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100 reached by cell phone
Date: July 24-27, 2009

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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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

The margin of error for 1,011 interviews is ± 3.1%

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

White	76	[149]
Black.....	11	
Asian	1	
Other	4	
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>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/01</u>	<i>Low</i> <u>10/17-20/08+</u>	[150]
Headed in the right direction	39	42	43	41	26	26	72	12	
Off on the wrong track	49	46	43	44	59	60	11	78	
Mixed (VOL)	9	9	10	9	9	10	11	7	
Not sure.....	3	3	4	6	6	4	6	3	
		<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>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	
		12	12	16	18	13	16	15	
		78	77	73	67	74	71	73	
		7	9	9	12	10	11	10	
		3	2	2	3	3	2	2	
	<u>3/7-10/08+</u>	<u>1/08+</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
	20	20	19	28	27	31	34	40	
	66	68	68	57	61	57	52	47	
	11	9	11	13	10	10	12	10	
	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	
	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>3/93</u>	
	36	47	42	36	52	62	52	43	
	48	43	44	47	31	20	32	35	
	14	6	9	14	14	14	11	11	
	2	4	4	3	3	4	5	11	

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

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<i>George W. Bush</i> <u>6/01</u>	[151]
Approve.....	53	56	61	60	50	
Disapprove.....	40	34	30	26	35	
Not sure	7	10	9	14	15	

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

	<u>7/09*</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	[152]
Approve	49	51	55	56	
Disapprove	44	38	37	31	
Not sure	7	11	8	13	

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

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

	<u>7/09**</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Approve	57	54	56	[153]
Disapprove	33	36	31	
Not sure	10	10	13	

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

4d. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>7/09</u>	<i>Bill Clinton</i> <u>7/94</u>	<i>Bill Clinton</i> <u>6/94</u>	
Approve	41	40	43	[154]
Disapprove	46	52	47	
Not sure	13	8	10	

^ See Addendum A for breakouts of results by those with private health insurance and no health insurance.

4e. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	10/17- <u>20/08+</u>	<i>High</i> <u>9/98</u>	<i>Low</i> 10/17- <u>20/08+</u>	
Approve	24	29	28	31	23	21	12	61	12	[155]
Disapprove	63	57	58	54	68	69	79	28	79	
Not sure	13	14	14	15	9	10	9	11	9	
		10/4- <u>5/08+</u>	9/19- <u>22/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>6/06</u>	
		13	15	15	13	18	23	31	23	
		78	73	75	79	70	64	53	64	
		9	12	10	8	12	13	16	13	
	<u>1/06</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>6/02</u>		
	29	28	41	40	46	43	42	43		
	56	55	40	42	41	43	39	41		
	15	17	19	18	13	14	19	16		
	<u>1/02</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>					
	54	47	48	43	48					
	29	34	35	46	36					
	17	19	17	11	16					

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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>	
Barack Obama							[156]
July 2009	37	18	10	14	20	1	
June 2009	41	19	11	12	17	-	
April 2009	45	19	12	10	13	1	
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1	
January 2009	43	23	17	8	6	3	
December 2008	45	22	15	8	8	2	
October 17-20, 2008+	37	19	10	10	23	1	
October 4-5, 2008+	30	22	12	12	23	1	
September 19-22, 2008+	29	19	15	14	22	1	
September 6-8, 2008+	33	20	13	12	20	2	
August 2008+	28	22	13	17	19	1	
July 2008+	27	21	16	11	23	2	
June 2008+	25	23	17	11	22	2	
April 2008+	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 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	
<i>High</i>							
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1	
<i>Low</i>							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	

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Q.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>	
Sonia Sotomayor							[157/163]
July 2009.....	16	15	22	14	13	20	
June 2009	13	17	24	8	8	30	
Sarah Palin							[158/164]
July 2009.....	14	18	20	16	27	5	
April 2009.....	14	18	24	11	27	6	
December 2008.....	15	20	16	15	30	4	
October 17-20, 2008+	23	15	13	13	34	2	
October 4-5, 2008+	26	18	15	15	22	4	
September 19-22, 2008+	26	16	17	12	24	5	
The Democratic Party							[159]
July 2009*	13	29	19	17	20	2	
June 2009	19	26	16	16	21	2	
April 2009.....	17	28	19	15	19	2	
February 2009.....	20	29	18	14	17	2	
December 2008.....	17	32	22	15	13	1	
October 17-20, 2008+	16	23	22	17	21	1	
October 4-5, 2008+	15	26	20	18	19	2	
September 19-22, 2008+	19	23	20	16	20	2	
September 6-8, 2008+	24	25	17	19	14	1	
August 2008+	17	26	21	16	19	1	
July 2008+.....	15	28	18	18	19	2	
June 2008+	16	27	24	13	19	1	
April 2008+.....	17	27	22	15	17	2	
March 7-10, 2008+.....	20	25	18	16	19	2	
January 2008	22	25	19	18	15	1	
November 2007.....	12	27	24	18	17	2	
September 2007.....	8	26	27	22	16	1	
July 2007.....	15	27	21	20	15	2	
June 2007	12	30	22	19	16	1	
January 2007	13	29	26	16	14	2	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	25	25	18	17	1	
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	
January 2006	11	25	28	20	15	1	
September 2005.....	11	26	29	18	14	2	
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005.....	14	28	28	16	13	1	
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+	16	26	20	18	19	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
July 2006.....	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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

