

# FOX NEWS POLL

## OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone July 27-28, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. Democrats n=336,  $\pm 5$ ; Republicans n=366,  $\pm 5$ ; Independents n=140,  $\pm 8$

Questions 1-24 released separately

25. As you may know, a series of tax cuts that were passed at the beginning of former President George W. Bush's term are set to expire this year. If you were president, would you:

SCALE: 1. Continue the tax cuts for everyone 2. Continue the tax cuts for everyone except families earning more than \$250,000 dollars a year  
3. Allow the tax cuts to expire and let taxes go back up to their previous level  
4. (Don't know)

	Cont. tax cuts for everyone	Cont. tax cuts for <\$250,000	Allow tax cuts to expire	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	44%	36	14	6
Democrats	26%	47	20	7
Republicans	60%	28	7	5
Independents	48%	28	16	8

Questions 26-31 released separately

*Moving on...*

32. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better or getting worse?

	Getting better	Getting worse	(Staying the same)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	35%	52	10	2
Democrats	53%	33	11	3
Republicans	20%	71	9	1
Independents	33%	51	14	2
4-5 May 10	49%	37	11	3
9-10 Jun 09	40%	42	16	2

33. Do you think the nation's job situation is getting better or getting worse?

	Getting better	Getting worse	(Staying the same)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	28%	56	13	3
Democrats	41%	43	15	2
Republicans	17%	70	11	2
Independents	26%	54	17	3
4-5 May 10	36%	48	11	4
21-22 Sep 04	25%	39	32	4
22-23 Jun 04	31%	26	39	4

34. Which one of the following best describes your current financial situation?  
Are you:

	Getting ahead	Just able to pay most bills	Falling behind	(Don't know /Refused)
27-28 Jul 10	26%	54	18	2
Democrats	26%	52	19	2
Republicans	26%	55	18	1
Independents	24%	57	16	2
15-16 Sep 09	27%	54	17	2
22-23 Sep 08	23%	57	17	3
18-19 Dec 07	41%	45	11	3
17-18 Apr 07	31%	51	15	3

35. How confident are you that the nation's economy will recover to where it was before the most recent recession -- extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident or not at all confident?

	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not at all confident	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	10%	21	43	24	2
Democrats	13%	32	39	12	3
Republicans	8%	12	47	33	1
Independents	13%	20	38	28	1

36. Would you rather work for the government or for a private company?

	Government	Private company	(Both)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	28%	63	4	5
Democrats	38%	50	6	6
Republicans	18%	77	2	3
Independents	27%	62	4	7

37. Do you think government jobs are more stable and secure than jobs in private business, less stable and secure, or do they have about the same level of job security?

	More	Less	Same	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	55%	8	34	3
Democrats	49%	9	39	4
Republicans	58%	8	33	2
Independents	65%	4	27	4

38. Who do you think does more to grow the nation's economy -- the federal government or private businesses?

	The federal government	Private businesses	(Both)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	15%	75	6	4
Democrats	25%	61	9	5
Republicans	8%	87	3	2
Independents	10%	77	9	3

39. In general, do you think it is better or worse for the nation's economy to extend the amount of time people can receive unemployment benefits?

	Better	Worse	(Same/No difference)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	50%	39	6	5
Democrats	70%	22	5	3
Republicans	37%	53	5	6
Independents	41%	43	9	7

40. When someone has been unemployed for two years or more, in general do you think the person or the economy is more often responsible?

	The person	The economy	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	52%	33	12	3
Democrats	44%	41	12	3
Republicans	60%	27	10	3
Independents	51%	29	18	2

41. Do you personally know anyone who has been unemployed for two years or more?

	Yes	No	(Don't know/Refused)
27-28 Jul 10	41%	58	1
Democrats	42%	57	1
Republicans	39%	61	-
Independents	47%	52	1

42. The federal government recently extended unemployment benefits for people who have been out of work. The idea is to help the long-term unemployed by giving them money while they look for work. Some people believe this actually hurts individuals who have been unemployed for a long time because it encourages them to put off finding a job. In general, which do you think is true about giving long-term unemployed people additional benefits?

SCALE: 1. The benefits help the unemployed by giving them money while they look for work. 2. The benefits hurt the unemployed by encouraging them to put off finding a job. 3. (Depends on the person) 4. (Don't know)

	Help	Hurt	(Depends)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	38%	46	13	2
Democrats	59%	26	12	3
Republicans	24%	65	10	2
Independents	30%	47	22	1

43. What do you think is a greater potential threat to the country's future -- the current level of national debt or the current level of unemployment across the country?

	Level of national debt	Level of unemployment	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	42%	43	12	1	2
Democrats	31%	54	12	2	1
Republicans	53%	36	10	-	1
Independents	48%	32	14	3	3

44. When thinking about the national debt, which of the following do you think would be better for the country? Would it be better to:

Scale: 1. Pay off the debt now, even if it is tougher on you and your family  
2. Pay off the debt later, even if it means letting future generations pay  
3. (Don't know)

	Pay off now	Pay off later	(Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	61%	26	13
Democrats	50%	33	16
Republicans	71%	18	12
Independents	61%	30	9

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
27-28 Jul 10	37%	41	16	3	3
13-14 Jul 10	37%	38	18	4	3
29-30 Jun 10	38%	36	20	3	3