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Voters Rate Economy as Top Issue for 2010

Majority of registered voters say it will be extremely important to their vote

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PRINCETON, NJ -- Fifty-seven percent of registered voters say the economy will be extremely important to their vote for Congress this year, making it the top issue in the 2010 elections. Healthcare, unemployment, and the federal budget deficit rank behind the economy in importance, with the environment the least important of the seven issues tested in the March 26-28 *USA Today*/Gallup poll.

How important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be -- extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

Based on registered voters

	% Extremely important	% Very important
The economy	57	36
Healthcare	49	35
Unemployment	46	41
The federal budget deficit	45	33
Terrorism	40	36
The situation in Afghanistan	32	38
The environment, including global warming	22	24

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