

Post-Kaiser-Harvard: Survey of Low-Wage Workers

Methodology

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The poll was conducted by telephone June 18 to July 7, among 1,350 randomly selected low-wage workers nationwide. Low-wage workers were defined as adults ages 18 to 64 working 30 or more hours a week, not self-employed and earned no more than \$27,000 in 2007. This income threshold roughly corresponds with the bottom 40 percent of the country's workforce in terms of wages. This group represents about 22 percent of the U.S. adult population.

Interviews were conducted in English or Spanish and on traditional landline telephones or cell phones. The margin of sampling error for the full poll is plus or minus four percentage points. Error margins are larger for subgroups. Abt SRBI Inc. carried out the fieldwork.

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Complete data from the poll is available at www.washingtonpost.com/hardesthit

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1. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

Excellent/good (net)	10%
Excellent	1%
Good	9%
Not so good/poor (net)	90%
Not so good	44%
Poor	46%

2. If you had to use one word to describe your own personal financial situation these days, what would it be? (Open-ended question)

Poor	10%
Bad	8%
Good	7%
Fair	6%
Okay	6%
Not good/not so good	6%
Average	4%
Stable	3%
Struggling	3%
Comfortable/content	2%
Regular/normal	2%
Broke	2%
Hard/difficult	2%
Sucks	2%
Alright	1%
Fine	1%
Making it/getting by	1%
Tight	1%
Miscellaneous mentions	30%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

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

	This Survey	Total 18-64*
Secure (net)	48%	62%
Very secure	6%	20%
Somewhat secure	42%	42%
Insecure (net)	52%	37%
Somewhat insecure	33%	22%
Very insecure	19%	15%
Don't know	1%	1%
Refused	*	--

*Based on 18-64 year old respondents to a Washington Post-ABC News survey conducted July 10-13, 2008.

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4. Would you say you feel (more) financially secure, (less) financially secure, or about as secure as you felt a few years ago? (Rotate items in parentheses)

More secure	26%
Less secure	50%
About as secure	23%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

5. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about your personal financial situation. The first is (insert item). Does this describe your own feelings about your personal financial situation, or not? (Randomize order)

	Does describe feelings	Does not describe feelings	Don't know
Hopeful	69	30	1
Frustrated	64	36	*
Afraid	43	57	1

6. 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	35%
At least once a day	25%
Few times a week	22%
Few times a month	11%
Less often	5%
Constantly/all the time (vol)	1%
Don't know	*
Refused	*

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

Better (net)	49%
Much better	21%
Somewhat better	28%
About the same	23%
Worse (net)	27%
Somewhat worse	18%
Much worse	8%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

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

None	54%
At least one (net)	46%
One	20%
Two	15%
Three	8%
Four	2%
Five	1%
More than five	1%

9. When your children are the age you are now, do you think their standard of living will be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than yours is now? Base: Have children (n=627)

Much/somewhat better (net)	59%
Much better	33%
Somewhat better	26%
About the same	12%
Somewhat/much worse (net)	23%
Somewhat worse	13%
Much worse	10%
Don't know	6%
Refused	*

10. How much blame, if any, do you think each of the following should get for the financial challenges you face? (First/Next) do you blame (insert) a lot, some, only a little, or not at all for the financial challenges you face? (Rotate items)

	A lot	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Don't know
Government in Washington	47	27	12	12	2
Corporate America in general	37	27	16	17	3
Yourself, for the choices you've made in your life	30	33	18	18	1
Lack of education	19	22	19	38	1
Discrimination	14	16	17	51	1
Employer	11	19	18	51	*
Fate	10	19	20	47	4

Now thinking about your work situation...

11. All in all, which of the following best describes how you feel about your job - you love it, you like it, you dislike it, or you hate it?

