

# FOX NEWS POLL

## OPINION DYNAMICS

24 September 08

Polling was conducted by telephone September 22-23, 2008, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

LV = likely voters

Democrats n=369,  $\pm 5$  percentage points; Republicans n=306,  $\pm 6$  percentage points; independents n=188,  $\pm 7$  percentage points

Obama supporters n=409  $\pm 5$  percentage points; McCain supporters n=350,  $\pm 5$

Whites n=751,  $\pm 4$  percentage points; Blacks n=91,  $\pm 10$  percentage points

Investors n=412,  $\pm 5$  percentage points

1. Right now, how interested are you in the 2008 presidential election? Are you:

	Extremely interested	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not at all interested	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	50%	35	12	2	-
Democrats	54%	34	8	4	-
Republicans	48%	39	12	1	-
Independents	42%	36	19	3	1
8-9 Sep 08	43%	38	15	4	-
Democrats	45%	41	13	1	-
Republicans	45%	39	14	2	-
Independents	36%	37	18	9	-
19-20 Aug 08	35%	39	20	5	-
Democrats	37%	42	16	5	-
Republicans	34%	41	21	3	-
Independents	32%	32	26	10	-
17-18 Jun 08	35%	38	19	8	1
Democrats	40%	38	16	6	-
Republicans	31%	38	21	9	-
Independents	31%	33	22	12	2
18-19 Mar 08	34%	40	20	5	1
30-31 Jan 08	36%	40	20	4	1
23-24 Oct 07	30%	37	26	6	1
15-16 May 07	27%	35	29	8	1

2. If the 2008 presidential election were held today, would you vote for:  
(ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden 2. Republicans John McCain and Sarah Palin 3. (Other) 4. (Don't know) 5. (Would not vote)

	Obama	McCain	(Other)	(Don't know)	(Would not vote)
22-23 Sep 08	45%	39	2	13	1
Democrats	84%	5	1	9	1
Republicans	6%	86	-	8	-
Independents	36%	31	3	29	1
8-9 Sep 08*	42%	45	2	10	2
Democrats	79%	9	1	10	1
Republicans	5%	88	1	6	1
Independents	31%	46	4	15	3
19-20 Aug 08	42%	39	4	14	1
Democrats	78%	8	3	10	1
Republicans	8%	82	2	8	-
Independents	31%	30	8	28	3

\*First time included vice presidential running mates

	Obama	McCain	(Other/Don't know)
22-23 Jul 08	41%	40	19
17-18 Jun 08	45%	41	14
28-29 Apr 08	43%	46	11
18-19 Mar 08	43%	44	13
19-20 Feb 08	47%	43	10
30-31 Jan 08	44%	43	13
18-19 Dec 07	40%	44	17
25-26 Sep 07	40%	38	22
17-18 Jul 07	47%	37	16
5-6 Dec 06	30%	49	21
24-25 Oct 06 LV	38%	41	21

3. When deciding your vote for president this year, do you think the vice presidential running mate will be more important to your decision than in previous years, less important or about the same as usual?

	More important	Less important	About the same	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	39%	8	53	1
Democrats	37%	10	50	2
Republicans	42%	5	53	-
Independents	37%	6	58	-
19-20 Aug 08	33%	10	55	2
Democrats	37%	8	53	2
Republicans	27%	12	59	2
Independents	35%	8	54	3

