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**NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey
Study #6091
December 5-8, 2008**

Interviews: 1,009 adults, including 103 reached by cell phone

Overall margin of error: ± 3.1 percentage points

Margins of Error for Subsample Questions		
Question Number	Subsample	Margin Of Error (+/-)
4b, 4c, 8, 11, 15, 18a, 19, 20, 28a, 36a, 37, 39, 43	Half sample (Form A)	4.4
4d, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18b, 19, 20, 24, 27, 28b, 36b, 38, 40, 44	Half sample (Form B)	4.4
45c	Respondents who have money invested in the stock market (Q45a/b)	3.9
47a, 47b	Respondents who are employed (Q46)	4.0
F1c	Respondents who voted for Barack Obama (QF1a/b)	4.4

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48 Male 52 Female [109]

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

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(ASK ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2—CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.)

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

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

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

Registered	90	[140]
Not registered	10	
Not sure	-	

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

18-24	7	[141-142]
25-29	8	
30-34	10	
35-39	7	
40-44	9	
45-49	10	
50-54	10	
55-59	11	
60-64	10	
65-69	7	
70-74	5	
75 and over.....	5	
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.....	10	[143]
No, not Hispanic	90	
Not sure/refused	-	

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

White	76	[144]
Black.....	10	
Asian	1	
Other	5	
Hispanic (VOL)	7	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

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

	<u>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>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	
Headed in the right direction	26	12	12	16	18	13	72	12	[145]
Off on the wrong track.....	60	78	77	73	67	74	11	78	
Mixed (VOL).....	10	7	9	9	12	10	11	7	
Not sure	4	3	2	2	3	3	6	3	
		<u>6/08+</u>	<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>
		16	15	20	20	22	21	25	19
		71	73	66	68	63	67	63	67
		11	10	11	9	13	9	9	11
		2	2	3	3	2	3	3	3
		<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>	<u>10/05</u>
	31	27	27	24	26	31	30	26	28
	54	60	61	67	62	57	59	63	59
	12	11	10	7	9	10	8	8	10
	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	3
	<u>9/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>
	32	34	35	34	39	36	36	36	33
	57	52	52	51	49	50	48	48	50
	8	12	10	12	10	12	14	14	14
	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3
	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>
	41	47	56	41	43	38	42	49	36
	49	43	30	48	47	50	44	38	47
	5	6	9	8	6	8	9	8	14
	5	4	5	3	3	4	4	5	3
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<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>9/01</u>
	43	44	42	40	52	53	62	70	72
	42	42	43	42	31	28	20	15	11
	13	14	12	14	14	15	14	12	11
	2	-	3	4	3	4	4	3	6

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	<u>9/19- 22/08+</u>	<u>9/6- 8/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>11/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>4/08+</u>	
Approve.....	27	27	29	30	34	31	88	27	[146]
Disapprove.....	67	66	66	65	61	64	7	66	
Not sure.....	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	7	
	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<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>	
	30	28	27	32	32	34	31	33	
	64	66	66	63	63	60	63	61	
	6	6	7	5	5	6	6	6	
	<u>7/07</u>	<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>	
	31	29	35	35	35	34	39	38	
	63	66	60	60	60	61	57	57	
	6	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>	<u>12/05</u>	
	39	42	39	37	36	37	39	39	
	56	53	56	58	57	58	54	55	
	5	5	5	5	7	5	7	6	
	<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>	
	39	40	46	47	48	50	50	49	
	54	55	49	47	46	45	44	44	
	7	5	5	6	6	5	6	7	
	<u>10/04+</u>	<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>12/14/03</u>	
	49	47	47	48	45	47	50	58	
	47	48	48	46	49	46	46	34	
	4	5	5	6	6	7	5	9	
	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29- 30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	
	52	51	49	56	62	71	66	67	
	41	44	45	38	31	23	29	28	
	7	5	6	6	7	6	5	5	
	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>		
	62	61	54	63	64	67	69		
	33	31	40	31	30	27	23		
	5	8	6	6	6	6	8		

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4b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>12/08*</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>	
Approve.....	20	20	25	23	21	21	28	63	20	[147]
Disapprove.....	72	75	68	72	73	73	66	25	75	
Not sure	8	5	7	5	6	6	6	12	5	
		<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>	<u>3/07</u>	
		30	35	35	38	38	36	40	44	
		64	58	60	57	56	57	51	49	
		6	7	5	5	6	7	9	7	
		<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>	<u>9/8-11/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	
		40	40	46	44	41	43	41	38	
		53	54	48	52	53	52	53	56	
		7	6	6	4	6	5	6	6	
		<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>	
		35	36	39	39	38	40	39	43	
		60	58	54	55	57	55	54	51	
		5	6	7	6	5	5	7	6	
		<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	
		41	46	47	44	45	45	43	45	
		53	50	47	51	52	51	52	49	
		6	4	6	5	3	4	5	6	
	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	
	41	45	49	48	50	43	45	47	49	
	53	51	45	46	44	52	48	45	42	
	6	4	6	6	5	6	7	8	9	
	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	
	44	47	48	48	49	57	61	63	63	
	49	45	44	43	43	34	30	27	25	
	7	8	8	9	8	9	9	10	12	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
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4c. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling foreign policy?

