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1. How much attention do you pay to issues involving education?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
A great deal	14 %	50 %	23 %	12 %	16 %	23 %	10 %	13 %	17 %
Quite a bit	22	34	27	21	22	26	21	20	25
Some	44	10	41	46	45	36	45	46	41
Very Little	15	4	7	17	13	8	18	13	15
None	5	1	2	5	4	6	6	7	2

Evaluating Schools

2. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
A	1 %	2 %	2 %	1 %	1%	4 %	1 %	2 %	1 %
B	20	32	22	18	18	35	18	19	23
C	54	53	52	56	61	46	54	52	56
D	18	10	17	20	13	12	20	19	16
Fail	6	4	6	6	6	4	7	8	4

3. How about the public schools in your community? What grade would you give them?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
A	8 %	14 %	11 %	8 %	5 %	11 %	10 %	9 %	6 %
B	39	47	46	40	32	45	46	33	41
C	35	26	27	34	42	30	31	35	38
D	12	9	8	12	15	9	9	16	4
Fail	6	4	8	6	8	5	4	8	<1

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4. A 2009 government survey ranked the math skills of 15-year-olds in 34 industrialized countries. What is your best guess of where American 15-year-olds ranked on this test?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
1-5 (best)	3 %	0 %	5 %	1 %	4 %	11 %	2 %	4 %	3 %
6-10	9	4	11	7	9	15	8	8	9
11-15	15	12	17	14	14	18	14	14	17
16-20	25	24	26	27	23	23	25	27	24
21-25	25	26	22	26	28	15	27	23	24
26-30	16	21	13	17	12	10	18	16	14
31-34 (worst)	8	13	6	7	9	8	7	8	9

5. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students in U.S. public school who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
%	65 %	65 %	64 %	68 %	59 %	57 %	68 %	62 %	65 %

School Spending

6. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your school district?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
\$	\$6,592 (\$6,188)	\$7,513 (\$5,577)	\$5,990 (\$5,811)	\$6,886 (\$6,494)	\$7,276 (\$5,991)	\$4,854 (\$4,977)	\$6,945 (\$6,955)	\$6,850 (\$6,601)	\$6,018 (\$5,495)

Note: Figures in parentheses exclude guesses of \$0 and guesses exceeding \$50,000.

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 4 questions:

7a. As it turns out, according to the most recent information available, \$[CURRENT SPENDING] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	9 %	27 %	14 %	5 %	10 %	21 %	8 %	7 %	11 %
Increase	34	33	32	37	40	22	31	31	40
Stay about the same	44	32	46	43	45	50	41	45	45
Decrease	11	7	6	12	6	6	15	13	4
Greatly decrease	3	1	3	4	--	1	6	3	<1

7b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	16 %	31 %	16 %	15 %	24 %	13 %	11 %	14 %	22 %
Increase	47	37	49	47	51	45	38	43	57
Stay about the same	29	27	26	29	18	34	35	34	17
Decrease	6	5	5	6	4	7	13	5	4
Greatly decrease	3	--	4	4	2	1	3	4	0

7c. As it turns out, according to the most recent information available, \$[CURRENT SPENDING] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that taxes to fund public schools should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	3 %	15 %	3 %	3 %	4 %	4 %	1 %	5 %	4 %
Increase	21	35	24	20	33	21	12	20	28
Stay about the same	58	36	57	57	48	63	58	58	57
Decrease	14	9	12	15	15	11	24	10	10
Greatly decrease	4	5	3	5	1	1	6	6	<1

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7d. Do you think that taxes to fund public schools should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	6 %	8 %	11 %	4 %	13 %	13 %	5 %	3 %	9 %
Increase	29	43	30	29	29	33	27	24	38
Stay about the same	52	38	44	54	46	39	49	57	47
Decrease	9	10	8	10	12	10	16	10	4
Greatly decrease	4	1	7	4	0	5	4	6	1

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

8a. The share of the cost of public schools paid for by local, state and federal governments varies from one community to the next. To the best of your knowledge, what percent of government spending on public schools in your community comes from the following sources?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Local	34 %	34 %	32 %	36 %	31 %	30 %	36 %	34 %	33 %
State	36	40	35	36	33	36	37	36	35
Federal	31	26	34	29	37	34	28	30	34

