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*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08	9/5/08- 9/10/08
Right direction	46	38	41	37	40	48	48	40	35	32	36	17	26
Wrong direction	50	56	51	57	54	46	44	49	54	60	56	78	70
Don't know	5	5	8	6	6	6	7	11	11	8	8	5	4
Refused	1	1	*	1	1	-	1	*	*	*	-	1	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101 N=1,217

CUR20. When you think about how things are going in your life in general, would you say you are very happy, somewhat happy, neither happy nor unhappy, somewhat unhappy, or very unhappy?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Happy	78	79	78	75	75
Very happy	35	35	34	32	34
Somewhat happy	43	43	44	43	41
Neither happy nor unhappy	7	6	7	7	8
Total Unhappy	14	15	15	17	17
Somewhat unhappy	10	11	9	11	10
Very unhappy	5	4	6	6	7
(DO NOT READ) Don't know	*	*	*	1	*
(DO NOT READ) Refused	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006

CUR2./

CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	12/10/19- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09*	12/03/08- 12/08/08*
Total Approve	56	54	56	50	55	64	64	67	74	73
Strongly approve	26	27	27	24	30	38	38	37	43	41
Somewhat approve	25	22	23	23	20	22	22	23	26	27
Lean approve	5	5	7	3	4	5	5	8	5	5
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	5
Total Disapprove	42	43	39	49	42	32	30	24	15	14
Lean disapprove	2	4	3	4	6	5	4	4	3	2
Somewhat disapprove	12	9	10	10	9	6	5	4	5	5
Strongly disapprove	28	30	27	35	28	21	22	16	7	6
Don't know	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	5	6	8
Refused	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,001

N=1,000

* NOTE: Trend comparisons based on the question worded, "Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition to the presidency."

CUR4./

CUR5. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

	12/10/19- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08
Total Approve	33	30	33	28	32	38	38	31	24	21	22
Strongly approve	3	7	3	3	4	5	7	6	3	2	4
Somewhat approve	27	20	26	22	23	28	26	21	18	15	15
Lean approve	2	3	5	3	5	5	5	5	3	4	4
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	2	3	1
Total Disapprove	65	66	64	69	63	55	57	59	67	71	74
Lean disapprove	4	5	3	5	5	5	3	4	3	6	7
Somewhat disapprove	23	20	22	21	17	19	20	20	26	25	24
Strongly disapprove	38	41	39	43	41	31	34	35	38	40	43
Don't know	1	3	1	2	3	4	2	4	7	5	2
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,101

CURX1. How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about...
[READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The Economy...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	87	89	88	92	91	91
Extremely important	42	47	46	47	49	53
Very important	45	42	42	45	42	38
Moderately important	9	8	10	6	6	7
Slightly/Not at All Important	4	4	2	2	3	2
Slightly important	3	3	2	1	2	1
Not at all important	1	1	*	1	1	*
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	-
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

The Situation in Iraq...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	65	65	67	63	62	66
Extremely important	28	32	30	28	24	29
Very important	36	33	37	35	38	37
Moderately important	22	20	21	24	25	22
Slightly/Not at All Important	13	14	12	13	12	11
Slightly important	8	9	9	8	8	7
Not at all important	5	5	3	5	4	5
Don't know	*	1	1	*	1	1
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Health care...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	81	78	83	77	78	79
Extremely important	40	42	46	41	43	41
Very important	41	36	37	36	35	38
Moderately important	12	13	10	16	13	16
Slightly/Not at All Important	7	9	7	6	9	5
Slightly important	5	5	5	5	7	4
Not at all important	2	4	2	2	2	1
Don't know	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	1	-	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,006</i>	<i>N=1,003</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,006</i>	<i>N=1,000</i>

Terrorism...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	75	77	76	74	74	75
Extremely important	38	41	41	40	40	43
Very important	38	36	35	34	35	32
Moderately important	14	14	13	15	16	18
Slightly/Not at All Important	11	9	10	11	9	7
Slightly important	7	5	7	7	6	4
Not at all important	3	4	3	4	3	2
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	*	*	*	-	*	-
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,006</i>	<i>N=1,003</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,006</i>	<i>N=1,000</i>

