# PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE \& THE PRESS 2009 EARLY APRIL VALUES SURVEY A <br> FINAL TOPLINE <br> March 31-April 6, 2009 <br> $\mathrm{N}=1,506$ 

## ASK ALL SURVEY A [RANDOMIZE WITH Q.A2]:

Q. 1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

|  | Approve |  | Disapprove | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Early April, 2009 | 61 |  | 26 |  |
| March, 2009 | 59 |  | 26 | $13=100$ |
| February, 2009 | 64 |  | 17 |  |
|  |  |  |  | $15=100$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## ASK ALL SURVEY A [RANDOMIZE WITH Q.1]:

Q.A2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | No Opinion |  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | No Opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Early April, 2009 | 23 | 70 | $7=100$ | Mid-October, 2004 | 36 | 58 | $6=100$ |
| January, 2009 | 20 | 73 | $7=100$ | July, 2004 | 38 | 55 | $7=100$ |
| December, 2008 | 13 | 83 | $4=100$ | May, 2004 | 33 | 61 | $6=100$ |
| Early October, 2008 | 11 | 86 | $3=100$ | Late February, 2004 | 39 | 55 | $6=100$ |
| Mid-September, 2008 | 25 | 69 | $6=100$ | Early January, 2004 | 45 | 48 | $7=100$ |
| August, 2008 | 21 | 74 | $5=100$ | December, 2003 | 44 | 47 | $9=100$ |
| July, 2008 | 19 | 74 | $7=100$ | October, 2003 | 38 | 56 | $6=100$ |
| June, 2008 | 19 | 76 | $5=100$ | August, 2003 | 40 | 53 | $7=100$ |
| Late May, 2008 | 18 | 76 | $6=100$ | April 8, 2003 | 50 | 41 | $9=100$ |
| March, 2008 | 22 | 72 | $6=100$ | January, 2003 | 44 | 50 | $6=100$ |
| Early February, 2008 | 24 | 70 | $6=100$ | November, 2002 | 41 | 48 | $11=100$ |
| Late December, 2007 | 27 | 66 | $7=100$ | September, 2002 | 41 | 55 | $4=100$ |
| October, 2007 | 28 | 66 | $6=100$ | Late August, 2002 | 47 | 44 | $9=100$ |
| February, 2007 | 30 | 61 | $9=100$ | May, 2002 | 44 | 44 | $12=100$ |
| Mid-January, 2007 | 32 | 61 | $7=100$ | March, 2002 | 50 | 40 | $10=100$ |
| Early January, 2007 | 30 | 63 | $7=100$ | Late September, 2001 | 57 | 34 | $9=100$ |
| December, 2006 | 28 | 65 | $7=100$ | Early September, 2001 | 41 | 53 | $6=100$ |
| Mid-November, 2006 | 28 | 64 | $8=100$ | June, 2001 | 43 | 52 | $5=100$ |
| Early October, 2006 | 30 | 63 | $7=100$ | March, 2001 | 47 | 45 | $8=100$ |
| July, 2006 | 30 | 65 | $5=100$ | February, 2001 | 46 | 43 | $11=100$ |
| May, 2006 | 29 | 65 | $6=100$ | January, 2001 | 55 | 41 | $4=100$ |
| March, 2006 | 32 | 63 | $5=100$ | October, 2000 (RVs) | 54 | 39 | $7=100$ |
| January, 2006 | 34 | 61 | $5=100$ | September, 2000 | 51 | 41 | $8=100$ |
| Late November, 2005 | 34 | 59 | $7=100$ | June, 2000 | 47 | 45 | $8=100$ |
| Early October, 2005 | 29 | 65 | $6=100$ | April, 2000 | 48 | 43 | $9=100$ |
| July, 2005 | 35 | 58 | $7=100$ | August, 1999 | 56 | 39 | $5=100$ |
| Late May, 2005 | 39 | 57 | $4=100$ | January, 1999 | 53 | 41 | $6=100$ |
| February, 2005 | 38 | 56 | $6=100$ | November, 1998 | 46 | 44 | $10=100$ |
| January, 2005 | 40 | 54 | $6=100$ | Early September, 1998 | 54 | 42 | $4=100$ |
| December, 2004 | 39 | 54 | $7=100$ | Late August, 1998 | 55 | 41 | $4=100$ |

