

**HART / NEWHOUSE**

**NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey  
Study #6082  
April 25-28, 2008**

**Overall margin of error: +/- 3.1 percentage points**

Interviews: 1,107 total interviews  
Cross section of 1,006 registered voters  
Oversample of 101 African American voters  
Total of 205 (African American voters)  
 Dates: April 25-28, 2008

**FINAL**

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47 Male  
 53 Female  
**[109]**

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

***The margin of error for a  
 crosssection of 1,006 interviews is ± 3.1%***  
 NOTE: The results contained in this document reflect results among the national crosssection of voters ONLY. These results accurately represent the racial makeup of the national electorate. Oversample interviews among African Americans were aggregated and tabulated separately from the national crosssection.

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

<b>Margins of Error for Subsample Questions</b>		
<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Subsample</b>	<b>Margin Of Error (+/-)</b>
3b, 5, 7, 23a, 23b, 24, 28, 29	Half sample (Form A)	4.4
3c, 5, 20, 25, 27, 30	Half sample (Form B)	4.4
9b	Independent, other, not sure on party identification (Q9a)	6.8
9c/d	Independent/other/not sure voters who have already voted in a primary or will vote in a future primary (Q9b)	9.0
10, 11, 12, 13a, 14a, 14b, 15, 16a, 16b, 16c	Democratic primary voters (Q9a/b/c/d)	4.2
13b, 13c (all voters)	Have already voted (Q13a)	5.2
13c (Clinton voters), 13c (Obama voters)	Clinton and Obama voters who have already voted (Q13b)	7.8

16a (independents)	Independents (Q9a)	7.0
QF2b	Employed respondents (QF2a)	4.0

1a. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered .....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>	[139]
Not registered .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>	
Not sure .....	-		

1b. 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>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>7/92+</u>	
Headed in the right direction .....	15	20	20	22	21	25	19	72	14	[140]
Off on the wrong track.....	73	66	68	63	67	63	67	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	11	9	13	9	9	11	11	9	
Not sure .....	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	6	6	
		<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/30-10/2/06+</u>	
		19	22	25	28	28	29	26	29	
		68	66	58	57	58	56	61	58	
		11	12	14	13	11	13	11	11	
		2	-	3	2	3	2	2	2	
		<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	
		31	27	27	24	26	31	30	26	
		54	60	61	67	62	57	59	63	
		12	11	10	7	9	10	8	8	
		3	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	
		<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>
		28	32	34	35	34	42	40	41	39
		59	57	52	52	51	48	47	46	48
		10	8	12	10	12	8	10	11	10
		3	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	3

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Q.1b (cont'd)

	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>
Headed in the right direction .....	39	36	36	36	33	41	47	56	41
Off on the wrong track.....	49	50	48	48	50	49	43	30	48
Mixed (VOL).....	10	12	14	14	14	5	6	9	8
Not sure .....	2	2	2	2	3	5	4	5	3
	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>
	43	38	42	49	62	36	43	44	42
	47	50	44	38	22	47	42	42	43
	6	8	9	8	13	14	13	14	12
	3	4	4	5	3	3	2	-	3
	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>10/00</u>
	40	52	53	62	70	72	43	45	48
	42	31	28	20	15	11	39	36	32
	14	14	15	14	12	11	14	15	18
	4	3	4	4	3	6	4	4	2

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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.....	6	<b>[141-142]</b>
25-29.....	5	
30-34.....	14	
35-39.....	5	
40-44.....	9	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	11	
60-64.....	11	
65-69.....	6	
70-74.....	6	
75 and over.....	7	
Not sure/refused .....	1	

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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.....	8	<b>[143]</b>
No, not Hispanic .....	91	
Not sure/refused .....	1	

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

White .....	79	<b>[144]</b>
Black .....	10	
Asian .....	1	
Other .....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	6	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

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3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>6/07</u>	
Approve .....	27	32	32	34	31	33	31	88	29	[145]
Disapprove.....	66	63	63	60	63	61	63	7	66	
Not sure .....	7	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	
		<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>		
		29	35	35	35	34	39	38		
		66	60	60	60	61	57	57		
		5	5	5	5	5	4	5		
		<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>		
		39	42	39	37	36	37	39		
		56	53	56	58	57	58	54		
		5	5	5	5	7	5	7		
		<u>12/05</u>	<u>10/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>		
		39	39	40	46	47	48	50		
		55	54	55	49	47	46	45		
		6	7	5	5	6	6	5		
		<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>		
		50	49	49	47	47	48	45		
		44	44	47	48	48	46	49		
		6	7	4	5	5	6	6		
		<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>		
		47	50	58	52	51	49	56		
		46	46	34	41	44	45	38		
		7	5	9	7	5	6	6		
		<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29- 30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>1/03</u>		
		62	71	66	67	62	61	54		
		31	23	29	28	33	31	40		
		7	6	5	5	5	8	6		
		<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>		
		63	64	67	69	75	74	57		
		31	30	27	23	18	20	22		
		6	6	6	8	7	6	21		

