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100 reached by cell phone
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49 Male
51 Female
[109]

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

The margin of error for 1,005 interviews is ± 3.1%

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes, Hispanic	11	[148]
No, not Hispanic	88	
Not sure/refused	1	

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

White	76	[149]
Black	11	
Asian	2	
Other	4	
Hispanic (VOL)	6	
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>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	[150]
Headed in the right direction	39	39	42	43	41	26	72	12	
Off on the wrong track	48	49	46	43	44	59	11	78	
Mixed (VOL)	10	9	9	10	9	9	11	7	
Not sure	3	3	3	4	6	6	6	3	
	<u>12/08</u>	<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>	
	26	12	12	16	18	13	16	15	
	60	78	77	73	67	74	71	73	
	10	7	9	9	12	10	11	10	
	4	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	
	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<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>	
	20	20	25	28	31	31	32	40	
	66	68	63	57	54	57	57	47	
	11	9	9	13	12	10	8	10	
	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	
	<u>9/04+</u>	<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>9/99</u>	
	39	47	38	36	42	62	72	43	
	49	43	50	47	43	20	11	41	
	10	6	8	14	12	14	11	13	
	2	4	4	3	3	4	6	3	

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

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[151]
Approve	51	51	53	56	61	60	
Disapprove	41	40	40	34	30	26	
Not sure	8	9	7	10	9	14	

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

	<u>9/09*</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[152]
Approve	50	49	51	55	56	
Disapprove	42	44	38	37	31	
Not sure	8	7	11	8	13	

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

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

	<u>9/09**</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Approve.....	50	57	54	56	[153]
Disapprove.....	36	33	36	31	
Not sure.....	14	10	10	13	

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

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

								<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	
	<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>9/98</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	[154]
Approve.....	22	24	29	28	31	23	21	61	12	
Disapprove.....	66	63	57	58	54	68	69	28	79	
Not sure.....	12	13	14	14	15	9	10	11	9	
		<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<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>	
		12	13	15	15	13	18	23	31	
		79	78	73	75	79	70	65	53	
		9	9	12	10	8	12	12	16	
	<u>9/06+</u>	<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>		
	20	29	29	41	40	46	39	42		
	65	56	53	40	42	41	45	39		
	15	15	18	19	18	13	16	19		
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>9/99</u>			
	40	54	47	48	46	48	40			
	44	29	34	35	41	36	49			
	16	17	19	17	13	16	11			

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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>	
Barack Obama							[155]
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 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	

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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>	
The Democratic Party							[156]
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	
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>	
The Republican Party							[157]
September 2009.....	5	23	27	22	21	2	
July 2009.....	9	19	29	21	20	2	
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2	
April 2009.....	7	22	25	22	22	2	
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3	
December 2008.....	7	20	20	26	26	1	
October 17-20, 2008+	11	21	18	23	25	2	
October 4-5, 2008+	12	23	17	21	26	1	
September 19-22, 2008+	13	21	18	19	28	1	
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	15	18	25	2	
August 2008+	10	25	22	19	23	1	
July 2008+.....	8	23	20	22	26	1	
June 2008+	7	21	24	22	25	1	
April 2008+.....	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10, 2008+	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008	13	21	26	19	18	3	
November 2007.....	8	24	24	20	22	2	
September 2007.....	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007	10	23	21	23	21	2	
Oct 28-30, 2006+	15	20	16	20	28	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
January 2006	13	24	20	20	22	1	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3	

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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>	
Nancy Pelosi							[158]
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	
Glenn Beck							[159]
September 2009.....	13	11	15	5	14	42	

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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>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>	<u>7/08+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	40	39	39	36	36	37	36	36	[160]
Democrat-controlled Congress	43	46	48	48	49	50	47	49	
Not sure	17	15	13	16	15	13	17	15	
		<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	
		33	34	35	37	39	38	38	
		52	49	49	52	48	48	49	
		15	17	16	11	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>	
		42	43	42	43	42	44	42	
		42	42	42	41	41	40	40	
		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

