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

**FINAL**

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NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey  
December 2009

48 Male  
52 Female  
**[109]**

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

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

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

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

Have a landline .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	<b>[139]</b>
Cell phone is only telephone.....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Not sure .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	

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

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

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

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	<b>[148]</b>
No, not Hispanic .....	89	
Not sure/refused .....	-	

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

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

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

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>	[150]
Headed in the right direction .....	33	36	39	39	42	43	41	72	12	
Off on the wrong track.....	55	52	48	49	46	43	44	11	78	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	9	10	9	9	10	9	11	7	
Not sure .....	2	3	3	3	3	4	6	6	3	

  

	<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>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>
	26	26	12	12	16	18	13
	59	60	78	77	73	67	74
	9	10	7	9	9	12	10
	6	4	3	2	2	3	3

  

	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>
	16	15	20	20	25	28	31
	71	73	66	68	63	57	54
	11	10	11	9	9	13	12
	2	2	3	3	3	2	3

  

	<u>1/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>
	31	32	40	39	47	38	36
	57	57	47	49	43	50	47
	10	8	10	10	6	8	14
	2	3	3	2	4	4	3

  

	<u>9/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>
	42	62	72	49
	43	20	11	34
	12	14	11	15
	3	4	6	2

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>7/06</u>	[151]
Feel confident .....	27	31	34	33	27	
Do not feel confident .....	66	57	56	60	65	
Not sure .....	7	12	10	7	8	

  

	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>12/91+<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>10/90+</u>
	49	25	41	44	50
	42	68	52	51	45
	9	7	7	5	5

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

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

	<u>12/09</u>	<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>	
Approve.....	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60	<b>[152]</b>
Disapprove.....	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26	
Not sure .....	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approve.....	46	<b>[155]</b>
Disapprove.....	42	
Not sure.....	12	

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

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

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

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

	<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>[158]</b>
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.7 (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>[159]</b>
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	
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.7 (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>[160]</b>
December 2009.....	5	23	27	24	19	2	
October 2009 .....	6	19	27	23	23	2	
September 2009.....	5	23	27	22	21	2	
July 2009.....	9	19	29	21	20	2	
June 2009 .....	6	19	29	23	21	2	
April 2009.....	7	22	25	22	22	2	
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3	
December 2008.....	7	20	20	26	26	1	
October 17-20, 2008+ .....	11	21	18	23	25	2	
October 4-5, 2008+ .....	12	23	17	21	26	1	
September 19-22, 2008+ .....	13	21	18	19	28	1	
September 6-8, 2008+ .....	18	22	15	18	25	2	
August 2008+.....	10	25	22	19	23	1	
July 2008+.....	8	23	20	22	26	1	
June 2008+ .....	7	21	24	22	25	1	
April 2008+.....	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008 .....	13	21	26	19	18	3	
November 2007.....	8	24	24	20	22	2	
September 2007.....	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007 .....	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007 .....	10	23	21	23	21	2	
Oct 28-30, 2006+ .....	15	20	16	20	28	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
January 2006 .....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
May 2005 .....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+ .....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
October 2009 .....	6	19	27	23	23	2	

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Q.7 (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>Tiger Woods</b>							<b>[161]</b>
December 2009 .....	5	10	38	18	24	5	
April 1997 .....	57	19	13	1	1	9	
<b>Sarah Palin</b>							<b>[162]</b>
December 2009 .....	14	18	23	14	26	5	
October 2009 .....	11	16	22	15	31	5	
July 2009 .....	14	18	20	16	27	5	
April 2009 .....	14	18	24	11	27	6	
December 2008 .....	15	20	16	15	30	4	
October 17-20, 2008+ .....	23	15	13	13	34	2	
October 4-5, 2008+ .....	26	18	15	15	22	4	
September 19-22, 2008+ .....	26	16	17	12	24	5	

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

	<u>12/09</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/30-10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	
10, very interested .....	48	62	59	53	46	47	<b>[163-164]</b>
9 .....	6	9	9	8	9	8	
8 .....	12	13	12	14	17	16	
7 .....	10	5	7	7	12	10	
6 .....	5	3	3	6	5	5	
5 .....	9	4	5	5	6	8	
4 .....	2	1	1	2	1	2	
3 .....	2	1	1	1	2	1	
2 .....	1	-	-	1	-	-	
1, not interested at all .....	5	2	3	3	2	2	
Cannot rate .....	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	
		51	47	49	45	46	
		9	8	7	7	7	
		17	17	17	18	15	
		10	9	10	11	12	
		4	5	5	5	5	
		6	8	7	7	7	
		2	1	2	1	2	
		-	2	-	2	1	
		-	1	1	1	1	
		1	2	2	3	4	
		-	-	-	-	-	

