

Interviews: 1000 adults, including 200 reached by cell phone

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48 Male  
52 Female

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

***The margin of error for 1000 interviews is ±3.10%***

*Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.*

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

Q1a. Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have?

Have a landline .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>
Cell phone is only telephone .....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Not sure .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>

Q2a 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? (READ LIST.)

18-24 .....	11
25-29 .....	10
30-34 .....	7
35-39 .....	7
40-44 .....	10
45-49 .....	8
50-54 .....	12
55-59 .....	11
60-64 .....	9
65-69 .....	5
70-74 .....	3
75 and over.....	6
Not sure/refused .....	1

Q2b 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
No, not Hispanic .....	88
Not sure/refused .....	1

Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White .....	75
Black .....	11
Asian .....	2
Other .....	5
Hispanic (VOL).....	6
Not sure/refused.....	1

Q3 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?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23 - 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>
Headed in the right direction.....	32	29	34	33	32	34	33	72	12
Off on the wrong track .....	58	62	56	59	58	54	55	11	78
Mixed (VOL) .....	6	5	6	5	7	10	10	11	7
Not sure .....	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	6	3

  

	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
	36	39	39	42	43	41	26	26
	52	48	49	46	43	44	59	60
	9	10	9	9	10	9	9	10
	3	3	3	3	4	6	6	4

  

	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08 +</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>
	12	12	16	18	13	16	15	20
	78	77	73	67	74	71	73	66
	7	9	9	12	10	11	10	11
	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3

  

	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>9/04+</u>
	20	25	28	31	31	32	40	39
	68	63	57	54	57	57	47	49
	9	9	13	12	10	8	10	10
	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	2

  

	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>
	47	38	36	42	62	72	49
	43	50	47	43	20	11	34
	6	8	14	12	14	11	15
	4	4	3	3	4	6	2

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q4a In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as president?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/20- 23/10</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>
Approve.....	47	45	48	50	48	50	48	47
Disapprove.....	48	48	45	44	47	44	43	46
Not sure .....	5	7	7	6	5	6	9	7
		<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>
		51	51	51	53	56	61	60
		42	41	40	40	34	30	26
		7	8	9	7	10	9	14

Q4b Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>8/10*</u>	<u>6/10*</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10*</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>
Approve .....	44	46	48	47	47	43	42
Disapprove.....	52	50	46	50	49	49	51
Not sure .....	4	4	6	3	4	8	7
		<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>
		47	50	49	51	55	56
		46	42	44	38	37	31
		7	8	7	11	8	13

\*Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q4c In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the aftermath of the Gulf Coast oil spill?

	<u>8/10**</u>	<u>6/10</u>
Approve .....	50	42
Disapprove.....	38	50
Not sure .....	12	8

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

<b>SEPTEMBER 2005 – President George W. Bush/Katrina^^</b>		
In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?		
	<u>3/06 **</u>	<u>9/05</u>
Approve.....	36	48
Disapprove .....	53	48
Not sure.....	11	4

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

<b>SEPTEMBER 1992 – President George H. W. Bush/Andrew^^^</b>	
Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush has handled the response to Hurricane Andrew?	
Approve .....	64
Disapprove .....	29
Not sure .....	7

^ Gulf Coast Oil Spill occurred April 20, 2010. NBC/WSJ survey was conducted June 17-21, 2010.

^^ Hurricane Katrina occurred August 28, 2005. NBC/WSJ survey was conducted September 9-12, 2005.

^^^ Hurricane Andrew occurred August 24, 1992. NBC/WSJ survey was conducted September 12-15, 1992.

Q4d Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the war in Afghanistan?

	8/10*	3/10*	12/09
Approve.....	44	53	46
Disapprove.....	45	35	42
Not sure.....	11	12	12

\*Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q4e In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	8/10**	3/10**
Approve.....	49	53
Disapprove.....	40	39
Not sure.....	11	8

\*\*Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q5 Compared to what you expected when Barack Obama took office, do you feel that he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as expected?

	<i>Barack Obama</i>		<i>George W. Bush</i>		<i>Bill Clinton</i>
	8/10	1/10-14/10 <sup>1</sup>	7/05 <sup>2</sup>	1/02 <sup>3</sup>	1/94 <sup>4</sup>
Better than expected.....	12	15	16	67	17
Worse than expected.....	29	30	29	3	15
Just about as expected.....	58	54	54	28	65
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	3

<sup>1</sup> In January 2010, the question read "Compared to what you expected when Barack Obama took office a year ago, do you feel that he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as you expected?"

<sup>2</sup> In 1994, the question read "Compared to what you expected when (President) Bill Clinton took office a year ago (January 1993), do you feel that he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as you expected?"

<sup>3</sup> In 2002, the question read "Compared to what you expected when George W. Bush took office a year ago, do you feel that he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as you expected?"

<sup>4</sup> In 2005, the question read "Compared to what you expected when George W. Bush took office (the presidency) in 2001, do you feel he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as you expected?"