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

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

	9/09+	7/08+	11/07+	6/07+	10/13- 16/06+	9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8- 11/06+	7/06+	[161]
Deserves to be reelected.....	40	40	39	41	39	38	41	38	
Give new person a chance	49	47	51	48	45	45	43	48	
Not sure	11	13	10	11	16	17	16	14	
		6/06+	3/06+	1/06+	12/05+	11/05+	5/05+	10/04+	
		42	41	41	41	37	42	49	
		45	48	46	44	51	45	34	
		13	11	13	15	12	13	17	
		10/02+	9/02	10/00+	9/00+	6/00+	12/99	10/98+	
		42	41	50	49	49	42	48	
		39	42	35	38	39	47	37	
		19	17	15	13	12	11	15	
		12/97+	10/94+	9/94	5/94	1/94	10/93	9/93	
		41	39	30	34	35	34	37	
		45	49	53	50	47	52	47	
		14	12	17	16	18	14	16	
		7/93	10/92+	9/92+	7/92+	4/92+	2/92+	1/92+	
		30	31	31	27	33	37	42	
		55	56	56	62	57	52	48	
		15	13	13	11	10	11	10	

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9a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. **(IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.9a.)

9b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE (Q.9a)

	Q.9a. Top Priority				Q.9a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities			
	9/09	7/09	6/09		9/09	7/09	6/09	
Job creation and economic growth.....	30	38	31		55	62	54	
Health care	21	14	16		40	32	34	
The deficit and government spending.....	18	17	19		34	32	34	
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.....	11	10	9	CONTINUE	27	25	26	[162-165]
National security and terrorism.....	11	11	14		23	23	27	
Energy and the cost of gas.....	4	5	5		12	16	16	
Social issues such as abortion and same-sex marriage.....	3	2	2		6	7	7	
Other (VOL).....	-	1	-		-	1	-	
All equally (VOL).....	2	2	3		-	1	-	
None of these (VOL).....	-	-	-	Skip to Q.10	-	-	-	
Not sure.....	-	-	1		1	-	-	

10. 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>9/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>10/4-5/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	
A/Government should do more.....	45	47	51	47	48	53	[166]
B/Government is doing too many things....	49	46	40	45	42	42	
Some of both (VOL).....	5	6	7	7	8	NA	
Not sure	1	1	2	1	2	5	
		<u>9/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95¹</u>	
		55	52	45	41	32	
		38	40	43	51	62	
		6	6	9	5	NA	
		1	2	3	3	6	

¹ 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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11. 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>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	
Like personally and approve most policies.....	46	48	51	55	[167]
Like personally but disapprove of many policies	31	27	30	22	
Don't like personally, approve most of policies.....	2	3	3	5	
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies	18	16	12	10	
None of these (VOL)	2	3	2	3	
Not sure.....	1	3	2	5	

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

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Extremely confident.....	24	25	25	31	29	30	[168]
Quite confident.....	21	21	27	23	25	24	
Only somewhat confident.....	23	23	25	26	30	29	
Not at all confident	31	30	23	19	15	16	
Not sure	1	1	-	1	1	1	

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

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Extremely confident	18	16	20	[169]
Quite confident.....	22	23	26	
Only somewhat confident.....	27	28	24	
Not at all confident	32	32	29	
Not sure	1	1	1	

13. When it comes to doing his job as president, do you feel that you see and hear President Obama too much, about the right amount, or too little? *

Too much.....	34	[170]
About the right amount	54	
Too little	9	
Not sure	3	

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

14. When it comes to the partisanship going on in Washington, do you feel this is mainly due to an unwillingness of the Republicans to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Democrats, or that this is due to an unwillingness of the Democrats to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Republicans, or do you feel that it is equally the fault of both parties?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2-3/09</u>	
Due to unwillingness of Republicans	22	20	29	[171]
Due to unwillingness of Democrats.....	15	18	14	
Equally the fault of both parties.....	61	59	56	
Not sure	2	3	1	

15a. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
Approve	45	41	41	[172]
Disapprove	46	47	46	
Not sure	9	12	13	

15b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the way that Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	
Approve.....	21	21	[173]
Disapprove.....	65	62	
Not sure	14	17	

16. How well do you think you understand the health care legislation that is currently being debated in Congress—do you understand it very well, pretty well, only some, or not very well?

Understand very well	15	[174]
Understand pretty well.....	42	
Understand only some.....	32	
Do not understand very well	11	
Not sure	-	

17. Regardless of whether you favor or oppose the health care legislation that is currently being discussed, do you personally care about this issue a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little?

Care a great deal.....	66	[175]
Care a fair amount.....	22	
Care just some	8	
Care very little.....	4	
Not sure	-	

Now turning to the economy. . .

