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Interviews: 1,008 adults, including 104 reached by cell phone Date: December 11-14, 2009

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Study #6099 NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey December 2009 48 Male 52 Female [109]

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,008 interviews is ± 3.1%

(ASKED ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)

1. Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline	-	TERMINATE	[139]
Cell phone is only telephone	100	CONTINUE	
Not sure	-	TERMINATE	

2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24	8	[146-147]
25-29	7	
30-34	9	
35-39	6	
40-44	7	
45-49	10	
50-54	10	
55-59	10	
60-64	11	
65-69	7	
70-74	5	
75 and over	9	
Not sure/refused	1	

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic	11	[148]
No, not Hispanic	89	- -
Not sure/refused	-	

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	76	[149]
Black	11	
Asian	1	
Other	3	
Hispanic (VOL)	8	
Not sure/refused	1	

3a. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Headed in the right direction Off on the wrong track Mixed (VOL) Not sure	12/09 33 55 10 2	10/09 36 52 9 3	9/09 39 48 10 3	7/09 39 49 9	6/09 42 46 9 3	4/09 43 43 10 4	2/09 41 44 9 6	9/01 72 11 11 6	Low 10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7 3	[150]
		1/09 26 59 9 6	12/08 26 60 10 4	10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7 3	10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 12 77 9 2	9/19- 22/08+ 16 73 9 2	8/08+ 18 67 12 3	7/08+ 13 74 10 3		
		6/08+ 16 71 11 2	4/08+ 15 73 10 2	3/7- 10/08+ 20 66 11 3	1/08+ 20 68 9 3	9/07 25 63 9 3	1/07 28 57 13 2	9/06+ 31 54 12 3		
		1/06 31 57 10 2	9/05 32 57 8 3	1/05 40 47 10 3	9/04+ 39 49 10 2	1/04 47 43 6 4	9/03 38 50 8 4	1/03 36 47 14 3		
		9/02 42 43 12 3	1/02 62 20 14 4	9/01 72 11 11 6	12/99 49 34 15 2					

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3b. Do you feel confident or not confident that life for our children's generation will be better than it has been for us?

Feel confident	12/09 27 66 7	6/09 31 57 12	9/19- 22/08+ 34 56 10	1/07 33 60 7	7/06 27 65 8	[151]
	12/01 49 42 9	9/93 25 68 7	12/92 41 52 7	12/91+1 44 51 5	10/90+ 50 45 5	

¹In December 1991, the question was phrased, "Do you feel very confident, fairly confident, or not at all confident that life for our children will be better than it has been for us?"

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4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as president?

	12/09	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09	
Approve	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60	[152]
Disapprove	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26	
Not sure	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14	

4b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>12/09</u> *	10/09	9/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09	
Approve	42	47	50	49	51	55	56	[153]
Disapprove	51	46	42	44	38	37	31	
Not sure	7	7	8	7	11	8	13	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

4c. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling foreign policy?

	<u>12/09</u> **	10/09	9/09	7/09	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Approve	49	51	50	57	54	56	[154]
Disapprove	42	39	36	33	36	31	
Not sure	9	10	14	10	10	13	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4d. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the war in Afghanistan?

Approve	46	[155]
Disapprove	42	
Not sure	12	

5. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	12/09 22 68 10	10/09 24 65 11	9/09 22 66 12	7/09 24 63 13	6/09 29 57 14	4/09 28 58 14	2/09 31 54 15	9/98 61 28 11	Low 10/17- 20/08+ 12 79 9	[156]
		1/09 23 68 9	12/08 21 69 10	10/17- 20/08+ 12 79 9	10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 13 78 9	9/19- <u>22/08</u> + 15 73 12	7/08+ 15 75 10	6/08+ 13 79 8		
		1/08 18 70 12	9/07 23 65 12	3/07 31 53 16	9/06+ 20 65 15	1/06 29 56 15	9/05 29 53 18	1/05 41 40 19		
		6/04+ 40 42 18	1/04 46 41 13	9/03 39 45 16	1/03 42 39 19	9/02 40 44 16	1/02 54 29 17	6/01 47 34 19		
		1/01 48 35 17	9/00+ 46 41 13	1/00 48 36 16	9/99 40 49 11					

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How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress--one of the best, 6. above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?