	<u>12/08*</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>12/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<i>High</i> <u>12/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>1/08</u>	
Approve.....	30	34	27	32	27	27	82	27	[148]
Disapprove.....	63	62	65	63	66	68	12	65	
Not sure.....	7	4	8	5	7	5	6	8	
	<u>12/06</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	
	30	37	34	35	32	38	35	36	
	64	57	60	61	61	57	59	56	
	6	6	6	4	7	5	6	8	
	<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>	<u>9/04+</u>	
	45	42	42	44	46	45	48	44	
	51	52	50	50	49	51	46	51	
	4	6	8	6	5	4	6	5	
	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	
	44	44	43	45	47	54	56	48	
	52	52	51	51	48	41	37	47	
	4	4	6	4	5	5	7	5	
	<u>12/02</u>	<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>10/02+</u>	
	57	48	47	55	63	70	51	58	
	36	48	46	39	31	24	42	35	
	7	4	7	6	6	6	7	7	
	<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>		
	55	62	64	68	81	82	53		
	34	28	28	26	13	12	20		
	11	10	8	6	6	6	27		

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
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4d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	<u>12/08**</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/7- 10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>12/07+</u>	
Approve	33	32	33	31	33	29	34	[149]
Disapprove.....	63	62	64	63	62	66	62	
Not sure	4	6	3	6	5	5	4	
		<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	
		27	30	22	26	27	27	
		68	66	72	68	66	67	
		5	4	6	6	7	6	
		<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>	
		28	23	34	33	38	34	
		67	71	63	63	57	61	
		5	6	3	4	5	5	
	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	<u>9/05</u>	
	35	33	35	39	36	32	37	
	61	62	61	56	60	64	58	
	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition and his preparations for becoming president?

Approve	73	[150]
Disapprove	13	
Not sure	14	

6. Compared with other years, do you think that 2008 was one of the best years for the United States, above average, about average, below average, or one of the worst years for the United States?

	<u>12/08**</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>12/92</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	
One of the best years	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	3	[151]
Above-average year	3	9	12	7	19	12	9	11	
About average year	12	28	32	32	51	43	28	30	
Below-average year.....	36	34	27	39	21	32	39	39	
One of the worst years	47	27	25	19	6	10	21	16	
Not sure	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	

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

	<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>	<u>1/08</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	[152]
Approve	21	12	13	15	15	13	18	61	12	
Disapprove	69	79	78	73	75	79	70	28	79	
Not sure	10	9	9	12	10	8	12	11	9	
		<u>12/07</u>	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>10/13- 16/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>
		18	19	23	23	31	31	16	20	25
		70	68	65	64	52	53	75	65	60
		12	13	12	13	17	16	9	15	15
		<u>6/06</u>	<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>
		23	22	33	29	25	28	29	28	33
		64	65	53	56	60	57	53	55	51
		13	13	14	15	15	15	18	17	16
			<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>
			39	41	40	39	46	39	43	39
			46	40	42	43	41	47	45	45
			15	19	18	18	13	14	11	16
			<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>
			43	42	44	44	40	34	43	54
			43	39	39	40	44	48	41	29
			14	19	17	16	16	18	16	17
			<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>
			57	47	43	45	48	55	49	46
			29	34	33	32	35	30	35	41
			14	19	24	23	17	15	16	13
			<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>
			46	43	42	43	48	45	42	40
			42	46	44	40	36	42	45	49
			12	11	14	17	16	13	13	11
			<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>10/94+</u>	<u>9/94</u>
			43	40	49	50	44	48	24	23
			41	42	38	40	42	39	67	67
			16	18	13	10	14	13	9	10

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8. 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>	
George W. Bush							[153]
December 2008.....	11	20	10	16	43	-	
October 17-20, 2008+	11	18	11	15	45	-	
October 4-5, 2008+	12	18	12	13	45	-	
September 19-22, 2008+ ..	13	17	11	13	46	-	
September 6-8, 2008+	15	18	12	14	41	-	
August 2008+	15	19	11	15	40	-	
July 2008+.....	14	18	10	16	42	-	
June 2008+	11	19	10	16	44	-	
April 2008+	12	19	13	14	42	-	
March 24-25, 2008+	16	17	12	13	41	1	
March 7-10, 2008+	16	18	10	12	43	1	
January 2008	14	18	10	17	40	1	
December 2007.....	16	20	11	13	40	-	
September 2007.....	18	18	11	13	40	-	
July 2007.....	13	20	11	15	41	-	
April 2007	17	19	13	14	37	-	
December 2006.....	19	19	10	15	37	-	
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	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2002.....	40	26	11	11	12	-	
June 2001	30	23	16	15	15	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
October 17-20, 2008+	11	18	11	15	45	-	

