

the polling company™, inc./WomanTrend  
on behalf of  
Americans for Limited Government

Nationwide Survey of 805 Registered Voters  
TOPLINE DATA

FIELD DATES: August 19-23, 2011

Margin of Error  $\pm$  3.5%

Note: Due to rounding, categories may not add up to 100%.

A. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

100% YES

A. To ensure that we have a representative sample, into which of the following categories does your age fall? (READ CATEGORIES)

10% 18-24

18% 25-34

16% 35-44

21% 45-54

16% 55-64

19% 65+

B. Which of the following best describes your racial background...? (READ AND ROTATED)

68% CAUCASIAN OR WHITE

13% AFRICAN-AMERICAN OR BLACK

12% HISPANIC OR LATINO

3% ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER

3% MULTI-RACIAL OR OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)

C. Gender (RECORDED BY OBSERVATION)

49% MALE

51% FEMALE

D. Region (RECORDED BY SAMPLE)

19% NORTHEAST (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT, NJ, NY, PA)

21% MIDWEST (IN, IL, MI, OH, WI, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)

37% SOUTH (DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV, AL, KY, MS, TN, AR, LA, OK, TX)

23% WEST (AZ, CO, ID, NM, MT, UT, NV, WY, AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)

## **ECONOMIC CLIMATE**

1. Which group do you trust the most to help create jobs in the U.S. today? (READ LIST)  
(ACCEPTED ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

53% SMALL BUSINESS  
14% CORPORATIONS  
11% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
7% STATE GOVERNMENT  
7% LABOR UNIONS  
5% NONE OF THEM (VOLUNTEERED)  
3% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

2. Is the federal government more of a help or a hindrance in American business owners' pursuit of the American Dream?

30% A HELP  
63% A HINDRANCE  
7% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

## **RESOURCES IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Now I'm going to describe several pairs of organizations that could be involved in legal battles with each other. For each pair, please tell me if you think (ROTATED) the organizations have similar resources to use within the legal system or if one organization has an advantage.  
(ROTATED QUESTIONS 3-6)

3. (ROTATED) Organization 1 – A corporation. Organization 2 – A labor union with 45,000<sup>1</sup> dues paying members.

**45% CORPORATION (NET)**  
25% CORPORATION STRONG ADVANTAGE  
20% CORPORATION SOMEWHAT OF AN ADVANTAGE

**41% LABOR UNION (NET)**  
19% LABOR UNION SOMEWHAT OF AN ADVANTAGE  
22% LABOR UNION STRONG ADVANTAGE  
10% SIMILAR RESOURCES  
5% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

---

<sup>1</sup> Number of dues paying members claimed by complainant in Boeing case, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO District 751 <http://www.iam751.org/index2.php>

4. (ROTATED) Organization 1 – A corporation. Organization 2 – A federal government agency with the power to regulate rules and policies.

**28% CORPORATION (NET)**

- 16% CORPORATION STRONG ADVANTAGE  
12% CORPORATION SOMEWHAT OF AN ADVANTAGE

**60% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (NET)**

- 17% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY SOMEWHAT OF AN ADVANTAGE  
43% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY STRONG ADVANTAGE

8% SIMILAR RESOURCES

4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

5. (ROTATED) Organization 1 – A small business. Organization 2 – A labor union with 45,000<sup>2</sup> dues paying members?

**19% SMALL BUSINESS (NET)**

- 8% SMALL BUSINESS STRONG ADVANTAGE  
11% SMALL BUSINESS SOMEWHAT OF AN ADVANTAGE

**74% LABOR UNION (NET)**

- 19% LABOR UNION SOMEWHAT OF AN ADVANTAGE  
55% LABOR UNION STRONG ADVANTAGE

4% SIMILAR RESOURCES

4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

6. (ROTATED) Organization 1 – A small business. Organization 2 – A federal government agency with the power to regulate rules and policies

**12% SMALL BUSINESS (NET)**

- 5% SMALL BUSINESS STRONG ADVANTAGE  
7% SMALL BUSINESS SOMEWHAT OF AN ADVANTAGE

**83% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (NET)**

- 12% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY SOMEWHAT OF AN ADVANTAGE  
71% FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY STRONG ADVANTAGE

---

<sup>2</sup> Number of dues paying members claimed by complainant in Boeing case, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO District 751 <http://www.iam751.org/index2.php>

2% SIMILAR RESOURCES

3% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

## **LABOR UNIONS**

7. Do you have a (ROTATED) favorable or unfavorable opinion of labor unions? If you do not have an opinion or have never heard them, just tell me and we'll move on.