Q6 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>
Approve .....	21	22	21	17	21	22	24	61	12
Disapprove.....	72	73	72	77	67	68	65	28	79
Not sure .....	7	5	7	6	12	10	11	11	9
		<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>
		22	24	29	28	31	23	21	12
		66	63	57	58	54	68	69	79
		12	13	14	14	15	9	10	9
	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	
	13	15	15	13	18	23	31	20	
	78	73	75	79	70	65	53	65	
	9	12	10	8	12	12	16	15	
	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
	29	29	41	40	46	39	42	40	
	56	53	40	42	41	45	39	44	
	15	18	19	18	13	16	19	16	
	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>1/94</u>
	54	47	48	46	48	40	44	26	33
	29	34	35	41	36	49	42	65	54
	17	19	17	13	16	11	14	9	13

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Q7 How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress--one of the best, above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>12/09*</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>10/06+</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>
One of the best .....	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
Above average.....	5	6	11	4	6	9	11
Average.....	31	32	40	37	47	58	54
Below average .....	28	24	21	31	32	22	21
One of the worst.....	32	34	23	25	11	7	10
Not sure.....	3	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).

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Q8 Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, groups and countries, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE EXCEPT BARACK OBAMA)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
<b>Barack Obama</b>						
August 2010 .....	27	19	13	14	27	-
June 2010.....	27	20	13	15	25	-
May 20-23, 2010.....	28	19	15	14	24	-
May 6-11, 2010.....	29	20	12	14	24	1
March 2010.....	31	19	11	14	24	1
January 23-25, 2010.....	29	23	14	14	20	-
January 10-14, 2010.....	29	23	12	16	19	1
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
<i>High</i>						
February 2009.....	47	21	12	9	10	1
<i>Low</i>						
Oct. 28-30, 2006+.....	14	17	18	5	6	40

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
<b>The Democratic Party</b>						
August 2010.....	11	22	22	18	26	1
June 2010.....	11	24	21	20	24	-
May 20-23, 2010.....	15	26	18	18	22	1
May 6-11, 2010.....	11	26	19	18	24	2
March 2010.....	9	28	19	19	24	1
January 23-25, 2010.....	14	25	22	17	21	1
January 10-14, 2010.....	11	27	20	18	23	1
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
March 7-10, 2008+.....	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
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
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1
January 2002.....	16	33	23	15	11	2
January 1998.....	13	30	30	16	9	2
January 1994.....	11	29	29	17	11	3
<i>High</i>						
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2
<i>Low</i>						
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
<b>The Republican Party</b>						
August 2010.....	6	18	28	24	22	2
June 2010.....	6	24	26	23	19	2
May 20-23, 2010.....	10	23	26	21	19	1
May 6-11, 2010.....	8	22	26	22	20	2
March 2010.....	6	25	24	20	23	2
January 23-25, 2010.....	7	25	27	18	20	3
January 10-14, 2010.....	7	23	27	24	18	1
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
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
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1
January 2002.....	20	32	24	12	9	3
January 1998.....	9	29	30	18	12	2
January 1994.....	12	30	29	16	9	4
<i>High</i>						
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3
<i>Low</i>						
August 2010.....	6	18	28	24	22	2

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>
<b>The Tea Party Movement</b>						
August 2010.....	14	16	23	12	22	13
June 2010.....	15	19	21	12	19	14
May 6-11, 2010.....	16	15	21	10	20	18
March 2010.....	13	16	22	10	18	21
January 23-25, 2010.....	14	14	20	6	15	31
<b>Michelle Obama</b>						
August 2010.....	33	17	28	9	10	3
January 10-14, 2010.....	35	20	29	7	7	2
April 2009.....	43	21	22	6	5	3
February 2009.....	43	20	24	5	3	5
December 2008.....	31	23	24	7	8	7
September 6-8, 2008+.....	21	19	23	11	20	6
August 2008+.....	19	19	28	11	18	5
July 2008+.....	17	17	27	13	18	8
March 2008+.....	14	18	32	9	11	16
<b>Nancy Pelosi</b>						
August 2010*.....	7	14	19	11	35	14
January 10-14, 2010 *.....	6	15	19	12	32	16
October 2009.....	8	18	16	9	33	16
September 2009.....	8	19	16	11	33	13
July 2009.....	7	18	16	11	33	15
June 2009.....	5	19	17	12	34	13
February 2009.....	12	19	15	9	28	17
January 2009.....	9	17	19	10	26	19
October 4-5, 2008+.....	7	16	21	14	27	15
January 2008.....	5	17	21	11	22	24
April 2007.....	11	18	20	12	18	21
January 2007.....	10	18	23	9	15	25
December 2006.....	9	16	21	8	15	31
October 2006+.....	4	10	18	8	17	43
September 2006+.....	4	11	12	7	16	50
December 2005.....	3	10	20	6	12	49
February 2005.....	5	10	17	6	10	52
<b>Pakistan*</b>	1	3	27	30	31	8
<b>Harry Reid</b>						
August 2010**.....	2	9	22	7	24	36
January 10-14, 2010 **.....	3	10	20	8	24	35
October 2009.....	2	12	18	7	19	42
January 2009.....	2	12	22	10	11	43
January 2007.....	3	9	13	9	8	58
September 2006+.....	2	8	15	6	12	57
February 2005.....	4	7	21	5	3	60
<b>Afghanistan**</b>	2	9	27	33	25	4

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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<b>Summary Table of Images</b>	<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>D/S</b>
Michelle Obama	50	19	31
Barack Obama	46	41	5
The Tea Party Movement	30	34	-4
The Democratic Party	33	44	-11
Harry Reid	11	31	-20
The Republican Party	24	46	-22
Nancy Pelosi	21	45	-24
Afghanistan	10	58	-48
Pakistan	4	61	-57

**Moving on...**

Q9 Please tell me how interested you are in November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten. (IF "NOT SURE," RECORD AS "DK.")