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

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

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

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

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**Q10 AND Q11 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

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

	<u>12/09</u>	<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 .....	19	24	25	25	31	29	30	<b>[173]</b>
Quite confident.....	20	21	21	27	23	25	24	
Only somewhat confident.....	28	23	23	25	26	30	29	
Not at all confident .....	33	31	30	23	19	15	16	
Not sure .....	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> In January 2009, the question was phrased, "Looking ahead, do you feel that in 2009 . . . ."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

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

**Q17 THROUGH Q21 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

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

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

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

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

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

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

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

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

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

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

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Hart-Teeter for WSJ/Nikkei.

<sup>2</sup>Prior to December 2009, the item was phrased, "European nations."

**Turning to some other topics...**

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

	<u>12/09<sup>1</sup></u>	<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	36	30	32	35	46	45	40	<b>[232]</b>
Somewhat satisfied .....	34	30	30	36	35	35	33	38	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	14	16	15	13	14	9	10	11	
Very dissatisfied .....	18	17	24	17	15	9	11	10	
Does not apply (VOL).....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	
	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<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 (26% of respondents).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

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

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

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

**Changing topics for a moment...**

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

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

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?

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

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

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

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

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

**Changing subjects...**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Prior to December 2009, the question was phrased, "Would you strongly support, . . ."

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

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

OR

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

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

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

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

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

Definitely the right approach.....	9	<b>[255]</b>
Probably the right approach.....	35	
Probably the wrong approach.....	20	
Definitely the wrong approach .....	21	
Do not know enough to say .....	13	
Not sure.....	2	



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

Very likely .....	12	<b>[256]</b>
Somewhat likely.....	27	
Somewhat unlikely.....	27	
Very unlikely .....	29	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure .....	3	

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

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

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

	<u>12/09**</u>	<u>2/09<sup>1</sup></u>	
Approve .....	70	80	<b>[259]</b>
Disapprove.....	23	14	
Not sure .....	7	6	

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

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

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

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

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

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

43. In his next golf tournament, will you be rooting FOR Tiger Woods or will you be rooting AGAINST him?

Will be rooting for him.....	33	<b>[264]</b>
Will be rooting against him .....	16	
Do not care either way (VOL) .....	48	
Not sure.....	3	

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

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

Registered.....	90	<b>[265]</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?

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

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

Yes, voted.....	67	<b>[268]</b>
No, did not vote .....	25	
Not sure.....	8	

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

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

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional, manager.....	21	<b>[269-270]</b>
White-collar worker.....	19	
Blue-collar worker.....	14	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	3	
Homemaker.....	5	
Retired.....	28	
Unemployed, looking for work .....	7	
Other .....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

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

Grade school.....	-	<b>[277-278]</b>
Some high school.....	7	
High school graduate .....	25	
Some college, no degree .....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college .....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree .....	22	
Some postgraduate work, no degree .....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree .....	11	
Doctoral/law degree .....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) 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	<b>[279]</b>
Not very strong Democrat .....	8	
Independent/lean Democrat .....	10	
Strictly Independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	13	
Not very strong Republican .....	9	
Strong Republican.....	12	
Other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	2	

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

Very liberal.....	9	<b>[280]</b>
Somewhat liberal .....	14	
Moderate .....	33	
Somewhat conservative .....	19	
Very conservative .....	20	
Not sure .....	5	

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

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

	<u>Independents</u>	
Have become more conservative.....	48	<b>[308]</b>
Have not become more conservative....	45	
Not sure .....	7	

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) .....	51	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[309]</b>
Catholic.....	26		
Jewish.....	2	<b>Skip to Q.F7</b>	
Muslim .....	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	2		
Other .....	5		
None .....	11	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Not sure/refused .....	3		

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes, a fan .....	23	<b>[312]</b>
No, not a fan .....	75	
Not sure .....	2	

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

Labor union member .....	14	<b>[313-314]</b>
Union household .....	9	
Non-union household .....	75	
Not sure .....	2	

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

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