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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?

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

Based on: N=1,008 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?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09
Total happy	78	78	79	78	75	75
Very happy	35	35	35	34	32	34
Somewhat happy	43	43	43	44	43	41
Neither happy nor unhappy	9	7	6	7	7	8
Total unhappy	13	14	15	15	17	17
Somewhat unhappy	9	10	11	9	11	10
Very unhappy	4	5	4	6	6	7
[DO NOT READ] Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*
[DO NOT READ] Refused	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,008 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?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/9-14/09*	12/3-8/08*
Total approve	56	56	54	56	50	55	64	64	67	74	73
Strongly approve	29	26	27	27	24	30	38	38	37	43	41
Somewhat approve	22	25	22	23	23	20	22	22	23	26	27
Lean approve	5	5	5	7	3	4	5	5	8	5	5
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	5
Total disapprove	42	42	43	39	49	42	32	30	24	15	14
Lean disapprove	4	2	4	3	4	6	5	4	4	3	2
Somewhat disapprove	9	12	9	10	10	9	6	5	4	5	5
Strongly disapprove	29	28	30	27	35	28	21	22	16	7	6
Don't know	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	5	6	8
Refused	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008 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: Question wording in these waves: "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?

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

Based on:

N=1,008 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=1,101

CUR15./

CUR15a. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their jobs.

[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 the Democrats in Congress are handling their jobs?

	1/12-17/10
Total approve	40
Strongly approve	10
Somewhat approve	27
Lean approve	3
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2
Total disapprove	57
Lean disapprove	3
Somewhat disapprove	19
Strongly disapprove	36
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=968

CUR16./

CUR16a. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs.

[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 the Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs?

	1/12-17/10
Total approve	32
Strongly approve	8
Somewhat approve	20
Lean approve	4
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	2
Total disapprove	65
Lean disapprove	4
Somewhat disapprove	32
Strongly disapprove	28
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Based on:

N=968

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

	1/12-17/10	10/16-20/08		9/27-30/08	9/5-10/08
	Total	Total	Likely Voters	Likely Voters	Likely Voters
Republicans	37	32	37	36	41
Democrats	49	45	43	49	46
Don't care [VOL]	10	20	16	10	10
Don't know	3	2	1	4	2
Refused	1	1	2	1	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=.968</i>	<i>N=1,101</i>	<i>N=800</i>	<i>N=808</i>	<i>N=812</i>

A5a. Would you like to see your own member of Congress get re-elected in November, or would you like to see someone else win the election?

	1/12-17/10
Re-elect own member of Congress	43
Someone else	47
Don't care [VOL]	4
Don't know	6
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,008

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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	93	87	89	88	92	91	91
Extremely important	50	42	47	46	47	49	53
Very important	43	45	42	42	45	42	38
Moderately important	5	9	8	10	6	6	7
Slightly/Not at all important	3	4	4	2	2	3	2
Slightly important	2	3	3	2	1	2	1
Not at all important	1	1	1	*	1	1	*
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	*	-
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Iraq...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	66	65	65	67	63	62	66
Extremely important	31	28	32	30	28	24	29
Very important	35	36	33	37	35	38	37
Moderately important	20	22	20	21	24	25	22
Slightly/Not at all important	13	13	14	12	13	12	11
Slightly important	8	8	9	9	8	8	7
Not at all important	5	5	5	3	5	4	5
Don't know	*	*	1	1	*	1	1
Refused	-	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	81	81	78	83	77	78	79
Extremely important	46	40	42	46	41	43	41
Very important	35	41	36	37	36	35	38
Moderately important	9	12	13	10	16	13	16
Slightly/Not at all important	10	7	9	7	6	9	5
Slightly important	6	5	5	5	5	7	4
Not at all important	3	2	4	2	2	2	1
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	1	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Terrorism...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	83	75	77	76	74	74	75
Extremely important	48	38	41	41	40	40	43
Very important	35	38	36	35	34	35	32
Moderately important	12	14	14	13	15	16	18
Slightly/Not at all important	6	11	9	10	11	9	7
Slightly important	4	7	5	7	7	6	4
Not at all important	2	3	4	3	4	3	2
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	-	*	*	*	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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]