18. 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>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>2/09</u>	
Very satisfied	2	2	1	2	1	2	31	1	[176]
Somewhat satisfied.....	21	11	11	16	6	8	55	6	
Somewhat dissatisfied	35	31	33	30	22	25	10	22	
Very dissatisfied.....	41	56	54	52	70	65	3	70	
Not sure	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	
		<u>4/08+</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	
		2	5	10	6	3	4	2	
		12	27	33	45	33	27	32	
		28	28	32	30	38	37	41	
		58	40	25	18	25	31	24	
		-	-	-	1	1	1	1	
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
		4	6	4	5	18	29	23	
		42	44	43	47	57	52	53	
		39	33	39	32	18	12	17	
		14	15	13	15	6	6	7	
		1	2	1	1	1	1	-	
		<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>
		26	27	31	18	13	10	13	9
		54	55	55	52	52	51	45	51
		13	12	10	20	23	27	27	27
		6	5	3	8	10	10	13	11
		1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
		<u>9/96</u>	<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>
		7	5	4	3	3	4	4	4
		49	43	43	39	37	39	40	41
		30	32	38	37	38	35	37	38
		12	18	14	19	19	21	18	15
		2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	
Economy will get better.....	47	44	46	38	36	38	25	21	[177]
Economy will get worse	20	21	22	30	28	20	43	49	
Economy will stay about the same.....	30	32	29	30	34	37	28	27	
Not sure	3	3	3	2	2	5	4	3	
		<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9-10/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>
		19	16	21	22	16	17	24	24
		45	31	16	22	39	44	27	30
		29	49	60	51	43	36	46	42
		7	4	3	5	2	3	3	4
		<u>12/05</u>	<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>
		26	28	43	43	43	42	44	50
		34	30	17	10	13	16	18	10
		37	36	36	33	33	34	35	37
		3	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>4/01¹</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

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

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

	<u>9/09</u> ¹	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
Very satisfied.....	36	30	32	35	46	45	40	41	[178]
Somewhat satisfied	30	30	36	35	35	33	38	37	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	16	15	13	14	9	10	11	10	
Very dissatisfied	17	24	17	15	9	11	10	11	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
		<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>	
		38	37	36	37	38	36	30	
		36	40	38	39	37	37	31	
		12	12	13	10	12	14	10	
		13	11	12	13	12	12	10	
		1	-	1	1	1	1	19	

¹ Data shown does not include the responses of those who say the question does not apply to them (25% of respondents).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

	<u>9/09</u> ¹	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u> ²	
Good idea.....	34	34	37	38	44	43	[179]
Bad idea	45	43	39	39	36	27	
Do not have an opinion	18	20	20	18	15	24	
Not sure.....	3	3	4	5	5	6	

¹ Prior to September 2009, the question was phrased, "... the recently passed economic stimulus legislation ..."
² In January 2009, the question was phrased, "... recently proposed economic stimulus legislation ..."

22a. Do you think that the economic stimulus legislation is beginning to help improve the economy, will help improve the economy in the future, or will it not help improve the economy? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	<u>9/09</u> [*]	<u>7/09</u>	
Beginning to help improve the economy.....	20	16	[180]
Will help improve the economy in the future	27	32	
Will not help improve the economy	38	38	
Do not have an opinion either way.....	12	13	
Not sure	3	1	

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

22b. Do you think that without the economic stimulus legislation that the U.S. economy would have gone into a greater economic downturn than it did, or not? **

Yes, would have gone into a greater economic downturn.....	46	[208]
No, would not have gone into a greater economic downturn	43	
Not sure	11	

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

23. I'm going to read you several economic indicators. Which ONE of these would be the most important signal to you that that the economy is getting back on track? **(IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which would you choose?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

There is more hiring and unemployment goes down.....	58	[209]
Home sales and home values increase	11	
Consumer spending increases.....	10	
The stock market goes up.....	9	
Banks are more solid and making loans again.....	7	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure	3	

24. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: The President and the Congress should worry more about boosting the economy even though it may mean larger budget deficits now and in the future.

Statement B: The President and the Congress should worry more about keeping the budget deficit down, even though it may mean it will take longer for the economy to recover.

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Statement A Worry more about boosting the economy.....	30	35	[210]
Statement B Worry more about keeping budget deficit down	62	58	
Depends (VOL)	4	2	
Not sure	4	5	

25. 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>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
Pretty much hit the bottom	35	27	17	[211]
Still ways to go	52	58	76	
Hit bottom already (VOL).....	9	10	3	
Not sure.....	4	5	4	

Turning to the issue of health care . . .

