1724 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 234-5570 Interviews: 1,002 adults, including 101 reached by cell phone Date: January 10-14, 2010

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Study #9500 NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey January 2010 48 Male 52 Female

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

The margin of error for 1,002 interviews is ±3.1%

(ASKED 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	7	
30-34	11	
35-39	8	
40-44	8	
45-49	8	
50-54	9	
55-59	10	
60-64	10	
65-69	8	
70-74	5	
75 and over	6	
Not sure/refused	1	

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	88	
Not sure/refused	1	

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

White	76	[149]
Black	11	
Asian	1	
Other	3	
Hispanic (VOL)	8	
Not sure/refused		

3. 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	1/10 34 54 10 2	12/09 33 55 10 2	10/09 36 52 9 3	9/09 39 48 10 3	7/09 39 49 9 3	6/09 42 46 9 3	4/09 43 43 10 4	9/01 72 11 11 6	Low 10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7	[150]
		2/09 41 44 9 6 2/09	1/09 26 59 9 6	12/08 26 60 10 4	10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7 3	10/4- 5/08+ 12 77 9	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 2	4/08+ 15 73 10 2	3/7- 10/08+ 20 66 11 3	1/08+ 20 68 9 3	9/07 25 63 9 3	1/07 28 57 13 2		
		9/06+ 31 54 12 3	1/06 31 57 10 2	9/05 32 57 8 3	1/05 40 47 10 3	9/04+ 39 49 10 2	1/04 47 43 6 4	9/03 38 50 8 4		
		1/03 36 47 14 3	9/02 42 43 12 3	1/02 62 20 14 4	9/01 72 11 11 6	12/99 49 34 15 2				

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

	<u>1/10</u>	12/09	<u>10/09</u>	9/09	<u>8/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>2/09</u>	
Approve	48	47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60	[151]
Disapprove	43	46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26	
Not sure	9	7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14	

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

	1/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09	
Approve	43	42	47	50	49	51	55	56	[152]
Disapprove	49	51	46	42	44	38	37	31	
Not sure	8	7	7	8	7	11	8	13	

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

	1/10*	12/09	10/09	9/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	
Approve	50	49	51	50	57	54	56	[153]
Disapprove	37	42	39	36	33	36	31	
Not sure	13	9	10	14	10	10	13	

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

5. When it comes to dealing with the war on terrorism, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing? **

Approve	45	[154]
Disapprove	44	
Not sure	11	

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

		G	eorge W	. Bush				
Approve Disapprove Not sure	11/05 39 55 6	9/05 43 51 6	1/05 53 43 4	12/04 51 42 7	10/04+ 50 46 4	9/04+ 52 43 5	High 4/02 76 19 5	Low 9/05 43 51 6
	8/04+ 53 42 5	6/04+ 48 47 5	1/04 63 31 6	12/14/03 66 27 7	12/13/03 56 38 5	11/03 56 39 5	9/03 60 34 6	7/03 66 28 6
	1/03 64 28 8	12/02 66 27 7	9/02 67 26 7	7/02 73 22 5	6/02 75 20 5	5/02 75 18 7	4/02 76 19 5	

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

Approve Disapprove Not sure	1/10 21 67 12	12/09 22 68 10	10/09 24 65 11	9/09 22 66 12	7/09 24 63 13	6/09 29 57 14	4/09 28 58 14	9/98 61 28 11	Low 10/17- 20/08+ 12 79 9	[155]
		2/09 31 54 15	1/09 23 68 9	12/08 21 69 10	10/17- 20/08+ 12 79 9	10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 13 78 9	9/19- 22/08+ 15 73 12	7/08+ 15 75 10		
		6/08+ 13 79 8	1/08 18 70 12	9/07 23 65 12	3/07 31 53 16	9/06+ 20 65 15	1/06 29 56 15	9/05 29 53 18		
		1/05 41 40 19	6/04+ 40 42 18	1/04 46 41 13	9/03 39 45 16	1/03 42 39 19	9/02 40 44 16	1/02 54 29 17		
		6/01 47 34 19	1/01 48 35 17	9/00+ 46 41 13	1/00 48 36 16	<u>9/99</u> 40 49 11	12/98 44 42 14	1/96 26 65 9	1/94 33 54 13	

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7a. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing in handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>1/10</u> *	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	
Approve	38	43	45	41	41	[156]
Disapprove	55	48	46	47	46	
Not sure	7	9	9	12	13	

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

7b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the way that Republicans in Congress are handling the issue of health care reform?