Love it/like it (net)	85%
Love it	29%
Like it	56%
Dislike it/hate it (net)	14%
Dislike it	10%
Hate it	4%
Other (vol.)	1%
Don't know	*

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12. I am going to ask you about several aspects of your current job. For each, please tell me if you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with this aspect of your job. (First/Next) how satisfied are you with (insert item)? (Randomize items)

	Very satis- fied	Smwt satis- fied	Smwt dissatis- fied	Very dissatis- fied	Don't know
How your boss treats you	54	31	8	6	1
The flexibility of your hours	51	35	8	6	*
The benefits your employer offers	31	30	17	20	2
Your chances for promotion	27	34	18	17	3
The amount of money you earn	14	39	25	22	*

13. 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?

Feel that job is secure	78%
Do not feel this way	20%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

14. Do you feel like your employer values you for the work that you do, or does your employer treat you like you could easily be replaced with someone else?

Values the work you do	70%
Could easily be replaced	27%
Don't know	3%
Refused	*

15. 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	52%
Best times are yet to come	39%
Don't know	9%
Refused	*

16. Over the past few years, has your income from your job gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same?

Gone up	45%
Gone down	18%
Stayed about the same	36%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

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17. Did your income go up enough to make a difference to you and your family, or did it go up, but not enough to make a difference to you and your family?
Base: *Income has gone up* (n=604)

Made a difference	48%
Did not make a difference	51%
Don't know	1%

18. Did this cause you and your family serious financial hardship, or not?
Base: *Income has gone down* (n=254)

Caused serious financial hardship	61%
Did not cause serious financial hardship	39%
Don't know	*

Q16/17/18 Combination table (Based on total)

Income went up	45%
Income went up and made a difference	21%
Income went up but did not make a difference	23%
Income up, DK/Ref if difference	1%
Income went down	18%
Income went down and caused serious hardship	11%
Income went down but did not cause serious hardship	7%
Income down, DK/Ref if difference	*
Income stayed the same	36%
Don't know whether income changed	1%
Refused whether income changed	*

19. And compared with your personal financial situation when George W. Bush took office in January 2001, do you think your own situation has (improved) under bush's presidency, (declined), or has it has stayed about the same?
(Rotate items in parentheses)

Improved	11%
Declined	48%
Stayed about the same	36%
Don't know	4%
Refused	*

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Now on another topic...

20. If you were asked to use one of the following five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in?

	This Survey	Total 18-64*
Lower class	9%	7%
Working class	53%	35%
Middle class	31%	40%
Upper middle class	6%	14%
Upper class	*	2%
Don't know	*	--
Refused	*	--

*Based on a Gallup poll conducted June 5-July 6, 2008.

21. During your adult life, have you always thought of yourself as (insert class described in Q20), or was there a time when you would have described yourself as something else? *Base: Said class in Q20 (n=1343)*

Always thought of self as (class described in Q20)	67%
Time when you would have described yourself as something else	32%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

22. In the past, would you have described yourself as... (read classes in Q20 in same order)? *Base: Would have described as a different class in the past (n=452)*

Lower class	26%
Working class	18%
Middle class	36%
Upper middle class	16%
Upper class	5%

Q20/21/22 Combination table (Based on total)

Did not change class	67%
Slipped behind	18%
Moved ahead	14%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

23. What do you think is more likely over the next few years in terms of your social class...? (Rotate items)

You will move up	58%
You will slip backwards	14%
Neither/will stay the same (vol)	24%
Don't know	4%

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24. I'd like to talk to you now about a term with which you probably are familiar - the American dream. How close are you to achieving the American dream - are you...?

Very/somewhat close (net)	43%
Very close	8%
Somewhat close	35%
Somewhat/very far (net)	49%
Somewhat far	28%
Very far	19%
Already achieved it (vol)	4%
Don't know what that is (vol)	1%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

25. Do think you will achieve it in your lifetime, or not? *Base: Far from achieving the American dream (n=722)*

Yes	56%
No	39%
Don't know	5%

Q24/25 Combination table (Based on total)

Very/somewhat close (net)	43%
Very/somewhat far (net)	49%
Very/somewhat far but will achieve in lifetime	28%
Very/somewhat far and will not ever achieve it	19%
Very/somewhat far and DK/ref if ever will achieve it	3%
Already achieved (vol)	4%
Don't know what that is (vol)	1%
Don't know	2%
Refused	*

