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**NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey  
Study #6094  
April 23-26, 2009**

<b>Margins of Error for Subsample Questions</b>		
<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Subsample</b>	<b>Margin Of Error (+/-)</b>
6, 8, 14, 20a, 21, 34a, 37	Half sample (Form A)	4.4
6, 14, 20b, 22, 34b	Half sample (Form B)	4.4
27	Respondents who do <i>not</i> say the question "does not apply" to them	3.6

Interviews: **1,005 adults**, including  
100 reached by cell phone  
Date: April 23-26, 2009

**FINAL**

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48 Male 52 Female <b>[109]</b>
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***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

<b><i>The margin of error for 1,005 interviews is ± 3.1%</i></b>
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1. 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	<b>[140-141]</b>
25-29 .....	7	
30-34 .....	10	
35-39 .....	6	
40-44 .....	7	
45-49 .....	10	
50-54 .....	8	
55-59 .....	10	
60-64 .....	11	
65-69 .....	8	
70-74 .....	6	
75 and over.....	8	
Not sure/refused .....	1	

2a. 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	<b>[142]</b>
No, not Hispanic .....	89	
Not sure/refused .....	-	

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

White .....	75	<b>[143]</b>
Black.....	12	

Asian .....	1
Other .....	4
Hispanic (VOL) .....	7
Not sure/refused .....	1

3. 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>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	
Headed in the right direction .....	43	41	26	26	12	12	72	12	<b>[144]</b>
Off on the wrong track .....	43	44	59	60	78	77	11	78	
Mixed (VOL) .....	10	9	9	10	7	9	11	7	
Not sure .....	4	6	6	4	3	2	6	3	
		<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>	<u>1/08+</u>	
		16	18	13	16	15	20	20	
		73	67	74	71	73	66	68	
		9	12	10	11	10	11	9	
		2	3	3	2	2	3	3	
		<u>6/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
		19	28	27	31	34	40	36	
		68	57	61	57	52	47	48	
		11	13	10	10	12	10	14	
		2	2	2	2	2	3	2	
		<u>1/04</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
		47	42	36	52	62	52	43	
		43	44	47	31	20	32	35	
		6	9	14	14	14	11	11	
		4	4	3	3	4	5	11	

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

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<i>George W. Bush</i> <u>4/01</u>	<i>Bill Clinton</i> <u>4/93</u>	
Approve .....	61	60	56	52	<b>[145]</b>
Disapprove .....	30	26	30	34	
Not sure .....	9	14	14	14	

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

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
Approve .....	55	56	<b>[146]</b>
Disapprove .....	37	31	
Not sure .....	8	13	

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

Approve .....	56	<b>[147]</b>
Disapprove .....	31	
Not sure .....	13	

4d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	
Approve .....	28	31	23	21	12	13	15	61	12	<b>[148]</b>
Disapprove .....	58	54	68	69	79	78	73	28	79	
Not sure .....	14	15	9	10	9	9	12	11	9	
		<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>			
		15	13	18	23	31	23			
		75	79	70	64	53	64			
		10	8	12	13	16	13			
		<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>5/03+</u>			
		29	28	41	40	46	43			
		56	55	40	42	41	43			
		15	17	19	18	13	14			
		<u>1/03</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/00+</u>			
		42	43	54	47	48	43			
		39	41	29	34	35	46			
		19	16	17	19	17	11			
		<u>1/00</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>						
		48	40	50						
		36	42	40						
		16	18	10						

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5. America has recently been going through a difficult time. Do you feel that the worst is over or is the worst still to come?

Worst is over.....	29	<b>[149]</b>
Worst is still to come.....	62	
Not sure.....	9	

6. 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.

	<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>							<b>[150]</b>
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 24-25, 2008+.....	24	25	18	16	16	1	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	25	26	18	13	15	3	
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	
<b>George W. Bush</b>							
April 2001.....	36	22	15	13	14	-	
<b>Bill Clinton</b>							
April 1993 .....	25	27	18	13	16	1	

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Q.6 (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>							<b>[151/156]</b>
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	
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	
<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.6 (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>							<b>[152/157]</b>
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	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001 .....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
February 2009 .....	7	19	24	25	22	3	
<b>Michelle Obama</b>							<b>[153/158]</b>
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	

