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A telephone survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: September 8 – 13, 2010

Number of interviews: 1,000

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 4.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.

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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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	нісн 4/16-20/09	LOW 10/16-20/08	1 Year Ago 9/3-8/09
Right direction	40	35	37	35	41	38	44	46	38	41	37	40	48	17	37
Wrong direction	57	60	60	59	57	56	50	50	56	51	57	54	44	78	57
Don't know	2	4	2	5	2	5	5	5	5	8	6	6	7	5	6
Refused	-	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1

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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09
Total happy	78	75	78	80	78	80	78	78	79	78	75	75
Very happy	39	30	34	36	35	32	35	35	35	34	32	34
Somewhat happy	40	45	44	44	42	49	43	43	43	44	43	41
Neither happy nor unhappy	7	8	7	7	6	6	9	7	6	7	7	8
Total unhappy	15	16	15	14	16	13	13	14	15	15	17	17
Somewhat unhappy	11	11	10	10	10	8	9	10	11	9	11	10
Very unhappy	4	6	5	4	6	5	4	5	4	6	6	7
Don't know	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:



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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	6/3-8/06	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	49	49	50	49	49	53	56	56	54	56	50	55	64	64	67	74	73
Strongly approve	22	23	24	23	24	24	29	26	27	27	24	30	38	38	37	43	41
Somewhat approve	23	21	20	21	22	22	22	25	22	23	23	20	22	22	23	26	27
Lean approve	4	5	5	5	4	7	5	5	5	7	3	4	5	5	8	5	5
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	*	*	1	*	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	5
Total disapprove	50	50	49	50	50	46	42	42	43	39	49	42	32	30	24	15	14
Lean disapprove	5	4	5	5	3	3	4	2	4	3	4	6	5	4	4	3	2
Somewhat disapprove	12	10	13	12	10	12	9	12	9	10	10	9	6	5	4	5	5
Strongly disapprove	33	36	31	33	36	31	29	28	30	27	35	28	21	22	16	7	6
Don't know	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	5	6	8
Refused	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

*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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	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	26	24	24	28	28	28	22	32	33	30	33	28	32	38	38	31	21	22
Strongly approve	3	4	5	6	4	4	2	4	3	7	3	3	4	5	7	6	2	4
Somewhat approve	19	17	17	20	20	20	18	24	27	20	26	22	23	28	26	21	15	15
Lean approve	4	3	3	2	4	4	2	3	2	3	5	3	5	5	5	5	4	4
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	*	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	3	1
Total disapprove	73	74	73	71	70	70	76	66	65	66	64	69	63	55	57	59	71	74
Lean disapprove	4	4	6	4	5	5	6	5	4	5	3	5	5	5	3	4	6	7
Somewhat disapprove	23	24	22	24	18	18	24	23	23	20	22	21	17	19	20	20	25	24
Strongly disapprove	47	46	45	43	47	47	46	39	38	41	39	43	41	31	34	35	40	43
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	4	2	4	5	2
Refused	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*







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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Total approve	38	37	38	37	41	36	40
Strongly approve	10	8	11	8	11	8	10
Somewhat approve	24	26	23	25	27	24	27
Lean approve	4	3	5	4	3	3	3
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Total disapprove	60	61	60	61	58	61	57
Lean disapprove	2	2	3	4	3	2	3
Somewhat disapprove	20	21	22	19	16	23	19
Strongly disapprove	38	38	36	38	39	37	36
Don't know	1	2	1	1	*	2	1
Refused	-	*	*	-	-	-	*

N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 Based on: N=1,002 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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Total approve	31	30	32	31	38	30	32
Strongly approve	8	5	6	6	8	5	8
Somewhat approve	17	20	21	21	24	21	20
Lean approve	6	5	6	4	6	4	4
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	1	2	1	2	2	2
Total disapprove	68	67	65	65	60	67	65
Lean disapprove	3	6	2	4	2	5	4
Somewhat disapprove	26	27	30	27	24	27	32
Strongly disapprove	38	35	33	34	34	35	28
Don't know	1	2	1	2	*	1	2
Refused	*	*	*	*	-	*	*

N=1,000 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=968 Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044







Congressional Vote Section

CV1/1a. If the election for U.S. House of Representatives were held today, would you vote for [Rotate: The Democratic or Republican] candidate in your congressional district?

[IF UNDECIDED OR DON'T KNOW, ASK:] Do you lean more towards the [ROTATE: Democratic or Republican] candidate in your district?

	9/8-13/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10
	Registered	Likely	Registered
	voter	voter	voter
The Democratic candidate	47	43	45
Democratic candidate	42	39	41
Lean Democratic candidate	5	4	4
The Republican candidate	47	53	49
Republican candidate	44	51	44
Lean Republican candidate	3	2	5
Other candidate [VOL]	1	1	1
Undecided [VOL]	4	3	4
None [VOL]	1	1	1
Will not vote [VOL]	1	-	*
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

Based on: N=881 N=553 N=890





CV1b. [IF WILL VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE IN CV1, ASK:] In November, will you definitely vote for that candidate, probably vote for that candidate, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10
Definitely will vote for candidate	48	40
Probably will vote for candidate	28	36
Could change mind	24	24
Will not vote [VOL]	*	1
Don't know	*	*

Based on: N=770 N=752

CV2. [IF WILL VOTE IN CV1, ASK:] Will your vote for Congress be at least in part...?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10
To show opposition to President Obama	26	27
To show support for President Obama	26	24
Or will President Obama not be a factor in your vote for Congress	48	48
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	*

N=860 N=875 Based on:





CV3. No matter how you will vote in November, if the election for Congress were held today, would you want to see the Republicans or the Democrats win control of Congress?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	10/16-20/08		9/27-30/08	9/5-10/08
		Regist- ered							Likely	Likely	Likely
	Total	Voters	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Voter	Voters	Voters
Republicans	46	47	39	40	44	38	37	32	37	36	41
Democrats	43	43	46	45	41	44	49	45	43	49	46
Neither [VOL]	8	5									
Don't care [VOL]	na	na	13	11	12	15	10	20	16	10	10
Don't know	3	4	3	4	2	3	3	2	1	4	2
Refused	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Based on:	N=1,000	N=890	N=1,044	N=1,002	N=1,001	N=1,002	N=968	N=1,101	N=800	N=808	N=812

*NOTE: Question wording in all previous waves: "Do you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress?"





ELE1 No matter how you will vote in November, which party do you think will win more seats and have control of Congress after the election, the Republicans or the Democrats?

	9/8-13/10
Republicans	60
Democrats	31
Neither (VOL.)	3
Don't know (VOL.)	6
Refused (VOL.)	*

Based on: N=1,000

ELE2 (IF EXPECT DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS TO WIN IN Q ABOVE: ELE1=1,2) Do you think that would be a (good) thing for the country, or a (bad) thing?

