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## Methodology

The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Survey Project is a three-way partnership and an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. The Race and Recession Survey, the 21st in this partnership series, was conducted by telephone from January 27 - February 9, 2011 among a nationally representative random sample of 1,959 adults ages 18 and older. The full sample includes additional interviews with randomly selected African Americans and Hispanic Americans, for a total of 501 black and 501 Hispanic respondents. The added interviews (commonly referred to as an "oversample") were completed to ensure there were enough respondents for separate analysis. Results for all groups have been weighted to reflect their actual distribution in the nation. Telephone interviews conducted by landline and cell phone were carried out in English and Spanish by Social Science Research Solutions (SSRS).

The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points; for results based on African Americans and Hispanics it is plus or minus 6 percentage points; for whites it is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Representatives of The Washington Post, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Harvard University worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and analyze the results. Each organization bears the sole responsibility for the work that appears under its name.

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Please note: (1) Table percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. (2) Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (\*). (3) "Vol." indicates that a response was volunteered by the respondent and not an explicitly offered choice. (4) Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Trends in this document all come from national random sample surveys with interviews of at least 1,000 adults. Most have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. "RV" indicates that a trend question is based on registered voters. Trend data from prior surveys refers to polls by The Washington Post or the Kaiser Family Foundation and other partners, unless otherwise noted.

Full information about each trend question can be obtained at: [www.washingtonpost.com/fedrole](http://www.washingtonpost.com/fedrole) for Washington Post surveys, and from the Roper Center for surveys from other organizations (<http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/>).

1. Overall, would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with (INSERT)? Would that be very satisfied/dissatisfied, or somewhat satisfied/dissatisfied? (ITEMS ROTATED)

a. The country's economic situation

	----- Satisfied -----			---- Dissatisfied ---			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
2/9/11	16	3	13	82	30	52	2
Whites	12	2	10	86	29	57	2
Blacks	24	3	21	72	34	37	4
Hispanics	24	7	17	75	31	43	2
8/13/02*	38	6	32	58	33	25	4
2/4/97	52	8	44	46	31	15	2

\*2002 and previous: Hart Research for AFL-CIO: "the economic situation in the country today."

b. Your own personal financial situation

	----- Satisfied -----			---- Dissatisfied ---			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
2/9/11	57	21	36	41	20	21	3
Whites	60	22	38	37	19	18	3
Blacks	51	16	35	47	20	27	2
Hispanics	47	17	30	50	24	25	3
10/21/10*	69	29	40	28	14	14	2
3/3/09	66	23	43	31	18	13	3

\*2010 and previous: Pew Research Center: "your personal financial situation."

2. Looking ahead, would you say that you feel mostly optimistic or mostly pessimistic about your future?

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	Neither (vol.)	Both equally (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	73	21	2	1	4
Whites	72	23	1	1	2
Blacks	85	10	1	1	3
Hispanics	72	20	2	1	4
4/29/06	82	13	1	1	3

3. In terms of your own personal experience, do you think the economy is recovering, the economy is not yet recovering but will recover soon or it will be a long time before the economy recovers?

	Recovering	Not recovering but will soon	Long time before recovery	No opinion
2/9/11	20	27	51	1
Whites	19	24	56	1
Blacks	32	39	26	3
Hispanics	13	35	50	2
12/5/10*	17	33	48	2
9/6/10	10	37	52	2
6/6/10	13	35	50	2
3/14/10	13	37	48	2

\*2010 and previous: Pew Research Center: "Which of these best describes your opinion..."

4. If you had to use one single word to describe your own personal financial situation these days, what would it be?

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Positive outlook (NET)	30	31	27	26
Negative outlook (NET)	33	31	33	39
Moderate comments (NET)	26	27	28	22
Other (NET)	6	6	7	6
Nothing/can't think of anything/No answer	2	2	3	1
No opinion	3	2	3	6

5. All in all, how financially secure do you feel? Very secure, somewhat secure, somewhat insecure, or very insecure?

	----- Secure -----			----- Insecure -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	
2/9/11	64	16	48	35	23	12	1
Whites	67	17	50	32	22	11	*
Blacks	65	16	49	34	21	13	1
Hispanics	53	12	40	46	34	13	1
2/22/09	57	12	45	43	28	15	*
9/14/08	64	16	48	35	22	12	1
9/7/08 RV	65	20	44	34	24	11	1
7/13/08	63	21	42	36	21	15	1

6. If you were asked to use one of the following five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in? (RESPONSE OPTIONS ROTATED)

	----- Upper class -----				----- Lower class -----			No opinion
	NET	Upper	upper-middle	Middle	NET	Lower-middle	Lower	
2/9/11	18	1	17	43	37	26	11	2
Whites	22	1	21	45	32	24	8	2
Blacks	12	3	9	42	45	32	13	2
Hispanics	7	1	6	36	56	34	22	2

7. Is the current economic situation a cause of stress in your life, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
2/9/11	55	45	*
Whites	56	44	-
Blacks	43	56	1
Hispanics	58	42	*
12/13/09	57	42	*
9/12/09	55	44	*
3/29/09	61	39	*
2/22/09	57	43	0

8. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about your personal financial situation. How about (INSERT)? (ITEMS ROTATED)

a. Hopeful

	Does	Does not	No opinion
2/9/11	75	23	2
Whites	73	26	1
Blacks	84	15	*
Hispanics	79	18	3

b. Frustrated

	Does	Does not	No opinion
2/9/11	48	50	2
Whites	50	49	*
Blacks	42	57	1
Hispanics	47	52	1

9. Which of the following national economic issues worries you most? (RESPONSE OPTIONS RANDOMIZED)

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
The job situation	24	20	36	37
The federal budget deficit	22	27	5	9
The cost of health care	22	21	21	20
Rising prices	16	16	22	17
Problems in the financial and housing markets	7	7	7	10
Education	1	1	*	-
Politics/politicians	*	1	*	*
Social Security	*	*	*	*
Personal finances	*	*	*	*
Foreign relations/affairs (aid, wars, national Defense/security, etc)	*	*	*	*
All of the above	3	3	3	4
Or, something else	2	2	2	1
Nothing	*	*	1	*
No opinion	1	1	2	1

10. When it comes to the availability of good jobs for American workers, some say that America's best years are behind us. Others say the best times are yet to come. What do you think?

	America's best years are behind us	The best times are yet to come	No opinion
2/9/11	50	43	7
Whites	53	40	7
Blacks	35	59	6
Hispanics	52	44	4
4/12/10*	45	45	10
1/15/09	35	57	8
4/2/08	48	43	9
12/11/96	44	46	10
11/2/96	44	46	10
10/13/96	44	46	10
12/6/95	49	40	11
3/29/92	49	42	9

\*2010 and previous: CBS/New York Times

11. How much blame, if any, do you think each of the following should get for the economic challenges facing this country today? (First/Next) do you blame (INSERT) a lot, some, only a little, or not at all for the economic challenges facing the country? (ITEMS RANDOMIZED)

a. The government in Washington

	--- A lot/some ---			----- Little/none -----			
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Only a little	Not at all	No opinion
2/9/11	84	54	30	15	9	6	1
Whites	89	60	29	10	7	3	1
Blacks	73	39	34	24	14	10	2
Hispanics	71	42	30	27	17	10	2

b. Wall Street financial institutions

	--- A lot/some ---			----- Little/none -----			
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Only a little	Not at all	No opinion
2/9/11	75	46	29	21	13	7	4
Whites	78	48	30	18	11	6	4
Blacks	68	44	24	30	18	12	2
Hispanics	64	36	28	30	23	7	6

c. Consumers who spent more than they could afford

	--- A lot/some ---			----- Little/none -----			
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Only a little	Not at all	No opinion
2/9/11	78	45	33	21	13	8	1
Whites	82	49	33	17	11	5	1
Blacks	64	39	25	34	20	13	2
Hispanics	74	37	37	25	17	9	1

12. Which best describes your family's financial situation? Do you feel as if you are getting ahead financially, have just enough money to maintain your standard of living, or are you falling behind financially?

	Getting ahead financially	Have just enough money to maintain your standard of living	Falling behind financially	No opinion
2/9/11	18	60	21	*
Whites	20	61	18	*
Blacks	13	64	22	1
Hispanics	12	54	34	*
10/3/10	15	56	28	1
1/12/08	21	61	17	1
9/7/07	26	53	20	1
6/3/07	27	53	19	1
11/4/96	28	48	23	1

We're interested in people's experiences during the economic recession, which began about three years ago.

13. Has the recession caused major changes in the way YOU live, minor changes, or hasn't the recession changed the way you live one way or another?

	Major changes	Minor changes	No changes	No opinion
2/9/11	28	47	24	1
Whites	26	49	24	*
Blacks	29	44	26	1
Hispanics	33	45	20	1
5/31/10*	25	44	31	1

\*Pew Research Center

14. Do you think most of these changes are permanent, or do you think they are mostly temporary?

Based on those who say recession caused major or minor changes:

	Most are permanent	Most are temporary	Some permanent, others temporary (vol.)	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	33	63	2	2	(1453)
Whites	37	58	2	3	(605)
Blacks	18	78	2	2	(362)
Hispanics	24	73	2	1	(390)
5/31/10*	30	67	2	2	

\*Pew Research Center

13/14 NET Based on total

	----- Major/minor changes -----					No changes	No opinion
	NET	Permanent	Temporary	Some both/DK			
2/9/11	75	25	47	2	24	1	
Whites	76	28	44	2	24	*	
Blacks	73	13	57	2	26	1	
Hispanics	79	19	57	2	20	1	
5/31/10*	69	20	46	2	31	1	

\*Pew Research Center

15. How often would you say you find yourself thinking about money and financial issues: several times a day, at least once a day, a few times a week, a few times a month, or less often than that?

	Several times a day	At least once a day	A few times a week	A few times a month	Less often than that	Constantly/all the time (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	28	24	25	14	8	1	*
Whites	27	27	26	12	7	1	*
Blacks	28	21	20	20	10	1	*
Hispanics	32	12	28	19	8	1	*

16. Over the course of the next year, do you think your family's financial situation will improve, stay about the same, or get worse? (IF NECESSARY: Thinking about yourself and other family members living in your household...)