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Q.6 (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>John McCain</b>						
April 2009 * .....	12	30	25	18	13	2
February 2009.....	13	29	28	15	12	3
December 2008 .....	11	30	25	21	12	1
October 17-20, 2008+ .....	19	25	16	18	21	1
October 4-5, 2008+ .....	18	25	16	18	21	2
September 19-22, 2008+ .....	22	24	15	17	21	1
September 6-8, 2008+ .....	25	25	16	15	18	1
August 2008+.....	14	31	21	16	17	1
July 2008+ .....	13	29	26	16	14	2
June 2008+ .....	11	28	25	19	15	2
April 2008+.....	11	29	27	17	13	3
March 24-25, 2008+.....	14	31	26	15	10	4
March 7-10, 2008+.....	15	32	23	15	12	3
January 2008 .....	14	31	26	15	7	7
December 2007 .....	10	29	26	21	7	7
November 2007 .....	8	27	31	19	7	8
September 2007 .....	9	27	26	18	11	9
July 2007.....	7	28	25	20	9	11
April 2007.....	11	31	27	15	7	9
March 2007.....	12	31	25	15	9	8
December 2006 .....	13	33	22	16	4	12
June 2006 .....	11	29	29	11	5	15
April 2006.....	12	27	28	13	6	14
August 2004+ .....	18	33	26	8	4	11
July 2004+ .....	19	30	30	9	2	10
May 2004+ .....	20	30	26	8	5	11

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<i>High</i>						
August 2004+ .....	18	33	26	8	4	11
<i>Low</i>						
October 1999 .....	9	20	22	5	2	42

**Sarah Palin**

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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

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

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Q.6 (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>George W. Bush</b>						
April 2009 **	9	17	15	16	41	2
January 2009	13	18	11	17	41	-
December 2008	11	20	10	16	43	-
October 17-20, 2008+	11	18	11	15	45	-
October 4-5, 2008+	12	18	12	13	45	-
September 19-22, 2008+	13	17	11	13	46	-
September 6-8, 2008+	15	18	12	14	41	-
August 2008+	15	19	11	15	40	-
July 2008+	14	18	10	16	42	-
June 2008+	11	19	10	16	44	-
April 2008+	12	19	13	14	42	-
March 24-25, 2008+	16	17	12	13	41	1
March 7-10, 2008+	16	18	10	12	43	1
January 2008	14	18	10	17	40	1
June 2007	12	20	11	15	42	-
January 2007	17	18	12	17	35	1
June 2006	18	21	9	15	37	-
January 2006	24	17	12	13	33	1
July 2005	27	20	10	15	28	-
January 2005	32	19	9	15	25	-
June 2004+	33	15	8	14	30	-
January 2004	38	17	8	13	24	-
July 2003	38	21	9	14	17	-
January 2003	36	20	12	16	16	-
June 2002	43	27	11	10	9	-
January 2002	53	26	10	7	4	-
June 2001	30	23	16	15	15	1
January 2001	25	25	18	13	17	2
<i>High</i>						
December 2001	54	26	9	6	5	-
<i>Low</i>						
October 17-20, 2008+	11	18	11	15	45	-

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Q.6 (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>Dick Cheney</b>						
April 2009 ** .....	8	10	23	15	39	5
December 2008.....	7	14	18	18	40	3
August 2008+ .....	7	18	17	15	40	3
June 2008+.....	6	17	18	14	44	1
January 2008.....	7	17	17	15	39	5
July 2007 .....	9	15	19	15	39	3
January 2007.....	9	20	21	15	31	4
September 2006+.....	13	21	15	15	35	1
March 2006 .....	12	18	17	17	33	3
December 2005.....	13	20	15	17	32	3
November 2005.....	10	17	19	16	33	5
January 2005.....	19	23	15	18	23	2
December 2004.....	18	24	13	13	28	4
October 2004+.....	24	20	12	11	31	2
September 2004+ .....	21	20	13	12	31	3
August 2004+ .....	18	20	16	12	30	4
July 2004+ .....	16	20	19	14	28	3
June 2004+.....	17	22	17	13	27	4
May 2004+.....	18	21	16	13	29	3
March 2004 .....	17	22	18	14	22	6
December 13, 2003.....	18	24	14	13	23	8
September 2002.....	23	27	21	12	12	5
December 2001.....	36	27	23	3	6	5
October 2000+ .....	25	24	26	8	9	8
<i>High</i>						
February 1991+.....	33	33	13	2	2	17
<i>Low</i>						
December 2008.....	7	14	18	18	40	3