<sup>1</sup>Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.  
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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>4/08+*</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	High		Low		[146]
								<u>12/01</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	
Approve.....	21	28	30	35	35	38	38	63	28			
Disapprove.....	73	66	64	58	60	57	56	25	66			
Not sure .....	6	6	6	7	5	5	6	12	6			
		<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>			
		36	40	44	40	40	46	44	41			
		57	51	49	53	54	48	52	53			
		7	9	7	7	6	6	4	6			
		<u>9/8- 11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>			
		43	41	38	35	36	39	39	38			
		52	53	56	60	58	54	55	57			
		5	6	6	5	6	7	6	5			
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>			
		40	39	43	41	46	47	44	45			
		55	54	51	53	50	47	51	52			
		5	7	6	6	4	6	5	3			
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>			
		45	45	43	45	41	45	49	48			
		51	51	52	49	53	51	45	46			
		4	4	5	6	6	4	6	6			
		<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>			
		50	43	45	47	49	44	47	48			
		44	52	48	45	42	49	45	44			
		5	6	7	8	9	7	8	8			
		<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>				
		48	49	57	61	63	63	52				
		43	43	34	30	27	25	27				
		9	8	9	9	10	12	21				

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

3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>4/08+**</u>	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Approve.....	31	33	29	34	27	30	22	26	27	<b>[147]</b>
Disapprove.....	63	62	66	62	68	66	72	68	66	
Not sure.....	6	5	5	4	5	4	6	6	7	
		<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>10/28-30/06+</u>	<u>10/13-16/06+</u>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	
		27	28	23	34	33	38	34	35	
		67	67	71	63	63	57	61	61	
		6	5	6	3	4	5	5	4	
		<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	
		33	35	39	36	32	37	39	44	
		62	61	56	60	64	58	55	52	
		5	4	5	4	4	5	6	4	

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

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

	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	
10, very interested.....	65	67	66	65	59	74	71	63	<b>[148-149]</b>
9.....	9	8	10	8	9	8	7	10	
8.....	11	10	10	12	12	9	9	12	
7.....	4	5	4	5	7	3	5	6	
6.....	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	
5.....	3	3	4	4	5	2	4	4	
4.....	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	
3.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	
2.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
1, not at all interested.....	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	
Cannot rate.....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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5. 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>George W. Bush</b>							<b>[150]</b>
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+ .....	15	18	10	17	40	-	
December 2007+.....	16	21	10	13	40	-	
November 2007 .....	17	17	10	14	41	1	
September 2007.....	18	18	11	13	40	-	
July 2007.....	13	20	11	15	41	-	
June 2007 .....	12	20	11	15	42	-	
April 2007 .....	17	19	13	14	37	-	
March 2007 .....	18	20	9	14	39	-	
January 2007 .....	17	18	12	17	35	1	
December 2006.....	19	19	10	15	37	-	
October 28-30, 2006+ .....	23	17	10	14	36	-	
July 2006.....	21	18	10	15	36	-	
January 2006 .....	24	17	12	13	33	1	
November 2005.....	20	18	12	15	35	-	
September 2005.....	24	18	10	14	34	-	
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	-	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001 .....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2007 .....	12	20	11	15	42	-	

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Q.5 (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>Hillary Clinton</b>							<b>[151/157]</b>
April 2008+.....	20	22	14	19	25	-	
March 24-25, 2008+.....	17	20	15	21	27	-	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	22	23	11	14	29	1	
January 2008+ .....	23	23	11	11	31	1	
December 2007+ .....	21	19	14	12	33	1	
November 2007 .....	19	24	12	14	30	1	
September 2007 .....	20	24	13	13	29	1	
July 2007.....	20	24	16	12	27	1	
June 2007 .....	18	24	15	16	26	1	
March 2007 .....	16	23	17	15	28	1	
December 2006 .....	21	22	17	12	26	2	
April 2006.....	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004 .....	24	21	14	11	29	1	
December 13, 2003 .....	21	25	12	12	30	1	
July 2003.....	16	21	20	13	27	3	
March 2001 .....	16	19	15	18	31	1	
January 2001 .....	27	22	13	12	24	2	
October 2000+ .....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+ .....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+ .....	19	22	16	13	29	1	
March 2000+.....	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000 .....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999 .....	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999 .....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999 .....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001 .....	16	19	15	18	31	1	

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Q.5 (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>							<b>[152/158]</b>
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+.....	15	31	26	15	7	6	
December 2007+.....	10	28	28	21	7	6	
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	
July 2002.....	12	29	27	10	5	17	
April 2002.....	18	29	25	9	3	16	
June 2001.....	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001.....	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001.....	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+.....	18	32	25	9	6	10	
April 2000+.....	16	30	27	12	5	10	
January 2000.....	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999.....	12	22	24	4	2	36	
<i>High</i>							
May 2004+.....	20	30	26	8	5	11	
<i>Low</i>							
October 1999.....	9	20	22	5	2	42	