## Q.A2 CONTINUED...

| Q.A2 | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | No Opinion |  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | No Opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Early August, 1998 | 50 | 44 | 6=100 | October, 1993 | 22 | 73 | $5=100$ |
| February, 1998 | 59 | 37 | $4=100$ | September, 1993 | 20 | 75 | $5=100$ |
| January, 1998 | 46 | 50 | $4=100$ | May, 1993 | 22 | 71 | $7=100$ |
| September, 1997 | 45 | 49 | $6=100$ | January, 1993 | 39 | 50 | $11=100$ |
| August, 1997 | 49 | 46 | $5=100$ | January, 1992 | 28 | 68 | $4=100$ |
| January, 1997 | 38 | 58 | $4=100$ | November, 1991 | 34 | 61 | $5=100$ |
| July, 1996 | 29 | 67 | $4=100$ | Late February, 1991 (Gallup) | 66 | 31 | $3=100$ |
| March, 1996 | 28 | 70 | $2=100$ | August, 1990 | 47 | 48 | $5=100$ |
| October, 1995 | 23 | 73 | $4=100$ | May, 1990 | 41 | 54 | $5=100$ |
| June, 1995 | 25 | 73 | $2=100$ | January, 1989 | 45 | 50 | $5=100$ |
| April, 1995 | 23 | 74 | $3=100$ | September, 1988 (RVs) | 50 | 45 | $5=100$ |
| July, 1994 | 24 | 73 | $3=100$ | May, 1988 | 41 | 54 | $5=100$ |
| March, 1994 | 24 | 71 | 5=100 | January, 1988 | 39 | 55 | $6=100$ |

## QUESTIONS A3/A3A HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK SURVEY A FORM 1 ONLY [N=750]:

Q.A4 How much confidence do you have in [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] to do the right thing when it comes to fixing the economy - a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all?

| a.F1 |  | A great deal | A fair amount | Not too much | No confidence at all | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Barack Obama | 32 | 38 | 13 | 13 | 4=100 |
|  | January, $2009{ }^{1}$ | 33 | 42 | 14 | 7 | $4=100$ |
| b.F1 | Democratic leaders in Congress | 17 | 38 | 21 | 19 | $5=100$ |
| c. F1 | Republican leaders in Congress | 7 | 31 | 33 | 24 | $5=100$ |

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## ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.A5F2 Do you think Barack Obama has explained clearly his policies for improving the economy, or do you think he has not explained his policies clearly enough?

Early April, 2009

| Explained <br> clearly <br> 54 | Not <br> clearly <br> 34 | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $12=100$ |  |  |

## TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Do you think George W. Bush has explained clearly his plans for reforming Social Security, or do you think he has not explained his plans clearly enough?

February, 2005

| Explained <br> clearly | Not <br> clearly | (VOL.) <br> 25 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | | DK/Ref |
| :--- |
| $10=100$ |

Do you think George W. Bush has explained clearly his plans for bringing the situation in Iraq to a successful conclusion, or do you think he has not explained his plans clearly enough?

July, 2005

| Explained <br> clearly | Not <br> clearly | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28 | 68 | $4=100$ |
| 35 | 59 | $6=100$ |
| 32 | 63 | $5=100$ |
| 30 | 63 | $7=100$ |
| 49 | 47 | $4=100$ |
| 53 | 40 | $7=100$ |
| 42 | 53 | $5=100$ |
| 48 | 45 | $7=100$ |
| 48 | 45 | $7=100$ |
| 52 | 37 | $11=100$ |
| 37 | 52 | $11=100$ |

## ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.A6F2 Do you think Republicans in Congress have explained clearly why they oppose Obama's economic policies, or have they not explained their position clearly enough?