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The environment...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	64	59	64	59	63	64
Extremely important	26	28	27	26	27	32
Very important	38	32	37	34	36	33
Moderately important	22	27	23	24	21	23
Slightly/Not at All Important	14	14	13	16	15	13
Slightly important	10	10	11	12	11	10
Not at all important	4	4	3	4	5	3
Don't know	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	*	-	-	-	*	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,003* *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Federal budget deficit...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	71	73	73	74	77	71
Extremely important	35	38	38	40	40	38
Very important	37	34	35	34	38	33
Moderately important	19	17	17	14	14	20
Slightly/Not at All Important	9	9	10	11	8	8
Slightly important	6	5	7	7	5	6
Not at all important	3	3	3	4	3	2
Don't know	1	2	1	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,003* *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Energy...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	70	68	69	71	74	68
Extremely important	28	31	29	28	31	29
Very important	43	37	41	43	43	40
Moderately important	19	22	22	21	17	26
Slightly/Not at All Important	10	10	9	8	9	6
Slightly important	8	8	8	7	8	4
Not at all important	2	2	1	2	1	2
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,003* *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Taxes...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	71	72	66	71	69	68
Extremely important	31	32	32	33	34	33
Very important	40	39	35	38	35	35
Moderately important	20	18	23	20	20	25
Slightly/Not at All Important	9	11	10	9	11	7
Slightly important	6	8	9	7	9	6
Not at all important	2	3	1	2	2	1
Don't know	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	-	*	-	-	*

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,003* *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Immigration...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	55	52	59	56	53	58
Extremely important	25	24	26	26	22	30
Very important	30	28	33	31	31	28
Moderately important	21	26	22	22	24	26
Slightly/Not at All Important	23	21	18	21	22	15
Slightly important	16	16	13	14	13	11
Not at all important	8	6	5	7	9	5
Don't know	*	*	1	*	2	*
Refused	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Afghanistan...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	69	71	72	67	61	63
Extremely important	30	34	36	29	25	28
Very important	39	36	36	38	37	36
Moderately important	20	16	16	20	25	24
Slightly/Not at All Important	11	11	11	12	11	12
Slightly important	7	6	7	7	6	6
Not at all important	4	4	4	5	5	6
Don't know	*	2	1	1	3	1
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Relationships with other countries...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	60	64	65	59	65	68
Extremely important	23	25	28	22	25	28
Very important	38	40	37	37	40	40
Moderately important	24	22	23	27	22	21
Slightly/Not at All Important	15	13	12	14	13	11
Slightly important	10	10	9	9	10	8
Not at all important	5	3	3	5	3	3
Don't know	1	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	-	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Unemployment...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	82	79	81	78	81	85
Extremely important	37	38	40	36	40	46
Very important	45	41	41	42	41	39
Moderately important	14	14	13	14	13	11
Slightly/Not at All Important	5	6	7	8	6	4
Slightly important	3	4	5	5	4	4
Not at all important	2	2	1	2	2	1
Don't know	-	*	*	1	*	-
Refused	-	-	-	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Gas prices...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	57	64	56	61	64	64
Extremely important	22	30	27	25	26	33
Very important	35	33	29	36	38	31
Moderately important	26	23	27	28	22	26
Slightly/Not at All Important	17	13	17	12	13	10
Slightly important	13	9	13	8	11	6
Not at all important	4	3	4	3	2	4
Don't know	*	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

CURX2. And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about...

[PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The economy...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	48	46	50	44	50	58
Strongly approve	22	22	25	20	24	30
Somewhat approve	26	24	25	23	26	28
Lean approve	*	*	*	-	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	5	5	6	5	4	6
Total Disapprove	46	49	44	52	46	35
Lean disapprove	-	-	-	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	13	12	11	11	13	10
Strongly disapprove	33	38	33	41	33	25
Don't know	1	-	-	-	-	1
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Iraq...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	49	46	50	47	56	59
Strongly approve	20	17	20	18	21	28
Somewhat approve	29	29	30	29	35	31
Lean approve	*	*	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	9	13	12	12	12
Total Disapprove	40	45	37	41	32	27
Lean disapprove	*	*	1	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	18	18	14	16	14	12
Strongly disapprove	22	26	22	25	18	15
Don't know	*	-	*	*	-	2
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Health care...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Total Approve	49	49	48	42	50	53
Strongly approve	27	30	26	22	27	28
Somewhat approve	23	19	23	19	23	25
Lean approve	*	-	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	5	5	5	6	7	16
Total Disapprove	46	46	47	52	43	28
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	9	9	9	10	8	10
Strongly disapprove	37	37	37	43	34	18
Don't know	*	-	*	*	*	3
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Terrorism...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Total Approve	52	50	53	44	52	59
Strongly approve	23	22	23	18	25	31
Somewhat approve	29	28	29	26	27	28
Lean approve	1	*	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	11	12	14	11	13
Total Disapprove	38	39	35	42	37	26
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	1	-
Somewhat disapprove	14	14	13	13	12	11
Strongly disapprove	24	25	22	28	24	16
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The environment...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	55	54	54	51	56	60
Strongly approve	25	21	22	20	23	29
Somewhat approve	30	33	31	31	32	31
Lean approve	*	*	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	16	18	14	13	19
Total Disapprove	31	30	28	35	31	19
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	1	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	13	14	13	16	12	9
Strongly disapprove	18	15	15	18	19	10
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Federal budget deficit...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	41	40	40	33	39	49
Strongly approve	15	16	15	11	15	23
Somewhat approve	25	23	25	21	24	26
Lean approve	1	1	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	11	9	11	12	10	8
Total Disapprove	48	51	48	56	51	41
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	14	13	10	12	13	10
Strongly disapprove	34	38	38	43	38	31
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	2
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Energy...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Total Approve	54	52	55	50	55	60
Strongly approve	20	21	22	20	25	28
Somewhat approve	33	31	33	30	29	32
Lean approve	*	*	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	15	15	15	13	12	16
Total Disapprove	32	32	30	37	34	22
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	13	14	14	15	12	12
Strongly disapprove	19	18	16	21	21	10
Don't know	*	-	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Taxes...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Total Approve	45	42	47	38	46	54
Strongly approve	18	16	18	13	17	27
Somewhat approve	27	25	28	24	28	27
Lean approve	*	1	1	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	12	12	13	13	11	11
Total Disapprove	43	46	41	50	44	35
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	*	*	-
Somewhat disapprove	14	14	13	15	9	9
Strongly disapprove	29	32	27	34	35	26
Don't know	*	*	*	*	-	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Immigration...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Total Approve	42	39	39	34	39	47
Strongly approve	15	14	13	9	13	18
Somewhat approve	26	24	26	24	25	29
Lean approve	2	1	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	19	21	19	20	20	19
Total Disapprove	39	41	42	46	41	30
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	1	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	15	16	15	14	14	12
Strongly disapprove	24	25	26	31	27	19
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	3
Refused	-	-	*	*	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Afghanistan...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Total Approve	52	42	46	46	55	60
Strongly approve	21	14	16	13	20	27
Somewhat approve	31	27	29	32	35	33
Lean approve	*	1	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	10	14	13	13	12
Total Disapprove	40	48	41	40	32	26
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	1	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	17	15	17	14	14
Strongly disapprove	25	30	26	23	17	12
Don't know	*	*	*	1	*	2
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Relationships with other countries...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	60	58	61	53	58	69
Strongly approve	32	30	32	27	33	41
Somewhat approve	28	27	29	25	25	27
Lean approve	*	1	*	*	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	11	6	11	9	9
Total Disapprove	32	32	33	37	33	22
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	12	13	14	16	13	10
Strongly disapprove	20	19	19	21	20	12
Don't know	*	-	*	-	*	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Unemployment...	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	48	44	48	40	49	59
Strongly approve	21	18	18	16	22	28
Somewhat approve	27	26	30	23	27	30
Lean approve	*	*	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	9	9	9	11	10	12
Total Disapprove	44	47	43	49	40	29
Lean disapprove	-	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	16	14	16	15	11	12
Strongly disapprove	28	33	26	34	29	17
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Continues...

CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Gas prices...	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Total Approve	41	40	49	37	45	51
Strongly approve	14	11	17	14	16	19
Somewhat approve	25	28	31	22	29	32
Lean approve	1	1	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	22	21	23	23	20	22
Total Disapprove	37	39	28	41	35	25
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	14	17	15	22	15	12
Strongly disapprove	23	22	13	18	20	14
Don't know	*	1	*	*	*	1
Refused	*	-	*	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

ECO1. Would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in the stock market?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08
Good time to invest	41	42	42	41	37	43	41	33	39	38
Bad time	52	53	52	52	57	52	53	58	51	58
Don't know	7	6	5	6	6	5	5	9	10	4
Refused	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,101

ECO2. And would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in real estate?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08
Good time to invest	65	66	69	70	65	74	64	56	55	53
Bad time	32	31	29	28	32	25	32	37	38	43
Don't know	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	7	6	4
Refused	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101

B1. Would you describe the nation's economy these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?