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Q.5 (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>Barack Obama</b>							<b>[153/159]</b>
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+ .....	18	29	22	12	15	4	
December 2007+ .....	17	29	23	13	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	
December 2006 .....	17	18	18	7	6	34	
October 28-30, 2006+ .....	14	17	18	5	6	40	
<b>Bill Clinton</b>							<b>[154/160]</b>
April 2008+ .....	18	21	18	18	24	1	
March 24-25, 2008+ .....	20	22	15	18	25	-	
March 7-10, 2008+ .....	20	22	11	13	32	2	
January 2008 .....	24	23	14	11	27	1	
November 2007+ .....	25	22	13	14	26	-	
March 2007 .....	27	21	16	14	21	1	
April 2006 .....	27	23	16	12	21	1	
October 2004+ .....	26	22	13	11	27	1	
June 2004+ .....	20	22	16	14	27	1	
January 2002 .....	17	19	13	13	36	2	
April 2001 .....	20	20	15	11	34	-	
January 2001 .....	32	24	11	12	21	-	
September 2000+ .....	25	25	10	13	27	-	
July 2000+ .....	22	27	11	12	28	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993 .....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001 .....	17	17	13	14	38	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (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>[155]</b>
April 2008+ * .....	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10 2008+ .....	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008+.....	13	21	26	20	18	2	
November 2007+.....	9	25	23	21	21	1	
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	
December 2006.....	11	22	19	22	24	2	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	15	20	16	20	28	1	
October 13-16, 2006+.....	11	21	18	19	30	1	
September 30-October 2, 2006+ ....	11	26	18	17	27	1	
September 8-11, 2006+.....	13	24	17	20	25	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
June 2006.....	10	24	18	21	26	1	
April 2006.....	9	26	20	21	22	2	
March 2006.....	10	24	21	22	21	2	
January 2006.....	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005.....	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005.....	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005.....	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005.....	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004.....	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+.....	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+.....	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+.....	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003.....	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003.....	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002.....	21	26	22	15	14	2	
July 2002.....	18	25	22	17	14	4	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2007.....	7	21	21	23	26	2	

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (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>[156]</b>
April 2008+ * .....	17	27	22	15	17	2	
March 7-10 2008+ .....	20	25	18	16	19	2	
January 2008+.....	23	23	19	17	17	1	
November 2007+.....	11	27	24	19	18	1	
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	
December 2006.....	17	29	23	19	10	2	
October 28-30, 2006+.....	14	25	25	18	17	1	
October 13-16, 2006+.....	11	26	26	19	16	2	
September 30-October 2, 2006+ ....	9	29	26	17	17	2	
September 8-11, 2006+.....	11	23	24	21	19	2	
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	
June 2006.....	10	25	25	22	17	1	
April 2006.....	9	24	27	23	16	1	
March 2006.....	8	24	30	22	15	1	
January 2006.....	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005.....	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005.....	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005.....	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005.....	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004.....	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+.....	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+.....	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+.....	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+.....	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003.....	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003.....	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002.....	13	27	27	16	15	2	
July 2002.....	10	29	25	21	13	2	
July 2000+.....	19	27	24	15	14	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000.....	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (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>Howard Dean</b>							<b>[161]</b>
April 2008+ **.....	5	12	29	11	18	25	
July 2005.....	3	14	27	17	16	23	
February 2005.....	8	20	28	12	15	17	
January 2005.....	4	18	32	12	12	22	
January 2004.....	7	20	20	13	21	19	
December 13, 2003.....	9	19	19	12	14	27	
November 2003.....	3	15	21	11	10	39	
September 2003.....	3	15	21	10	10	42	
July 2003.....	5	10	16	5	9	55	
<b>Mitt Romney</b>							<b>[162]</b>
April 2008+ **.....	9	19	31	17	11	13	
January 2008.....	7	21	24	19	13	16	
December 2007.....	9	16	26	16	11	22	
November 2007.....	4	18	27	17	12	22	
September 2007.....	6	18	26	14	11	25	
June 2007.....	5	16	23	13	7	36	
March 2007.....	4	11	24	11	6	44	
December 2006.....	3	8	22	7	4	56	

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

6a. 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.6a.)**

6b. 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 PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOP PRIORITY*

	<b>Q.6a Top Priority</b>		<b>Q.6a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities</b>	
	<u>4/08+</u>		<u>4/08+</u>	
Job creation and economic growth .....	23		43	<b>[163-166]</b>
The war in Iraq.....	18		39	
Energy and the cost of gas .....	16		33	
Health care .....	11		26	
Terrorism .....	8	<b>CONTINUE</b>	17	
Illegal immigration.....	8		18	
The environment and global warming.....	5		12	
The mortgage and housing situation.....	3		10	
Other (VOL) .....	-		1	
All equally (VOL).....	7		-	
None of these (VOL).....	1	<b>Skip to Q.7</b>	-	
Not sure .....	-		-	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