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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>	
Joe Biden							[160]
July 2009*	13	25	20	17	19	6	
January 2009	20	27	22	12	9	10	
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	
Nancy Pelosi							[161]
July 2009*	7	18	16	11	33	15	
June 2009	5	19	17	12	34	13	
February 2009.....	12	19	15	9	28	17	
January 2009	9	17	19	10	26	19	
October 4-5, 2008+	7	16	21	14	27	15	
January 2008	5	17	21	11	22	24	
April 2007	11	18	20	12	18	21	
January 2007	10	18	23	9	15	25	
December 2006.....	9	16	21	8	15	31	
October 2006+	4	10	18	8	17	43	
September 2006+.....	4	11	12	7	16	50	
December 2005.....	3	10	20	6	12	49	
February 2005.....	5	10	17	6	10	52	
Mitt Romney							[162]
July 2009*	10	18	30	12	8	22	
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	

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

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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>	
The Republican Party							[165]
July 2009**	9	19	29	21	20	2	
June 2009	6	19	29	23	21	2	
April 2009	7	22	25	22	22	2	
February 2009	7	19	24	25	22	3	
December 2008.....	7	20	20	26	26	1	
October 17-20, 2008+	11	21	18	23	25	2	
October 4-5, 2008+	12	23	17	21	26	1	
September 19-22, 2008+	13	21	18	19	28	1	
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	15	18	25	2	
August 2008+	10	25	22	19	23	1	
July 2008+	8	23	20	22	26	1	
June 2008+	7	21	24	22	25	1	
April 2008+	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10, 2008+	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008	13	21	26	19	18	3	
November 2007.....	8	24	24	20	22	2	
September 2007.....	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007.....	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007	10	23	21	23	21	2	
Oct 28-30, 2006+	15	20	16	20	28	1	
July 2006.....	11	22	18	21	25	3	
January 2006	13	24	20	20	22	1	
September 2005.....	14	23	20	19	22	2	
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005.....	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+.....	21	22	16	18	22	1	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	21	36	18	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
February 2009.....	7	19	24	25	22	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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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>	
Hillary Clinton							[166]
July 2009**	26	27	15	15	16	1	
January 2009	27	29	14	15	14	1	
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	
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	
July 2003.....	16	21	20	13	27	3	
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1	
Lance Armstrong							[167]
July 2009**	24	27	29	3	2	15	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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6. What is your preference for the outcome of next year's congressional elections--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>7/09+</u>	<u>4/09+</u>	<u>11/08++</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9/08+</u>	<u>8/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	
Republican-controlled Congress.....	39	39	36	36	37	36	36	33	[168]
Democrat-controlled Congress	46	48	48	49	50	47	49	52	
Not sure	15	13	16	15	13	17	15	15	
	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>3/08+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>	<u>10/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>7/06+</u>	<u>6/06+</u>	
	34	35	37	37	39	39	38	38	
	49	49	52	52	48	48	48	49	
	17	16	11	11	13	13	14	13	
		<u>4/06+</u>	<u>3/06+</u>	<u>1/06+</u>	<u>12/05+</u>	<u>11/05+</u>	<u>10/05+</u>	<u>7/05+</u>	
		39	37	38	38	37	39	40	
		45	50	47	46	48	48	45	
		16	13	15	16	15	13	15	
		<u>5/05+</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
		40	43	42	42	41	42	42	
		47	44	46	44	44	45	43	
		13	13	12	14	15	13	15	
	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
	42	43	42	43	42	44	42	40	
	42	42	42	41	41	40	40	44	
	16	15	16	16	17	16	18	16	
	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	
	39	39	42	41	37	41	40	41	
	41	43	41	40	43	43	39	40	
	20	18	17	19	20	16	21	19	
	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>2/98</u>	<u>1/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
	39	41	41	40	41	41	45	44	
	40	40	37	42	37	39	39	38	
	21	19	22	18	22	20	16	18	

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++ Results shown reflect responses among likely voters.

7a. 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?

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.7a.)

7b. 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 THE TOP PRIORITY (Q.7a)

	Q.7a. Top Priority			Q.7a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities		
	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>		<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
	Job creation and economic growth	38		31		
The deficit and government spending.....	17	19		32	34	
Health care	14	16		32	34	
National security and terrorism	11	14		23	27	
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	10	9		25	26	
Energy and the cost of gas	5	5	CONTINUE	16	16	
Social issues such as abortion and same-sex marriage	2	2		7	7	
Other (VOL).....	1	-		1	-	
All equally (VOL).....	2	3		1	-	
None of these (VOL).....	-	-	Skip to Q.8a	-	-	
Not sure	-	1		-	-	

8a. 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?