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Q.8 (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>	
Barack Obama							[154/162]
December 2008	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 24-25, 2008+	24	25	18	16	16	1	
March 7-10, 2008+	25	26	18	13	15	3	
January 2008	19	30	22	11	14	4	
December 2007	17	29	22	14	12	6	
November 2007	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007	18	19	26	11	6	20	
December 2006	17	18	18	7	6	34	
Oct. 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	
<i>High</i>							
October 17-20, 2008+	37	19	10	10	23	1	
<i>Low</i>							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	
Joe Biden							[155/163]
December 2008	20	25	25	12	11	7	
October 17-20, 2008+ *	28	23	19	12	14	4	
October 4-5, 2008+	21	22	24	12	15	6	
September 19-22, 2008+	17	20	25	13	16	9	
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	23	13	12	12	
September 2007	4	13	26	11	11	35	
December 2006	3	14	23	10	6	44	
June 2004+	5	11	25	6	4	49	

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[156/164]
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	
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	

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Q.8 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[157/165]
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	
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 2008+	7	21	24	22	25	1	
Michelle Obama							[158]
December 2008 *	31	23	24	7	8	7	
September 6-8, 2008+	21	19	23	11	20	6	
August 2008+	19	19	28	11	18	5	
July 2008+.....	17	17	27	13	18	8	
March 2008+	14	18	32	9	11	16	
Robert Gates							[159]
December 2008 *	8	23	29	6	2	32	

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Q.8 (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>	
Bill Clinton							[160]
December 2008 *	23	26	21	12	17	1	
August 2008+	20	25	16	19	20	-	
June 2008+	16	24	17	17	25	1	
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	23	13	14	25	-	
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	
June 2001	18	21	15	15	31	-	
April 2001	20	20	15	11	34	-	
January 2001	32	24	11	12	21	-	
December 2000	33	23	11	12	21	-	
September 2000+	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+	24	22	11	13	30	-	
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	

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Q.8 (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>	
Dick Cheney							[161]
December 2008 *	7	14	18	18	40	3	
August 2008+	7	18	17	15	40	3	
June 2008+	6	17	18	14	44	1	
January 2008	7	17	17	15	39	5	
July 2007	9	15	19	15	39	3	
January 2007	9	20	21	15	31	4	
September 2006+	13	21	15	15	35	1	
March 2006	12	18	17	17	33	3	
December 2005	13	20	15	17	32	3	
November 2005	10	17	19	16	33	5	
January 2005	19	23	15	18	23	2	
December 2004	18	24	13	13	28	4	
October 2004+	24	20	12	11	31	2	
September 2004+	21	20	13	12	31	3	
August 2004+	18	20	16	12	30	4	
July 2004+	16	20	19	14	28	3	
June 2004+	17	22	17	13	27	4	
May 2004+	18	21	16	13	29	3	
March 2004	17	22	18	14	22	6	
December 13, 2003	18	24	14	13	23	8	
September 2002	23	27	21	12	12	5	
December 2001	36	27	23	3	6	5	
October 2000+	25	24	26	8	9	8	
<i>High</i>							
February 1991+	33	33	13	2	2	17	
<i>Low</i>							
June 2008+	6	17	18	14	44	1	

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Q.8 (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>
John McCain						
December 2008 **	11	30	25	21	12	1
October 17-20, 2008+	19	25	16	18	21	1
October 4-5, 2008+	18	25	16	18	21	2
September 19-22, 2008+ ..	22	24	15	17	21	1
September 6-8, 2008+	25	25	16	15	18	1
August 2008+	14	31	21	16	17	1
July 2008+	13	29	26	16	14	2
June 2008+	11	28	25	19	15	2
April 2008+	11	29	27	17	13	3
March 24-25, 2008+	14	31	26	15	10	4
March 7-10, 2008+	15	32	23	15	12	3
January 2008	14	31	26	15	7	7
December 2007	10	29	26	21	7	7
November 2007	8	27	31	19	7	8
September 2007	9	27	26	18	11	9
July 2007	7	28	25	20	9	11
April 2007	11	31	27	15	7	9
March 2007	12	31	25	15	9	8
December 2006	13	33	22	16	4	12
June 2006	11	29	29	11	5	15
April 2006	12	27	28	13	6	14
August 2004+	18	33	26	8	4	11
July 2004+	19	30	30	9	2	10
May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11
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>						
August 2004+	18	33	26	8	4	11
<i>Low</i>						
October 1999	9	20	22	5	2	42

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

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Q.8 (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>	
Hillary Clinton							[167]
December 2008 **	27	26	20	14	12	1	
September 2008+.....	23	24	15	17	20	1	
August 2008+	17	25	16	18	23	1	
June 2008+	18	28	14	17	22	1	
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	24	23	11	11	30	1	
December 2007.....	22	20	13	12	32	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	
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2	
September 2000+.....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
January 2000	21	23	18	13	24	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	
Henry Paulson							[168]
December 2008 **	1	9	25	16	9	40	
Sarah Palin							[169]
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	
September 6-8, 2008+	30	17	17	10	17	9	

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

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Q.8 (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>	
Condoleezza Rice							[170]
December 2008 **	21	26	27	12	6	8	
January 2007.....	21	27	18	16	12	6	
September 2006+.....	30	25	14	14	14	3	
December 2005.....	27	24	17	13	12	7	
February 2005.....	28	22	16	13	14	7	
January 2005.....	20	22	23	11	9	15	
December 2004.....	26	19	21	10	12	12	
May 2004+	26	22	17	12	12	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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9. Since the election, has your opinion of Barack Obama become more favorable, less favorable, or has it stayed pretty much the same?