	Improve	Stay about the same	Get worse	No opinion
2/9/11	41	46	12	1
Whites	36	51	12	1
Blacks	62	31	7	1
Hispanics	51	35	11	2

17. Compared to your parents when they were the age you are now, do you think your own standard of living now is better, about the same, or worse than theirs was?

	Better	About the same	Worse	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	52	27	19	1	1
Whites	51	29	19	1	1
Blacks	53	26	19	1	2
Hispanics	52	28	19	*	2

18. When your children are the age you are now, do you think their standard of living will be better, about the same, or worse than yours is now?

	Better	About the same	Worse	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	42	23	28	4	3
Whites	36	26	31	4	3
Blacks	60	15	18	3	4
Hispanics	56	21	20	2	1

19. In the past three years, have you or another family member living in your household (INSERT ITEM), or not? (ITEMS RANDOMIZED)

a. Increased your credit card debt

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	20	75	4	1
Whites	19	77	3	1
Blacks	16	76	7	2
Hispanics	29	69	2	*

b. Changed your housing or living situation

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	29	71	*	*
Whites	26	74	-	*
Blacks	39	61	*	*
Hispanics	33	66	-	1

c. Minimized use of electricity, heat or other utilities

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	66	33	*	*
Whites	65	34	1	*
Blacks	63	37	*	*
Hispanics	70	30	*	*

d. Postponed medical or dental care

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	37	62	*	*
Whites	37	63	*	*
Blacks	35	62	1	1
Hispanics	43	56	*	1

e. Borrowed money from friends or relatives

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	24	75	*	*
Whites	22	78	*	*
Blacks	31	69	-	*
Hispanics	35	65	-	-

f. Cut back on donations to religious organizations or other charities

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	49	49	2	*
Whites	50	49	1	*
Blacks	45	52	3	*
Hispanics	47	50	2	*

g. Decided not to retire or put off plans for retirement

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	20	65	14	1
Whites	21	63	15	1
Blacks	18	69	12	*
Hispanics	21	69	8	2

h. Cut back on dining out, entertainment, or vacation travel

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	73	25	2	*
Whites	74	24	1	*
Blacks	68	30	2	1
Hispanics	75	24	1	-

Q19a-h Summary: Count of "yes" responses

	0 to 2	3 or 4	5 or more
2/9/11	31	37	32
Whites	33	36	31
Blacks	34	35	31
Hispanics	25	37	38

20. During the past year, have you or another family member living in your household (INSERT ITEM), or not? (ITEMS RANDOMIZED)

a. Been laid off or lost a job

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	26	71	3	-
Whites	21	74	4	-
Blacks	27	71	2	-
Hispanics	39	60	1	-

b. Given up looking for work because of a lack of good jobs

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	14	79	6	1
Whites	13	80	7	1
Blacks	16	80	4	*
Hispanics	21	76	2	-

c. Lost health insurance coverage or other benefits

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	22	77	1	*
Whites	18	81	1	*
Blacks	25	74	1	*
Hispanics	32	66	1	*

d. Loaned money to family or friends to help them with expenses

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	49	51	*	*
Whites	47	53	*	*
Blacks	60	39	*	*
Hispanics	47	53	-	-

e. Taken on an extra job or worked extra hours

	Yes	No	Not applicable (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	39	58	3	*
Whites	39	58	3	-
Blacks	39	58	2	1
Hispanics	39	59	2	-

21. What best describes your employment situation today?

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Employed full-time	45	48	44	34
Employed part-time	13	11	12	17
Unemployed and currently seeking employment	7	4	10	13
Unemployed and not seeking employment	2	2	4	2
A student	5	4	5	10
Retired	17	20	13	8
On disability and can't work	5	4	9	4
A homemaker or stay at home parent	7	6	3	13
No opinion	*	*	*	-

22. Have you ever been employed for a salary or wage that is significantly higher than your present salary?

Based on those employed full or part time:

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	26	73	1	(1031)
Whites	25	74	1	(455)
Blacks	23	77	-	(252)
Hispanics	31	67	1	(255)

21/22 NET Based on total:

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
NET Employed	57	59	56	51
Previous job at significantly higher wage	15	15	13	16
Not at a higher wage	42	43	43	34
Don't know	*	1	-	1
NET Not employed	42	40	44	49
No opinion	*	*	*	-

23. Have you ever been employed in a job that required significantly more job responsibilities, skills or a higher educational degree than your current job?

Based on those employed full or part time:

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	27	73	*	(1031)
Whites	24	76	*	(455)
Blacks	32	68	-	(252)
Hispanics	30	70	-	(255)

21/23 NET Based on total:

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
NET Employed	57	59	56	51
Previous job more responsibilities	15	14	18	15
Not with more responsibilities	42	45	38	35
Don't know	*	*	-	-
NET Not employed	42	40	44	49
No opinion	*	*	*	-

24. Would you say that you settled for your current job because it was the best option you could find in the current job market, or are you generally satisfied with the job you have now?

