

# NPR National

Interview Schedule

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N=800 Likely Voters  
Margin of Error  $\pm$  3.46%

\* Denotes result less than 0.5%

^ Denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

Before we begin, I am going to ask you a few questions about yourself, just to be sure we have a representative sample. **(DO NOT PAUSE)**

D1. First, in what year were you born?

<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>					
3%	4%	1%	3%	5%	5%	18 - 24				
9%	16%	8%	17%	15%	15%	25 - 34				
17%	17%	17%	16%	20%	22%	35 - 44				
26%	23%	24%	24%	22%	24%	45 - 54				
24%	19%	29%	18%	21%	16%	55 - 64				
21%	20%	21%	20%	17%	17%	65 AND ABOVE				
1%	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	REFUSED				
<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
3%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	3%	4%	4%	5%	18-24
10%	15%	11%	14%	14%	15%	9%	10%	9%	12%	25-34
18%	17%	19%	21%	15%	19%	17%	19%	16%	20%	35-44
27%	22%	25%	20%	23%	23%	23%	20%	26%	23%	45-54
21%	17%	21%	17%	21%	15%	24%	19%	24%	18%	55-64
20%	20%	20%	21%	20%	21%	22%	24%	21%	20%	65 AND ABOVE
1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	*	2%	REFUSED

A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

100% YES

B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

100% NO

- C. Thinking back to 2008...Many people were not able to vote in the 2008 election for President between **(ROTATE)** John McCain and Barack Obama. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

**(IF UNABLE/DID NOT VOTE, ASK:)** Did you not vote because you were ineligible, too young, or was there some other reason?

98% VOTED  
1% INELIGIBLE/TOO YOUNG TO VOTE  
2% DID NOT VOTE  
– CAN'T REMEMBER/DON'T KNOW/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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- D. I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for Congress in November of 2010: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

83% ALMOST CERTAIN  
17% PROBABLY

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1. Now, generally speaking, would you say that things in the COUNTRY are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	
42%	36%	35%	30%	25%	25%	23%	23%	16%	31%	RIGHT DIRECTION
51%	55%	60%	64%	65%	66%	68%	68%	80%	63%	WRONG TRACK
6%	9%	4%	7%	9%	9%	9%	9%	4%	6%	DON'T KNOW (DNR)
1%	—	1%	—	1%	—	1%	—	1%	*	REFUSED (DNR)
<u>3/02</u>	<u>10/02</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	
58%	39%	53%	39%	43%	42%	40%	40%	40%	38%	RIGHT DIRECTION
35%	51%	39%	53%	49%	48%	54%	54%	54%	55%	WRONG TRACK
5%	8%	7%	8%	6%	10%	5%	7%	5%	6%	DON'T KNOW
2%	2%	1%	—	2%	—	1%	—	1%	—	REFUSED

2. If the 2010 elections for United States Congress were being held today, for whom would you vote... (ROTATE)

(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:) Well, if the election for Congress were held today and you had to decide right now in your own district where you live which candidate would you lean...(ROTATE)

the Republican candidate

...or...

the Democratic candidate

...in this district?

<u>7/06*</u>	<u>10/06</u>	<u>3/09</u>	
37%	34%	35%	REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
4%	6%	7%	LEAN REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
5%	6%	6%	LEAN DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
43%	45%	36%	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
8%	8%	15%	UNDECIDED (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
<b>41%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
<b>48%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>

\* Note: Trend included 2% for Other candidate.

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

**(IF CHOICE, ASK)** And would you say you STRONGLY (choice) or just SOMEWHAT (choice)?

38% STRONGLY APPROVE  
 20% SOMEWHAT APPROVE  
 8% SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE  
 27% STRONGLY DISAPPROVE  
  
 6% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
 \* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**59%<sup>^</sup> TOTAL APPROVE**  
**35% TOTAL DISAPPROVE**

4. And, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

**(IF CHOICE, ASK:)** And would you say you STRONGLY (choice) or just SOMEWHAT (choice)?

<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	
8%	3%	5%	3%	5%	STRONGLY APPROVE
28%	22%	23%	20%	31%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
27%	29%	30%	29%	17%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
32%	39%	36%	44%	41%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
6%	5%	7%	4%	5%	DON'T KNOW ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
—	1%	—	*	1%	REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
<b>35%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>22%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>
<b>59%</b>	<b>69%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>65%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>

Now, thinking about issues...

