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Overall margin of error: ± 3.1 percentage points

Margins of Error for Subsample Questions							
Question Number	Subsample	Margin Of Error (+/-)					
3b, 4b, 5, 6, 17, 25a, 27, 31a, 35	Half sample (Form A)	4.4					
4c, 5, 11, 18, 22, 23, 26, 29b, 31b, 37, 38	Half sample (Form B)	4.4					
28b	Have considered purchasing an American-made car (Q28a)	4.2					
34b, F9	Have private health insurance (Q31c)	4.1					

Interviews: 1,008 adults, including 101 reached by cell phone
Date: June 12-15, 2009

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Study #6095 NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey June 2009 48 Male 52 Female [109]

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

The margin of error for 1,008 interviews is \pm 3.1%

(ASK 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	9	
50-54	8	
55-59	11	
60-64	10	
65-69	7	
70-74	6	
75 and over	8	
Not sure/refused	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?

Yes, Hispanic	11	[148]
No, not Hispanic	89	
Not sura/refused	_	

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

White	75	[149]
Black	11	
Asian	2	
Other	4	
Hispanic (VOL)	7	
Not sure/refused	1	

3a. 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?

Headed in the right direction Off on the wrong track Mixed (VOL) Not sure	6/09 42 46 9 3	4/09 43 43 10 4	2/09 41 44 9 6	1/09 26 59 9 6	12/08 26 60 10 4	10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7 3	High 9/01 72 11 11 6	Low 10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7	[150]
		10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 12 77 9 2	9/19- 22/08+ 16 73 9 2	8/08+ 18 67 12 3	7/08+ 13 74 10 3	6/08+ 16 71 11	4/08+ 15 73 10 2	3/7- 10/08+ 20 66 11 3	
		1/08+ 20 68 9 3	6/07 19 68 11 2	1/07 28 57 13 2	6/06 27 61 10 2	1/06 31 57 10 2	7/05 34 52 12 2	1/05 40 47 10 3	
	6/04+ 36 48 14 2	1/04 47 43 6 4	7/03 42 44 9 4	1/03 36 47 14 3	6/02 52 31 14 3	1/02 62 20 14 4	3/01 52 32 11 5	3/93 43 35 11 11	

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Do you feel confident or not confident that life for our children's generation will be better than it has been for 3b. us?

	6/00*	9/19-	1/07	7/06	12/01	
Feel confident	31	34	<u>1/07</u> 33	<u>7/06</u> 27	<u>12/01</u> 49	[454]
reer confident	31	34	33	21	49	[151]
Do not feel confident	57	56	60	65	42	
Not sure	12	10	7	8	9	

9/93	<u>12/92</u>	12/91+1	<u> 10/90</u> +
25	41	44	50
68	52	51	45
7	7	5	5

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

	6/09	4/09	2/09	
Approve	56	61	60	[152]
Disapprove	34	30	26	
Not sure	10	9	14	

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

¹ In December 1991, question was phrased, "Do you feel very confident, fairly confident, or not at all confident that life for our children will be better than it has been for us?"

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

	<u>6/09</u> *	4/09	2/09	
Approve	51	55	56	[153]
Disapprove	38	37	31	
Not sure	11	8	13	

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

	6/09**	4/09	
Approve	54	56	[154]
Disapprove	36	31	
Not sure	10	13	

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

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

								Lliab	1000	
Approve	<u>6/09</u> 29 57	4/09 28 58	<u>2/09</u> 31 54	1/09 23 68	12/08 21 69	10/17- 20/08+ 12 79	10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 13 78	<i>High</i> 9/98 61 28	Low 10/17- <u>20/08</u> + 12 79	[155]
Not sure	14	14	15	9	10	9	9	11	9	
Not sure	17	1 14	13	9	10	9	9	<u> </u>		
		9/19-								
		<u>22/08</u> +	<u>7/08</u> +	<u>6/08</u> +	1/08	<u>6/07</u> 23	<u>3/07</u> 31	<u>6/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	
		15	15	13	18			23	29	
		73	75	79	70	64	53	64	56	
		12	10	8	12	13	16	13	15	
		<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>	1/02	
		28	41	40	46	43	42	43	54	
		55	40	42	41	43	39	41	29	
		17	19	18	13	14	19	16	17	
		17	19	10	13	14	19	10	17	
		<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/00</u> +	1/00					
		47	48	43	48					
		34	35	46	36					
		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.