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

\*\*\* Bush Job Ratings Summary \*\*\*

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Most recent (22-23 Sep 08)	26%	66	8
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (22-23 Sep 08)	26%	66	8
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
22-23 Sep 08	26%	66	8	27-28 Mar 07	33%	61	6
Democrats	4%	94	2	27-28 Feb 07	34%	57	8
Republicans	57%	29	13	13-14 Feb 07	35%	56	9
Independents	17%	73	10	30-31 Jan 07	38%	54	8
RECENT TREND				16-17 Jan 07	35%	58	7
8-9 Sep 08	32%	64	4	5-6 Dec 06	38%	54	9
19-20 Aug 08	28%	67	5	4-5 Nov 06 LV	38%	54	8
22-23 Jul 08	27%	66	7	24-25 Oct 06 LV	40%	53	6
17-18 Jun 08	29%	64	7	10-11 Oct 06 LV	40%	56	4
28-29 Apr 08	32%	60	8	26-27 Sep 06 LV	42%	54	4
18-19 Mar 08	30%	60	10	12-13 Sep 06 LV	40%	49	10
19-20 Feb 08	32%	59	9	29-30 Aug 06	38%	56	6
30-31 Jan 08	33%	60	7	8-9 Aug 06	36%	56	8
18-19 Dec 07	36%	57	6	11-12 Jul 06	36%	53	11
13-14 Nov 07	36%	56	8	27-28 Jun 06	41%	50	9
23-24 Oct 07	35%	55	9	13-14 Jun 06	40%	52	8
9-10 Oct 07	35%	56	9	16-18 May 06	35%	56	8
25-26 Sep 07	34%	58	8	2-3 May 06	38%	53	9
11-12 Sep 07	37%	58	6	18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10
21-22 Aug 07	33%	56	11	4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10
17-18 Jul 07	32%	61	7	14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11
26-27 Jun 07	31%	60	9	28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7
5-6 Jun 07	34%	57	9	7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9
15-16 May 07	34%	56	10	24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8
17-18 Apr 07	38%	54	8	10-11 Jan 06	42%	49	9

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9	25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
Democrats	18%	74	8	11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
Republicans	20%	71	9	21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
Independents	11%	78	11	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
RECENT TREND				15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11	27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12	4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10	10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12	12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15	29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14	8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22	11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12	13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12

16-18 May 06	27%	56	17	13-14 Dec 05	30%	52	18
18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23	13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16	30-31 Aug 05	28%	53	18
24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16	29-30 Mar 05	40%	36	24

6. - 9. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of someone please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)  
 SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of

\*\*\*\*\*SUMMARY CHART\*\*\*\*\*

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Barack Obama	57%	33	10	-
John McCain	54%	38	8	-
Joe Biden	48%	31	18	3
Sarah Palin	47%	36	16	2

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Barack Obama									
22-23 Sep 08	57%	33	10	-	28-29 Apr 08	47%	42	11	-
Democrats	89%	6	5	-	19-20 Feb 08	54%	33	12	-
Republicans	19%	70	9	1	18-19 Dec 07	49%	33	15	3
Independents	58%	24	18	-	13-14 Nov 07	50%	34	11	4
8-9 Sep 08	57%	36	7	-	11-12 Sep 07	51%	25	16	8
19-20 Aug 08	59%	35	6	-	26-27 Jun 07	46%	30	17	8
22-23 Jul 08	58%	33	8	-	17-18 Apr 07	47%	23	19	11
17-18 Jun 08	58%	32	10	-	30-31 Jan 07	41%	20	20	18

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
John McCain									
22-23 Sep 08	54%	38	8	-	7-8 Feb 06	54%	18	19	9
Democrats	24%	70	7	-	13-14 Dec 05	56%	18	18	7
Republicans	92%	5	4	-	30-31 Aug 05	57%	15	18	10
Independents	51%	33	15	1	24-25 Aug 04 LV	57%	16	19	8
8-9 Sep 08	60%	33	7	-	6-7 Jun 01	57%	18	18	7
19-20 Aug 08	60%	34	6	-	28-29 Mar 01	54%	17	22	7
22-23 Jul 08	54%	38	9	-	8-9 Mar 00	50%	28	17	5
17-18 Jun 08	58%	32	10	1	23-24 Feb 00	57%	19	19	5
28-29 Apr 08	49%	37	13	1	9-10 Feb 00	54%	15	20	11
19-20 Feb 08	52%	33	13	2	26-27 Jan 00	42%	17	22	19
18-19 Dec 07	53%	29	13	5	12-13 Jan 00	45%	13	22	20
13-14 Nov 07	48%	31	14	7	6-7 Dec 99	41%	11	18	30
11-12 Sep 07	49%	30	14	6	17-18 Nov 99	33%	10	19	38
26-27 Jun 07	47%	33	15	5	3-4 Nov 99	30%	12	23	35
17-18 Apr 07	49%	31	13	7	20-21 Oct 99	34%	12	19	35
30-31 Jan 07	45%	29	18	8	2-3 Jun 99	25%	8	17	50
16-18 May 06	49%	25	18	7					

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
<b>Joe Biden</b>				
22-23 Sep 08	48%	31	18	3
Democrats	76%	9	11	3
Republicans	18%	57	21	4
Independents	46%	27	25	2
8-9 Sep 08	51%	29	15	4
30-31 Aug 05	19%	16	27	37