	12/09*	7/09	<u>10/06</u> +	7/05	<u>6/00</u> +	10/99	
One of the best	1	2	1	1	2	2	[157]
Above average	6	11	4	6	9	11	
Average	32	40	37	47	58	54	
Below average	24	21	31	32	22	21	
One of the worst	34	23	25	11	7	10	
Not sure	3	3	2	3	2	2	
	<u>7/99</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u> 12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u> 10/91</u> +	<u>10/90</u> +	
	1	2	7	1	1	1	
	12	11	18	6	5	7	
	53	56	33	46	45	39	
	25	22	24	28	32	32	
	7	6	16	16	14	19	
	2	3	2	3	3	2	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Barack Obama							[158]
December 2009	29	21	13	15	22	-	
October 2009	36	20	11	12	21	-	
September 2009	38	18	11	14	19	-	
July 2009	37	18	10	14	20	1	
June 2009	41	19	11	12	17	-	
April 2009	45	19	12	10	13	1	
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1	
January 2009	43	23	17	8	6	3	
December 2008	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 2008+	24	25	18	16	16	1	
January 2008	19	30	22	11	14	4	
December 2007	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007	18	19	26	11	6	20	
High							
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1	
Low							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	

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Q.7 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[159]
December 2009	10	25	19	19	26	1	
October 2009	14	28	20	14	22	2	
September 2009	14	27	18	17	22	2	
July 2009	13	29	19	17	20	2	
June 2009	19	26	16	16	21	2	
April 2009	17	28	19	15	19	2	
February 2009	20	29	18	14	17	2	
December 2008	17	32	22	15	13	1	
October 17-20, 2008+	16	23	22	17	21	1	
October 4-5, 2008+	15	26	20	18	19	2	
September 19-22, 2008+	19	23	20	16	20	2	
September 6-8, 2008+	24	25	17	19	14	1	
August 2008+	17	26	21	16	19	1	
July 2008+	15	28	18	18	19	2	
June 2008+	16	27	24	13	19	1	
April 2008+	17	27	22	15	17	2	
	20	25	18	16	19	2	
January 2008	22	25	19	18	15	1	
November 2007	12	27	24	18	17	2	
September 2007	8	26	27	22	16	1	
July 2007	15	27	21	20	15	2	
June 2007	12	30	22	19	16	1	
January 2007	13	29	26	16	14	2	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	25	25	18	17	1	
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	
January 2006	11	25	28	20	15	1	
September 2005	11	26	29	18	14	2	
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005	14	28	28	16	13	1	
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+	16	26	20	18	19	1	
High							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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Q.7 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[160]
December 2009	5	23	27	24	19	2	
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2	
September 2009	5	23	27	22	21	2	
July 2009	9	19	29	21	20	2	
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2	
April 2009	7	22	25	22	22	2	
February 2009	7	19	24	25	22	3	
December 2008	7	20	20	26	26	1	
October 17-20, 2008+	11	21	18	23	25	2	
October 4-5, 2008+	12	23	17	21	26	1	
September 19-22, 2008+	13	21	18	19	28	1	
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	15	18	25	2	
August 2008+	10	25	22	19	23	1	
July 2008+	8	23	20	22	26	1	
June 2008+	7	21	24	22	25	1	
April 2008+	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10, 2008+	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008	13	21	26	19	18	3	
November 2007	8	24	24	20	22	2	
September 2007	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007	10	23	21	23	21	2	
Oct 28-30, 2006+	15	20	16	20	28	1	
July 2006	11	22	18	21	25	3	
January 2006	13	24	20	20	22	1	
September 2005	14	23	20	19	22	2	
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+	21	22	16	18	22	1	
High							
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
Low							
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2	

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Q.7 (cont'd)						Don't Know	
	Very	Somewhat		Somewhat	Very	Name/	
	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Negative</u>	Not Sure	
Tiger Woods							[161]
December 2009	5	10	38	18	24	5	
April 1997	57	19	13	1	1	9	
Sarah Palin							[162]
December 2009	14	18	23	14	26	5	
October 2009	11	16	22	15	31	5	
July 2009	14	18	20	16	27	5	
April 2009	14	18	24	11	27	6	
December 2008	15	20	16	15	30	4	
October 17-20, 2008+	23	15	13	13	34	2	
October 4-5, 2008+	26	18	15	15	22	4	
September 19-22, 2008+	26	16	17	12	24	5	

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8. Please tell me how interested you are in next November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in next November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten.