	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	Neutral	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Barack Obama							[156]
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	
High							
February 2009	47	21	12	9	10	1	
Low							
Oct. 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	
General Motors		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		•			[157/162]
June 2009	6	12	30	24	23	5	
December 2008	6	19	23	26	23	3	
Sonia Sotomayor							[158/163]
June 2009	13	17	24	8	8	30	

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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[159]
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	
High							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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

Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Dick Cheney							[160]
June 2009 *	10	16	22	18	30	4	
April 2009	8	10	23	15	39	5	
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	
High							
February 1991+	33	33	13	2	2	17	
Low							
April 2009	8	10	23	15	39	5	
Ban Ki-moon							[161]
June 2009 *	1	3	7	3	5	81	

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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[164]
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	
High	•						
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
Low							
February 2009	7	19	24	25	22	3	
Rush Limbaugh	•••••		•				[165]
June 2009 **	8	15	17	13	37	10	_
June 1995	10	14	14	14	34	14	
October 1993	13	13	16	9	25	24	

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very	Somewhat		Somewhat	Very	Don't Know Name/	
	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Negative</u>	Not Sure	
Nancy Pelosi							[166]
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	
December 2002	3	8	16	4	8	61	

6. As you may know, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke's term of office ends next year. Do you think that President Obama should or should not reappoint Ben Bernanke as Federal Reserve Board Chairman? *

Yes, should reappoint Bernanke	33	[167]
No, should not reappoint Bernanke	39	
Not sure	28	

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

October 1999	
Yes, should reappoint Greenspan	61
No, should not reappoint Greenspan	16
Not sure	23

^{**} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
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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?

(ASK 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

Q.7a Top <u>Priority</u>		Q.7a/b COMBINED Top/Second <u>Priorities</u>	
31		54	[168-171]
19		34	
16		34	
14		27	
9	CONTINUE	26	
5		16	
2		7	
-		1	
3		-	
-	Skip to Q.8	-	
1		-	
	Top Priority 31 19 16 14 9 5 2	Top Priority 31 19 16 14 9 CONTINUE 5 2 - 3	Top Priority Top/Second Priorities 31 54 19 34 16 34 14 27 9 CONTINUE 26 5 16 2 7 - 1 3 -

8. When it comes to the presidency of Barack Obama, do 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?

	6/09	2/09	1/09	12/08	
Strongly relate to him	36	43	50	47	[172]
Somewhat relate to him	27	26	26	27	
Relate to him only a little	13	13	12	12	
Do not really relate to him	22	16	8	9	
Not sure	2	2	4	5	

9. Which ONE of the following statements best describes your feelings toward Barack Obama? (IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just one statement, which would you choose?

	<u>6/09</u>	4/09	<u>1/09</u>	
Like personally and approve most policies	48	51	55	[173]
Like personally but disapprove of many policies	27	30	22	
Don't like personally, approve most of policies	3	3	5	
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies	16	12	10	
None of these (VOL)	3	2	3	
Not sure	3	2	5	

10. In general, do you feel that President Obama is taking on too many issues and is not focused enough on the most important ones, or do you feel that President Obama is focused and is taking on this many issues because our country is facing so many problems?

Focused on too many issues	37	[174]
Focused on these issues because country is facing so many problems	60	
Not sure	3	

11. Would you describe Barack Obama as liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) And would you say Barack Obama is very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

	6/09**	4/09	1/09	<u>7/08</u> +	<u>6/08</u> +	3/08	
Very liberal	37	36	27	33	35	30	[175]
Somewhat liberal	20	23	22	23	23	25	
Moderate	33	30	37	29	24	24	
Somewhat conservative	2	4	3	5	6	5	
Very conservative	2	3	4	3	3	3	
Not sure	6	4	7	7	9	13	

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

12. 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?

