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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 (+/-)
15, 18a, 20	Half sample (Form A)	4.4
17, 20, 27	Half sample (Form B)	4.4
47b	Respondents who are employed (Q46)	4.0

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48 Male 52 Female [109]

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

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).

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?

George	Bill
W. Bush	Clinton

	<u>12/08*</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>1/93</u>	
Generally pleased	67	54	54	[213]
Generally disappointed.....	16	17	14	
Mixed (VOL)	7	18	12	
Not sure.....	10	11	20	

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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 Sure	
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some-what</u>	<u>Some-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]
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]

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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? **

	<i>Bill Clinton</i>	<i>George H.W. Bush</i>

	<u>12/08</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<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.

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.

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