	<u>1/10</u> **	10/09	9/09	<u>8/09</u>	
Approve	26	23	21	21	[157]
Disapprove	64	64	65	62	
Not sure	10	13	14	17	

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

8. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, 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>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Barack Obama							[158]
January 2010	29	23	12	16	19	1	
December 2009	29	21	13	15	22	-	
October 2009	36	20	11	12	21	-	
September 2009	38	18	11	14	19	-	
July 2009	37	18	10	14	20	1	
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 2008+	24	25	18	16	16	1	
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	

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Q.8 (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							[159/166]
January 2010	11	27	20	18	23	1	
December 2009	10	25	19	19	26	1	
October 2009	14	28	20	14	22	2	
September 2009	14	27	18	17	22	2	
July 2009	13	29	19	17	20	2	
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	
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	
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005	14	28	28	16	13	1	
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1	
January 2002	16	33	23	15	11	2	
January 1998	13	30	30	16	9	2	
January 1994	11	29	29	17	11	3	
High							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	

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Q.8 (cont'd)						Don't Know	
	Very	Somewhat	Nautual	Somewhat	Very	Name/	
The Republican Party	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>Negative</u>	Not Sure	[160/167]
January 2010	7	23	27	24	18	1	[100/107]
December 2009	5	23	27	24 24	19	2	
October 2009	6	23 19	27 27	23	23	2	
	5	23	27 27	23 22	23 21	2	
September 2009							
July 2009	9	19	29	21	20	2	
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	
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	
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005	17	27	19	18	18	1	
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1	
January 2002	20	32	24	12	9	3	
January 1998	9	29	30	18	12	2	
	_	30	29	16	9	4	
January 1994							
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
Low	21	30	10	13	9		
October 2009	6	19	27	23	23	2	
	0	19	<u> </u>	23	23		[4.04/4.00]
Michelle Obama	0.5			_	_	•	[161/168]
January 2010	35	20	29	7	7	2	
April 2009	43	21	22	6	5	3	
February 2009	43	20	24	5	3	5	
December 2008	31	23	24	7	8	7	
September 6-8, 2008+	21	19	23	11	20	6	
August 2008+	19	19	28	11	18	5	
July 2008+	17	17	27	13	18	8	
March 2008+	14	18	32	9	11	16	
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Q.8 (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>	
George W. Bush				 _			[162/169]
January 2010	10	20	18	17	34	1	
April 2009	9	17	15	16	41	2	
January 2009	13	18	11	17	41	-	
December 2008	11	20	10	16	43	-	
October 17-20, 2008+	11	18	11	15	45	-	
October 4-5, 2008+	12	18	12	13	45	-	
September 19-22, 2008+	13	17	11	13	46	-	
September 6-8, 2008+	15	18	12	14	41	-	
August 2008+	15	19	11	15	40	-	
July 2008+	14	18	10	16	42	-	
June 2008+	11	19	10	16	44	-	
April 2008+	12	19	13	14	42	-	
March 24-25, 2008+	16	17	12	13	41	1	
March 7-10, 2008+	16	18	10	12	43	1	
January 2008	14	18	10	17	40	1	
June 2007	12	20	11	15	42	-	
January 2007	17	18	12	17	35	1	
June 2006	18	21	9	15	37	-	
January 2006	24	17	12	13	33	1	
July 2005	27	20	10	15	28	-	
January 2005	32	19	9	15	25	-	
June 2004+	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004	38	17	8	13	24	-	
July 2003	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003	36	20	12	16	16	-	
June 2002	43	27	11	10	9	-	
January 2002	53	26	10	7	4	-	
June 2001	30	23	16	15	15	1	
January 2001	25	25	18	13	17	2	
High							
December 2001	54	26	9	6	5	-	
Low							
April 2009	9	17	15	16	41	2	

	Q.8 (cont'd)	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>	
	Nancy Pelosi				 _			[163]
	January 2010 *	6	15	19	12	32	16	
	October 2009	8	18	16	9	33	16	
	September 2009	8	19	16	11	33	13	
	July 2009	7	18	16	11	33	15	
	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	
	Hillary Clinton							[164]
	January 2010 *	25	27	22	13	12	1	
	July 2009	26	27	15	15	16	1	
	January 2009	27	29	14	15	14	1	
	December 2008	27	26	20	14	12	1	
	September 2008+	23	24	15	17	20	1	
	August 2008+	17	25	16	18	23	1	
	June 2008+	18	28	14	17	22	1	
	April 2008+	20	22	14	19	25	-	
	March 24-25, 2008+	17	20	15	21	27	-	
	March 7-10, 2008+	22	23	11	14	29	1	
	January 2008	24	23	11	11	30	1	
	June 2007	18	24	15	16	26	1	
	March 2007	16	23	17	15	28	1	
	December 2006	21	22	17	12	26	2	
	April 2006	19	19	19	13	28	2	
	December 2004	24	21	14	11	29	1	
	July 2003	16	21	20	13	27	3	
	January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2	
	High			•				
	January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1	
	Low							
Yaman Mark	March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1	
***	Robert Gates							[165]
	January 2010 *	9	17	27	7	4	36	
	December 2008	8	23	29	6	2	32	