The environment...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	61	64	59	64	59	63	64
Extremely important	28	26	28	27	26	27	32
Very important	33	38	32	37	34	36	33
Moderately important	23	22	27	23	24	21	23
Slightly/Not at all important	15	14	14	13	16	15	13
Slightly important	12	10	10	11	12	11	10
Not at all important	4	4	4	3	4	5	3
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	*	*	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Federal budget deficit...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	75	71	73	73	74	77	71
Extremely important	39	35	38	38	40	40	38
Very important	35	37	34	35	34	38	33
Moderately important	16	19	17	17	14	14	20
Slightly/Not at all important	8	9	9	10	11	8	8
Slightly important	6	6	5	7	7	5	6
Not at all important	2	3	3	3	4	3	2
Don't know	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	70	70	68	69	71	74	68
Extremely important	30	28	31	29	28	31	29
Very important	39	43	37	41	43	43	40
Moderately important	21	19	22	22	21	17	26
Slightly/Not at all important	9	10	10	9	8	9	6
Slightly important	7	8	8	8	7	8	4
Not at all important	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
Don't know	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Taxes...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	74	71	72	66	71	69	68
Extremely important	34	31	32	32	33	34	33
Very important	40	40	39	35	38	35	35
Moderately important	19	20	18	23	20	20	25
Slightly/Not at all important	8	9	11	10	9	11	7
Slightly important	6	6	8	9	7	9	6
Not at all important	2	2	3	1	2	2	1
Don't know	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	*	-	*	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	55	55	52	59	56	53	58
Extremely important	26	25	24	26	26	22	30
Very important	29	30	28	33	31	31	28
Moderately important	25	21	26	22	22	24	26
Slightly/Not at all important	19	23	21	18	21	22	15
Slightly important	14	16	16	13	14	13	11
Not at all important	6	8	6	5	7	9	5
Don't know	1	*	*	1	*	2	*
Refused	*	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Afghanistan...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	72	69	71	72	67	61	63
Extremely important	32	30	34	36	29	25	28
Very important	40	39	36	36	38	37	36
Moderately important	19	20	16	16	20	25	24
Slightly/Not at all important	9	11	11	11	12	11	12
Slightly important	6	7	6	7	7	6	6
Not at all important	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
Don't know	*	*	2	1	1	3	1
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	62	60	64	65	59	65	68
Extremely important	25	23	25	28	22	25	28
Very important	37	38	40	37	37	40	40
Moderately important	25	24	22	23	27	22	21
Slightly/Not at all important	13	15	13	12	14	13	11
Slightly important	9	10	10	9	9	10	8
Not at all important	4	5	3	3	5	3	3
Don't know	*	1	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	-	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Unemployment...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	84	82	79	81	78	81	85
Extremely important	41	37	38	40	36	40	46
Very important	43	45	41	41	42	41	39
Moderately important	12	14	14	13	14	13	11
Slightly/Not at all important	4	5	6	7	8	6	4
Slightly important	3	3	4	5	5	4	4
Not at all important	1	2	2	1	2	2	1
Don't know	*	-	*	*	1	*	-
Refused	*	-	-	-	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Continues...