	<b>Top Priority</b>			<b>COMBINED Top/Second Priorities</b>		
	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>
Job creation and economic growth .....	26	27	14	50	46	32
The war in Iraq.....	19	17	18	42	36	36
Health care .....	12	17	18	29	34	35
Energy and the cost of gas .....	10	6	8	22	18	20
Terrorism .....	9	10	9	20	19	20
Illegal immigration.....	9	11	12	19	22	25
The environment and global warming.....	4	5	6	9	12	15
Foreign policy and Iran .....	2	5	5	7	12	13
Other (VOL) .....	-	-	-	-	-	1
All equally (VOL).....	8	2	9	1	1	-
None of these (VOL).....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure .....	1	-	1	-	-	-

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7. Have you seen, read, or heard anything in the past couple weeks about **(READ ITEM)** or (his/her) campaign for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** Has what you have heard given you a more favorable or less favorable impression of **(READ ITEM)**? +\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE FAVORABLE

	Yes			No, Have Not Seen/Read/ Heard Anything	Not Sure	
	More Favorable	Less Favorable	No Difference (VOL)			
Hillary Clinton .....	26	38	26	9	1	[168]
Barack Obama .....	25	37	27	10	1	[169]
John McCain .....	21	24	28	26	1	[167]

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

8. Putting aside for a moment the question of who each party's nominee might be, what is your preference for the outcome of the 2008 presidential election—that a Democrat be elected president, or that a Republican be elected president? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** And do you strongly prefer a (Democrat/Republican), or is your preference not that strong?

	4/08+	3/7-10/08+	11/07+	9/07+	4/07	
<b>Democrat</b>						
Strongly .....	45	44	41	40	39	[170]
Not strongly .....	6	6	8	7	10	
<b>Republican</b>						
Not strongly .....	8	8	8	9	6	
Strongly .....	25	29	31	29	25	
Other (VOL) .....	4	4	2	4	6	
Not sure .....	12	9	11	11	14	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 9a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as 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 .....	26	[171]
Not very strong Democrat.....	8	Skip to Q.10
Independent/lean Democrat .....	12	
Strictly independent .....	16	CONTINUE
Independent/lean Republican .....	9	
Not very strong Republican .....	8	Skip to Q.17a
Strong Republican .....	16	
Other .....	4	CONTINUE
Not sure/nothing .....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.9a.)**

9b. Have you already voted in a presidential primary, will you be voting in a presidential primary in the future, or will you wait to vote in the general election? +

Have already voted.....	43	<b>CONTINUE</b>	[172]
Will be voting in the future.....	13	<b>Skip to Q.9d</b>	
Will wait until the general election.....	40		
None/other (VOL) .....	3	<b>Skip to Q.16a</b>	
Not sure .....	1		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "HAVE ALREADY VOTED" IN Q.9b.)**

9c. Did you vote in the Democratic primary or the Republican primary? +

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "WILL BE VOTING IN THE FUTURE" IN Q.9b.)**

9d. Do you plan to vote in the Democratic primary or the Republican primary? +

Democratic primary.....	52	<b>CONTINUE</b>	[174]
Republican primary.....	33		
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	<b>Skip to Q.16a</b>	
Not sure .....	9		

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**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

10. Regardless of whether you have already voted or not, if the Democratic primary election were being held today would you vote for Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

	4/08+	3/24- 25/08+	3/7- 10/08+	1/08+	
Hillary Clinton.....	43	45	47	53	[175]
Barack Obama.....	46	45	43	37	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	1	1	
None (VOL).....	3	1	2	1	
Not sure .....	7	8	7	8	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

	12/07	11/07	9/07	7/07	6/07	4/07	3/07	12/06
Hillary Clinton.....	45	47	44	43	39	36	40	37
Barack Obama.....	23	25	23	22	25	31	28	18
John Edwards.....	13	11	16	13	15	20	15	14
Joe Biden.....	4	3	2	5	4	3	2	4
Dennis Kucinich.....	4	2	3	2	3	1	1	NA
Bill Richardson.....	2	4	4	6	4	2	5	2
Chris Dodd.....	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	NA
Mike Gravel.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Other (VOL).....	-	3	1	1	2	1	1	17
None (VOL).....	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3
Not sure.....	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	5



**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

11. Who do you think would have the better chance of defeating the Republican nominee in the general election in November—Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama?

	4/08+	3/7- 10/08+	
Hillary Clinton.....	40	38	[176]
Barack Obama.....	47	48	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	
None (VOL).....	1	2	
Not sure.....	11	11	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

12. If **(READ ITEM)** were selected as the Democratic nominee, would you vote for this person with enthusiasm, with some reservations, only based on who the opponent was, or not vote for that person?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VOTE WITH ENTHUSIASM*

	<u>Vote With Enthusiasm</u>	<u>Vote With Some Reservations</u>	<u>Vote Only Based On Opponent</u>	<u>Not Vote For That Person</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>Barack Obama</b>						[177]
April 2008+.....	51	24	5	17	3	
January 2008.....	52	26	10	10	2	
December 2007.....	44	29	10	13	4	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>						[178]
April 2008+.....	51	26	6	14	3	
January 2008.....	60	24	9	7	-	
December 2007.....	50	28	12	9	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