10, very interested	12/09 48 6 12 10 5 9 2 2 1	12/07 62 9 13 5 3 4 1 1	11/07 59 9 12 7 3 5 1 1 -	10/13- 16/06+ 53 8 14 7 6 5 2 1 1 3	9/30- 10/2/06+ 46 9 17 12 5 6 1 2 - 2	9/8- 11/06+ 47 8 16 10 5 8 2 1	[163-164]
		7/06+ 51 9 17 10 4 6 2 - 1	6/06+ 47 8 17 9 5 8 1 2	4/06+ 49 7 17 10 5 7 2 - 1	3/06+ 45 7 18 11 5 7 1 2 1	1/06+ 46 7 15 12 5 7 2 1 1 4	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

What is your preference for the outcome of next year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats? 9a.

Republican-controlled Congress Democrat-controlled Congress Not sure	12/09+ 41 43 16	10/09+ 38 46 16	9/09+ 40 43 17	7/09+ 39 46 15	4/09+ 39 48 13	11/08++ 36 48 16	10/08+ 36 49 15	9/08+ 37 50 13	[165]
		8/08+ 36 47 17	7/08+ 36 49 15	6/08+ 33 52 15	4/08+ 34 49 17	3/08+ 35 49 16	11/07+ 37 46 17	9/07+ 35 47 18	
		10/06+ 37 52 11	9/06+ 39 48 13	7/06+ 38 48 14	6/06+ 38 49 13	4/06+ 39 45 16	3/06+ 37 50 13	1/06+ 38 47 15	
		12/05+ 38 46 16	11/05+ 37 48 15	10/05+ 39 48 13	7/05+ 40 45 15	5/05+ 40 47 13	10/04+ 43 44 13	9/04+ 42 46 12	
		6/04+ 42 44 14	<u>5/04</u> + 41 44 15	3/04+ 42 45 13	1/04 42 43 15	12/13/03 42 42 42 16	10/02+ 43 42 15	9/02 42 42 16	
		7/02 43 41 16	6/02 42 41 17	1/02 44 40 16	12/01 42 40 18	12/99 40 44 16	10/99 39 41 20	7/99 39 43 18	
		6/99 42 41 17	<u>4/99</u> 41 40 19	3/99 37 43 20	10/98+ 41 43 16	9/98 40 39 21	7/98 41 40 19	6/98 39 40 21	
		2/98 41 37 22	1/98 40 42 18	12/97 41 37 22	9/97 41 39 20	7/97 45 39 16	4/97 44 38 18		

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters. ++ Results shown reflect responses among *likely* voters.

9b. In the next election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

Deserves to be reelected Give new person a chance Not sure	12/09+ 38 49 13	10/09+ 41 49 10	<u>9/09</u> + 40 49 11	7/08+ 40 47 13	11/07+ 39 51 10	6/07+ 41 48 11	10/13- 16/06+ 39 45 16	[166]
		9/30- 10/2/06+ 38 45 17	9/8- 11/06+ 41 43 16	7/06+ 38 48 14	6/06+ 42 45 13	3/06+ 41 48 11	1/06+ 41 46 13	
		12/05+ 41 44 15	11/05+ 37 51 12	5/05+ 42 45 13	10/04+ 49 34 17	10/02+ 42 39 19	9/02 41 42 17	
		10/00+ 50 35 15	9/00+ 49 38 13	6/00+ 49 39 12	12/99 42 47 11	10/98+ 48 37 15	12/97+ 41 45 14	
		10/94+ 39 49 12	9/94 30 53 17	5/94 34 50 16	1/94 35 47 18	10/93 34 52 14	9/93 37 47 16	
		7/93 30 55 15	10/92+ 31 56 13	9/92+ 31 56 13	7/92+ 27 62 11	4/92+ 33 57 10	2/92+ 37 52 11	1/92+ 42 48 10

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9c. I'm going to describe three types of candidates for Congress. For each one, please tell me whether you would be more likely or less likely to vote for this type of candidate for Congress, or if it would not make much difference either way in terms of your vote for Congress next year. + **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE LIKELY TO VOTE

