15%	18%	51%	7%	24%	69%
Q12. Skip a mortgage or rental payment because you can't afford it.	5%	6%	14%	73%	3%	10%	87%
Q13. Earn a raise, get a promotion, or find a new job.	14%	22%	14%	43%	7%	36%	57%
Q14. Fall far behind on your credit card bills.	6%	8%	14%	69%	3%	14%	83%
Q15. Take a vacation.	38%	20%	15%	26%	0%	58%	41%
Q16. Collect unemployment.	11%	8%	13%	66%	2%	18%	80%
Q17. Go more than one month without health insurance.	11%	5%	11%	71%	1%	16%	82%
Q18. Put away some money for college, retirement, vacation, or a rainy day just about every month.	39%	21%	12%	27%	2%	60%	38%
Q19. Give to charity.	52%	24%	7%	15%	2%	77%	22%
Q20. Make a big purchase, such as a car, major appliance or home.	12%	15%	16%	57%	1%	27%	72%

Q21. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

Most Americans who live beyond their means have made poor personal choices, like buying a house they can't afford.	69%
Most Americans who live beyond their means are forced to do so because the cost of living is too high and wages are too low.	24%
Don't know	7%

I will now read some statements that might describe your feelings about your personal financial situation and the economy. After each one, please tell me whether you agree or disagree.

Q22. My company values its employees and tries to treat them well. Do you... [READ LIST 1-4, 4-1] ...with this?

Strongly agree	33%
Somewhat agree	29%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know	21%
AGREE	62%
DISAGREE	18%

Q23. Most American companies value their employees and try to treat them well. Do you... [READ LIST 1-4, 4-1] ...with this?

Strongly agree	13%
Somewhat agree	50%
Somewhat disagree	21%
Strongly disagree	13%
Don't know	3%
AGREE	63%
DISAGREE	34%

Q24. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

Large companies have too much power, hurt the middle class, and government needs to keep them in check.	37%
American companies are the backbone of the U.S. economy and we need to help them grow, whether they are large or small.	55%
Don't know	8%

Q25. In your view, how does your current household financial situation compare to that of most Americans?

You're better off than most Americans	71%
You're worse off than most Americans	15%
Don't know	15%

Q26. As you look ahead, what do you think your household financial situation will be in five years?

Much better off than today	18%
A little better off than today	48%
A little worse off than today	17%
A lot worse off than today	6%
Don't know	11%
BETTER OFF	66%
WORSE OFF	23%

Q27. Which is closer to your view?

Government mostly helps people like you get ahead	20%
Government mostly holds people like you back	34%
Government has no impact on whether or not people like you get ahead	38%
Don't know	7%

Q28. What is more important for Congress to do?

Make sure that BP executives are held responsible for the oil leak disaster in the Gulf	37%
Make sure that the Gulf is cleaned up as best as possible	55%
Don't know	8%

Q29. What is more important for Congress to do?

Make sure that Wall Street executives are held responsible for their part in the financial crisis.	45%
Make sure that Wall Street firms and banks are more tightly regulated.	42%
Don't know	13%

Now I will read some statements. For each one, please tell me if it applies more to <RAND1> or <RAND2>.

	Dems	GOPers	Don't Know
Q30. Is for the middle class.	47%	37%	16%
Q31. Is anti-business.	52%	21%	28%
Q32. Is serious about reducing the deficit.	33%	46%	21%
Q33. Is willing to make tough decisions.	38%	38%	24%
Q34. Is in the pocket of Wall Street.	23%	48%	30%
Q35. Has no economic agenda.	33%	33%	35%
Q36. Cares about taxpayers.	41%	40%	19%
Q37. Is trying to create economic growth.	45%	40%	15%
Q38. Believes government is the solution to every problem.	58%	22%	20%
Q39. Is on your side.	41%	36%	23%
Q40. Is in the pocket of special interests.	35%	38%	27%
Q41. Supports a failed economic agenda.	43%	34%	23%

Q42. Generally speaking, do you think the steps taken by the President and Congress on the economy over the past 18 months have... [READ CHOICES 1-2, 2-1]?

Helped the national economy and made it stronger	43%
Hurt the national economy and made it weaker	48%
Made no difference	4%
Don't know	5%

Q43. Do you believe that President Obama has a plan for how to improve America's economy?

Yes	53%
No	42%
Don't know	5%

Q44. Which approach to strengthening the economy do you prefer?

