Pew Economic Mobility Survey

Frequency Questionnaire

January 27-February 8, 2009

1000 Respondents (2119 Unweighted)

400 African American Oversample (517 total cases, unweighted)

400 Hispanic Oversample (520 total cases, unweighted)

300 Youth (under age 40) Oversample (497 total cases, unweighted)

Q.6 Now I'd like to talk to you about the state of the economy. How would you rate economic conditions in this country today? Would you say they are excellent, good, only fair or poor?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Excellent	0	1	-	0
Good	6	7	9	5
Only fair	21	18	22	24
Poor	73	74	68	69
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1	0	1
Total Excellent/good		8	9	6
Total Fair/poor	94	91	90	93
Excellent/good - Fair/poor(ref:ECONANBG)	88	-84	-81	-88

Q.7 Now, how would you rate your own personal economic situation today? Is it excellent, good, only fair or poor?

	Total	AA	Hisp anic	Youth
Excellent	5	2	3	4
Good	27	19	20	28
Only fair	43	45	47	46
Poor	25	35	29	22
(Don't know/Refused)	0	0	1	0
Total Excellent/good	32	20	23	31
Total Fair/poor	68	79	76	68
Excellent/good - Fair/poor(ref:ECONPERS)	36	-59	-52	-37

Q.8 Thinking about ten years from now, do you think your economic circumstances will be much better than they are right now, somewhat better, somewhat worse, or much worse?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Much better	25	33	28	34
Somewhat better	48	52	49	50
Somewhat worse	9	4	8	5
Much worse	5	1	4	3
(The same)	6	3	2	3
(Don't know/Refused)		6	10	4
Total Better	72	85	77	85
Total Worse	15	6	12	8
Better - Worse(ref:ECONFEL4)	58	80	65	77
(IGI.LOCIVI LL T)				

Q.9 Generally speaking, which of the following has the most influence on your view of how other people are doing economically:

			Hisp	
7	Γotal	AA	anic	Youth
Television	29	31	35	21
Your friends and family	.15	17	13	19
The Internet	.11	8	12	14
Your neighborhood in terms of home				
values and store openings and closings	.11	12	11	13
Newspapers	. 9	7	8	8
Your own business or occupation	. 8	6	6	11
Government studies and announcements	. 5	6	5	6
(None)	. 1	1	1	0
(Other)	. 3	0	4	2
(All)	. 7	10	4	5
(Don't know/refused)(ref:ECONINFO)		1	2	1

Q.10 Thinking about your own personal economic situation today - do you feel you are very much in control, somewhat in control, not very much in control, or not at all in control of your own personal economic situation?

			Hisp		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth	
Very much in control	23	20	21	21	
Somewhat in control	51	57	49	56	
Not very much in control	16	11	20	17	
Not at all in control	9	12	8	6	
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0	2	0	
Total In control	74	77	70	77	
Total Not in control	25	23	28	23	
In control - Not in control (ref:PERCONT)	49	54	42	54	

Q.11 Thinking about people in this country today - do you feel they are very much in control of their economic situation, somewhat in control, not very much in control, or not at all in control of their economic situation?

		Hisp		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Very much in control	5	3	6	5
Somewhat in control	38	34	33	43
Not very much in control	38	38	37	37
Not at all in control	17	24	21	13
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	2	2
Total In control	43	37	39	49
Total Not in control	55	61	58	50
In control - Not in control (ref:PERCONT2)	12	-24	-19	-1

Q.12 Currently the country is in a recession. Do you believe it is still possible for people to improve their economic standing?

Ğ			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Yes, strongly	56	62	60	62
Yes, not strongly	24	21	26	23
No, not strongly	6	4	3	6
No, strongly	10	10	8	7
(Don't know/refused)	4	2	3	2
Total Yes	79	83	86	85
Total No	16	15	11	13
Yes - No(ref:RECESION)	63	69	75	72

Q.13 Compared to your parents when they were the age you are now, do you think your own standard of living is much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than theirs was?

anone mae.	Total	AA	Hisp anic	Youth
Much better		29	37	31
Somewhat better	28	30	27	28
About the same	24	17	14	25
Somewhat worse	11	13	11	11
Much worse	6	10	8	4
(Don't know/refused)	2	1	4	1
Total better	58	59	64	59
Total worse	16	23	18	15
Better - Worse	42	36	46	44
(ref:STATUS)				

Q.14 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

		Hisp		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Yes	32	38	46	46
No	68	62	54	54
(Don't know/refused) (ref:KIDS)		0	-	-

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Q.15 (IF YES ON KIDS) When your children are the age you are now, do you think their standard of living will be better, worse or about the same as yours or people your age?