Early April, 2009

| Explained <br> clearly | Not <br> clearly | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you think Democrats in Congress have explained clearly why they oppose Bush's plans for reforming Social Security, or have they not explained their position clearly enough?

February, 2005

| Explained <br> clearly <br> 26 | Not <br> clearly | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $14=100$ |  |  |

[^1]
## NO QUESTIONS A7 AND A8

## RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.A9F2 AND Q.A10F2:

ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:
Q.A9F2 Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic that Barack Obama's policies will improve economic conditions in the country?

| 66 | Optimistic |
| :---: | :--- |
| 26 | Pessimistic |
| $\underline{8}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 |  |

## RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.A9F2 AND Q.A10F2:

## ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.A10F2 Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic that Barack Obama's policies will reduce the budget deficit over the long term?

54 Optimistic
36 Pessimistic
10 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

## NO QUESTIONS A11 OR A12

## ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A13 All in all, do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the government to more strictly regulate the way major financial companies do business?
IF 'GOOD IDEA' (1 IN Q.A13) ASK [N=875]:
Q.A13a Is increased government regulation of major financial companies [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

## BASED ON TOTAL FOR SURVEY A:

Something you strongly support
Something you have reservations about
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
31 Bad idea
$\underline{9} \quad$ Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

## ASK ALL SURVEY A (APRIL 4-6) [ $\mathbf{N = 8 8 4 ]}$ :

Q.A14 As you may know, Barack Obama is traveling on his first overseas trip as president. From what you've read and heard, do you think Obama has done an excellent, good, only fair, or poor job of representing America's interests on this trip?

| 28 | Excellent |
| :---: | :--- |
| 35 | Good |
| 19 | Only fair |
| 9 | Poor |
| $\underline{9}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |
| 100 |  |

## NO QUESTION A15

QUESTIONS A16-A17 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK SURVEY A FORM 1 ONLY [N=750]:

Q.A18F1If you were setting priorities these days, would you place a higher priority on reducing the budget deficit or [INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE]? Would you place a higher priority on reducing the budget deficit or [INSERT NEXT ITEM]?

## ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.A19F2If you were setting priorities these days, would you place a higher priority on [INSERT FIRST ITEM, RANDOMIZE] or reducing the budget deficit? Would you place a higher priority on [INSERT NEXT ITEM] or reducing the budget deficit?

## BASED ON TOTAL FOR SURVEY A:

|  |  | Spending <br> More | Reducing the budget deficit | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | Spending more to make health care more accessible and affordable | 59 | 35 | $6=100$ |
| b. | Spending more to improve the education system | 58 | 38 | $4=100$ |
| C. | Spending more to develop new energy technology | 49 | 45 | $6=100$ |

## NO QUESTION A20

## ASK ALL SURVEY A:

Q.A21 I'd like to get your opinion of some groups and organizations. Is your overall opinion of... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."] How about (NEXT ITEM)? [IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN’T RATE."]

Q.A21 CONTINUED ...
b. The Democratic Party

Early April, 2009
January, 2009
Late October, 2008
Mid-September, 2008
August, 2008
Late May, 2008
July, 2007
Early January, 2007
Late October, 2006
July, 2006
April, 2006
February, 2006
Late October, 2005
July, 2005
June, 2005
December, 2004
June, 2004
Early February, 2004
June, 2003
April, 2003
December, 2002
July, 2001
January, 2001
September, 2000 (RVs)
August, 1999
February, 1999
January, 1999
Early December, 1998
Early October, 1998 (RVs)
Early September, 1998
March, 1998
August, 1997
June, 1997
January, 1997
October, 1995
December, 1994
July, 1994
May, 1993
July, 1992