8b. In your view, which government should assume the largest responsibility for covering the costs of educating students in public schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Local	20 %	19 %	19 %	21 %	11 %	25 %	31 %	20 %	14 %
State	53	54	47	52	64	40	53	46	60
Federal	27	27	34	27	26	35	17	34	27

8c. Around the nation, the federal government covers roughly 10 percent of per-pupil expenditures in public schools, while local and state federal governments each pay around 45 percent of the cost. In your view, which government should assume the largest responsibility for covering the costs of educating students in public schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Local	20 %	26 %	22 %	22 %	23 %	14 %	24 %	22 %	15 %
State	50	39	47	52	42	47	53	46	52
Federal	30	35	32	26	35	39	23	31	33

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School Choice Policies

Each of the respondents was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

10a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	17 %	10 %	19 %	19 %	17 %	12 %	24 %	19 %	10 %
Somewhat support	26	28	18	27	28	22	31	24	24
Neither support nor oppose	41	26	50	37	42	53	32	44	44
Somewhat oppose	10	23	8	11	9	9	8	8	14
Completely oppose	6	12	5	7	4	4	6	5	8

10b. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	62 %	52 %	65 %	60 %	67 %	68 %	66 %	62 %	58 %
Oppose	38	48	35	40	33	32	34	38	42

11. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools hold religious services?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes	20 %	23 %	17 %	20 %	19 %	18 %	25 %	17 %	19 %
No	22	38	26	22	17	19	21	20	24
Don't know	59	39	58	58	64	62	54	63	57

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12. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools charge tuition?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes	32 %	30 %	26 %	35 %	27 %	20 %	38 %	29 %	31 %
No	24	46	32	23	26	28	26	21	26
Don't know	44	24	42	42	46	52	37	49	43

13. In general, do charter schools receive more, less, or the same amount of government funds for each student enrolled than do traditional public schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Charters receive more government funds	8 %	12 %	8 %	7 %	10 %	8 %	8 %	6 %	9 %
Charters receive less government funds	20	19	20	23	12	18	26	19	18
Charters receive the same amount of government funds	23	42	21	24	21	18	24	21	25
Don't know	49	28	50	46	57	56	42	54	48

14. To the best of your knowledge, when more students apply to a charter school than there are spaces available, can the school pick the students they want or must they hold a lottery?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Pick students they want	22 %	26 %	20 %	23 %	17 %	19 %	23 %	20 %	22 %
Must hold lottery	28	45	33	27	30	30	28	25	31
Don't know	51	29	46	50	53	52	49	54	47

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15. To the best of your knowledge, is there a charter school in your local school district?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes, I know there is a charter school in this local school district	20 %	37 %	24 %	20 %	26 %	17 %	21 %	18 %	21 %
Yes, I think there is one	18	11	15	18	23	15	19	16	20
No, I don't think there is one	18	22	18	19	10	19	21	19	16
No, I know there are no charter schools in this local school district	10	22	13	12	6	7	12	10	10
Don't know	33	8	30	31	34	43	27	38	33

16. In some parts of the country, a majority of parents whose children attend a low-performing traditional public school can sign a petition requiring the district to convert the school into a charter. What do you think of this policy?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	12 %	10 %	13 %	13 %	11 %	11 %	16 %	13 %	10 %
Somewhat support	21	22	25	21	23	22	23	22	19
Neither support nor oppose	49	28	47	48	53	53	47	50	49
Somewhat oppose	10	19	9	11	7	8	9	9	13
Completely oppose	7	21	7	7	6	6	5	6	9

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 4 questions:

17a. A proposal has been made that would give *all* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	17 %	11 %	26 %	17 %	16 %	21 %	19 %	18 %	14 %
Somewhat support	26	25	28	26	37	24	27	24	27
Neither support nor oppose	28	10	24	27	29	33	30	26	31
Somewhat oppose	13	27	11	13	12	12	13	15	11
Completely oppose	16	27	10	17	6	9	11	18	17