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
<b>Sarah Palin</b>				
22-23 Sep 08	47%	36	16	2
Democrats	18%	64	15	3
Republicans	84%	5	10	1
Independents	42%	30	27	1
8-9 Sep 08	54%	27	16	4

10. If the candidates were making a campaign stop in your hometown, which ONE would you be most likely to go and hear speak in person? (If unsure or more than one: Well, if you had to choose just one who would it be?) (ROTATE 1-4)  
SCALE: 1. Barack Obama 2. Joe Biden 2. John McCain 4. Sarah Palin 5. (All)  
6. (None) 7. (Don't know)

	Obama	Biden	McCain	Palin	(All)	(None)	(DK)
22-23 Sep 08	42%	3	24	14	7	10	1
Democrats	75%	4	4	4	5	7	-
Republicans	7%	-	52	29	4	8	-
Independents	35%	5	18	10	15	16	1

11. If you had to make the toughest decision of your life, who would you rather get advice from -- Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE)

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	40%	39	2	13	5
Democrats	75%	9	1	11	3
Republicans	4%	82	1	11	2
Independents	34%	31	6	17	12
8-9 Sep 08	34%	50	4	9	3
Democrats	64%	21	3	8	4
Republicans	5%	86	4	4	1
Independents	22%	52	6	16	3
19-20 Aug 08	37%	43	4	12	5

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12. - 13. Regardless of how you would vote, how comfortable would you be with [name] as vice president?

SCALE: 1. Extremely comfortable 2. Very comfortable 3. Somewhat comfortable  
4. Not at all comfortable 5. (Don't know)

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not at all	(DK)
<b>Joe Biden</b>					
	12%	28	32	21	7
Democrats	22%	45	23	6	4
Republicans	2%	10	40	39	8
Independents	12%	25	35	16	11
<b>Sarah Palin</b>					
	10%	24	27	33	5
Democrats	3%	10	24	59	4
Republicans	20%	46	25	5	3
Independents	8%	18	35	29	10

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14. If Democrat Barack Obama loses the presidential election, do you think it would be mainly because of his race and racism in the country or something else?

SCALE: 1. Racism 2. Something else 3. (Combination of racism AND other factors)

4. (Don't know)

	Racism	Something else	(Combination)	(DK)
22-23 Sep 08	26%	57	14	3
Democrats	38%	45	14	3
Republicans	13%	72	12	3
Independents	26%	54	15	4
Whites	22%	61	14	3
Blacks	55%	28	12	4

15. If Republican John McCain loses the presidential election, do you think it would be mainly because of his age and ageism in the country or something else?

SCALE: 1. Ageism 2. Something else 3. (Combination of ageism AND other factors)

4. (Don't know)

	Ageism	Something else	(Combination)	(DK)
22-23 Sep 08	17%	68	13	3
Democrats	17%	69	13	1
Republicans	16%	70	12	3
Independents	16%	65	14	4
Seniors	25%	59	10	5

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16. Do you think John McCain is making unfair attacks against Barack Obama?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	47%	46	7
Democrats	61%	34	5
Republicans	28%	65	7
Independents	49%	40	10

17. Do you think Barack Obama is making unfair attacks against John McCain?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	36%	56	8
Democrats	25%	71	5
Republicans	49%	44	8
Independents	34%	53	12

18. Which one of the following issues will be the MOST important in deciding your vote for president? (RANDOMIZE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind	19-20 Aug08	28-29 April08
1. Economy and jobs	46%	56%	33%	49%	43%	40%
3. Terrorism and national security	10	2	21	10	9	9
2. War in Iraq	8	11	5	7	11	13
6. Taxes	7	6	9	5	7	6
7. Ethics/government corruption	7	5	8	8	5	6
4. Health care	7	7	6	6	9	9
8. Abortion	4	2	8	1	3	3
9. Energy	3	3	3	2	4	na
5. Immigration	1	1	2	2	4	3
10. (Other)	4	3	3	3	2	5
11. (Don't know)	3	3	2	4	3	4

19. If you were making a hand-shake deal with the candidates, which one would you trust more to keep his word -- Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE)

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	41%	38	5	10	5
Democrats	77%	7	4	7	5
Republicans	5%	81	3	7	4
Independents	34%	29	11	19	7