	<u>8/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>5/6- 10/10+</u>	<u>3/10+</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10+</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>
10, very interested .....	49	44	47	47	41	44	48	53
9.....	9	7	7	6	6	5	6	8
8.....	13	13	14	15	16	12	12	14
7.....	9	11	8	9	10	10	10	7
6.....	4	6	5	5	5	7	5	6
5.....	7	10	9	9	14	11	9	5
4.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3.....	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1
2.....	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	1
1, not interested at all.....	4	3	3	4	3	5	5	3
Cannot rate .....	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-

  

	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>
	46	47	51	47	49	45	46
	9	8	9	8	7	7	7
	17	16	17	17	17	18	15
	12	10	10	9	10	11	12
	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
	6	8	6	8	7	7	7
	1	2	2	1	2	1	2
	2	1	-	2	-	2	1
	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
	2	2	1	2	2	3	4
	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q10 What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE:) a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>8/10+</u>	<u>6/10+</u>	<u>5/20- 23/10+</u>	<u>5/6- 11/10+</u>	<u>3/10+</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10+</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10+</u>	<u>12/09+</u>	<u>10/09+</u>
Republican-controlled Congress.....	42	45	44	44	42	42	41	41	38
Democrat-controlled Congress .....	43	43	43	44	45	44	41	43	46
Not sure .....	15	12	13	12	13	14	18	16	16
			<u>9/09+</u>	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08+</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>
			40	39	39	36	36	37	36
			43	46	48	48	49	50	47
			17	15	13	16	15	13	17
			<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>9/07+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>
			36	33	34	35	37	35	37
			49	52	49	49	46	47	52
			15	15	17	16	17	18	11
		<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>
		39	38	38	39	37	38	38	37
		48	48	49	45	50	47	46	48
		13	14	13	16	13	15	16	15
		<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>
		39	40	40	43	42	42	41	42
		48	45	47	44	46	44	44	45
		13	15	13	13	12	14	15	13
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>
		42	42	43	42	43	42	44	42
		43	42	42	42	41	41	40	40
		15	16	15	16	16	17	16	18
		<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>
		40	39	39	42	41	37	41	40
		44	41	43	41	40	43	43	39
		16	20	18	17	19	20	16	21
		<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>
		41	39	41	40	41	41	45	44
		40	40	37	42	37	39	39	38
		19	21	22	18	22	20	16	18

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO PREFERRED A DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESS (Q10:2)**

Q11a Is your preference for a Democratic-controlled Congress more because you support the policies of Barack Obama and the Democratic candidates, or more because you oppose the policies of the Republican Party and its candidates?

	<u>8/10+</u>	<u>5/6- 10/10+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>
Support Barack Obama and Democratic candidates ..	48	49	43
Oppose Republican Party and candidates .....	47	48	39
Neither (VOL) .....	2	1	n/a
Do not plan to vote (VOL).....	-	-	n/a
Both (VOL).....	n/a	n/a	6
Local candidate/issues (VOL) .....	n/a	n/a	4
Not sure .....	3	2	8

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

\* In October 1994, the question read, "Are you planning to vote for the Democrat more because you support the policies of Bill Clinton and the Democratic candidates, or more because you oppose the policies of the Republican Party and its candidates?"

**ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO PREFERRED A REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED CONGRESS (Q10:1)**

Q11b Is your preference for a Republican-controlled Congress more because you support the policies of the Republican Party and its candidates, or more because you oppose the policies of Barack Obama and Democratic candidates?

	<u>8/10+</u>	<u>5/6- 10/10+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>
Support Republican Party and candidates.....	35	31	48
Oppose Barack Obama and Democratic candidates ..	59	64	34
Neither (VOL).....	4	3	n/a
Do not plan to vote (VOL).....	-	-	n/a
Both (VOL).....	n/a	n/a	11
Local candidate/issues (VOL) .....	n/a	n/a	3
Not sure .....	2	2	4

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

\* In October 1994, the question read "Are you planning to vote for the Republican more because you support the policies of the Republican Party and its candidates, or more because you oppose the policies of Bill Clinton and Democratic candidates?"

**(ASK IF HEARD OF THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT, Q8:1-5)**

Q12 From what you know about the so-called Tea Party Movement, would it be a third party that you would be interested in voting for this year for Congress?

	<u>8/10+</u>	<u>5/6- 10/10+</u>	<u>3/11- 14/10+</u>
Aware of the Tea Party and yes, interested in voting for it.....	24	21	20
Aware of the Tea Party and no, not interested in voting for it .....	53	54	50
Aware of the Tea Party and Depends (VOL) .....	6	4	5
Aware of the Tea Party and Not sure.....	5	5	7
Unaware of Tea Party (Q8:6) .....	12	16	18

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q13 And, compared to past Congressional elections, is this November's Congressional election more important to you, less important to you, or equally important to you?

	<u>8/10+</u>
More important.....	44
Less important .....	5
Equally important .....	51
Not sure .....	-

Q14 In deciding whether to vote for your member of Congress, which is more important to you--your congressperson's position on national issues or your congressperson's performance in taking care of problems in your district?

	<u>8/10+*</u>	10/13- <u>16/06+*</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>
Position on national issues.....	46	39	40	37	43	44	35
Performance in district .....	41	39	36	40	38	40	51
Both/neither (VOL) .....	11	21	23	21	18	15	13
Not sure .....	2	1	1	2	1	1	1

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q15 Which is more important to you in your vote for Congress this November--domestic issues such as the economy, health care, and immigration, or international issues such as Afghanistan^, Iran, and terrorism?

