

Benchmark Study of Union Employee Election Year Attitudes



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N = 760 private & government union employees
Margin of error: +/- 3.7%

The follow are key findings from a national survey of 760 union member respondents conducted by The Word Doctors from October 26 to October 28, 2010. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%.

1. What is your age?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
2%	2%	2%	18-20
17%	19%	16%	21-29
12%	11%	14%	30-34
13%	12%	14%	35-39
12%	12%	12%	40-44
12%	11%	12%	45-49
12%	15%	13%	50-54
10%	9%	11%	55-59
7%	7%	7%	60-64
1%	2%	1%	65-69
1%	1%	-	70+

2. What is your gender?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
56%	61%	50%	MALE
44%	39%	50%	FEMALE

3. Are you currently a member in any labor union? And is the union for which you work PUBLIC, meaning you work for some form of government ... or PRIVATE, meaning you work for a company?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
51%	100%	-	YES, PRIVATE
49%	-	100%	YES, PUBLIC

4. Which of the following BEST describes your occupational field?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
25%	10%	41%	EDUCATION
16%	22%	9%	SKILLED LABORER / TRADESMAN
15%	20%	9%	SERVICE INDUSTRY
13%	2%	24%	GOVERNMENT/STATE, LOCAL, OR FEDERAL EMPLOYEE
2%	3%	1%	ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
2%	2%	2%	POLICE/FIRE/PUBLIC SAFETY
28%	41%	14%	OTHER

5. How interested are you in the upcoming state elections in November? If “0” means you have no interest at all in the elections, and “10” means you are really extremely interested in the elections and their outcome, what number between “0” and “10” would best describe your interest in the 2010 elections?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
5%	7%	4%	0
1%	1%	2%	1-4
2%	1%	2%	2
3%	2%	3%	3
2%	3%	1%	4
7%	8%	6%	5
6%	6%	7%	6
10%	10%	10%	7
17%	18%	16%	8
13%	12%	15%	9
34%	33%	35%	10

PARTIES & ISSUES

6. In the wake of the recent healthcare reform law and with all the other healthcare issues facing America today, which political party do you trust MORE to make the right decisions on future healthcare laws?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
31%	31%	32%	NET REPUBLICANS
14%	18%	11%	DEFINITELY REPUBLICANS
17%	13%	21%	LEANING REPUBLICANS
26%	26%	26%	LEANING DEMOCRATS
24%	23%	26%	DEFINITELY DEMOCRATS
50%	49%	52%	NET DEMOCRATS
17%	21%	19%	NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM

7. When it comes to creating jobs and lowering the national unemployment rate, which is currently almost 10%, which political party do you trust more?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
35%	37%	33%	NET REPUBLICANS
16%	17%	15%	DEFINITELY REPUBLICANS
19%	20%	18%	LEANING REPUBLICANS
24%	24%	24%	LEANING DEMOCRATS
23%	24%	23%	DEFINITELY DEMOCRATS
47%	48%	47%	NET DEMOCRATS
18%	16%	20%	NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM

8. Which party do you trust more to cut wasteful spending, balance the \$1.4 trillion budget deficit and pay down the \$13 trillion debt? Do you trust...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
31%	34%	28%	NET REPUBLICANS
14%	18%	11%	DEFINITELY REPUBLICANS
17%	16%	17%	LEANING REPUBLICANS
22%	18%	26%	LEANING DEMOCRATS
22%	21%	23%	DEFINITELY DEMOCRATS
44%	39%	49%	NET DEMOCRATS
25%	27%	23%	NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM

9. Which party do you trust more to get the economy back on track? Do you trust...It may be a tough choice, but if you HAD to choose one party, which would it be?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
36%	40%	34%	NET REPUBLICANS
18%	21%	16%	DEFINITELY REPUBLICANS
18%	19%	18%	LEANING REPUBLICANS
26%	26%	27%	LEANING DEMOCRATS
23%	22%	21%	DEFINITELY DEMOCRATS
49%	28%	48%	NET DEMOCRATS
15%	12%	18%	NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM

10. And when it comes to securing America's border and addressing illegal immigration, which party do you trust more? Do you trust...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
39%	41%	36%	NET REPUBLICANS
19%	22%	16%	DEFINITELY REPUBLICANS
20%	19%	20%	LEANING REPUBLICANS
21%	22%	20%	LEANING DEMOCRATS
19%	16%	22%	DEFINITELY DEMOCRATS
40%	38%	42%	NET DEMOCRATS
22%	22%	22%	NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM

11. Which party do you trust more to create fair labor laws that protect employees from unfair practices by both business and union officers? Do you trust...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
25%	25%	25%	NET REPUBLICANS
12%	13%	10%	DEFINITELY REPUBLICANS
13%	12%	15%	LEANING REPUBLICANS
28%	28%	28%	LEANING DEMOCRATS
29%	32%	27%	DEFINITELY DEMOCRATS
57%	60%	55%	NET DEMOCRATS
18%	15%	20%	NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM

Switching gears now, I will ask you your opinion about how leaders in Washington are doing in their jobs. I'm going to ask you about several people and organizations. Please tell me whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job each one is doing. The first/next one is ...

12. Barack Obama

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
53%	53%	50%	NET APPROVE
21%	21%	20%	STRONGLY APPROVE
32%	33%	30%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
18%	14%	21%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
24%	28%	20%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
42%	42%	41%	NET DISAPPROVE
6%	5%	7%	NO OPINION

13. America's union leaders

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
43%	38%	57%	NET APPROVE
9%	8%	10%	STRONGLY APPROVE
34%	30%	37%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
28%	29%	27%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
17%	19%	14%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
45%	48%	41%	NET DISAPPROVE
13%	14%	12%	NO OPINION

14. Congressional Republicans

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
33%	34%	32%	NET APPROVE
8%	8%	8%	STRONGLY APPROVE
25%	26%	24%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
30%	29%	30%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
29%	30%	29%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
59%	59%	59%	NET DISAPPROVE
8%	8%	9%	NO OPINION

15. Congressional Democrats

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
46%	47%	44%	NET APPROVE
12%	12%	12%	STRONGLY APPROVE
34%	35%	32%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
22%	20%	24%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
24%	27%	22%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
46%	47%	46%	NET DISAPPROVE
8%	7%	9%	NO OPINION

16. Who would you rather see in charge of the United States House of Representatives after the next election...It may be a tough choice, but if you HAD to choose one party, which would it be?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
49%	47%	50%	NET DEMOCRATS
20%	19%	21%	DEFINITELY THE DEMOCRATS UNDER NANCY PELOSI
29%	28%	29%	PROBABLY THE DEMOCRATS UNDER NANCY PELOSI
21%	17%	24%	PROBABLY THE REPUBLICANS UNDER JOHN BOEHNER
17%	23%	12%	DEFINITELY THE REPUBLICANS UNDER JOHN BOEHNER
38%	40%	36%	NET REPUBLICANS
14%	13%	15%	DON'T CARE

17. Which of the following do you believe would be best for America today?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
59%	57%	61%	A MOSTLY EVEN BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS
18%	19%	16%	ONE PARTY RULE BY DEMOCRATS
15%	14%	16%	ONE PARTY RULE BY REPUBLICANS
8%	10%	7%	DON'T CARE

18. And regardless of how you usually vote, would you like to see Nancy Pelosi remain as Speaker of the House, or would you like to see someone else in that position?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
50%	50%	50%	SOMEONE ELSE IN THE POSITION
30%	29%	31%	PELOSI STAY AS SPEAKER
20%	21%	19%	DON'T CARE

19. In early 2009, President Obama and the Congress passed a \$787 stimulus bill. Supporters of the bill said it would save or create jobs, while opponents said it would waste too much money on ineffective government programs. In your opinion, was that bill very much a success, somewhat a success, somewhat a failure, or very much a failure?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
41%	38%	43%	NET SUCCESS
7%	5%	9%	VERY MUCH A SUCCESS
34%	33%	34%	SOMEWHAT A SUCCESS
27%	28%	26%	SOMEWHAT A FAILURE
26%	28%	23%	VERY MUCH A FAILURE
53%	56%	49%	NET FAILURE
7%	5%	8%	NO OPINION

20. In 2008, President Bush and Congress passed a \$700 billion corporate bailout bill. Supporters of the bill said it would prevent major economic collapse, while opponents said it was wrong to prop up failing companies. In your opinion, was that bill very much a success, somewhat a success, somewhat a failure, or very much a failure?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
30%	32%	28%	NET SUCCESS
5%	6%	4%	VERY MUCH A SUCCESS
25%	26%	24%	SOMEWHAT A SUCCESS
33%	31%	34%	SOMEWHAT A FAILURE
31%	33%	29%	VERY MUCH A FAILURE
64%	64%	63%	NET FAILURE
7%	4%	10%	NO OPINION