20. - 25. Regardless of how you might vote, which candidate do you trust more to handle the following issues -- Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Barack Obama 2. John McCain 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)	(Dem Edge)
The economy	47%	37	2	7	6	+10
Democrats	83%	7	1	5	4	+76
Republicans	11%	78	2	5	4	-67
Independents	40%	31	5	12	11	+9
8-9 Sep 08	46%	42	2	5	6	+4
19-20 Aug 08	48%	39	2	8	3	+9
22-23 Jul 08	47%	36	5	7	5	+11
17-18 Jun 08	44%	36	4	10	7	+8
The war on terrorism	38%	50	3	4	5	-12
Democrats	71%	18	2	5	3	+53
Republicans	5%	89	2	1	2	-84
Independents	29%	49	7	5	10	-20
8-9 Sep 08	35%	55	2	3	5	-20
19-20 Aug 08	34%	54	3	5	4	-20
22-23 Jul 08	34%	52	3	4	7	-18
17-18 Jun 08*	32%	51	5	6	6	-19
* previously worded 'Terrorism'						
The situation in Iraq	41%	49	2	3	6	-8
Democrats	73%	16	1	4	5	+57
Republicans	6%	89	1	2	2	-83
Independents	36%	46	3	4	11	-10
8-9 Sep 08	39%	52	2	3	4	-13
19-20 Aug 08	42%	49	2	5	3	-7
22-23 Jul 08	39%	47	3	5	6	-8
17-18 Jun 08	40%	46	2	8	4	-6
Energy independence	47%	37	4	6	6	+10
Democrats	81%	9	3	5	3	+72
Republicans	10%	79	2	4	5	-69
Independents	44%	26	9	13	9	+18
8-9 Sep 08	44%	42	3	4	7	+2
19-20 Aug 08	45%	37	4	7	6	+8
Health care	53%	32	2	7	6	+21
Democrats	86%	6	1	4	2	+80
Republicans	15%	69	2	8	7	-54
Independents	50%	24	3	11	12	+26
8-9 Sep 08	49%	35	3	6	8	+14
19-20 Aug 08	50%	33	4	7	7	+17
22-23 Jul 08	50%	31	5	6	8	+19
17-18 Jun 08	47%	31	4	8	9	+16

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)	(Dem Edge)
Taxes	46%	39	1	7	6	+7
Democrats	83%	7	1	5	4	+76
Republicans	8%	81	-	6	5	-73
Independents	41%	33	5	11	10	+8

26. Do you think your taxes will go up: (Rotate responses "1" and "2")  
 SCALE: 1. Only if Barack Obama is elected president 2. Only if John McCain is elected president 3. No matter which candidate wins 4. Or do you think your taxes won't go up under the next president 5. (Don't know)

	Only Obama president	Only McCain president	No matter which candidate wins	Taxes won't go up	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	15%	8	65	8	4
Democrats	4%	16	66	10	4
Republicans	30%	2	59	4	5
Independents	12%	7	68	10	3

27. Do you think raising taxes in an economic downturn is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	16%	74	11
Democrats	19%	69	12
Republicans	11%	83	6
Independents	18%	70	12

28. Which presidential candidate -- Barack Obama or John McCain -- do you trust more to handle the major economic problems currently facing the country? (ROTATE)

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)	(Dem Edge)
22-23 Sep 08	47%	37	3	7	7	+10
Democrats	83%	6	-	5	5	+77
Republicans	9%	77	3	6	5	-68
Independents	40%	33	6	10	11	+7

29. Which presidential candidate -- Barack Obama or John McCain -- do you trust to make the right decisions to keep you and your family safe? (ROTATE)

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)	(Dem Edge)
22-23 Sep 08	40%	45	5	4	6	-5
Democrats	74%	11	4	5	5	+63
Republicans	5%	88	4	1	2	-83
Independents	32%	42	8	7	11	-10

30. - 33. Regardless of how you might vote, which presidential ticket do you think:

SCALE: 1. The Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, 2. The Republican ticket of John McCain and Sarah Palin 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Dem ticket	Rep ticket	(Both)	(Nthr)	(DK)	(Dem Edge)
Has more experience combined?	36%	51	8	3	3	-15
Democrats	64%	24	6	3	2	+40
Republicans	6%	85	5	2	2	-79
Independents	30%	47	15	3	4	-17
8-9 Sep 08	34%	52	6	3	5	-18
Has better judgment combined?	47%	42	4	4	4	+5
Democrats	83%	10	1	4	3	+73
Republicans	7%	85	3	2	3	-78
Independents	45%	33	8	6	8	+12
8-9 Sep 08	43%	47	3	2	5	-4



	Dem ticket	Rep ticket	(Both)	(Nthr)	(DK)	(Dem Edge)
Will bring the right change to Washington?	48%	36	3	8	6	+12
Democrats	84%	6	1	4	5	+78
Republicans	8%	77	2	8	4	-69
Independents	46%	28	7	11	8	+18
8-9 Sep 08	46%	39	2	7	6	+7
Understands the problems you and your family face these days?	48%	35	4	10	4	+13
Democrats	84%	6	2	7	2	+78
Republicans	11%	74	3	9	3	-63
Independents	40%	28	8	17	7	+12

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34. Regardless of how you might vote, if it became necessary for the vice president to step in and serve as president, how comfortable would you be with Joe Biden as president?

SCALE: 1. Extremely comfortable 2. Very comfortable 3. Somewhat comfortable  
4. Not at all comfortable 5. (Don't know)

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not at all	(DK)
22-23 Sep 08	15%	29	33	17	6
Democrats	27%	41	26	3	3
Republicans	2%	15	42	35	6
Independents	14%	31	32	14	10

35. Regardless of how you might vote, if it became necessary for the vice president to step in and serve as president, how comfortable would you be with Sarah Palin as president?

SCALE: 1. Extremely comfortable 2. Very comfortable 3. Somewhat comfortable  
4. Not at all comfortable 5. (Don't know)

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not at all	(DK)
22-23 Sep 08	10%	22	27	38	3
Democrats	4%	8	20	66	1
Republicans	18%	43	30	8	2
Independents	8%	16	33	35	8

*For reference: Which vice presidential candidate would you feel more comfortable with if they had to step in and serve as president -- Democrat Joe Biden or Republican Sarah Palin?*

	Biden	Palin	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
8-9 Sep 08	51%	38	2	3	5
Democrats	76%	15	2	3	4
Republicans	21%	71	2	3	3
Independents	53%	31	3	4	10

36. On a scale of excellent, good, only fair and poor, how would you rate economic conditions today?

SCALE: 1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Only fair 4. Poor 5. (Don't know)

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	1%	5	29	65	1
Democrats	-%	1	20	79	-
Republicans	1%	8	42	48	-
Independents	-%	6	29	64	1
9-10 Oct 07	8%	24	37	29	1
24-25 Oct 06 LV	9%	33	38	19	1
18-19 Apr 06	6%	22	42	30	1

13-14 Dec 05	5%	26	38	29	2
14-15 Dec 04	4%	28	43	24	1
3-4 Oct 04 LV	4%	27	44	24	1
3-4 Aug 04	6%	30	41	22	1
4-5 May 04	3%	28	41	26	2
18-19 Feb 04	3%	25	39	32	1
7-8 Jan 04	3%	31	42	22	2
18-19 Nov 03	2%	26	44	26	2
23-24 Sep 03	1%	17	42	39	1
12-13 Aug 03	1%	15	40	43	1
3-4 Jun 03	1%	19	48	31	1
8-9 Apr 03	1%	20	47	30	2
11-12 Mar 03	1%	13	41	44	1
14-15 Jan 03	1%	12	46	40	1
8-9 Oct 02 LV	5%	20	44	30	1
9-10 Jul 02	1%	23	51	24	1
30 Apr-1 May 02	3%	27	53	16	1
9-10 Jan 02	2%	26	47	22	3
19-20 Sep 01	4%	25	45	24	2
11-12 Jul 01	4%	38	44	13	1
18-19 Apr 01	4%	35	45	14	2
14-15 Mar 01	3%	36	42	18	1
21-22 Feb 01	5%	41	44	9	1
10-11 Jan 01	9%	50	29	10	2
18-19 Oct 00 LV	19%	54	20	6	1
28-29 Jun 00	13%	49	27	9	2
20-21 Oct 99	3%	48	32	6	1
28-29 Oct 98 LV	12%	57	24	6	1
28-29 Oct 98	11%	54	25	8	2
7-8 Oct 98 LV	10%	51	30	8	1
7-8 Oct 98	11%	49	32	7	1
9-10 Sep 98	12%	49	31	7	1