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>9/19-22/08+</u>	<u>9/6-8/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	
Very likely to bring real change in direction	31	43	37	32	30	30	29	[173]
Fairly likely to bring real change in direction.....	20	18	21	19	18	22	19	
Just somewhat likely to bring real change in direction	27	20	23	23	22	21	28	
Not that likely to bring real change in direction.....	21	17	17	23	28	24	23	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	3	2	3	1	

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8b. When it comes to the policies and the programs of Barack Obama would you say that they are taking the country in the right direction, taking the country in the wrong direction, or do you feel they are mixed?

Taking the country in the right direction.....	35	[174]
Taking the country in the wrong direction.....	30	
Mixed.....	34	
Not sure	1	

8c. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	
Extremely confident.....	25	31	30	[175]
Quite confident	21	23	24	
Only somewhat confident	23	26	29	
Not at all confident.....	30	19	16	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	

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

	7/09	6/09	
Extremely confident	16	20	[176]
Quite confident.....	23	26	
Only somewhat confident.....	28	24	
Not at all confident	32	29	
Not sure	1	1	

10. How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "five" means a very good rating, a "one" means a very poor rating, and a "three" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	5	4	3	2	1		
Being easygoing and likable							[209]
July 2009**	54	19	12	6	8	1	
April 2009.....	60	21	8	5	5	1	
January 2009	54	23	16	2	3	2	
June 2008+.....	37	32	18	7	5	1	
March 2008+.....	39	30	17	5	7	2	
November 2007+	34	30	21	6	5	4	
Being consistent and standing up for his beliefs							[179]
July 2009*	35	29	19	6	10	1	
Having strong leadership qualities							[212]
July 2009**	38	23	15	9	15	-	
April 2009	46	22	15	8	9	-	
January 2009 ¹	44	26	16	6	7	1	
June 2008+.....	23	24	30	10	12	1	
March 2008+.....	24	22	27	9	16	2	
November 2007+	15	24	28	14	15	4	
Being compassionate enough to understand average people							[177]
July 2009*	41	17	19	9	14	-	
April 2009	46	21	16	8	9	-	
January 2009	48	22	17	6	6	1	
June 2008+.....	32	29	21	7	9	2	
March 2008+.....	35	24	23	8	8	2	
November 2007+	27	27	26	8	7	5	
Being firm and decisive in his decision-making							[178]
July 2009*	27	30	22	8	13	-	
April 2009	34	31	15	9	10	1	
January 2009	37	26	20	4	9	4	

¹Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president."

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

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Q.10 (Cont'd)	Very Good Rating			Very Poor Rating		Cannot Rate	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
Improving America's image around the world							[211]
July 2009**	35	20	18	9	17	1	
April 2009	45	18	14	7	15	1	
Willing to work with people whose viewpoints are different from his own							[180]
July 2009*	32	17	20	9	21	1	
April 2009	42	20	16	8	12	2	
Can be trusted to keep his word							[208]
July 2009*	26	22	22	8	22	-	
April 2009	34	24	14	9	17	2	
Sharing your positions on the issues							[210]
July 2009**	23	21	21	9	25	1	
April 2009	26	22	21	11	19	1	
January 2009	29	23	22	12	13	1	
June 2008+	21	18	23	14	23	1	
March 2008+	18	21	23	13	21	4	
November 2007+	13	20	28	12	21	6	

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 ** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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11. Let me read you a couple of proposals made by President Obama. For each one, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of this action.

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Charging a fee to companies that emit greenhouse gases, which might result in higher utility bills, and using the money to provide tax cuts for middle-income Americans				[213]
July 2009	53	40	7	
April 2009	58	35	7	
Using government funds to expand health insurance coverage, and raising taxes on wealthier Americans to pay for it				[214]
July 2009	50	44	6	
April 2009	56	37	7	

12. Which of the following one or two things most concern you about the way Barack Obama has handled the presidency? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one or two, which two things would you choose?

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He has spent too much money, which has increased the deficit	33	[215]
He is too liberal on many of his positions and in his appointments.....	20	>
He has accomplished very little on key issues such as the economy	17	
He has not been a strong enough leader with Congress on key issues	15	
He is too inexperienced and weak in dealing with foreign leaders.....	12	
He spends too much time overseas on international summits and meetings.....	10	
All (VOL)	5	
None (VOL).....	17	
Not sure	3	

13. As you may know, Barack Obama recently nominated Sonia Sotomayor to serve as a justice on the Supreme Court. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose Sonia Sotomayor's serving as a justice on the Supreme Court, or do you not know enough about her to say?

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>Sam Alito</u> <u>11/05</u>	<u>Harriet Miers</u> <u>10/05</u>	<u>John Roberts</u> <u>(as Chief Justice)</u> <u>9/05</u>	
Strongly support.....	25	21	16	11	22	[216]
Somewhat support.....	19	22	16	16	16	
Somewhat oppose	13	9	10	10	10	
Strongly oppose	17	11	10	11	10	
Do not know enough to say.....	25	35	47	51	41	
Not sure	1	2	1	1	1	

Moving along . . .

14. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)** which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you think that neither would do a good job, please just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO GIVE THE ADVANTAGE TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with global warming							[224]
July 2009*	D-27	40	13	22	19	6	
January 2008	D-45	53	8	22	10	7	
July 2007	D-39	48	9	19	17	7	
Dealing with health care							[218/226]
July 2009	D-17	40	23	15	19	3	
July 2008+	D-31	49	18	12	16	5	
January 2008	D-36	51	15	17	12	5	
July 2007	D-36	49	13	14	21	3	
March 2006	D-31	43	12	21	19	5	
November 2005	D-26	43	17	17	18	5	
December 2004	D-18	39	21	23	11	6	
January 2004	D-26	48	22	18	10	2	
December 13, 2003	D-18	43	25	14	13	6	
October 2002+	D-25	46	21	19	11	3	
June 2002	D-22	38	16	23	18	5	
June 2001	D-21	41	20	21	12	6	
December 1999	D-26	43	17	21	13	6	
March 1999	D-24	42	18	23	12	5	
October 1998+	D-20	41	21	26	8	4	
September 1998	D-20	40	20	24	13	3	
June 1998	D-13	25	12	34	23	6	
May 1996	D-20	42	22	16	17	3	
December 1995	D-21	43	22	13	16	6	
October 1994	D-12	37	25	12	20	6	
July 1994	D-16	37	21	18	18	6	
May 1994	D-9	26	17	38	15	4	
October 1993	D-28	44	16	16	18	6	
March 1993	D-48	57	9	17	12	5	
July 1992+	D-34	44	10	21	19	6	
April 1992+	D-36	48	12	17	18	5	
October 1991+	D-34	46	12	18	16	8	
October 1991	D-23	39	16	24	12	9	
Dealing with energy policy							[222]
July 2009*	D-12	35	23	22	15	5	
July 2008+	D-20	42	22	15	15	6	
January 2008	D-28	44	16	20	13	7	
July 2007	D-24	41	17	20	15	7	
November 2005	D-16	35	19	20	19	7	
January 2004	D-11	37	25	22	10	6	
December 13, 2003	D-11	36	25	15	11	12	
June 2001	D-8	35	27	19	10	9	

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.14 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Getting the country out of a recession							[229]
July 2009**	D-10	36	26	19	16	3	
January 2008	D-16	41	25	22	8	4	
March 1991	R-17	21	38	14	16	11	
December 1990.....	-	33	33	7	17	10	
October 1990.....	R-5	31	36	6	13	14	
Dealing with the economy							[217/225]
July 2009.....	D-6	35	29	19	14	3	
July 2008+.....	D-16	41	25	14	14	6	
January 2008.....	D-18	43	25	21	8	3	
July 2007.....	D-15	41	26	17	12	4	
October 13-16, 2006+	D-13	43	30	17	7	3	
September 2006+.....	D-12	40	28	17	10	5	
March 2006	D-12	39	27	20	11	3	
November 2005.....	D-14	39	25	17	14	5	
December 2004.....	D-9	39	30	20	7	4	
July 2004+.....	D-8	40	32	19	7	2	
January 2004+.....	R-2	36	38	15	8	2	
December 13, 2003.....	R-1	37	38	14	7	5	
October 2002+.....	D-6	36	30	21	9	4	
June 2002.....	D-1	32	31	24	9	4	
June 2001.....	D-6	37	31	20	6	6	
December 1999.....	D-3	34	31	24	7	4	
March 1999	D-6	35	29	26	6	4	
September 1998.....	-	31	31	29	6	3	
September 1997.....	R-9	25	34	26	9	6	
October 1996.....	D-4	36	32	15	10	7	
May 1996+	R-4	26	30	27	14	3	
December 1995.....	R-8	22	30	27	17	4	
June 1995.....	R-12	17	29	29	23	2	
October 1994.....	R-8	22	30	28	16	4	
July 1994.....	R-11	18	29	32	17	4	
June 1994.....	R-5	21	26	39	12	2	
October 1993.....	R-5	22	27	20	28	3	
March 1993	D-16	34	18	34	11	3	
July 1992+.....	D-8	26	18	35	18	3	
May 1992.....	D-6	29	23	26	17	5	
January 1992+.....	D-5	28	23	33	12	4	
October 1991+.....	R-1	27	28	26	14	5	