13a. Have you already voted in the Democratic primary, or has your state not yet had a primary? +

Have already voted.....	64	<b>CONTINUE</b>	[179]
State has not yet had primary.....	24	<b>Skip to Q.14a</b>	
Not sure.....	12		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE ALREADY VOTED IN Q.13a.)**

13b. When you voted, did you vote for Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, or someone else? +

Voted for Hillary Clinton.....	44	<b>[180]</b>
Voted for Barack Obama.....	45	
Voted for someone else.....	7	
Do not remember/not sure.....	4	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE ALREADY VOTED IN Q.13a.)**

13c. Regardless of how you already voted, suppose the election were being held today—would you vote for Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama? +

	All Democratic Primary Voters	Clinton Voters (Q.13b)	Obama Voters (Q.13b)	
Would vote for Hillary Clinton.....	45	90	4	<b>[208]</b>
Would vote for Barack Obama.....	48	5	92	
Not sure.....	7	5	4	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ROTATE Q.14a AND Q.14b.)**

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

14a. If Barack Obama is selected as the Democratic nominee, do you think he should or should not choose Hillary Clinton as his vice presidential running mate? +

Should choose Hillary Clinton as running mate.....	48	<b>[209]</b>
Should NOT choose Hillary Clinton as running mate.....	39	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	8	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

14b. If Hillary Clinton is selected as the Democratic nominee, do you think she should or should not choose Barack Obama as her vice presidential running mate? +

Should choose Barack Obama as running mate.....	51	<b>[210]</b>
Should NOT choose Barack Obama as running mate.....	35	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	11	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

15. Now I'd like you to compare Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama on a few qualities that people might look for in a president. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Hillary Clinton would be better or Barack Obama would be better on that item. If you think that both would be equally good or that neither would be good on a particular item, just say so. Who do you think would be better when it comes to **(READ ITEM)**—Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama, or do you think that both would be equally good or neither would be good? +

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HILLARY CLINTON BETTER*

	Hillary Clinton <u>Better</u>	Barack Obama <u>Better</u>	Both Equally <u>Good</u>	Neither <u>Good</u>	Depends <u>(VOL)</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency .....	52	16	26	5	-	1	<b>[214]</b>
Representing traditional American values .....	36	22	31	7	-	4	<b>[217]</b>
Being a strong leader .....	35	28	32	3	-	2	<b>[216]</b>
Being patriotic and devoted to the country .....	29	16	50	3	-	2	<b>[212]</b>
Bringing real change to the country .....	26	44	23	5	1	1	<b>[218]</b>
Being able to unite the country and get people working together .....	25	43	22	8	-	2	<b>[215]</b>
Being optimistic and forward-looking .....	21	43	31	3	-	2	<b>[213]</b>
Being honest and trustworthy .....	20	42	26	9	-	3	<b>[211]</b>

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT, INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.9a.)**

16a. It now appears that the contest for the Democratic nomination between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama may continue at least through the end of the primary season in June. Do you feel that this is good for the Democratic Party or bad for the Democratic Party in their efforts to win the general election in November, or will it not make a difference either way?

	4/08+		3/7-10/08+	
	Democratic Primary <u>Voters</u>	<u>Independents</u>	Democratic Primary <u>Voters</u>	
Good for the Democratic Party .....	21	22	25	<b>[219]</b>
Bad for the Democratic Party .....	37	44	38	
No difference either way .....	38	31	31	
Not sure .....	4	3	6	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

16b. In addition to primaries and caucuses, the Democratic selection rules for the presidential nominee include the votes of elected officeholders or party officials who are often called superdelegates. If one of the candidates loses among delegates selected by voters but still wins the nomination by winning among superdelegates, would you consider that nominee legitimate, would you consider that nominee NOT legitimate, or do you not have an opinion either way?

	4/08+	3/24- 25/08+	3/7- 10/08+	
Would consider nominee legitimate .....	31	32	29	[220]
Would consider nominee NOT legitimate.....	37	41	38	
No opinion either way .....	27	20	28	
Not sure .....	5	7	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)**

16c. Let us suppose that at the end of the Democratic primaries neither candidate has won the necessary number of voter-selected delegates to be nominated. If **(READ ITEM)** was to receive more votes from the superdelegates and win the nomination, would you vote for (him/her) in the general election in November, vote for the Republican nominee in the general election, or not vote in the general election? +

	Would Vote For In The General <u>Election</u>	Would Vote For Republican <u>Nominee</u>	Would <u>Not Vote</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton.....	76	10	9	5	[221]
Barack Obama .....	75	10	9	6	[222]