	More <u>Likely</u>	Less <u>Likely</u>	No Difference <u>Either Way</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
A candidate who has supported President Obama's issue positions over ninety percent of the time	36	45	17	2	[167]
A candidate who has supported the Republican Congressional leadership's issue positions over ninety percent of the time	32	42	23	3	[169]
A candidate who has supported Speaker Nancy Pelosi's issue positions over ninety percent of the time	20	52	24	4	[168]

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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Q10 AND Q11 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

12a. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	12/09	9/09	7/09	4/09	2/09	1/09	12/08	
Extremely confident	19	24	25	25	31	29	30	[173]
Quite confident	20	21	21	27	23	25	24	
Only somewhat confident	28	23	23	25	26	30	29	
Not at all confident	33	31	30	23	19	15	16	
Not sure	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	

12b. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to improve the economy—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	12/09	9/09	7/09	6/09	
Extremely confident	13	18	16	20	[174]
Quite confident	20	22	23	26	
Only somewhat confident	29	27	28	24	
Not at all confident	36	32	32	29	
Not sure	2	1	1	1	

13. Looking back, do you feel that in 2009 the country found the Democrats and Republicans in Congress in a period of unity by working together and reaching consensus, or was it a period of division where the parties held fast to their positions and showed little willingness to compromise?

	<u>12/09</u> *	1/09 ¹	12/08 ¹	<u>12/04</u> 2	
Period of unity/working together	12	48	52	27	[175]
Period of division/little willingness to compromise	81	45	42	65	
Depends (VOL)	3	4	3	4	
Not sure	4	3	3	4	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

14a. How much do you know about the Tea Party movement—do you know a great deal about this, a fair amount, just some, very little, or nothing at all?

Know a great deal	7	[176]
Know a fair amount	22	
Know just some	23	
Know very little	25	
Know nothing at all		
Not sure	-	

14b. As you may know, this year saw the start of something known as the Tea Party movement. In this movement, citizens, most of whom are conservatives, participated in demonstrations in Washington, DC, and other cities, protesting government spending, the economic stimulus package, and any type of tax increases. From what you know about this movement, is your opinion of it very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative? If you do not know enough to have an opinion, please say so.

Very positive	20	[177]
Somewhat positive	21	
Neutral	21	
Somewhat negative	10	
Very negative	13	
Don't have opinion/not sure	15	

In January 2009, the question was phrased, "Looking ahead, do you feel that in 2009"

² In December 2004, the question was phrased, "Looking ahead, do you feel that in 2005. . . . "

15. Do you think America is in a state of decline, or do you feel that this is not the case?

		9/19-					
	12/09	22/08+	<u>6/08</u> +	11/07	12/91	10/91	
In a state of decline	61	74	69	57	63	53	[178]
Not in a state of decline	35	22	25	38	32	42	
Not sure	4	4	6	5	5	5	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16. Looking ahead to next year, compared with this year do you feel that it will be a much better year for the country, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse?

Will be much better	9	[179]
Will be somewhat better	37	
Will be about the same	27	
Will be somewhat worse	17	
Will be much worse	8	
Not sure	2	

Q17 THROUGH Q21 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Now I'd like to ask you a series of questions about the past decade.

22a. Now I'm going to mention some people who have served in public life at some point in the past decade. Please tell me which one or two of these people, if any, you have the most regard and respect for. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Barack Obama	28	[227-228]
Colin Powell	27	>
Bill Clinton	21	
George W. Bush	17	
Hillary Clinton	14	
John McCain	13	
Sarah Palin	13	
Dick Cheney	9	
Al Gore	8	
Joe Biden	3	
None (DO NOT READ)	3	
Not sure	1	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

22b. Now I'm going to read you some people who have served in public life at some point in the past decade. Please tell me which one or two of these people, if any, you have the least regard and respect for. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

George W. Bush	33	[229-230]
Dick Cheney	27	>
Al Gore	19	
Barack Obama	19	
Sarah Palin	16	
Bill Clinton	14	
Hillary Clinton	10	
Joe Biden	9	
John McCain	5	
Colin Powell	1	
None (DO NOT READ)	3	
Not sure	-	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23. Today the United States is generally considered to be the world's leading nation. Twenty years from now, which country do you think will be the leader?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>12/09</u> *	5/97 ¹	3/95 ¹	
China	39	9	3	
The United States	37	56	54	[231]
No country will be the leader	11	16	26	
The European Union ²	5	4	6	
Japan	2	10	6	
India	2	NA	NA	
Russia	1	1	1	
Not sure	3	4	4	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Turning to some other topics...

