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Public Opinion on Farm Subsidies

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Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: March 25-April 6, 2009
Sample Size: 765

Margin of Error: +/- 3.7 percentage points

[FULL SAMPLE]

STATEMENT: One final topic, the next few questions are about farm subsidies. These are various forms of financial aid the US government gives to small farms and large farming businesses that produce a variety of crops.

[3/4 SAMPLE: A,B,C]

Q38-SUB1. Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to small farmers, who work farms less than 500 acres?

Favor	77%
Republicans.....	73
Democrats	82
Independents	69
Oppose	21
Republicans.....	25
Democrats	15
Independents	27
Refused/Don't know	3

[THOSE WHO SAY FAVOR OR DK IN ABOVE]

Q39-SUB2. Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to small farmers:

Only in bad years	40%*
Republicans.....	41
Democrats	41
Independents	38
On a regular annual basis.....	37
Republicans.....	33
Democrats	42
Independents	34
Refused/Don't know	1

* Percent of total.

[3/4 SAMPLE: A,B,D]

Q40-SUB3. Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to large farming businesses?

Favor	36%
Republicans.....	36
Democrats	35
Independents	39
Oppose	61
Republicans.....	62
Democrats	60
Independents	59
Refused/Don't know	3

[THOSE WHO SAY FAVOR OR DK IN ABOVE]

Q41-SUB4. Do you favor or oppose the US government giving subsidies to large farming businesses:

Only in bad years	23%*
Republicans.....	24
Democrats	22
Independents	24
On a regular annual basis.....	15
Republicans.....	13
Democrats	16
Independents	16
Refused/Don't know	2

* Percent of total.

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. Age

18-29	22%
30-44	27
45-59	28
60+	24

D2. Education

Less than high school	14%
High school	32
Some college	28
BA+	27

D3. Race

White, Non-Hispanic	69%
Black, Non-Hispanic	11
Other, Non-Hispanic	5
Hispanic	14
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	1

D4. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52

D5. What religion do you follow?

Christian	73%
Muslim	*
Jewish	2
Buddhist	*
Some other religion	7
No religious preference/atheist	16
Refused/Don't know	2

[ASK ONLY THOSE WHO SAY CHRISTIAN (01) ON D3]

D5a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born- again' or evangelical?

Yes	26%*
No	37
No opinion	10
Refused/Don't know	*

* Percent of total

D6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican	28%
Independent.....	20
Democrat.....	37
Other	1
No preference.....	14
Refused/Don't know	1

[ASK ONLY IF INDEPENDENT (02), OTHER (04) OR NO PREFERENCE (05) ON D7]

D6a. Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

Republican Party.....	9%*
Democratic Party	10
Neither.....	16
Refused/Don't know	*

METHODOLOGY

The poll of 765 respondents was fielded March 25-April 6, 2009 with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points. It was fielded by Knowledge Networks, a polling, social science, and market research firm in Menlo Park, California, with a stratified random sample of its large-scale nationwide research panel. This panel itself has been randomly recruited from the national population of households having telephones; households without internet access are subsequently provided with free web access and an internet appliance. Thus the panel is not limited to those who already have home internet access. The distribution of the sample in the Web-enabled panel closely tracks the distribution of United States Census counts for the US population on age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, geographical region, employment status, income, education, etc. Upon survey completion, the data were weighted by gender, age, education, ethnicity, and partisan identity. For more information about the online survey methodology, please go to: www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp.

* Percent of total