	<u>8/10**+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>
Domestic issues.....	73	43
International issues .....	12	28
Both equally important (VOL).....	15	28
Not sure .....	-	1

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

^In 2006, the question said "Iraq"

Q16 Which of the following concerns you more? (ROTATE)

(A) That the Republicans have offered no specific plans or programs to deal with the issues facing the country so it is hard to know what they would do if they were to win the majority in Congress, OR

(B) That the Democrats have offered no changes that they would make to deal with issues facing the country, so it is hard to know what they would do differently from President Obama's current policies if they were to retain the majority in Congress.

	<u>8/10+</u>
Republicans have offered no plans .....	43
Democrats have offered no changes.....	39
Some of both (VOL) .....	8
Not sure.....	10

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Democrats have offered no plans .....	42
Republicans have offered no changes.....	37
Some of both (VOL).....	15
Not sure .....	6
* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).	
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.	

Now, thinking some more about President Obama...

Q17 Compared to when Barack Obama became President—do you think that the country is better off, worse off or in about the same place?

	<u>8/10</u>
Better off .....	31
Worse off.....	40
Same place.....	28
Not sure .....	1

Q18 When it comes to the presidency of Barack Obama, do you strongly relate to him as your president, somewhat relate to him as your president, relate to him only a little as your president, or not really relate to him as your president?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
Strongly relate to him.....	32	29	35	36	43	50	47
Somewhat relate to him.....	24	27	25	27	26	26	27
Relate to him only a little .....	16	14	16	13	13	12	12
Do not really relate to him.....	27	30	23	22	16	8	9
Not sure.....	1	-	1	2	2	4	5

Q19a 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?

	<u>8/10*</u>	<u>6/10*</u>	<u>1/23- 25/10</u>	<u>1/10- 14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>
Extremely confident.....	19	21	19	23	19	24	25
Quite confident .....	21	19	20	21	20	21	21
Only somewhat confident .....	22	22	32	25	28	23	23
Not at all confident.....	38	37	29	30	33	31	30
Not sure.....	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
				<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>
				25	31	29	30
				27	23	25	24
				25	26	30	29
				23	19	15	16
				-	1	1	1

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q19b 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?

	8/10**	1/10-14/10	12/09	9/09	7/09	6/09
Extremely confident.....	16	16	13	18	16	20
Quite confident.....	21	19	20	22	23	26
Only somewhat confident.....	24	31	29	27	28	24
Not at all confident.....	39	33	36	32	32	29
Not sure.....	-	1	2	1	1	1

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q20 When it comes to **(READ ITEM)** has the Obama administration lived up to your expectations or has it fallen short?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY LIVED UP TO EXPECTATIONS*

	Lived Up To Expectations	Fallen Short	Some Of Both (VOL)	Not Sure
Improving race relations*.....	45	44	4	7
Improving America's image around the world*.....	44	52	3	1
The environment **.....	42	46	4	8
The war in Iraq*.....	41	50	2	7
Health care **.....	39	55	3	3
Standing up to big business and special interests*.....	37	54	2	7
The war in Afghanistan**.....	34	57	3	6
Improving oversight of Wall Street and the banks**.....	33	54	3	10
The economy*.....	29	66	3	2
Changing business as usual in Washington**.....	26	65	2	7
Reducing government spending*.....	22	70	3	5
The federal budget deficit **.....	25	67	3	5

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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	Lived Up To Expectations	Fallen Short	Some Of Both (VOL)	Not Sure
The economy *.....	37	57	4	2
The environment *.....	36	51	3	10
The war in Iraq **.....	35	60	3	2
Health care **.....	30	62	4	4
The federal budget deficit **.....	21	71	4	4

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q21 When it comes to working with American business interests, do you think President Obama has been too anti-business, too pro-business, or about right?

	<u>8/10*</u>
Too anti-business.....	29
Too pro-business .....	14
About right.....	48
Not sure .....	9

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

**(ROTATE Q22a-Q22b)**

Q22a Let me read you a number of things that people have said are accomplishments of the Obama administration. Which ONE of these would you say is the most positive accomplishment of the Obama administration? **(RANDOMIZE)**

	8/10 <u>Total</u>	Approve of <u>Obama Job</u>	Disapprove of <u>Obama Job</u>
Committed more American troops to Afghanistan.....	20	3	38
Passed the health care bill.....	18	31	5
Improved America's image around the world abroad.....	14	18	10
Set a new tone and direction for the country.....	12	19	5
Got the economy moving forward .....	11	18	4
Passed financial reform .....	6	6	4
None of these (VOL) .....	18	3	34
ALL (VOL) .....	1	3	1

Q22b Let me read you a number of things that people have said are failures of the Obama administration—which ONE of these would you say is the biggest failure of the Obama administration? **(RANDOMIZE)**

	8/10 <u>Total</u>	Approve of <u>Obama Job</u>	Disapprove of <u>Obama Job</u>
Lack of progress in getting the country out of the recession .....	23	19	26
Increased government spending .....	17	11	23
Passed the health care bill .....	15	9	23
Committed more American troops to Afghanistan.....	14	24	5
Failed to work well with the Republicans.....	9	11	6
Inability to deal with crisis issues like the BP oil spill .....	9	10	6
None of these (VOL) .....	8	16	1
ALL (VOL) .....	5	-	10



**Now, moving on...**

Q23 When it comes to (READ ITEM) which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you think that neither would do a good job, please just say so.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO GIVE THE ADVANTAGE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY*