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

17a. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>4/08+</u>	<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>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	34	35	37	37	39	39	38	<b>[223]</b>
Democrat-controlled Congress .....	49	49	52	52	48	48	48	
Not sure .....	17	16	11	11	13	13	14	
		<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	
		38	39	37	38	38	37	
		49	45	50	47	46	48	
		13	16	13	15	16	15	
		<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
		39	40	40	43	42	42	
		48	45	47	44	46	44	
		13	15	13	13	12	14	
		<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>	
		41	42	42	42	43	42	
		44	45	43	42	42	42	
		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>	
		43	42	44	42	40	39	
		41	41	40	40	44	41	
		16	17	16	18	16	20	
		<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	
		39	42	41	37	41	40	
		43	41	40	43	43	39	
		18	17	19	20	16	21	
		<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
		41	39	41	41	40	41	
		40	40	40	37	42	37	
		19	21	19	22	18	22	
		<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
		41	45	44	41	42	44	
		39	39	38	38	41	38	
		20	16	18	21	17	18	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(Q.17b AND Q.17c ARE ROTATED.)**

17b. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/24- 25/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>12/06+</u>	
John McCain .....	43	42	44	43	39	43	<b>[224]</b>
Barack Obama .....	46	44	47	41	45	38	
Depends (VOL) .....	1	3	1	4	1	3	
Neither/other (VOL) .....	5	4	3	5	5	6	
Not sure.....	5	7	5	7	10	10	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

17c. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/24- 25/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>12/06+</u>	<u>10/28- 30/06+</u>	
John McCain.....	44	46	45	47	45	47	45	<b>[225]</b>
Hillary Clinton .....	45	44	47	43	46	43	36	
Depends (VOL).....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	
Neither/other (VOL) .....	5	4	3	3	4	5	8	
Not sure .....	5	5	4	6	4	4	8	

  

	<u>4/06+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>
	46	44
	37	42
	3	1
	8	6
	6	7

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(Q.18a AND Q.18b ARE ROTATED.)**

18a. If Barack Obama were selected to be the presidential candidate with Hillary Clinton as his vice presidential running mate, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for Barack Obama for president, or would it not make a difference to you either way? +

More likely .....	19	<b>[226]</b>
Less likely .....	25	
No difference either way .....	55	
Not sure .....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

18b. If Hillary Clinton were selected to be the presidential candidate with Barack Obama as her vice presidential running mate, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for Hillary Clinton for president, or would it not make a difference to you either way? +

More likely .....	21	<b>[227]</b>
Less likely .....	21	
No difference either way .....	57	
Not sure .....	1	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. For each of the following candidates, please tell me whether that person has a background and set of values that you can identify with, or whether they do NOT have a background and set of values that you can identify with.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY  
HAS BACKGROUND/SET OF VALUES I IDENTIFY WITH*

	Has Background/ Set Of Values <u>I Identify With</u>	Does NOT Have Background/ Set Of Values <u>I Identify With</u>	Not Sure	
<b>John McCain</b>				<b>[229]</b>
April 2008+ .....	54	35	11	
March 24-25, 2008+ .....	57	32	11	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>				<b>[228]</b>
April 2008+ .....	46	46	8	
March 24-25, 2008+ .....	43	52	5	
<b>Barack Obama</b>				<b>[230]</b>
April 2008+ .....	45	46	9	
March 24-25, 2008+ .....	50	39	11	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

20. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)** ability to deal with economic issues, would you say you are very confident, fairly confident, just somewhat confident, or not at all confident in (his/her) ability? + \*\*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY CONFIDENT*

	<u>Very Confident</u>	<u>Fairly Confident</u>	<u>Just Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not At All Confident</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton's.....	21	19	30	29	1	<b>[231]</b>
Barack Obama's.....	15	20	28	34	3	<b>[233]</b>
John McCain's.....	11	23	34	26	6	<b>[232]</b>

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21. In deciding your vote for president, will the **(READ ITEM)** be the single most important factor, one of several important factors, or not an important factor? +

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR*

	<u>Single Most Important Factor</u>	<u>One Of Several Important Factors</u>	<u>Not An Important Factor</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Candidate's race .....	4	11	84	1	<b>[235]</b>
Candidate's gender .....	3	9	88	-	<b>[234]</b>

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.



22. Now let me read you some critical things that have been said of the candidates. For each one, please tell me whether this issue gives you major concerns, moderate concerns, minor concerns, or no real concerns about that candidate. +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAJOR CONCERNS

	<u>Major Concerns</u>	<u>Moderate Concerns</u>	<u>Minor Concerns</u>	<u>No Real Concerns</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
John McCain will be too closely aligned with the Bush agenda. He has voted eighty-nine percent of the time for the Bush administration's programs .....	43	18	11	27	1	<b>[236]</b>
It's hard to tell where Hillary Clinton stands on the issues because she changes her positions on things like NAFTA and drivers licenses for illegal immigrants to improve her chances of being elected .....	36	26	17	20	1	<b>[237]</b>
Barack Obama is out of touch with the values of residents of small-town America when he states that they are bitter and cling to religion and guns.....	34	16	15	34	1	<b>[242]</b>
It is hard to know Barack Obama's values because he has friends like Reverend Jeremiah Wright and William Ayers .....	32	15	15	36	2	<b>[238]</b>
It is hard to tell where John McCain stands on the issues because he changes his positions on things like making the recent federal tax cuts permanent and opposing new gun control laws to improve his chances of being elected .....	31	28	19	21	1	<b>[240]</b>
It is hard to trust Hillary Clinton's honesty about her past, because of such instances as when she claimed she came under sniper fire when visiting Bosnia .....	31	20	17	31	1	<b>[239]</b>
Hillary Clinton's being elected would mean that Bill Clinton would have too much influence on policy decisions .....	27	13	16	43	1	<b>[241]</b>
Barack Obama is not patriotic enough as shown by the fact that he does not wear an American flag pin on his lapel.....	17	10	14	59	-	<b>[243]</b>
John McCain is too old to be president. If elected, he will be seventy-two years old when he is inaugurated and seventy-six years old when he finishes his first term in office .....	16	16	19	48	1	<b>[244]</b>