17b. A proposal has been made that would give *low-income* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	13 %	11 %	21 %	10 %	21 %	16 %	9 %	13 %	16 %
Somewhat support	26	21	25	26	24	19	18	29	28
Neither support nor oppose	30	20	26	26	38	45	31	31	27
Somewhat oppose	13	22	10	16	7	12	15	12	13
Completely oppose	18	26	18	22	10	8	27	14	16

17c. A proposal has been made that would give *low-income* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	50 %	34 %	50 %	41 %	73 %	74 %	42 %	54 %	52 %
Oppose	50	66	50	59	27	26	58	46	48

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17d. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low-income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	12 %	4 %	17 %	8 %	22 %	23 %	9 %	13 %	13 %
Somewhat favor	24	13	27	22	33	30	16	27	27
Neither favor nor oppose	27	10	24	27	26	35	31	24	24
Somewhat oppose	18	31	22	20	12	7	18	18	16
Completely oppose	20	42	10	22	8	5	25	18	19

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

18a. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to *low- and moderate-income* parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	19 %	15 %	29 %	15 %	31 %	28 %	14 %	20 %	24 %
Somewhat favor	32	33	33	34	27	32	35	26	37
Neither favor nor oppose	31	23	24	30	32	32	30	34	28
Somewhat oppose	10	16	8	13	7	3	11	13	7
Completely oppose	7	14	6	8	4	5	9	8	5

18b. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to *all* parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	23 %	21 %	37 %	22 %	28 %	27 %	20 %	26 %	22 %
Somewhat favor	34	37	32	34	44	31	35	28	41
Neither favor nor oppose	27	19	22	26	19	33	28	30	22
Somewhat oppose	8	9	5	10	6	6	10	7	8
Completely oppose	7	14	4	8	4	3	6	8	7

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

19a. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	20 %	22 %	26 %	16 %	32 %	26 %	12 %	22 %	23 %
Somewhat favor	33	28	31	36	36	27	42	29	32
Neither favor nor oppose	31	16	28	31	24	34	29	33	29
Somewhat oppose	8	14	10	9	6	8	11	7	8
Completely oppose	8	19	6	9	2	5	6	9	7

19b. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	72 %	61 %	73 %	70 %	75 %	77 %	66 %	75 %	73 %
Oppose	28	39	27	30	25	23	34	25	27

20. In your view, should high school students be granted the option of taking approved classes either online or in school?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes, students should be given the option	53 %	61 %	59 %	53 %	53 %	53 %	47 %	57 %	53 %
No, students should only take courses in school	47	39	41	47	47	47	53	43	47

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21. When students decide to take a course online, should all the state funding for the course go to the organization that offers the course, or should some funding also go to local school districts to help defray other school costs?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
All state funding for course should go to the organization offering the course	20 %	12 %	21 %	20%	20 %	21 %	22 %	21 %	16 %
Most of the state funding should go to the organization that offers the course, but a small portion should be given to the local school.	33	34	35	34	36	26	36	31	32
State funding for course should be shared equally between the organization offering the course and the local school.	48	54	43	46	44	53	42	48	52

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 4 questions:

22a. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their high school children at home. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	10 %	2 %	10 %	11 %	9 %	9 %	13 %	9 %	8 %
Somewhat favor	18	20	24	17	23	16	20	16	20
Neither favor nor oppose	33	32	31	32	33	36	32	41	27
Somewhat oppose	20	18	21	20	21	22	19	16	26
Completely oppose	18	27	14	20	14	17	16	19	19

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22b. High school students in some rural communities have access to only a limited number of course offerings in their public schools. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	23 %	16 %	32 %	21 %	24 %	30 %	13 %	27 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	35	41	29	38	39	25	43	31	37
Neither favor nor oppose	27	15	28	24	29	32	22	27	30
Somewhat oppose	9	11	9	10	6	8	11	10	7
Completely oppose	5	17	3	7	2	6	11	6	1