	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
<b>Protecting the environment</b>						
August 2010 .....	D-33	46	13	21	17	3
June 2006 ** .....	D-37	49	12	22	13	4
November 2005 .....	D-39	49	10	21	13	7
January 2004 .....	D-33	51	18	20	9	3
December 13, 2003 .....	D-34	54	20	15	7	5
June 2002 .....	D-30	44	14	26	11	5
June 2001 .....	D-37	52	15	21	7	5
December 1999 .....	D-29	43	14	25	11	7
September 1998 .....	D-33	45	12	30	9	4
May 1996 .....	D-28	45	17	18	3	7
December 1995 .....	D-32	45	13	20	13	9
October 1993 .....	D-29	44	15	13	22	6
July 1992+ .....	D-27	38	11	27	18	6
<b>Dealing with global warming</b>						
August 2010* .....	D-27	40	13	18	22	7
March 2010 .....	D-24	39	15	18	21	7
July 2009* .....	D-27	40	13	22	19	6
January 2008 .....	D-45	53	8	22	10	7
July 2007 .....	D-39	48	9	19	17	7
<b>Dealing with energy policy</b>						
August 2010* .....	D-16	36	20	22	17	5
July 2009* .....	D-12	35	23	22	15	5
July 2008+ .....	D-20	42	22	15	15	6
January 2008 .....	D-28	44	16	20	13	7
July 2007 .....	D-24	41	17	20	15	7
November 2005 .....	D-16	35	19	20	19	7
January 2004 .....	D-11	37	25	22	10	6
December 13, 2003 .....	D-11	36	25	15	11	12
June 2001 .....	D-8	35	27	19	10	9
<b>Providing oversight of Wall Street and banks**</b>						
	D-13	35	22	17	21	5
<b>Dealing with natural disasters like Katrina and the oil spill**</b>						
	D-13	30	17	29	21	3

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO GIVE THE ADVANTAGE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Q23. (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure
<b>Dealing with health care</b>						
August 2010 .....	D-12	41	29	12	16	2
March 2010 .....	D-9	37	28	15	19	1
July 2009 .....	D-17	40	23	15	19	3
July 2008+ .....	D-31	49	18	12	16	5
January 2008 .....	D-36	51	15	17	12	5
July 2007 .....	D-36	49	13	14	21	3
March 2006 .....	D-31	43	12	21	19	5
November 2005 .....	D-26	43	17	17	18	5
December 2004 .....	D-18	39	21	23	11	6
January 2004 .....	D-26	48	22	18	10	2
December 13, 2003 .....	D-18	43	25	14	13	6
October 2002+ .....	D-25	46	21	19	11	3
June 2002 .....	D-22	38	16	23	18	5
June 2001 .....	D-21	41	20	21	12	6
December 1999 .....	D-26	43	17	21	13	6
March 1999 .....	D-24	42	18	23	12	5
October 1998+ .....	D-20	41	21	26	8	4
September 1998 .....	D-20	40	20	24	13	3
June 1998 .....	D-13	25	12	34	23	6
May 1996 .....	D-20	42	22	16	17	3
December 1995 .....	D-21	43	22	13	16	6
October 1994 .....	D-12	37	25	12	20	6
July 1994 .....	D-16	37	21	18	18	6
May 1994 .....	D-9	26	17	38	15	4
October 1993 .....	D-28	44	16	16	18	6
March 1993 .....	D-48	57	9	17	12	5
July 1992+ .....	D-34	44	10	21	19	6
April 1992+ .....	D-36	48	12	17	18	5
October 1991+ .....	D-34	46	12	18	16	8
October 1991 .....	D-23	39	16	24	12	9
<b>Dealing with Social Security</b>						
August 2010* .....	D-4	30	26	19	21	4
October 13-16, 2006+ ** .....	D-28	48	20	18	10	4
September 8-11, 2006 .....	D-23	42	19	17	16	6
November 2005						
All Adults .....	D-22	44	22	13	16	5
Registered voters+ .....	D-24	46	22	11	17	4
December 2004 .....	D-15	38	23	20	13	6
January 2004 .....	D-20	45	25	16	11	3
December 13, 2003 .....	D-15	39	24	18	13	7
October 2002+ .....	D-23	43	20	19	13	5
June 2002 .....	D-15	36	21	26	12	5
June 2001 .....	D-15	38	23	22	11	6
December 1999 .....	D-15	38	23	18	14	7
March 1999 .....	D-18	39	21	23	11	6
October 1998+ .....	D-23	44	21	25	6	4
September 1998 .....	D-16	37	21	25	13	4
July 1998 .....	D-9	28	19	34	14	5
January 1998 .....	D-11	26	15	34	18	7
September 1997 .....	D-14	33	19	18	22	8
October 1996 .....	D-12	36	24	17	15	8
December 1995 .....	D-22	44	22	14	14	6
June 1995 .....	D-9	35	26	16	15	8
November 1994 .....	D-5	32	27	15	16	10