When it comes to your current job security, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat 24. dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	12/09 ¹	9/09	7/09	4/09	1/09	4/00+	12/98	12/97	
Very satisfied	33	36	30	32	35	46	45	40	[232]
Somewhat satisfied	34	30	30	36	35	35	33	38	
Somewhat dissatisfied	14	16	15	13	14	9	10	11	
Very dissatisfied	18	17	24	17	15	9	11	10	
Does not apply (VOL)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not sure	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	
	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	3/96	<u>1/96</u>	
	41	38	37	36	37	38	36	30	
	37	36	40	38	39	37	37	31	
	10	12	12	13	10	12	14	10	
	11	13	11	12	13	12	12	10	
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
	1	1	_	1	1	1	1	19	

¹ Data shown does not include the responses of those who say the question does not apply to them (26% of respondents).

¹Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Hart-Teeter for WSJ/Nikkei. ²Prior to December 2009, the item was phrased, "European nations."

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

25. How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your household will **(READ ITEM)** in the next twelve months—extremely likely, very likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY OR VERY LIKELY

		Like	ly				
	Extremely	<u>Very</u>	Just Some- <u>what</u>	Not <u>That</u>	Already Happened <u>(VOL)</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Have their overtime hours or bonus reduced							[236]
December 2009	14	15	17	35	11	8	
Have to take a lower-paying job							[235]
December 2009	12	10	19	47	6	6	
Have their wages cut							[234]
December 2009	10	10	20	46	9	5	
Lose their job							[233]
December 2009	8	7	18	54	7	6	
May 2003	8	8	17	65	NA	3	
October 2002+	6	6	17	69	NA	2	
January 2002	6	7	18	67	NA	2	
December 2001	8	7	20	64	NA	1	
September 1991 ¹	8	10	21	58	NA	3	

¹In September 1991, the question was phrased, "How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your household will lose their job as a result of the recession..."

26. Please tell me whether any of the following represent a situation you are currently facing.

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Providing some financial support for an adult child over the age of twenty-one	19	[237]
Providing some financial support for another relative other than children or parents	13	>
Having a parent or child over age twenty-one living with you for financial or health		
reasons	13	
Proving some financial support for a parent over the age of sixty-five	11	
None of these	55	
Not sure	1	

Changing topics for a moment...

27. From what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you think his plan is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	<u>12/09</u>	10/09	9/09	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Good idea	32	38	39	36	36	33	33	[238]
Bad idea	47	42	41	42	42	32	26	
Do not have an opinion	17	16	17	17	17	30	34	
Not sure	4	4	3	5	5	5	7	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28. Do you think it would be better to pass Barack Obama's health care plan and make its changes to the health care system or to not pass this plan and keep the current health care system?

	12/09	10/09	9/09	
Better to pass this plan, make these changes	41	45	45	[239]
Better to not pass this plan, keep current system	44	39	39	
Neither (VOL)	7	8	9	
Not sure	8	8	7	

29a/b. Do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private health insurance plan or by a government program such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Tricare? (IF "YES," ASK:) What kind of health plan do you have? (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, what kind of plan would you say your primary plan is?

Yes, Have A Health Plan		
Private health insurance	59	[240-241]
MediCARE	18	
MediCAID	3	
Tricare	2	
Military, VA	1	
Other		
Don't know what kind of plan	2	
NO, Do Not Have A Health Plan	12	
Don't know/refused	1	

30. As health care legislation is being debated in Congress, some changes to the legislation are being proposed. I am going to read you some of these proposed changes, and for each one, please tell me whether that proposed change is acceptable to you or not acceptable to you.

	Acceptable	Not <u>Acceptable</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
The proposed legislation would no longer create a public health care plan administered by the federal government to compete directly with private health insurance companies	42	45	13	[249]
Instead of creating a government-administered public health care plan, the proposed legislation would create a health insurance plan offered by private insurers that would be available in every state for people who lack employer-provided coverage, and would allow people between the ages of fifty-five and sixty-four years old to buy into Medicare, the government health care plan for seniors	58	32	10	[250]

Changing subjects...

