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THE STATE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY
June 12-16, 2009

In the wake of the national unemployment rate reaching 9.4% - the highest since 1983 - Americans are slightly more pessimistic in their views of the national economy than they were last month. The number of Americans who see the economy as getting better has declined slightly, and more than eight in 10 Americans say the economy is at least fairly bad.

Just 27% of Americans think the economy is getting better - down five points from last month. Nearly as many - 25% - say the economy is worse, while 46% think the economy is staying the same.

THE ECONOMY IS GETTING...

	Now	5/2009	4/2009	2/2009
Better	27%	32%	26%	5%
Worse	25	23	25	51
Staying same	46	44	48	42

84% say the economy is bad, including more than a third of Americans who say the economy is very bad. These numbers have not changed substantially over the past few months.

U.S. ECONOMY IS...

	Now	5/2009	3/2009	2/2009
Very good	1%	1%	0%	0%
Fairly good	14	17	12	5
Fairly bad	48	45	36	31
Very bad	36	36	52	63

Americans from all regions of the country and all income levels agree that the economy is bad.

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 895 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone June 12-16, 2009. Phone numbers were dialed from RDD samples of both standard land-lines and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

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q10 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

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Very good	1	0	2	1	1
Fairly good	14	6	20	13	17
Fairly bad	48	45	42	55	45
Very bad	36	48	35	30	36
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1

q11 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Better	27	17	38	23	32
Worse	25	40	15	26	23
Same	46	42	46	48	44
DK/NA	2	1	1	3	1

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>	
Total Respondents	895		
Total Republicans	284	211	(24%)
Total Democrats	301	339	(38%)
Total Independents	310	345	(38%)