5. Which ONE of the following issues do you think the President and Congress should be paying most attention to? Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

**(IF SELECT FIRST CHOICE, THEN ASK:)** And which of the following is NEXT most important to you in deciding how to vote? **(REPEAT AND RANDOMIZE CHOICES EXCLUDING FIRST CHOICE)**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Comb</b>	
4%	9%	13%	Education
11%	14%	24%^	Taxes and spending
3%	5%	8%	Social Security and Medicare
4%	8%	12%	Terrorism and national security
6%	19%	24%^	Health care
56%	16%	72%	The economy and jobs
3%	5%	8%	Moral values
3%	9%	12%	The war in Iraq
4%	5%	9%	Illegal immigration
2%	4%	6%	Energy-related issues
			...or...
1%	4%	5%	The War in Afghanistan
*	1%	1%	NONE OF THESE <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
1%	1%	2%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
*	*	1%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

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6. Now I would like to talk you about the state of the economy. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

– EXCELLENT  
3% GOOD  
30% NOT SO GOOD  
66% POOR

\* DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
\* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**3% TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD**  
**97%^ TOTAL NOT GOOD/POOR**

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7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

**(IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK:** And do you STRONGLY (APPROVE/DISAPPROVE) or just SOMEWHAT (APPROVE/DISAPPROVE)?

29% STRONGLY APPROVE  
27% SOMEWHAT APPROVE  
10% SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE  
30% STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

5% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
\* REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**56% TOTAL APPROVE**  
**39%^ TOTAL DISAPPROVE**

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Thinking some more about the economy...

8. Which of these is the single most important economic issue facing you and your family? If it's a different economic issue than the ones on the list, just tell me that. Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

**(IF SELECT FIRST CHOICE, THEN ASK:)** And which of the following is NEXT most important economic issue facing you and your family? **(REPEAT AND RANDOMIZE CHOICES EXCLUDING FIRST CHOICE)**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Comb</b>	
8%	11%	20%^	Health care costs
9%	7%	15%^	Problems getting a good-paying job or a raise in pay
5%	5%	9%^	Personal debt, like credit card or mortgage debt
8%	11%	19%	Difficulty saving for retirement
3%	5%	8%	The price of gasoline
9%	12%	21%	Rising prices or inflation
12%	11%	22%^	High taxes
15%	8%	23%	Concern about keeping your job
5%	7%	12%	The housing market
22%	13%	34%^	The decline of the stock market and investment losses ...or...
1%	3%	4%	Concern about losing your home
*	1%	1%	Education/Schooling
1%	1%	1%	Something Else <b>(DO NOT READ/SPECIFY: _____)</b>
2%	*	2%	All of them <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
1%	2%	2%^	None <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
*	1%	1%	Don't Know/Refused <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

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As you may know, President Obama recently unveiled his plan for the federal budget...

9. Do you favor or oppose President Obama's plan for the federal budget?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:)** And, do you STRONGLY (favor/oppose) or only SOMEWHAT (favor/oppose) it?

22% STRONGLY FAVOR  
28% SOMEWHAT FAVOR  
11% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE  
30% STRONGLY OPPOSE

10% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**49%^ TOTAL FAVOR**  
**40%^ TOTAL OPPOSE**

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And, as you may know, the economic stimulus bill was recently signed into law by President Obama...

**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q10) (N=394)**

10. Do you think that the stimulus bill will... (**ROTATE FIRST TWO**) help the economy, hurt the economy, or have little impact on the economy?

40% HELP THE ECONOMY  
21% HURT THE ECONOMY  
34% HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY

4% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q11) (N=406)**

11. Do you favor or oppose the economic stimulus bill recently signed into law by President Obama?

**(IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:)** And, do you **STRONGLY** (favor/oppose) or only **SOMEWHAT** (favor/oppose) it?

27% STRONGLY FAVOR  
27% SOMEWHAT FAVOR  
9% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE  
33% STRONGLY OPPOSE

4% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)  
– REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

**55%^ TOTAL FAVOR**  
**42% TOTAL OPPOSE**

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Next, I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

**(ROTATE Q12-15)**

12. **(And.)** On the issue of the budget and taxes... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say that the Democratic budget is a job-killer that leaves all of us less economically secure. It takes \$1.4 trillion dollars in higher taxes from American families and small businesses when they can least afford it. These tax increases will hurt the small businesses that create most new jobs and force middle class Americans to tighten their belts to pay for a huge new energy tax while the federal government goes on a wasteful spending spree.

...or...

