# THE AP-GfK POLL 

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Interview dates: September 27-30, 2008
Interviews: 1,160 adults; 808 likely voters
Margin of error: +/- 2.9 for all adults; +/- 3.4 for likely voters
NOTE: All results show percentages unless otherwise labeled. Results shown represent all Likely Voters, with total respondents shown for specific questions. Please refer to the exact sample size number at the bottom of each table.

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A1. In the election for President in November, if the candidates are [READ ANSWER LIST], for whom will you vote? [ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.]
A2. [IF "NEITHER/DK/REF" TO A1, ASK A2] Do you lean more toward ... [READ ANSWER LIST. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.]

|  | $9 / 27 / 08-9 / 30 / 08$ |  | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters |
| TOTAL Barack Obama and Joe Biden, <br> the Democrats | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| Initial - Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 44 | 45 | 40 |
| Lean - Obama and Biden, the Democrats | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| TOTAL John McCain and Sarah Palin, <br> the Republicans | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |
| Initial - McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 37 | 33 | 45 |
| Lean - McCain and Palin, the Republicans | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| TOTAL Bob Barr and Wayne Allyn <br> Root, the Libertarians | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Initial - Barr and Root, the Libertarians | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Lean - Barr and Root, the Libertarians | -- | $*$ | $*$ |
| TOTAL Ralph Nader and Matt <br> Gonzales, the Independents | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Initial - Nader and Gonzales, the <br> Independents | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Lean - Nader and Gonzales, the <br> Independents | 1 | 1 | $\mathbf{- -}$ |
| (DO NOT READ) Neither / Other <br> candidate | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Don't know | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Refused | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |
| Based on: | 2 | 2 | 2 |

In this document, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than $100 \%$. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than $100 \%$, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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A4. [IF NADER OR BARR IN A1 OR A2, ASK:] [INSERT DEPENDING UPON ANSWER TO A1 OR A2:] If [Ralph Nader/ Bob Barr] wasn't on the ballot, and your only choice was between (READ ANSWER LIST), for whom would you vote? (ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.)

|  | $9 / 27 / 08-9 / 30 / 08$ |  | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the <br> Democrats | 7 | 19 | 19 |
| John McCain and Sarah Palin, the <br> Republicans | 61 | 42 | 33 |
| Don't know | 30 | 29 | 24 |
| Refused | 3 | 11 | 25 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=14$ | $\mathrm{~N}=34$ | $\mathrm{~N}=13$ |

A1. In the election for President in November, if the candidates are [READ ANSWER LIST], for whom will you vote? [ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.]
A2. [IF "NEITHER/DK/REF" TO A1, ASK A2] Do you lean more toward ... [READ ANSWER LIST. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.]
A4. [IF NADER OR BARR IN A1 OR A2, ASK:] [INSERT DEPENDING UPON ANSWER TO A1 OR A2:] If [Ralph Nader/Bob Barr] wasn't on the ballot, and your only choice was between (READ ANSWER LIST), for whom would you vote? (ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.)

|  | $9 / 27 / 08-9 / 30 / 08$ |  | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters |
| TOTAL Barack Obama and Joe Biden, <br> the Democrats | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| Initial - Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 44 | 45 | 40 |
| Lean - Obama and Biden, the Democrats | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| If Barr or Nader not on ballot - Obama <br> and Biden, the Democrats | $*$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $*$ |
| TOTAL John McCain and Sarah Palin, <br> the Republicans | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |
| Initial - McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 37 | 33 | 45 |
| Lean - McCain and Palin, the Republicans | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | 2 |
| If Barr or Nader not on ballot - McCain <br> and Palin, the Republicans | $\mathbf{2}$ | 1 | $*$ |


| (DO NOT READ) Neither / Other <br> candidate | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Don't know | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | 3 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |

A3. [IF CODE 1-4 TO A1, ASK A3.] In November, will you definitely vote for [INSERT CANDIDATES FROM A1], probably vote for them, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November? [ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.]