22c. Some high schools offer advanced courses for which students may be able to receive college credit. Do you favor or oppose public funding for such courses that students take online over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	27 %	36 %	39 %	25 %	36 %	32 %	29 %	27 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	30	27	30	31	23	26	31	28	32
Neither favor nor oppose	28	10	25	27	30	35	25	29	28
Somewhat oppose	11	23	3	12	8	3	11	10	12
Completely oppose	5	4	2	5	4	4	4	6	4

22d. A variety of education programs are currently available to children who drop out of high school. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	11 %	8 %	11 %	10 %	18 %	15 %	6 %	9 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	33	28	33	32	29	34	28	32	37
Neither favor nor oppose	28	30	28	28	38	25	33	30	22
Somewhat oppose	17	19	17	20	10	14	25	13	15
Completely oppose	11	15	11	10	5	12	8	15	9

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Personnel Policies

23. Based on your best guess, what is the average salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
\$	\$35,920 (\$36,063)	\$43,997 (\$43,997)	\$34,670 (\$34,828)	\$39,312 (\$39,312)	\$30,789 (\$30,803)	\$25,573 (\$26,311)	\$40,208 (\$40,208)	\$34,338 (\$34,547)	\$34,551 (\$34,705)

Note: Figures in parentheses exclude guesses of \$0.

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

24a. As it turns out, teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$[CURRENT SPENDING]. Do you think that teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	6 %	27 %	11 %	5 %	11 %	8 %	6 %	7 %	6 %
Increase	30	47	24	31	43	24	28	27	35
Stay about the same	55	24	56	54	40	64	54	57	53
Decrease	6	2	8	7	3	3	9	6	3
Greatly decrease	2	0	1	2	3	1	3	2	2

24b. Do you think that teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	13 %	42 %	17 %	11 %	23 %	15 %	11 %	12 %	16 %
Increase	51	43	47	51	51	46	43	48	60
Stay about the same	32	10	34	33	25	38	40	35	23
Decrease	3	2	1	4	1	1	4	4	1
Greatly decrease	1	2	1	1	--	1	2	1	1

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

25a. Some argue that teachers should be required to contribute from their salaries enough funds to cover 20 percent of their health care and pension benefits, with the government covering the remainder. What do you think of this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	18 %	12 %	19 %	22 %	6 %	17 %	26 %	19 %	12 %
Somewhat favor	28	18	26	30	22	20	30	26	28
Neither favor nor oppose	32	20	30	28	50	43	22	34	38
Somewhat oppose	15	22	16	15	15	14	16	15	15
Completely oppose	6	29	10	6	7	7	6	6	6

25b. Some argue that teachers should be required to contribute from their salaries enough funds to cover 20 percent of their health care and pension benefits, with the government covering the remainder. What do you think of this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	62 %	24 %	59 %	65 %	44 %	62 %	69 %	62 %	57 %
Oppose	38	76	41	35	56	38	31	38	43

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

26a. When evaluating a teacher's performance for a salary increase or granting of tenure, some have proposed using various kinds of information. We'd like to know what you think. If such a proposal is adopted, what percentage of a teacher's evaluation should be given to each of the following five factors? Note: You may give zero percent, if you think a factor should not be used at all. The total amount must sum to 100 percent.

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Student progress as indicated by test score performance	32 %	19 %	29 %	33 %	30 %	33 %	33 %	31 %	33 %
Principal evaluations	23	44	25	24	24	21	24	22	24
Parental evaluations	15	10	17	15	16	15	15	16	14
Student evaluations	15	13	15	15	15	18	13	16	16
Evaluations by fellow teachers	15	17	14	15	15	16	16	15	15

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26b. When evaluating a teacher's performance for a salary increase or granting of tenure, some have proposed using various kinds of information. We'd like to know what you think. If such a proposal is adopted, what percentage of a teacher's evaluation should be given to each of the following two factors? Note: You may give zero percent, if you think a factor should not be used at all. The total amount must sum to 100 percent.