	Total	AA	Hisp anic	Youth
Much better	32	63	47	36
Somewhat better	30	20	18	27
About the same	25	7	16	23
Somewhat worse	6	4	10	7
Much worse	4	5	3	3
(Don't know/refused)	3	2	5	3
Total better	62	83	65	63
Total worse	10	8	14	10
Better - Worse	52	75	51	54
(ref:STDKID)				

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Q.16 (IF NO ON KIDS) When kids today are the age you are now, do you think their standard of living will be better, worse or about the same as yours is now?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Much better	15	26	24	15
Somewhat better	25	25	25	33
About the same	29	22	19	32
Somewhat worse	16	14	14	13
Much worse	7	5	7	4
(Don't know/refused)	8	7	10	3
Total better	40	51	49	48
Total worse	23	20	21	17
Better - Worse	17	31	28	30
(ref:NOTPRNT)				

Q.17 Thinking about the country today, how common is it for someone to start poor, work hard and become rich? Would you say it is very common, somewhat common, somewhat uncommon or very uncommon?

			Hisp		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth	
Very common	7	15	9	7	
Somewhat common	32	33	38	33	
Somewhat uncommon	32	24	26	34	
Very uncommon	27	27	25	25	
(Don't know/refused)		2	3	0	
Total Common	39	47	46	41	
Total Uncommon	59	50	51	59	
Common - Uncommon(ref:POSSIBL3)	20	-3	-5	-18	

Q.18 The term American Dream means different things to different people. Here are some ways some people have described what the American dream means to them. On a scale of one to ten, please tell me how accurately each statement describes what you consider the American dream to be. One would mean this statement does not describe the American Dream at all. A ten would mean this statement describes the American Dream almost perfectly.

Mean	% 10	% 8-10	% 6-10	% 0-5	DK/ Ref
18 Your children being better off financially than					
you7.8	35	64	79	19	2
AA 8.1	46	67	81	17	2
Hispanic7.7	39	68	79	19	2
Youth8.2	41	72	85	14	1
19 Getting a college degree or advanced education7.4	27	55	76	23	1
AA 7.7	38	61	76	23	1
Hispanic7.5	38	57	75	23	2
Youth7.5	29	58	80	20	-
20 Owning a house7.6	33	60	78	21	1
AA 7.6	40	62	75	25	0
Hispanic7.0	34	52	67	33	0
Youth7.6	32	60	80	20	0
21 Being financially secure7.6	34	61	76	23	1
AA 7.4	35	55	72	27	1
Hispanic7.4	34	53	73	25	2
Youth7.9	37	68	82	18	0
22 Owning your own business6.4	17	40	61	38	1
AA 6.8	27	47	63	36	1
Hispanic	24	39	58	41	1
Youth	18	40	66	34	0
23 Being free to accomplish almost anything you					
want with hard work8.4	49	74	86	14	0
AA 8.2	49	74	83	17	0
Hispanic8.2	47	73	84	16	0
Youth8.7	54	81	91	9	-
24 Being able to succeed regardless of the					
economic circumstances in which you were born7.7	34	60	78	20	2
AA 7.5	32	56	73	25	2
Hispanic7.7	37	57	74	23	4
Youth8.0	39	65	83	17	1
25 Getting married and having children6.9	26	48	67	32	1
AA 7.0	31	53	66	31	3
Hispanic7.0	31	50	68	31	1
Youth6.9	26	49	70	30	0

		%	%	%	%	DK/
Me	ean	10	8-10	6-10	0-5	Ref
26 Being free to say or do what you want8	.0	45	68	80	19	1
AA 7	.7	45	61	78	22	0
Hispanic8	.1	49	68	81	17	2
Youth8		52	72	84	16	0
27 Becoming rich5	.9	17	33	51	48	1
AA 6	.2	26	40	53	45	2
Hispanic5		22	34	49	48	3
Youth6		20	37	56	44	0
28 Having enough income to afford a few of life's						
luxuries, like vacations and eating out7	.0	24	48	70	29	1
AA 6		28	47	64	36	1
Hispanic6		20	45	62	37	1
Youth7		23	48	73	26	1
29 Being middle class6	.2	11	31	55	42	2
AA 6		15	33	58	41	2
Hispanic6		16	39	58	42	0
Youth		9	29	57	42	Ö

