

# Americans have lost faith in Washington

*State of the economy reinforces low job approval*



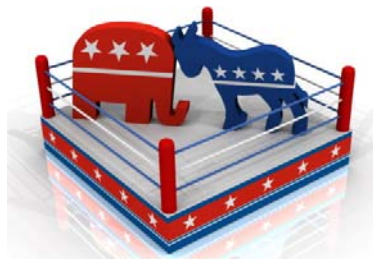
“There is a deficit of trust between this city and the rest of the country.”

*- President Obama on the Hill Insider Trading bill*



Sources: Time Magazine 2011-2012, Business Insider, Washington Post, 2012.

# Americans tired of partisan sniping



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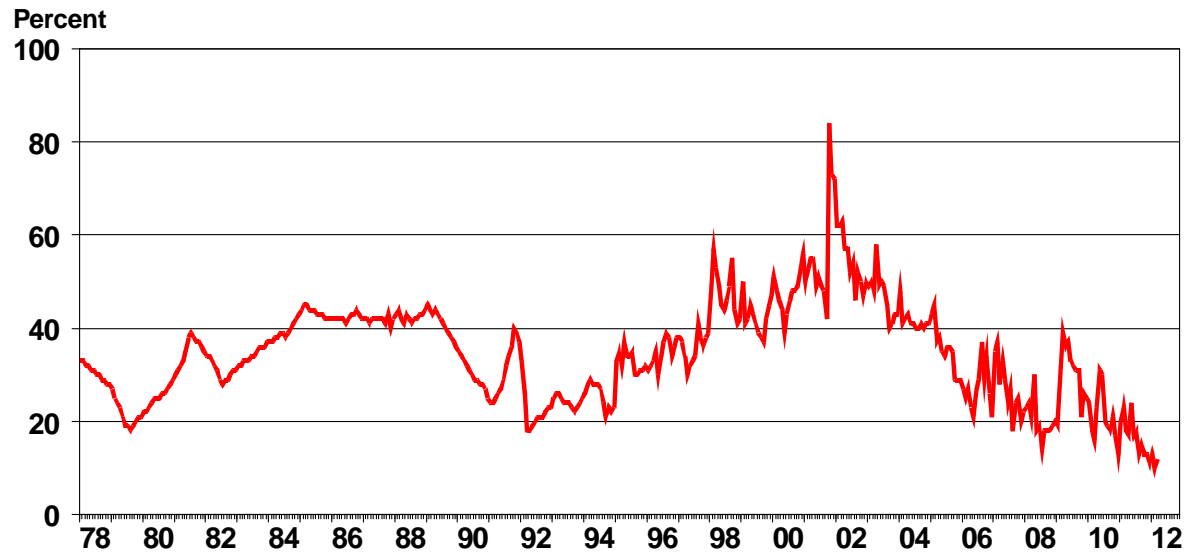
Number of senators who voted to ban insider trading by members of Congress, their staff and some federal workers

“Divided Congress Limits Lawmakers to Modest Ambitions”  
- *Huffington Post*

Sources: The Economist, Bloomberg, ABC.

# U.S. Congressional job approval rating

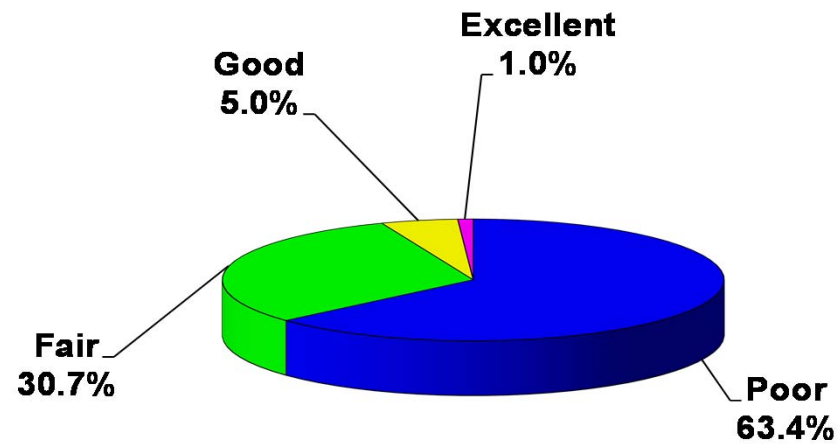
*Gallup poll*



Source: Gallup News Service.

## Financial-values survey

*Views on the state of the U.S. economy*



Source: Time magazine, 2011.