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

Q.14 (cont'd)	Party Advantage	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both About The Same	Neither	Not Sure	
Reducing the federal deficit							[220/228]
July 2009.....	R-6	25	31	18	22	4	
January 2008.....	D-22	42	20	17	15	6	
July 2007.....	D-25	43	18	14	21	4	
November 2005.....	D-19	38	19	15	22	6	
January 2004.....	D-11	37	26	18	15	4	
December 13, 2003.....	D-13	38	25	12	16	10	
September 1997.....	R-8	23	31	22	18	6	
October 1996.....	R-3	29	32	11	19	9	
June 1995.....	R-21	16	37	17	26	4	
October 1993.....	D-4	27	23	27	18	5	
March 1993.....	D-23	39	16	23	18	4	
April 1992+.....	D-1	20	19	18	37	6	
October 1991+.....	R-5	24	29	16	24	7	
October 1990+.....	R-2	25	27	19	23	6	
Dealing with Afghanistan							[221]
July 2009*.....	R-6	24	30	22	16	8	
Dealing with taxes							[219/227]
July 2009.....	R-7	28	35	17	16	4	
July 2008+.....	D-1	37	36	8	15	4	
January 2008.....	D-5	36	31	17	12	4	
July 2007.....	D-9	36	27	14	18	5	
March 2006.....	D-9	35	26	21	15	3	
November 2005.....	D-10	40	30	14	12	4	
January 2004.....	R-2	35	37	16	10	2	
December 13, 2003.....	R-3	34	37	12	9	9	
October 2002+.....	R-5	31	36	17	11	5	
June 2002.....	R-6	27	33	20	15	5	
June 2001.....	R-8	28	36	20	11	5	
December 1999.....	R-3	30	33	19	13	5	
March 1999.....	R-6	29	35	20	12	4	
September 1997.....	R-5	26	31	20	16	7	
October 1998+.....	-	32	32	21	10	5	
September 1998.....	R-6	29	35	22	11	3	
October 1996.....	R-5	30	35	15	13	7	
May 1996+.....	R-9	25	34	17	19	5	
December 1995.....	R-8	26	34	14	20	6	
June 1995.....	R-13	22	35	15	22	6	
November 1994.....	R-13	23	36	16	17	8	
October 1994.....	R-15	23	38	17	18	4	
October 1993.....	R-11	23	34	16	23	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
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Q.14 (cont'd)	<u>Party Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>Both About The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with the war on terrorism							[230]
July 2009**	R-8	26	34	25	11	4	
July 2008+	R-11	29	40	16	10	5	
January 2008	R-1	30	31	27	8	4	
July 2007	-	29	29	20	18	4	
October 13-16, 2006+	R-10	25	35	25	11	4	
September 8-11, 2006+	R-14	24	38	21	12	5	
November 2005	R-9	26	35	23	11	5	
December 2004	R-18	24	42	22	7	5	
January 2004	R-24	23	46	22	6	3	
December 13, 2003	R-26	20	46	19	9	5	
October 2002+	R-36	13	49	27	6	5	
Controlling government spending							[231]
July 2009**	R-9	23	32	20	22	3	
July 2007	D-16	36	20	14	27	3	
November 2005	D-12	34	22	14	26	4	
January 2004	R-2	31	33	16	18	2	
December 13, 2003	D-2	34	32	16	14	5	
May 1996	R-28	15	43	12	24	6	
December 1995	R-19	19	38	12	26	5	
October 1994	R-13	21	34	12	28	5	
October 1993	R-8	19	27	29	20	5	
Promoting strong moral values							[223]
July 2009*	R-13	22	35	21	19	3	
July 2008+	R-11	24	35	21	14	6	
January 2008	R-9	24	33	28	11	4	
July 2007	R-5	23	28	23	23	3	
October 13-16, 2006+	R-13	20	33	19	24	4	
November 2005	R-17	18	35	22	21	4	
December 2004	R-21	21	42	22	12	3	
January 2004	R-22	23	45	18	13	2	
December 13, 2003	R-23	20	42	15	15	8	
June 2001	R-22	18	40	23	16	3	

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

15. How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress--one of the best, above average, average, below average, or one of the worst?

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>10/06+</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	
One of the best.....	2	1	1	2	2	[232]
Above average.....	11	4	6	9	11	
Average.....	40	37	47	58	54	
Below average.....	21	31	32	22	21	
One of the worst.....	23	25	11	7	10	
Not sure.....	3	2	3	2	2	

	<u>7/99</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>10/94</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>
	1	2	7	1	1	1
	12	11	18	6	5	7
	53	56	33	46	45	39
	25	22	24	28	32	32
	7	6	16	16	14	19
	2	3	2	3	3	2

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16. For each of the following goals, please tell me how much it will concern you, if Congress (**READ ITEM**)--will it concern you a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or not at all? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR QUITE A BIT

	<u>A Great Deal</u>	<u>Quite A Bit</u>	<u>Just Some</u>	<u>Not At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Adds significantly to the budget deficit.....	53	19	22	5	1	[234]
Fails to increase regulation on banks and financial institutions.....	43	22	23	11	1	[235]
Cannot pass a bill that will reform health care.....	38	20	19	22	1	[233]
Cannot pass a bill that would reduce emissions of gases such as carbon dioxide that cause global warming.....	30	20	27	23	-	[236]

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

17. Let me read you a number of criticisms of the current Congress, and please tell me which one or two most concern you.

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The Congress has been too partisan and has shown very little cooperation between the two parties.....	36	[237]
The Congress has been spending too much money and increasing the federal deficit.....	33	>
The Congress is taking the wrong approach on important issues such as health care and economic recovery.....	28	
The Congress has not done enough on important issues such as health care and economic recovery.....	25	
There has been too little regulation of pharmaceutical, food, and financial industries.....	15	
There have been too many sexual and personal scandals among members of Congress.....	13	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

18a. Do you think that this term's Congress has been more partisan and divided than it has been in the past, less partisan and divided than it has been in the past, or about the same in terms of its partisanship and division?