Based on those previously employed in a job with more pay/responsibilities:

	Settled for job because it was the best option you could find	Generally satisfied with job you have now	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	42	58	1	(402)
Whites	39	60	1	(166)
Blacks	49	51	*	(107)
Hispanics	39	58	3	(99)

25. Would you prefer to be working full-time, or not?

Based on those employed part time:

	Prefer to be working full-time	Do not prefer to be working full-time	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	65	35	-	(228)
5/31/10*	47	52	1	
9/2/09**	35	64	1	
5/15/05	42	58	*	
2/16/04	29	71	1	

\*2010 and previous: Pew Research Center. \*\*Based on age 16+.

21/25 Employment Summary Based on Total:

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
NET Employed	57	59	56	51
NET Underemployed	15	12	17	19
Previous job more pay/responsibilities and settled for current job	9	8	11	8
Part-time and prefer to be full-time	8	6	9	14
Fully employed	43	47	39	31
NET Not employed	42	40	44	49
No opinion	*	*	*	-

26. (Read for those who are retired/homemaker: If you were to enter the workforce now,) Do you feel you have all the education and skills you need in order to be competitive in the current job market, or not? 26a. Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Based on those who are not on disability:

	----- Have skills -----			--- Don't have skills ---			No opinion	(N)
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
2/9/11	57	39	17	42	20	22	1	(1843)
Whites	60	42	17	39	18	21	1	(787)
Blacks	39	27	12	60	29	29	*	(459)
Hispanics	52	28	24	47	27	20	1	(472)

27. (Read for those who are retired/homemaker: If you were to enter the workforce now,) Do you feel you know enough about computers and technology to be competitive in the current job market, or not? 27a. Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Based on those who are not on disability:

	---- Have knowledge ----			-- Don't have knowledge --			No opinion	(N)
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
2/9/11	53	34	19	46	17	28	*	(1843)
Whites	54	36	18	46	16	30	1	(787)
Blacks	55	29	25	45	17	26	*	(459)
Hispanics	43	29	13	57	28	28	*	(472)

28. Do you feel your job is secure, that if you do good work you will be able to keep it as long as you want, or don't you feel this way? 28a. Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

Based on those employed full or part time:

	--- Have job security ---			-Don't have job security-			No opinion	(N)
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
2/9/11	76	62	14	22	8	14	2	(1031)
Whites	78	65	13	20	6	14	2	(455)
Blacks	76	65	11	22	6	16	2	(252)
Hispanics	64	50	12	33	20	13	3	(255)

29. If you suddenly stopped getting your paychecks for some reason, about how long could you and your family get by before being in real financial trouble? Would you say ...?

Based on those employed full or part time:

	Less than	1-2	3-4	1-2	3-5	6 months	No opinion	(N)
	a week	weeks	weeks	months	months	or more		
2/9/11	6	10	9	22	16	34	3	(1031)
Whites	5	9	10	22	18	35	1	(455)
Blacks	4	10	9	26	13	34	4	(252)
Hispanics	10	20	9	25	9	24	3	(255)

30. In the past 12 months, have you taken any of the following steps related to work or your career? Have you (INSERT), or not? (ITEMS ROTATED)

Based on those not retired:

a. Taken training to keep your skills and knowledge up to date or learn new skills

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	49	51	*	(1554)
Whites	50	50	*	(616)
Blacks	54	46	*	(388)
Hispanics	40	59	*	(446)

b. Accessed the Internet for help or information related to your career or job search

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	48	51	*	(1554)
Whites	47	53	-	(616)
Blacks	54	46	*	(388)
Hispanics	45	55	-	(446)

31. Compared with how you felt before the recession, would you say you are more confident, less confident, or about as confident in your ability to (INSERT)? (ITEMS RANDOMIZED)

Item b based on those who are not retired; item d based on those who are retired:

a. Own the type of home you want to own

	More confident	Less confident	About as confident	(vol.) Not applicable	No opinion
2/9/11	16	36	35	11	1
Whites	13	34	39	12	1
Blacks	20	38	34	6	1
Hispanics	25	45	20	8	2

b. (IF NOT RETIRED) Retire when and where you want to retire

	More confident	Less confident	About as confident	(vol.) Not applicable	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	13	54	27	3	3	(1554)
Whites	10	57	28	3	2	(616)
Blacks	18	50	26	4	2	(388)
Hispanics	22	51	21	3	3	(446)

c. Send your children to college

	More confident	Less confident	About as confident	(vol.) Not applicable	No opinion
2/9/11	14	31	28	26	1
Whites	9	32	29	29	1
Blacks	24	25	30	19	2
Hispanics	29	33	24	13	1

d. (IF RETIRED) Live comfortably throughout your retirement

	More confident	Less confident	About as confident	(vol.) Not applicable	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	20	33	45	-	1	(405)
Whites	18	35	46	-	1	(210)
Blacks	19	28	49	-	3	(113)

32. Are you currently married, living with a partner, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been married?

	Married	Living with a partner	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	Never been married	No opin.
2/9/11	56	7	2	7	7	21	*
Whites	59	7	1	6	8	19	*
Blacks	40	6	6	10	6	31	1
Hispanics	54	13	5	5	2	22	-