|  | Would vote for <br> Obama/Biden |  | Would vote for <br> McCain/Palin |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ |
| $9 / 10 / 08$ |  |  |  |  |$|$|  | 77 | 83 | 77 | 76 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Definitely will vote for candidates | 13 | 12 | 14 | 18 |
| Probably will vote for candidates | 9 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| Could change mind | -- | -- | -- | $*$ |
| Don't know | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Refused | $\mathrm{N}=490$ | $\mathrm{~N}=708$ | $\mathrm{~N}=429$ | $\mathrm{~N}=708$ |
| Based on Total Respondents: |  |  |  |  |

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A1/A2/A3. Barack Obama Vs. John McCain: Hierarchical Vote With "Leaners"

|  | $9 / 27 / 08-9 / 30 / 08$ |  | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters |
| Strong Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 36 | 35 | 33 |
| Weak Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 12 | 14 | 11 |
| TOTAL Barack Obama and Joe <br> Biden, the Democrats | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| Strong McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 31 | 25 | 35 |
| Weak McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 10 | 11 | 13 |
| TOTAL John McCain and Sarah Palin, <br> the Republicans | 41 | $\mathbf{3 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |
| Bob Barr and Wayne Allyn Root, the <br> Libertarians | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ralph Nader and Matt Gonzales, the <br> Independents | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Undecided/other | 10 | 11 | 7 |
| Based on: |  |  |  |

"Strong" = respondents who say they will vote for a candidate (A1) and will definitely vote for that candidate (A3).
"Weak" = respondents who either:

- Say they will vote for a candidate in November (A1) and will probably (but not definitely) vote for the candidate or may change their mind (A3).
- Say they are uncommitted (A1) but lean toward voting for a candidate (A2)

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A5. Do you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress? (ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.)

|  | $9 / 27 / 08-9 / 30 / 08$ |  | $9 / 5 / 08-9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Likely Voters | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Republicans | 36 | 32 | 41 |
| Democrats | 49 | 49 | 46 |
| [VOL] Don't care | 10 | 13 | 10 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |

B3: Which is more important to you in choosing a presidential candidate? (READ OPTIONS. ROTATE ORDER. ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.)

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| A candidate you trust to make the right decisions on the <br> economy | 60 | 62 |
| A candidate you trust to make the right decisions on <br> national security | 29 | 28 |
| Don't know | 9 | 8 |
| Refused | 1 | 2 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

B4. How much do you worry that the current financial crisis will have a major negative impact on you over the long term?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| A lot | 49 | 49 |
| Somewhat | 31 | 30 |
| Not very much | 12 | 10 |
| Not at all | 5 | 5 |
| Don't know enough | 3 | 6 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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B5. Do you worry that the current financial crisis will [READ OPTION]
(If necessary: If this question does not apply to you, please just tell me...)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
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Based on Likely Voters: $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{8 0 8}$

B5. Do you worry that the current financial crisis will [READ OPTION]
(If necessary: If this question does not apply to you, please just tell me...)

| [RANDOMIZE] | $\stackrel{\text { ® }}{\sim}$ | 알 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reduce the value of your home over the long term, or not | 47 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Require you to work longer because the value of your retirement savings has declined, or not | 55 | 37 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| Put your own job at risk, or not | 31 | 57 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Make it more difficult for your children or grandchildren to afford to go to college, or not | 65 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 4 |

Based on Total Respondents: $\mathbf{N = 1 , 1 6 0}$

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B5a How worried are you that increasing federal debt will harm the financial future of your children and grandchildren?

|  | Likely Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very worried | 43 | 42 |
| Somewhat worried | 36 | 37 |
| Not too worried | 11 | 11 |
| Not at all worried | 8 | 8 |
| Don't know | 0 | 0 |
| Refused | 0 | 0 |
| (VOL. Does not apply) | 2 | 2 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

B6. Which presidential nominee do you trust more to...(Read options; Read names; Rotate order)

| [RANDOMIZE] |  |  | 3 <br> 3 <br> 或 <br> 0 <br> 0 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Improve the economy | 50 | 41 | 8 | 2 |
| Handle the financial crisis | 50 | 41 | 8 | 1 |
| Understand how the financial crisis effects you | 53 | 39 | 7 | 1 |