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Q.30 (SPLIT C) Compared to your parents, do you think it is easier or harder for you to achieve the American dream?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Much easier	22	32	33	21
Somewhat easier	28	31	29	31
Somewhat harder	24	14	10	22
Much harder	18	18	24	18
(About the same)	7	2	1	7
(DK/Ref)		3	2	1
Total Easier	50	63	62	52
Total Harder	42	32	35	40
Easier - Harder(ref:DRAMPAR)	8	32	28	13

[1085 Respondents]

Q.31 (SPLIT D)Compared to your parents, do you think it is easier or harder for you to move up the income ladder?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Much easier	24	32	34	20
Somewhat easier	32	32	29	39
Somewhat harder	22	21	16	22
Much harder	15	13	17	14
(About the same)	4	1	2	3
(DK/Ref)		0	2	3
Total Easier	56	64	63	58
Total Harder	37	34	33	36
Easier - Harder	19	30	30	23
(ref:DRAMPARB)				

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Q.32 (SPLIT C) (IF YES ON KIDS) Thinking about your own kids, do you think it will be easier or harder for them to achieve the American dream? (IF NO ON KIDS) Thinking about young people, under the age of 18, do you think it will be easier or harder for them to achieve the American dream?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Much easier	13	36	28	17
Somewhat easier	21	30	22	30
Somewhat harder	30	14	19	27
Much harder	29	18	29	22
(About the same)	3	1	2	4
(DK/Ref)	3	1	0	0
Total Easier	34	66	50	47
Total Harder	59	32	48	49
Easier - Harder(ref:DREAMKID)	25	34	2	-3

Parents with children under age 18 in household.

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Much easier	19	53	27	23
Somewhat easier	25	32	23	29
Somewhat harder	27	7	13	23
Much harder	25	7	35	21
(About the same)	2	1	3	3
Total Easier	45	85	50	52
Total Harder	52	14	48	44
Easier - Harder	7	71	2	8

Non-parents

Hon-parents			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Much easier	10	22	29	12
Somewhat easier	19	29	20	30
Somewhat harder	32	20	26	32
Much harder	32	26	23	23
(About the same)	3	1	1	4
Total Easier	29	52	50	44
Total Harder	63	46	48	55
Easier - Harder	35	6	2	-13

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Q.33 (SPLIT D) (IF YES ON KIDS) Thinking about your own kids, do you think it will be easier or harder for them to move up the income ladder? (IF NO ON KIDS) Thinking about young people, under the age of 18, do you think it will be easier or harder for them to move up the income ladder?

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Much easier	22 31 26 . 5	AA 27 22 22 26 1 2	Hisp anic 22 22 26 25 2 4	Youth 12 28 36 18 3 4
Total Easier Total Harder		49 48	43 51	40 53
Easier - Harder(ref:DREAMKIB)	-23	1	-7	-14
Parents with children under age 18 in the hou	sehold			
7	otal	AA	Hisp anic	Youth
Much easier	19	43	29	18
Somewhat easier	25	22	22	28
Somewhat harder		12	27	27
Much harder		21	14	18
(About the same)		0	2	2
Total Easier	43	65	51	46
Total Harder	46	34	41	45
Easier - Harder(ref:DREAMKIB)	3	31	10	1
Non-parents			Hisp	
	otal	AA	anic	Youth
Much easier		20	15	8
Somewhat easier	_	22	22	28
Somewhat harder		27	25	42
Much harder			34	42 17
		28		
(About the same)	. ວ	1	2	4
Total Easier Total Harder	_	42 55	37 59	35 59
Easier - Harder(ref:DREAMKIB)	-30	-12	-22	-24

Q.34 Some people use the term ECONOMIC MOBILITY to describe the ability of individuals to move up or down the income ladder over a lifetime or from one generation to the next. I am going to read you a list of factors that may contribute to a person's economic mobility, that is, their ability to improve themselves financially and get ahead in life. For each one I read, please tell me if this is essential, very important, somewhat important, not very important or not important at all?