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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	63	57	64	56	61	64	64
Extremely important	29	22	30	27	25	26	33
Very important	35	35	33	29	36	38	31
Moderately important	24	26	23	27	28	22	26
Slightly/Not at all important	13	17	13	17	12	13	10
Slightly important	9	13	9	13	8	11	6
Not at all important	4	4	3	4	3	2	4
Don't know	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	47	48	46	50	44	50	58
Strongly approve	19	22	22	25	20	24	30
Somewhat approve	28	26	24	25	23	26	28
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	-	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	5	5	5	6	5	4	6
Total disapprove	48	46	49	44	52	46	35
Lean disapprove	*	-	-	-	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	13	13	12	11	11	13	10
Strongly disapprove	35	33	38	33	41	33	25
Don't know	*	1	-	-	-	-	1
Refused	*	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Iraq...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	49	49	46	50	47	56	59
Strongly approve	18	20	17	20	18	21	28
Somewhat approve	31	29	29	30	29	35	31
Lean approve	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	12	10	9	13	12	12	12
Total disapprove	39	40	45	37	41	32	27
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	20	18	18	14	16	14	12
Strongly disapprove	19	22	26	22	25	18	15
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	-	2
Refused	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	48	49	49	48	42	50	53
Strongly approve	28	27	30	26	22	27	28
Somewhat approve	20	23	19	23	19	23	25
Lean approve	*	*	-	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	4	5	5	5	6	7	16
Total disapprove	48	46	46	47	52	43	28
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	9	9	9	9	10	8	10
Strongly disapprove	39	37	37	37	43	34	18
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	*	3
Refused	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Terrorism...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	54	52	50	53	44	52	59
Strongly approve	26	23	22	23	18	25	31
Somewhat approve	28	29	28	29	26	27	28
Lean approve	*	1	*	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	7	10	11	12	14	11	13
Total disapprove	39	38	39	35	42	37	26
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	*	1	-
Somewhat disapprove	12	14	14	13	13	12	11
Strongly disapprove	28	24	25	22	28	24	16
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	1	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	53	55	54	54	51	56	60
Strongly approve	20	25	21	22	20	23	29
Somewhat approve	32	30	33	31	31	32	31
Lean approve	1	*	*	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	16	14	16	18	14	13	19
Total disapprove	31	31	30	28	35	31	19
Lean disapprove	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	16	13	14	13	16	12	9
Strongly disapprove	14	18	15	15	18	19	10
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	2
Refused	*	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Federal budget deficit...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	36	41	40	40	33	39	49
Strongly approve	15	15	16	15	11	15	23
Somewhat approve	21	25	23	25	21	24	26
Lean approve	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	12	11	9	11	12	10	8
Total disapprove	52	48	51	48	56	51	41
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	14	14	13	10	12	13	10
Strongly disapprove	38	34	38	38	43	38	31
Don't know	*	*	*	*	-	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	56	54	52	55	50	55	60
Strongly approve	22	20	21	22	20	25	28
Somewhat approve	33	33	31	33	30	29	32
Lean approve	1	*	*	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	11	15	15	15	13	12	16
Total disapprove	33	32	32	30	37	34	22
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	13	14	14	15	12	12
Strongly disapprove	19	19	18	16	21	21	10
Don't know	*	*	-	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

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

Based on:

N=1,008 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 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	38	42	39	39	34	39	47
Strongly approve	13	15	14	13	9	13	18
Somewhat approve	25	26	24	26	24	25	29
Lean approve	*	2	1	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	18	19	21	19	20	20	19
Total disapprove	44	39	41	42	46	41	30
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	18	15	16	15	14	14	12
Strongly disapprove	26	24	25	26	31	27	19
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	1	3
Refused	-	-	-	*	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

The situation in Afghanistan...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	49	52	42	46	46	55	60
Strongly approve	20	21	14	16	13	20	27
Somewhat approve	29	31	27	29	32	35	33
Lean approve	*	*	1	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	8	10	14	13	13	12
Total disapprove	42	40	48	41	40	32	26
Lean disapprove	*	-	*	*	1	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	20	15	17	15	17	14	14
Strongly disapprove	22	25	30	26	23	17	12
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*	2
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	58	60	58	61	53	58	69
Strongly approve	33	32	30	32	27	33	41
Somewhat approve	26	28	27	29	25	25	27
Lean approve	-	*	1	*	*	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	8	11	6	11	9	9
Total disapprove	32	32	32	33	37	33	22
Lean disapprove	*	-	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	12	13	14	16	13	10
Strongly disapprove	17	20	19	19	21	20	12
Don't know	*	*	-	*	-	*	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

Unemployment...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	46	48	44	48	40	49	59
Strongly approve	20	21	18	18	16	22	28
Somewhat approve	26	27	26	30	23	27	30
Lean approve	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	9	9	9	11	10	12
Total disapprove	47	44	47	43	49	40	29
Lean disapprove	*	-	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	14	16	14	16	15	11	12
Strongly disapprove	32	28	33	26	34	29	17
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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...	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	39	41	40	49	37	45	51
Strongly approve	13	14	11	17	14	16	19
Somewhat approve	26	25	28	31	22	29	32
Lean approve	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	19	22	21	23	23	20	22
Total disapprove	43	37	39	28	41	35	25
Lean disapprove	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	18	14	17	15	22	15	12
Strongly disapprove	25	23	22	13	18	20	14
Don't know	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
Refused	-	*	-	*	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,003

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

FAV1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [INSERT NAME]?
 [PROBE FOR FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE: Very favorable or somewhat?]
 [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable?
 [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable?]