Based on Likely Voters: $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{8 0 8}$

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B6. Which presidential nominee do you trust more to...(Read options; Read names; Rotate order)

| [RANDOMIZE] |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Improve the economy | 52 | 37 | 9 | 2 |
| Handle the financial crisis | 52 | 37 | 9 | 2 |
| Understand how the financial crisis effects you | 53 | 36 | 9 | 2 |

## Based on Total Respondents: $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 1 6 0}$

B8. President Bush and members of Congress are working on a plan to use hundreds of billions of federal dollars to help troubled financial institutions. Do you support or oppose this plan?

|  | Likely Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Support | 37 | 39 |
| Oppose | 46 | 45 |
| Don't know | 17 | 16 |
| Refused | 0 | 0 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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B9. Some of the nation's financial institutions are failing or close to failing because of bad debt related to financing mortgages that people cannot pay. How much do you think each of the following is to blame for the country's current financial crisis?

How much would you blame (Read Option; Rotate Order) for the current financial crisis-A lot, quite a bit, some, only a little, or none at all?

| [RANDOMIZE] | + | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N } \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | Cód |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & \frac{3}{5} \\ & \frac{1}{\#} \\ & \vdots 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The banks and lenders that made risky loans | 69 | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 1 | -- |
| The people who borrowed money that they could not afford to repay | 38 | 20 | 28 | 10 | 4 | 1 | -- |
| The federal government for failing to regulate banks closely enough | 50 | 22 | 19 | 5 | 3 | 1 | -- |

Based on Likely Voters: $\mathbf{N = 8 0 8}$

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B9. Some of the nation's financial institutions are failing or close to failing because of bad debt related to financing mortgages that people cannot pay. How much do you think each of the following is to blame for the country's current financial crisis?

How much would you blame (Read Option; Rotate Order) for the current financial crisis-A lot, quite a bit, some, only a little, or none at all?

| [RANDOMIZE] | $\frac{\ddot{0}}{4}$ |  | $\stackrel{\stackrel{N}{E}}{\substack{0}}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The banks and lenders that made risky loans | 61 | 17 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 1 | -- |
| The people who borrowed money that they could not afford to repay | 39 | 21 | 26 | 9 | 4 | 1 | -- |
| The federal government for failing to regulate banks closely enough | 46 | 22 | 19 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 |

Based on Total Respondents: $\mathrm{N}=1,160$

B10. Which best describes how the government should act when it sees private companies about to fail, if the failure could harm the overall economy? [Read items; Rotate order]

| [ROTATE] | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| The government should do everything it can to prevent <br> private companies from failing if their failure could harm the <br> overall economy | 22 | 26 |
| The government should play only a limited role, preventing <br> only certain major companies from failing if their failure <br> could harm the overall economy | 57 | 55 |
| The government should do nothing to help private <br> companies that are in trouble even if their failure could <br> harm the overall economy | 17 | 16 |
| [DO NOT READ] Don't know | 3 | 3 |
| [DO NOT READ] Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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B11. In the response to the current financial crisis, do you think the federal government is moving too quickly, moving too slowly, or moving at about the right pace?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Moving too quickly | 23 | 23 |
| Moving too slowly | 33 | 36 |
| Moving at about the right pace | 39 | 37 |
| [DO NOT READ] Don't know | 5 | 5 |
| [DO NOT READ] Refused | -- | -- |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

B12. When it comes to the current crisis with bad mortgage loans, do you think the federal government should give the money directly to homeowners so they can pay off their mortgages, or directly to the companies that loaned the money? [Read options; Rotate order of first two responses]

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Give money directly to homeowners | 34 | 36 |
| Give money directly to companies that loaned <br> the money | 39 | 38 |
| [DO NOT READ] Give money to both the <br> companies and the homeowners | 4 | 3 |
| [DO NOT READ] Give money to neither the <br> companies or the homeowners | 15 | 14 |
| [DO NOT READ] Don't know | 9 | 9 |
| [DO NOT READ] Refused | -- | -- |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