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>12/06¹</u>	
More partisan and divided	36	26	[238]
Less partisan and divided.....	11	23	
About the same in terms of its partisanship and division	49	46	
Not sure.....	4	5	

¹ In December 2006, the question was phrased, "Do you expect the new Congress to be..."

18b. When it comes to the partisanship going on in Washington, do you feel this is mainly due to an unwillingness of the Republicans to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Democrats, or that this is due to an unwillingness of the Democrats to compromise and find a middle ground to work with the Republicans, or do you feel that it is equally the fault of both parties?

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2-3/09</u>	
Due to unwillingness of Republicans.....	20	29	[239]
Due to unwillingness of Democrats	18	14	
Equally the fault of both parties	59	56	
Not sure.....	3	1	

Now turning to the economy . . .

19. 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>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>2/09</u>	
Very satisfied.....	2	1	2	1	2	2	31	1	[240]
Somewhat satisfied	11	11	16	6	8	12	55	6	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	31	33	30	22	25	28	10	22	
Very dissatisfied	56	54	52	70	65	58	3	70	
Not sure.....	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	
		<u>12/07</u>	<u>9/06+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	
		5	10	6	3	4	2	4	
		27	33	45	33	27	32	42	
		28	32	30	38	37	41	39	
		40	25	18	25	31	24	14	
		-	-	1	1	1	1	1	
		<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	
		6	4	5	18	29	23	26	
		44	43	47	57	52	53	54	
		33	39	32	18	12	17	13	
		15	13	15	6	6	7	6	
		2	1	1	1	1	-	1	
		<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	
		27	31	18	13	10	13	9	
		55	55	52	52	51	45	51	
		12	10	20	23	27	27	27	
		5	3	8	10	10	13	11	
		1	1	2	2	2	2	2	
	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>5/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>12/94</u>	
	7	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	
	49	43	43	39	37	39	40	41	
	30	32	38	37	38	35	37	38	
	12	18	14	19	19	21	18	15	
	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>10/08+</u>	<u>7/08+</u>	<u>6/08+</u>	<u>4/08+</u>	
Economy will get better	44	46	38	36	38	25	21	19	[241]
Economy will get worse.....	21	22	30	28	20	43	49	45	
Economy will stay about the same	32	29	30	34	37	28	27	29	
Not sure.....	3	3	2	2	5	4	3	7	
	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>9-10/06+</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
	16	21	22	16	17	24	24	26	
	31	16	22	39	44	27	30	34	
	49	60	51	43	36	46	42	37	
	4	3	5	2	3	3	4	3	
		<u>5/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>
		28	43	43	24	43	42	44	50
		30	17	10	27	13	16	18	10
		36	36	33	46	33	34	35	37
		6	4	14	3	11	8	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>
		49	44	45	49	35	40	41	39
		15	19	16	17	25	20	20	18
		33	33	34	31	37	35	34	39
		3	4	4	3	3	5	5	4
		<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

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

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	
Very satisfied.....	30	32	35	46	45	40	41	[242]
Somewhat satisfied	30	36	35	35	33	38	37	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	15	13	14	9	10	11	10	
Very dissatisfied	24	17	15	9	11	10	11	
Not sure.....	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	
	38	37	36	37	38	36	30	
	36	40	38	39	37	37	31	
	12	12	13	10	12	14	10	
	13	11	12	13	12	12	10	
	1	-	1	1	1	1	19	

* Data shown does not include the responses of those who say the question does not apply to them (24% of respondents).
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22. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: The president and the Congress should worry more about boosting the economy even though it may mean larger budget deficits now and in the future.

Statement B: The president and the Congress should worry more about keeping the budget deficit down, even though it may mean it will take longer for the economy to recover.

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Statement A /Worry more about boosting the economy.....	36	35	[243]
Statement B /Worry more about keeping budget deficit down	59	58	
Depends (VOL)	4	2	
Not sure	1	5	

23. Do you think that the recently passed economic stimulus legislation is a good idea or a bad idea? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so.

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u> ¹	
Good idea	34	37	38	44	43	[244]
Bad idea.....	43	39	39	36	27	
Do not have an opinion	20	20	18	15	24	
Not sure	3	4	5	5	6	

¹ In January 2009, the question was phrased, "... recently proposed economic stimulus legislation"

24a. Do you think that the recently passed economic stimulus legislation is beginning to help improve the economy, will help improve the economy in the future, or will it not help improve the economy? If you do not have an opinion either way, please just say so. *

Beginning to help improve the economy	16	[245]
Will help improve the economy in the future.....	32	
Will not help improve the economy	38	
Do not have an opinion either way	13	
Not sure.....	1	

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

24b. And thinking about the next twelve months, how much do you think the economic stimulus package will help the American economy--a great deal, quite a bit, only a little, or not at all? **

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2-3/09</u>	
Will help a great deal.....	8	8	[246]
Will help quite a bit.....	20	23	
Will help only a little.....	47	51	
Will not help at all.....	20	15	
Not sure	5	3	

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

25. Thinking about the country's economic conditions, have we pretty much hit the bottom, or is there still a ways to go before we hit the bottom? *

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>2-3/09</u>	
Pretty much hit the bottom	27	17	[247]
Still ways to go	58	76	
Hit bottom already (VOL)	10	3	
Not sure	5	4	

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

Turning to the issue of health care . . .