	9/8-13/10
Good thing	72
Bad thing	21
Neither (VOL.)	5
Don't know (VOL.)	2
Refused (VOL.)	*

Based on: N=885

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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Own member	43	41	37	36	43	40	43
Someone else	46	45	55	53	51	49	47
Don't care [VOL]	4	5	4	6	3	7	4
Don't know	6	8	4	5	3	4	6
Refused	1	1	1	*	*	1	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008



EMOTIONS

CAMX. Thinking about American politics today, do any of the following words describe your own personal feelings about politics, or not? How about [ITEM] does that describe your own personal feelings about politics, or not?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER]	Yes	No	DK	REF
Angry	50	50	*	-
Proud	33	66	*	*
Excited	21	78	1	ı
Hopeful	64	36	ı	ı
Disappointed	78	21	*	ı
Depressed	29	71	*	*
Patriotic	62	38	1	ı
Frustrated	81	19	*	-
Disgusted	59	40	1	-
Inspired	27	73	1	-

Based on: N=1,000





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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	92	91	91	92	92	92	93	87	89	88	92	91	91
Extremely important	47	50	50	49	47	46	50	42	47	46	47	49	53
Very important	46	42	41	42	44	46	43	45	42	42	45	42	38
Moderately important	6	7	7	7	7	6	5	9	8	10	6	6	7
Slightly/Not at all important	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	4	4	2	2	3	2
Slightly important	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	1
Not at all important	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	*
Don't know	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	-
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,002 N=1,002 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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	63	63	67	63	62	61	66	65	65	67	63	62	66
Extremely important	28	29	32	31	27	27	31	28	32	30	28	24	29
Very important	35	34	35	32	35	34	35	36	33	37	35	38	37
Moderately important	23	24	20	24	21	23	20	22	20	21	24	25	22
Slightly/Not at all important	14	13	13	13	17	15	13	13	14	12	13	12	11
Slightly important	10	10	9	7	12	10	8	8	9	9	8	8	7
Not at all important	4	3	4	6	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	4	5
Don't know	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	1	1
Refused	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*

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







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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	82	80	77	80	80	73	81	81	78	83	77	78	79
Extremely important	43	44	42	42	43	40	46	40	42	46	41	43	41
Very important	39	35	36	38	36	33	35	41	36	37	36	35	38
Moderately important	11	13	15	12	11	17	9	12	13	10	16	13	16
Slightly/Not at all important	7	8	8	8	9	9	10	7	9	7	6	9	5
Slightly important	5	5	6	5	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	7	4
Not at all important	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	2	2	1
Don't know	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	1	-	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,003 N=1,001

Terrorism	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	77	74	78	81	77	82	83	75	77	76	74	74	75
Extremely important	40	40	48	45	42	44	48	38	41	41	40	40	43
Very important	37	34	30	35	36	37	35	38	36	35	34	35	32
Moderately important	14	16	14	12	14	9	12	14	14	13	15	16	18
Slightly/Not at all important	9	10	8	7	9	9	6	11	9	10	11	9	7
Slightly important	5	6	6	5	7	7	4	7	5	7	7	6	4
Not at all important	4	4	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	3	4	3	2
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	-

N=1,000







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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	65	60	72	64	59	62	61	64	59	64	59	63	64
Extremely important	28	28	37	32	27	29	28	26	28	27	26	27	32
Very important	37	32	35	32	32	33	33	38	32	37	34	36	33
Moderately important	22	24	19	22	24	20	23	22	27	23	24	21	23
Slightly/Not at all important	13	16	9	14	17	17	15	14	14	13	16	15	13
Slightly important	10	11	7	10	11	13	12	10	10	11	12	11	10
Not at all important	4	4	1	4	6	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3
Don't know	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-

Federal budget deficit	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	75	75	77	76	77	75	75	71	73	73	74	77	71
Extremely important	38	41	42	41	43	41	39	35	38	38	40	40	38
Very important	37	34	34	35	34	34	35	37	34	35	34	38	33
Moderately important	17	17	15	16	16	14	16	19	17	17	14	14	20
Slightly/Not at all important	8	8	7	8	6	10	8	9	9	10	11	8	8
Slightly important	5	6	6	6	5	7	6	6	5	7	7	5	6
Not at all important	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	3	4	3	2
Don't know	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:





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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	70	64	74	73	70	67	70	70	68	69	71	74	68
Extremely important	29	29	32	31	32	29	30	28	31	29	28	31	29
Very important	41	35	43	41	37	38	39	43	37	41	43	43	40
Moderately important	19	23	18	19	21	23	21	19	22	22	21	17	26
Slightly/Not at all important	11	12	8	9	9	10	9	10	10	9	8	9	6
Slightly important	10	11	7	8	8	9	7	8	8	8	7	8	4
Not at all important	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

Taxes	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	71	69	68	69	67	72	74	71	72	66	71	69	68
Extremely important	32	34	36	35	35	31	34	31	32	32	33	34	33
Very important	39	35	33	34	33	41	40	40	39	35	38	35	35
Moderately important	20	20	20	21	24	19	19	20	18	23	20	20	25
Slightly/Not at all important	9	11	11	10	9	9	8	9	11	10	9	11	7
Slightly important	7	8	8	7	8	7	6	6	8	9	7	9	6
Not at all important	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	2	1
Don't know	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	-	*

Based on:





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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	64	64	65	60	56	54	55	55	52	59	56	53	58
Extremely important	35	34	34	28	26	23	26	25	24	26	26	22	30
Very important	29	31	31	32	30	30	29	30	28	33	31	31	28
Moderately important	19	20	20	23	21	23	25	21	26	22	22	24	26
Slightly/Not at all important	17	16	15	16	22	23	19	23	21	18	21	22	15
Slightly important	11	11	9	10	14	14	14	16	16	13	14	13	11
Not at all important	6	5	6	6	8	9	6	8	6	5	7	9	5
Don't know	*	ı	*	1	1	*	1	*	*	1	*	2	*
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	ı	*	*	*	*	*

The situation in Afghanistan	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	73	70	70	67	64	65	72	69	71	72	67	61	63
Extremely important	31	35	32	29	28	28	32	30	34	36	29	25	28
Very important	42	35	39	37	37	37	40	39	36	36	38	37	36
Moderately important	16	20	18	22	23	20	19	20	16	16	20	25	24
Slightly/Not at all important	11	10	11	11	13	14	9	11	11	11	12	11	12
Slightly important	9	6	8	6	9	8	6	7	6	7	7	6	6
Not at all important	3	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	5	6
Don't know	*	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	2	1	1	3	1
Refused	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-