IF "GOOD," ASK: Is that very good or somewhat good?

IF "POOR," ASK: Is that very poor or somewhat poor?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Good	24	19	20	16	15
Very good	2	1	1	1	1
Somewhat good	10	9	8	5	5
Neither – lean good	13	9	11	10	9
[VOL] Neither – Don't lean	5	4	5	4	5
Total Poor	71	77	75	80	79
Neither – lean poor	16	12	13	12	11
Somewhat poor	24	33	32	33	32
Very poor	31	32	30	35	37
Don't know	1	*	*	1	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006

B2. And would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?

IF "GOOD," ASK: Is that very good or somewhat good?

IF "POOR," ASK: Is that very poor or somewhat poor?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Good	61	59	60	58	56
Very good	12	14	16	13	14
Somewhat good	33	31	29	30	28
Neither – lean good	16	13	15	15	14
[VOL] Neither – Don't lean	4	7	5	5	6
Total Poor	34	34	35	37	37
Neither – lean poor	10	12	12	12	10
Somewhat poor	12	13	13	14	17
Very poor	12	9	10	11	11
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	1	*	1	*	1

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

ECO41. In the past month, do you think the economy got better, got worse or stayed about the same?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09
Got better	24	22	24	25
Got worse	21	24	17	21
Stayed about the same	55	53	59	54
Don't know	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

HC1. In general, do you support, oppose or neither support nor oppose the health care reform plans being discussed in Congress?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09
Total Support	36	39	40	34
Strongly support	19	21	23	16
Somewhat support	17	18	17	18
Neither support nor oppose	18	14	17	15
Total Oppose	44	45	40	49
Somewhat oppose	10	11	9	13
Strongly oppose	34	34	31	36
Don't know	2	3	3	2
Refused	*	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

IRX1. Do you favor or oppose the war in Iraq?

FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly favor or somewhat favor?

FOR EACH "OPPOSE," ASK: Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Favor	31	30	33	34
Strongly favor	10	11	14	15
Somewhat favor	21	19	20	19
Total Oppose	65	67	64	63
Somewhat oppose	25	21	20	21
Strongly oppose	40	46	44	43
Don't know	3	2	2	2
Refused	1	1	1	1

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,006

AFX2. Do you favor or oppose the war in Afghanistan?

FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly favor or somewhat favor?

FOR EACH "OPPOSE," ASK: Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Favor	39	39	40	44
Strongly favor	16	15	19	20
Somewhat favor	24	24	20	24
Total Oppose	57	57	57	53
Somewhat oppose	23	20	23	19
Strongly oppose	34	37	35	34
Don't know	3	3	2	3
Refused	1	1	1	1

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,006

AFX4. Would you favor or oppose sending more troops to Afghanistan?

FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly favor or somewhat favor?

FOR EACH "OPPOSE," ASK: Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?]

	12/10/09- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09
Total Favor	42	43	46
Strongly favor	20	26	26
Somewhat favor	22	16	20
Total Oppose	56	54	50
Somewhat oppose	18	16	15
Strongly oppose	37	38	34
Don't know	2	3	4
Refused	*	1	1

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=759

PID1/

PID2. 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?

	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	5/28/09-6/1/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09	1/09/09-1/14/09	12/03/08-12/08/08	11/06/08-11/10/08
Total Democrat	37	43	43	39	44	46	46	46	47	44	48
Democrat – strong	12	18	17	14	14	20	16	18	19	17	21
Democrat – moderate	16	17	16	16	20	15	20	20	18	19	19
Independent – lean Democratic	9	8	10	9	9	11	10	9	9	8	8
None – lean Democratic	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	-
Total Republican	32	31	32	33	33	32	28	30	27	33	34
Republican – strong	9	11	10	9	11	11	9	9	8	13	13
Republican – moderate	13	10	11	11	12	12	9	13	12	13	11
Independent – lean Republican	11	10	11	13	10	9	9	8	7	7	10
None – lean Republican	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	-
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	7	6	5	8	5	5	7	6	7	8	5
[VOL] None – don't lean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[VOL] Other	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-
Don't know	24	19	21	19	18	17	19	17	18	15	14
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