**35% FAVORABLE (NET)**

- 16% STRONGLY FAVORABLE
- 19% SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

**37% UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

- 14% SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
- 23% STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE

**22% HEARD OF/NO OPINION**

- 2% NEVER HEARD OF
  
- 4% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)
- \* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

Now, please tell me how much you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statements. (ROTATED QUESTIONS 8-9)

8. How much of a factor have American labor unions been in U.S. employers choosing to move industrial jobs overseas over the last several decades?

**74% LARGE/SOMEWHAT OF A FACTOR (NET)**

- 42% A LARGE FACTOR
- 32% SOMEWHAT OF A FACTOR

**19% JUST A LITTLE/NOT A FACTOR (NET)**

- 10% JUST A LITTLE BIT OF A FACTOR
- 9% NOT AT ALL A FACTOR
  
- 7% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

9. The following fact has been researched and proven to be true. Please tell me if it makes you (ROTATED) more favorable or unfavorable towards labor unions.  
In addition to collecting billions of dollars in dues from their members, unions are represented by a government agency with a budget of over \$280 million in taxpayer funds annually.<sup>3</sup>

**24% FAVORABLE (NET)**

- 7% MUCH MORE FAVORABLE  
17% SOMEWHAT MORE FAVORABLE

**65% UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

- 27% SOMEWHAT MORE UNFAVORABLE  
38% MUCH MORE UNFAVORABLE

6% NO DIFFERENCE (VOLUNTEERED)

4% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

---

<sup>3</sup> See Public Law 111-117. For FY 2011, Title I, Sec.1101(a)(6) of H.R. 1473 (Public Law 112-10) set the same level . The FY 2012 request is \$287.7 million. See:  
<http://www.nlr.gov/sites/default/files/documents/188/just2012full.pdf>

**NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

10. Do you have a (ROTATED) favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the National Labor Relations Board? If you do not have an opinion or have never heard of it, just tell me and we'll move on.

**13% FAVORABLE (NET)**

5% STRONGLY FAVORABLE  
8% SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

**15% UNFAVORABLE (NET)**

6% SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE  
9% STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE

**44% HEARD OF/NO OPINION**

18% NEVER HEARD OF  
  
9% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

11. How much do you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statement: A government board created in 1935 to address employment and labor issues probably is not as relevant or responsive to today's concerns.

**62% AGREE (NET)**

36% STRONGLY AGREE  
26% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**31% DISAGREE (NET)**

17% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE  
14% STRONGLY DISAGREE  
  
6% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

**NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

For each one please tell me if this is (ROTATED) a good idea or a bad idea?  
(ROTATED QUESTIONS 12-15)

12. The National Labor Relations Board has the exclusive power to officiate legal proceedings over private U.S. companies in its own court system separate from the regular one that governs most other legal matters in the United States.

**28% GOOD IDEA (NET)**  
10% MOSTLY GOOD IDEA  
18% SOMEWHAT GOOD IDEA

**66% BAD IDEA (NET)**  
19% SOMEWHAT BAD IDEA  
47% MOSTLY BAD IDEA

6% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

13. The National Labor Relations Board plays the roles of investigator, prosecutor and judge in each of the cases that come before it.

**31% GOOD IDEA (NET)**  
12% MOSTLY GOOD IDEA  
19% SOMEWHAT GOOD IDEA

**63% BAD IDEA (NET)**  
20% SOMEWHAT BAD IDEA  
43% MOSTLY BAD IDEA

6% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

14. The National Labor Relations Board, which is responsible for ensuring fairness in unions and labor practices, is governed by five political appointees whose terms last four years, usually during the administration of whatever President appoints them.

**38% GOOD IDEA (NET)**  
16% MOSTLY GOOD IDEA  
22% SOMEWHAT GOOD IDEA

**55% BAD IDEA (NET)**  
21% SOMEWHAT BAD IDEA



34% MOSTLY BAD IDEA

6% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

15. The National Labor Relations Board has the power to dictate where, that is in which states, companies can locate their places of work or production facilities.

**24% GOOD IDEA (NET)**

9% MOSTLY GOOD IDEA

15% SOMEWHAT GOOD IDEA

**72% BAD IDEA (NET)**

19% SOMEWHAT BAD IDEA

53% MOSTLY BAD IDEA

4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

**LABOR UNIONS v. COMPANIES' RIGHTS and GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT**

(ROTATED 16-18)

16. How much do you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statement? The government should be involved in the decision of where companies expand production and create new jobs if the interest of a labor union is involved.

**36% AGREE (NET)**

14% STRONGLY AGREE

22% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**62% DISAGREE (NET)**

17% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

45% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

17. How much do you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statement?

Companies are best suited to know where they can operate factories or other production facilities the most efficiently and should be free of government interference to make these choices about the best way to grow their businesses and the economy.