33. Do you (or your spouse)(INSERT)? (ITEMS A,C RANDOMIZED, ITEM B ALWAYS READ LAST)

a. Own any stocks, bonds or mutual funds

	Yes	No	No opinion
2/9/11	41	57	1
Whites	49	49	2
Blacks	25	74	*
Hispanics	16	83	2
5/31/10*	37	61	2
2/19/08	44	55	1

\*2010 and previous: Pew Research Center

b. Have a checking or savings account, or some other form of savings

	Yes	No	No opinion
2/9/11	88	11	1
Whites	94	5	1
Blacks	82	18	*
Hispanics	69	30	1
5/31/10	85	14	1
2/19/08	88	11	1

c. Have an I-R-A, 401K or other kind of retirement account

	Yes	No	No opinion
2/9/11	57	42	2
Whites	65	34	2
Blacks	46	53	*
Hispanics	32	67	2
5/31/10	55	43	1
2/19/08	57	41	2

34. In the past three years, have you sold stock or taken money out of your savings or retirement account to make ends meet or not?

Based on those with any stocks/bonds/savings/retirement who are not currently retired:

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	38	61	*	(1313)
Whites	39	60	*	(591)
Blacks	38	62	-	(312)
Hispanics	41	58	1	(322)

35. Since the recession began, have you changed the way you are investing or saving your money?

Based on those with any stocks/bonds/savings/retirement:

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	58	41	1	(1679)
Whites	55	43	1	(794)
Blacks	62	38	*	(405)
Hispanics	74	26	*	(368)
5/31/10*	57	42	1	

\*Pew Research Center

36. As a result of those changes, are you now investing or saving more cautiously or more aggressively?

Based on those who say the recession has changed how they're investing:

	More cautiously	More aggressively	Doing both (vol.)	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	74	19	2	5	(998)
Whites	76	17	1	6	(442)
Blacks	68	26	2	4	(239)
Hispanics	73	23	2	2	(256)
5/31/10*	74	14	3	9	

\*Pew Research Center

35/36 NET Based on total with any stocks/bonds/savings/retirement:

	NET	----- Changed investing ----- More cautious	More aggressive	Both/ DK	Did not change investing	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	58	43	11	4	41	1	(1679)
Whites	55	42	9	4	43	1	(794)
Blacks	62	42	16	4	38	*	(405)
Hispanics	74	54	17	3	26	*	(368)
5/31/10*	57	42	8	7	42	1	

\*Pew Research Center

On another topic...

37. Over the past three years, would you say the quality of (INSERT) has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

a. The public schools in your neighborhood

	Gotten better	Gotten worse	Stayed about the same	No opinion
2/9/11	15	28	49	8
Whites	14	27	52	7
Blacks	20	34	39	7
Hispanics	16	25	53	5

b. Police protection in your neighborhood

	Gotten better	Gotten worse	Stayed about the same	No opinion
2/9/11	14	14	70	2
Whites	12	12	74	2
Blacks	20	16	62	1
Hispanics	22	16	61	1

c. Your local hospitals and health agencies

	Gotten better	Gotten worse	Stayed about the same	No opinion
2/9/11	18	19	60	3
Whites	17	18	61	3
Blacks	21	19	54	6
Hispanics	18	19	61	3

38. Do you think Obama's economic program is making the economy (better), making it (worse), or having no real effect?

	Better	Worse	No effect	No opinion
2/9/11	27	28	38	7
Whites	18	36	39	6
Blacks	59	5	32	4
Hispanics	36	13	44	6
1/16/11	35	24	39	2
9/2/10	30	33	36	1
4/25/10	39	26	32	2
1/15/10	35	23	41	2
10/18/09	41	22	35	2
8/17/09	43	23	32	2

39. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you think...better understands the economic problems people in this country are having? (WORDS IN PARENTHESES ROTATED)

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	35	30	3	22	9
Whites	27	38	2	25	8
Blacks	68	8	4	15	5
Hispanics	46	19	3	18	15

40. When it comes to looking out for the economic interests of (INSERT) do you think that the Obama administration is doing too much, too little or about the right amount? (ITEMS RANDOMIZED)

\* Items a-c asked of all. Items d and e half sample. Items f-h other half sample.

a. You and your family

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion
2/9/11	10	47	37	5
Whites	12	54	29	5
Blacks	5	22	67	6
Hispanics	8	42	44	5

b. African Americans

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion
2/9/11	11	26	46	17
Whites	14	25	42	18
Blacks	1	30	63	6
Hispanics	7	29	54	9

c. Hispanic Americans

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion
2/9/11	17	29	36	18
Whites	22	25	33	21
Blacks	8	30	54	9
Hispanics	5	48	40	7

d. Wall Street financial institutions

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	41	20	27	13	(979)
Whites	48	19	22	11	(417)
Blacks	26	21	45	9	(248)
Hispanics	20	23	43	15	(247)

e. Small businesses

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	5	54	32	9	(979)
Whites	5	60	29	6	(417)
Blacks	8	30	54	9	(248)
Hispanics	3	52	35	11	(247)

f. Middle class Americans

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	7	50	39	5	(980)
Whites	7	58	30	4	(409)
Blacks	4	33	58	5	(253)
Hispanics	6	32	57	4	(254)

g. Wealthy Americans, the upper class

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	40	19	34	8	(980)
Whites	44	20	29	6	(409)
Blacks	37	14	40	10	(253)
Hispanics	29	13	47	11	(254)

h. Working class Americans

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	8	53	36	4	(980)
Whites	8	60	29	2	(409)
Blacks	5	34	56	5	(253)
Hispanics	8	42	46	4	(254)