21. In 2010, President Obama and Democrats in Congress passed a nearly \$1 trillion healthcare reform bill. Supporters of the bill said it would lower healthcare costs and expand access, while opponents said it would increase costs and reduce quality of care. In your opinion, was that bill very much a success, somewhat a success, somewhat a failure, or very much a failure?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
37%	38%	37%	NET SUCCESS
10%	10%	11%	VERY MUCH A SUCCESS
27%	28%	26%	SOMEWHAT A SUCCESS
21%	23%	19%	SOMEWHAT A FAILURE
29%	30%	29%	VERY MUCH A FAILURE
50%	53%	48%	NET FAILURE
12%	10%	15%	NO OPINION

22. And in the coming election on November 2nd, if you had to vote today, would you vote for the REPUBLICAN or the DEMOCRAT candidate for Congress? I need you to choose.

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
53%	53%	54%	DEMOCRAT
37%	37%	36%	REPUBLICAN
10%	10%	10%	I WILL NOT VOTE

23. From the following list, who do you trust MOST to lead America to better job growth?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
66%	68%	64%	ENTREPRENEURS, SMALL BUSINESSES, AND EMPLOYERS
18%	14%	21%	THE GOVERNMENT
17%	18%	16%	LABOR UNION LEADERS

24. Now I am going to read you two opposing statements on how to stimulate the economy. If you had to choose, which do you agree with MORE?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
63%	70%	57%	ENOUGH WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT SPENDING. THE GOVERNMENT KEEPS WASTING TAXPAYER DOLLARS ON STIMULUS AND BAILOUTS THAT HIKE UP THE DEBT BUT DON'T CREATE JOBS. MORE GOVERNMENT IS NOT THE ANSWER. ENCOURAGING EMPLOYERS TO HIRE IS THE ANSWER.
37%	30%	43%	NO ONE LIKES INCREASING SPENDING, BUT IN ORDER TO PULL OUT OF THE RECESSION, WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE GOVERNMENT SPENDING TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY AND CREATE AND PROTECT JOBS.

25. Now I am going to read you two opposing statements on what Washington should do with remaining funds from the bailout bill of 2008. If you had to choose, which do you agree with MORE ?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
70%	73%	67%	IT'S TIME TO END THE BAILOUTS. TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO BAIL OUT FAILURE WHETHER FROM WALL STREET OR STATE GOVERNMENTS WHO REFUSE TO BALANCE THEIR BOOKS. WE SHOULDN'T BURDEN FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH MORE DEBT.
30%	27%	33%	WE SHOULD USE REMAINING BAILOUT FUNDS TO INCREASE SPENDING ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD SAVE MANY STATE WORKER JOBS AND KEEP GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS RUNNING.

26. Overall, do you believe the *best days* for unions in America are ahead of us or behind us?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
52%	53%	50%	BEHIND US
20%	17%	23%	AHEAD OF US
28%	30%	27%	NOT REALLY SURE

27. And thinking about your career as a whole, would you say that being a member of a union has greatly helped, somewhat helped, somewhat hurt, or greatly hurt your career?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
48%	44%	52%	NET HELPED
15%	15%	15%	GREATLY HELPED
33%	29%	37%	SOMEWHAT HELPED
36%	39%	31%	NO IMPACT AT ALL
12%	12%	11%	SOMEWHAT HURT
6%	5%	6%	GREATLY HURT
18%	17%	17%	NET HURT

28. If you had to guess, generally speaking, do you believe American unions are much more, somewhat more, somewhat less, or much less POWERFUL than they were 50 years ago?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
25%	20%	31%	NET MORE
7%	3%	11%	MUCH MORE
18%	17%	20%	SOMEWHAT MORE
8%	7%	8%	EXACTLY SAME
31%	31%	30%	SOMEWHAT LESS
29%	34%	24%	MUCH LESS
60%	65%	54%	NET LESS
7%	8%	7%	NOT REALLY SURE