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**Thinking ahead for a moment. . .**

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

	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/1- 2/08+</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>	
Republican-controlled Congress....	39	36	36	37	36	36	33	34	<b>[161]</b>
Democrat-controlled Congress .....	48	48	49	50	47	49	52	49	
Not sure .....	13	16	15	13	17	15	15	17	
		<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	
		35	37	37	39	39	38	38	
		49	52	52	48	48	48	49	
		16	11	11	13	13	14	13	
		<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	
		39	37	38	38	37	39	40	
		45	50	47	46	48	48	45	
		16	13	15	16	15	13	15	
		<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
		40	43	42	42	41	42	42	
		47	44	46	44	44	45	43	
		13	13	12	14	15	13	15	
		<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>	<u>12/99</u>
		42	43	42	43	42	44	42	40
		42	42	42	41	41	40	40	44
		16	15	16	16	17	16	18	16
		<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>	<u>7/98</u>
		39	39	42	41	37	41	40	41
		41	43	41	40	43	43	39	40
		20	18	17	19	20	16	21	19
		<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/99</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>
		39	41	41	40	41	41	45	44
		40	40	37	42	37	39	39	38
		21	19	22	18	22	20	16	18

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8. I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

**Statement A:** Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people, OR

**Statement B:** Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

	<u>4/09</u> *	<u>2/09</u>	10/4- <u>5/08+</u>	9/19- <u>22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	
A/Government should do more .....	47	51	47	48	53	<b>[162]</b>
B/Government is doing too many things ....	46	40	45	42	42	
Some of both (VOL) .....	6	7	7	8	NA	
Not sure .....	1	2	1	2	5	
	<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95</u> <sup>1</sup>	
	55	52	45	41	32	
	38	40	43	51	62	
	6	6	9	5	NA	
	1	2	3	3	6	

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

<sup>1</sup> In December 1995, this question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

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**Now, switching topics. . .**

- 9a. When you look at the first one hundred days of Barack Obama's presidency, would you say that he is off to a great start, a good start, only a fair start, or a poor start?

Great start.....	19	<b>[163]</b>
Good start .....	35	
Only a fair start .....	25	
Poor start.....	21	
Not sure.....	-	

- 9b. In looking at what President Obama is doing in terms of his leadership and plans for the country, do you feel more hopeful or more doubtful?

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
More hopeful.....	64	67	<b>[164]</b>
More doubtful.....	30	28	
Mixed (VOL) .....	5	4	
Not sure .....	1	1	

10. Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? (**IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:**) Well, if you had to choose just one statement, which would you choose?

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	
Like personally and approve most policies.....	51	55	<b>[165]</b>
Like personally but disapprove of many policies .....	30	22	
Don't like personally, approve most of policies .....	3	5	
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies .....	12	10	
None of these (VOL) .....	2	3	
Not sure .....	2	5	

11. Which of the following best describes your feeling about how Barack Obama will do during his presidency--optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>10/08<sup>1+</sup></u>	
Optimistic and confident .....	30	32	27	<b>[166]</b>
Satisfied and hopeful.....	32	34	29	
Uncertain and wondering .....	23	24	21	
Pessimistic and worried.....	15	9	22	
Not sure.....	-	1	1	

<sup>1</sup>In October 2008, this question was phrased "Which of the following best describes how you would feel how you would feel if Barack Obama were elected president...?"  
 + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12. 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>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Extremely confident .....	25	29	30	<b>[167]</b>
Quite confident .....	27	25	24	
Only somewhat confident .....	25	30	29	
Not at all confident.....	23	15	16	
Not sure .....	-	1	1	

13. Do you think that in his first one hundred days in office Barack Obama has accomplished a great deal, a fair amount, only some, or very little?