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

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Good idea	36	33	33	[248]
Bad idea.....	42	32	26	
Do not have an opinion.....	17	30	34	
Not sure	5	5	7	

^ See Addendum A for breakouts of results by those with private health insurance and no health insurance.

27. And from what you have heard about Barack Obama's health care plan, do you believe it will result in the quality of your health care getting better, worse, or staying about the same as now? If you do not have an opinion, please just say so.

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
Quality will get better	21	22	[249]
Quality will get worse	39	24	
Quality will stay the same	29	29	
Do not have an opinion.....	9	20	
Not sure	2	5	

And, thinking about one aspect of the debate on health care legislation. . .

28. Would you favor or oppose creating a public health care plan administered by the federal government that would compete directly with private health insurance companies?

Favor	46	[250]
Oppose.....	44	
Not sure.....	10	

^ See Addendum A for breakouts of results by those with private health insurance and no health insurance.

29. Please tell me which ONE statement you agree with more on the issue of creating a new public health plan administered by the federal government.

(Some/Other) people say it would help lower health care costs because it would compete with private health plans. This new public plan would provide coverage for the uninsured and all Americans would have an option for quality affordable health care.

(Some/Other) people say that patients might not always have access to their choice of doctors and the government would lower costs by limiting medical treatment options and decisions that should be made instead by patients and doctors.

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	
Lower costs and provide health care for all Americans	41	47	[251]
Limit access to doctors and medical treatment options	52	42	
Not sure.....	7	11	

30. Do you have a health plan, that is, are you covered by a private health insurance plan or by a government program such as Medicare, Medicaid, or Tricare? **(IF RESPONDENT OFFERS MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well what kind of plan would you say your primary plan is?

YES, private health insurance	59	[252-253]
YES, MediCARE	17	
YES, MediCAID.....	4	
YES, Tricare.....	2	
YES, Other	4	
NO, do not have a health plan.....	13	
Other specify	1	
Don't know/refused.....	-	

31. Now I am going to tell you more about the health care plan that President Obama supports and please tell me whether you would favor or oppose it.

The plan requires that health insurance companies cover people with pre-existing medical conditions. It also requires all but the smallest employers to provide health coverage for their employees, or pay a percentage of their payroll to help fund coverage for the uninsured. Families and individuals with lower- and middle-incomes would receive tax credits to help them afford insurance coverage. Some of the funding for this plan would come from raising taxes on wealthier Americans.

Do you favor or oppose this plan?

	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u> ¹	
Favor.....	56	55	56	[260]
Oppose	38	35	33	
Depends (VOL).....	3	3	6	
Not sure	3	7	5	

¹ In April 2009, this question was worded, "...the health care plan President Obama proposed..."
^ See Addendum A for breakouts of results by those with private health insurance and no health insurance.

32. Experts currently estimate that this proposed health care plan will cost one trillion dollars over the next decade. I am going to read you some proposals for how the plan could be funded. After I read each statement, please tell me whether that proposal is acceptable or not acceptable. **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY ACCEPTABLE

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not Acceptable</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Raise taxes for families with incomes more than one million dollars per year				[266]
July 2009.....	68	29	3	
Raise taxes for families with incomes more than three hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year				[261]
July 2009.....	56	39	5	
Require all but the smallest businesses to either offer health care coverage or pay a percentage of their payroll to the government				[262]
July 2009.....	49	45	6	
June 2009.....	55	37	8	
Reduce payments to doctors and hospitals for the services they provide to patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid, which are the government health programs for the elderly and low income				[263]
July 2009.....	48	45	7	
June 2009.....	47	46	7	
Require insurance companies who offer expensive health plans with more generous benefits than a standard plan to pay additional taxes				[265]
July 2009.....	41	48	11	
Require everyone to have health insurance coverage. Those people with low and moderate incomes would receive government assistance. Those people who can afford it would have to buy their own health insurance or pay a penalty or fine if they do not				[264]
July 2009.....	34	60	6	

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

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

33. During the Bush administration the CIA developed plans to send small groups of their agents overseas to assassinate senior members of Al Qaeda. Do you approve or disapprove of these plans? *

Approve.....	56	[267]
Disapprove.....	32	
Not sure.....	12	

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

34. Would you like to see **(READ ITEM)** as president some day, or not?

	<u>Would Like To See</u>	<u>Would Not Like To See</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Sarah Palin.....	21	67	12	[268]
Mitt Romney.....	24	50	26	[269]

Hillary Clinton				
September 2008+.....	42	48	10	
August 2008+.....	43	49	8	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

35. Finally, when it comes to the arrest of Henry Louis Gates by the Cambridge police officer, who do you feel is more at fault--Gates or the Cambridge police officer, or both of them? If you do not know enough or do not have an opinion just say so.