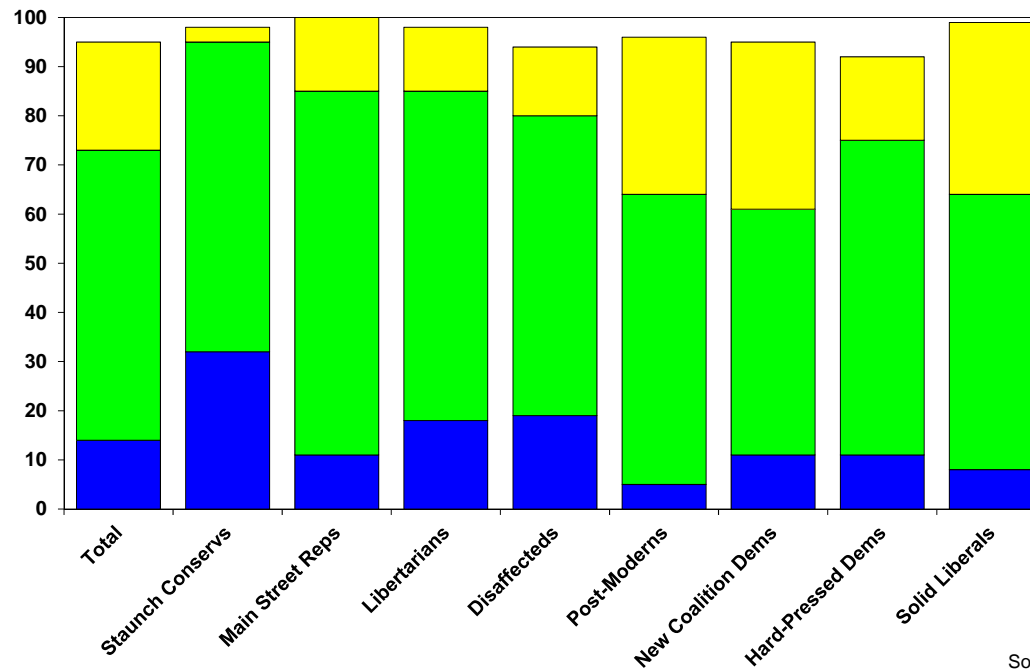
# Feeling about the federal government

By political typology, 2011



Attitudes, percent

■ Angry ■ Frustrated ■ Content

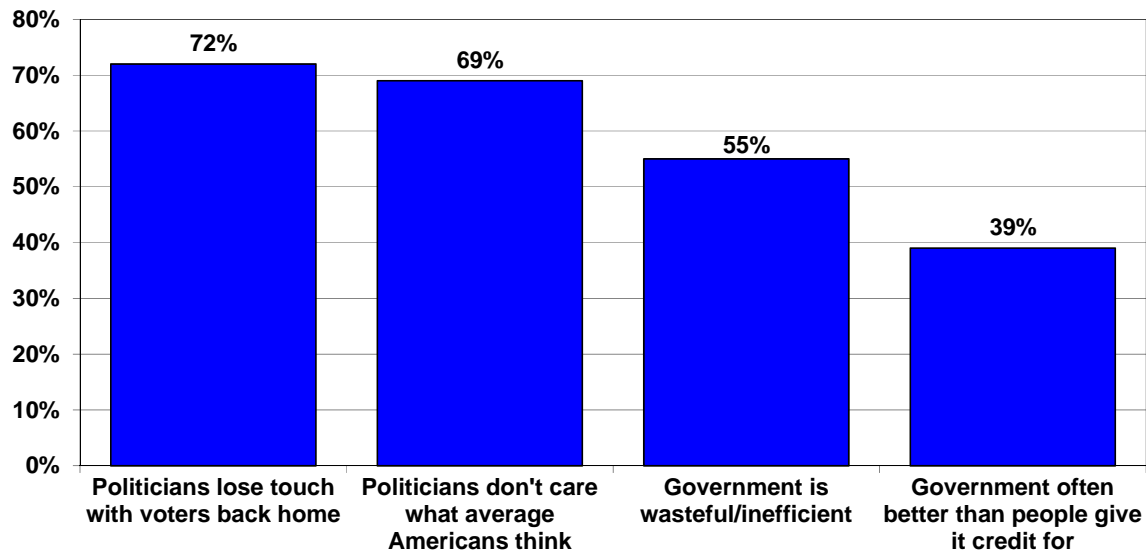


Source: PEW Research Center, 2011.