Extremely confident	20	[176]
Quite confident	26	
Only somewhat confident	24	
Not at all confident	29	
Not sure	1	

13. Let me read you a few decisions President Obama has made recently, and for each one please tell me whether you favor or oppose this action.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY FAVOR

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Not Sure	
Elimination of procedures such as waterboarding to get information				
from terrorists	48	41	11	[178]
Ordering closure of the Guantanamo Bay prison for terror suspects	39	52	9	[177]
Providing financial aid to General Motors in exchange for the majority of	35	56	0	[179]
the stock and having a say in management	33	96	9	[1/9]

14. Recently there has been some discussion about areas in which the federal government has taken a greater role, such as taking an ownership stake in General Motors, limiting levels of compensation that corporate executives can receive, and the role the government would play in a new health care system. How much does this concern you—a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little?

Concerns a great deal	49	[180]
Concerns quite a bit	20	
Concerns just some	17	
Concerns very little	13	
Not sure	1	

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Turning to another topic. . .

15. 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?

	6/09	Sam Alito 11/05	Harriet Miers 10/05	John Roberts (as Chief Justice) 9/05	
Strongly support	21	16	11	22	[208]
Somewhat support	22	16	16	16	
Somewhat oppose	9	10	10	10	
Strongly oppose	11	10	11	10	
Do not know enough to say	35	47	51	41	
Not sure	2	1	1	1	

16. Based on what you have heard so far, do you think that Sonia Sotomayor is qualified or not qualified to be a Supreme Court justice, or do you not know enough about her to say?

		Sam Alito	Harriet Miers	
	6/09	11/05	10/05	
Qualified	50	51	29	[209]
Not qualified	13	6	24	
Do not know enough to say	35	41	46	
Not sure	2	2	1	

17. How much confidence do you have that, if she is confirmed by the Senate to sit on the Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor will reflect your views about most issues--a great deal of confidence, quite a bit of confidence, some confidence, very little confidence, or no confidence at all? If you have no opinion, please just say so. *

		Sam Alito	John Roberts	
	6/09	11/05	9/05	
A great deal of confidence	12	8	13	[210]
Quite a bit of confidence	14	10	12	
Some confidence	20	24	19	
Very little confidence	14	16	13	
No confidence at all	13	11	9	
No opinion	25	29	32	
Not sure	2	2	2	

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

18. Based on what you have heard, seen, or read about Sonia Sotomayor's decisions as a judge and her personal viewpoints do you feel that she would be within the mainstream of the Supreme Court and past justices who have served or outside the mainstream of the Supreme Court and past justices who have served? If you do not know enough to have an opinion, just say so. **

Within the mainstream	28	[211]
Outside the mainstream	33	
No opinion	35	
Not sure	4	

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

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?

Very satisfiedSomewhat satisfiedSomewhat dissatisfiedVery dissatisfiedNot sure	6/09 1 11 33 54 1	4/09 2 16 30 52	2/09 1 6 22 70 1	1/09 2 8 25 65	4/08+ 2 12 28 58	12/07 5 27 28 40	High 9/98 31 55 10 3	Low 2/09 1 6 22 70 1	[212]
		<u>9/06</u> +	<u>1/04</u>	12/02	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	7/02	<u>4/02</u>	
		10	6	3	4	2	4	6	
		33 32	45 30	33 38	27 37	32 41	42 39	44 33	
		32 25	30 18	36 25	31	24	39 14	33 15	
		-	10	1	1	1	1	2	
			'	'		•	'	_	
		1/02	12/01	1/01	<u>4/00</u> +	10/99	12/98	10/98+	
		4	5	18	29	23	26	27	
		43	47	57	52	53	54	55	
		39	32	18	12	17	13	12	
		13	15	6	6	7	6	5	
		1	1	1	1	-	1	1	
		9/98	12/97	9/97	6/97	<u>3/97</u>	12/96	9/96	
		31	18	13	10	13	9	7	
		55	52	52	51	45	51	49	
		10	20	23	27	27	27	30	
		3	8	10	10	13	11	12	
		1	2	2	2	2	2	2	
		6/96	<u>5/96</u> +	3/96	<u>1/96</u>	<u>7/95</u>	4/95	12/94	
		5	4	3	3	4	4	4	
		43	43	39	37	39	40	41	
		32	38	37	38	35	37	38	
		18	14	19	19	21	18	15	
		2	1	2	3	1	1	2	