29. If you had to guess, generally speaking, do you believe American unions are much more, somewhat more, somewhat less, or much less HONEST AND PRINCIPLED than they were 50 years ago?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
30%	30%	29%	NET MORE
10%	9%	10%	MUCH MORE
20%	21%	19%	SOMEWHAT MORE
17%	16%	18%	EXACTLY SAME
25%	24%	27%	SOMEWHAT LESS
19%	22%	15%	MUCH LESS
44%	46%	42%	NET LESS
9%	8%	11%	NOT REALLY SURE

28. Overall, how much trust and confidence do you have in the ability of UNION LEADERS to improve the quality of life for hardworking Americans? Is it...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
5%	3%	6%	A GREAT DEAL
14%	12%	16%	A GOOD AMOUNT
24%	22%	27%	A FAIR AMOUNT
37%	41%	34%	ONLY A LITTLE
15%	13%	18%	NONE AT ALL
4%	4%	5%	I DON'T WANT TO SAY

29. Overall, how much trust and confidence do you have in the ability of POLITICAL LEADERS to improve the quality of life for hardworking Americans? Is it...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
5%	3%	6%	A GREAT DEAL
14%	12%	16%	A GOOD AMOUNT
24%	22%	27%	A FAIR AMOUNT
37%	41%	34%	ONLY A LITTLE
15%	18%	13%	NONE AT ALL
4%	4%	5%	I DON'T WANT TO SAY

30. Generally speaking, should union leaders in America today be...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
72%	82%	63%	HELD MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO IMPROVE HOW THEY REPRESENT WORKERS
19%	12%	25%	EMPOWERED MORE TO KEEP DOING WHAT THEY ARE DOING
9%	6%	12%	I DON'T WANT TO SAY

31. In your opinion, do union officers these days mostly look out for...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
66%	67%	64%	THEMSELVES
21%	21%	21%	THE LITTLE GUY
13%	12%	15%	I DON'T WANT TO SAY

32. In thinking about the union dues you pay annually, based on the value you receive for those dues, do you believe they are...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
57%	54%	59%	NET TOO HIGH
19%	17%	21%	MUCH TOO HIGH
15%	14%	16%	SOMEWHAT TOO HIGH
23%	23%	22%	A LITTLE TOO HIGH
25%	22%	28%	JUST ABOUT RIGHT
3%	3%	3%	A LITTLE TOO LOW
2%	2%	2%	SOMEWHAT TOO LOW
1%	2%	-	MUCH TOO LOW
6%	7%	5%	NET TOO LOW
13%	17%	8%	I DO NOT PAY UNION DUES

33. Generally speaking, when it comes to salaries and compensation do you believe that UNION LEADERS in America are...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
63%	71%	59%	NET OVERPAID
24%	30%	19%	VERY OVERPAID
18%	19%	18%	SOMEWHAT OVERPAID
21%	22%	21%	A LITTLE OVERPAID
20%	18%	22%	PAID ABOUT RIGHT
5%	4%	6%	A LITTLE UNDERPAID
3%	1%	5%	SOMEWHAT UNDERPAID
1%	1%	1%	VERY UNDERPAID
9%	6%	12%	NET UNDERPAID
7%	6%	9%	I DON'T WANT TO SAY

34. Generally speaking, when it comes to salaries and compensation do you believe that UNION WORKERS in America are...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
37%	36%	39%	NET OVERPAID
10%	9%	12%	VERY OVERPAID
11%	12%	9%	SOMEWHAT OVERPAID
16%	15%	18%	A LITTLE OVERPAID
31%	33%	29%	PAID ABOUT RIGHT
15%	13%	17%	A LITTLE UNDERPAID
7%	6%	8%	SOMEWHAT UNDERPAID
4%	6%	3%	VERY UNDERPAID
26%	25%	28%	NET UNDERPAID
6%	7%	5%	I DON'T WANT TO SAY

35. Many union leaders across America earn over \$250,000 a year in annual salary. In your opinion, is this fact very reasonable, somewhat reasonable, somewhat unreasonable, very unreasonable?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
12%	6%	14%	NET REASONABLE
4%	2%	6%	VERY REASONABLE
8%	4%	8%	SOMEWHAT REASONABLE
9%	10%	9%	JUST ABOUT RIGHT
33%	34%	33%	SOMEWHAT UNREASONABLE
41%	43%	39%	VERY UNREASONABLE
74%	77%	72%	NET UNREASONABLE
4%	3%	6%	I DON'T WANT TO SAY