26. Thinking about the past few years, would you say it has become easier or harder for people like you to (insert item) or hasn't that changed much? (Randomize order, "get ahead financially" always first)

	Easier	Harder	Hasn't changed	Don't know
Find good jobs	8	75	16	1
Afford health care	8	74	15	4
Pay for college	8	74	10	8
Get ahead financially	10	72	17	2
Find decent, affordable housing	14	68	13	4

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27. Which of these statements do you agree with more...? (Rotate items)

Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard	63%
Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people	34%
Neither (vol)	2%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

28. Do you think government programs that try to improve the condition of working families in this country are generally making things better, are making things worse, or aren't having much impact one way or another?

Making things better	22%
Making things worse	20%
Aren't having much impact	53%
Don't know	6%

29. I'm going to read you a list of things the government might do to try to improve people's financial situation. For each, please tell me if the item should be a top priority for government, an important but lower priority, not too important, or not a priority? (First/Next) should (insert item) be a top priority for government, an important but lower priority, not too important, or not a priority? (Randomize order)

	Top prior- ity	Lower prior- ity	Not too impor- tant	Not a prior- ity	Don't know
Helping people like yourself get more affordable health insurance	72	19	5	3	1
Taking some short-term emergency measures to lower gas prices in your community	71	16	5	7	1
Providing financial assistance for people like yourself to afford college or technical school	58	32	5	4	1
Creating new jobs in your community by spending more to fix schools, highways, and government buildings	52	33	8	5	2
Cutting your taxes	48	31	12	7	1

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Now, on another topic...

30. In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford (insert item)? Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?* (Randomize order)

	Very easy	Smwt easy	Smwt diff- icult	Very diff- icult	Don't know
Food	17	36	34	13	*
Health care and health insurance	13	22	31	34	1
Your rent or mortgage	13	29	37	20	*
Your credit card bills	17	23	31	28	1
Childcare for your children**	15	18	35	31	1
Your monthly utilities, like electricity, heat, and phone bills	12	29	39	19	1
To save money for retirement	6	11	29	53	1
Gasoline or other transportation costs	4	14	37	45	*
To save money for college or other education costs for your children***	4	8	25	62	*

*Response based only on those for whom the question applied.

**Among those for whom the question applied, e.g., respondent has children at home who need child care.

***Among those for whom the question applied, e.g., respondent has children who will incur education costs in the future.

31. 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 (read list)?

Less than a week	14%
One to two weeks	21%
Three to four weeks	16%
One to two months	25%
Three to six months	11%
Six months or more	11%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

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32. Which, if any, of the following have you or someone in your family done in the past year to make ends meet? Have you (insert item) in the past year to make ends meet, or not? (Randomize items, "something else" always asked last)

	Yes, have	No, have not	Don't know
Minimized use of electricity, heat or other utilities	70	30	1
Taken on an extra job or worked extra hours	62	38	*
Postponed medical or dental care	51	48	1
Taken money out of your savings or retirement fund	50	50	*
Borrowed money from friends or relatives	41	59	--
Changed your housing situation	27	73	*
Increased your credit card debt	26	70	3
Something else (SPECIFY)	19	80	1

33. 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?

Very/somewhat important (net)	78%
Very important	57%
Somewhat important	21%
Not too/not at all important (net)	21%
Not too important	8%
Not at all important	13%
Don't believe in god (vol)	*
Don't know	1%

34. In the past year, have you and your family received the earned income tax credit, or not?

Yes	48%
No	47%
Don't know	5%

35. During the past year, have you or has someone in your family (insert item), or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Had your overtime or regular hours cut back at work	39	61	*
Been laid off or lost your job	31	69	--

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Now on another topic...