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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	61	63	64	63	65	60	62	60	64	65	59	65	68
Extremely important	23	27	29	22	27	24	25	23	25	28	22	25	28
Very important	39	36	35	41	38	37	37	38	40	37	37	40	40
Moderately important	23	23	23	24	22	25	25	24	22	23	27	22	21
Slightly/Not at all important	15	13	13	14	13	15	13	15	13	12	14	13	11
Slightly important	11	11	10	9	9	11	9	10	10	9	9	10	8
Not at all important	4	3	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	3	5	3	3
Don't know	*	*	-	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-

Unemployment	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-ε/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	86	83	83	84	83	84	84	82	79	81	78	81	85
Extremely important	41	43	44	40	40	41	41	37	38	40	36	40	46
Very important	45	40	38	44	43	43	43	45	41	41	42	41	39
Moderately important	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	14	14	13	14	13	11
Slightly/Not at all important	4	5	5	5	6	5	4	5	6	7	8	6	4
Slightly important	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	5	5	4	4
Not at all important	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1
Don't know	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	-
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,006





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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Extremely/Very important	54	55	62	66	66	62	63	57	64	56	61	64	64
Extremely important	23	24	28	34	32	31	29	22	30	27	25	26	33
Very important	31	32	35	31	34	31	35	35	33	29	36	38	31
Moderately important	28	27	25	19	23	24	24	26	23	27	28	22	26
Slightly/Not at all important	18	18	13	15	11	15	13	17	13	17	12	13	10
Slightly important	11	12	11	10	10	11	9	13	9	13	8	11	6
Not at all important	7	6	2	5	2	4	4	4	3	4	3	2	4
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

Education	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10
Extremely/Very important	82	83	83	82
Extremely important	41	43	44	42
Very important	42	40	39	40
Moderately important	13	13	12	14
Slightly/Not at all important	5	5	6	5
Slightly important	4	3	5	4
Not at all important	1	2	1	1
Don't know	-	-	*	-
Refused	-	*	-	-







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 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10
Extremely/Very important	63	60	87
Extremely important	29	31	60
Very important	35	29	28
Moderately important	18	25	8
Slightly/Not at all important	18	15	5
Slightly important	11	11	4
Not at all important	7	4	1
Don't know	-	*	-
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,002





CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, 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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	42	41	45	45	44	46	47	48	46	50	44	50	58
Strongly approve	17	16	18	18	20	20	19	22	22	25	20	24	30
Somewhat approve	23	26	27	26	24	26	28	26	24	25	23	26	28
Lean approve	2	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	3	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	6	5	4	6
Total disapprove	58	56	50	52	51	48	48	46	49	44	52	46	35
Lean disapprove	2	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	16	15	16	15	14	11	13	13	12	11	11	13	10
Strongly disapprove	39	41	34	36	38	36	35	33	38	33	41	33	25
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	1	ı	-	-	-	1
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-

Based on:

The situation in Iraq	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	60	45	46	51	49	55	49	49	46	50	47	56	59
Strongly approve	24	17	13	21	16	20	18	20	17	20	18	21	28
Somewhat approve	34	28	32	30	33	35	31	29	29	30	29	35	31
Lean approve	2	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	11	14	11	10	12	12	10	9	13	12	12	12
Total disapprove	39	43	40	38	41	33	39	40	45	37	41	32	27
Lean disapprove	2	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	16	20	15	19	18	15	20	18	18	14	16	14	12
Strongly disapprove	21	24	25	19	24	18	19	22	26	22	25	18	15
Don't know	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-

N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 Continues...







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, 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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	50	45	49	45	44	49	48	49	49	48	42	50	53
Strongly approve	26	24	29	30	28	29	28	27	30	26	22	27	28
Somewhat approve	22	21	20	16	17	20	20	23	19	23	19	23	25
Lean approve	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	ı	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	*	2	4	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	6	7	16
Total disapprove	50	53	46	51	52	46	48	46	46	47	52	43	28
Lean disapprove	1	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	11	11	10	9	7	8	9	9	9	9	10	8	10
Strongly disapprove	39	42	36	42	45	38	39	37	37	37	43	34	18
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	3
Refused	_	_	_	_	_	*	*	_	*	_	_	_	_

Terrorism	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	58	49	50	53	50	54	54	52	50	53	44	52	59
Strongly approve	23	24	22	25	22	26	26	23	22	23	18	25	31
Somewhat approve	32	25	27	27	28	28	28	29	28	29	26	27	28
Lean approve	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	10	11	8	8	9	7	10	11	12	14	11	13
Total disapprove	42	41	40	39	41	38	39	38	39	35	42	37	26
Lean disapprove	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	1	•
Somewhat disapprove	13	14	13	15	14	13	12	14	14	13	13	12	11
Strongly disapprove	27	27	26	24	27	25	28	24	25	22	28	24	16
Don't know	-	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	2
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-

N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 Continues...



Based on:





CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, 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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	62	50	50	54	50	54	53	55	54	54	51	56	60
Strongly approve	17	17	21	20	18	21	20	25	21	22	20	23	29
Somewhat approve	41	33	29	33	32	33	32	30	33	31	31	32	31
Lean approve	4	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	15	13	15	14	17	16	14	16	18	14	13	19
Total disapprove	37	35	37	32	35	29	31	31	30	28	35	31	19
Lean disapprove	2	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	18	17	16	15	16	16	16	13	14	13	16	12	9
Strongly disapprove	16	19	21	16	20	14	14	18	15	15	18	19	10
Don't know	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:

Federal budget deficit	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	38	37	37	35	34	38	36	41	40	40	33	39	49
Strongly approve	10	10	12	13	13	14	15	15	16	15	11	15	23
Somewhat approve	25	27	24	22	20	24	21	25	23	25	21	24	26
Lean approve	4	*	1	*	*	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	6	10	9	8	10	12	11	9	11	12	10	8
Total disapprove	61	56	54	56	58	52	52	48	51	48	56	51	41
Lean disapprove	1	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	13	16	14	11	12	14	14	13	10	12	13	10
Strongly disapprove	45	43	38	41	47	40	38	34	38	38	43	38	31
Don't know	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

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







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, 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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	59	47	52	52	51	53	56	54	52	55	50	55	60
Strongly approve	19	13	20	20	18	21	22	20	21	22	20	25	28
Somewhat approve	36	34	32	32	33	31	33	33	31	33	30	29	32
Lean approve	4	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	10	12	11	13	17	11	15	15	15	13	12	16
Total disapprove	40	43	36	36	36	31	33	32	32	30	37	34	22
Lean disapprove	3	-	*	-	1	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	16	22	17	17	15	14	15	13	14	14	15	12	12
Strongly disapprove	21	21	19	19	21	16	19	19	18	16	21	21	10
Don't know	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

Taxes	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	47	42	44	42	41	44	43	45	42	47	38	46	54
Strongly approve	16	15	18	19	15	17	17	18	16	18	13	17	27
Somewhat approve	29	26	26	23	26	27	25	27	25	28	24	28	27
Lean approve	2	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	8	10	9	9	13	10	12	12	13	13	11	11
Total disapprove	52	50	45	49	51	43	47	43	46	41	50	44	35
Lean disapprove	2	*	-	*	*	ı	-	ı	*	*	*	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	17	16	15	15	15	14	15	14	14	13	15	9	9
Strongly disapprove	33	34	30	34	36	29	32	29	32	27	34	35	26
Don't know	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	1
Refused	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,003 N=1,006 Continues...







CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, 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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	40	39	36	38	34	39	38	42	39	39	34	39	47
Strongly approve	12	15	13	13	11	12	13	15	14	13	9	13	18
Somewhat approve	24	23	23	24	23	27	25	26	24	26	24	25	29
Lean approve	4	1	*	1	*	*	*	2	1	*	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	10	13	13	19	21	18	19	21	19	20	20	19
Total disapprove	59	51	51	50	46	39	44	39	41	42	46	41	30
Lean disapprove	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	16	12	14	16	16	16	18	15	16	15	14	14	12
Strongly disapprove	40	38	37	34	30	23	26	24	25	26	31	27	19
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	3
Refused	ı	-	ı	-	-	-	-	ı	-	*	*	ı	-

The situation in Afghanistan	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-2/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	53	44	47	49	51	57	49	52	42	46	46	55	60
Strongly approve	17	15	13	19	18	22	20	21	14	16	13	20	27
Somewhat approve	33	29	33	30	33	34	29	31	27	29	32	35	33
Lean approve	4	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	1	13	11	12	11	11	10	8	10	14	13	13	12
Total disapprove	46	43	41	39	38	32	42	40	48	41	40	32	26
Lean disapprove	2	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	21	18	17	21	17	16	20	15	17	15	17	14	14
Strongly disapprove	23	26	24	18	21	16	22	25	30	26	23	17	12
Don't know	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	2
Refused	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	*

N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,006 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 NEITHER, 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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	59	55	57	58	55	59	58	60	58	61	53	58	69
Strongly approve	25	26	29	27	28	29	33	32	30	32	27	33	41
Somewhat approve	32	29	28	31	27	30	26	28	27	29	25	25	27
Lean approve	2	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	*	1	*
Neither approve nor													
disapprove	1	9	10	10	9	13	10	8	11	6	11	9	9
Total disapprove	39	36	33	32	36	28	32	32	32	33	37	33	22
Lean disapprove	3	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	14	15	11	12	12	12	15	12	13	14	16	13	10
Strongly disapprove	23	21	23	20	24	16	17	20	19	19	21	20	12
Don't know	-	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	1
Refused	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,044	N=1,002	N=1,001	N=1,002	N=1,008	N=1,001	N=1,006	N=1,003	N=1,001	N=1,006	N=1,000
Unemployment	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	42	43	42	43	43	46	46	48	44	48	40	49	59
Strongly approve	16	16	16	19	16	20	20	21	18	18	16	22	28
Somewhat approve	23	28	26	24	27	27	26	27	26	30	23	27	30
Lean approve	3	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Neither approve nor													
disapprove	1	6	11	9	6	10	8	9	9	9	11	10	12
Total disapprove	58	51	47	48	50	44	47	44	47	43	49	40	29
Lean disapprove	2	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	21	15	15	15	15	13	14	16	14	16	15	11	12
Cture a di a di a a a a a a a a	25	25	22	22	25	20	22	20	22	26	24	20	47

N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,003 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,006

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Strongly disapprove

Don't know

Refused Based on:



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CURX2b. [IF NEITHER, 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	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5/-11/09	10/1/-2/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09
Total approve	51	39	40	33	33	39	39	41	40	49	37	45	51
Strongly approve	11	9	11	10	9	13	13	14	11	17	14	16	19
Somewhat approve	31	29	29	24	24	26	26	25	28	31	22	29	32
Lean approve	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Neither approve nor													
Neither approve nor disapprove	4	21	23	19	21	22	19	22	21	23	23	20	22
	4 45	21 40	23 37	19 47	21 46	22 39	19 43	22 37	21 39	23 28	23 41	20 35	22 25
disapprove	<u> </u>									1			
disapprove Total disapprove	45	40	37	47		39	43	37	39	28	41	35	25
disapprove Total disapprove Lean disapprove	45	40 *	37 *	47 *	46 1	39 -	43 *	37 *	39 *	28 *	41	35 *	25
disapprove Total disapprove Lean disapprove Somewhat disapprove	45 4 21	40 * 20	37 * 18	47 * 18	46 1 18	39 - 17	43 * 18	37 * 14	39 * 17	28 * 15	41 1 22	35 * 15	25 * 12

Based on:





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 NEITHER, 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]?

Education	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10
Total approve	59	53	55	56
Strongly approve	25	24	24	25
Somewhat approve	30	28	31	32
Lean approve	4	*	*	*
Neither approve nor				
disapprove	2	12	16	13
Total disapprove	39	36	29	31
Lean disapprove	3	*	*	*
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Somewhat disapprove	16	17	13	15
Somewhat disapprove Strongly disapprove	16 20	17	13 15	16

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044





The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-1	14/10	5/7-11/10
	Leaned	Leaned (OIL2/2a)	Leaned (OIL2/2a)	Unleaned (OIL2)	Unleaned (OIL2)
Total approve	50	50	45	39	42
Strongly approve	20	17	15	15	15
Somewhat approve	26	27	24	24	27
Lean approve	4	6	6	NA	NA
Neither approve nor disapprove	2	1	2	13	21
Total disapprove	49	49	52	48	33
Lean disapprove	3	5	5	NA	NA
Somewhat disapprove	18	17	16	16	14
Strongly disapprove	27	27	32	32	18
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	1	1	1	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	*	*	*	*
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,002	N=1,002	N=1,002

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

Barack Obama	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Total favorable	57	56	59	57	55
Very favorable	33	32	32	34	34
Somewhat favorable	24	25	27	22	22
Total unfavorable	42	43	40	42	44
Somewhat unfavorable	11	12	13	14	13
Very unfavorable	31	31	27	28	31
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	*	-	1