# Americans continue to have negative views on politicians



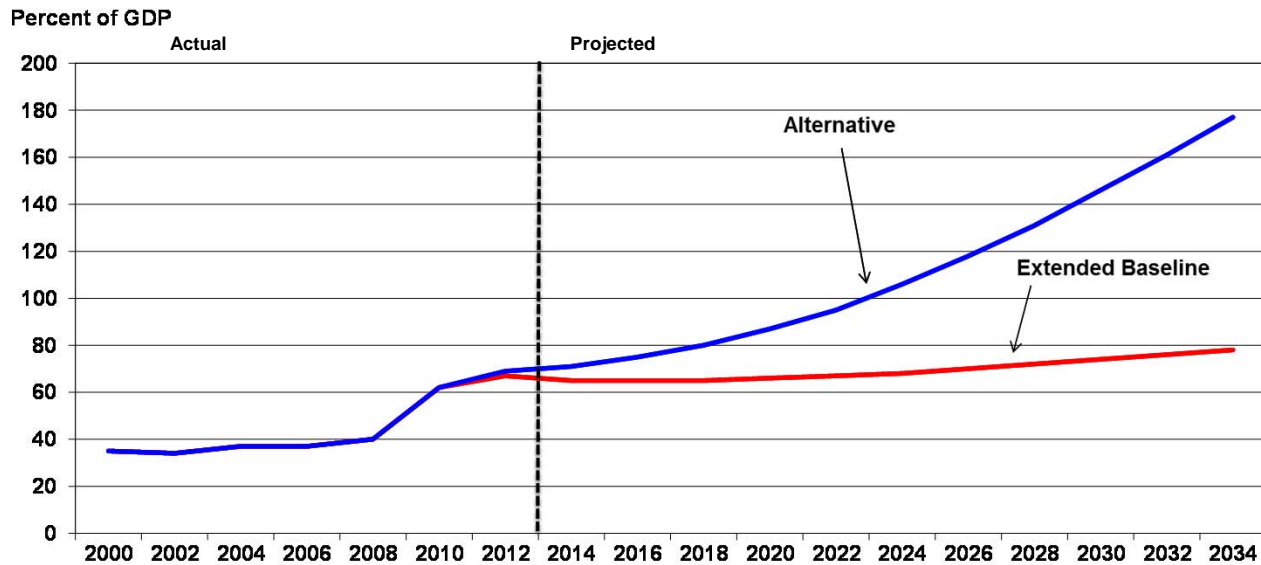
Public attitude, percent



Source: PEW Research Center, 2011.

# U.S. federal debt held by the public

*Includes CBO projections*

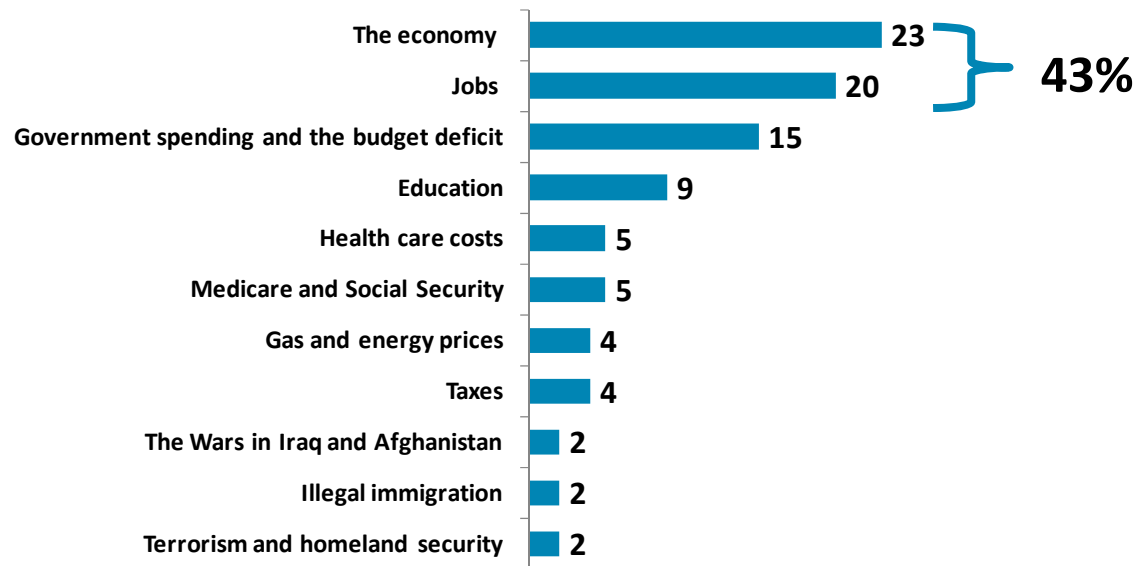


- Debt expected to rise above 100% of GDP after 2023

Source: Congressional Budget Office, 2010.