[RANDOMIZE]	Joe Biden	Sarah Palin	Michelle Obama	Hillary Clinton	Dick Cheney
Total favorable	52	45	74	69	38
Very favorable	15	21	41	31	12
Somewhat favorable	38	24	33	38	26
Total unfavorable	39	50	21	29	55
Somewhat unfavorable	21	17	13	14	23
Very unfavorable	18	33	8	15	32
Don't know	8	4	4	1	6
Refused	1	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,008 N=1,008 N=1,008 N=1,008 N=1,008

CURJ3. What kind of president do you think Barack Obama has been so far? Do you think he has been ...
 [ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE:] An outstanding president, above average, average, below average, or poor?
 [ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE:] A poor president, below average, average, above average, or outstanding?

	1/12-17/10	1/9-14/09*
Outstanding	16	28
Above average	26	37
Average	26	24
Below average	16	4
Poor	16	3
Don't know	*	5
Refused	*	1

Based on: N=1,008 N=1,001

*NOTE: Question wording in previous wave: "What kind of president do you think Barack Obama will be? Do you think he will be..."

CURJ7. How well do you think Barack Obama understands the important issues the country will need to focus on during the next four years? Would you say...

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	1/9-14/09
Extremely well	24	27	29	33
Very well	25	20	25	32
Somewhat well	22	21	25	21
Not too well	12	13	8	7
Not well at all	18	19	13	5
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	1	*	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	-	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,001

CURJX. The following are phrases some people use to describe political leaders. For each phrase, please tell me if it describes BARACK OBAMA very well, somewhat well, slightly well, or not at all well. The first phrase is... [RANDOMIZE]

He understands the problems of ordinary Americans...

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	67	67	74	78	81
Very well	41	42	49	51	52
Somewhat well	27	25	25	27	29
Total Slightly/Not at all well	32	32	26	21	18
Slightly well	8	6	10	9	7
Not at all well	24	26	16	12	11
Don't know	*	1	*	1	1
Refused	*	*	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001

He will keep America safe...

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	64	64	71	66	77
Very well	33	34	42	36	40
Somewhat well	31	30	29	30	37
Total Slightly/Not at all well	35	35	28	29	21
Slightly well	11	10	10	13	9
Not at all well	24	25	18	16	12
Don't know	1	1	1	6	2
Refused	*	1	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001

Continues...

CURJX. (Continued) The following are phrases some people use to describe political leaders. For each phrase, please tell me if it describes BARACK OBAMA very well, somewhat well, slightly well, or not at all well. The first phrase is... [RANDOMIZE]

He cares about people like you...

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	65	65	71	76	79
Very well	41	41	50	52	53
Somewhat well	24	24	21	24	26
Total Slightly/Not at all well	35	35	28	22	19
Slightly well	9	7	8	9	7
Not at all well	25	27	19	13	12
Don't know	1	1	2	2	2
Refused	-	-	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,001

He is a strong leader...

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	67	69	76	75	78
Very well	42	45	54	50	54
Somewhat well	25	23	21	25	24
Total Slightly/Not at all well	32	31	23	21	17
Slightly well	10	10	8	10	8
Not at all well	22	21	16	11	9
Don't know	*	1	1	5	4
Refused	-	-	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,001

Continues...

CURJX. (Continued) The following are phrases some people use to describe political leaders. For each phrase, please tell me if it describes BARACK OBAMA very well, somewhat well, slightly well, or not at all well. The first phrase is... [RANDOMIZE]

He is a likable person...

	1/12-17/10
Total Very/Somewhat well	89
Very well	63
Somewhat well	26
Total Slightly/Not at all well	10
Slightly well	5
Not at all well	6
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,008

CURJ10. Compared to the administration of President George W. Bush, do you think the Obama administration so far has displayed higher ethical standards, lower ethical standards, or about the same level of ethical standards?

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Higher ethical standards	46	47	52
Same level	30	32	29
Lower ethical standards	24	19	18
Don't know	*	1	2
Refused	*	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,006

N=1,000

CURX3. Barack Obama campaigned on a platform of “change.” Do you think Barack Obama so far is living up to his promises to change the way things work in Washington, do you think he is breaking those promises, or is it too soon to tell?