	<u>12/08</u>	<i>Bill Clinton</i> <u>12/92</u>	
More favorable.....	38	28	[171]
Less favorable	6	5	
Stayed pretty much the same	56	66	
Not sure	-	1	

10. Please tell me whether Barack Obama has a background and set of values that you can identify with, or whether he does NOT have a background and set of values that you can identify with.

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17-20/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>9/6-8/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	
Has background/set of values I identify with.....	57	55	50	53	50	[172]
Does NOT have background/set of values I identify with	34	40	44	40	42	
Not sure.....	9	5	6	7	8	
		<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/24-25/08+</u>	
		47	50	45	50	
		43	42	46	39	
		10	8	9	11	

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11. What word or short phrase would you use to describe how you feel about the election of Barack Obama as president? **[173-179]** *

Happy, pleased, satisfied, positive, feel good	18%
Need the change, step in the right direction, will turn things around	10
Hope, hopeful	8
Excited, thrilled, fantastic, exciting, elated, refreshing	6
Great wonderful, awesome, excellent, amazing, outstanding	6
Historic	5
Will be a good president, will work hard/take us in right direction	3
Disappointed	4
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Don't know; no response	4%

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

12. When it comes to the presidency of Barack Obama, will you strongly relate to him as your president, somewhat relate to him as your president, relate to him only a little as your president, or not really relate to him as your president?

Strongly relate to him.....	47	[180]
Somewhat relate to him.....	27	
Relate to him only a little	12	
Will not really relate to him	9	
Not sure.....	5	

13. How confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States--extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	12/08	Bill Clinton		[208]
		12/92	11/92+	
Extremely confident.....	33	13	11	
Quite confident.....	22	25	21	
Only somewhat confident.....	28	41	34	
Not at all confident	15	19	31	
Not sure	2	2	3	

14. How likely do you think it is that Barack Obama will bring real change in direction to the country--very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

	12/08	10/17-	9/19-	9/6-	[209]
		20/08+	22/08+	8/08+	
Very likely to bring real change in direction	37	32	30	30	29
Fairly likely to bring real change in direction.....	21	19	18	22	19
Just somewhat likely to bring real change in direction....	23	23	22	21	28
Not that likely to bring real change in direction	17	23	28	24	23
Not sure.....	2	3	2	3	1

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15. Do you think that when Barack Obama takes office he will be facing bigger challenges than most recent presidents have, about the same size challenges, or smaller challenges than most recent presidents have? *

Bigger challenges	77	[210]
About the same size challenges	19	
Smaller challenges	4	
Not sure	-	

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

16. 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?

	12/08	Bill Clinton		[211]
		12/92	11/92+	
Extremely confident	30	13	18	
Quite confident	24	29	21	
Only somewhat confident	29	44	34	
Not at all confident	16	13	25	
Not sure	1	1	2	

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17. Do you think that Barack Obama has gotten too involved in making policy on issues facing the country before he has become president, has had the right level of involvement, or has not been involved enough? **

Has become too involved	12	[212]
Has had right level of involvement....	75	
Has not been involved enough	11	
Not sure	2	

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

18a. Are you generally pleased or disappointed with the people Barack Obama has appointed to posts in his administration?

	12/08*	George	Bill	[213]
		W. Bush	Clinton	
		1/01	1/93	
Generally pleased	67	54	54	
Generally disappointed.....	16	17	14	
Mixed (VOL)	7	18	12	
Not sure.....	10	11	20	

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

18b. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view when it comes to the people that Barack Obama has appointed to serve in his administration?

Statement A: Obama's appointments are too much of a repeat of people who already have established views and who have worked in previous presidential administrations.

Statement B: Obama's appointments provide a good balance of new people who represent change and established people who have experience in Washington. **

Statement A /repeat of people from past administrations	25	[214]
Statement B /good balance of new people and people with experience	69	
Not sure	6	

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

19. Since Barack Obama's election as president, please tell me for each of the following whether you are satisfied and feel that Barack Obama has done enough in this area, or are not satisfied and feel that he should do more in this area?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SATISFIED/FEEL HE HAS DONE ENOUGH

	Satisfied/ Feel He Has Done <u>Enough</u>	Dissatisfied/ Feel He Should Do <u>More</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Appointing minorities and women to important positions.....	79	10	11	[216/221]
Working well with the Bush administration **	79	13	8	[222]
Being open and accessible **	77	15	8	[223]
Setting the right tone for the country *	76	17	7	[218]
Assembling a good team of economic advisors *	69	17	14	[219]
Assembling a good team of foreign and national security advisors **	69	21	10	[224]
Being bipartisan in his approach on issues *	68	22	10	[217]
Having a plan to improve the economy	59	30	11	[215/220]