37. Which best describes your current financial situation? Are you:

	Getting ahead	Just able to pay most bills	Falling behind	(Don't know /Refused)
22-23 Sep 08	23%	57	17	3
Democrats	20%	57	20	3
Republicans	27%	57	13	3
Independents	23%	61	14	1
18-19 Dec 07	41%	45	11	3
17-18 Apr 07	31%	51	15	3

38. A year from now, do you think the stock market will be higher, lower or about the same as it is now?

	Higher	Lower	Same	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	38%	15	32	15
Democrats	34%	15	34	17
Republicans	45%	10	34	11
Independents	34%	23	27	16
Investors	43%	14	33	10
21-22 Aug 07	29%	13	43	16
28-29 Oct 03	46%	7	35	12
25-26 Mar 03	47%	9	30	14
23-24 Jul 02	54%	10	26	10
30 Oct-1 Nov 01	55%	8	25	12
19-20 Sep 01	55%	10	26	9
14-15 Mar 01	49%	13	28	10

5-6 Apr 00	38%	12	36	14
9-10 Sep 98	33%	13	38	16
7-8 Jan 98	32%	14	39	15
3-4 Sept 97	32%	16	33	19
5-6 Mar 97	22%	26	32	20

39. A year from now, do you think home values will be higher, lower or about the same as they are now?

	Higher	Lower	Same	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	29%	21	42	8
Democrats	26%	22	45	7
Republicans	36%	16	42	6
Independents	25%	27	37	11
Investors	32%	22	41	5
21-22 Aug 07	34%	25	35	6
28-29 Oct 03	52%	10	34	4
23-24 Jul 02	50%	10	34	6
Investors	53%	8	35	4

40. Despite the current financial crisis, do you believe the fundamentals of the nation's economy are strong?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	40%	54	6
Democrats	26%	69	5
Republicans	56%	36	7
Independents	44%	50	6

41. If you were given \$10,000 cash today, do you think it would be safer to deposit it in the bank or hide it under your mattress?

	Bank	Mattress	Same	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	67%	28	2	3
Democrats	57%	37	3	3
Republicans	78%	19	2	2
Independents	68%	28	2	2
Investors	76%	20	1	3

42. - 48. For each of the following items I read, please tell me whether you feel very confident about it, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident. (RANDOMIZE LIST) First, how confident do you feel...

SCALE: 1. Very confident 2. Somewhat confident 3. Not very confident 4. Not at all confident 5. (Don't know)

	- Confident -			- Not confident -			(DK)
	Total	Vry	Smwht	Total	Ntvry	Not	
In the stability of the bank where you keep your money?	87%	52	35	11	8	3	1
Democrats	86%	48	38	14	9	5	1
Republicans	90%	59	31	10	9	1	1
Independents	87%	52	35	11	7	4	3
Investors	92%	59	33	7	5	2	1
22-23 Jul 08*	87%	60	27	10	7	3	3
About making decisions about your personal financial investments?	76%	36	40	21	16	5	3
Democrats	74%	30	44	24	17	7	3
Republicans	81%	40	41	15	13	2	4
Independents	75%	43	32	23	18	5	2
Investors	80%	41	39	17	13	4	2
9-10 Oct 07	80%	46	34	17	11	6	3
About your own personal financial future?	81%	32	49	16	12	4	2
Democrats	77%	25	52	20	14	6	3
Republicans	87%	38	49	12	10	2	1
Independents	83%	37	46	15	12	3	2
Investors	87%	36	51	11	9	2	1
9-10 Oct 07	80%	37	43	19	13	6	2
3-4 Jun 03	74%	26	48	23	17	6	3
9-10 Jan 02	81%	36	45	14	11	3	5
10-11 Jan 01	82%	32	50	14	10	4	4
19-20 May 99	83%	36	47	13	11	2	4
In the U.S. stock market?	46%	8	38	48	28	20	6
Democrats	40%	7	33	55	30	25	5
Republicans	60%	11	49	35	25	10	5
Independents	40%	7	33	54	29	25	7
Investors	56%	12	44	42	28	14	2
9-10 Oct 07	65%	21	44	27	17	10	8
28-29 Oct 03	60%	17	43	33	21	12	7
8-9 Apr 03	46%	12	34	43	24	19	11
12-13 Mar 02	53%	18	35	34	19	15	13
In the safety of your retirement funds?	65%	26	39	31	19	12	4
Democrats	60%	23	37	37	23	14	4
Republicans	75%	28	47	20	14	6	5
Independents	62%	27	35	34	22	12	4
Investors	74%	28	46	24	15	9	2
In your ability to pay your mortgage or rent?	85%	56	29	9	6	3	7
Democrats	82%	50	32	12	7	5	6
Republicans	86%	66	20	7	5	2	8
Independents	86%	51	35	6	4	2	7
Investors	89%	66	23	4	3	1	7