Accomplished a great deal .....	28	<b>[168]</b>
Accomplished a fair amount .....	31	
Accomplished only some.....	20	
Accomplished very little .....	20	
Not sure.....	1	

14. How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "five" means a very good rating, a "one" means a very poor rating, and a "three" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
<b>His personality and the kind of family man that he is</b>							[171/209]
April 2009.....	64	18	10	3	4	1	
<b>Being easygoing and likable</b>							[213]
April 2009 **.....	60	21	8	5	5	1	
January 2009.....	54	23	16	2	3	2	
June 2008+.....	37	32	18	7	5	1	
March 2008+.....	39	30	17	5	7	2	
November 2007+.....	34	30	21	6	5	4	
<b>Being an inspirational and exciting president</b>							[178]
April 2009 *.....	50	19	16	6	9	-	
January 2009 <sup>2</sup> .....	54	21	14	5	6	-	
June 2008+.....	40	21	16	11	11	1	
March 2008+.....	36	20	19	10	13	2	
November 2007+.....	21	21	29	10	15	4	
<b>Having strong leadership qualities</b>							[177]
April 2009 *.....	46	22	15	8	9	-	
January 2009 <sup>1</sup> .....	44	26	16	6	7	1	
June 2008+.....	23	24	30	10	12	1	
March 2008.....	24	22	27	9	16	2	
November 2007+.....	15	24	28	14	15	4	
<b>Being compassionate enough to understand average people</b>							[175]
April 2009 *.....	46	21	16	8	9	-	
January 2009.....	48	22	17	6	6	1	
June 2008+.....	32	29	21	7	9	2	
March 2008.....	35	24	23	8	8	2	
November 2007+.....	27	27	26	8	7	5	
<b>Being firm and decisive in his decision-making</b>							[218]
April 2009 **.....	34	31	15	9	10	1	
January 2009.....	37	26	20	4	9	4	
<b>Being honest and straightforward</b>							[176]
April 2009 *.....	40	24	14	7	13	2	
January 2009.....	41	22	20	6	8	3	
June 2008+.....	25	27	22	12	13	1	
March 2008.....	29	24	22	7	14	4	
November 2007+.....	26	25	27	8	9	5	
<b>Improving America's image around the world</b>							[217]
April 2009 **.....	45	18	14	7	15	1	
<b>Willing to work with people whose viewpoints are different from his own</b>							[211]
April 2009 **.....	42	20	16	8	12	2	

<sup>1</sup>Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president."

<sup>2</sup>Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Being inspirational and an exciting choice for president."

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.14 (cont'd)	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
<b>Achieving his goals</b>							[216]
April 2009 **	25	35	25	5	8	2	
January 2009	32	24	24	9	5	6	
<b>Can be trusted to keep his word</b>							[212]
April 2009 **	34	24	14	9	17	2	
<b>Uniting the country</b>							[215]
April 2009 **	28	29	19	8	15	1	
January 2009	36	24	22	9	7	2	
<b>Bringing real change to the direction of the country</b>							[174]
April 2009 *	32	24	20	8	15	1	
January 2009	34	24	25	9	6	2	
June 2008+	21	32	26	9	11	1	
March 2008	26	24	20	10	17	3	
November 2007+	18	19	31	13	13	6	
<b>Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency</b>							[169/180]
April 2009	31	25	19	10	15	-	
January 2009	26	25	23	11	14	1	
June 2008+	10	20	32	15	22	1	
March 2008	11	17	30	14	25	3	
November 2007+	11	18	28	17	21	5	
<b>Representing traditional American values</b>							[214]
April 2009 **	35	20	15	10	18	2	
January 2009	36	24	17	9	12	2	
<b>Being a good commander-in-chief</b>							[170/208]
April 2009	33	22	20	8	15	2	
January 2009	32	23	20	8	12	5	
June 2008+	13	20	26	15	24	2	
March 2008+	19	22	28	13	16	2	
November 2007+	12	17	30	15	21	5	
<b>Having the ability to handle a crisis</b>							[179]
April 2009 *	31	23	20	9	14	3	
January 2009	25	21	25	14	9	6	
<b>Sharing your positions on the issues</b>							[210]
April 2009 **	26	22	21	11	19	1	
January 2009	29	23	22	12	13	1	
June 2008+	21	18	23	14	23	1	
March 2008+	18	21	23	13	21	4	
November 2007+	13	20	28	12	21	6	
<b>Changing business as usual in Washington</b>							[172]
April 2009 *	22	25	22	11	16	4	
<b>Appointing qualified people to serve in government positions</b>							[173]
April 2009 *	20	27	20	10	22	1	