Democrats say that President Obama's budget will put the middle class first again, by cutting taxes for those earning under \$250,000 and small businesses and asking the very wealthiest and big corporations to pay their share. Bush's approach hurt average people and the economy. This budget cuts Bush's deficit in half and raises taxes on the wealthy to make health insurance more affordable. To grow the economy, it cuts taxes for 95 percent of Americans.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

43% REPUBLICAN  
52% DEMOCRAT

4% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
\* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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13. **(And,)** On the issue of the budget and energy... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say the Democratic budget creates a huge new tax on energy that will send American jobs overseas to places like China and India, and raise taxes on anyone who uses electricity or drives a car. America needs to develop alternative energy sources like wind, solar, and biofuels and tap proven energy reserves here at home. But energy taxes that fall disproportionately on the poor and middle class are unfair and wrong.

...or...

Democrats say President Obama's budget will help build a clean energy economy that creates jobs, kick starts new businesses and cuts our dependence on foreign oil. We're falling behind Germany and Japan in renewable energy and it's time for America to lead again. The plan caps global warming pollution, makes corporate polluters pay a fee and rewards alternative energy like wind and solar while cutting taxes for the middle class.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

42% REPUBLICAN

53% DEMOCRAT

4% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

\* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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14. **(And,)** On the issue of the budget and healthcare... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say that health care reform must preserve choice, promote competition, and reward healthy lifestyle choices. The Democratic budget, however, will create an undependable and inefficient government-run health care system that would lead to rationing of care, runaway costs, and bureaucrats making healthcare decisions that should be made by doctors and patients.

...or...

Democrats say President Obama's budget finally addresses health care, after years of skyrocketing costs and millions losing health insurance, particularly now. The budget for the first time sets aside the funds for health care reform, but the president is calling on both parties and business to work together to ensure that affordable insurance is available to all. By addressing health care costs, we help small business, employees and American companies.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

42% REPUBLICAN  
53% DEMOCRAT

5% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
\* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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15. **(And,)** On the issue of the budget and the deficit... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say that the Democratic budget puts the government before the people. It is a combination of out-of-control spending and job-killing taxes that breaks their promise of fiscal responsibility. It penalizes charities with higher taxes. It redistributes wealth by giving government checks to people who don't pay taxes. It will prolong the recession and leave a mountain of debt for our children and grand children to pay off.

...or...

Democrats say that President Obama's budget commits America to cutting the federal deficit in half in four years. Thanks to irresponsible policies from both parties, Obama has inherited a trillion-dollar deficit, but this is the first budget to honestly account for all costs and it reduces our deficit by cutting spending and restoring Clinton-era tax rates for the wealthiest. It returns us to greater responsibility, cutting the deficit while meeting national needs.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

45% REPUBLICAN  
51% DEMOCRAT

4% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
\* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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Now, I have just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

D2. And what was the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)**

<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	
–	*	*	1%	–	*	–	1%	*	SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
25%	25%	22%	24%	25%	22%	25%	21%	23%	GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
24%	25%	23%	26%	27%	24%	27%	22%	20%	SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
30%	29%	27%	27%	25%	27%	26%	30%	32%	GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
13%	15%	18%	15%	18%	21%	17%	20%	18%	GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)
1%	*	1%	*	–	1%	1%	*	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
<b>28%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>26%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>29%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>24%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS</b>
<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>SOME COLLEGE</b>
<b>43%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>42%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>COLLEGE +</b>

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D3. In politics today, do you consider yourself... **(ROTATE)**

a Republican,  
 a Democrat,  
 or something else?

**(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK:)** Would you call yourself a STRONG  
**(REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT)** or a NOT-SO-STRONG **(REPUBLICAN/ DEMOCRAT)**?

**(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to **(ROTATE)** the  
 Republican or to the Democratic party?

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>		
41% <sup>^</sup>	42%	35%	43%	38%	45% <sup>^</sup>	35%	39%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN	
44%	51%	44%	51%	42% <sup>^</sup>	50% <sup>^</sup>	45% <sup>^</sup>	45% <sup>^</sup>	TOTAL DEMOCRAT	
24%	20%	19%	21%	20%	23%	17%	19%	STRONG REPUBLICAN	
10%	13%	10%	15%	9%	14%	12%	11%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN	
8%	9%	6%	7%	9%	7%	6%	9%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS	
14%	6%	19%	5%	19%	4%	19%	15%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT	
10%	12%	8%	10%	8%	8%	9%	9%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS	
11%	13%	12%	14%	9%	13%	10%	11%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT	
23%	26%	24%	27%	26%	30%	27%	26%	STRONG DEMOCRAT	
*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	*	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)	
1%	—	1%	—	1%	—	1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	
<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
41%	39%	45%	40%	45%	39%	45%	39% <sup>^</sup>	45%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
37%	44%	45%	41%	48%	43%	49%	43% <sup>^</sup>	49%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
25%	26%	23%	26%	27%	25%	25%	24%	26%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
11%	7%	14%	9%	10%	8%	11%	9%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
5%	6%	8%	5%	8%	6%	9%	5%	9%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
21%	15%	9%	17%	8%	16%	7%	17%	6%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
10%	8%	8%	5%	10%	5%	12%	7%	11%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
9%	11%	14%	9%	13%	10%	11%	8%	13%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
18%	25%	23%	27%	25%	28%	26%	27%	25%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
1%	1%	1%	1%	*	—	*	*	1%	DON'T KNOW
*	1%	*	1%	*	2%	—	1%	—	REFUSED