B13. Do you think the federal government's financial rescue package for troubled financial institutions should require companies being bailed out to limit the compensation paid to their executives, even if it means fewer companies will participate in the bailout, or not?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 80 | 75 |
| No | 14 | 19 |
| [DO NOT READ] Don't know | 5 | 5 |
| [DO NOT READ] Refused | -- | -- |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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B14. In your opinion did ___ (Read Presidential nominee names; Rotate order) help, hurt or have no impact on the negotiations for a financial bailout?

| [RANDOMIZE] | 읖 | 苍 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barack Obama | 22 | 6 | 58 | 14 | 1 |
| John McCain | 25 | 16 | 46 | 12 | 1 |

## Based on Likely Voters: N=808

B14. In your opinion did $\qquad$ (Read Presidential nominee names; Rotate order) help, hurt or have no impact on the negotiations for a financial bailout?


## Based on Total Respondents: $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 1 6 0}$

I1. Did you happen to watch some or all of the Presidential debate Friday night, or not?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, some or all | 75 | 68 |
| No | 25 | 33 |
| [DO NOT READ] Don't know | -- | -- |
| [DO NOT READ] Refused | -- | -- |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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D5. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals. For each one, please tell me whether you think that person cares a lot about people like you, cares somewhat about people like you, doesn't care much about people like you, or doesn't care at all about people like you. If you don't know enough about the person, just let me know. First...

|  | John McCain |  | Barack Obama |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-10 / 08$ |
| A lot | 30 | 36 | 43 | 40 |
| Somewhat | 32 | 34 | 34 | 27 |
| Not too much | 16 | 12 | 7 | 13 |
| Not at all | 17 | 16 | 11 | 15 |
| Don't know enough | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Don't know | 1 | -- | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | -- | -- | 1 | $*$ |


|  | Sarah Palin |  | Joe Biden |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{c}9 / 27 / 08- \\ 9 / 30 / 08\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}9 / 5 / 08- \\ 9 / 10 / 08\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}9 / 27 / 08- \\ 9 / 30 / 08\end{array}$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ |
| $9 / 10 / 08$ |  |  |  |  |$]$

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| [RANDOMIZE] | 흔 | + $\frac{0}{3}$ U E 0 |  |  |  | 3 <br> 0 <br> ¢ <br> ¢ <br> 0 <br> 0 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | 26 | 33 | 17 | 18 | 5 | 1 | -- |
| Barack Obama | 41 | 35 | 9 | 11 | 4 | 1 | -- |
| Sarah Palin | 23 | 23 | 13 | 23 | 17 | 1 | -- |
| Joe Biden | 23 | 34 | 8 | 12 | 23 | 1 | -- |

Based on Total Respondents: $\mathbf{N}=1,160$

D5a. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals. For each one, please tell me whether you think that person understands the problems facing the country today a lot, somewhat, not much, or not at all. If you don't know enough about the person, just let me know. First...

| [RANDOMIZE] | $\frac{\ddot{0}}{4}$ |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | 45 | 32 | 9 | 11 | 2 | -- | -- |
| Barack Obama | 46 | 36 | 9 | 7 | 2 | -- | -- |
| Sarah Palin | 22 | 33 | 15 | 21 | 8 | 1 | -- |
| Joe Biden | 37 | 38 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 1 | -- |

Based on Likely Voters: $\mathbf{N = 8 0 8}$

D5a. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals. For each one, please tell me whether you think that person understands the problems facing the country today a lot, somewhat, not much, or not at all. If you don't know enough about the person, just let me know. First...


Based on Total Respondents: $\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 1 6 0}$

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E3. In your opinion, please tell me whether you think each of the following candidates does or does not have the right type of experience to successfully serve as President of the United States. If you don't know enough about the person, just let me know. First...

|  | John McCain |  | Barack Obama |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ | $9 / 27 / 08-$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ |
|  | $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 10 / 08$ | $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| Does have right type | 70 | 80 | 51 | 46 |
| Does not have right type | 23 | 15 | 40 | 47 |
| Don't know enough | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 |
| Don't know | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | 1 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |


|  | Sarah Palin |  | Joe Biden |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ | $9 / 27 / 08-$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ |
|  | $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 10 / 08$ | $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| Does have right type | 25 | 41 | 62 | 58 |
| Does not have right type | 62 | 36 | 20 | 20 |
| Don't know enough | 12 | 23 | 16 | 21 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | $*$ | 1 | $*$ |
| Based on Likely Voters: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ | $\mathrm{~N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |

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E3. In your opinion, please tell me whether you think each of the following candidates does or does not have the right type of experience to successfully serve as President of the United States. If you don't know enough about the person, just let me know. First...

| [RANDOMIZE] |  |  |  | 3 <br> O <br> ¢ <br>  <br> 0 <br> 0 <br> 0 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | 68 | 24 | 8 | * | * |
| Barack Obama | 56 | 36 | 8 | * | * |
| Sarah Palin | 25 | 57 | 16 | 1 | * |
| Joe Biden | 59 | 18 | 22 | 1 | * |

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G1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?
IF "Democrat," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat? IF "Republican," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican? IF "Independent" OR "None," ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Democrat - strong | 21 | 19 |
| Democrat - moderate | 19 | 19 |
| Republican - strong | 13 | 11 |
| Republican - moderate | 16 | 14 |
| Independent - lean Democratic | 10 | 11 |
| [VOL] Independent - don't lean | 4 | 5 |
| Independent - lean Republican | 11 | 10 |
| None - lean Democratic | 1 | 2 |
| [VOL] None - don't lean | 2 | 5 |
| None - lean Republican | 2 | 3 |
| [VOL] Other | $*$ | $*$ |
| Don't know | $*$ | 1 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

G2. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
IF "Liberal," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal? IF "Conservative," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Liberal - strongly | 10 | 9 |
| Liberal - somewhat | 11 | 12 |
| Conservative - strongly | 24 | 21 |
| Conservative - somewhat | 14 | 17 |
| Moderate - | 39 | 37 |
| Don't know | 2 | 3 |
| Refused | -- | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM2. What is your marital status? Are you... [ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Married | 68 | 58 |
| Single with no steady partner | 13 | 18 |
| Single with a steady partner | 4 | 7 |
| Single and living with partner | 3 | 5 |
| Separated | 2 | 2 |
| Divorced | 5 | 5 |
| Widowed | 6 | 5 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | $*$ | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM3. [ASK EVERYONE] What is the last grade of school you completed?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than high school graduate | 3 | 7 |
| High school graduate | 25 | 28 |
| Technical/trade school | 6 | 6 |
| Some college | 33 | 32 |
| College graduate | 19 | 15 |
| Some graduate school | 2 | 2 |
| Graduate degree | 12 | 9 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | -- | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM4. In what year were you born?

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|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $18-29$ | 9 | 21 |
| $30-49$ | 38 | 38 |
| $50-64$ | 36 | 28 |
| $65+$ | 16 | 13 |
| DK/Refused | -- | -- |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Urban area | 25 | 25 |
| Suburban area | 43 | 40 |
| Rural area | 31 | 32 |
| Don't know | 1 | 3 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Own | 79 | 65 |
| Rent | 16 | 24 |
| Other arrangement | 5 | 10 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18 , or not?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 34 | 37 |
| No | 66 | 63 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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DM8a. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| No lines | 9 | 17 |
| One Line | 84 | 77 |
| Two lines | 6 | 4 |
| Three or more lines | 1 | 2 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM8b. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Zero | 15 | 17 |
| One | 45 | 45 |
| Two | 24 | 23 |
| Three or more | 15 | 14 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM8c. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

|  | Likely Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Landline | 34 | 29 |
| Cell phone | 25 | 32 |
| Both equally | 41 | 39 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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DM14. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, born-again/evangelical | 44 | 42 |
| No | 55 | 57 |
| Don't know | $*$ | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM15. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Protestant | 36 | 30 |
| Catholic | 23 | 25 |
| Mormon | 2 | 2 |
| Jewish | 1 | 1 |
| Muslim | 19 | 1 |
| Other religion [SPECIFY] | 17 | 20 |
| Don't belong to religious <br> denomination | $*$ | 19 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |
| Based on: |  |  |