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

15. Would you describe Barack Obama as liberal, moderate, or conservative? **(IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:)** And would you say Barack Obama is very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	<u>4/09**</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>3/08</u>	
Very liberal.....	36	27	33	35	30	[219]
Somewhat liberal.....	23	22	23	23	25	
Moderate.....	30	37	29	24	24	
Somewhat conservative.....	4	3	5	6	5	
Very conservative.....	3	4	3	3	3	
Not sure.....	4	7	7	9	13	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).  
 + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(Q.16 AND Q.17 ARE ROTATED.)**

16. Thinking about the events of the past one hundred days, which one or two of the following has made you feel most positive about President Obama? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, SAY:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Reaching out to other nations and attempting to improve the United States' standing in the world.....	31	<b>[220-221]</b>
Willing to simultaneously deal with the issues of the economy, health care, and energy .....	25	>
His personal style and the kind of family atmosphere he has created .....	20	
Working to improve the economy .....	19	
Reaching across party lines to work with Republicans .....	12	
Providing loans to the American Automobile companies to help them survive .....	7	
Appointing talented people to his administration .....	8	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	8	
Not sure .....	1	

17. Thinking about the events of the past one hundred days, which one or two of the following has made you feel most negative about President Obama? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, SAY:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Not being tough enough on the banks, financial companies, and Wall Street firms .....	36	<b>[222-223]</b>
Spending too much and increasing the budget deficit.....	31	>
Being too willing to compromise with countries like Cuba, Venezuela and Iran .....	19	
Trying to take on too many issues.....	16	
Too much publicity about the personal lives of the president and his family .....	9	
Not working cooperatively with Republicans .....	6	
Being too focused on international issues .....	4	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	2	

**(Q.18 AND Q.19 ARE ROTATED.)**

18. When it comes to how President Obama has dealt with the Republicans in Congress, would you say that he has been too stubborn, too willing to compromise, or that he has struck the right balance?

Too stubborn .....	25	<b>[224]</b>
Too willing to compromise .....	14	
Has struck the right balance .....	48	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	10	

19. When it comes to how the Republicans in Congress have dealt with President Obama, would you say that they have been too stubborn, too willing to compromise, or that they have struck the right balance?

Too stubborn .....	55	<b>[225]</b>
Too willing to compromise .....	15	
Has struck the right balance .....	19	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	8	

20a. Let me read you a series of actions taken by President Obama since he was inaugurated. For each one, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of this action. \*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY APPROVE*

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dismissing GM's chief executive and requiring big changes in the company's business plans as a condition for federal government loans.....	66	29	5	<b>[227]</b>
Sending twenty-one thousand additional troops to Afghanistan.....	61	33	6	<b>[230]</b>
Expanding government funding for research using embryonic stem cells ....	61	34	5	<b>[228]</b>
Ordering closure of the Guantanamo Bay prison for terror suspects .....	42	50	8	<b>[226]</b>
Releasing previously secret memos giving details of harsh interrogation methods used by the CIA on terror suspects .....	40	53	7	<b>[229]</b>

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

20b. Let me read you a series of proposals that President Obama has suggested since he was inaugurated. For each one, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of this proposal. \*\*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY APPROVE*

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Making it easier for schools to dismiss teachers who are shown to be poor performers .....	78	15	7	<b>[232]</b>
Spending one hundred twenty billion dollars in government funds over the next decade to develop clean-energy technology .....	68	27	5	<b>[235]</b>
Talking directly to the Iranian government .....	62	32	6	<b>[234]</b>
Charging a fee to companies that emit greenhouse gases, which might result in higher utility bills, and using the money to provide tax cuts for middle-income Americans.....	58	35	7	<b>[233]</b>
Using government funds to expand health insurance coverage, and raising taxes on wealthier Americans to pay for it	56	37	7	<b>[231]</b>

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

21. Would you approve or disapprove of a proposal that would require companies to reduce greenhouse gases that cause global warming, even if it would mean higher utility bills for consumers to pay for the changes? \*

Approve .....	53	<b>[236]</b>
Disapprove .....	40	
Not sure .....	7	

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

22. Do you think that, as a country, we are more safe, about as safe, or less safe than we were before the terrorist attacks of September eleventh, 2001?