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Living up to those promises	16	27	30
Too soon to tell	55	54	54
Breaking those promises	27	19	15
Don't know	1	1	*
Refused	1	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,000

CURJ8. How many of his campaign promises do you think Barack Obama has kept so far—all of them, most of them, some of them, or hardly any of them?

	1/12-17/10	1/09-14/09*
All of them	3	3
Most of them	21	32
Some of them	43	47
Hardly any of them	31	17
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001

*NOTE: Question wording in previous wave: “How many of his campaign promises do you think Barack Obama will BE ABLE to keep—all of them, most of them, some of them, or hardly any of them?”

CURX4. Do you think Barack Obama's administration is...

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Trying to change too many things too quickly	40	49	32
Changing things about the right amount at the right speed	34	37	52
Not changing enough things quickly enough	24	12	14
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	2	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	1	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,000

CURX5. Do you think Barack Obama is on television...

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Too much	30	31	28
About the right amount	56	57	59
Too little	12	9	10
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	3	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	1

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,000

CUR25. Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

[RANDOMIZE]	Demo- crats	Repub- licans	Neither [VOL]	DK [VOL]	REF [VOL]
Handling the economy	49	40	9	3	*
Protecting the country	42	47	7	4	1
Handling health care	48	38	10	3	1

Based on: N=1,008

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

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08	11/6-10/08	10/16-20/08
Good time to invest	47	41	42	42	41	37	43	41	33	39	38
Bad time	49	52	53	52	52	57	52	53	58	51	58
Don't know	4	7	6	5	6	6	5	5	9	10	4
Refused	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,008 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?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	12/3-08/08	11/6-10/08	10/16-20/08
Good time to invest	66	65	66	69	70	65	74	64	56	55	53
Bad time	32	32	31	29	28	32	25	32	37	38	43
Don't know	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	7	6	4
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,008 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?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09
Total good	22	24	19	20	16	15
Very good	1	2	1	1	1	1
Somewhat good	6	10	9	8	5	5
Neither – lean good	14	13	9	11	10	9
Neither – Don't lean [VOL]	4	5	4	5	4	5
Total poor	75	71	77	75	80	79
Neither – lean poor	17	16	12	13	12	11
Somewhat poor	30	24	33	32	33	32
Very poor	28	31	32	30	35	37
Don't know	*	1	*	*	1	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008

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?

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

Based on:

N=1,008 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?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09
Got better	25	24	22	24	25
Got worse	16	21	24	17	21
Stayed about the same	59	55	53	59	54
Don't know	1	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	-	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001

ECO42. And compared to a year ago, do you think the U.S. economy is in better shape than it was a year ago, worse shape than it was a year ago, or about the same as it was a year ago?

	1/12-17/10
Total Better	40
A lot better	12
A little better	28
About the same	33
Total Worse	26
A little worse	11
A lot worse	16
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,008

CURJ12. When it comes to improving the economy, do you think it is realistic to expect at least some noticeable results in the first year of the Obama administration, or do you think it will take longer than that to see any noticeable results?

	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	1/09-14/09
Realistic to expect in the first year	23	16	27	27
Take longer than that	77	83	72	72
Don't know	*	1	1	1
Refused	*	1	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,001

- Ba7. Under the Obama administration do you think YOUR taxes will go up or down, or do you think they will stay about the same?
 [FOR EACH "GO UP," ASK:] Do you think they will go up a little or a lot?
 [FOR EACH "GO DOWN," ASK:] Do you think they will go down a little or a lot?

	1/12-17/10	1/9-14/09	10/16-20/08 ¹
Go up a lot	33	17	24
Go up a little	26	18	21
Go down a little	4	12	12
Go down a lot	1	1	5
Stay about the same	35	50	37
Don't know	1	3	2
Refused	-	-	*

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,101

- EC07. How worried are you that increasing federal debt will harm the financial future of your children and grandchildren?

	1/12-17/10	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	1/9-14/09	9/27-30/08
Total worried	81	79	80	79	79	79
Very worried	50	47	46	49	45	42
Somewhat worried	31	33	34	30	34	37
Total not worried	19	20	19	21	20	19
Not too worried	11	11	11	12	13	11
Not at all worried	8	9	8	9	7	8
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	-	*	1	-	*	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	*	1	1	1	1	2

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101

¹ In the October survey, the question was "If Barack Obama is elected president in November, do you think YOUR taxes will go up or down, or do you think they will stay about the same?"