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO GIVE THE ADVANTAGE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Q23. (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure
<b>Getting the country out of a recession</b>						
August 2010**	D-3	33	30	15	19	3
July 2009**	D-10	36	26	19	16	3
January 2008	D-16	41	25	22	8	4
March 1991	R-17	21	38	14	16	11
December 1990	-	33	33	7	17	10
October 1990	R-5	31	36	6	13	14
<b>Dealing with the economy</b>						
August 2010	R-3	31	34	16	16	3
March 2010	-	31	31	18	18	2
July 2009	D-6	35	29	19	14	3
July 2008+	D-16	41	25	14	14	6
January 2008	D-18	43	25	21	8	3
July 2007	D-15	41	26	17	12	4
October 13-16, 2006+	D-13	43	30	17	7	3
September 2006+	D-12	40	28	17	10	5
March 2006	D-12	39	27	20	11	3
November 2005	D-14	39	25	17	14	5
December 2004	D-9	39	30	20	7	4
July 2004+	D-8	40	32	19	7	2
January 2004+	R-2	36	38	15	8	2
December 13, 2003	R-1	37	38	14	7	5
October 2002+	D-6	36	30	21	9	4
June 2002	D-1	32	31	24	9	4
June 2001	D-6	37	31	20	6	6
December 1999	D-3	34	31	24	7	4
March 1999	D-6	35	29	26	6	4
September 1998	-	31	31	29	6	3
September 1997	R-9	25	34	26	9	6
October 1996	D-4	36	32	15	10	7
May 1996+	R-4	26	30	27	14	3
December 1995	R-8	22	30	27	17	4
June 1995	R-12	17	29	29	23	2
October 1994	R-8	22	30	28	16	4
July 1994	R-11	18	29	32	17	4
June 1994	R-5	21	26	39	12	2
October 1993	R-5	22	27	20	28	3
March 1993	D-16	34	18	34	11	3
July 1992+	D-8	26	18	35	18	3
May 1992	D-6	29	23	26	17	5
January 1992+	D-5	28	23	33	12	4
October 1991+	R-1	27	28	26	14	5
<b>Dealing with immigration</b>						
August 2010*	R-5	27	32	15	22	4
May 20-23, 2010	-	23	23	27	23	4
July 2008+*	-	27	27	15	21	10
January 2008	D-4	29	25	26	14	6
July 2007	D-10	29	19	19	26	7
October 13-16, 2006+	D-3	28	25	21	19	7
September 8-11, 2006+	D-2	24	22	21	22	11
November 2005	D-6	25	19	21	26	9

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO GIVE THE ADVANTAGE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Q23. (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure
<b>Dealing with taxes</b>						
August 2010 .....	R-7	28	35	16	18	3
March 2010 .....	R-11	25	36	19	18	2
July 2009 .....	R-7	28	35	17	16	4
July 2008+ .....	D-1	37	36	8	15	4
January 2008 .....	D-5	36	31	17	12	4
July 2007 .....	D-9	36	27	14	18	5
March 2006 .....	D-9	35	26	21	15	3
November 2005 .....	D-10	40	30	14	12	4
January 2004 .....	R-2	35	37	16	10	2
December 13, 2003 .....	R-3	34	37	12	9	9
October 2002+ .....	R-5	31	36	17	11	5
June 2002 .....	R-6	27	33	20	15	5
June 2001 .....	R-8	28	36	20	11	5
December 1999 .....	R-3	30	33	19	13	5
March 1999 .....	R-6	29	35	20	12	4
September 1997 .....	R-5	26	31	20	16	7
October 1998+ .....	-	32	32	21	10	5
September 1998 .....	R-6	29	35	22	11	3
October 1996 .....	R-5	30	35	15	13	7
May 1996+ .....	R-9	25	34	17	19	5
December 1995 .....	R-8	26	34	14	20	6
June 1995 .....	R-13	22	35	15	22	6
November 1994 .....	R-13	23	36	16	17	8
October 1994 .....	R-15	23	38	17	18	4
October 1993 .....	R-11	23	34	16	23	4
<b>Dealing with Afghanistan</b>						
August 2010* .....	R-7	21	28	25	22	4
July 2009* .....	R-6	24	30	22	16	8
<b>Reducing the federal deficit</b>						
August 2010 .....	R-8	24	32	15	25	4
March 2010 .....	R-6	24	30	18	25	3
July 2009 .....	R-6	25	31	18	22	4
January 2008 .....	D-22	42	20	17	15	6
July 2007 .....	D-25	43	18	14	21	4
November 2005 .....	D-19	38	19	15	22	6
January 2004 .....	D-11	37	26	18	15	4
December 13, 2003 .....	D-13	38	25	12	16	10
September 1997 .....	R-8	23	31	22	18	6
October 1996 .....	R-3	29	32	11	19	9
June 1995 .....	R-21	16	37	17	26	4
October 1993 .....	D-4	27	23	27	18	5
March 1993 .....	D-23	39	16	23	18	4
April 1992+ .....	D-1	20	19	18	37	6
October 1991+ .....	R-5	24	29	16	24	7
October 1990+ .....	R-2	25	27	19	23	6
<b>Promoting strong moral values</b>						
August 2010* .....	R-8	24	32	20	21	3
May 20-23, 2010 .....	R-10	24	34	19	19	4
July 2009* .....	R-13	22	35	21	19	3
July 2008+* .....	R-11	24	35	21	14	6
January 2008 .....	R-9	24	33	28	11	4
July 2007 .....	R-5	23	28	23	23	3
October 13-16, 2006+ .....	R-13	20	33	19	24	4
November 2005 .....	R-17	18	35	22	21	4
December 2004 .....	R-21	21	42	22	12	3
January 2004 .....	R-22	23	45	18	13	2
December 13, 2003 .....	R-23	20	42	15	15	8
June 2001 .....	R-22	18	40	23	16	3