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N=1,001

EM1. Are you, yourself, currently employed... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

	12/10/19- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09
Full-time	44	46	44	44	47	50
Part-time	15	11	10	12	13	13
Not employed	41	42	45	42	39	37
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	*	*	-	1	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1	1	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

EM2. [IF "NOT EMPLOYED" IN EM1, ASK:] Are you... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

	12/10/19- 12/14/09	11/5/09- 11/9/09	10/1/09- 10/5/09	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09
Retired	47	49	52	52	48	50
Homemaker	13	16	18	15	15	17
Student	7	9	10	8	9	7
Temporarily unemployed	32	24	18	22	24	22
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1	1	2	2	2	2
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	1	*	*	2	2

Based on: N=423 N=404 N=451 N=438 N=415 N=402

CUR38. Thinking of the last 6 months, that is since June of this year, have you or someone in your family lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	5/28/09-6/1/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Yes (self lost job)	9	9	8	5	8	7	8	10
Yes (someone in family)	22	21	20	26	21	21	25	25
No	66	66	70	65	65	70	62	65
Both (self and family member) [DO NOT READ]	3	3	2	2	4	1	4	1
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	-	*	*	1	1	*	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

CUR39. And thinking of the last 6 months, that is since June of this year, has someone you know personally, other than a family member, lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	12/10/09-12/14/09	11/5/09-11/9/09	10/1/09-10/5/09	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	5/28/09-6/1/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Yes	69	66	65	66	64	60	67	65
No	30	34	34	32	34	39	33	35
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	*	1	1	2	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	-	*	1	1	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

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

DM1. What is your marital status? Are you...

Married/Living as Married/Co-Habiting	58
Separated	2
Divorced	10
Widowed	6
Never Married	22
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on:

N=1,001

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed?

Less than high school graduate	12
High school graduate	30
Technical/trade school	4
Some college	25
College graduate	15
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	10
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,001

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	19
30-49	38
50-64	24
65+	18
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Urban area	22
Suburban area	43
Rural area	32
Don't know	2
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Own	65
Rent	24
Other arrangement	10
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,001

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

Yes	39
No	60
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,001

DM8. 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.

No lines	20
One Line	76
Two lines	3
Three or more lines	1
Don't know	-
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,001

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

None	17
One	61
Two	15
Three or more	6
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,001

DM10. [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?

Landline	24
Cell phone	35
Both equally	42
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=653

DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

None	67
One	26
Two	3
Three or more	3
Don't know	-
Refused	*

Based on:

N=200

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	42
No	53
Don't know	2
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,001

DM13. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

Protestant	28
Catholic	25
Mormon	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion [SPECIFY]	20
Don't belong to religious denomination	21
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,001

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13, ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	87
No, not a Christian	13
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=170

DM15. 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?

Never	16
Less often than a few times a year	9
A few times a year	22
Once or twice a month	11
Once a week	27
More than once a week	12
Don't know	1
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,001

DM16. [ASK EVERYONE] Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

Yes	12
No	86
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,001

DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO [D16=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.]

DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO [D16=2], ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White	73
Black, African-American, or Negro	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	-
Chinese	-
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	1
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Korean	*
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	-
Other Pacific Islander	-
Some other race [SPECIFY]	8
Multiple races [DO NOT READ]	2
Don't know	1
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,001

DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher? [READ LIST]

Below \$50,000	49
\$50,000+	44
Don't know	1
Refused	6

Based on:

N=1,001

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	7
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know	4
Refused	8

Based on:

N=1,001

DM21. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	38
No	58
Don't know	1
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,001

[ASK DM21 ONLY IF YES IN DM21:]

DM22. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments—buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

None	46
1	14
2	11
3	6
4	3
5-9 times	8
10-14 times	4
15-19 times	*
20-24 times	1
25 times or more	4
Don't know	4
Refused	1

Based on:

N=520

DM25. INTERVIEWER RECORD Respondent's Gender:

Male	50
Female	50

Based on:

N=1,001

REGION:

Northeast	20
Midwest	23
South	37
West	22

Based on:

N=1,001

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted December 10th – December 14th, 2009, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,001 adults age 18 or older. The interviews were conducted with 801 respondents on landlines and 200 on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The survey sample included the contiguous 48 states, 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 2008 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 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. 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.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.