41. Do you think (INSERT) have been hit harder by the recession, not as hard, or about the same as other groups in this country? (ITEMS RANDOMIZED)

a. African Americans

	Hit harder by recession	Not as hard	About the same as other groups	No opinion
2/9/11	25	5	65	6
Whites	22	3	67	8
Blacks	43	4	51	2
Hispanics	18	11	66	4

b. Hispanic Americans

	Hit harder by recession	Not as hard	About the same as other groups	No opinion
2/9/11	26	8	59	8
Whites	23	9	60	9
Blacks	26	12	57	4
Hispanics	37	5	55	3

42. Which of these statements do you agree with more: (most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard) or (hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people)?

	Get ahead if willing to work hard	Hard work is no guarantee of success	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
2/9/11	59	39	1	1
Whites	58	41	1	1
Blacks	61	36	1	2
Hispanics	67	31	1	1
10/3/10	66	32	1	1
9/6/10*	64	33	3	
3/7/06	64	33	3	
12/05	64	33	3	
12/04	68	28	4	
9/00	73	24	3	
8/99	74	23	3	
7/94	68	30	2	

\*September 2010 and previous: Pew Research Center; neither/no opinion collapsed

43. How important a role does religion or faith in God play in helping you get through tough financial times - very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

	Important			Not important			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
2/9/11	75	55	20	24	9	15	*
Whites	71	50	21	29	11	18	*
Blacks	91	83	8	9	4	5	-
Hispanics	83	61	22	16	8	8	1

Now on another topic...

44. Including all desktop and laptop computers, how many, if any, computers are there in your household?

	None	1	2	3	4 or more	No opinion
2/9/11	14	31	26	16	13	*
Whites	11	29	28	17	14	*
Blacks	22	29	25	12	12	*
Hispanics	19	43	20	12	7	*

45. Do you use the Internet, at least occasionally?

46. Do you send or receive email, at least occasionally?

45/46 NET

	Yes to either (Internet users)	No to both (non-Internet users)	No opinion
2/9/11	84	16	*
Whites	87	13	*
Blacks	80	20	*
Hispanics	72	28	*
12/21/10*	77	23	-
11/24/10	74	26	-
12/27/09	74	26	-
12/20/08	74	26	-
12/2/07	75	25	-
12/30/06	70	30	-
12/31/05	66	34	-
11/30/04	59	41	-
12/14/03	64	36	-
12/22/02	57	43	-
12/23/01	58	42	-
12/22/00	59	41	-
5/1/00	48	52	-

\*2010 and earlier from Pew Internet and American Life (partial trend)

47. About how often do you use the Internet or email from home - several times a day, about once a day, 3-5 days a week, 1-2 days a week, every few weeks, less often or never?

Based on those who use the Internet or email:

	----- 2/9/11 -----				12/21/10*
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics	
Several times a day	49	52	41	37	46
About once a day	20	21	16	22	20
3-5 days a week	11	11	11	10	12
1-2 days a week	7	6	11	11	9
Every few weeks	4	4	3	4	4
Less often	4	2	7	10	4
Never	5	4	11	7	4
No opinion	*	-	1	-	*
(N)	(1538)	(713)	(375)	(344)	

\*Pew Internet and American Life

45/46/47 NET Based on total

	----- 2/9/11 -----				
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics	12/21/10*
Internet users (NET)	84	87	80	72	77
Several times a day	41	46	33	27	35
About once a day	17	18	13	16	15
3-5 days a week	9	10	9	7	9
1-2 days a week	6	5	9	8	7
Every few weeks	3	4	2	3	3
Less often	3	1	6	7	3
Never	4	4	9	5	3
No opinion	*	-	1	-	8
Not Internet/email user	16	13	20	28	23

\*Pew Internet and American Life

48. About how often do you use the Internet or email from work - several times a day, about once a day, 3-5 days a week, 1-2 days a week, every few weeks, less often or never?

Based on those employed full or part time who use the Internet or email:

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Several times a day	55	57	51	37
About once a day	9	8	12	11
3-5 days a week	3	2	7	4
1-2 days a week	4	5	3	2
Every few weeks	2	1	3	2
Less often	4	4	3	4
Never	23	23	19	40
No opinion	*	*	1	-
(N)	(917)	(435)	(228)	(194)

21/45/46/48 NET Based on total

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Employed Internet users (NET)	52	56	49	40
Several times a day	29	32	25	15
About once a day	5	4	6	4
3-5 days a week	1	1	3	2
1-2 days a week	2	3	1	1
Every few weeks	1	1	2	1
Less often	2	2	2	2
Never	12	13	9	16
No opinion	*	*	1	-
Not employed/Not Internet users	48	44	51	60

49. I'd like to know which types of devices you use to access the Internet. Do you ever access the Internet from (INSERT), or not?