			Not	Not			Total	Impt
Ess	Very	Smwt	Very	at all	DK/	Total	not	-
ential	Impt	Impt	Impt	Impt	Ref	Impt	Impt	Not
34 Coming from a wealthy family5	23	37	20	14	1	65	35	30
AA 9	31	31	17	11	1	71	28	43
Hispanic8	30	30	17	15	0	68	32	35
Youth6	20	38	21	15	1	63	37	26
35 Having a good education								
yourself19	61	17	1	1	0	97	3	95
AA 20	67	12	1	0	0	99	1	98
Hispanic18	72	7	1	2	0	97	3	94
Youth23	57	18	1	1	0	98	2	96
36 Hard work30	62	7	1	0	0	99	1	98
AA 23	64	9	2	1	0	96	4	92
Hispanic24	68	6	1	0	-	99	1	97
Youth36	55	8	1	0	0	98	1	97
37 The state of the economy10	52	30	6	1	1	92	7	85
AA 11	58	25	4	2	1	94	6	88
Hispanic10	58	22	7	2	2	89	9	80
Youth10	45	36	6	2	1	92	8	84

	Ess ential	Very Impt	Smwt Impt	Not Very Impt	Not at all Impt	DK/ Ref	Total Impt	Total not Impt	Impt - Not
38 Staying healthy		64	15	1	0	0	98	1	97
AA		66	10	1	1	-	99	1	98
Hispanic		70	8	1	1	-	99	1	97
Youth	 18	57	22	2	1	0	97	3	95
[1085 Respondents] 39 (SPLIT A) Growing up in a stable family environment	. 15	59	19	5	2	0	93	7	86
AA		62	18	4	3	0	93	7	87
Hispanic		67	11	3	1	0	96	4	92
Youth		53	25	5	3	0	92	8	84
10uti1	14	55	25	5	3	U	92	0	04
[1085 Respondents] 40 (SPLIT B) Growing up in a									
two-parent household	10	44	28	12	6	0	82	18	64
AA	11	43	30	7	9	-	83	17	67
Hispanic	9	52	26	7	6	-	87	13	75
Youth		35	32	17	9	-	73	27	47
41 Access to loans	8	35	43	8	5	1	86	13	72
AA		46	28	8	6	1	85	14	71
Hispanic		45	28	6	11	1	82	17	65
Youth		32	43	9	5	1	85	14	70
10411	9	52	70	3	3	'	03		70
42 Luck	6	16 20	38 30	19 16	21 26	1 3	59 55	40 42	19 13
Hispanic		23	33	16	22	1	61	38	23
Youth	5	15	34	22	24	1	53	46	7
43 Growing up in a good					_				
neighborhood		33	41	13	5	1	82	18	64
AA		44	31	10	7	0	83	17	66
Hispanic		48	33	6	6	-	88	12	76
Youth	7	29	44	12	8	0	80	20	60
44 A person's race		13	24	27	34	1	39	60	-22
AA		21	27	21	25	1	52	47	6
Hispanic		23	23	18	33	1	48	51	-3
Youth	2	10	22	26	40	1	33	66	-33
45 Having well-educated parents		30 42	40 30	15 12	8 7	0	76 80	23 19	53 61
AA					-	-			
Hispanic		38	30	15	7	1	76	22	54 40
Youth	ŏ	27	39	18	8	0	74	26	48

—·	22 22	Very Impt 61 63 63 54	Smwt 19	Not Very Impt 1 1 1	Not at all Impt 1 2 3 1	DK/ Ref 0 0 - 0	Total Impt 98 97 96 97	Total not Impt 2 3 4 3	Impt - Not 96 94 92 94
47 Knowing the right people	2 2	34 46 49 34	46 35 28 44	6 3 6 7	4 3 5 4	0 1 0 0	90 93 89 89	10 6 11 11	79 87 78 78
48 Being born a man or a woman	4 3	13 18 21 9	21 24 18 17	27 21 21 32	34 28 35 37	3 4 2 2	36 46 41 30	61 50 56 69	-24 -3 -15 -39
49 Access to quality K-12 education	21 7	63 68 63 60	13 9 15 16	2 0 1 3	1 1 2 2	0 - 2 0	96 98 96 96	3 2 2 4	93 97 93 91

Q.50 Generally speaking, do you think the government does more to help or more to hurt people trying to move up the economic ladder?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
More to help, strongly	19	29	28	19
More to help, not strongly	17	16	17	22
More to hurt, not strongly	13	9	8	13
More to hurt, strongly	34	30	31	34
(Both)		4	5	3
(Depends)		4	2	5
(Neither)	3	2	1	1
(DK/REF)	7	6	7	5
Total Help	36	46	45	40
Total Hurt	46	39	40	46
Help - Hurt(ref:GVTROLE)	10	7	5	-6

Q.51 I am going to read you some facts about economic mobility in this country. After each one I read, please tell me whether you believe this represents a major problem for this country, a minor problem, not much of a problem or no problem at all:

	•		Not Much Prob		DK/ Ref	Total	Total Not Prob	Prob - Not
[1085 Respondents] 51 (SPLIT A) About 40 percent of Americans who are born to parents at the bottom of the income ladder are still there as adults. AA	53 60 56	27 16 21 29	11 18 8 9	4 4 11 6	5 2 5 1	81 76 76 83	15 22 19 15	66 54 58 68
52 The United States is considered to have low mobility compared to other industrialized nations like Canada and Sweden	39 43 31	29 24 25 29	14 16 17 16	12 12 20 11	7 5 8 2	68 67 55 71	26 27 37 27	42 40 18 44
[1085 Respondents] 53 (SPLIT A) Children of middle income African Americans are almost 3 times more likely to fall to the bottom of the income ladder as adults than children of middle income whites	66 52	24 11 22 27	10 16 10 7	7 6 7 6	5 2 9 2	78 77 75 85	16 22 16 13	62 55 59 71
[1085 Respondents] 54 (SPLIT B) Almost 50 percent of children of middle income African Americans fall to the bottom of the income ladder as adults	77 53	24 13 22 25	5 2 12 6	5 3 11 3	3 5 1 2	86 91 76 88	11 5 23 10	76 86 53 79
55 Women are less likely to move up the income ladder over a generation than men	44 34	30 23 25 30	15 15 16 15	14 16 22 14	3 2 3 2	67 67 59 69	30 31 38 29	38 37 21 40

	•	Minor Prob			DK/ Ref	Total Prob	Total Not Prob	Prob - Not
[1085 Respondents] 56 (SPLIT B) Half of Americans who are at the bottom of the income ladder								
remain there 10 years later		25 18	8 3	5 6	2 1	85 90	13	72 82
AA Hispanic	54	23	15	6	2	77	8 21	56
Youth	59	28	9	3	1	87	12	75
57 More than 30 percent of children who are born to parents at the top of the income ladder are still there as adults. AA	23 19	31 25 27 31	22 26 28 24	27 21 22 24	3 4 4 2	48 49 46 50	49 47 50 48	-1 2 -4 3
58 If your parents were rich but you didn_t graduate from college, you_re more likely to be rich than if your parents were poor and you did								
graduate from college AA Hispanic	33	31 26 28	20 17 24	20 18 21	5 7 2	55 59 53	40 35 45	16 24 8
Youth(ref:ECONMOB2)		32	18	17	2	63	35	29

Q.59 When it comes to economic mobility, what do you think is more important the individual person and things like hard work and drive, or outside factors and things like the economy and their economic circumstances growing up?

	Hisp						
	Total	AA	anic	Youth			
Individual person, strongly	65	61	58	63			
Individual person, not strongly	6	5	7	7			
Outside forces, not strongly	4	4	5	5			
Outside forces, strongly	16	22	21	19			
(Both)		5	2	6			
(DK/Ref)		3	6	1			
Total Individual	71	66	66	70			
Total Outside	21	26	27	24			
Individual - Outside(ref:ECONMOBF)	50	40	39	46			

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Q.60 (SPLIT C) Which one or two of the following do you think are most likely to contribute to someone moving down the economic ladder:

	Hisp				
Total	AA	anic	Youth		
25	14	18	26		
20	16	11	18		
20	24	28	20		
14	15	17	15		
14	7	14	17		
11	5	6	13		
10	12	15	12		
7	4	10	10		
4	1	4	2		
3	7	4	3		
12	21	6	8		
	1	-	-		
1	1	0	0		
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Q.61 (SPLIT D) Thinking about your own life, which one or two of the following do you worry about the most in terms of potentially moving down the economic ladder:

, , ,			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Losing your job	23	26	25	33
Rising cost of living	23	19	16	23
Illness or accident preventing you from				
working	23	19	29	21
Not having enough savings	13	15	13	11
Taking on too much debt	12	8	8	17
Increased competition for jobs		2	8	12
[E Respondents]				
(SPLIT E) Losing your home	7	9	8	10
Losing access to credit or loans	5	3	5	7
[F Respondents]				
(SPLIT F) Your home losing value	4	5	2	4
Divorce	3	4	6	3
(All)	9	13	5	4
(None)	4	4	1	1
(Don't know/not sure)	2	2	6	1
(ref:DOWN2)				

Q.62 What do you think is more important for this country to reduce inequality in America or to ensure everyone has a fair chance of improving their economic standing?

