

HART / NEWHOUSE
NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey
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Margins of Error for Subsample Questions		
Question	Subsample	Margin Of Error (+/-)
F	Half sample (Form A)	4.4

Interviews: 1,071 total interviews
Cross section of 1,000 registered voters
Oversample of 71 Hispanic voters
Total of 150 Hispanic voters
 Dates: June 6-9, 2008

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

49 Male
51 Female
[109]

***The margin of error for a
crosssection of 1,000 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 ethnic makeup of the national electorate. Oversample interviews among Hispanics were aggregated and tabulated separately from the national crosssection.

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

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP PRIORITY

	Q.6a Top Priority		Q.6a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities		
	6/08+	4/08+	6/08+	4/08+	
Job creation and economic growth	27	23	46	43	[165-166/167-168]
The war in Iraq.....	24	18	47	39	
Energy and the cost of gas	18	16	40	33	
Health care	8	11	20	26	
Terrorism	6	8	15	17	
Illegal immigration.....	5	8	13	18	
The environment and global warming.....	4	5	11	12	
The mortgage and housing situation.....	1	3	6	10	
Other (VOL)	1	-	1	1	
All equally (VOL).....	6	7	1	-	
None of these (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	
Not sure	-	-	-	-	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

	Top Priority	COMBINED Top/Second Priorities
	3/7-	3/7-

	10/08+	1/08+	12/07+	10/08+	1/08+	12/07+
The war in Iraq	19	17	18	42	36	36
Job creation and economic growth	26	27	14	50	46	32
Terrorism.....	9	10	9	20	19	20
Health care.....	12	17	18	29	34	35
The mortgage and housing situation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Energy and the cost of gas	10	6	8	22	18	20
Illegal immigration	9	11	12	19	22	25
The environment and global warming	4	5	6	9	12	15
Other (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	1
All equally (VOL)	8	2	9	1	1	-
None of these (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure	1	-	1	-	-	-

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B. In thinking about the next president that we'll be electing, which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view? **(IF "BOTH," ASK:)** I understand that you feel that they are both important, but if you had to choose the ONE statement that comes closer to your point of view, which would you choose?

Statement A: This is a time to have a president who will focus on progress and help move America forward.
Statement B: This is a time to have a president who will focus on protecting what has made America great.

	6/08+	3/08+	11/07+	
Statement A /focus on progress/moving forward	59	57	50	[169]
Statement B /focus on protecting what has made America great.....	37	39	46	
Not sure.....	4	4	4	

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C. Thinking about this year's presidential election, which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: This is a time when it is important to look for a more experienced and tested person even if he brings fewer changes to the current policies.
Statement B: This is a time when it is important to look for a person who will bring greater changes to the current policies even if he is less experienced and tested. +**

Statement A: Time for a more experienced and tested person	42	[170]
Statement B: Time for a person who will bring greater changes	54	
Depends (VOL)	1	
Not sure.....	3	

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

	6/08+		4/08+	3/24- 25/08+	3/7- 10/08+	1/08+	4/07	12/06+	
John McCain.....	41	CONTINUE	43	42	44	43	39	43	[178]
Barack Obama.....	47		46	44	47	41	45	38	
Depends (VOL).....	2		1	3	1	4	1	3	
Neither/other (VOL)	4	Skip to Q.13e	5	4	3	5	5	6	
Not sure	6		5	7	5	7	10	10	

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E. Regardless of who you are planning to vote for, who do you think will win the election in November--John McCain or Barack Obama? +*

John McCain.....	30	[210]
Barack Obama.....	54	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Neither/other (VOL)	-	
Not sure.....	12	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
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- F. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate with Mitt Romney as his running mate, and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate with Hillary Clinton as his running mate, for whom would you vote? +

John McCain and Mitt Romney	42	[212]
Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.....	51	
Depends (VOL).....	1	
Neither/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure	4	

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