36. If the 2008 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for (John McCain, the Republican) or (Barack Obama, the Democrat)? (Rotate candidates)

NET LEANED VOTE

	All	RV
Barack Obama	56%	58%
John McCain	27%	28%
Other (vol)	1%	1%
Would not vote (vol)	3%	1%
Neither (vol)	4%	3%
Don't know	8%	7%
Refused	1%	1%

37. Regardless of your local contest, which party would you like to see in control of congress after the next congressional elections, the (Democrats) or (Republicans)? (Rotate items)

	All	RV
Democrats	57%	59%
Republicans	24%	25%
Neither (vol)	5%	5%
Don't know	12%	11%
Refused	1%	1%

38. Regardless of whom you may support, which candidate for president, (Obama) or (McCain), do you think (insert item)? (Rotate candidates; randomize items)

All:

	McCain	Obama	Both (vol)	Neither (vol)	Don't know	Ref.
Better represents your personal values	23	56	1	7	13	1
Is more concerned with the needs of people like you	21	59	2	5	12	1

AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS:

	McCain	Obama	Both (vol)	Neither (vol)	Don't know	Ref.
Better represents your personal values	25	59	1	7	8	*
Is more concerned with the needs of people like you	21	63	2	5	8	*

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39. Regardless of whom you may support, do you think (insert item) would be better off if (McCain) became president, better if (Obama) became president, or wouldn't it make much difference either way? (Rotate candidates; randomize items)

All:

	Better if McCain wins	Better if Obama wins	No diff.	Don't know	Ref.
The national economy	15	41	32	12	1
Your own personal financial situation	12	35	41	11	1
The country's health care system	11	41	33	14	1

AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS:

	Better if McCain wins	Better if Obama wins	No diff.	Don't know	Ref.
The national economy	16	43	33	7	*
Your own personal financial situation	13	35	46	6	*
The country's health care system	11	42	35	11	*

Changing topics... (Rotate asking order Q40-Q43/Q44)

40. Do you think illegal immigrants generally take jobs away from legal residents, or not?

Take jobs away from legal residents	49%
Don't take jobs from legal residents	47%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

41. Do you think the jobs that illegal immigrants take are generally jobs that legal residents want, or are they jobs that legal residents don't want?
Base: Think illegal immigrants take jobs away from legal residents (n=721)

Take jobs legal residents want	47%
Take jobs legal residents don't want	46%
Don't know	7%
Refused	*

Q40/41 Combination table (Based on total)

Yes, illegal immigrants take jobs away from legal residents	49%
Yes, and they are jobs legal residents want	23%
Yes, but they are jobs legal residents don't want	23%
Yes, but DK/ref whether legal residents want these jobs	3%
No, they do not take jobs away from legal residents	47%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

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42. Have you and your family been personally affected in a negative way by the number of illegal immigrants taking jobs in your community, or not?

Yes	19%
No	79%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

43. And has this had a very negative effect, or just somewhat of a negative effect? *Base: You/your family negatively affected by illegal immigrants taking jobs (n=252)*

Very negative effect	39%
Somewhat negative effect	59%
Don't know	2%

Q42/43 Combination table (Based on total)

Yes, family affected	19%
Yes, very negatively	7%
Yes, somewhat negatively	11%
Yes, but DK/ref how much	*
No, have not been affected	79%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

44. As you may know, international trade has increased a great deal in recent years. Do you think that the growth in international trade has made things better or made things worse for (insert item), or hasn't it made much difference?

	Better	Worse	Hasn't made much difference	Don't know
The country as a whole	18	50	20	11
You personally	13	28	52	7

Demographics

Read: finally, I have just a few more questions to help classify your answers...

45. Do you currently work in one job, or do you have more than one job for different employers?

One job	83%
More than one job	16%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

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46. How many jobs do you currently have? *Base: Have more than one job currently (n=232)*

Two	85%
Three	11%
Four	3%
Five	*
More than five	*

Q45/46 Combination table (Based on total)

One job	83%
More than one job	16%
Two jobs	13%
Three or more jobs	2%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

47. Does your employer offer you (insert item), or not? (Randomize items, always ask "health insurance" last)

	Yes	No	Don't know	Ref.
Health insurance, whether or not you personally use it	69	30	1	1
Paid vacation	68	30	1	1
Retirement plan, whether or not you personally use it	55	42	2	1
Paid sick leave	54	44	1	1