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**Turning to the economy . . .**

23a. 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>4/08+*</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>12/07</u>	[245]
Very satisfied .....	2	5	10	6	3	31	5	
Somewhat satisfied .....	12	27	33	45	33	55	27	
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	28	28	32	30	38	10	28	
Very dissatisfied .....	58	40	25	18	25	3	40	
Not sure .....	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
	4	2	4	6	4	5	18	
	27	32	42	44	43	47	57	
	37	41	39	33	39	32	18	
	31	24	14	15	13	15	6	
	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	
		<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
		29	23	26	27	31	18	
		52	53	54	55	55	52	
		12	17	13	12	10	20	
		6	7	6	5	3	8	
		1	-	1	1	1	2	
		<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	
		13	10	13	9	7	5	
		52	51	45	51	49	43	
		23	27	27	27	30	32	
		10	10	13	11	12	18	
		2	2	2	2	2	2	
		<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	
		4	3	3	4	4	4	
		43	39	37	39	40	41	
		38	37	38	35	37	38	
		14	19	19	21	18	15	
		1	2	3	1	1	2	

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

23b. 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>4/08+*</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/02+</u>	
Very satisfied .....	17	21	19	17	18	16	19	26	18	<b>[246]</b>
Somewhat satisfied .....	42	46	50	44	40	47	50	52	40	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	20	17	18	21	23	24	19	14	23	
Very dissatisfied.....	21	16	13	17	19	13	12	7	19	
Not sure .....	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	
		<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>			
		21	25	21	22	25	26			
		50	51	53	50	51	52			
		17	13	14	18	13	14			
		11	10	11	10	10	7			
		1	1	1	-	1	1			
		<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>			
		20	19	16	17	16	13			
		51	49	50	48	50	48			
		16	17	20	20	21	24			
		12	14	13	14	12	14			
		1	1	1	1	1	1			

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

24. During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same? **[247]**

	<u>4/08+*</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<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>
Economy will get better .....	19	16	21	22	16	17	24	24	26
Economy will get worse .....	45	31	16	22	39	44	27	30	34
Economy will stay about the same .....	29	49	60	51	43	36	46	42	37
Not sure .....	7	4	3	5	2	3	3	4	3
	<u>9/05</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>	<u>12/13/03</u>
	16	28	43	43	43	42	44	50	53
	49	30	17	10	13	16	18	10	10
	32	36	36	33	33	34	35	37	33
	3	6	4	14	11	8	3	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>	<u>7/02</u>
	49	44	45	49	35	40	41	39	41
	15	19	16	17	25	20	20	18	20
	33	33	34	31	37	35	34	39	37
	3	4	4	3	3	5	5	4	2
	<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>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>
	50	50	36	28	17	19	19	21	20
	13	15	25	29	24	22	22	21	21
	32	32	34	37	54	53	57	52	54
	5	3	5	6	5	6	2	6	5
	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>
	24	31	31	28	28	27	29	44	21
	23	17	24	24	17	21	16	16	27
	50	46	40	44	52	49	52	36	50
	3	6	5	4	3	3	3	4	2
	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>9/91</u>
	23	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31
	24	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24
	51	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40
	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5

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

<sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

25. Right now, do you think the United States is in an economic recession, or not?

	CBS/NYT Surveys						[248]
	4/08+**	3/08 <sup>1</sup>	1/08	8/02	1/02	9/20-23/01	
Yes, in a recession.....	81	66	53	56	70	63	
No, not in a recession.....	15	27	41	39	25	32	
Not sure.....	4	7	6	5	5	6	
		9/12/01	8/01	4/23-25/01	4/4-5/01	2/01	
		48	44	42	42	35	
		42	50	52	51	57	
		10	6	6	7	7	

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

<sup>1</sup>Comparative data comes from surveys conducted for CBS/New York Times.

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

26. In politics, on social and cultural issues such as religion and morality, do you think of yourself as having a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative point of view? +

Liberal point of view.....	25	[249]
Moderate point of view .....	33	
Conservative point of view.....	39	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**Now thinking about Iraq . . .**

27. General David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq, has suggested pausing the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq starting this summer. Would you favor or oppose this? + \*\*

Favor .....	55	[250]
Oppose.....	36	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	5	

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28. When it comes to the war in Iraq, which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

**Statement A:** The most responsible thing we can do is find a way to withdraw most of our troops from Iraq by the beginning of 2009.