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20. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today—are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

Very satisfied	6/09 17 38 22 22 1	4/09 14 44 22 19 1	2/09 15 35 23 26 1	1/09 15 41 22 22	4/08+ 17 42 20 21	High 9/98 26 52 14 7	Low 2/09 15 35 23 26 1	[213]
		12/07	1/04	12/02	<u>10/02</u> +	7/02	1/02	
		21	19	17	18	16	19	
		46	50	44	40	47	50	
		17	18	21	23	24	19	
		16	13	17	19	13	12	
		-	1	1	-	-	-	
		1/01	<u>4/00</u> +	10/99	9/99	12/98	9/98	
		21	25	21	22	25	26	
		50	51	53	50	51	52	
		17	13	14	18	13	14	
		11	10	11	10	10	7	
		1	1	1	-	1	1	
		12/97	9/97	6/97	<u>3/97</u>	12/96	12/94	
		20	19	16	17	16	13	
		51	49	50	48	50	48	
		16	17	20	20	21	24	
		12	14	13	14	12	14	
		1	1	1	1	1	1	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same? 21.

Economy will get better Economy will get worse Economy will stay about the same	6/09 46 22 29 3	4/09 38 30 30 2	12/08 36 28 34 2	10/17- 20/08+ 38 20 37 5	7/08+ 25 43 28 4	6/08+ 21 49 27 3	4/08+ 19 45 29 7	3/07 16 31 49 4	[214]
		1/07 21 16 60 3	9/30- 10/2/06+ 22 22 51 5	6/06 16 39 43 2	4/06 17 44 36 3	3/06 24 27 46 3	1/06 24 30 42 4	12/05 26 34 37 3	
		5/05 28 30 36 6	1/05 43 17 36 4	10/04+ 43 10 33 14	3/06 24 27 46 3	9/04+ 43 13 33 11	5/04+ 42 16 34 8	3/04+ 44 18 35 3	1/04 50 10 37 3
		11/03 49 15 33 3	9/03 44 19 33 4	7/03 45 16 34 4	5/03+ 49 17 31 3	1/03 35 25 37 3	12/02 40 20 35 5	10/02+ 41 20 34 5	9/02 39 18 39 4
		7/02 41 20 37 2	4/02 50 13 32 5	12/01 50 15 32 3	4/01 ¹ 36 25 34 5	3/01 28 29 37 6	10/98+ 17 24 54 5	9/98 19 22 53 6	4/97 19 22 57 2
		1/96 21 21 52 6	7/95 20 21 54 5	4/95 24 23 50 3	12/94 31 17 46 6	10/94 31 24 40 5	9/94 28 24 44 4	6/94 28 17 52 3	5/94 27 21 49 3
		3/94 29 16 52 3	1/94 44 16 36 4	10/93 21 27 50 2	9/93 23 24 51 2	7/93 20 29 48 3	6/93 23 27 47 3	4/93 33 21 44 2	3/93 39 15 43 3

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

22. Which one of the following do you think best applies to the economic recession the country is in? (IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which would you choose?