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO GIVE THE ADVANTAGE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Q23. (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure
<b>Controlling government spending</b>						
August 2010**	R-14	23	37	14	25	1
July 2009**	R-9	23	32	20	22	3
July 2007	D-16	36	20	14	27	3
November 2005	D-12	34	22	14	26	4
January 2004	R-2	31	33	16	18	2
December 13, 2003	D-2	34	32	16	14	5
May 1996	R-28	15	43	12	24	6
December 1995	R-19	19	38	12	26	5
October 1994	R-13	21	34	12	28	5
October 1993	R-8	19	27	29	20	5
<b>Dealing with the war on terrorism</b>						
August 2010**	R-19	20	39	25	13	3
March 2010*	R-14	22	36	25	15	2
July 2009**	R-8	26	34	25	11	4
July 2008+	R-11	29	40	16	10	5
January 2008	R-1	30	31	27	8	4
July 2007	-	29	29	20	18	4
October 13-16, 2006+	R-10	25	35	25	11	4
September 8-11, 2006+	R-14	24	38	21	12	5
November 2005	R-9	26	35	23	11	5
December 2004	R-18	24	42	22	7	5
January 2004	R-24	23	46	22	6	3
December 13, 2003	R-26	20	46	19	9	5
October 2002+	R-36	13	49	27	6	5

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**Now turning to the economy...**

Q24 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>5/6-10/10</u>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>1/10-14/10</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>
Economy will get better.....	34	33	40	41	41	42	47	44	46
Economy will get worse .....	25	23	20	22	19	22	20	21	22
Economy will stay about the same...	39	43	38	36	38	33	30	32	29
Not sure .....	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	3	3
			<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>
			38	36	38	25	21	19	16
			30	28	20	43	49	45	31
			30	34	37	28	27	29	49
			2	2	5	4	3	7	4
				9-					
			<u>1/07</u>	<u>10/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>
			21	22	16	17	24	24	26
			16	22	39	44	27	30	34
			60	51	43	36	46	42	37
			3	5	2	3	3	4	3
			<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>
			28	43	43	43	42	44	50
			30	17	10	13	16	18	10
			36	36	33	33	34	35	37
			6	4	14	11	8	3	3
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
	49	44	45	49	35	40	41	39	
	15	19	16	17	25	20	20	18	
	33	33	34	31	37	35	34	39	
	3	4	4	3	3	5	5	4	
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
	41	50	50	36	28	17	19	19	
	20	13	15	25	29	24	22	22	
	37	32	32	34	37	54	53	57	
	2	5	3	5	6	5	6	2	
	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	
	21	20	24	31	31	28	28	27	
	21	21	23	17	24	24	17	21	
	52	54	50	46	40	44	52	49	
	6	5	3	6	5	4	3	3	
	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
	29	44	21	23	20	23	33	39	
	16	16	27	24	29	27	21	15	
	52	36	50	51	48	47	44	43	
	3	4	2	2	3	3	2	3	

<sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q25 When it comes to your current job security, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>12/09</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>
Very satisfied.....	33	33	36	30	32	35	46	45	40
Somewhat satisfied.....	32	34	30	30	36	35	35	33	38
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	15	14	16	15	13	14	9	10	11
Very dissatisfied.....	19	18	17	24	17	15	9	11	10
Does not apply (VOL).....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not sure.....	1	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>	<u>3/96</u>	<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

<sup>1</sup> Data shown does not include the responses of those who say the question does not apply to them (15% of respondents).  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q26 Thinking about the country's economic conditions, have we pretty much hit the bottom, or is there still a ways to go before we hit the bottom?

	<u>8/10</u> **	<u>1/10</u> *	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
Pretty much hit the bottom .....	29	31	29	35	27	<b>[263]</b>
Still ways to go .....	64	53	58	52	58	
Hit bottom already (VOL) .....	3	13	8	9	10	
Not sure .....	4	3	5	4	5	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).  
\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q27 Congress will soon decide whether to keep in place the existing tax cuts enacted during President Bush's time in office, or allow them to expire. Which of the following options would be acceptable to you or not acceptable to you?

TABLE RANKED BY % ACCEPTABLE

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not Acceptable</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Keep in place all the tax cuts for all Americans for one more year until the economy recovers. ....	71	25	4
Keep in place the tax cuts only for families earning less than \$250,000 per year. * .....	66	31	3
Eliminate the tax cuts for families earning more than \$250,000 per year. ....	46	51	3
Keep in place all the tax cuts permanently. ....	45	50	5
Eliminate all the tax cuts permanently. ....	24	72	4

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

**Now thinking about the situation in Afghanistan...**

Q28 Do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Afghanistan will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>12/09*</u>	<u>9/09</u>
More confident.....	23	30	28
Less confident.....	68	58	59
Depends (VOL) .....	3	5	6
Not sure.....	6	7	7

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q29 If the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan how much of a threat do you think this would be to American national security? Would it be a...

	<u>8/10</u>
Very serious threat.....	51
Fairly serious threat .....	21
Just a somewhat serious threat .....	19
Not so serious threat .....	8
Not sure.....	1

**Now, thinking about Iraq...**

Q30 Do you think the war in Iraq has been very successful, somewhat successful, somewhat unsuccessful, or very unsuccessful?

	<u>8/10</u>	<u>12/09*</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>7/08+</u>
Very successful.....	6	7	11	7
Somewhat successful .....	44	50	42	36
Somewhat unsuccessful .....	21	18	17	19
Very unsuccessful.....	27	22	27	34
Not sure .....	2	3	3	4

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.



