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**APRIL 2011 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**March 30-April 3, 2011**  
**N=1507**

**QUESTIONS 1-9 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 10-12****QUESTIONS 13-59 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 60-65****ASK ALL:**

Q.66 As you may know, this April will be the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War. Do you think **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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|    |   |
|----|---|
| 39 | The Civil War was important historically, but has little relevance to American politics and public life today |
| 56 | The Civil War is still relevant to American politics and public life today                                    |
| 5  | Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>  |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.67 What's your impression of the main cause of the Civil War? Was the Civil War **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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|    |                                  |
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| 38 | Mainly about slavery             |
| 48 | Mainly about states' rights      |
| 9  | Both equally <b>(VOL.)</b>       |
| 2  | Neither/Other <b>(VOL.)</b>      |
| 4  | Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b> |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.68 Do you generally think it is appropriate or inappropriate for public officials today to praise the leaders of the Confederate States during the Civil War?

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|    |                                  | <i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today</i> |  |
|----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|    |                                  | <u>Jan 2001</u>             |  |
| 36 | Appropriate                      | 50                          |  |
| 49 | Inappropriate                    | 40                          |  |
| 15 | Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b> | 10                          |  |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.69 Do you display the American flag, in places such as at your home or office, or on your car or clothing, or not?

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|    |                                  |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 75 | Yes                              |
| 25 | No                               |
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**NO QUESTION 70**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.71 Do you display the Confederate flag, in places such as at your home or office, or on your car or clothing, or not?

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8 Yes  
91 No  
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

Q.72 When you see the Confederate flag displayed, do you have [RANDOMIZE: a positive reaction, a negative reaction] or neither?

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9 Positive reaction  
30 Negative reaction  
58 Neither  
2 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

|                    |            |          |             | (VOL.)        | (VOL.)      | (VOL.) | Lean | Lean |
|--------------------|------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|------|------|
|                    | Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference | Other party | DK/Ref | Rep  | Dem  |
| Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 25         | 32       | 37          | 3             | *           | 3      | 17   | 16   |
| Mar 8-14, 2011     | 24         | 33       | 38          | 3             | *           | 2      | 17   | 15   |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 24         | 33       | 37          | 3             | *           | 3      | 15   | 16   |
| Feb 2-7, 2011      | 24         | 31       | 39          | 3             | *           | 2      | 16   | 16   |
| Jan 5-9, 2011      | 27         | 32       | 35          | 4             | *           | 2      | 15   | 14   |
| Dec 1-5, 2010      | 25         | 33       | 34          | 5             | 1           | 2      | 13   | 14   |
| Nov 4-7, 2010      | 26         | 30       | 37          | 4             | *           | 2      | 17   | 13   |
| Oct 27-30, 2010    | 25         | 34       | 31          | 6             | 1           | 4      | 13   | 11   |
| Oct 13-18, 2010    | 25         | 31       | 36          | 4             | *           | 3      | 16   | 13   |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 24         | 32       | 39          | 2             | *           | 2      | 15   | 17   |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 | 26         | 33       | 34          | 4             | *           | 3      | 14   | 14   |
| Jun 16-20, 2010    | 27         | 34       | 34          | 3             | 1           | 2      | 15   | 15   |
| Apr 21-26, 2010    | 26         | 33       | 36          | 3             | 1           | 3      | 16   | 13   |
| Mar 11-21, 2010    | 28         | 34       | 32          | 3             | *           | 3      | 13   | 12   |
| Mar 10-14, 2010    | 22         | 33       | 37          | 6             | *           | 3      | 14   | 13   |

**Yearly Totals**

|                   |      |      |      |     |    |     |      |      |
|-------------------|------|------|------|-----|----|-----|------|------|
| 2010              | 25.2 | 32.7 | 35.2 | 3.6 | .4 | 2.8 | 14.5 | 14.1 |
| 2009              | 23.9 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 3.4 | .4 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 |
| 2008              | 25.7 | 36.0 | 31.5 | 3.6 | .3 | 3.0 | 10.6 | 15.2 |
| 2007              | 25.3 | 32.9 | 34.1 | 4.3 | .4 | 2.9 | 10.9 | 17.0 |
| 2006              | 27.8 | 33.1 | 30.9 | 4.4 | .3 | 3.4 | 10.5 | 15.1 |
| 2005              | 29.3 | 32.8 | 30.2 | 4.5 | .3 | 2.8 | 10.3 | 14.9 |
| 2004              | 30.0 | 33.5 | 29.5 | 3.8 | .4 | 3.0 | 11.7 | 13.4 |
| 2003              | 30.3 | 31.5 | 30.5 | 4.8 | .5 | 2.5 | 12.0 | 12.6 |
| 2002              | 30.4 | 31.4 | 29.8 | 5.0 | .7 | 2.7 | 12.4 | 11.6 |
| 2001              | 29.0 | 33.2 | 29.5 | 5.2 | .6 | 2.6 | 11.9 | 11.6 |
| 2001 Post-Sept 11 | 30.9 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 5.2 | .6 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 9.4  |
| 2001 Pre-Sept 11  | 27.3 | 34.4 | 30.9 | 5.1 | .6 | 1.7 | 12.1 | 13.5 |
| 2000              | 28.0 | 33.4 | 29.1 | 5.5 | .5 | 3.6 | 11.6 | 11.7 |
| 1999              | 26.6 | 33.5 | 33.7 | 3.9 | .5 | 1.9 | 13.0 | 14.5 |
| 1998              | 27.9 | 33.7 | 31.1 | 4.6 | .4 | 2.3 | 11.6 | 13.1 |
| 1997              | 28.0 | 33.4 | 32.0 | 4.0 | .4 | 2.3 | 12.2 | 14.1 |

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

|      |                   |                 |                    | (VOL.)     | (VOL.) | (VOL.)        | <i>Lean</i> | <i>Lean</i> |
|------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|--------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|      | <u>Republican</u> | <u>Democrat</u> | <u>Independent</u> | No         | Other  | <u>DK/Ref</u> | <u>Rep</u>  | <u>Dem</u>  |
|      |                   |                 |                    | preference | party  |               |             |             |
| 1996 | 28.9              | 33.9            | 31.8               | 3.0        | .4     | 2.0           | 12.1        | 14.9        |
| 1995 | 31.6              | 30.0            | 33.7               | 2.4        | .6     | 1.3           | 15.1        | 13.5        |
| 1994 | 30.1              | 31.5            | 33.5               | 1.3        | --     | 3.6           | 13.7        | 12.2        |
| 1993 | 27.4              | 33.6            | 34.2               | 4.4        | 1.5    | 2.9           | 11.5        | 14.9        |
| 1992 | 27.6              | 33.7            | 34.7               | 1.5        | 0      | 2.5           | 12.6        | 16.5        |
| 1991 | 30.9              | 31.4            | 33.2               | 0          | 1.4    | 3.0           | 14.7        | 10.8        |
| 1990 | 30.9              | 33.2            | 29.3               | 1.2        | 1.9    | 3.4           | 12.4        | 11.3        |
| 1989 | 33                | 33              | 34                 | --         | --     | --            | --          | --          |
| 1987 | 26                | 35              | 39                 | --         | --     | --            | --          | --          |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.73 Do you consider yourself a Southerner, or not?

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|    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 25 | Yes                       |
| 73 | No                        |
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