## NO ITEM C

ASK SURVEY A
FORM 1 ONLY [N=750]:
d.F1 Congress

Early April, 2009
January, 2009
Late May, 2008
July, 2007
Early January, 2007
Late October, 2006

| ---- Favorable ----- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Very | Mostly |
|  | 15 | 44 |
| 62 | 19 | 43 |
| 57 | 19 | 38 |
| 55 | 18 | 37 |
| 57 | 16 | 41 |
| 57 | 14 | 43 |
| 51 | 13 | 38 |
| 54 | 15 | 39 |
| 53 | 13 | 40 |
| 47 | 13 | 34 |
| 47 | 12 | 35 |
| 48 | 14 | 34 |
| 49 | 14 | 35 |
| 50 | 15 | 35 |
| 52 | 12 | 40 |
| 53 | 13 | 40 |
| 54 | 12 | 42 |
| 58 | 14 | 44 |
| 54 | 11 | 43 |
| 57 | 13 | 44 |
| 54 | 15 | 39 |
| 58 | 18 | 40 |
| 60 | 18 | 42 |
| 60 | 16 | 44 |
| 59 | 14 | 45 |
| 58 | 11 | 47 |
| 55 | 14 | 41 |
| 59 | 18 | 41 |
| 56 | 11 | 45 |
| 60 | 13 | 47 |
| 58 | 15 | 43 |
| 52 | 11 | 41 |
| 61 | 10 | 51 |
| 60 | 13 | 47 |
| 49 | 9 | 40 |
| 50 | 13 | 37 |
| 62 | 13 | 49 |
| 57 | 14 | 43 |
| 61 | 17 | 44 |
|  |  |  |

(VOL.)
---- Unfavorable ----

Never
$\frac{\text { Total }}{34} \quad \frac{\text { Very }}{13} \quad \frac{\text { Mostly }}{21} \quad \frac{\text { Heard of }}{*}$ $*$
$*$
$*$
$*$
$*$
$*$
$*$
$\begin{array}{lll}33 & 15 & 18 \\ 39 & 14 & 25\end{array}$
(VOL.)
Can't rate/
Ref $7=100$
$6=100$
$10=100$
*
$\begin{array}{llll}37 & 13 & 24 & * \\ 37 & 14 & 23 & *\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}41 & 14 & 27\end{array}$
$3512 \quad 23$
$\begin{array}{lll}36 & 11 & 25 \\ 44 & 13 & 31\end{array}$

| 42 | 14 | 28 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

$44 \quad 17 \quad 27$
$41 \quad 15 \quad 26$

| 41 | 14 |
| :--- | :--- |

$39 \quad 13 \quad 26$

| 41 | 14 | 27 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

$36 \quad 11 \quad 25$

| 37 | 9 | 28 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |


| 38 | 10 | 28 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 36 | 11 |  |


| 36 | 11 |
| :--- | :--- |
| -37 |  |


| 37 | 10 | 27 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 34 | 10 | 24 |

Q.A21 CONTINUED ...

| February, 2006 |
| :--- |
| Late October, 2005 |
| July, 2005 |
| June, 2005 |
| June, 2004 |
| July, 2001 |
| March, 2001 |
| January, 2001 |
| September, 2000 (RVs) |
| August, 1999 |
| June, 1999 |
| February, 1999 |
| January, 1999 |
| Early December, 1998 |
| Early October, 1998 (RVs) |
| Early September, 1998 |
| October, 1997 |
| August, 1997 |
| June, 1997 |
| May, 1997 |
| February, 1997 |
| January, 1997 |
| June, 1996 |
| April, 1996 |
| January, 1996 |
| October, 1995 |
| August, 1995 |
| June, 1995 |
| February, 1995 |
| July, 1994 |
| May, 1993 |
| November, 1991 |
| March, 1991 |
| May, 1990 |
| May, 1988 |
| January, 1988 |
| May, 1987 |
| January, 1987 |
| July, 1985 |

February, 2006
Late October, 2005
July, 2005
June, 2005
June, 2004
March, 2001
January, 2001
September, 2000 (RVs)
August, 1999
, 1999
bruary, 1999

Early December, 1998
Early October, 1998 (RVs)
Early September, 1998
Augus, 1997
June, 1997
May, 1997
February, 1997
January, 1997
une, 1996
Apri,
October, 1995
August, 1995
June, 1995
February, 1995
uly, 1994
May, 1993
November,
May, 1990
May, 1988
January, 1988
May, 1987