48. Do you currently participate in your employer's health insurance program, or not? *Base: Employer offers health insurance (n=948)*

Yes	60%
No	40%
Don't know	*

Q47/48 Combination table (Based on total)

Yes, employer offers health insurance	69%
Yes, and I participate	41%
Yes, and I do not participate	27%
Yes, and DK/ref participation	*
No, my employer does not offer health insurance	30%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

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49. Which of the following is the main reason why you don't participate in this health plan through your employer? Is it because... (read list)? *Base: Do not participate in employer's health insurance (n=337)*

You already have insurance from some other source	49%
The amount you would still have to pay is too much	28%
You don't think you need insurance	1%
Some other reason	18%
Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

Q48/49 Combination table (Based on total)

Yes, employer offers health insurance	69%
Yes, and I participate	41%
Yes, and I do not participate	27%
Yes, my employer offers health ins, and I do not participate because I already have ins	13%
Yes, my employer offers health ins, and I do not participate because I would have to pay too much	8%
Yes, my employer offers health ins, and I do not participate because I don't think I need ins	*
Yes, my employer offers health ins. And I do not participate because of some other reason	5%
Yes, my employer offers health ins, and I do not participate because DK/ref	1%
Yes, and DK/ref whether I participate	*
No, my employer does not offer health insurance	30%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

50. Are you now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan, or do you not have health insurance at this time? This would include any private insurance plan through your spouse's employer or that you purchase yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid. *Base: Not covered by employer health insurance (n=740)*

Yes, covered	53%
No, do not have health insurance at this time	46%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

Health Insurance Combination Table (Based on total)

Insured	72%
Insured by employer	41%
Insured, other than employer	31%
Uninsured	27%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

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51. If you had to choose between a job with better pay but no health insurance, or a job with health insurance but lower pay, which would you choose?

Job with better pay but no health insurance	39%
Job with health insurance but lower pay	56%
Don't know	4%
Refused	1%

52. Does any child in your household currently have health insurance through Medicaid or your state's children's health insurance program, or not? *Base: Children in household (n=627)*

Yes, any child has health insurance through Medicaid/SCHIP	49%
No child has health insurance through Medicaid/SCHIP	49%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

Based on total

Kids in household	46%
Yes, any child has health insurance through Medicaid or SCHIP	23%
No child has health insurance through Medicaid or SCHIP	23%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*
No kids in household	54%

53. Which of the following best describes the place where you work? (Read list in order)

An office	20%
A factory or manufacturing facility	15%
A store, restaurant, or other retail outlet	20%
A construction site or other outdoor work site	11%
A school	7%
A hospital, clinic, or medical facility	11%
Somewhere else	15%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

54. Including all its locations and worksites, not just your own, about how many people are employed by the company or organization you work for? Just stop me when I get to the right category. Are there... fewer than 25 employees, 25 to under 100 employees, 100 to under 1,000 employees, or 1,000 or more employees? If necessary: just your best guess.

Fewer than 25 employees	23%
25 to under 100 employees	23%
100 to under 1,000 employees	22%
1,000 or more employees	27%
Don't know	3%
Refused	1%

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55. Which of the following best describes how you get paid at work - you are paid an hourly rate, you are paid a salary, or you are paid by the job?

Hourly rate	78%
Salary	15%
By the job	5%
Other (vol)	1%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

56. Do you ever work overtime at your job?

Yes	63%
No	36%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

57. Do you get paid for working those extra hours, or not? *Base: Work overtime (n=844)*

Yes	83%
No	16%
Don't know	1%

58. Do you get paid a higher rate for those hours, or your normal rate? *Base: Get paid for working extra hours (n=709)*

Higher rate	80%
Normal rate	19%
Don't know	1%

Q56/57/58 Combination table (Based on total)

I work overtime	63%
I am paid for overtime	52%
I work overtime and get paid at a higher rate for it	42%
I work overtime and am paid a normal rate for it	10%
I work overtime and am paid but DK/ref rate	1%
I work overtime and am not paid for it	10%
I work overtime and DK/ref if paid at all	*
I do not work overtime	36%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

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59. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

	This Survey	Total 18-64*
Yes, registered to vote at the present address	70%	78%
No, not registered to vote at the present address	28%	21%
Don't know	1%	1%
Refused	1%	--

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60. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what? (Rotate items in parentheses)

	This Survey	Total 18-64*	RV**
A Democrat	40%	36%	44%
A Republican	17%	24%	21%
Independent	29%	33%	27%
Something else	7%	6%	5%
Don't know	5%	*	3%
Refused	2%	--	1%

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**Based on Washington Post, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and Harvard University survey conducted June 18 through July 7, 2008.