	Hisp						
	Total	AA	anic .	Youth			
Reduce inequality, strongly	16	18	17	17			
Reduce inequality, not strongly Ensure everyone has a fair chance, not	5	1	3	5			
strongly Ensure everyone has a fair chance,	8	5	8	11			
strongly	62	68	62	62			
(Both)		4	2	2			
(DK/Ref)		3	7	3			
Total Reduce inequality	21	20	21	22			
Total Fair chance	71	74	70	73			
Reduce inequality - Fair chance(ref:EMVSINEQ)	50	-54	-50	-51			

Q.63 I am going to read you some statements. After each one I read, please tell me if you agree or disagree or if you neither agree, nor disagree.

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	Cmplt S			Cmplt Dis	Dk/ Ref	Nei ther	Total Agree		- Dis
63 All Americans have a fair shot	Agicor	·g. cc	D.13	D.13	1101	tiloi	Agico	Dis	Dio
at moving up the income ladder	32	25	21	22	1		56	43	14
AA	27	15	21	35	1		43	56	-14
Hispanic		23	19	15	0	-	66	33	33
Youth	32	23	22	22	1		55	44	10
64 Greater economic inequality means that it is more difficult for those at the bottom of the income ladder to move up the ladder	49 41	32 24 31 33	15 13 15 14	12 11 11 10	2 2 1 3	0 1 0 0	71 73 72 72	27 24 26 25	44 48 47 47
65 In the United States, a child's chances of achieving financial success is tied to the income of his or her parent	25 25	26 24 26 33	25 19 21 22	30 30 26 23	2 2 2 2 2	0 1 0 0	42 49 51 53	55 49 47 45	-13 0 4 8

Q.66 Now I am going to read you some steps the government could take in improving economic mobility in this country and giving people the opportunity to improve their chances of moving up the income ladder or the chances of their children. For each one I read, please tell me if you believe this would be very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective or not effective at all:

		Smwt Effct			DK/ Ref	Total Effct	Total Not Effct	Effct - Not
66 Making college more affordable		17	4	4	1	92	7	85
AA		12	2	3	1	94	5	89
Hispanic		12	2	7	Ó	91	9	82
Youth		18	4	2	0	94	6	87
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67 Protecting people's homes from foreclosure during this economic								
period	49	33	9	8	2	82	17	65
AA	74	16	4	4	2	90	8	82
Hispanic	61	25	9	5	1	85	14	71
Youth		34	10	5	0	84	16	68
[1085 Respondents]								
68 (SPLIT A) Cutting taxes	51	30	12	6	2	81	18	63
AA		21	9	4	2	85	13	72
Hispanic		31	9	9	0	81	19	62
Youth		34	12	5	1	81	18	64
[1085 Respondents] 69 (SPLIT B) Cutting taxes for middle income families	62 59	34 27 24 42	8 3 9	4 6 7 4	1 2 0 0	87 89 83 87	12 9 17 13	75 80 66 74
70 Reducing crime and drugs in communities. AA	78 68	21 13 21 26	4 3 3 6	3 4 6 3	2 2 2 1	90 92 89 90	8 6 9	83 85 80 81
71 Reducing the cost of health care AA	77 68	22 12 18 28	4 4 5 6	5 7 6 3	1 1 3 0	89 89 86 91	9 10 11 9	80 78 75 83
72 Helping small businesses and people who own their own business AA	72 59	32 20 30 36	4 5 5 5	3 1 5 1	2 1 0 1	91 93 90 92	7 6 10 7	84 86 79 86

		Smwt Effct			DK/ Ref	Total Effct	Total Not Effct	Effct - Not
73 Raising the minimum wage	48	27	12	11	2	75	23	52
AA	 75	16	4	4	1	91	8	82
Hispanic		24	5	7	0	88	11	77
Youth	50	30	13	7	0	79	20	59
74 More job training programs and								
education for adult workers	60	31	5	3	1	91	8	83
AA	 79	16	3	2	0	94	5	89
Hispanic	70	23	2	4	0	93	6	87
Youth		32	6	2	1	91	8	83
75 Keeping jobs in America	81	14	3	2	1	94	5	89
AA		10	2	1	Ó	96	4	92
Hispanic		8	2	3	1	94	5	88
		13	4	ა 1	1	9 4 95	5 5	90
Youth	01	13	4	ı	ı	90	3	90
76 Making it easier to save for								
retirement		30	5	3	2	91	8	83
AA	72	18	4	4	2	90	8	82
Hispanic	60	29	5	5	1	89	10	79
Youth	55	36	6	3	0	91	9	82
77 Early childhood learning programs								
so kids do not start out already behind	61	26	6	6	1	87	12	76
AA		13	3	3	1	94	6	88
Hispanic		22	3	5	1	91	9	82
Youth		29	6	3	Ö	90	9	81
10uti1	02	23	U	3	U	30	9	01
78 Promoting marriage		27	18	20	3	60	37	23
AA		30	13	13	5	70	25	45
Hispanic		33	16	19	3	62	35	27
Youth	25	29	23	21	1	54	44	10
79 Reforming welfare	46	32	10	9	5	77	18	59
AA	50	29	9	8	4	79	17	63
Hispanic		30	7	12	5	76	19	58
Youth		37	13	8	2	77	21	56
80 Invest in infrastructure projects like roads, schools and bridges to create								
jobs	55	33	7	5	1	87	11	76
AA		27	3	3	1	93	6	87
Hispanic	62	27	6	4	1	90	10	80
Youth		35	7	4	0	89	10	79