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Student progress as indicated by test score performance	54 %	27 %	55 %	53 %	54 %	55 %	53 %	55 %	54 %
Principal evaluations	46	74	46	48	46	47	47	46	47

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

27a. In some districts, information about each public school teacher's impact on student test scores is made available to parents and the general public. Would you favor or oppose such a policy in your district?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	30 %	16 %	32 %	31	22 %	31 %	34 %	29 %	29 %
Somewhat favor	30	14	30	29	34	24	35	26	31
Neither favor nor oppose	27	16	26	24	36	34	18	33	25
Somewhat oppose	8	28	8	10	4	7	10	6	10
Completely oppose	5	26	4	6	4	4	4	6	5

27b. In some districts, information about each public school teacher's impact on student test scores is made available to parents and the general public. Would you favor or oppose such a policy in your district?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	78 %	33 %	81 %	76 %	74 %	83 %	79 %	78 %	77 %
Oppose	22	67	19	24	26	17	21	23	23

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

28a. Do you have trust and confidence in the men and women who are teaching children in the public schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes, have confidence	72 %	82 %	70 %	73 %	69 %	71 %	71 %	69 %	76 %
No, do not	28	18	30	27	31	29	29	31	24

28b. How much trust and confidence do you have in public school teachers?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Complete trust and confidence	4 %	19 %	7 %	3 %	5 %	4 %	1 %	4 %	6 %
A lot of trust and confidence	38	62	34	41	29	32	44	31	43
Some trust and confidence	49	16	49	48	57	51	46	53	47
Little trust or confidence	9	2	10	8	8	13	9	12	4

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

29a. A proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	23 %	6 %	28 %	21 %	22 %	30 %	23 %	23 %	22 %
Somewhat favor	39	20	35	42	29	34	38	36	45
Neither favor nor oppose	23	13	23	21	33	28	24	27	18
Somewhat oppose	9	28	10	11	7	4	13	7	9
Completely oppose	5	34	5	5	8	4	2	6	4

29b. A proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	76 %	41 %	76 %	74 %	80 %	87 %	79 %	71 %	81 %
Oppose	24	59	24	26	20	13	21	29	19

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

30a. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	12 %	9 %	9 %	14 %	10 %	9 %	14 %	14 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	31	15	37	32	26	32	31	31	32
Neither favor nor oppose	29	16	26	28	26	34	30	27	31
Somewhat oppose	16	18	16	16	22	14	15	16	18
Completely oppose	12	41	13	11	15	11	11	12	12

30b. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	54 %	40 %	52 %	53 %	62 %	50 %	58 %	52 %	55 %
Oppose	46	60	48	47	38	50	42	48	45

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

31a. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	7 %	27 %	8 %	6 %	9 %	9 %	6 %	6 %	8 %
Somewhat favor	19	25	17	17	25	24	14	17	27
Neither favor nor oppose	30	21	27	27	42	42	24	35	30
Somewhat oppose	26	18	27	29	19	14	30	23	25
Completely oppose	18	8	20	21	6	11	26	20	10

31b. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	39 %	55 %	38 %	35%	53 %	48 %	29 %	39 %	48 %
Oppose	61	45	62	65	47	52	71	61	52

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

32a. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Very positive effect	6 %	20 %	6 %	4 %	8 %	5 %	3 %	6 %	7 %
Somewhat positive effect	19	23	22	17	29	21	10	18	28
Neither positive nor negative effect	39	25	35	35	48	48	35	42	40
Somewhat negative effect	21	21	23	26	10	17	27	20	20
Very negative effect	14	11	14	17	4	9	26	15	5

32b. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Positive effect	49 %	71 %	52 %	43 %	75 %	59 %	29 %	44 %	71 %
Negative effect	51	29	48	57	25	41	71	56	29

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Accountability

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

33a. As you may know, sometime in the next year or two Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. Should the federal government continue to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	29 %	22 %	28 %	28 %	26 %	36 %	30 %	28 %	29 %
Somewhat support	34	28	34	35	30	27	35	33	33
Neither support nor oppose	26	14	24	21	38	29	22	28	26
Somewhat oppose	8	18	9	10	5	5	5	8	10
Completely oppose	4	18	5	6	1	2	8	3	3

33b. As you may know, sometime in the next year or two Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. Should the federal government continue to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	81 %	52 %	79 %	80 %	84 %	85 %	78 %	81 %	85 %
Oppose	19	48	21	20	16	15	22	19	15