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

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

20. I would like to read you several goals that Barack Obama has said he plans to accomplish. For each one, please tell me how likely you think it is that he will achieve it during his term as president. Is it very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or very unlikely?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY LIKELY

	Likely		Unlikely		Not <u>Sure</u>	
	<u>Very</u>	Some- <u>what</u>	Some- <u>what</u>	<u>Very</u>		
Improve America's image around the world *	48	32	7	10	3	[229]
Get the economy back on track	26	47	13	11	3	[225/233]
Repair the country's roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure *	24	49	13	10	4	[231]
Pull most American troops out of Iraq within the next sixteen months **	27	43	16	12	2	[235]
Close the prison holding terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba *	35	33	12	10	10	[230]

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

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

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	Likely		Unlikely		Not Sure	
	Very	Some- what	Some- what	Very		
Rework trade deals with other countries to make them better fit America's interests **	26	42	18	10	4	[237]
Create and save two-and-a-half million jobs	19	44	18	16	3	[226/234]
Increase the number of troops in Afghanistan **	30	32	18	16	4	[240]
Create more cooperation and less bickering between the political parties **	25	37	14	22	2	[236]
Reduce taxes for the middle class **	29	32	16	21	2	[239]
Extend health care coverage to all Americans **	19	42	19	17	3	[238]
Reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil * ...	18	41	18	21	2	[228]
Eliminate waste and fraud in the federal budget *	17	38	18	26	1	[232]
Reduce the influence of lobbyists and special interests in Washington *	18	29	18	29	6	[227]

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

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

21. Let me read you five aspects of Barack Obama's short-term economic stimulus plan. In your opinion, which one of the following is the most important? (IF "ALL," ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just ONE, which would you say is MOST important?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Tax cuts for middle- and lower-class Americans	30	[241]
Tax credits for businesses that create new jobs in the United States	27	
More investment in alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar power ...	21	
Increased payments to states to help fund their Medicaid programs	11	
Increased spending on the nation's transportation infrastructure	7	
Not sure	4	

22. During the course of the presidential election, Barack Obama made campaign promises on a number of issues, but given the nation's many problems it may be difficult for him to accomplish all of them. Please tell me which one or two of the following promises, if any, do you think are most critical to you that Barack Obama follow through on.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Cut taxes for working families earning less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars	36	[242-243]
Develop a health care program to cut costs and allow Americans to buy insurance through a federal health plan	30	>
Invest one hundred and fifty billion dollars in alternative energy over ten years to create five million jobs	27	
Redeploy all combat troops from Iraq in sixteen months	15	
Put an end to the Bush tax cuts for those with higher incomes	15	
Create a four-thousand-dollar college tax credit for students willing to perform community service	12	
Increase the number of troops in Afghanistan	9	
Place a cap on carbon emissions to reduce global warming pollution	6	
None of these	2	
All of these (VOL)	4	
Not sure	1	

23. Do you think that Michelle Obama is a positive role model for American women, or not?

Is a positive role model.....	69	[244]
Is not a positive role model.....	16	
Not sure.....	15	

Hillary Clinton							
	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>11/07+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>1/95</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>12/92</u>
Is a positive role model	59	55	44	51	57	62	66
Is not a positive role model	35	40	50	39	37	32	21
Not sure	6	5	6	10	6	6	13

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

24. Looking ahead, do you feel that in 2009 the country will find the Democrats and Republicans in Congress in a period of unity by working together and reaching consensus, or will it be a period of division where the parties hold fast to their positions and show little willingness to compromise? **

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Period of unity/working together.....	52	27	[245]
Period of division/little willingness to compromise....	42	65	
Depends (VOL)	3	4	
Not sure	3	4	

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

Changing topics . . .

25. Did you vote for George W. Bush in 2000, in 2004, in both years, or have you never voted for him?

Voted for him in 2000.....	5	[246]
Voted for him in 2004.....	5	
Voted for him in both years.....	33	
Have never voted for him.....	52	
Did not vote at all/too young to vote (VOL) ...	3	
Not sure	2	

26. When it comes to George W. Bush's leaving office, would you say that you are going to miss him, or not?

	<u>12/08</u>	<i>Bill Clinton</i> <u>12/00</u>	
Going to miss him	18	40	[247]
Not going to miss him	79	55	
Depends (VOL).....	1	3	
Not sure	2	2	

27. Compared with the past several presidents, do you feel that George W. Bush will turn out to have been one of the very best, better than most, not as good as most, or definitely worse than most of them? **

	<u>12/08</u>	<i>Bill Clinton</i> <u>1/01</u>	<i>George H.W. Bush</i> <u>1989¹</u>	
One of the very best.....	2	16	7	[248]
Better than most	18	40	48	
Not as good as most	30	24	31	
Definitely worse than most	48	18	6	
Not sure.....	2	2	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
¹ Results from a 1989 survey conducted by Lou Harris.