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

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Good idea	39	36	36	33	33	[212]
Bad idea.....	41	42	42	32	26	
No opinion.....	17	17	17	30	34	
Not sure	3	5	5	5	7	

27. 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.

	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Quality will get better.....	19	24	21	22	[213]
Quality will get worse	36	40	39	24	
Quality will stay the same.....	34	27	29	29	
Do not have an opinion	8	7	9	20	
Not sure	3	2	2	5	

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

Better to pass this plan, make these changes.....	45	[214]
Better to not pass this plan, keep current system.....	39	
Neither (VOL)	9	
Not sure	7	

29. Thinking about efforts to reform the health care system, which would concern you more?

Not doing enough to make the health care system better than it is now by lowering costs and covering the uninsured.

OR

Going too far and making the health care system worse than it is now in terms of quality of care and choice of doctor.

	<u>9/09**</u>	<u>8/09</u>	
Not doing enough.....	44	41	[215]
Going too far	48	54	
Not sure	8	5	

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

And thinking about one aspect of the debate on health care legislation . . .

30. In any health care proposal, how important do you feel it is to give people a choice of both a public plan administered by the federal government and a private plan for their health insurance--extremely important, quite important, not that important, or not at all important?

	<u>9/09*</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Extremely important	48	41	[216]
Quite important.....	25	35	
Not that important.....	8	12	
Not at all important.....	15	8	
Not sure	4	4	

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

31. Would you favor or oppose creating a public health care plan administered by the federal government that would compete directly with private health insurance companies?

	<u>9/09**</u>	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
Favor	46	43	46	[217]
Oppose	48	47	44	
Not sure	6	10	10	

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

32. Do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private health insurance plan or by a government program such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Tricare? **(IF RESPONDENT OFFERS MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, what kind of plan would you say your primary plan is?

YES, private health insurance	61	[218]
YES, MediCARE.....	18	
YES, MediCAID.....	4	
YES, Tricare	2	
NO, do not have a health plan.....	11	
Veteran's insurance, VA.....	1	
Other	2	
Don't know/refused.....	1	

33. Congress is considering many different items as part of health care reform legislation. I am going to read you some of the items they are considering that may or may not end up in the final legislation. For each one, please tell me whether you feel this absolutely must be included as part of health care legislation, you would prefer it be included, you would prefer it NOT be included, or you feel it absolutely must NOT be included.*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY BE INCLUDED

	Be Included		NOT Be Included		Not Sure	
	Absolutely Must	Would Prefer It	Would Prefer It	Absolutely Must		
Requiring that health insurance companies cover people with pre-existing medical conditions	63	26	5	4	2	[227]
Creating a law that limits the amount of money someone can collect if they win a lawsuit after being injured by bad medical care	36	29	14	14	7	[226]
Requiring that all but the smallest employers provide health coverage for their employees, or pay a percentage of their payroll to help fund coverage for the uninsured.....	26	37	15	18	4	[228]
Creating a public health care plan administered by the federal government that would compete directly with private health insurance companies	26	27	16	24	7	[229]
Creating a law that requires everyone to have health insurance coverage. Those people with low and moderate incomes would receive government assistance. Those people who can afford it would have to buy their own health insurance or pay a penalty or fine if they do not	18	20	23	34	5	[230]

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

(Q.34a and Q.34b ARE FORM B AND ROTATED.)

34a. Which one or two of the following do you think would be the greatest benefit of President Obama's proposed changes to the health care system? **(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

It could provide health care coverage for almost all Americans.....	32	[231]
It could help lower and control health care costs.....	20	>
It could create needed competition for health insurance companies	13	
It allows you to keep the health care plan you have now.....	9	
It could help pay for the gap in prescription drug coverage for seniors	9	
Or do you not think there are any significant benefits to making President Obama's proposed changes to the health care system.....	30	
Not sure.....	3	

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

34b. Which one or two of the following would be your greatest concern about President Obama's proposed changes to the health care system? **(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

It could expand the role of government in providing health care	22	[232]
It could increase the federal deficit	21	>
It could cut funding to Medicare, the government health care program for seniors.....	21	
It could limit access to your choice of doctors.....	19	
You could end up having to switch from your private health care coverage	14	
Or do you not have any significant concerns about making President Obama's proposed changes to the health care system.....	22	
Not sure	4	

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

35. If health care reform legislation does not get passed this year, who do you feel would be most to blame—President Obama, the Democrats in Congress, or the Republicans in Congress?