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

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09
Total support	42	36	39	40	34
Strongly support	18	19	21	23	16
Somewhat support	24	17	18	17	18
Neither support nor oppose	14	18	14	17	15
Total oppose	42	44	45	40	49
Somewhat oppose	10	10	11	9	13
Strongly oppose	32	34	34	31	36
Don't know	2	2	3	3	2
Refused	-	*	*	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008 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?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	7/16-20/09
Total favor	34	31	30	33	34
Strongly favor	12	10	11	14	15
Somewhat favor	22	21	19	20	19
Total oppose	63	65	67	64	63
Somewhat oppose	25	25	21	20	21
Strongly oppose	38	40	46	44	43
Don't know	2	3	2	2	2
Refused	*	1	1	1	1

Based on:

N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,006

IRX. Do you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of Barack Obama’s decision to end the combat role of U.S. troops and remove most but not all U.S. troops from Iraq by August 31, 2010?
 [FOR EACH “APPROVE,” ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?
 [FOR EACH “DISAPPROVE,” ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

IRXb. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN IRX, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of Barack Obama’s decision to end the combat role of U.S. troops and remove most but not all U.S. troops from Iraq by August 31, 2010?

	1/12-17/10	4/16-20/09
Total approve	72	74
Strongly approve	45	50
Somewhat approve	26	23
Lean approve	1	*
Neither—don’t lean [VOL.]	*	5
Total disapprove	23	21
Lean disapprove	-	-
Somewhat disapprove	8	10
Strongly disapprove	15	11
Don’t know	1	-
Refused	*	-

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,000

IRX2. Do you think the pace of the planned withdrawal of troops from Iraq is...

	1/12-17/10	4/16-20/09
Too fast	20	19
Too slow	19	24
About right	56	54
Don’t know [DO NOT READ]	4	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=970

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?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	7/16-20/09
Total favor	43	39	39	40	44
Strongly favor	18	16	15	19	20
Somewhat favor	25	24	24	20	24
Total oppose	54	57	57	57	53
Somewhat oppose	22	23	20	23	19
Strongly oppose	32	34	37	35	34
Don't know	3	3	3	2	3
Refused	*	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,008 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?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09
Total favor	41	42	43	46
Strongly favor	17	20	26	26
Somewhat favor	24	22	16	20
Total oppose	55	56	54	50
Somewhat oppose	21	18	16	15
Strongly oppose	34	37	38	34
Don't know	3	2	3	4
Refused	1	*	1	1

Based on: N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=759

TOR1. How do you feel about the use of torture against suspected terrorists to obtain information about terrorism activities? Can that... [READ EACH ITEM.]
 [PROGRAMMER: REVERSE FIRST 4 SCALE ITEMS (PUNCHES 1-4) FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE.]

	1/12-17/10	5/28-1/09
Often be justified	23	20
Sometimes be justified	29	32
Rarely be justified	19	18
Never be justified	27	29
(DO NOT READ) Don't know	2	1
(DO NOT READ) Refused	1	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,000

TER1. How often do you worry about becoming a victim of terrorism? Would you say frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never?

	1/12-17/10	5/28-1/09
Total frequently/occasionally	40	35
Frequently	14	13
Occasionally	26	23
Total rarely/never	60	65
Rarely	36	36
Never	24	29
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	-

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,000

TER2. How concerned are you about the chance that you or your family might be a victim of a terrorist attack? Would you say a great deal, somewhat, not too much, or not at all?

	1/12-17/10	5/28-1/09
Total great deal/somewhat	38	35
A great deal	9	10
Somewhat	29	25
Total not too much/not at all	61	65
Not too much	38	35
Not at all	23	29
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,000

TER3. And when it comes to terrorism, how confident are you that President Barack Obama will be able to handle this issue effectively? Very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	1/12-17/10	5/28-1/09
Total confident	64	70
Very confident	27	36
Somewhat confident	37	34
Total not confident	36	29
Not too confident	19	14
Not at all confident	17	15
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,000

GTM1. Do you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of Barack Obama’s decision to close the US military prison in Guantanamo Bay?
 [FOR EACH “APPROVE,” ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?
 [FOR EACH “DISAPPROVE,” ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

GTM1a. [IF NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE IN GTM1, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving Barack Obama’s decision to close the US military prison in Guantanamo bay within a year?