July, 1985

| ----- Favorable ----- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Very | Mostly |
| 44 | 6 | 38 |
| 45 | 7 | 38 |
| 49 | 6 | 43 |
| 49 | 6 | 43 |
| 56 | 7 | 49 |
| 57 | 7 | 50 |
| 56 | 6 | 50 |
| 64 | 10 | 54 |
| 61 | 8 | 53 |
| 63 | 8 | 55 |
| 56 | 9 | 47 |
| 52 | 4 | 48 |
| 48 | 7 | 41 |
| 52 | 11 | 41 |
| 62 | 7 | 55 |
| 66 | 7 | 59 |
| 53 | 5 | 48 |
| 50 | 6 | 44 |
| 52 | 4 | 48 |
| 49 | 5 | 44 |
| 52 | 6 | 46 |
| 56 | 6 | 50 |
| 45 | 6 | 39 |
| 45 | 6 | 39 |
| 42 | 4 | 38 |
| 42 | 4 | 38 |
| 45 | 5 | 40 |
| 53 | 8 | 45 |
| 54 | 10 | 44 |
| 53 | 7 | 46 |
| 43 | 8 | 35 |
| 51 | 7 | 44 |
| 66 | 16 | 50 |
| 59 | 6 | 53 |
| 64 | 8 | 56 |
| 64 | 6 | 58 |
| 74 | 10 | 64 |
| 59 | 7 | 52 |
| 67 | 9 | 58 |

(VOL.)
---- Unfavorable ----
(VOL.)

ASK SURVEY A
FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=756$ ]:
e.F2 The Supreme Court

Early April, 2009
April, 2008
July, 2007
January, 2007
July, 2006
February, 2006
Late October, 2005

| 64 | 8 | 56 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 65 | 15 | 50 |
| 57 | 12 | 45 |
| 72 | 18 | 54 |
| 63 | 7 | 56 |
| 60 | 16 | 44 |
| 62 | 12 | 50 |


| 21 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 25 | 7 |
| 29 | 9 |
| 17 | 3 |
| 27 | 8 |
| 28 | 10 |
| 27 | 10 |


| 15 | 0 | $15=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 18 | $*$ | $10=100$ |
| 20 | 0 | $14=100$ |
| 14 | 2 | $9=100$ |
| 19 | 1 | $9=100$ |
| 18 | $*$ | $12=100$ |
| 17 | $*$ | $11=100$ |


| Q.A21 CONTINUED ... | ---- Favorable ----- |  |  | ---- Unfavorable ---- |  |  | (VOL.) <br> Never | (VOL.) <br> Can't rate/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Very | Mostly | Total | Very | Mostly | Heard of | Ref |
| July, 2005 | 61 | 12 | 49 | 28 | 10 | 18 | * | $11=100$ |
| June, 2005 | 57 | 8 | 49 | 30 | 8 | 22 | * | $13=100$ |
| July, 2001 | 70 | 15 | 55 | 20 | 6 | 14 | * | $10=100$ |
| March, 2001 | 72 | 15 | 57 | 20 | 5 | 15 | * | $8=100$ |
| January, 2001 | 68 | 18 | 50 | 21 | 8 | 13 | 1 | $10=100$ |
| October, 1997 | 77 | 13 | 64 | 18 | 6 | 12 | * | $5=100$ |
| May, 1997 | 72 | 16 | 56 | 22 | 5 | 17 | 0 | $6=100$ |
| July, 1994 | 80 | 18 | 62 | 16 | 3 | 13 | * | $4=100$ |
| May, 1993 | 73 | 17 | 56 | 18 | 4 | 14 | 0 | $9=100$ |
| November, 1991 | 72 | 18 | 54 | 21 | 5 | 16 | 0 | $7=100$ |
| May, 1990 | 65 | 10 | 55 | 25 | 7 | 18 | 1 | $9=100$ |
| January, 1988 | 79 | 14 | 65 | 13 | 2 | 11 | * | $8=100$ |
| May, 1987 | 76 | 13 | 63 | 17 | 2 | 15 | * | $7=100$ |
| March 1985 (Roper) | 64 | 17 | 47 | 28 | 7 | 21 | -- | $8=100$ |

