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### 2008 Presidential Tracking Poll

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FIELDING PERIOD – September 21-25, 2008

SAMPLE -577 Likely Voters in Pennsylvania

MARGIN OF ERROR - +/- 4.5% at 95% Level of Confidence

Q1. Which political party are you currently registered with?

DEMOCRAT.....51%  
REPUBLICAN..... 39%  
INDEPENDENT..... 8%  
OTHER PARTY.....2%

Q2. Now, I would like to ask your overall impression of a few political figures. For each name I read please tell me if your impression of him is favorable or unfavorable. First, Barack Obama

FAVORABLE.....49%  
UNFAVORABLE.....37%  
NEUTRAL/NOT SURE.....14%  
HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM...1%

Q3. Next, John McCain

FAVORABLE.....47%  
UNFAVORABLE.....35%  
NEUTRAL/NOT SURE.....16%  
HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM...1%

Q4.. Sarah Palin

FAVORABLE.....44%  
UNFAVORABLE.....37%  
NEUTRAL/NOT SURE..... 16%  
HAVEN'T HEARD OF HER.....3%

Q5. and Joe Biden

FAVORABLE.....49%  
UNFAVORABLE.....30%  
NEUTRAL/NOT SURE.....18%  
HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM...4%

Q6. Now, if the 2008 presidential election was being held today and the race was between Barack Obama and John McCain, who would you vote for? (**INCLUDING LEANERS FROM Q9**)

OBAMA.....47%  
MCCAIN.....43%  
NEITHER/OTHER.....2%  
NOT SURE.....8%

Q7. Which of the following best describes the certainty of your vote for Barack Obama. Would you say you are definitely voting for Obama, very likely to vote for Obama or just leaning towards Obama?

DEFINELY VOTING FOR.....83%  
VERY LIKELY TO VOTE FOR.....11%  
JUST LEANING TOWARDS.....6%  
NOT SURE.....1%

Q8. Which of the following best describes the certainty of your vote for John McCain. Would you say you are definitely voting for McCain, very likely to vote for McCain or just leaning towards McCain?

DEFINELY VOTING FOR.....80%  
VERY LIKELY TO VOTE FOR.....13%  
JUST LEANING TOWARDS.....7%  
NOT SURE.....<1%

Q9. Are you leaning more toward voting for Barack Obama or John McCain

**AMONG UNDECIDED VOTERS N=65**

OBAMA.....46%  
MCCAIN.....33%  
NEITHER/OTHER.....6%  
NOT SURE.....12%

Q10. What issue do you consider to be the most important issue in deciding your vote for President of the United States?

THE ECONOMY/JOBS.....46%  
GAS PRICES..... 4%  
REFORMING/CHANGING GOVERNMENT ... 6%  
THE WAR IN IRAQ..... 12%  
IMMIGRATION..... 1%  
TAXES ..... 4%  
TERRORISM..... 4%  
HEALTH CARE..... 4%  
ABORTION..... 3%  
ENERGY..... 1%  
OTHER..... 11%  
NOT SURE..... 6%

Q11. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate?

DEMOCRAT.....45%  
REPUBLICAN.....33%  
NEITHER/OTHER.....2%  
NOT SURE.....19%

Q12. Regardless of who you support in the presidential election, who do you trust more to handle the war in Iraq: Obama or McCain?

OBAMA.....36%  
MCCAIN.....45%  
BOTH EQUAL (VOL).....4%  
NEITHER (VOL).....7%  
NOT SURE.....8%

Q13. How about handling the economy?

OBAMA.....46%  
MCCAIN.....35%  
BOTH EQUAL (VOL).....3%  
NEITHER (VOL).....6%  
NOT SURE.....10%

Q14. Next, energy policy?

OBAMA.....44%  
MCCAIN.....36%  
BOTH EQUAL (VOL).....3%  
NEITHER (VOL).....7%  
NOT SURE.....11%

Q15. and the situation on Wall Street?

OBAMA.....44%  
MCCAIN.....28%  
BOTH EQUAL (VOL)..... 3%  
NEITHER (VOL).....12%  
NOT SURE.....13%