31. Do you think the war in Afghanistan against the Taliban and Al Qaeda has been very successful, somewhat successful, somewhat unsuccessful, or very unsuccessful?

	<u>12/09</u> **	9/09	<u>7/08</u> +	<u>10/06</u>	
Very successful	2	8	7	9	[251]
Somewhat successful	37	38	37	42	
Somewhat unsuccessful	29	26	27	23	
Very unsuccessful	27	23	26	24	
Not sure	5	5	3	2	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

32. Do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Afghanistan will come to a successful conclusion?

	12/09*	9/09	
More confident	30	28	[252]
Less confident	58	59	
Depends (VOL)	5	6	
Not sure	7	7	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

33. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose increasing troop levels in Afghanistan?

	<u>12/09</u> ¹	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	
Strongly support	30	28	19	[253]
Somewhat support	25	19	25	
Somewhat oppose	15	15	20	
Strongly oppose	24	28	31	
Not sure	6	10	5	

¹Prior to December 2009, the question was phrased, "Would you strongly support,"

34. Please tell me which of the following concerns you more.

That we will invest a lot of money and American lives in the war in Afghanistan and have little to show for it.

OR

That we will not do enough to deal with the threat of Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan and we will be more vulnerable as a result?

	12/09**	9/09	
That we'll invest a lot of money/lives and have little to show for it	42	45	[254]
That we'll not do enough and be more vulnerable as a result	48	44	
Not sure	10	11	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

35. As you may know, President Obama's plan for Afghanistan is to send an additional thirty thousand troops to the country. These troops will fight against the Taliban and Al Qaeda and increase training of the Afghan army. The additional troops will begin deploying now and all thirty thousand are expected to be in Afghanistan by the fall of 2010. Then, in the summer of 2011 U.S. troops will begin to withdraw from the country.

Do you think this plan is definitely the right approach, probably the right approach, probably the wrong approach, or definitely the wrong approach for the war in Afghanistan? If you do not know enough to have an opinion, please say so.

9	[255]
35	
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21	
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	20 21

36. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely that U.S. troops will begin to withdraw from Afghanistan by the summer of 2011? **

Very likely	12	[256]
Somewhat likely	27	
Somewhat unlikely	27	
Very unlikely	29	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Not sure	3	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now turning for a moment to the war in Iraq...

37a. Do you feel that the United States has accomplished as much as can be expected in Iraq or do you feel that the United States can be expected to accomplish more?

			10/13-		
	12/09	2/09	<u>16/06</u> +	3/06	
Accomplished as much as can be expected	59	67	43	52	[257]
Can be expected to accomplish more	34	27	48	42	
Not sure	7	6	9	6	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

37b. Do you think the war in Iraq has been very successful, somewhat successful, somewhat unsuccessful, or very unsuccessful?

	12/09*	2/09	<u>7/08</u> +	
Very successful	7	11	7	[258]
Somewhat successful	50	42	36	
Somewhat unsuccessful	18	17	19	
Very unsuccessful	22	27	34	
Not sure	3	3	4	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

38. Generally, do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's plan to pull most American troops out of Iraq by the end of 2011?

	12/09**	2/09 ¹	
Approve	70	80	[259]
Disapprove	23	14	
Not sure	7	6	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Getting near the end of the survey...

39. From which ONE of the following national television news sources do you get MOST of your information about politics and current events? If you do not watch any of these, please just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC, or CBS	36	[260]
The cable channel Fox News	27	
The cable channel CNN	16	
Some other national television news source	7	
The cable channel MSNBC	5	
None of these (VOL)	7	
Not sure	2	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

¹In February 2009, the question was phrased, "... out of Iraq within the next nineteen months?

40. From what you know about global climate change or global warming, which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion?

	<u>12/09</u> *	10/09	<u>1/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>	7/99	
Global climate change has been established as a serious problem, and immediate action is necessary	23	29	34	29	23	[261]
There is enough evidence that climate change is taking place and some action should be taken	31	27	30	30	28	
We don't know enough about global climate change, and more research is necessary before we take any actions	29	29	25	28	32	
Concern about global climate change is unwarranted	12	13	8	9	11	
Not sure	5	2	3	4	6	

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

41. I'm going to read you two statements. Please tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

Statement A: Global warming is caused more by human actions than by naturally occurring forces.