**Statement B:** The most responsible thing we can do is to remain in Iraq until the situation in the country is stable.

<b>Statement A</b> /withdraw most troops by 2009.....	4/08+*	12/07	11/07	[251]
<b>Statement B</b> /remain until the situation is stable .....	55	57	55	
Not sure .....	40	40	40	
	5	3	5	

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

29. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)** approach on dealing with the situation in Iraq, do you think (he/she) generally has the right approach, the wrong approach, or do you not really know enough about this to have an opinion?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY RIGHT APPROACH

	<u>Right Approach</u>	<u>Wrong Approach</u>	<u>Do Not Know Enough To Have Opinion</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>John McCain</b>					<b>[252]</b>
April 2008+ * .....	27	36	34	3	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	35	32	29	4	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>					<b>[254]</b>
April 2008+ * .....	24	28	43	5	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	30	32	34	4	
<b>Barack Obama</b>					<b>[253]</b>
April 2008+ * .....	24	29	43	4	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	27	31	38	4	

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

30. I'm going to read you statements about each of the candidates' positions on Iraq. For each one, please tell me whether you are totally in agreement with that position, mainly in agreement, feel neutral, are mainly in disagreement, or totally in disagreement with that position. + \*\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOTALLY OR MAINLY IN AGREEMENT

	<u>In Agreement</u>		<u>Feel Neutral</u>	<u>In Disagreement</u>		<u>Not Sure</u>	
	<u>Totally</u>	<u>Mainly</u>		<u>Mainly</u>	<u>Totally</u>		
Barack Obama says that the American military is being severely strained, and that we should immediately begin reducing American forces in Iraq, drawing down all troops within a sixteen-month period. He says that the best way to press Iraq's leaders to take responsibility for their future is to make it clear that we are leaving.....	29	26	11	13	19	2	<b>[256]</b>
Hillary Clinton says that it is time to begin ending this war today. As president she would draw up a plan to begin bringing troops home within sixty days of her taking office. She says we should focus American aid efforts during our redeployment on stabilizing Iraq, not holding the Iraqi government together .....	22	25	15	17	19	2	<b>[257]</b>
John McCain says that to achieve long-term success we must increase the American military force in Iraq to make the country secure for rebuilding its economy, training the Iraqi military, and creating political stability. He says that pulling U.S. forces out too early would increase the violence between Iraqis and create a new staging ground for Al Qaeda.....	19	17	13	19	29	3	<b>[255]</b>

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

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

F1. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else? +

Voted—George W. Bush.....	44	<b>[258]</b>
Voted—John Kerry.....	35	
Voted—someone else.....	8	
Voted—refused (VOL).....	1	
Did not vote .....	9	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

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

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	24	<b>[259]</b>
White-collar worker.....	21	
Blue-collar worker.....	13	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student .....	3	
Homemaker .....	6	
Retired.....	27	
Unemployed, looking for work .....	3	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN Q.F2a.)**

F2b. In your job, do you receive an annual salary or are you paid by the hour? +

Annual salary.....	51	<b>[267]</b>
Paid by the hour .....	42	
Not sure.....	7	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

Grade school.....	1	<b>[268-269]</b>
Some high school.....	3	
High school graduate .....	23	
Some college, no degree .....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college .....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree .....	24	
Some postgraduate work, no degree .....	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree .....	12	
Doctoral/law degree .....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F4. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced? +

Single .....	17	<b>[270]</b>
Unmarried, living with partner.....	3	
Married .....	62	
Separated .....	1	
Widowed .....	8	
Divorced.....	7	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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.....	8	<b>[271]</b>
Somewhat liberal.....	17	
Moderate .....	33	
Somewhat conservative .....	21	
Very conservative .....	16	
Not sure.....	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F6a. What is your religion? +

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians) .....	55	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[272]</b>
Catholic .....	20		
Jewish .....	2		
Muslim.....	-	<b>Skip to Q.F7</b>	
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.....	1		
Other .....	7		
None.....	10	<b>CONTINUE</b>	
Not sure/refused.....	5		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(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.....	20	<b>[273]</b>
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical .....	48	
Not sure .....	8	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim /Mormon (Q.F6a) .....	24	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.



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

Never .....	17	<b>[274]</b>
Once a year .....	7	
A few times a year .....	19	
Once a month .....	6	
About twice a month .....	9	
Once a week or more often.....	38	
Not sure .....	4	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F8a. Are you a current or retired labor union member? +

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY NO OR NOT SURE IN Q.F8a.)**

F8b. Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member? +

Labor union member .....	13	<b>[275-276]</b>
Labor union household .....	8	
Non-union household .....	76	
Not sure .....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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.....	3	<b>[277]</b>
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000 .....	5	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 .....	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 .....	8	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 .....	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 .....	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000 .....	14	
More than \$100,000 .....	18	
Not sure/refused.....	17	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.