Based on those who use the Internet or email:

a. A desktop computer

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	81	19	*	(1538)
Whites	83	17	*	(713)
Blacks	83	17	-	(375)
Hispanics	76	24	*	(344)

b. A laptop computer

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	72	28	*	(1538)
Whites	71	29	*	(713)
Blacks	70	30	-	(375)
Hispanics	72	27	*	(344)

c. A mobile phone or smartphone like a Blackberry or iPhone

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	44	56	*	(1538)
Whites	44	56	*	(713)
Blacks	49	50	*	(375)
Hispanics	40	60	*	(344)

d. An iPad or other tablet computer

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	12	88	*	(1538)
Whites	12	88	-	(713)
Blacks	17	82	*	(375)
Hispanics	13	85	1	(344)

45/46/49 NET Based on total

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Internet users (NET)	84	87	80	72
Access on desktop	68	72	66	55
Access on laptop	60	62	56	52
Access on mobile phone	37	38	40	29
Access on iPad/tablet	10	10	14	10
Not Internet/email user	16	13	20	28

50. How often do you use the Internet to do any of the following things? How often do you use the Internet to (INSERT)? Would you say several times a day, about once a day, every few days, once a week, less often or never? (ITEMS ROTATED)

Based on those who use the Internet or email:

a. Get news online

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Several times a day	30	29	26	30
About once a day	27	28	26	20
Every few days	12	13	17	9
Once a week	7	7	7	11
Less often	9	9	11	7
Never	15	14	14	20
No opinion	*	*	-	1
(N)	(1511)	(703)	(369)	(333)

b. Visit social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Several times a day	23	22	25	23
About once a day	17	18	12	19
Every few days	10	11	11	7
Once a week	8	8	9	9
Less often	11	11	9	12
Never	31	31	32	30
No opinion	*	-	*	*
(N)	(1511)	(703)	(369)	(333)

45/46/50 NET Based on total

a. Get news online

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Internet users (NET)	83	86	79	70
Several times a day	25	25	20	21
About once a day	22	24	20	14
Every few days	10	11	14	6
Once a week	6	6	5	8
Less often	8	8	9	5
Never	12	12	11	14
No opinion	*	*	-	1
Not Internet users	17	14	21	30

b. Visit social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Internet users (NET)	83	86	79	70
Several times a day	19	19	20	16
About once a day	14	15	10	13
Every few days	8	9	9	5
Once a week	7	7	7	6
Less often	9	9	7	9
Never	26	27	26	21
No opinion	*	-	*	*
Not Internet users	17	14	21	30

51. Have you ever used the Internet to do any of the following? Have you ever used the Internet to (INSERT), or not? (ITEMS RANDOMIZED)

Based on those who use the Internet or email:

a. Take a class or academic course online

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	34	66	*	(1511)
Whites	32	68	-	(703)
Blacks	37	63	-	(369)
Hispanics	31	69	-	(333)

b. Do any banking online

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	65	35	*	(1511)
Whites	68	32	-	(703)
Blacks	58	41	1	(369)
Hispanics	53	47	*	(333)

c. Access health information

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	73	27	*	(1511)
Whites	75	25	*	(703)
Blacks	70	30	-	(369)
Hispanics	62	38	*	(333)

45/51 NET Based on total

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Internet users (NET)	83	86	79	70
Ever taken class online	28	28	29	22
Ever do any banking online	54	59	46	37
Ever access health info online	60	65	56	43
Not Internet users	17	14	21	30

52. At home, do you connect to the Internet through a dial-up telephone line, or a high-speed connection such as cable, DSL or satellite?

Based on those who use the Internet from home:

	Dial-up	High speed	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	7	91	2	(1431)
Whites	5	92	2	(682)
Blacks	7	89	4	(335)
Hispanics	16	83	1	(313)

45/47/52 NET Based on total

	----- 2/9/11 -----			
	All	Whites	Blacks	Hispanics
Internet users (NET)	84	87	80	72
Ever use Internet at home (NET)	79	83	71	67
Dial-up connection at home	5	4	5	10
High speed connection at home	72	77	63	56
Never use Internet at home	4	4	9	5
Not Internet/email user	16	13	20	28

53. Please tell me if you have ever visited any of the following social media websites, or not? (First/Next), have you ever visited (INSERT), or not? (IF YES) Did you happen to use this service in the past week, or not?

Based on those who ever visit social networking sites:

a. Facebook

	----- Visited site -----				Never visited	No opinion	(N)
	NET	Past week	Longer	DK			
2/9/11	93	79	14	*	7	-	(950)
Whites	93	81	12	*	7	-	(456)
Blacks	92	72	20	-	8	-	(221)
Hispanics	92	73	19	-	8	-	(205)

b. Twitter

	----- Visited site -----				Never visited	No opinion	(N)
	NET	Past week	Longer	DK			
2/9/11	28	13	15	*	72	*	(950)
Whites	26	12	14	-	74	-	(456)
Blacks	39	23	17	*	60	*	(221)
Hispanics	31	8	23	-	69	-	(205)

c. Linked-In

	----- Visited site -----				Never visited	No opinion	(N)
	NET	Past week	Longer	DK			
2/9/11	24	11	14	*	76	*	(950)
Whites	25	11	14	*	75	-	(456)
Blacks	23	10	13	-	77	-	(221)
Hispanics	19	5	14	-	81	-	(205)

54. Thinking about what you have done on social networking sites like Facebook and Linked-In, have you ever contacted others through the site about the possibility of a new job, or not?