Gates more at fault	27	[270]
Police officer more at fault	11	
Both equally at fault	29	
Do not know enough to have an opinion.....	31	
Not sure	2	

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

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

Registered	90	[271]
Not registered.....	9	
Not sure	1	

F1b/c. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else?

Yes, Voted

Voted for Barack Obama	40	[272-273]
Voted for John McCain	36	
Voted for someone else	3	
Not sure	5	
No, did not vote.....	14	
Not sure	2	

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

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

Currently Employed

Professional, manager	20	[274-308]
White-collar worker	23	
Blue-collar worker	14	
Farmer, rancher	-	

Not Currently Employed

Student	2	
Homemaker	4	
Retired	27	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	7	
Other.....	-	
Not sure	3	

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

Grade school	1	[315-316]
Some high school	5	
High school graduate.....	24	
Some college, no degree.....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree.....	12	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused	2	

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as (ROTATE:) 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	21	[317]
Not very strong Democrat	9	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	12	
Strictly Independent.....	18	
Independent/lean Republican.....	11	
Not very strong Republican	7	
Strong Republican.....	15	
Other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	3	

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	[318]
Somewhat liberal	15	
Moderate	35	
Somewhat conservative	19	
Very conservative	18	
Not sure.....	5	

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	50	CONTINUE	[319]
Catholic.....	25		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to QF7	
Muslim	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1		
Other	6		
None	12	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	4		

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN QF6a.)

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

Fundamentalist/evangelical	17	[320]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	49	
Not sure	6	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a)	28	

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

Never	19	[321]
Once a year	7	
A few times a year	17	
Once a month	6	
About twice a month	10	
Once a week or more often	37	
Not sure	4	

F8a/b. Are you a current or retired labor union member? **(IF "NO," OR "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member?

Labor union member	14	[274-275]
Union household	9	
Non-union household	75	
Not sure	2	

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	4	[324]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	7	
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	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	13	
More than \$100,000	19	
Not sure/refused	13	

ADDENDUM A

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?

	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
18-24	9	7	7	24	[146-147]
25-29	6	5	5	12	
30-34	9	12	3	9	
35-39	7	8	1	12	
40-44	8	10	1	7	
45-49	10	12	6	10	
50-54	10	13	4	10	
55-59	11	14	3	8	
60-64	9	10	7	6	
65-69	7	4	18	1	
70-74	5	2	15	1	
75 and over.....	8	3	28	-	
Not sure/refused	1	-	2	-	

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

	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
Yes, Hispanic.....	11	11	9	17	[148]
No, not Hispanic	89	89	90	83	
Not sure/refused	-	-	1	-	

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

	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
White.....	76	79	79	57	[149]
Black	11	8	13	17	
Asian.....	1	1	-	2	
Other	4	4	3	8	
Hispanic (VOL).....	7	7	5	15	
Not sure/refused	1	1	-	1	

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	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
Yes, Voted					[272-273]
Voted for Barack Obama	40	40	40	44	
Voted for John McCain	36	38	39	21	
Voted for someone else.....	3	4	1	7	
Not sure.....	5	5	4	2	
No, did not vote	14	11	14	24	
Not sure.....	2	2	2	2	

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

	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
Grade school	1	1	2	-	[315-316]
Some high school	5	2	13	6	
High school graduate	24	19	31	32	
Some college, no degree	17	17	17	22	
Vocational training/2-year college	12	12	11	13	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	23	27	16	15	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2	2	1	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	12	15	5	6	
Doctoral/law degree	2	4	2	-	
Not sure/refused	2	1	2	4	

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Strictly Independent	18	17	18	18	
Independent/lean Republican	11	12	10	9	
Not very strong Republican	7	8	5	6	
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Other (VOL)	4	4	2	8	
Not sure	3	3	3	4	

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	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
Less than \$10,000	4	1	11	6	[324]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	7	2	15	15	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9	6	13	18	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	8	6	11	10	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9	9	13	6	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	18	21	12	13	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	13	16	6	9	
More than \$100,000	19	27	6	6	
Not sure/refused	13	12	13	17	

4d. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the issue of health care reform?

	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
Approve.....	41	38	40	52	[154]
Disapprove.....	46	51	45	29	
Not sure	13	11	15	19	

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

	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
Good idea	36	34	35	45	[248]
Bad idea.....	42	47	39	29	
Do not have an opinion.....	17	15	20	22	
Not sure	5	4	6	4	

28. Would you favor or oppose creating a public health care plan administered by the federal government that would compete directly with private health insurance companies?

	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
Favor.....	46	45	42	58	[250]
Oppose	44	49	43	27	
Not sure	10	6	15	15	

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Do you favor or oppose this plan?

	All Adults	Private Health Insurance	Public Health Insurance	No Health Insurance	
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Oppose	38	41	37	26	
Depends (VOL).....	3	3	3	2	
Not sure	3	2	5	3	