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

34a. As you may know, all states are currently deciding whether or not to adopt the Common Core standards in reading and math. If adopted, these standards would be used to hold the state's schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the adoption of the Common Core standards in your state?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	23 %	19 %	24 %	22 %	22 %	26 %	22 %	22 %	24 %
Somewhat support	40	53	40	43	36	36	41	40	41
Neither support nor oppose	30	12	27	27	36	36	28	32	29
Somewhat oppose	5	14	7	6	2	3	5	5	4
Completely oppose	2	2	3	2	4	0	4	2	1

34b. As you may know, all states are currently deciding whether or not to adopt the same academic standards in reading and math. If adopted, these standards would be used to hold the state's schools accountable for their performance. Do you support the adoption of these standards in your state?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	28 %	26 %	24 %	27 %	28 %	24 %	26 %	26 %	31 %
Somewhat support	39	32	41	42	36	33	43	33	45
Neither support nor oppose	27	20	27	25	31	38	23	34	22
Somewhat oppose	4	16	4	4	3	4	6	4	2
Completely oppose	2	6	4	2	1	2	2	3	1

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

35a. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	35 %	22 %	28 %	35 %	33 %	31 %	33 %	33 %	40 %
Somewhat support	35	41	37	36	32	31	34	34	36
Neither support nor oppose	18	8	20	16	22	27	16	23	13
Somewhat oppose	8	19	11	9	10	8	13	6	8
Completely oppose	4	11	5	4	3	3	5	4	2

35b. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	78 %	69 %	70 %	78 %	70 %	84 %	83 %	79 %	74 %
Oppose	22	31	30	22	30	16	17	21	26

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

36a. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	40 %	36 %	36 %	38 %	42 %	43 %	39 %	43 %	38 %
Somewhat support	32	44	33	37	22	25	38	32	29
Neither support nor oppose	15	8	14	14	18	23	9	18	17
Somewhat oppose	8	9	11	8	11	6	11	5	11
Completely oppose	4	4	6	4	8	3	3	3	5

36b. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	80 %	69 %	77 %	79 %	74 %	85 %	81 %	81 %	79 %
Oppose	20	31	23	21	26	15	19	19	21

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

37a. A proposal has been made that would require all students to remain in public school until they reach age 18 or earn their high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	32 %	35 %	33 %	30 %	34 %	34 %	29 %	30 %	35 %
Somewhat support	26	24	23	27	21	27	28	22	29
Neither support nor oppose	23	19	23	21	29	28	18	29	19
Somewhat oppose	11	17	12	13	11	8	13	10	12
Completely oppose	8	6	9	10	5	3	13	8	4

37b. A proposal has been made that would require all students to remain in public school until they reach age 18 or earn their high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	70 %	56 %	69 %	69 %	70 %	74 %	70 %	69 %	72 %
Oppose	30	44	31	31	30	26	30	31	28

38. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Very willing	21 %	25 %	27 %	22	17 %	19 %	22 %	22 %	20 %
Somewhat willing	34	36	34	35	32	30	35	34	32
Neither willing nor unwilling	22	14	17	20	29	26	19	25	22
Somewhat unwilling	14	14	14	15	12	15	17	10	17
Very unwilling	9	12	8	8	11	11	9	9	9

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Presidential Approval Rating

39. Overall, do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Strongly approve	17 %	21 %	15 %	11 %	51 %	19 %	1 %	11 %	37 %
Somewhat approve	35	36	36	33	41	44	11	38	49
Somewhat disapprove	21	20	26	23	8	22	26	27	10
Strongly disapprove	27	24	23	34	1	15	61	24	4

45. In your view, has Barack Obama done an excellent job, a good job, a fair job, or a poor job at handling education issues?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Excellent job	11 %	12 %	10 %	5 %	36 %	13 %	1 %	6 %	24 %
Good job	28	30	25	26	41	31	6	28	45
Fair Job	34	32	37	36	18	37	35	41	24
Poor job	27	27	28	34	5	20	58	25	7