61. Do you lean more towards (the Republican Party) or (the Democratic Party)? (Rotate party in the same order as in Q60) *Base: Did not identify with either party (n=537)*

	All	RV
Democratic party	41%	47%
Republican party	20%	22%
Neither (vol)	24%	20%
Don't know	12%	10%
Refused	3%	1%

Q60/61 Combination table (Based on total)

	All	RV
Democrat/lean Democrat	58%	60%
Democrat	40%	44%
Lean Democrat	18%	16%
Republican/lean Republican	26%	29%
Lean Republican	8%	8%
Republican	17%	21%
Don't lean towards either	10%	10%
Don't know	5%	4%
Refused	1%	*

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

	All	RV
Liberal	25%	27%
Moderate	37%	38%
Conservative	28%	28%
Don't think in those terms (vol)	3%	3%
Don't know	6%	6%
Refused	1%	*

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

Married/partner (net)	53%
Married	42%
Living with a partner	11%
Widowed	2%
Divorced	9%
Separated	5%
Never married	29%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

64. Is your (spouse/partner) currently employed, or not? *Base: Married/living with partner (n=761)*

Employed	71%
Not employed	29%
Don't know	*

65. Is your (spouse/partner) employed full-time or part-time? *Base: Spouse/partner employed (n=550)*

Full-time	84%
Part-time	15%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

Q63/64/65 Combination table (Based on total)

Married or living with partner	53%
Partner/spouse employed	38%
Partner employed full-time	32%
Partner employed part-time	6%
Partner employed DK/Ref	1%
Partner not employed	15%
DK/ref if partner employed	*
Not married/living with partner	45%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

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

One	16%
Two	48%
Three	22%
Four	9%
Five	4%
Six	1%
Seven	1%
Eight	*
More than eight	*
Refused	*

67. Not counting yourself, how many other adults age 18 to 64 in this household are employed full time, not self-employed, and have an annual personal income of \$27,000 or less from their job? *Base: More than one person age 18-64 in household (n=1051)*

None	49%
At least one (net)	47%
One	28%
Two	14%
Three	3%
Four	1%
Five	1%
More than five	*
Don't know	2%
Refused	1%

68. What is the last grade of school you completed?

High school or less (net)	56%
8th grade or less	5%
Some high school	13%
High school graduate	38%
Some college	26%
College grad or higher (net)	17%
College graduate	13%
Postgraduate study/law or med school	4%
Don't know	*
Refused	2%

69. Was that an Associate's Degree, a Bachelor's Degree, or what? *Base: College graduate (n=203)*

Associate's Degree	34%
Bachelor's Degree	61%
Something else	1%
Don't know	3%
Refused	*

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Q68/69 Combination table (Based on total)

	This survey	Total 18-64*
Less than high school (net)	18%	14%
8th grade or less	5%	
Some high school	13%	
High school graduate	38%	30%
Some college/Assoc. degr. (net)	41%	29%
Some college	26%	
Associate's Degree	4%	
Other 2-yr degree	*	
Some college, DK/ref degree	*	
College grad or higher (net)	12%	27%
College graduate/Bach.	8%	
Post-graduate study	4%	
Don't know	*%	
Refused	2%	

*Based on 2007 U.S. Census Current Population Study

70. Do you own or rent your home?

	This Survey	Total 18-64*
Own	53%	70%
Rent	41%	30%
Don't know	3%	--
Refused	2%	--

*Based on March 2007 CPS, percent of adults residing in households that are bought or being purchased.