Making new government investments to help jumpstart private sector job creation and economic growth.	32%
Cutting taxes for businesses to help jumpstart private sector job creation and economic growth.	54%
Both	4%
Don't know	10%

Q45. What word or phrase would you use to describe President Obama's economic plan? [RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE]

RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE	100%
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Q46. Which is closer to your view of President Obama's plan for strengthening the economy?

It will make government investments to help jumpstart private sector job creation and economic growth.	43%
It will cut taxes for businesses to help jumpstart private sector job creation and economic growth.	30%
Both	4%
Don't know	24%

Thinking back, how would you rate President Bush's performance on each of the following issues?

	ExInt	Good	Just Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Ex+Gd	JF+Pr
Q47. Ensuring fairness in the tax code.	4%	22%	32%	34%	7%	27%	66%
Q48. Managing the federal budget deficit.	2%	12%	33%	50%	3%	14%	83%
Q49. Regulating Wall Street and oil companies.	2%	12%	29%	52%	5%	14%	81%
Q50. Helping the middle class.	4%	24%	32%	37%	3%	28%	69%

Q51. Which type of candidate for Congress would you prefer?

One who will stick with President Barack Obama's economic policies	49%
One who will return to President George W. Bush's economic policies	34%
Don't know	17%

Q52. Which type of candidate for Congress would you prefer?

One who says President Obama has a plan for the economy, and we need to stick to the plan to grow the economy and create jobs.	43%
One who says President Obama's economic plan is not working, and we need new economic policies that will shrink government, cut taxes on investment, and support business growth.	51%
Don't know	6%

Q53. Which type of candidate for Congress would you prefer?

One who will stick with President Barack Obama's economic policies	30%
One who will start from scratch with new ideas to shrink government, cut taxes, and grow the economy	64%
Don't know	6%

Q54. Which type of candidate for Congress would you prefer?

One who says President Obama has a plan for the economy, and we need to stick to the plan to grow the economy and create jobs.	51%
One who says President Obama's economic plan is not working, and we need to go back to the Bush economic policies.	36%
Don't know	13%

Q55. Which is closer to your view of the economic agenda that Republicans in Congress would support if they win a majority of seats in Congress?

A return to George W. Bush's economic policies	25%
A new economic agenda that is different from George W. Bush's policies	65%
Don't know	10%

Q56. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

The federal deficit is a threat to our economic growth. We need to take action now to balance the budget, even if that means cutting government spending intended to create jobs.	51%
The federal deficit may be a problem, but it's more important right now to create jobs, even if that means more government spending and deficits in the short-term.	42%
Don't know	7%

Q57. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

If we're serious about reducing the deficit, we have to raise taxes.	17%
We can balance the budget without raising taxes. We just need to cut government spending and get rid of government waste.	76%
Don't know	7%

Q58. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

If we're serious about reducing the deficit, we have to reform Social Security and Medicare.	21%
We can balance the budget without touching Social Security and Medicare. We just need to cut other government spending and get rid of government waste.	75%
Don't know	5%

I will now read to you some potential policies to help the U.S. economy. Please tell me which policy you prefer.

Q59. Which would you rather see Congress do to help the U.S. economy?

Cut taxes on the middle class	30%
Cut government spending and reduce the deficit	63%
Don't know	8%

Q60. Which would you rather see Congress do to help the U.S. economy?

Invest in U.S. research, innovation, and new technologies like clean energy	43%
Cut government spending and reduce the deficit	51%
Don't know	6%

Q61. Which would you rather see Congress do to help the U.S. economy?

Cut taxes on business	25%
Cut government spending and reduce the deficit	66%
Don't know	8%

Q62. Which would you rather see Congress do to help the U.S. economy?

Invest in new roads, bridges, and other infrastructure	34%
Cut government spending and reduce the deficit	60%
Don't know	6%

Q63. Suppose reducing the deficit required cuts in spending on programs such as Social Security, Medicare, education, or defense. Then would you... [READ CHOICES 1-4/4-1] ...reducing the deficit?

Strongly support	15%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Strongly oppose	35%
Don't know	8%
SUPPORT	36%
OPPOSE	56%

I will now read a potential step Congress could take to help the U.S. economy. Please tell me if you support or oppose it.

Q64. Raise taxes on people making more than 250 thousand dollars a year and apply it all to reducing the deficit. Do you... [READ CHOICES] ...this idea to get the U.S. economy back on track?

Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	28%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	18%
Don't know	3%
SUPPORT	64%
OPPOSE	33%

Q65. Make it easier for workers to join a labor union. Do you... [READ CHOICES] ...this idea to get the U.S. economy back on track?

Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	34%
Don't know	8%
SUPPORT	43%
OPPOSE	49%

Now I will read a statement that a Democratic or Republican candidate might make about the economy. After I read each one please tell me if you prefer the Democratic or Republican statement.

Q66. The Democratic candidate says I'm on your side, fighting for jobs and small businesses, education and health care to help middle class families get ahead. The Republican candidate says I will cut taxes, reduce government spending, and unleash the power of the private sector to create jobs and economic growth. Whose statement do you prefer? Do you

Strongly prefer the Democrat	31%
Somewhat prefer the Democrat	17%
Somewhat prefer the Republican	18%
Strongly prefer the Republican	28%
Don't know	5%
PREFER DEM	48%
PREFER REP	46%

Q67. The Democratic candidate says I'm on the side of the middle class. I'm cracking down on Wall Street, forcing corporations to give up their special tax breaks and standing up to lobbyists and special interests. The Republican candidate says I will cut taxes, reduce government spending, and unleash the power of the private sector to create jobs and economic growth. Whose statement do you prefer? Do you

Strongly prefer the Democrat	33%
Somewhat prefer the Democrat	18%
Somewhat prefer the Republican	16%
Strongly prefer the Republican	31%
Don't know	3%
PREFER DEM	51%
PREFER REP	46%

Q68. The Democratic candidate says we must restore economic growth and job creation by investing in clean energy, helping people afford college, boosting manufacturing, rebuilding our roads and bridges, and finally getting the federal deficit under control. The Republican candidate says we must cut taxes, reduce government spending, and unleash the power of the private sector to create jobs and economic growth. Whose statement do you prefer? Do you

Strongly prefer the Democrat	31%
Somewhat prefer the Democrat	19%
Somewhat prefer the Republican	19%
Strongly prefer the Republican	28%
Don't know	4%
PREFER DEM	49%
PREFER REP	47%

We're almost finished. These remaining few questions are for statistical purposes only.

D1. First off, in the 2008 general election for President, which candidate did you vote for?

Barack Obama	45%
John McCain	40%
Another candidate	7%
Don't remember	1%
Didn't vote	3%
Refused	4%

D2. Do you generally consider yourself liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal	20%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	43%
Don't know	4%

D3. Which term applies best to you:

Married	62%
Single	14%
Widowed	10%
Divorced	9%
Not married but with a partner	5%
Don't know	0%

D4. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home?

Yes	27%
No	73%
Don't know	0%

D5. What is the last grade that you had the opportunity to complete?

Grade school	1%
Some high school	4%
High school graduate	26%
Community college/technical school	9%
Some college	21%
College graduate	24%
Graduate school, medical school or law school	16%
Don't know/refused	0%

D6. For statistical purposes only, we need to know your total family income for 2009. Will you please tell me which of the following categories best represents your total family income?

Less than \$30,000	23%
\$30,000 - \$49,999	18%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	17%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	11%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	10%
More than \$150,000	7%
Don't know/refused	15%

D7. Which do you consider yourself

Poor	10%
Working class	26%
Middle class	48%
Upper middle class	13%
Wealthy	1%
Dont know	2%

D8. Do you, or does any member of your household, belong to a labor union? [PROBE IF YES: And would that be a public sector employee union or a private sector employee union?]

Yes - public sector union	8%
Yes - private sector union	5%
No	85%
Dont know	2%
TOTAL YES	13%

D9. How often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	10%
Weekly	38%
About monthly	13%
Mainly only on major religious holidays	8%
Rarely or never	30%
Dont know	2%

D10. Do you consider yourself an evangelical or born-again Christian?

Yes - evangelical	9%
Yes - born again	34%
No	52%
Dont know	6%
TOTAL YES	42%

D11. What is your ethnic background?

White	77%
Hispanic/Latino	5%
African American	10%
Asian	2%
Other [SPECIFY]	5%
Don't know	2%

D12. Please stop me when I reach the category that best describes your age...

18 - 24	2%
25 - 29	4%
30 - 34	5%
35 - 39	6%
40 - 44	8%
45 - 49	11%
50 - 54	12%
55 - 59	11%
60 - 64	10%
65 - 69	9%
70+	21%
Don't know/refused	0%

D13. Of the following three news stations, which one do you rely on most for news?

CNN	25%
MSNBC	13%
FOX NEWS	40%
None of the above	18%
Don't know	3%