36. In your opinion, it is very reasonable, somewhat reasonable, somewhat unreasonable, or very unreasonable that union leaders across America can spend your union dues on politics without getting your approval?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
14%	16%	11%	NET REASONABLE
4%	5%	3%	VERY REASONABLE
10%	11%	8%	SOMEWHAT REASONABLE
15%	13%	17%	JUST ABOUT RIGHT
31%	27%	36%	SOMEWHAT UNREASONABLE
35%	37%	32%	VERY UNREASONABLE
66%	64%	68%	NET UNREASONABLE
5%	6%	4%	I DON'T WANT TO SAY

37. Over the next year or two, do you believe it is LIKELY or UNLIKELY that YOUR salary will increase?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
47%	51%	44%	NET LIKELY
11%	11%	12%	VERY LIKELY
36%	40%	32%	SOMEWHAT LIKELY
26%	26%	26%	SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY
20%	19%	22%	VERY UNLIKELY
46%	45%	48%	NET UNLIKELY
6%	4%	9%	DON'T KNOW

38. Over the next year or two, do you believe it is **LIKELY** or **UNLIKELY** that **YOUR UNION LEADERS'** salary will increase?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
66%	69%	63%	NET LIKELY
34%	36%	32%	VERY LIKELY
32%	33%	31%	SOMEWHAT LIKELY
18%	14%	23%	SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY
6%	4%	7%	VERY UNLIKELY
24%	18%	30%	NET UNLIKELY
10%	13%	7%	DON'T KNOW

39. News reports have estimated that in the 2010 election cycle, as much as one billion dollars from union treasuries and union dues will be spent influencing the election. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this use of union dues to impact elections?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
31%	25%	36%	NET SUPPORT
9%	7%	11%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
22%	18%	25%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
26%	27%	25%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
34%	38%	31%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
60%	65%	56%	NET OPPOSE
9%	11%	8%	REFUSED

40. As you may know, some of the largest unions in America – such as the AFL-CIO, AFSCME, and SEIU – are spending tens of millions of dollars individually and hundreds of millions of dollars collectively to *protect incumbent Democrats on Capitol Hill* in the upcoming midterm elections. In your opinion, is that a ... of union money? ?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
60%	60%	60%	A WASTEFUL & UNNECESSARY USE
26%	23%	30%	GOOD AND PROPER USE
14%	17%	10%	I DON'T REALLY CARE

41. If a large union in America had \$50 million dollars to spend with the goal of *“protecting and promoting the interests of union workers,”* would you prefer to see that money spent on...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
59%	67%	53%	WORKING WITH EMPLOYERS TO CREATE NEW AND BETTER JOBS THAT WILL STAY IN AMERICA
22%	18%	27%	SUPPORTING UNION MEMBERS IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR BETTER COMPENSATION AND FAIRER TREATMENT
10%	9%	11%	EXPANDING UNION MEMBERSHIP TO MORE COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIES
8%	6%	10%	PROTECTING DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENTS ON CAPITOL HILL IN THE 2010 AND 2012 ELECTIONS

42. In the upcoming midterm elections, do you believe that union leadership should be using your union dues to...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
51%	44%	59%	THROW THE BUMS OUT
26%	29%	22%	I DON'T REALLY CARE
24%	28%	19%	PROTECT INCUMBENTS

43. Now I will read you a list of complaints that some have made about how their union dues are spent. Please tell me which one makes you the ANGRiest, if any.

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
27%	30%	24%	THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN HOW UNION DUES ARE SPENT ON UNION BOSSES AND ELECTION ACTIVITY.
25%	24%	27%	THAT MY UNION DUES PAY FOR UNION BOSSES' BIG SALARIES AND PERKS
22%	19%	25%	THAT MY DUES CAN BE SPENT ON BEHALF OF CANDIDATES OR PARTIES THAT I DO NOT SUPPORT, WITHOUT MY CONSENT.
13%	14%	12%	THAT UNIONS OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS HAVE SPENT 90% OF ELECTION FUNDING ON DEMOCRATS, WHICH IS JUST TOO MUCH FOR ONE PARTY.
13%	13%	13%	NONE OF THESE MAKES ME ANGRY

44. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: *"Union workers should have the right to know how their dues money is being spent. The Department of Labor should disclose union spending on the Internet to ensure accountability."*