N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=962

Sarah Palin	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Total favorable	38	41	45	41	45	42	45
Very favorable	15	14	16	16	17	16	21
Somewhat favorable	23	27	29	24	28	27	24
Total unfavorable	58	54	52	53	50	51	50
Somewhat unfavorable	18	15	18	16	14	18	17
Very unfavorable	40	39	34	37	36	34	33
Don't know	4	5	3	6	4	6	4
Refused	*	1	*	*	*	*	1

Based on:







FAV1. (Continued) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [INSERT NAME]? [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable? [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Michelle Obama	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Total favorable	68	69	73	70	70	71	74
Very favorable	39	38	40	39	38	40	41
Somewhat favorable	29	31	33	31	32	31	33
Total unfavorable	27	27	22	23	24	23	21
Somewhat unfavorable	13	14	14	14	13	15	13
Very unfavorable	14	13	8	9	11	8	8
Don't know	5	4	5	6	6	6	4
Refused	*	*	1	1	1	1	1
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,044	N=1,002	N=1,001	N=1,002	N=1,008

Hillary Clinton	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Total favorable	62	65	64	63	66	66	69
Very favorable	31	29	30	30	32	30	31
Somewhat favorable	31	36	34	32	34	36	38
Total unfavorable	36	34	34	35	32	31	29
Somewhat unfavorable	18	19	17	17	17	17	14
Very unfavorable	19	14	17	18	15	14	15
Don't know	2	2	2	2	2	3	1
Refused	-	*	*	*	*	*	1
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,044	N=1,002	N=1,001	N=1,002	N=1,008





FAV1. (Continued) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [INSERT NAME]? [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable? [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10
44	44
18	15
27	29
55	54
18	19
37	35
1	2
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Nancy Pelosi	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10
Total favorable	33	39	34	35	34	36
Very favorable	7	10	8	10	11	9
Somewhat favorable	26	29	26	26	24	28
Total unfavorable	56	51	53	54	53	51
Somewhat unfavorable	17	13	18	15	15	16
Very unfavorable	39	38	36	38	38	35
Don't know	11	9	12	10	12	12
Refused	*	1	*	1	1	1
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,044	N=1,002	N=1,001	N=1,002



FAVP. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of (INSERT ITEM) [FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable? [FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

The Democratic Party	9/8-13/10
Total favorable	48
Very favorable	17
Somewhat favorable	31
Total unfavorable	51
Somewhat unfavorable	22
Very unfavorable	29
Don't know	1
Refused Based on:	* N=1,000

The Republican Party	9/8-13/10
Total favorable	45
Very favorable	11
Somewhat favorable	34
Total unfavorable	54
Somewhat unfavorable	30
Very unfavorable	24
Don't know	1
Refused	-



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

Handling the economy	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Democrats	41	45	47	44	44	47	49
Republicans	46	43	42	41	44	40	40
Neither [VOL]	11	10	9	13	10	11	9
Don't know	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Refused	*	1	*	*	*	1	*
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,044	N=1,002	N=1,001	N=1,002	N=1,008

Protecting the country	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Democrats	37	39	42	37	40	41	42
Republicans	54	50	48	50	49	47	47
Neither [VOL]	6	9	7	11	8	9	7
Don't know	3	2	2	2	3	3	4
Refused	*	*	1	*	*	1	1
Based on:	N=1.000	N=1.007	N=1.044	N=1.002	N=1.001	N=1.002	N=1.008

Handling health care	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Democrats	49	50	51	47	48	48	48
Republicans	40	40	38	39	40	37	38
Neither [VOL]	9	8	10	12	11	11	10
Don't know	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
Refused	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
Based on:	N=1 000	N=1 007	N=1 044	N=1 002	N=1 001	N=1 002	N=1 008

Managing the federal budget deficit	9/8-13/10
Democrats	40
Republicans	47
Neither [VOL]	12
Don't know	2
Refused	-
Based on:	N=1,000

Handling taxes	9/8-13/10
Democrats	42
Republicans	48
Neither [VOL]	8
Don't know	2
Refused	*
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Based on: N=1,000







Creating jobs	9/8-13/10
Democrats	42
Republicans	45
Neither [VOL]	10
Don't know	3
Refused	*

N=1,000 Based on:





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...

The understands the problems of orumary h	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	54	58	67	67	74	78	81
Very well	34	37	41	42	49	51	52
Somewhat well	19	21	27	25	25	27	29
Total Slightly/Not at all well	47	42	32	32	26	21	18
Slightly well	10	11	8	6	10	9	7
Not at all well	36	32	24	26	16	12	11
Don't know	-	*	*	1	*	1	1
Refused	-	-	*	*	*	-	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,008 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001

He will keep America safe...

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	58	58	64	64	71	66	77
Very well	28	30	33	34	42	36	40
Somewhat well	30	28	31	30	29	30	37
Total Slightly/Not at all well	41	42	35	35	28	29	21
Slightly well	11	11	11	10	10	13	9
Not at all well	30	31	24	25	18	16	12
Don't know	1	*	1	1	1	6	2
Refused	*	*	*	1	*	-	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1.000 N=1.007 N=1.008 N=1.006 N=1.000 N=1.001







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...

The cares about people like you								
	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	58	57	65	65	65	71	76	79
Very well	38	36	41	41	41	50	52	53
Somewhat well	19	22	24	24	24	21	24	26
Total Slightly/Not at all well	42	42	35	35	35	28	22	19
Slightly well	9	10	9	9	7	8	9	7
Not at all well	33	32	25	25	27	19	13	12
Don't know	*	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Refused	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	*

Based on:

He is a strong leader...

The is a serong reader in	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10	1/12-17/10	7/16-20/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09	1/09-14/09
Total Very/Somewhat well	58	58	67	67	69	76	75	78
Very well	32	36	42	42	45	54	50	54
Somewhat well	26	22	25	25	23	21	25	24
Total Slightly/Not at all well	42	42	32	32	31	23	21	17
Slightly well	11	10	10	10	10	8	10	8
Not at all well	31	32	22	22	21	16	11	9
Don't know	-	*	*	*	1	1	5	4
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*





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

ne is a likable person			
	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	1/12-17/10
Total Very/Somewhat well	77	82	89
Very well	55	54	63
Somewhat well	22	28	26
Total Slightly/Not at all well	22	18	10
Slightly well	8	8	5
Not at all well	14	10	6
Don't know	1	*	1
Refused	-	-	*

N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,008 Based on:

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

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	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	37	36	38	40	48	45	47	41	42	42	41	37	43	41	33	39	38
Bad time	61	61	58	55	49	49	49	52	53	52	52	57	52	53	58	51	58
Don't know	3	4	4	5	3	6	4	7	6	5	6	6	5	5	9	10	4
Refused	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*