	<u>6/09</u> **	2/09	<u>1/09</u>	
It is almost over	1	-	1	[215]
It will be over within the next six months	6	2	3	
It will be over between six months and one year	20	11	20	
It will be over between one to two years ¹	32	36		
It will be over between two to three years	18	25	}57	
It will go on for more than three years	20	24	17	
Not sure	3	2	2	

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

23. 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>6/09</u> **	<u>1/09</u>	<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>	9/03	
Unemployment	35	33	36	7	5	16	24	23	41	48	[216-217]
The federal budget deficit ²	24	15	12	15	11	18	20	19	16	13	
The cost of health care	11	12	11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Gas prices and energy costs ¹	7	6	5	26	40	30	17	NA	NA	NA	
The drop in the stock market	6	7	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Federal taxes	4	4	3	6	5	6	7	6	9	6	
Housing prices	3	8	8	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Pension security	2	4	4	5	6	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	
All equally important (VOL)	8	10	11	11	9	8	11	10	13	14	
None (VOL)	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Not sure	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	
	7/03	7/02	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	1/94	12/93	
Gas prices ¹	NA	6	38	8	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
The federal budget deficit ²	14	11	9	11	18	30	24	33	31	25	
Unemployment	41	25	13	35	10	35	35	33	37	40	
Federal taxes	7	8	11	NA	11	11	12	10	8	11	
Pension security	NA	NA	NA	9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
All equally important (VOL)	15	11	7	10	12	4	6	5	5	7	
None (VOL)	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Not sure	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	

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

In January 2009, the item was phrased, "It will be over between one to three years."

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

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Q.23 (cont'd)

	10/93	9/93	7/93	6/93	4/93	3/93	<u>1/93</u>	12/92	<u>5/92</u>
Gas prices ¹	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
The federal budget deficit ²	26	26	31	28	28	28	28	24	22
Unemployment	43	40	37	40	44	44	44	46	46
Federal taxes	12	11	10	11	9	7	5	5	5
Pension security	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
All equally important (VOL)	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	5	8
None (VOL)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3

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

24. 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.

Statement A/Worry more about boosting the economy	35	[218]
Statement B/Worry more about keeping budget deficit down	58	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Not sure	5	

25a. When you think about the current economic conditions, do you feel that this is a situation that Barack Obama has inherited or is this a situation his policies are mostly responsible for?

	<u>6/09</u> *	2/09	
Situation Obama inherited	72	84	[219]
Situation Obama's policies mostly responsible for	14	8	
Some of both (VOL)	10	6	
Not sure	4	2	

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

25b. 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>6/09</u>	4/09	<u>2/09</u>	<u>1/09</u> 1	
Good idea	37	38	44	43	[220]
Bad idea	39	39	36	27	
Do not have an opinion	20	18	15	24	
Not sure	4	5	5	6	

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

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Which ONE of the following groups do you feel is most responsible for the federal budget deficit? (IF "ALL" OR MULTIPLE RESPONSES GIVEN, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just ONE, who would you say is MOST responsible? **

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The Bush administration	46	[221]
The Democrats in Congress	21	
The Republicans in Congress	7	
The Obama administration	6	
All (VOL)	13	
Not sure	7	

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

Moving along. . .

27. For each of the following countries, how would you rate the quality of the cars they produce--very good, good, average, poor, or awful? *

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	Very					Not	
	Good	Good	<u>Average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Awful</u>	<u>Sure</u>	
Japan	43	36	8	2	2	9	[225]
Germany	41	32	9	2	1	15	[222]
United States	21	40	26	9	2	2	[223]
South Korea	4	18	22	11	5	40	[224]

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

28a. Are you now considering, or have you considered in the past few years, buying an American car from GM, Ford, or Chrysler?

Yes, have considered	54	CONTINUE	[226]
No, have not considered	45	Skip to Q.29a	
Not sure	1		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES, HAVE CONSIDERED" IN Q.28a.)

28b. In thinking of the next car you may buy, do the recent problems the American auto industry has been facing make you more likely to buy an American car, less likely to buy an American car, or does this make no difference to you either way?

More likely to buy American	40	[227]
Less likely to buy American	14	
Makes no difference either way	45	
Not sure	1	

29a. Do you approve or disapprove of the federal government providing loans and financial assistance to Chrysler and GM?