Statement B: Global warming is caused more by naturally occurring forces than by human actions.

(IF RESPONDENT CHOOSES, ASK:) Do you feel that way very strongly or not strongly?

	12/09**	3/09 ¹	3/07 ²	5/06 ²	
Statement A/Human Actions					
Feel strongly	48	48	47	48	[262]
Do not feel strongly	26	11	12	12	
Statement B/Naturally Occurring Forces					
Do not feel strongly	7	7	9	11	
Feel strongly	13	27	26	24	
Both (VOL)	2	2	2	1	
Neither (VOL)	2	2	1	1	
Not sure	2	3	4	4	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

42. Now thinking just about the past year, I'm going to read you a list of people who did things that diminished their standing with the public. Which ONE of these people most disappointed you? (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just ONE, which would you say MOST disappointed you?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

John Edwards for having an affair while his wife is being treated for cancer	33	[263]
Tiger Woods for having extramarital affairs	16	
Chris Brown for hitting and abusing his girlfriend Rihanna	15	
The Balloon Boy parents for carrying out a hoax	11	
The reality television family of Jon and Kate for exposing their affairs and divorce	6	
David Letterman for having extramarital affairs with women who work for him	4	
Alex Rodriguez for using steroids to enhance his performance in baseball	4	
None (VOL)	8	
Not sure	3	

¹Comparative data comes from surveys conducted by Democracy Corps and results reflect among voters.

²Comparative data comes from surveys conducted by Democracy Corps and results reflect among likely voters.

43.	In his next golf tourname	ent, will you be	rooting FOR	Tiger Woods	or will you be i	rooting AGAINST him?
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Will be rooting for him	33	[264]
Will be rooting against him	16	
Do not care either way (VOL)	48	
Not sure	3	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1a. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	90	[265]
Not registered	8	
Not sure	2	

F1b/c. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

Yes, Voted		
Voted for Barack Obama	40	[266-267]
Voted for John McCain	37	
Voted for someone else	4	
Not sure	4	
No, Did Not Vote	13	
Not sure	2	

F1d. And did you happen to vote in the 2006 election for U.S. Congress?

Yes, voted	67	[268]
No, did not vote	25	
Not sure	8	

F2. Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

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F3.	What is the las	st grade that v	vou completed	in school?
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Grade school	-	[277-278]
Some high school	7	
High school graduate	25	
Some college, no degree	17	
Vocational training/2-year college	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	22	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	11	
Doctoral/law degree	2	
Not sure/refused	1	

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat	22	[279]
Not very strong Democrat	8	
Independent/lean Democrat	10	
Strictly Independent	19	
Independent/lean Republican	13	
Not very strong Republican	9	
Strong Republican	12	
Other (VOL)	5	
Not sure	2	

F5a. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

Very liberal	9	[280]
Somewhat liberal		• •
Moderate	33	
Somewhat conservative	19	
Very conservative	20	
Not sure		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT" IN Q.F4.)

F5b. Thinking back over the past couple of years, have you become more conservative in your general approach to issues, or have you NOT become more conservative?

	Independents	
Have become more conservative	48	[308]
Have not become more conservative	45	
Not sure	7	

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal,

Presbyterian, and other Christians)	51	CONTINUE	[309]
Catholic	26		
Jewish	2	Skip to Q.F7	
Muslim	-	•	
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	2		
Other	5		
None	11	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	3		

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F6a.)

F6b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical	17	[310]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	45	
Not sure	8	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a)	30	

F7. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never	18	[311]
Once a year	6	
A few times a year	17	
Once a month	7	
About twice a month	8	
Once a week or more often	40	
Not sure	4	

F8. Do you consider yourself to be a fan of men's professional golf, in that you watch it and follow it, or not?

Yes, a fan	23	[312]
No, not a fan	75	
Not sure	2	

F9a/b. Are you a current or retired labor union member? (**IF "NO," OR "NOT SURE," ASK:**) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member	14	[313-314]
Union household	9	
Non-union household	75	
Not sure	2	

F10. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	4	[315]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	9	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	7	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	7	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	14	
More than \$100,000	18	
Not sure/refused	15	