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

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	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	62	60	69	69	65	66	66	65	66	69	70	65	74	64	56	55	53
Bad time	37	38	30	29	34	32	32	32	31	29	28	32	25	32	37	38	43
Don't know	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	7	6	4
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	-	*	*	*

 $\textit{Based on:} \qquad \qquad \textit{N=1,000} \qquad \textit{N=1,007} \qquad \textit{N=1,044} \qquad \textit{N=1,022} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,002} \qquad \textit{N=1,008} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,006} \qquad \textit{N=1,003} \qquad \textit{N=1,000} \qquad \textit{N=1,000} \qquad \textit{N=1,000} \qquad \textit{N=1,000} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,101} \qquad \textit{N=1,002} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,002} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,002} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,002} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,002} \qquad \textit{N=1,001} \qquad \textit{N=1,002} \qquad \textit{N=1,002} \qquad \textit{N=1,003} \qquad$

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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-ε/6	7/16-20/09
Total good	15	16	24	20	21	17	22	24	19	20	16	15
Very good	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Somewhat good	4	4	9	8	6	6	6	10	9	8	5	5
Neither – lean good	11	11	14	11	14	10	14	13	9	11	10	9
Neither - Don't lean [VOL]	6	3	4	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	5
Total poor	79	81	72	75	76	78	75	71	77	75	80	79
Neither – lean poor	14	17	12	14	15	18	17	16	12	13	12	11
Somewhat poor	30	30	33	33	30	33	30	24	33	32	33	32
Very poor	35	34	27	28	31	28	28	31	32	30	35	37
Don't know	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	1	*	*	1	1
Refused	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,000 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?

Based on:

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

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-£/6	7/16-20/09
Total good	61	61	64	60	59	62	60	61	59	60	58	56
Very good	15	14	14	18	15	14	14	12	14	16	13	14
Somewhat good	30	30	32	31	28	31	31	33	31	29	30	28
Neither – lean good	16	17	18	11	16	17	15	16	13	15	15	14
Neither – Don't lean [VOL]	6	3	6	7	3	4	3	4	7	5	5	6
Total poor	33	36	30	33	38	33	37	34	34	35	37	37
Neither – lean poor	9	15	8	10	11	12	12	10	12	12	12	10
Somewhat poor	13	12	14	12	16	12	15	12	13	13	14	17
Very poor	10	9	8	11	11	9	10	12	9	10	11	11
Don't know	*	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	1	*	1

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

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	9/3-8/09
Got better	13	12	19	25	25	20	25	24	22	24	25
Got worse	22	22	16	18	18	16	16	21	24	17	21
Stayed about the same	65	66	65	56	57	63	59	55	53	59	54
Don't know	*	*	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*
Refused	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,044	N=1,002	N=1,001	N=1,002	N=1,008	N=1,001	N=1,006	N=1,003	N=1,001



N=1,001

ECO41A.In the past month, do you think your own family's finances [RANDOMIZE: got better/got worse]or stayed about the same?

Randomize Better and Worse	9/8-13/10
Get better	14
Get worse	20
Stay about the same	66
Don't know (VOL.)	*
Refused (VOL.)	*

Based on: N=1,000

EOY5. Over the next year, do you think the country's economy will [RANDOMIZE: get better/get worse] or stay about the same?

Randomize Better and Worse	9/8-13/10	12/10/09-
		12/14/09
Get better	42	46
Get worse	23	20
Stay about the same	34	32
Don't know (VOL.)	1	1
Refused (VOL.)	-	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=975



EOY6. Over the next year, do you think your own family's finances will [RANDOMIZE: get better/get worse] or stay about the same?

Randomize Better and Worse	9/8-13/10	12/10/09-
		12/14/09
Get better	39	37
Get worse	10	13
Stay about the same	50	50
Don't know (VOL.)	1	*
Refused (VOL.)	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=975

[ROTATE CUR31/31a AND CUR32/CUR32a]

CUR31/31a. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling the economy?

> 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 the economy?

	9/8/10- 9/13/10	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09
Total Approve	39	50	49
Strongly approve	10	16	15
Somewhat approve	26	30	32
Lean approve	4	4	3
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	*	4	4
Total Disapprove	59	45	45
Lean disapprove	5	3	4
Somewhat disapprove	20	12	15
Strongly disapprove	34	30	26
Don't know	1	1	2
Refused	*	*	*

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







CUR32./32a. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling the economy?

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 the economy?

	9/8/10-	4/16/09-	2/12/09-
	9/13/10	4/20/09	2/17/09
Total Approve	34	29	33
Strongly approve	7	7	7
Somewhat approve	20	19	22
Neither/Lean approve	7	3	3
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	1	4	5
Total Disapprove	64	65	59
Neither—lean disapprove	8	5	5
Somewhat disapprove	27	21	21
Strongly disapprove	29	39	33
Don't know	1	1	3
Refused	*	*	1

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

[RANDOMIZE CUR33 AND CUR33b]

CUR33. When it comes to solving the country's economic problems, how much do you think Barack Obama is doing to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress? Is he doing...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSES]

	9/8/10-	4/16/09-	2/12/09-
	9/13/10	4/20/09	2/17/09
Too much	8	8	6
Not enough	55	36	30
About the right amount	36	53	62
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	2	2
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	*

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







CUR33b. When it comes to solving the country's economic problems, how much do you think Republicans in Congress are doing to cooperate with Barack Obama? Are they doing...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSES]	9/8/10- 9/13/10	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09
Too much	7	7	5
Not enough	64	65	64
About the right amount	28	25	27
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	3	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*	1

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=976

B9. How much do you blame each of the following for the recession?

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?

President Barack Obama	9/8-13/10	6/9-14/10	9/3-8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	26	23	20
A lot	19	17	13
Quite a bit	7	6	7
Some	22	18	19
Only a Little/No Blame	52	59	61
Only a little	18	23	14
None at all	34	37	47
Don't know	-	*	1
Refused	*	-	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,044 N=1,001

President George W. Bush	9/8-13/10	6/9-14/10	9/3-8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	51	54	54
A lot	38	38	40
Quite a bit	12	16	14
Some	26	25	26
Only a Little/No Blame	24	21	20
Only a little	16	15	11
None at all	8	6	9
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,044 N=1,001

Continues...







B9. (Continued) How much do you blame each of the following for the recession?

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?

President Bill Clinton	9/8-13/10	6/9-14/10	9/3-/8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	20	18	19
A lot	14	12	12
Quite a bit	6	7	7
Some	27	25	26
Only a Little/No Blame	53	56	54
Only a little	18	21	17
None at all	35	35	37
Don't know	*	1	1
Refused	-	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,044 N=1,001

The banks and lenders that made risky loans	9/8-13/10	6/9-14/10	9/3-8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	82	79	79
A lot	70	62	63
Quite a bit	13	17	16
Some	10	11	14
Only a Little/No Blame	8	10	7
Only a little	4	6	3
None at all	3	4	4
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	-	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,044 N=1,001

Continues...