**71% AGREE (NET)**

49% STRONGLY AGREE

22% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**26% DISAGREE (NET)**

14% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

12% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

18. How much do you (ROTATED) agree or disagree with the following statement? A government agency that has flatly refused to comply with a Congressional command to provide documents is out of control and needs to be heavily reformed.

**79% AGREE (NET)**

58% STRONGLY AGREE

21% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**18% DISAGREE (NET)**

11% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

7% STRONGLY DISAGREE

4% DO NOT KNOW/CANNOT JUDGE (VOLUNTEERED)

**POLITICAL CURRENCY**

19. Does knowing that a candidate supports legislation removing the judicial power of the National Labor Relations Board, meaning all labor related disputes would be resolved like most everyone else, in the U.S. court system created by the Constitution make you (ROTATED) more or less likely to support the candidate.

**64% MORE LIKELY (NET)**

33% MUCH MORE LIKELY

31% SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY

**27% LESS LIKELY (NET)**

15% SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY

12% MUCH LESS LIKELY

4% NO DIFFERENCE (VOLUNTEERED)

5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

## **DEMOGRAPHICS**

20. Are you currently... (READ CHOICES)

62%	MARRIED
22%	SINGLE
1%	SEPARATED
9%	DIVORCED
6%	WIDOWED
1%	REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

21. How many children under the age of 18 do you have living at home?

59%	ZERO/NONE
19%	1
12%	2
8%	3 OR MORE
1%	DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

22. Which best describes the last level of formal education you completed?

3%	11 <sup>th</sup> GRADE OR LOWER
17%	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
32%	SOME COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
30%	COLLEGE GRADUATE
19%	POST GRADUATE
1%	DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

23. Regarding your household's annual income...Please tell me which of the following categories best describes your family's annual income. I don't need a specific amount; a broad range will be fine.

- 13% BELOW \$25,000
- 7% \$25,000 TO \$29,999
- 9% \$30,000 TO \$39,999
- 9% \$40,000 TO \$49,999
- 9% \$50,000 TO \$59,999
- 6% \$60,000 TO \$69,999
- 5% \$70,000 TO \$74,999
- 13% \$75,000 TO \$99,999
- 19% \$100,000 AND ABOVE
  
- 11% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

24. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

- 49% EMPLOYED FULL-TIME
- 10% EMPLOYED PART-TIME
- 8% HOMEMAKER/STAY-AT-HOME PARENT
- 4% STUDENT
- 7% TEMPORARILY UNEMPLOYED AND CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR WORK
- 2% TEMPORARILY UNEMPLOYED AND NOT CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR WORK
- 6% DISABLED/HANDICAPPED AND NOT WORKING
- 12% RETIRED
  
- 1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

25. Who, if any of the following have lost their jobs over the past two years here in the U.S.?  
(READ LIST; ACCEPTED MULTIPLE RESPONSES)

- 43% A FRIEND OR CO-WORKER
- 30% SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY BUT NOT IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD
- 14% YOU
- 12% SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSHOLD
  
- 22% NONE OF THE ABOVE
  
- 2% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

26. Are you, or is anyone else in your house, a member of a labor union? (IF YES, ASKED: A member of a private or public union?)

5% YES, PRIVATE

10% YES, PUBLIC

3% YES, BOTH

80% NO

1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

27. Did you vote in the 2008 election for President of the United States or did you not have a chance? (IF YES, ASKED: For whom did you vote for, (ROTATED) Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, or someone else?)

11% DID NOT VOTE

41% DEMOCRAT BARACK OBAMA

33% REPUBLICAN JOHN MCCAIN

**3% SOMEONE ELSE/OTHER (NET)**

1% BOB BARR

\* RON PAUL

2% OTHERS

3% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

9% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

28. Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be...?

[IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASKED] And would you consider yourself to be VERY (conservative/liberal) or just SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?

**39% CONSERVATIVE (NET)**

19% VERY CONSERVATIVE  
20% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

**36% MODERATE**

**17% LIBERAL (NET)**

10% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL  
7% VERY LIBERAL  
  
2% LIBERTARIAN  
  
7% DO NOT KNOW/REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

29. Regardless of how you are registered to vote, in politics today, do you consider yourself to be a (ROTATED) Republican, Independent or Democrat? (IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASKED: "Are you a strong (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT) or a not-so-strong (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT)?" (IF "INDEPENDENT" ASKED: "Which way do you lean, or usually vote, the Democratic or Republican Party?")

**37% REPUBLICAN (NET)**

16% STRONG REPUBLICAN  
10% NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN  
11% INDEPENDENT LEANING REPUBLICAN

**21% HARD INDEPENDENT**

**34% DEMOCRAT (NET)**

6% INDEPENDENT LEANING DEMOCRAT  
10% NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT  
19% STRONG DEMOCRAT  
  
1% OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)  
2% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
5% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)