28a. Which ONE of the following things do you think will be remembered as being George W. Bush's greatest achievement as president? *

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Keeping America safe from terrorist attacks since September eleventh, 2001	35	[249]
Removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq	25	
Increasing funding for the international fight against AIDS	8	
Cutting taxes	4	
Promoting moral values.....	4	
Implementing a series of reforms to public education	4	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL)	17	
Not sure.....	2	

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

28b. Which ONE of the following things do you think will be remembered as being George W. Bush's biggest failure as president? **

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Undertaking the war in Iraq	35	[250]
Not preventing the current economic recession	21	
Producing the largest federal deficit in history.....	21	
Having an inadequate response to Hurricane Katrina.....	9	
Promoting policies that do more to help the wealthy than the middle class	8	
Having policies that hurt the environment	1	
Other (VOL)	2	
None (VOL).....	2	
Not sure	1	

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

Now, turning to the economy . . .

29. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
Economy has gotten better	2	1	20	21	23	23	22	21	[251]
Economy has gotten worse.....	90	90	39	41	44	36	37	44	
Stayed about the same	8	8	40	37	32	39	39	33	
Not sure.....	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	
		<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	
		17	20	31	30	29	29	37	
		45	42	28	34	36	33	31	
		37	37	40	35	34	37	30	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
		<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	
		39	35	35	43	45	38	27	
		28	33	34	23	27	29	41	
		31	31	29	34	27	31	30	
		2	1	1	1	1	1	2	
		<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/92</u>	<u>1/92</u>	
		23	18	6	7	17	6	2	
		42	44	65	57	44	73	78	
		34	36	28	35	38	20	19	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>
		3	6	8	9	11	8	3	3
		74	67	57	64	54	64	73	72
		22	26	33	26	35	27	23	24
		1	1	2	1	-	1	1	1
		<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>
		6	11	11	12	12	12	15	18
		57	37	36	30	30	29	34	23
		35	51	52	56	56	57	49	57
		2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2

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

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

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9/30- 10/2/06+</u>	
Economy will get better.....	36	38	25	21	19	16	21	22	[252]
Economy will get worse	28	20	43	49	45	31	16	22	
Economy will stay about the same.....	34	37	28	27	29	49	60	51	
Not sure	2	5	4	3	7	4	3	5	
		<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
		16	17	24	24	26	28	43	
		39	44	27	30	34	30	17	
		43	36	46	42	37	36	36	
		2	3	3	4	3	6	4	
		<u>10/04+</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		43	24	43	42	44	50	49	
		10	27	13	16	18	10	15	
		33	46	33	34	35	37	33	
		14	3	11	8	3	3	3	
		<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>	
		44	45	49	35	40	41	39	
		19	16	17	25	20	20	18	
		33	34	31	37	35	34	39	
		4	4	3	3				
		<u>7/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01¹</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/97</u>
		41	50	50	36	28	17	19	19
		20	13	15	25	29	24	22	22
		37	32	32	34	37	54	53	57
		2	5	3	5	6	5	6	2
		<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>
		21	20	24	31	31	28	28	27
		21	21	23	17	24	24	17	21
		52	54	50	46	40	44	52	49
		6	5	3	6	5	4	3	3
		<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>
		29	44	21	23	20	23	33	39
		16	16	27	24	29	27	21	15
		52	36	50	51	48	47	44	43
		3	4	2	2	3	3	2	3

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

31. I'd like to list some economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? **(IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

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	<u>12/08</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06</u>	<u>9/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
Unemployment.....	36	7	5	16	24	23	41	48	41	25	
The federal budget deficit ²	12	15	11	18	20	19	16	13	14	11	
The cost of health care.....	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The drop in the stock market.....	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	28	
Housing prices.....	8	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Gas prices and energy costs ¹	5	26	40	30	17	NA	NA	NA	NA	6	[253-254]
Pension security.....	4	5	6	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Federal taxes.....	3	6	5	6	7	6	9	6	7	8	
The gap between rich and poor...	NA	24	18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Inflation.....	NA	NA	5	6	7	6	5	4	5	6	
All equally important (VOL).....	11	11	9	8	11	10	13	14	15	11	
None (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	
	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>	<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	
Gas prices ¹	38	8	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The federal budget deficit ²	9	11	18	30	24	33	31	25	26	26	
Unemployment.....	13	35	10	35	35	33	37	40	43	40	
The trade deficit ³	NA	NA	7	8	9	9	9	7	6	8	
Federal taxes.....	11	NA	11	11	12	10	8	11	12	11	
Pension security.....	NA	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Inflation.....	10	14	8	6	8	6	5	6	5	8	
All equally important (VOL).....	7	10	12	4	6	5	5	7	4	4	
None (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Not sure.....	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	
	<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>				
Gas prices ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
The federal budget deficit ²	31	28	28	28	28	24	22				
Unemployment.....	37	40	44	44	44	46	46				
The trade deficit ³	6	8	7	8	8	10	8				
Federal taxes.....	10	11	9	7	5	5	5				
Pension security.....	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				
Inflation.....	8	6	4	7	7	6	7				
All equally important (VOL).....	4	4	5	3	5	5	8				
None (VOL).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	3				