**And, on offshore drilling...**

Q31 Do you support or oppose a proposal to allow more drilling for oil off the coast of the United States? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, THEN ASK) And, do you strongly (support/oppose) or just somewhat (support/oppose) this?

	8/10**	6/10	5/6-10/10
Strongly support .....	34	29	34
Somewhat support.....	23	24	26
Somewhat oppose .....	16	17	12
Strongly oppose.....	24	25	22
Not sure .....	3	5	6

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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

QF1a Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	86
Not registered.....	13
Not sure.....	1

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?

<b>Yes, Voted</b>	
Voted for Barack Obama.....	40
Voted for John McCain.....	32
Voted for someone else .....	6
Not sure.....	4
<b>No, Did Not Vote</b>	
Not sure.....	-

QF1d And did you happen to vote in the 2006 election for U.S. Congress?

Yes, voted .....	62
No, did not vote.....	33
Not sure.....	5

QF2 Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do? (RECORD UNDER "6--OTHER.") (IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<b>Currently Employed</b>	
Professional, manager.....	29
White-collar worker.....	15
Blue-collar worker.....	13
Farmer, rancher.....	-
<b>Not Currently Employed</b>	
Student.....	5
Homemaker.....	7
Retired.....	20
Unemployed, looking for work .....	8
Other .....	1
Not sure.....	2

QF3 What is the last grade that you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CHOICES.)**

Grade school.....	1
Some high school.....	6
High school graduate .....	24
Some college, no degree .....	18
Vocational training/2-year college .....	10
4-year college/bachelor's degree .....	23
Some postgraduate work, no degree .....	3
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree .....	11
Doctoral/law degree .....	4
Not sure/refused.....	-

QF4 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as **(ROTATE:)** a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY 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? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat .....	20
Not very strong Democrat .....	10
Independent/lean Democrat .....	12
Strictly Independent.....	16
Independent/lean Republican.....	14
Not very strong Republican .....	8
Strong Republican.....	13
Other (VOL).....	5
Not sure.....	2

QF5 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
Somewhat liberal.....	14
Moderate .....	38
Somewhat conservative .....	19
Very conservative.....	16
Not sure.....	4

QF6 How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship? **(READ LIST.)**

Never.....	19
Once a year.....	7
A few times a year.....	19
Once a month.....	7
About twice a month.....	9
Once a week or more often .....	38
Not sure.....	1

F7a/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 .....	13
Union household .....	8
Non-union household .....	78
Not sure.....	1

QF8 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 .....	7
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000 .....	10
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 .....	8
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 .....	9
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 .....	8
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 .....	17
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000 .....	13
More than \$100,000 .....	20
Not sure/refused .....	8

Interviews: 1000 adults, including 200 reached by cell phone

Date: August 5-9, 2010

Study #10651  
NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey

48 Male  
52 Female

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

**The margin of error for 1000 interviews is  $\pm 3.10\%$**

**Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.**

Now, I'm going to read you several possibilities for dealing with the federal budget deficit. For each one please tell me whether this would be acceptable to you or not acceptable to you.

TABLE RANKED BY % ACCEPTABLE

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not Acceptable</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Reform Medicare so that it is more need-based, providing larger subsidies for low-income seniors and smaller subsidies for seniors who make above a certain income level. ** .....	74	23	3
Increase federal taxes on multinational corporations.* .....	72	25	3
Cap Medicare and Medicaid payments to physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers so that they can increase only at the rate of growth in the overall economy.** .....	64	31	5
Make annual income over \$107,000 per person subject to Social Security taxes paid by both employers and employees. ** .....	58	36	6
Increase federal taxes for families earning more than \$250,000 per year.** .....	55	43	2
Reduce spending on national security and defense weapons systems.* .....	41	57	2
Increase the Medicare payroll taxes paid by both employers and employees.* .....	40	56	4
Phase in an increase in the normal retirement age to 70 over the next two decades and then tie future increases in the retirement age to life expectancy estimates to reduce Social Security costs.* .....	36	62	2
Gradually increase the eligibility age for Medicare from 65 to 70 and then tie future age increases to life expectancy estimates.** .....	33	65	2
Enact a new national sales tax, called a Value Added Tax, on certain consumer goods and services.* .....	32	63	5
Reduce federal spending on public education.** .....	22	78	-
Increase federal taxes for all Americans.* .....	20	77	3

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now, let me read you two different proposals for dealing with the federal deficit. For each one, please tell me How acceptable this would be for you using a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is not acceptable at all and 5 is very acceptable. Of course you can choose any number from 1 to 5.

	<b>Very Acceptable Rating</b>			<b>Not Acceptable Rating</b>		<b>Cannot Rate</b>
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>
This proposal would raise income taxes on families earning over \$250,000, and raise taxes on multinational corporations. This proposal would also reduce spending on national defense weapons systems, and pay hospitals and doctors less for treatments for Medicare and Medicaid patients. ....	19	17	22	14	26	2
This proposal would favor avoiding tax increases as much as possible, and rely primarily on cutting spending. This proposal would also cut spending on benefit programs like Medicare and Medicaid as well as federal aid to city and state governments for programs in the areas of education and transportation. ....	14	11	25	17	33	-

Now, if there were a measure on the ballot that stated in order for the federal budget to be balanced, there would be cuts in every single program including national defense, education, border control, assistance for the elderly and disabled, and environmental protection—would you vote for or against such a measure?

	<u>8/10*</u>
Vote for it .....	26
Vote against it.....	71
Not sure .....	3

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).