	<u>4/09**</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
More safe than we were before .....	29	33	34	42	31	41	38	<b>[237]</b>
About as safe as we were before .....	40	33	27	32	37	31	41	
Less safe than we were before .....	28	32	37	23	31	27	20	
Not sure .....	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

23. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today—are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>2/09</u>	
Very satisfied.....	2	1	2	2	5	31	1	<b>[238]</b>
Somewhat satisfied.....	16	6	8	12	27	55	6	
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	30	22	25	28	28	10	22	
Very dissatisfied.....	52	70	65	58	40	3	70	
Not sure .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	

  

	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	
	10	6	3	4	2	4	6	
	33	45	33	27	32	42	44	
	32	30	38	37	41	39	33	
	25	18	25	31	24	14	15	
	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	

  

	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
	4	5	18	29	23	26	27	
	43	47	57	52	53	54	55	
	39	32	18	12	17	13	12	
	13	15	6	6	7	6	5	
	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	

  

	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	
	31	18	13	10	13	9	7	
	55	52	52	51	45	51	49	
	10	20	23	27	27	27	30	
	3	8	10	10	13	11	12	
	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	

  

	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	
	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	
	43	43	39	37	39	40	41	
	32	38	37	38	35	37	38	
	18	14	19	19	21	18	15	
	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	

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

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	
Economy will get better.....	38	36	38	25	21	19	16	21	<b>[239]</b>
Economy will get worse .....	30	28	20	43	49	45	31	16	
Economy will stay about the same.....	30	34	37	28	27	29	49	60	
Not sure.....	2	2	5	4	3	7	4	3	
		<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
		22	16	17	24	24	26	28	
		22	39	44	27	30	34	30	
		51	43	36	46	42	37	36	
		5	2	3	3	4	3	6	
		<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
		43	43	24	43	42	44	50	
		17	10	27	13	16	18	10	
		36	33	46	33	34	35	37	
		4	14	3	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.

25a. Looking at President Obama's first one hundred days, do you feel that he and his administration have had a clear and sharp focus on the economy, or do you feel that President Obama and his administration have been trying to take on too many other issues at the same time?

Have had a clear and sharp focus on the economy .....	43	<b>[240]</b>
Trying to take on too many other issues .....	52	
Not sure .....	5	

25b. Do you think that the recently passed economic stimulus legislation is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u> <sup>1</sup>	
Good idea .....	38	44	43	<b>[241]</b>
Bad idea .....	39	36	27	
Do not have an opinion .....	18	15	24	
Not sure .....	5	5	6	

<sup>1</sup>In January 2009, the question was phrased, "... recently proposed economic stimulus legislation ..."

26a. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today—are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	<u>4/09</u>		<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>2/09</u>	
Very satisfied .....	14	<b>Skip to Q.27</b>	15	15	17	21	26	15	<b>[242]</b>
Somewhat satisfied .....	44		35	41	42	46	52	35	
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	22	<b>CONTINUE</b>	23	22	20	17	14	23	
Very dissatisfied .....	19		26	22	21	16	7	26	
Not sure .....	1		1	-	-	-	1	1	
			<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
			19	17	18	16	19	21	
			50	44	40	47	50	50	
			18	21	23	24	19	17	
			13	17	19	13	12	11	
			1	1	-	-	-	1	
			<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
			25	21	22	25	26	20	
			51	53	50	51	52	51	
			13	14	18	13	14	16	
			10	11	10	10	7	12	
			1	1	-	1	1	1	
			<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>		
			19	16	17	16	13		
			49	50	48	50	48		
			17	20	20	21	24		
			14	13	14	12	14		
			1	1	1	1	1		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY SOMEWHAT SATISFIED, DISSATISFIED, OR NOT SURE IN Q26a.)**

26b. When it comes to your own financial situation, do you feel that the worst is over or the worst is still to come?<sup>1</sup>

Worst is over.....	38	<b>[243]</b>
Worst is still to come.....	39	
Not sure.....	9	
Very satisfied (Q.26a).....	14	

<sup>1</sup> This question asked of 861 respondents.

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

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
Very satisfied.....	32	35	46	45	40	41	38	<b>[244]</b>
Somewhat satisfied .....	36	35	35	33	38	37	36	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	13	14	9	10	11	10	12	
Very dissatisfied .....	17	15	9	11	10	11	13	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	
		37	36	37	38	36	30	
		40	38	39	37	37	31	
		12	13	10	12	14	10	
		11	12	13	12	12	10	
		-	1	1	1	1	19	