	-		-	No At all Effct				-
81 Provide financial education that teaches people how to better handle								
their money	60	28	7	5	1	88	11	76
AA	70	19	5	5	1	89	10	79
Hispanic	62	28	3	7	1	89	10	80
Youth(ref:POLICY1)	58	32	8	2	0	90	10	79

Q.82 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

		Hisp				
	Total	AA	anic	Youth		
1 - 11th grade	12	13	19	9		
High School graduate	33	40	47	34		
Non-college post H.S	1	3	2	2		
Some college	28	27	20	31		
College graduate	16	10	9	17		
Post-graduate school		5	3	7		
(Don't know/refused)	1	2	0	1		
(ref:EDUC)						

Q.83 How about your parents? Did one or both of them get a college degree?

	Hisp					
	Total	AA	anic	Youth		
No	63	66	77	50		
Yes, one parent	19	19	11	25		
Yes, two parents		12	8	24		
(Don't know/refused) (ref:EDUC2)	2	4	5	1		

Q.84 In terms of your job status, are you employed, unemployed but looking for work, retired, a student, or a homemaker?

		Hisp		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Employed	46	43	49	59
Unemployed	12	16	17	13
Retired	23	21	11	0
Student	7	9	6	15
Homemaker	8	5	12	9
(Other)	4	5	5	3
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	0	0
Unemp/Student/Homemaker(ref:EMPLOY)	26	30	35	37

Q.85 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Married	51	33	50	39
Single	30	43	32	52
Separated/divorced	11	15	14	8
Widowed	7	8	3	-
(Don't know/refused)	1	1	1	1
(ref:MARITAL)				

Q.86 How many people live full-time in your household, including yourself?

	Total	AA	anic	Youth
1-2	54	55	37	36
1-3	71	73	57	59
4-5	23	20	33	33
6-8	4	4	8	8
More than 8	1	3	2	1
(Don't know/refused) (ref:FAMSIZE)	1	-	1	0

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Q.87 (IF MARRIED) In terms of your spouse's job status, are they employed, unemployed but looking for work, retired, a student, or a homemaker?

	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Employed	61	73	57	74
Unemployed	5	5	9	8
Retired	22	15	8	2
Student	2	1	6	3
Homemaker	8	3	19	11
(Other)	2	4	2	2
(Don't know/Refused)	0	-	-	-
(ref:SPSEMPL)				

Q.88 A person's social class is determined by a number of things including education, income, occupation and wealth. If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in -- upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

	Total	AA	anic	Youth	
Upper class	2	2	4	2	
Upper-middle class	13	9	8	14	
Middle class		36	39	40	
Working class	28	34	34	33	
Lower class	11	17	13	11	
(Don't know/Refused) (ref:SELFCLSS)	2	3	1	1	

Q.89 What about your parents. What class would you say they belong in -- upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

		піэр		
Total	AA	anic	Youth	
4	6	3	4	
14	9	9	17	
40	34	37	41	
27	29	30	26	
11	16	19	10	
4	6	1	2	
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Q.90 Do you own stock? That could be from buying stock privately through a broker, or online, or owning stock through a 401K, or an IRA, or owning stock through mutual funds, or owning stock some other way, or do you not own any stock at this time?

	His			р		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth		
Own any type of stock	46	24	28	36		
Do not own any type of stock	52	72	71	63		
(Don't know/Refused)	2	4	1	1		
(ref:STOCK)						

Q.91 Do you own your home?