71. Are you currently making payments on a mortgage, or is your home entirely paid for? *Base: Own home (n=745)*

Currently making payments	75%
Home is entirely paid home	24%
Don't know	1%
Refused	*

Q70/71 Combination table (Based on total)

Own	53%
Own and making payments	40%
Own and fully paid for	13%
Own and DK/ref payment status	*
Rent	41%
Don't know	3%
Refused	2%

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72. 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?

At least once a week (net)	34%
More than once a week	12%
Once a week	22%
A few times per month/year (net)	36%
Once or twice a month	17%
Few times a year	18%
Seldom/never (net)	29%
Seldom	17%
Never	12%
Don't know	*
Refused	1%

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

Yes	11%
No	87%
Don't know	1%
Refused	1%

74. Is that you, or someone in your household? *Base: Adult in household member of a labor union (n=178)*

Me	51%
Someone else	47%
Don't know	2%

Q73/74 Combination table (Based on total)

	This Survey	Total 18-64*
Yes, adult in house is in a union	11%	15%
I am in labor union	6%	9%
Someone else in household is in labor union	5%	6%
DK/ref who is in labor union	*	--
Nobody in house in labor union	87%	84%
Don't know	1%	1%
Refused	1%	--

*Based on 18-64 year old respondents to a Washington Post-ABC News survey conducted July 10-13, 2008.

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75. Were you born in the United States, or not?

	This Survey	Total 18-64*
Yes, born in the United States	83%	84%
No, not born in the United States	16%	16%
Refused	1%	

*Based on 2007 U.S. Census Current Population Study

76. Are you a United States citizen, or not? *Base: Not born in the U.S.*
(n=185)

Yes	30%
No	62%
Refused	7%

Q75/76 Combination table (Based on total)

Born in the U.S.	83%
Born outside the U.S.	16%
Born outside U.S. and a citizen	5%
Born outside U.S. and not a citizen	11%
Born outside U.S. and refused immigration status	*
Don't know/refused	1%

77-79. Are you of Hispanic origin or background? Are you white, black, or some other race?

Q77/78/79 Combination table (Based on total)

	This survey	Total 18-64*
White non-Hispanic	57%	67%
Black non-Hispanic	14%	12%
Hispanic	21%	15%
Other	6%	6%
Don't know	*	
Refused	2%	

*Based on 2007 U.S. Census Current Population Study

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80. Total household size:

One	34%
Two	31%
Three	15%
Four	13%
Five	5%
Six or more	3%

81. Is your total annual family income from all sources, and before taxes...

Table based on number of people in household and total household income:
(FPL=Federal Poverty Level)

<200% FPL	49%
<50% FPL	5%
50% to <100% FPL	10%
100% to <150% FPL	14%
150% to <200% FPL	19%
<200% FPL but DK/ref specific level	1%
200%+ FPL	47%
200% to <250% FPL	15%
250% to <300% FPL	10%
300% to <400% FPL	8%
400% to <500% FPL	4%
500% to <600% FPL	4%
600% FPL or greater	5%
>200% FPL but DK/ref specific level	1%
Don't know	2%
Refused	2%

The following questions were used for screening purposes:

S1. Age

	This Survey	Total 18-64*
18-29	40%	26%
30-39	21%	21%
40-49	20%	24%
50-64	19%	28%

*Based on 2007 U.S. Census Current Population Study

S2. Are you currently...

Employed (net)	100%
Employed full time	83%
Employed part time	17%

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S3. How many hours do you work in an average week?

30-39 hours	25%
40 hours	49%
41-50 hours	17%
More than 50 hours per week	9%
Don't know, but more than 30 hours per week	*

S4. Are you self-employed, or do you work for someone else?

Work for someone else	100%
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S5. Thinking about your own personal income from your job, not including income from your spouse or other sources of income... Last year, that is in 2007, was your own personal income from work...

\$27,000 or less	100%
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S6. Record gender

	This Survey	Total 18-64*
Male	46%	49%
Female	54%	51%

*Based on 2007 U.S. Census Current Population Study