Based on those who have visited Facebook or LinkedIn:

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	23	77	-	(876)
Whites	20	80	-	(428)
Blacks	29	71	-	(203)
Hispanics	26	74	-	(182)
4/19/09*	17	83	-	

\*Pew Research Center: "Thinking about what you have done on social networking sites like Facebook and Myspace..."

Now for classification purposes only...

55. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or [Medicaid/Medi-CAL])?

	Yes	No	No opinion
2/9/11	82	17	1

56. Including yourself, how many adults currently live in your household?

	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	No opinion
2/9/11	17	58	16	5	2	1	2

57. How many children, under age 18, are living in your household?

	None	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more	No opinion
2/9/11	58	16	14	7	2	*	*	2

58. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what? (VERBIAGE IN PARENS ROTATED)

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Something else	No opinion
2/9/11	32	23	32	7	5

(ASK Q.59 IF Q.58 = 3, 4, D, OR R)

59. Do you lean more towards (the Democratic Party) or (the Republican Party)? (WORDS IN PARENTHESIS ROTATED)

59/60. LEANED PARTY TABLE based on total

	Democrat/ Lean Democrat	Republican/ Lean Republican	Independent	Something else	No opinion
2/9/11	46	37	10	3	4

59/60. LEANED PARTY TABLE #2 Based on total:

	2/9/11
Democrat	32
Independent lean Democrat	14
Independent/don't lean	10
Independent lean Republican	14
Republican	23
Something else	3
No opinion	4

61. Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't think in those terms	No opinion
2/9/11	21	35	37	2	6

62. What is your age? Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of...? (READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	No opinion
2/9/11	21	35	25	17	2

63. What was the last grade of school you completed? 63a. Was that an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or what?

	8 <sup>th</sup> grade or less	Some high school	Graduated high school	Some college	Graduated college	Post graduate training	No opinion
2/9/11	4	9	30	28	16	12	2

64. Do you own or rent your home?

	Own	Rent	Other arrangement	Making payments on a mortgage	No opinion
2/9/11	69	25	4	*	2

65. Are you currently making payments on a mortgage, or is your home entirely paid for?

Based on total homeowners:

	Currently making payments on a mortgage	Entirely paid for	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	63	36	2	(1235)

64/65. NET based on total respondents

	NET	Own home Currently making payments on mortgage	Entirely paid for	Rent	Other arrangement	No opinion
2/9/11	69	44	24	25	4	2

66. Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services - more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom or never?

	2/9/11
More than once a week	12
Once a week	25
Once or twice a month	14
A few times a year	15
Seldom	16
Never	14
No opinion	3

67. Are you, or is any other adult in your household a member of a labor union, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
2/9/11	11	86	4

(ASK Q.67a IF Q.67 = 1)

67a. Is that you, or someone in your household?

67/67a. Labor Union Table based on total

	NET	HH member Respondent	Someone else	Both	HH not member of labor union	No opinion
2/9/11	11	6	4	1	86	4

67b. Have you or anyone in your household ever been a member of a labor union, or not?

Based on total whose HH is not current member of a labor union:

	Yes	No	No opinion	(N)
2/9/11	21	77	1	(1643)

67/67a. Labor Union Table #2 based on total

	---HH ever member of labor union---			HH never member
	NET	Current	Ever	of labor union
2/9/11	29	11	18	67

68. Were you born in the United States, or in another country?

	United States	Another country	No opinion
2/9/11	84	13	3

69. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Latin American background?

70. What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	2/9/11
White (non-Hispanic)	66
Black (non-Hispanic)	11
Asian	2
Hispanic	14
Some other race	4
No opinion	3

71. How many years have you lived in the United States?

Based on total Hispanics born in another country:

	Less than 1	1-10	11-20	21+	No opinion	(N)
Hispanics	-	26	37	37	-	(297)

72. Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources?

72a. Is that 100 to under 150 thousand, 150 to under 200 thousand, 200 to under 250 thousand, or 250 thousand or more?

	2/9/11
Less than \$20K	17
\$20K but less than \$40K	20
\$40K but less than \$50K	9
\$50K but less than \$65K	11
\$65K but less than \$100K	15
\$100K or more (NET)	16
\$100K to under \$150K	9
\$150K to under \$200K	3
\$200K to under \$250K	1
\$250K or more	2
No opinion	14

73. REGION

	NE	NC	S	W
2/9/11	19	22	37	22

74. METRO STATUS

	Urban	Suburban	Rural
2/9/11	50	29	21

E. RESPONDENT GENDER

	Male	Female
2/9/11	48	52



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