(Continued) How much do you blame each of the following for the recession? B9.

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?

The people who borrowed money that they could not afford to repay	9/8-13/10	6/9-14/10	9/3-8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	67	62	65
A lot	53	47	48
Quite a bit	14	15	17
Some	17	18	20
Only a Little/No Blame	15	20	15
Only a little	9	13	9
None at all	7	7	6
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,044 N=1,001

The federal government for failing to regulate banks closely enough	9/8-13/10	6/9-14/10	9/3-8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	69	70	68
A lot	54	52	52
Quite a bit	15	18	16
Some	16	14	17
Only a Little/No Blame	13	15	14
Only a little	8	10	7
None at all	6	5	7
Don't know	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,044 N=1,001

Continues...







B9. (Continued) How much do you blame each of the following for the recession?

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?

The Democrats in Congress	9/8-13/10
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	40
A lot	28
Quite a bit	12
Some	33
Only a Little/No Blame	27
Only a little	17
None at all	11
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on: N=1,000

The Republicans in Congress	9/8-13/10
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	38
A lot	25
Quite a bit	12
Some	36
Only a Little/No Blame	26
Only a little	17
None at all	8
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on: N=1,000



HC1. In general, do you support, oppose or neither support nor oppose the health care reforms that were passed by Congress in March?

	9/8-13/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6
Total support	41	45	39	39	41	42	36	39	40	34
Strongly support	20	21	21	19	21	18	19	21	23	16
Somewhat support	21	24	19	20	20	24	17	18	17	18
Neither support nor oppose	12	13	14	10	12	14	18	14	17	15
Total oppose	46	42	46	50	43	42	44	45	40	49
Somewhat oppose	11	12	9	10	9	10	10	11	9	13
Strongly oppose	35	29	37	39	34	32	34	34	31	36
Don't know	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	3	3	2
Refused	-	-	*	*	-	-	*	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,003

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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	7/16-20/09
Total favor	31	31	35	34	31	30	33	34
Strongly favor	11	13	10	12	10	11	14	15
Somewhat favor	20	19	24	22	21	19	20	19
Total oppose	68	65	62	63	65	67	64	63
Somewhat oppose	23	23	22	25	25	21	20	21
Strongly oppose	44	42	40	38	40	46	44	43
Don't know	1	3	3	2	3	2	2	2
Refused	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,002 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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	4/16-20/09
Total approve	78	68	69	72	74
Strongly approve	51	41	46	45	50
Somewhat approve	25	27	23	26	23
Lean approve	2	*	*	1	*
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	1	5	1	*	5
Total disapprove	21	27	24	23	21
Lean disapprove	2	*	*	-	-
Somewhat disapprove	9	10	10	8	10
Strongly disapprove	11	17	15	15	11
Don't know	*	*	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	*	*	-

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

Based on:

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	4/16-20/09
Too fast	21	26	21	20	19
Too slow	21	23	22	19	24
About right	55	48	54	56	54
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	3	4	4	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-	*	*	1	*

N=1,000

N=1,007

N=1,002

N=1,008

N=1,000

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,002 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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	7/16-20/09
Total favor	37	38	46	43	39	39	40	44
Strongly favor	13	17	19	18	16	15	19	20
Somewhat favor	23	22	27	25	24	24	20	24
Total oppose	62	58	50	54	57	57	57	53
Somewhat oppose	25	23	20	22	23	20	23	19
Strongly oppose	37	35	30	32	34	37	35	34
Don't know	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
Refused	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
Based on:	N=1,000	N=1,007	N=1,002	N=1,008	N=1,001	N=1,006	N=1,003	N=1,006

AFX5. Over the next year, do you expect the situation in Afghanistan to [RANDOMIZE: get better/get worse] or stay about the same?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	12/10-14/09
Get better	22	19	31
Get worse	31	29	23
Stay about the same	46	49	44
Don't know (VOL.)	1	3	2
Refused (VOL.)	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=975



TC1. The tax cuts that were passed in 2001 will expire this year if they are not continued. Which of the following best describes what you think Congress should do about the tax cuts?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10
Allow the tax cuts to expire for everyone	15	14
Allow the tax cuts for people earning more than \$250,000 to expire, but continue them for other people	39	38
Continue the tax cuts for everyone	44	45
Don't know	2	3
Refused	*	*

N=1,000 N=1,007 Based on:

GV1. If you had to choose, would you favor a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	9/8-13/10
Smaller government providing fewer services	57
Bigger government providing more services	40
Don't know	2
Refused	*

N=1,000 Based on:

Tea Party Section:

TP1. How much do you know about the Tea Party movement?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
A great deal/a lot	21	15	21	18	16
A great deal	10	8	10	7	6
A lot	12	7	11	11	9
Some	38	41	34	33	32
A little/not at all	41	44	45	49	52
Not too much	24	23	23	31	26
Nothing at all	17	20	22	18	26
Don't know	*	*	*	*	1
Refused	*	-	*	*	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=962





TP2. Do you have a favorable, unfavorable, or neither favorable nor unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party movement?

[FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very favorable or somewhat favorable?

[FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK:] Is that very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Total favorable	29	31	33	29	28
Very favorable	13	15	16	17	17
Somewhat favorable	16	16	16	12	11
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	31	30	31	32	34
Total unfavorable	34	34	30	31	30
Somewhat unfavorable	12	15	13	14	14
Very unfavorable	22	19	17	17	16
Don't know	6	5	7	8	8
Refused	*	*	*	1	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=962

TP3. From what you know about the Tea Party movement, would you say you generally agree, disagree or neither agree nor disagree on the Tea Party movement's positions on political issues?

[FOR EACH "AGREE," ASK:] Is that strongly agree or somewhat agree? [FOR EACH "DISAGREE," ASK:] Is that strongly disagree or somewhat disagree?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Total agree	34	34	35	35	33
Strongly agree	15	15	16	16	16
Somewhat agree	19	20	19	19	16
Neither agree nor disagree	30	32	33	35	36
Total disagree	31	30	27	26	26
Somewhat disagree	9	10	9	10	10
Strongly disagree	22	20	18	17	17
Don't know	5	3	5	4	5
Refused	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=962







TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10
Supporter	28	28	27	27	31
Not a supporter	68	69	65	68	60
Don't know	4	3	7	5	9
Refused	1	*	1	*	1

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=962





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?