## ASK SURVEY A FORM 1 [ $\mathbf{N}=750$ ]:

Q.A22F1This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?

|  | Work together more | Bicker and oppose one another more than usual | Same as in past (VOL.) | (VOL.) <br> DK/Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Early April, 2009 | 25 | 53 | 8 | 14=100 |
| January, 2009 ${ }^{\mathbf{3}}$ | 50 | 39 | 6 | $5=100$ |
| May, 2005 | 13 | 64 | 8 | $15=100$ |
| January, 2005 | 30 | 59 | 4 | 7=100 |
| June, 2004 | 21 | 60 | 7 | $12=100$ |
| October, 2003 | 21 | 55 | 10 | $14=100$ |
| May, 2002 | 44 | 31 | 8 | $17=100$ |
| January, 2002 | 53 | 39 | 5 | $3=100$ |
| July, 2001 | 30 | 46 | 10 | 14=100 |
| May, 2001 | 34 | 41 | 9 | 16=100 |
| January, 2001 | 41 | 50 | 4 | $5=100$ |
| July, 2000 | 21 | 54 | 10 | $15=100$ |
| August, 1999 | 20 | 68 | 4 | $8=100$ |
| August, 1998 | 27 | 51 | 8 | $14=100$ |
| November, 1997 | 38 | 45 | 7 | $10=100$ |
| August, 1997 | 43 | 46 | 3 | $8=100$ |
| June, 1997 | 34 | 49 | 6 | $11=100$ |
| October, 1995 | 21 | 72 | 3 | $4=100$ |
| August, 1993 | 20 | 57 | 13 | $10=100$ |

[^2]
## ASK SURVEY A FORM 2 [N=756]:

Q.A23F2What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

|  |  | Jan | Jan | Sept | Dec |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2007}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2004}$ |
| 61 | More politically divided | 46 | 66 | 70 | 66 |
| 34 | Not more divided | 45 | 28 | 24 | 26 |
| $\underline{5}$ | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{8}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?
IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:
PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) <br> No <br> Preference | (VOL.) (VOL.) |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lean } \\ & \text { Rep } \end{aligned}$ | Lean <br> Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Other | DK/ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Party | Ref |  |  |
| Early April, 2009 | 21 | 33 | 40 | 3 | * | $3=100$ | 14 | 19 |
| March, 2009 | 24 | 34 | 35 | 5 | * | $2=100$ | 12 | 17 |
| February, 2009 | 24 | 36 | 34 | 3 | 1 | $2=100$ | 13 | 17 |
| January, 2009 | 25 | 37 | 33 | 3 | * | $2=100$ | 11 | 16 |
| December, 2008 | 26 | 39 | 30 | 2 | * | 3=100 | 8 | 15 |
| Late October, 2008 | 24 | 39 | 32 | 2 | * | $3=100$ | 11 | 15 |
| Mid-October, 2008 | 27 | 35 | 31 | 4 | * | $3=100$ | 9 | 16 |
| Early October, 2008 | 26 | 36 | 31 | 4 | * | $3=100$ | 11 | 15 |
| Late September, 2008 | - 25 | 35 | 34 | 3 | 1 | $2=100$ | 13 | 15 |
| Mid-September, 2008 | - 28 | 35 | 32 | 3 | * | $2=100$ | 12 | 14 |
| August, 2008 | 26 | 34 | 34 | 4 | * | $2=100$ | 12 | 17 |
| July, 2008 | 24 | 36 | 34 | 3 | * | $3=100$ | 12 | 15 |
| June, 2008 | 26 | 37 | 32 | 3 | * | $2=100$ | 11 | 16 |
| Late May, 2008 | 25 | 35 | 35 | 2 | * | $3=100$ | 13 | 15 |
| April, 2008 | 24 | 37 | 31 | 5 | 1 | $2=100$ | 11 | 15 |
| March, 2008 | 24 | 38 | 29 | 5 | * | $4=100$ | 9 | 14 |
| Late February, 2008 | 24 | 38 | 32 | 3 | * | $3=100$ | 10 | 17 |
| Early February, 2008 | 26 | 35 | 31 | 5 | * | $3=100$ | 11 | 14 |
| January, 2008 | 24 | 33 | 37 | 4 | * | $2=100$ | 12 | 18 |
| Yearly Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2008 | 25.3 | 35.8 | 31.7 | 3.8 | . 3 | $3.1=100$ | 10.5 | 15.4 |
| 2007 | 25.4 | 32.9 | 33.7 | 4.6 | . 4 | $3.1=100$ | 10.7 | 16.7 |
| 2006 | 27.6 | 32.8 | 30.3 | 5.0 | . 4 | $3.9=100$ | 10.2 | 14.5 |
| 2005 | 29.2 | 32.8 | 30.3 | 4.5 | . 3 | $2.8=100$ | 10.2 | 14.9 |
| 2004 | 29.7 | 33.4 | 29.8 | 3.9 | . 4 | $2.9=100$ | 11.7 | 13.4 |
| 2003 | 29.8 | 31.4 | 31.2 | 4.7 | . 5 | $2.5=100$ | 12.1 | 13.0 |
| 2002 | 30.3 | 31.2 | 30.1 | 5.1 | . 7 | $2.7=100$ | 12.6 | 11.6 |
| 2001 | 29.2 | 33.6 | 28.9 | 5.1 | . 5 | $2.7=100$ | 11.7 | 11.4 |
| 2001 Post-Sept 11 | 30.9 | 31.8 | 27.9 | 5.2 | . 6 | $3.6=100$ | 11.7 | 9.4 |
| 2001 Pre-Sept 11 | 28.2 | 34.6 | 29.5 | 5.0 | . 5 | $2.1=100$ | 11.7 | 12.5 |
| 2000 | 27.5 | 32.5 | 29.5 | 5.9 | . 5 | $4.0=100$ | 11.6 | 11.6 |
| 1999 | 26.6 | 33.5 | 33.7 | 3.9 | . 5 | $1.9=100$ | 13.0 | 14.5 |
| 1998 | 27.5 | 33.2 | 31.9 | 4.6 | . 4 | $2.4=100$ | 11.8 | 13.5 |
| 1997 | 28.2 | 33.3 | 31.9 | 4.0 | . 4 | $2.3=100$ | 12.3 | 13.8 |
| 1996 | 29.2 | 32.7 | 33.0 | $5.2=100$ |  |  | 12.7 | 15.6 |
| 1995 | 31.4 | 29.7 | 33.4 | $5.4=100$ |  |  | 14.4 | 12.9 |

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| Republican | Democrat | Independent | Preference | Party | Ref | Rep | Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 29.8 | 31.8 | 33.8 | $4.6=100$ |  |  | 14.3 | 12.6 |
| 27.4 | 33.8 | 34.0 | $4.8=100$ |  |  | 11.8 | 14.7 |
| 27.7 | 32.7 | 35.7 | $3.9=100$ |  |  | 13.8 | 15.8 |
| 30.9 | 31.4 | 33.2 | $4.5=100$ |  |  | 14.6 | 10.8 |
| 31.0 | 33.1 | 29.1 | $6.8=100$ |  |  | 12.4 | 11.3 |
| 33 | 33 | $34=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | 35 | $39=100$ |  |  |  |  |  |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Question was asked about Obama only, and it was rotated with items about confidence in Obama doing the right thing when it comes to "Iraq" and "preventing terrorist attacks."

[^1]:    2 From 2002 through March 2003, the question was worded: "Do you think George W. Bush has explained clearly what's at stake as to why the U.S. might use military force to end the rule of Saddam Hussein, or do you think he has not explained the reasons clearly enough?"

[^2]:    3 In surveys that were conducted in January of a given year the question was worded: "This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?"