	Hisp			1		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth		
Yes	56	38	46	34		
No	43	60	54	65		
(Don't know/Refused)	1	3	1	1		
(ref:OWNHOME)						

Q.92 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Strong Democrat	27	63	32	28
Weak Democrat	14	11	24	18
Independent-lean Democrat	8	9	6	9
Independent	12	6	11	11
Independent-lean Republican	7	2	4	7
Weak Republican	11	3	6	12
Strong Republican	15	3	9	12
(Don't know/refused) (ref:PTYID1)	6	3	9	2

Q.95 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

		Hisp		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Liberal	23	24	25	29
Moderate	29	31	23	29
Conservative	41	34	39	37
(Don't know/refused)	8	11	14	6
(ref:IDEO1)				

[513 Respondents]

Q.96 (IF HISPANIC IN RACE OR RACETHN2) Would you describe your Hispanic origin as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Latin American, Central American, or Spanish?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Mexican	51	-	51	54
Puerto Rican	7	-	7	8
Cuban	5	-	5	2
Latin American	9	-	9	9
Central American	4	-	4	7
Spanish	19	-	19	13
(Don't know/refused) (ref:ORIGIN)	6	-	6	7

Q.97 Last year, that is in 2008, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total	AA	Hisp	Youth
Less than \$10K	3	4	1	3
\$10K to under \$20K	5	4	7	4
\$20K to under \$40K	10	11	12	15
\$40K to under \$60K	10	8	10	16
\$60K to under \$100K	9	9	10	15
\$100K to under \$125K	5	3	5	6
\$125K or more	5	4	4	7
(DK/Refused)	54	56	52	34
(ref:INCOME2)				

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Q.98 (IF DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/REFUSED ON INCOME2) Well was it (READ PUNCHES)?

		Total	AA	Hisp	Youth
	Less than \$10K	5	7	6	9
	\$10K to under \$20K	4	4	5	8
	\$20K to under \$40K	5	5	8	10
	\$40K to under \$60K		5	7	14
	\$60K to under \$100K		2	4	15
	\$100 to under \$125K		0	1	4
	\$125K or more		-	1	6
	(Ref)		34	29	11
	(DK)		42	38	24
	(ref:INCOME)	02		00	
O 97/98 Co	mbined Income				
Q.31/30 CO	inbilied income	Total	AA	Hisp	Youth
	Less than \$10K		8	4	6
	\$10K to under \$20K		7	10	7
	\$20K to under \$40K		, 14	16	, 18
	\$40K to under \$60K		11	14	21
	\$60K to under \$100K		10	12	20
	\$100K to under \$125K		3	5	
	·			_	7
	\$125K or more		4	4	9
	(DK/Refused)	39	43	35	12
	(ref:INCOME2/INCOME)				
Region from	n Sample				
•	·	Total	AA	Hisp	Youth
	New England	5	1	3	6
	Middle Atlantic	14	14	9	13
	East North Central	15	16	4	14
	West North Central	7	5	1	7
	Deep South	29	49	40	28
	Border States		8	0	7
	Mountain States	7	1	11	8
	Pacific		5	30	15
	Northeast	19	15	13	19
	Central	22	22	6	22
	South	36	57	40	36
	West	23	6	41	24
	(ref:REGION)				

Q.2 Record respondent's gender

	i otai	AA	Hispanic	routn
Male	49	46	52	51
Female	51	54	48	49
(ref:GENDER)				

Q.3 Before we begin, I have some questions for statistical purposes just so we are sure we give everybody an opportunity to take part in this survey. In what year were you born?

			Hisp	
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
18 - 24	13	16	18	33
25 - 29	9	9	12	23
30 - 34	9	9	9	22
35 - 39	9	10	15	22
40 - 44	7	9	9	-
45 - 49	12	12	11	-
50 - 54	7	9	6	-
55 - 59	8	6	8	-
60 - 64	8	6	3	-
Over 64	17	12	8	-
(No answer)	1	2	1	-
(ref:AGE)				

Q.4 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

		Hisp		
	Total	AA	anic	Youth
White	69	-	-	63
African-American or Black	11	100	-	12
Hispanic or Latino	13	-	100	18
Native American	1	-	-	1
Asian	1	-	-	3
(Other)	3	-	-	2
(Don't know/refused)		-	-	1
(ref:RACETHN)				

Q.5 Are you of Spanish or Hispanic origin or descent?

	Total	AA	anic	Youth
Yes	13	-	99	17
No	86	100	1	82
(Don't know/Refused)	1	-	-	0
(ref:RACETHN2)				

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