DM17. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM15 (DM15-6), ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, a Christian | 90 | 86 |
| No, not a Christian | 10 | 14 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | -- | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=130$ | $\mathrm{~N}=208$ |

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DM18. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| More than once a week | 14 | 11 |
| Once a week | 28 | 26 |
| Once or twice a month | 20 | 20 |
| A few times a year | 19 | 20 |
| Less often than a few times a year | 8 | 9 |
| Never | 10 | 13 |
| Don't know | $*$ | $*$ |
| Refused | 2 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

DM19a. [ASK EVERYONE] Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 8 | 13 |
| No | 91 | 87 |
| Don't know | -- | -- |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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DM20a. [ASK EVERYONE] [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D19a-1), ASK:] In addition to being Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]
DM20b. [ASK EVERYONE] [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D19a-2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| White | 78 | 73 |
| Black, African-American, or Negro | 11 | 11 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 2 | 1 |
| Asian Indian | -- | $*$ |
| Native Hawaiian | -- | -- |
| Chinese | $*$ | $*$ |
| Guamanian or Chamorro | -- | -- |
| Filipino | -- | -- |
| Samoan | -- | -- |
| Japanese | -- | -- |
| Korean | $*$ | $*$ |
| Vietnamese | -- | $*$ |
| Other Asian | $*$ | $*$ |
| Other Pacific Islander | 8 | -- |
| [VOL] Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino | 8 | 13 |
| Some other race [SPECIFY] | 1 | 12 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |
| Based on: |  |  |

DM21a. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below $\$ 50,000$ dollars, or is it $\$ 50,000$ or higher? [READ LIST]

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Below $\$ 50,000$ | 38 | 46 |
| $\$ 50,000+$ | 56 | 47 |
| Don't know | 1 | 2 |
| Refused | 5 | 4 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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DM21b. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

IF INCOME IS "BELOW \$50,000" (DM21a-1), READ]

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Under $\$ 10,000$ | 8 | 16 |
| $\$ 10,000$ to under $\$ 20,000$ | 15 | 15 |
| $\$ 20,000$ to under $\$ 30,000$ | 27 | 25 |
| $\$ 30,000$ to under $\$ 40,000$ | 15 | 13 |
| $\$ 40,000$ to under $\$ 50,000$ | 30 | 23 |
| Don't know | 4 | 5 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=269$ | $\mathrm{~N}=442$ |

IF INCOME IS "\$50,000 OR HIGHER" (DM21a-2), READ]

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 50,000$ to under $\$ 75,000$ | 36 | 37 |
| $\$ 75,000$ to under $\$ 100,000$ | 25 | 24 |
| $\$ 100,000$ to under $\$ 150,000$ | 19 | 19 |
| $\$ 150,000$ or more | 17 | 15 |
| Don't know | $*$ | $*$ |
| Refused | 14 | 25 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=478$ | $\mathrm{~N}=623$ |
|  |  |  |

DM24. INTERVIEWER RECORD:

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 47 | 48 |
| Female | 53 | 52 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

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REGION:

|  | Likely <br> Voters | Total <br> Respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Northeast | 20 | 19 |
| Midwest | 24 | 23 |
| South | 38 | 35 |
| West | 17 | 23 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=1,160$ |

## AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The Associated Press-GfK Poll was conducted September 27th - 30th, 2008, by GfK Roper Public Affairs \& Media -- a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on both landline and cell phone telephone interviews, with a nationally-representative probability sample of 1160 adults $18+, 808$ of whom were classified as likely voters. Interviews were conducted with 889 respondents on land-line telephones and 271 on cellular phones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The survey sample included the contiguous 48 states, and Alaska and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2007 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2008 Spring estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points for results based on the 808 likely voters and is higher and varies for results based on subsamples.

In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than $100 \%$. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than $100 \%$, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.
(The trend data for select questions are from the September $5^{\text {th }}-10^{\text {th }}$ poll, based on telephone interviews, with a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,217 adults $18+, 812$ of whom were classified as likely voters. The details about the methodology for that poll are available at http://www.ap-qfkpoll.com.)

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[^0]:    Based on Total Respondents: $\mathbf{N = 1 , 1 6 0}$