	- Confident -			- Not confident -			(DK/
	Total	Vry	Smwht	Total	Ntvry	Not	Not employed)
About the future security of your job?	64%	37	27	15	10	5	20
Democrats	61%	34	27	19	11	8	19
Republicans	71%	45	26	8	6	2	21
Independents	63%	33	30	18	14	4	18
Investors	70%	43	27	11	7	4	19
9-10 Oct 07*	82%	51	31	14	9	5	4
20-21 Oct 99*	87%	62	25	11	8	3	2

\*Among employed

49. Thinking about the condition of the national economy, do you think the worst is over or is the worst yet to come?

	Worst is	Worst is yet	(Don't know)
	over	to come	
22-23 Sep 08	26%	62	12
Democrats	20%	69	11
Republicans	36%	50	14
Independents	23%	65	11
Investors	31%	62	7
29-30 Jul 03	47%	41	12
20-21 May 03	43%	47	10

50. Have you made any changes to your personal savings or investment accounts as a result of the recent financial crisis?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
	22-23 Sep 08	25%	72
Democrats	26%	70	4
Republicans	21%	76	3
Independents	27%	71	1
Investors	29%	70	1

51. How well do you feel you understand the current financial crisis?

SCALE: 1. Extremely well 2. Very well 3. Somewhat well 4. Not well at all 5. (Don't know)

	Extmly	Vry	Smwht	Not at all	(DK)
	22-23 Sep 08	12%	27	48	12
Democrats	12%	23	52	13	1
Republicans	13%	27	51	10	-
Independents	13%	37	39	11	-
Investors	15%	30	44	11	-

52. Who do you think is most to blame for the current financial crisis? (READ AND ROTATE 1-4)

SCALE: 1. Greedy corporate and Wall Street executives 2. Incompetent government regulators who let things get out of control 3. Congress not minding the store 4. The Bush administration not minding the store 5. (All equally) 6. (Other) 7. (Don't know)

	Executives	Regulators	Congress	Bush admin.	(All)	(Othr)	(DK)
	22-23 Sep 08	20%	11	14	17	33	2
Democrats	15%	9	6	32	34	1	3
Republicans	25%	14	26	2	27	3	5
Independents	21%	9	12	12	41	2	2
Investors	22%	13	15	11	31	4	3

53. In the recent financial crisis, do you approve or disapprove of the government's decision to bail out some financial institutions that were facing bankruptcy?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	41%	45	14
Democrats	39%	50	12
Republicans	43%	42	15
Independents	40%	45	15
Investors	48%	42	10

54. Excluding your 401(k) and IRA retirement accounts, do you own either individual stocks in the stock market or shares in a mutual fund?

	Yes	No	(Don't know/Refused)
22-23 Sep 08	46%	50	5
Democrats	40%	54	6
Republicans	53%	44	3
Independents	46%	50	4

55. Last year, Joe Biden made about \$319,000 dollars in income and gave about \$1,000 dollars to charity. Do you think his charitable giving is better described as cheap, generous or about right?

	Cheap	Generous	About right	(Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	65%	6	19	10
Democrats	60%	9	20	11
Republicans	72%	4	16	8
Independents	61%	6	22	11

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
22-23 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
8-9 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
19-20 Aug 08	42%	35	20	1	2
22-23 Jul 08	42%	33	19	3	3
17-18 Jun 08	42%	35	16	3	3
28-29 Apr 08	44%	30	21	2	2
18-19 Mar 08	43%	30	21	3	3
19-20 Feb 08	43%	33	17	4	3
30-31 Jan 08	42%	33	20	2	3