¹ Between July 2002 and January 2001, the item was phrased, "Energy prices." In September 2005, item was phrased "gas prices "

² Between January 2005 and March 2001, the item was phrased, "The federal budget." Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased, "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

³ Prior to April 2001, the item was phrased, "The U.S. trade deficit."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

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	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	<u>10/4- 5/08+</u>	
Savings, such as the drop in the stock market or savings for retirement ¹	25	23	7	[255]
Inflation, such as the cost of groceries	21	15	21	
Health care, such as the cost of health insurance and prescriptions	16	13	18	
Employment, such as job security and wages	16	13	8	
Energy, such as the cost of gasoline and utilities	11	25	37	
Housing, such as home values and the mortgage market	9	9	6	
Not sure	2	2	3	

¹Prior to December 2008, the item was phrased, "Savings, such as savings for retirement or college."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the federal government is doing in handling the current financial crisis?

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/17- 20/08+</u>	
Approve.....	19	24	[256]
Disapprove.....	71	66	
Not sure	10	10	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

34. In October, the government announced a plan to take over bad mortgages and other troubled investments from financial firms. This plan was estimated to cost the government as much as seven hundred billion dollars and has been used to try to stabilize financial markets, make investments in financial institutions, and make credit available to business and consumers. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please just say so.

Approve.....	27	[257]
Disapprove.....	50	
No opinion.....	18	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	3	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

The government has announced a plan to take over bad mortgages and other troubled investments from financial firms. This plan could cost the government as much as seven hundred billion dollars but would try to stabilize financial markets, make credit available to business and consumers, and protect some homeowners.		
		10/4-
		<u>5/08+</u>
Approve.....	40	
Disapprove.....	38	
No opinion.....	15	
Depends (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.		

35. And do you approve or disapprove of how this plan has been handled since it passed in October? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please just say so.

Approve.....	11	[258]
Disapprove.....	64	
No opinion.....	22	
Depends (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	3	

36a. As you may know, deflation is the opposite of inflation—it means prices continuously go down. Deflation can be a problem because companies find it hard to make money on the goods they sell, leading them to lay off workers and reduce wages. How concerned are you that our economy may experience deflation in the next year--very concerned, fairly concerned, not that concerned, or not concerned at all? *

Very concerned	47	[259]
Fairly concerned	29	
Not that concerned	14	
Not concerned at all.....	9	
Not sure.....	1	

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

36b. As you may know, inflation refers to when prices for goods and services increase. Inflation can be a problem because it means that goods that people buy regularly—such as groceries, clothing, or gasoline--cost more. How concerned are you that our economy may experience inflation in the next year--very concerned, fairly concerned, not that concerned, or not concerned at all? **

Very concerned	56	[260]
Fairly concerned	26	
Not that concerned	8	
Not concerned at all.....	9	
Not sure.....	1	

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

37. When it comes to the economy, do you think that the federal government is focused more on helping large businesses, is focused more on helping average Americans, or is focused more on helping the economy as a whole? **

Focused more on helping large businesses.....	61	[261]
Focused more on helping average Americans.....	5	
Focused more on helping the economy as a whole.....	30	
Not sure	4	

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

38. Now I'm going to read you the names of several companies, 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>	
General Motors, or GM.....	6	19	23	26	23	3	[262]
Citibank	3	13	28	27	21	8	[263]
Ford.....	7	25	25	22	18	3	[264]
American Insurance Group, or AIG	2	6	20	23	39	10	[265]
Microsoft.....	21	36	26	7	3	7	[266]
Fannie Mae	2	9	17	25	38	9	[267]
Chrysler	5	16	31	24	20	4	[268]
Bank of America.....	11	18	28	18	18	7	[269]

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

39. How would you rate your feelings toward labor unions—very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>12/08*</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
Very positive.....	11	12	13	[270]
Somewhat positive	23	23	25	
Neutral.....	25	27	24	
Somewhat negative.....	17	19	18	
Very negative	20	13	14	
Don't know name/not sure.....	4	6	6	

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

40. As you may know, the U.S. government is facing a large budget deficit. Would you prefer that government

- A)** Reduce the deficit by increasing taxes, although this could slow the economic recovery,
- B)** Reduce the deficit by cutting spending, although this could affect important education and health care programs,
- C)** Let the deficit increase now to try to boost the economy, although this could lead to even higher taxes or larger spending cuts later. **

Reduce the deficit by increasing taxes.....	18	[271]
Reduce the deficit by cutting spending	41	
Let deficit increase now	29	
Not sure	12	

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

41. The federal government has either already committed to, or is considering, financial aid or loans to several industries that are in financial trouble. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the government providing aid and loans to the following types of companies.