Approve	39	[228]
Disapprove	53	
Not sure	8	

29b. As you may know, GM has recently gone into bankruptcy. When it emerges from bankruptcy, the federal government will temporarily own sixty percent of the company. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view about this?

Statement A: This is the right approach, because without government involvement GM would have shut down operations, costing more jobs and making the recession worse.

Statement B: This is the wrong approach, because it sets a bad example of the government getting too involved in the management of private companies, which goes against free market principles. **

Statement A/Right approach	40	[229]
Statement B/Wrong approach	55	
Not sure	5	

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

Turning to the issue of health care. . .

30. 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.

	6/09	4/09	
Good idea	33	33	[230]
Bad idea	32	26	
Do not have an opinion	30	34	
Not sure	5	7	

31a. Which one of the following do you think the president and Congress should be most focused on addressing—the cost of health care, or people who are not covered by insurance? *

	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
The cost of health care	41	39	[231]
People who are not covered by insurance	43	42	
Both equally (VOL)	11	16	
Not sure	5	3	

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

31b. Which one of the following do you think the president's health care plan is most focused on addressing — the cost of health care, or people who are not covered by insurance? **

	6/09	4/09	
The cost of health care	18	12	[232]
People who are not covered by insurance	64	69	
Both equally (VOL)	8	12	
Not sure	10	7	

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

31c. 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 MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well what kind of plan would you say your primary plan is?

YES, private health insurance	59	[233-234]
YES, MediCARE	18	
YES, MediCAID	2	
YES, Tricare	2	
YES, Other	6	
NO, do not have a health plan	12	
Other	-	
Don't know/refused	1	

32. 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>6/09</u>	4/09 '	
Favor	55	56	[241]
Oppose	35	33	
Depends (VOL)	3	6	
Not sure	7	5	

¹ In April 2009, this question was worded, "...the health care plan President Obama proposed..."

33. 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.

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	<u>Acceptable</u>	Not <u>Acceptable</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Require everyone to have health insurance coverage. Those people who can afford it would buy their own health insurance, while people with low and moderate incomes would receive government assistance	62	31	7	[247]
Raise taxes for people with incomes over two hundred fifty thousand dollars a year	62	33	5	[242]
Require all but the smallest businesses to either offer health care coverage or pay a percentage of their payroll to the government	55	37	8	[244]
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	47	46	7	[243]
Require people with expensive health plans with more generous benefits than a standard plan to pay taxes on a portion of that plan's costs	33	59	8	[245]
Require all people to pay taxes on the cost of their private health insurance plans	23	70	7	[246]

34a. In any health care proposal, how important do you feel it is to give people a choice of both a public plan administered by the federal government and a private plan for their health insurance—extremely important, quite important, not that important, or not at all important?

Extremely important	41	[248]
Quite important	35	
Not that important		
Not at all important	8	
Not sure	4	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE A PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN IN Q.31c.)

And if a public plan administered by the federal government is created and available to all Americans, how likely do you think it is your employer would drop your current health coverage and you would be covered instead by the public plan--very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely? If you don't know enough about this please just say so.

Very likely	28	[249]
Somewhat likely		
Not too likely		
Not at all likely	18	
Don't know enough	13	
Not sure		

34c. 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.

Lower costs and provide health care for all Americans	47	[250]
Limit access to doctors and medical treatment options	42	
Not sure	11	

Thinking for a moment about foreign affairs. . .