\* Data shown does not include the responses of those who say the question does not apply to them (24% of respondents).  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28. Thinking about the economic conditions that you and your family face, which one of the following elements has the greatest effect on you personally?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	
Savings, such as the drop in the stock market or savings for retirement <sup>1</sup> .....	24	25	23	7	<b>[245]</b>
Employment, such as job security and wages .....	22	16	13	8	
Health care, such as the cost of health insurance and prescriptions .....	18	16	13	18	
Inflation, such as the cost of groceries .....	14	21	15	21	
Energy, such as the cost of gasoline and utilities .....	11	11	25	37	
Housing, such as home values and the mortgage market .....	9	9	9	6	
Not sure .....	2	2	2	3	

<sup>1</sup>Prior to December 2008, the item was phrased, "Savings, such as savings for retirement or college."  
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

29. How much have you been affected personally by the downturn in the economy--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or not at all?

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/01</u>	
Affected a great deal.....	23	23	22	12	<b>[246]</b>
Affected quite a bit .....	23	20	20	12	
Affected just some.....	41	42	42	40	
Not affected at all .....	13	15	16	36	
Not sure .....	-	-	-	-	

<sup>1</sup>In January 2009, the question was phrased, "...the slowdown in the economy..."

30. There has been a lot of talk recently about the budget deficit. In thinking about the budget deficit, which comes closer to your point of view? Do you think of the budget deficit as being
- A real and important number that has a direct effect on the average citizen, OR
- More of a bookkeeping and governmental number that does not have a direct effect on the average citizen?

	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	
Real and important.....	68	61	<b>[247]</b>
More of a bookkeeping and governmental number.....	27	32	
Not sure.....	5	7	

**Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about health care. . .**

31. Do you think the American health care system needs a complete overhaul, major reform, minor reform, or is there no need for change?

Complete overhaul .....	33	<b>[248]</b>
Major reform .....	37	
Minor reform .....	21	
No need for change .....	7	
Not sure.....	2	

32. 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.

Good idea.....	33	<b>[249]</b>
Bad idea .....	26	
Do not have an opinion.....	34	
Not sure.....	7	

33. And from what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you believe it will result in the quality of your health care getting better, worse, or staying about the same as now? If you do not have an opinion, please just say so.

Quality will get better .....	22	<b>[250]</b>
Quality will get worse .....	24	
Quality will stay the same .....	29	
Do not have an opinion.....	20	
Not sure.....	5	

- 34a. Which one of the following do you think the president and Congress should be most focused on addressing---the cost of health care, or people who are not covered by insurance? \*

The cost of health care .....	39	<b>[251]</b>
People who are not covered by insurance.....	42	
Both equally (VOL) .....	16	
Not sure .....	3	

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

34b. Which one of the following do you think the president's health care plan is most focused on addressing—the cost of health care, or people who are not covered by insurance? \*\*

The cost of health care .....	12	<b>[252]</b>
People who are not covered by insurance.....	69	
Both equally (VOL) .....	12	
Not sure .....	7	

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

35. Now I am going to tell you more about the health care plan President Obama proposed and please tell me whether you would favor or oppose it.

The plan requires that health insurance companies cover people with pre-existing medical conditions. It also requires all but the smallest employers to provide health coverage for their employees, or pay a percentage of their payroll to help fund coverage for the uninsured. Families and individuals with lower- and middle-incomes would receive tax credits to help them afford insurance coverage. Some of the funding for this plan would come from raising taxes on wealthier Americans.

Do you favor or oppose this plan?

Favor .....	56	<b>[253]</b>
Oppose.....	33	
Depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	5	

**I'd like to briefly ask you about just a couple of other issues. . .**

36a. Recently there have been a series of articles about the interrogation techniques used during the time of the Bush administration. Based on everything you've seen, read, or heard, do you think the United States used methods of torture or not? If you don't know enough about this to have an opinion just say so.

Yes, used methods of torture.....	53	<b>[254]</b>
No, did not use methods of torture.....	30	
Don't know enough to have an opinion .....	15	
Not sure .....	2	

36b. Which statement better represents your view

**Statement A:** Harsh interrogation techniques helped the U.S. by extracting valuable information to stop terrorism, OR

**Statement B:** Harsh interrogation techniques hurt the U.S. by undermining its moral authority and inflaming anger in the Islamic world.

<b>Statement A</b> /Helped by extracting valuable information.....	46	<b>[255]</b>
<b>Statement B</b> /Hurt by undermining moral authority .....	42	
Both (VOL) .....	6	
Not sure .....	6	

36c. Do you think that there should be a criminal investigation about whether torture was committed during the time of the Bush administration or not?