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
89%	91%	87%	NET AGREE
63%	67%	60%	STRONGLY AGREE
26%	24%	27%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
3%	3%	4%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
3%	2%	4%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
6%	5%	8%	NET DISAGREE
5%	5%	5%	I DON'T REALLY CARE

45. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: *"Workers should have the right to decide whether to join a union. They should never be forced or coerced to join or pay dues to a union as a condition of employment."*

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
80%	79%	80%	NET AGREE
54%	51%	57%	STRONGLY AGREE
26%	28%	23%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
9%	9%	10%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
5%	5%	5%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
14%	14%	15%	NET DISAGREE
6%	6%	6%	I DON'T REALLY CARE

46. Now I am going to read you several ways that some have described what they do. Some choices may seem similar, but please tell me the BEST way to describe who you are. Do you consider yourself first a ...

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
60%	59%	61%	EMPLOYEE
23%	22%	25%	WORKER
12%	15%	9%	UNION MEMBER
4%	4%	5%	NONE OF THESE

47. Which of the following is the BEST way to describe how you feel about union officers in general?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
29%	30%	29%	OUT FOR THEMSELVES, NOT FOR US
21%	20%	22%	NONE OF THESE
16%	16%	16%	INCONSISTENT
14%	14%	13%	OUT OF TOUCH
13%	13%	13%	TOO POWERFUL
7%	7%	7%	UNCARING

48. If you had to choose from the following two statements, do you believe that union officials need to...?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
69%	73%	64%	STOP SPENDING OUR UNION DUES ON PARTISAN POLITICS AND INVEST IT IN CREATING MORE JOBS. FOCUS ON THE MEMBERSHIP, NOT THE ELECTIONS
15%	14%	16%	MAKE SURE PRO-UNION DEMOCRATS GET ELECTED TO CONGRESS SO THAT THEY'LL FOLLOW THE UNION POLITICAL AGENDA.
16%	13%	20%	NONE OF THESE

DEMOGRAPHICS

49. In the 2008 presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama ... John McCain ... or someone else? If you were among the tens of millions of people who did not vote, just say so.

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
51%	49%	53%	BARACK OBAMA
26%	28%	24%	JOHN MCCAIN
6%	6%	5%	SOMEONE ELSE
12%	12%	11%	DID NOT VOTE
5%	4%	6%	REFUSED

50. Electorally, how do you usually vote?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
29%	30%	29%	NET REPUBLICANS
19%	21%	18%	MOSTLY REPUBLICANS
10%	9%	11%	A FEW MORE REPUBLICANS THAN DEMOCRATS
9%	11%	7%	AN EVEN NUMBER OF DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS
14%	14%	14%	A FEW MORE DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS
34%	33%	34%	MOSTLY DEMOCRATS
48%	47%	48%	NET DEMOCRATS
5%	4%	5%	ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY
9%	7%	10%	REFUSED

51. I just have a simple income question for you. Is your total family household income under \$39,000; between \$40,000 and \$59,000, between \$60,000 and \$79,000 or above \$80,000?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
18%	18%	17%	UNDER \$39,000
26%	28%	24%	BETWEEN \$40,000 AND \$59,000
23%	21%	24%	\$60,000 TO \$79,000
30%	30%	31%	ABOVE \$80,000
4%	3%	4%	REFUSED

52. State/Region (FROM SAMPLE)

53. And the final question ... if you wake up the day after the election and you find out that despite spending up to one billion dollars in union dues on behalf of Democratic candidates, the Republicans still win the House, will you consider that one billion dollars to have been ...

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
64%	67%	61%	A WASTE OF MONEY. UNIONS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON ITS MEMBERS, NOT PARTISAN POLITICS.
19%	17%	20%	A GOOD INVESTMENT. IT WAS WORTH SPENDING UNION DUES TO TRY TO KEEP THE DEMOCRATS IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS
17%	16%	18%	NO OPINION EITHER WAY

54. And the final question... If there were a secret ballot election and your were 100% confident your vote would never be revealed, would you vote to remove your union leadership for spending union dues money on partisan political activity and negative ads?

TOTAL	PRIVATE	GOVERNMENT	
59%	63%	56%	NET YES
29%	32%	27%	DEFINITELY YES
30%	31%	29%	POSSIBLY YES
14%	12%	16%	POSSIBLY NOT
13%	11%	15%	DEFINITELY NOT
27%	23%	31%	NET NO
14%	15%	13%	NO OPINION EITHERWAY