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	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	43	46	45	41	45	44	37	43	43	39	44	46	46	46	47	44	48
Democrat – strong	16	14	15	15	14	15	14	12	18	17	14	14	20	16	18	19	17	21
Democrat – moderate	15	18	19	20	18	18	18	16	17	16	16	20	15	20	20	18	19	19
Independent – lean Democratic	13	12	12	10	9	12	12	9	8	10	9	9	11	10	9	9	8	8
None – lean Democratic	1	*	1	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	-
Total Republican	40	39	35	39	40	34	33	32	31	32	33	33	32	28	30	27	33	34
Republican – strong	12	11	9	10	14	11	9	9	11	10	9	11	11	9	9	8	13	13
Republican – moderate	13	14	15	16	12	12	12	13	10	11	11	12	12	9	13	12	13	11
Independent – lean Republican	15	14	11	13	14	12	12	11	10	11	13	10	9	9	8	7	7	10
None – lean Republican	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	-
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	3	5	4	2	4	5	5	7	6	5	8	5	5	7	6	7	8	5
[VOL] None – don't lean		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
[VOL] Other	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-
Don't know	13	14	15	14	15	15	18	24	19	21	19	18	17	19	17	18	15	14
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on:







G11a. 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?

	9/8-	8/11-	6/9-	5/7-	4/7/10-			9/27-
	13/10	16/10	6/9- 14/10	5//- 11/10	12/10	10/16-	20/08	30/08
							Likely	Likely
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Voters	Voters
Liberal - strongly	10	10	11	8	6	9	11	10
Liberal - somewhat	12	15	11	15	14	14	14	11
Conservative - strongly	20	20	21	21	21	18	20	24
Conservative - somewhat	25	21	23	23	23	21	18	14
Moderate	31	33	32	31	32	35	35	39
Don't know	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	2
Refused	1	*	1	1	1	1	*	

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=800 N=808

[ASK IF VOTED FOR PRESIDENT IN 2008, S3a=1]

ELE4. In the 2008 election for president, did you vote for... (READ LIST)

	9/8-13/10
Barack Obama, the Democrat	48
John McCain, the Republican	45
[DO NOT READ] Someone else	3
[DO NOT READ] Don't know	-
[DO NOT READ] Refused	4

N=865



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

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16/-20/09	5/28-1/09
Full-time	46	46	47	48	49	45	43	44	46	44	44	47	50
Part-time	13	16	11	13	11	14	13	15	11	10	12	13	13
Not employed	40	38	42	39	39	41	44	41	42	45	42	39	37
Don't know	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	1	*
Refused	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,

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

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16/-20/09	5/28-1/09
Retired	47	44	47	42	50	49	48	47	49	52	52	48	50
Homemaker	16	21	15	16	18	19	15	13	16	18	15	15	17
Student	11	14	12	11	9	9	8	7	9	10	8	9	7
Temporarily unemployed	21	20	25	27	21	23	27	32	24	18	22	24	22
Don't know	4	1	2	4	2	*	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Refused	*	1	*	-	1	ı	1	*	1	*	*	2	2

Based on: N=414 N=400 N=472 N=416 N=415 N=420 N=420 N=423 N=404 N=451 N=438 N=415 N=402



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

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Yes (self lost job)	6	6	7	8	6	8	7	9	9	8	5	8	7	8	10
Yes (someone in family)	25	25	29	21	23	23	28	22	21	20	26	21	21	25	25
No	68	67	61	69	69	67	63	66	66	70	65	65	70	62	65
Both (self and family member) [VOL]	1	2	4	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	4	1	4	1
Don't know	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	1	1	*	*
Refused	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	1	1	*	*	-

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

Based on:

	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10	12/10-14/09	11/5-9/09	10/1-5/09	60/8-8/6	7/16-20/09	5/28-6/1/09	4/16-20/09	2/12-17/09
Yes	65	65	70	63	64	64	71	69	66	65	66	64	60	67	65
No	35	35	29	36	36	35	29	30	34	34	32	34	39	33	35
Don't know	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	1	1	2	1	1	1
Refused	*	*	-	-	*	-	-	*	-	*	1	1	-	-	-

N=1,0 N=1,0 N=1,000 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 Based on: N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,008 N=1,003 00 01



[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-habitating	59
Separated	2
Divorced	10
Widowed	5
Never Married	23
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on: N=1,000

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

Less than high school graduate	8
High school graduate	32
Technical/trade school	6
Some college	24
College graduate	14
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	12
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on: N=1,000

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	20
30-49	36
50-64	25
65+	18
Refused	1

Based on: N=1,000





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

Urban area	25
Suburban area	38
Rural area	36
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	1

Based on: N=1,000

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

Own	67
Rent	23
Other arrangement	9
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on: N=1,000

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

Yes	34
No	66
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on: N=1,000



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	23
One Line	73
Two lines	3
Three or more lines	*
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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

None	10
One	70
Two	16
Three or more	3
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,000

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	26
Cell phone	34
Both equally	40
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=662



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	54
One	35
Two	6
Three or more	4
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on: N=292

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

Yes, born-again/evangelical	38
No	60
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on: N=1,000

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	23
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion [SPECIFY]	19
Don't belong to religious denomination	25
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on: N=1,000



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

Yes, a Christian	88
No, not a Christian	12
Don't know	*
Refused	-

N=153 Based on:

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?

	1
Never	20
Less often than a few times a year	9
A few times a year	21
Once or twice a month	15
Once a week	23
More than once a week	11
Don't know	*
Refused	2

N=1,000 Based on:

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

Yes	11
No	88
Don't know	1
Refused	1

N=1,000 Based on:







- 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	76
Black, African-American, or Negro	10
American Indian or Alaska Native	*
Asian Indian	1
Vietnamese	-
Chinese	-
Filipino	-
Korean	-
Native Hawaiian	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Other Asian	*
Other Pacific Islander	*
Some other race [SPECIFY]	9
Multiple races [VOL]	1
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on: N=1,000

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	48
\$50,000+	47
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on: N=1,000







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

Under \$10,000	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	8
\$150,000 or more	7
Don't know [VOL]	2
Refused [VOL]	7

Based on: N=1,000

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

Yes	45
No	53
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on: N=1,000





[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...

N.	4.0
None	46
1	17
2	12
3	4
4	3
5-9 times	4
10-14 times	5
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	*
25 times or more	3
Don't know	3
Refused	2

Based on: N=549

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

Male	48
Female	53

Based on: N=1,000

REGION:

	Total
Northeast	18
Midwest	23
South	36
West	23

Based on: N=1,000





AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted from September 8 through September 13, 2010, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications - a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,000 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 700 respondents on landlines and 300 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, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2009 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 2009 Fall estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.2 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-gfkpoll.com.