D4. And do you consider yourself to be...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

conservative,  
 moderate  
 ...or...  
 liberal?

**(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK:)** And would you consider yourself to be VERY  
**(CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)**, or just SOMEWHAT **(CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)**?

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>		
42%	40%	39%	38%	39%	40%	35% ^	45% ^	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE	
17%	18%	18%	18%	20%	19%	21%	19%	TOTAL LIBERAL	
18%	15%	18%	N/A	19%	N/A	17%	20%	VERY CONSERVATIVE	
24%	25%	21%	N/A	20%	N/A	19%	24%	SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	
38%	39%	39%	42%	38%	39%	39%	35%	MODERATE	
11%	11%	12%	N/A	12%	N/A	13%	11%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	
6%	7%	6%	N/A	8%	N/A	8%	8%	VERY LIBERAL	
2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	UNDECIDED/NOT SURE (DNR)	
1%	-	*	-	1%	-	-	*	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	
<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
43%	40%	37%	39%	41%	40%	41%	41%	40%	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
16%	19%	20%	16%	19%	23%	18%	17% ^	17%	TOTAL LIBERAL

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D5. And how often would you say that you attend religious services...  
**(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	
10%	11%	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK
25%	28%	WEEKLY
6%	8%	ALMOST EVERY WEEK
14%	13%	ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH
28%	21%	A FEW TIMES A YEAR
		...OR...
15%	17%	NEVER
1%	1%	DK/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )

<b>36%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>FREQUENTLY</b>
<b>21%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>OCCASIONALLY</b>
<b>42%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>RARELY</b>

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<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	
43%	39% <sup>^</sup>	42%	37% <sup>^</sup>	FREQUENTLY
16%	20%	16%	20%	OCCASIONALLY
33%	39%	27%	40%	RARELY

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D6. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? **(READ PUNCHES 1-4, ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)**

**(IF OTHER, ASK:)** Now I realize you just said your main ethnic or racial heritage doesn't fall into any of the categories I just mentioned...but if you had to choose JUST ONE of these categories, which is ONE would you choose?

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	
11%	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
77%	79%	78%	77%	77%	77%	78%	78%	WHITE
6%	8%	4%	8%	6%	8%	5%	5%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
2%	—	2%	—	1%	1%	1%	1%	ASIAN AMERICAN
3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	OTHER <b>(DO NOT READ)(SPECIFY)</b>
2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

  

<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
10%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	79%	80%	79%	WHITE
7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
*	*	1%	*	*	1%	—	1%	—	ASIAN AMERICAN
2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	OTHER
2%	2%	—	2%	1%	1%	—	1%	1%	REFUSED

D7. And, for which of the following candidates did you vote for President in 2008... **(ROTATE)**

**(IF REFUSED, ASK)** I understand the confidentiality of your vote and the privacy of the voting booth, but I want to assure you that this poll is being completed for research purposes only and that all responses given will remain strictly confidential. In order to help me do the best research possible, would you now please reconsider and tell me how you voted? **(READ AND ROTATE IF NECESSARY:)**

- 44% John McCain  
...OR...
- 51% Barack Obama
- 3% SOMEONE ELSE **(DO NOT READ)** (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- 1% DID NOT VOTE **(DO NOT READ)**
- 2% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D8. Gender (**BY OBSERVATION**)

48% MALE  
52% FEMALE

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D9. And finally, it is possible that a reporter for National Public Radio may do a news story based on some of these topics and may want to ask a few follow-up questions of some of the people we spoke to tonight. Would you be willing to have an NPR reporter have your responses on the questions about the issues we discussed and possibly call you for a brief interview?

61% YES  
38% NO  
1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

**IF YES, COLLECT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER**

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