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	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Small businesses	82	15	3	[276]
Commercial banks	38	56	6	[272]
Mortgage lenders	35	58	7	[274]
Insurance companies.....	26	68	6	[275]
Investment firms.....	20	73	7	[273]

42. The American automobile manufacturers—General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler—have asked Congress for financial aid and loans to keep the companies from failing and declaring bankruptcy. In exchange, the companies say they will change how they do business by cutting costs and focusing on producing fuel-efficient vehicles.

Would you approve or disapprove of the federal government providing financial aid and loans to the U.S. automakers? If you do not know enough about this to have an opinion, please just say so.

Approve	46	[277]
Disapprove	42	
No opinion	6	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure	1	

43. Which ONE of the following types of companies would have the most negative effect on the United States economy if it were to fail? *

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Commercial banks	37	[278]
Automobile manufacturers	24	
Mortgage lenders	13	
Investment firms.....	9	
Insurance companies	7	
Not sure.....	10	

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

44. Which of the following concerns you more?

That the federal government will spend too MUCH money to try to boost the economy and as a result will drive up the budget deficit, OR

That the federal government will spend too LITTLE money to try to boost the economy and as a result the recession will be longer? **

That the federal government will spend too MUCH money	56	[279]
That the federal government will spend too LITTLE money ...	36	
Not sure	8	

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

45a/b. Do you have money invested in the stock market and mutual funds, including IRAs and 401-Ks? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** Which of the following would you say is the value of these investments? Please just stop me when I get to the correct category. **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, please just give me your best guess.

Less than \$10,000	10	[308]
At least \$10,000 but less than \$50,000.....	17	
At least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000.....	11	
At least \$100,000 but less than \$200,000.....	7	
At least \$200,000 but less than \$300,000.....	3	
At least \$300,000 but less than \$500,000.....	2	
At least \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000....	2	
\$1,000,000 or more	2	
No, no money invested in the stock market	36	
Not sure/refused	10	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES" IN Q.45a.)

45c. Thinking about your investing in the future, do you want to get out of the stock market all together, decrease your holdings in the stock market, keep your holdings about the same, or increase your holdings?

Get out of the market all together	12	[309]
Decrease holdings.....	8	
Keep holdings about the same	51	
Increase holdings	26	
Not sure.....	3	

46. 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>			[310-311]
Professional, manager.....	22		
White-collar worker.....	19	CONTINUE	
Blue-collar worker.....	17		
Farmer, rancher.....	-		
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>			
Student.....	3		
Homemaker.....	7	Skip to Factuals	
Retired.....	24		
Unemployed, looking for work	6		
Other	-	CONTINUE	
Not sure.....	2	Skip to Factuals	

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN Q.46.)

47a. Has your place of employment done any of the following?

Reduced year-end bonuses or Christmas gifts for employees	20	[318]
Cut down on holiday celebrations or parties.....	9	
Donated money to charity in place of giving employees or clients gifts	7	
None.....	55	
Other (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	6	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN Q.46.)

47b. Would you be willing to take a five percent pay cut if it meant saving jobs at your place of work?

Yes, would be willing	64	[319]
No, would not be willing	28	
Not sure.....	8	

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

F1a/b. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

Yes, Voted		
Voted for Barack Obama	49	CONTINUE [320-321]
Voted for John McCain	32	
Voted for someone else.....	2	Skip to Q.F2
Not sure/refused.....	3	
No, Did Not Vote		
Not sure.....	13	
Not sure.....	1	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY BARACK OBAMA IN Q.F1a/b.)

F1c. Would you say that your vote was more FOR Barack Obama or more AGAINST John McCain?

More for Barack Obama	83	[322]
More against John McCain	10	
Some of both (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	1	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-	[323-324]
Some high school.....	4	
High school graduate	26	
Some college, no degree	17	
Vocational training/2-year college	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	11	
Doctoral/law degree	3	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F3. 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	23	[325]
Not very strong Democrat.....	11	
Independent/lean Democrat	12	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican	7	
Strong Republican	13	
Other (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. 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	[326]
Somewhat liberal	15	
Moderate	34	
Somewhat conservative	20	
Very conservative	17	
Not sure.....	5	

F5a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	54	CONTINUE	[327]
Catholic	22		
Jewish	2	Skip to Q.F6	
Muslim	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1		
Other	5		
None.....	12	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	4		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F5a.)

F5b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way? +

Fundamentalist/evangelical	20	[328]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	46	
Not sure	8	
Catholics/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F5a)	25	

F6. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship?

Never	18	[329]
Once a year	5	
A few times a year	17	
Once a month	8	
About twice a month	9	
Once a week or more often	39	
Not sure	4	

F7a. Are you a current or retired labor union member?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "NO" OR "NOT SURE" IN Q.F7a.)

F7b. Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member	16	[330-331]
Union household	7	
Non-union household	75	
Not sure	2	

F8. 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	5	[332]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	6	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	7	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	9	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	12	
More than \$100,000	17	
Not sure/refused	17	