Yes, should be investigation .....	33	<b>[256]</b>
No, should not be an investigation....	61	
Not sure.....	6	

36d. Suppose that there is a criminal investigation, please tell me whether the following people should be or should not be included in any criminal investigation about whether torture was committed during these interrogations?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION*

	Should Be Included In Criminal <u>Investigation</u>	Should NOT Be Included In Any Criminal <u>Investigation</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Bush administration lawyers who wrote the memos .....	53	40	7	<b>[259]</b>
The intelligence agencies who directed the interrogations.....	53	42	5	<b>[261]</b>
Dick Cheney .....	49	44	7	<b>[258]</b>
George W. Bush .....	48	47	5	<b>[257]</b>
The people who conducted the interrogations .....	43	52	5	<b>[260]</b>

**Moving along. . .**

37. Do you favor or oppose a law to ban the sale of assault weapons and semiautomatic rifles? \*

	<u>4/09*</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>7/90</u>	
Favor .....	53	75	73	<b>[262]</b>
Oppose.....	41	22	23	
Not sure.....	6	3	4	

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

38. As you may have heard, Congress is debating legislation that would change the way in which workers unionize. This change would allow workers at a company to join a labor union if a majority of workers at that company sign a petition saying they want to form a union, rather than by requiring the vote take place in a federally supervised secret ballot election as they do now. Would you favor or oppose passing this legislation?

Favor .....	42	<b>[263]</b>
Oppose.....	45	
Not sure.....	13	

**Getting near the end of the survey. . .**

39. Let me read you a number of personal elements that Americans have learned about Barack Obama and his family during the first one hundred days. Please tell me which one or two most impressed you, or do you feel there has been too much emphasis on style and personality and it has diminished attention from his job? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, SAY:)** Well, if you had to choose just two, which would you choose?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Too much emphasis on style and personality .....	29	<b>[264-265]</b>
The kind of parents Barack and Michelle Obama have been to their children.....	19	>
The kind of first lady Michelle Obama has been, reaching out to both the young and the elderly .....	16	
The willingness of the Obamas to volunteer and help promote civic service.....	16	
Their promotion of racial diversity and inclusiveness .....	13	
Their new dog, Bo .....	8	
The way Michelle Obama's mother has moved to the White House to help the children .....	8	
All (VOL).....	4	
None (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	4	

**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	<b>[266]</b>
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 .....	43	<b>[267-268]</b>
Voted for John McCain .....	32	
Voted for someone else .....	5	
Not sure .....	6	
Did not vote/not sure .....	14	

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?

Currently Employed

Professional, manager .....	19	<b>[269-270]</b>
White-collar worker .....	20	
Blue-collar worker .....	14	
Farmer, rancher .....	-	

Not Currently Employed

Student .....	3	
Homemaker .....	4	
Retired .....	27	
Unemployed, looking for work .....	9	
Other .....	-	
Not sure .....	4	

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school .....	-	<b>[277-278]</b>
Some high school .....	5	
High school graduate .....	25	
Some college, no degree .....	16	
Vocational training/2-year college .....	12	
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 .....	2	
Not sure/refused .....	3	

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) or not a 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?

Strong Democrat.....	21	<b>[279]</b>
Not very strong Democrat.....	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	12	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	11	
Not very strong Republican.....	7	
Strong Republican.....	13	
Other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	4	

F5. 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.....	11	<b>[280]</b>
Somewhat liberal.....	13	
Moderate.....	35	
Somewhat conservative.....	22	
Very conservative.....	13	
Not sure.....	6	

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	50	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[308]</b>
Catholic.....	25		
Jewish.....	2	<b>Skip to Q.F7</b>	
Muslim.....	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	2		
Other.....	6		
None.....	10	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Not sure/refused.....	5		

**(ASK 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.....	18	<b>[309]</b>
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	42	
Not sure.....	11	
Catholics/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a).....	29	

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

Never.....	17	<b>[310]</b>
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	16	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	11	
Once a week or more often.....	36	
Not sure.....	6	

F8. 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 .....	15	<b>[311-312]</b>
Union household .....	8	
Non-union household .....	73	
Not sure.....	4	

F9. 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	<b>[313]</b>
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	8	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	7	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	15	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	11	
More than \$100,000 .....	18	
Not sure/refused .....	19	