## Economy and jobs dominate voters' concerns

*Most important issue for Congress to focus on:*



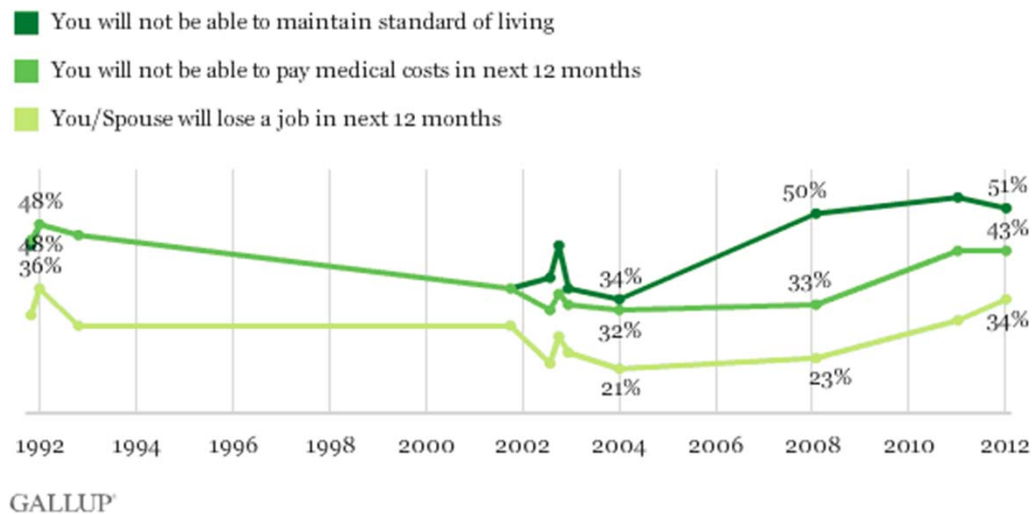
Source: LRP/Tarrance Group. Battleground Poll. February 19-22, 2012 N=1,000 Registered "likely" voters nationwide/  $\pm 3.1\%$  M.O.E., Lake Research Partners.



## Concerns over standard of living, healthcare, and job security are the highest measured during past two decades



### Are you worried about the following?



Sources: Jan. 5-8 Gallup poll. N=1,011 adults nationwide / ±3.1% M.O.E., Lake Research Partners.

## Women desire a stronger economic role for the government

Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

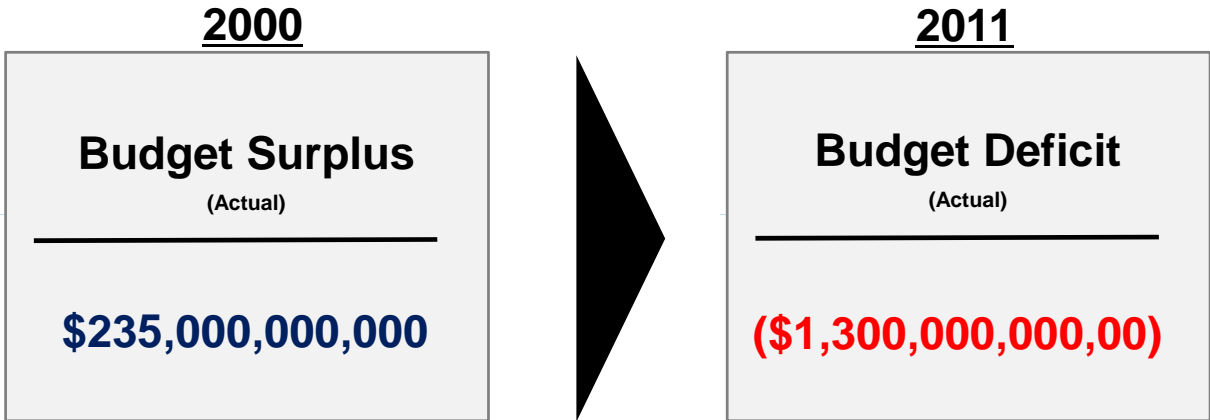
-- It's time for government to take a larger and stronger role in making the economy work for the average American.

--Turning to big government to solve our economic problems will do more harm than good.

	Stronger Govt. Role	More Harm than Good	Stronger Govt. Role Advantage
Total	56%	36%	+19
Men	49%	44%	+5
Women	62%	29%	+33
Non-college men	52%	40%	+12
Non-college women	63%	28%	+35
College men	39%	54%	-15
College women	62%	33%	+28
Married men	46%	49%	-4
Married women	57%	37%	+19
Unmarried men	52%	37%	+14
Unmarried women	68%	21%	+47
Single moms	66%	22%	+44

Source: Lake Research Partners.

# The United States federal budget



**Congressional Budget Office's Baseline Budget Outlook (in Billions)**

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(\$1,171)	(\$612)	(\$385)	(\$257)	(\$259)	(\$201)	(\$175)	(\$224)	(\$234)

Source: Congressional Budget Office; www.cbo.gov/doc.

# America at the crossroads



**AT BAT**

**# 44 - OBAMA**

**INNING**

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**BALL**



**STRIKE**



1\*    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    Runs

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VISITOR	Anti-West (Al-Qaeda, Islamic Extremism, Iran)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HOME	The U.S. and its Interests and Allies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\* September 11, 2001 was the start, and the end is TBD. Attendance: 7 Billion