	1/12-17/10	5/28-1/09
Total approve	42	47
Strongly approve	21	30
Somewhat approve	17	14
Lean approve	4	3
Neither—don’t lean [VOL]	2	1
Total disapprove	53	47
Lean disapprove	4	2
Somewhat disapprove	14	10
Strongly disapprove	36	35
Don’t know	3	5
Refused	*	*

Based on:

N=1,008

N=1,000

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?

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

Based on:

N=1,008

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]

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16/-20/09	5/28-1/09
Full-time	43	44	46	44	44	47	50
Part-time	13	15	11	10	12	13	13
Not employed	44	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=1,008 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]

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16/-20/09	5/28-1/09
Retired	48	47	49	52	52	48	50
Homemaker	15	13	16	18	15	15	17
Student	8	7	9	10	8	9	7
Temporarily unemployed	27	32	24	18	22	24	22
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	*	1	*	*	2	2

Based on: N=420 N=423 N=404 N=451 N=438 N=415 N=402

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

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Yes (self lost job)	7	9	9	8	5	8	7	8	10
Yes (someone in family)	28	22	21	20	26	21	21	25	25
No	63	66	66	70	65	65	70	62	65
Both (self and family member) [DO NOT READ]	1	3	3	2	2	4	1	4	1
Don't know	-	*	-	*	*	1	1	*	*
Refused	-	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,008 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 July of last year – has someone you know personally, other than a family member, lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Yes	71	69	66	65	66	64	60	67	65
No	29	30	34	34	32	34	39	33	35
Don't know	1	*	*	1	1	2	1	1	1
Refused	-	*	-	*	1	1	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

[INTERVIEWER READ:] 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... [READ EACH ITEM]

Married/Living as Married/Co-habiting	58
Separated	4
Divorced	10
Widowed	7
Never Married	20
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,008

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed? [READ EACH ITEM]

Less than high school graduate	8
High school graduate	34
Technical/trade school	6
Some college	23
College graduate	14
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	10
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,008

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	21
30-49	36
50-64	23
65+	18
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,008

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live? [READ EACH ITEM]

Urban area	24
Suburban area	36
Rural area	39
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1

Based on:

N=1,008

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=1,008

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

Yes	38
No	61
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,008

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.

None	24
One Line	69
Two lines	4
Three or more lines	1
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,008

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

None	9
One	69
Two	15
Three or more	6
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,008

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	31
Cell phone	34
Both equally	35
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=650

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	61
One	23
Two	8
Three or more	8
Don't know	-
Refused	1

Based on:

N=301

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	39
No	57
Don't know	3
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,008

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	30
Catholic	25
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Other religion [SPECIFY]	20
Don't belong to religious denomination	19
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,008

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

Yes, a Christian	90
No, not a Christian	10
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=161

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	17
Less often than a few times a year	9
A few times a year	19
Once or twice a month	16
Once a week	27
More than once a week	11
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,008

DM16. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

Yes	13
No	85
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,008

- DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=1), ASK:] In addition to being Hispanic, Latino or Spanish, 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	74
Black, African-American, or Negro	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	-
Chinese	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	*
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Korean	-
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	*
Other Pacific Islander	-
Some other race [SPECIFY]	9
Multiple races [DO NOT READ]	1
Don't know	2
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,008

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	50
\$50,000+	42
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	5

Based on:

N=1,008

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

Under \$10,000	10
\$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	14
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	6
\$150,000 or more	6
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	5
Refused [DO NOT READ]	9

Based on:

N=1,008

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

Yes	42
No	53
Don't know	1
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,008

[ASK DM22 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	45
1	17
2	11
3	5
4	2
5-9 times	6
10-14 times	4
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	2
25 times or more	3
Don't know	4
Refused	2

Based on:

N=510

DM25. [INTERVIEWER RECORD:] Respondent's Gender:

Male	48
Female	52

Based on:

N=1,008

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,008

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted from January 12 through January 17, 2010, 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 1,008 adults age 18 or older. The interviews were conducted with 707 respondents on landlines and 301 respondents on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, 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 4.4 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>.