President Obama	10	[233]
Democrats in Congress	16	
Republicans in Congress	37	
All to blame (VOL).....	23	
None to blame/should not be any reform legislation (VOL).....	7	
Not sure	7	

Changing subjects . . .

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

	<u>9/09*</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>10/06</u>	
Very successful.....	8	7	9	[234]
Somewhat successful	38	37	42	
Somewhat unsuccessful	26	27	23	
Very unsuccessful.....	23	26	24	
Not sure	5	3	2	

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

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

More confident.....	28	[235]
Less confident	59	
Depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

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

38. Would you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose increasing troop levels in Afghanistan? *

Strongly support	19	[236]
Somewhat support.....	25	
Somewhat oppose.....	20	
Strongly oppose.....	31	
Not sure	5	

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

39. Do you think that we should have an immediate and orderly withdrawal of all troops from Afghanistan, or not? **

Yes, should.....	38	[237]
No, should not	55	
Not sure.....	7	

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

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

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

OR

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

That we'll invest a lot of money/lives and have little to show for it	45	[238]
That we'll not do enough and be more vulnerable as a result	44	
Not sure.....	11	

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

41. I'm going to read you two statements, please tell me which comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: It is important for the U.S. to help build a strong, stable government in Afghanistan so that it doesn't again become a country where Islamic extremists can meet to plan attacks on the West.

Statement B: There is too much political corruption and Taliban influence in Afghanistan for there to be a strong, stable government there so the U.S. should not devote time and troops to trying to do so. **

Statement A/a stable government is important	47	[239]
Statement B/a stable government is not possible	43	
Not sure	10	

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

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

42. In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

All Adults							[240]
	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94	
Very good.....	13	7	4	8	2	4	
Fairly good.....	59	70	54	55	32	45	
Fairly bad.....	14	16	28	20	41	31	
Very bad.....	8	5	10	10	20	15	
Mixed (VOL).....	4	NA	NA	5	4	4	
Not sure.....	2	2	4	2	1	1	
Whites							
	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94	
Very good.....	12	6	3	9	1	4	
Fairly good.....	63	73	56	58	33	45	
Fairly bad.....	13	16	28	19	42	32	
Very bad.....	6	4	8	7	18	13	
Mixed (VOL).....	4	NA	NA	5	5	5	
Not sure.....	2	1	5	2	1	1	
African Americans							
	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94	
Very good.....	6	7	3	3	3	5	
Fairly good.....	44	57	37	45	28	39	
Fairly bad.....	22	18	34	28	35	26	
Very bad.....	16	12	24	19	30	26	
Mixed (VOL).....	7	NA	NA	3	3	3	
Not sure.....	5	6	2	2	1	1	
Hispanics							
	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05			
Very good.....	15	13	11	8			
Fairly good.....	57	63	44	49			
Fairly bad.....	13	17	32	17			
Very bad.....	12	6	10	19			
Mixed (VOL).....	2	NA	NA	7			
Not sure.....	1	1	3	-			

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

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

Registered.....	89	[241]
Not registered.....	9	
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.....	41	[242/243]
Voted for John McCain.....	33	
Voted for someone else.....	5	
Not sure.....	6	
No, did not vote.....	13	
Not sure.....	2	

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?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	18	[244]
White-collar worker.....	20	
Blue-collar worker.....	16	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	27	
Unemployed, looking for work	8	
Other	-	
Not sure.....	2	

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

Grade school.....	1	[252-253]
Some high school.....	3	
High school graduate	27	
Some college, no degree	17	
Vocational training/2-year college	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	24	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	11	
Doctoral/law degree	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

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	22	[254]
Not very strong Democrat	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	10	
Strictly Independent.....	22	
Independent/lean Republican.....	11	
Not very strong Republican	8	
Strong Republican.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	3	

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.....	9	[255]
Somewhat liberal	15	
Moderate	34	
Somewhat conservative	21	
Very conservative	15	
Not sure.....	6	

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	51	CONTINUE	[256]
Catholic.....	23		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F7	
Muslim	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	2		
Other	6		
None	12	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	4		

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN QF6a.)

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

Fundamentalist/evangelical	17	[257]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	47	
Not sure	9	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a)	27	

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

Never.....	16	[258]
Once a year.....	6	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	9	
Once a week or more often	40	
Not sure.....	5	

F8a/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	15	[259/260]
Union household	7	
Non-union household	75	
Not sure.....	3	

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	[261]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	8	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	8	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	13	
More than \$100,000.....	17	
Not sure/refused	15	