35. In general, do you think of Russia as more of an ally or more of an adversary?

	6/09*	<u>8/08</u> +	4/02	<u>5/96</u>	3/95	
More as an ally	29	19	52	48	56	[251]
More as an adversary	49	62	26	28	35	
Both/neither (VOL)	7	8	11	10	5	
Not sure	15	11	11	14	4	

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

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36. Is your overall opinion of Muslims very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	6/09	2/02 ¹	
Very favorable	11	7	[252]
Mostly favorable	41	40	
Mostly unfavorable	20	18	
Very unfavorable	10	11	
Never heard of (VOL)	-	1	
Not sure	18	23	

¹ February 2002 trend data taken from a survey by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

37. Do you think President Obama's recent trip to the Middle East helped or hurt the relationship between the United States and Muslim countries, or did it have no effect either way? **

Helped relationship	42	[253]
Hurt relationship	14	
Had no effect either way	33	
Not sure	11	

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

38. If North Korea continues with its weapons development program and continues to launch test missiles, do you believe that the United States should or should not initiate military action to destroy North Korea's ability to make weapons? If you have not been following this situation, please just say so. (IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT," ASK:) And do you feel strongly about that, or not?

		10/13-		
	6/09**	16/06+	7/06	
Should Initiate Military Action				
Feel strongly	34	24	30	[254]
Do not feel strongly	10	8	12	
Should Not Initiate Military Action				
Do not feel strongly	12	15	12	
Feel strongly	27	42	34	
Have not been following situation	6	3	4	
Not sure	11	8	8	

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

Getting near the end of the survey. . .

39. Now let me read you two brief statements on affirmative action programs, and ask which one comes closer to your own point of view.

Statement A/Affirmative action programs are still needed to counteract the effects of discrimination against minorities, and are a good idea as long as there are no rigid quotas.

Statement B/Affirmative action programs have gone too far in favoring minorities, and should be ended because they unfairly discriminate against whites.

(IF RESPONDENT MAKES A CHOICE, ASK:) Do you feel strongly about that, or not?

	6/09	1/03	3/00	9/95	3/95	<u>3/91</u> +	
Statement A/Strongly	37	32	33	33	31	40	[255]
Statement A/Do not feel strongly	26	17	21	17	21	21	
Statement B/Do not feel strongly	8	13	11	13	13	11	
Statement B/Strongly	20	30	26	30	27	17	
Not sure	9	8	9	7	8	11	

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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	88	[256]
Not registered	10	
Not sure	2	

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	41	[257-258]
Voted for John McCain	32	
Voted for someone else	4	
Not sure	5	
Did not vote/not sure	18	

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

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

[259-260]

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

Grade school	1	[267-268]
Some high school	5	
High school graduate	25	
Some college, no degree	17	
Vocational training/2-year college	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	10	
Doctoral/law degree	2	
Not sure/refused	3	

F4.	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 stron
	(Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do yo
	think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourse
	as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat	21	[269]
Not very strong Democrat		
Independent/lean Democrat	10	
Strictly independent	18	
Independent/lean Republican	9	
Not very strong Republican	7	
Strong Republican	14	
Other (VOL)	7	
Not sure	4	

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	9	[270]
Somewhat liberal		
Moderate	36	
Somewhat conservative	18	
Very conservative	17	
Not sure		

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal,			
Presbyterian, and other Christians)	51	CONTINUE	[271]
Catholic	21		
Jewish	1	Skip to Q.F7	
Muslim	1		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1		
Other	6		='
None	13	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	6		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F6a.)

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

Fundamentalist/evangelical	19	[272]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	47	
Not sure	10	
Catholics/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a)	24	

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

Never	17	[273]
Once a year	7	
A few times a year	16	
Once a month		
About twice a month	9	
Once a week or more often	39	
Not sure	5	

F8.	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	15	[274-275]
Union household	8	
Non-union household	73	
Not sure	4	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE A PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN IN Q31c.)

F9. How concerned are you about losing your health insurance coverage--very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, not at all concerned?

Very concerned	27	[276]
Somewhat concerned	17	
Not very concerned	24	
Not at all concerned	28	
Not sure	4	

F10. In your household, what kind of car do you have—only domestic, only foreign, or both domestic and foreign?

Only domestic	45	[277]
Only foreign		
Both	25	
Do not have a car	4	
Not sure	4	

F11. 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	[278]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	8	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	9	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	15	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	11	
More than \$100,000	18	
Not sure/refused	18	