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Q.8 (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>	
Harry Reid				-	_		[170]
January 2010 **	3	10	20	8	24	35	
October 2009	2	12	18	7	19	42	
January 2009	2	12	22	10	11	43	
January 2007	3	9	13	9	8	58	
September 2006+	2	8	15	6	12	57	
February 2005	4	7	21	5	3	60	
Joe Biden							[171]
January 2010 **	15	23	25	15	14	8	
July 2009	13	25	20	17	19	6	
January 2009	20	27	22	12	9	10	
December 2008	20	25	25	12	11	7	
October 17-20, 2008+	28	23	19	12	14	4	
October 4-5, 2008+	21	22	24	12	15	6	
September 19-22, 2008+	17	20	25	13	16	9	
September 6-8, 2008+	18	22	23	13	12	12	
September 2007	4	13	26	11	11	35	
December 2006	3	14	23	10	6	44	
June 2004+	5	11	25	6	4	49	
Janet Napolitano							[172]
January 2010 **	2	13	21	11	15	38	

9. Do you think that Michelle Obama is a positive role model for American women, or not?

	1/10	12/08	
Is a positive role model	73	69	[173]
Is not a positive role model	14	16	
Not sure	13	15	

Hillary Clinton									
3/08+	<u>11/07</u> +	<u>6/00</u> +	1/96	1/95	6/94	12/92			
59	55	44	51	57	62	66			
35	40	50	39	37	32	21			
6	5	6	10	6	6	13			
3	59	59 55	59 55 44 35 40 50	59 55 44 51 35 40 50 39	59 55 44 51 57 35 40 50 39 37	59 55 44 51 57 62 35 40 50 39 37 32			

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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.10a.)

10b. 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.10a)

							Q.10	0a/b		
		Q.10a.				COMBINED				
		Top P	riority			Top/Second Priorities				
	1/10	9/09	7/09	6/09	-	<u>1/10</u>	9/09	7/09	6/09	_
Job creation and economic growth	38	30	38	31		61	55	62	54	[174/177]
National security and terrorism	17	11	11	14		36	23	23	27	
The deficit and government spending	13	18	17	19		29	34	32	34	
Health care	12	21	14	16	CONTINUE	31	40	32	34	
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	10	11	10	9		25	27	25	26	
Energy and the cost of gas	4	4	5	5		10	12	16	16	
Social issues such as abortion and						6				
same-sex marriage	3	3	2	2			6	7	7	
Other (VOL)	-	-	1	-		1	-	1	-	
All equally (VOL)	3	2	2	3	Skip to	-	-	1	-	
None of these (VOL)	-	-	-	-	Q.11a	-	-	-	-	
Not sure	-	-	-	1		-	1	-	-	

11a. Please tell me how interested you are in November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten.

					10/13-	9/30-	9/8-	
	<u>1/10</u>	12/09	12/07	11/07	<u>16/06</u> +	<u>10/2/06</u> +	<u>11/06</u> +	
10, very interested	44	48	62	59	53	46	47	[178-179]
9	5	6	9	9	8	9	8	
8	12	12	13	12	14	17	16	
7	10	10	5	7	7	12	10	
6	7	5	3	3	6	5	5	
5	11	9	4	5	5	6	8	
4	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	
3	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	
2	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	
1, not interested at all	5	5	2	3	3	2	2	
Cannot rate	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	
			<u>7/06</u> +	<u>6/06</u> +	<u>4/06</u> +	<u>3/06</u> +	<u>1/06</u> +	
			51	47	49	45	46	
			9	8	7	7	7	
			17	17	17	18	15	
			10	9	10	11	12	
			4	5	5	5	5	
			6	8	7	7	7	
			2	1	2	1	2	
			-	2	-	2	1	
			-	1	1	1	1	
			1	2	2	3	4	
			-	-	-	-	-	

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What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats? 11b.

Republican-controlled Congress Democrat-controlled Congress Not sure	1/10+ 41 41 18	12/09+ 41 43 16	10/09+ 38 46 16	9/09+ 40 43 17	7/09+ 39 46 15	4/09+ 39 48 13	11/08++ 36 48 16	10/08+ 36 49 15	[180]
		9/08+ 37 50 13	8/08+ 36 47 17	7/08+ 36 49 15	6/08+ 33 52 15	4/08+ 34 49 17	3/08+ 35 49 16	11/07+ 37 46 17	
		9/07+ 35 47 18	10/06+ 37 52 11	9/06+ 39 48 13	7/06+ 38 48 14	6/06+ 38 49 13	4/06+ 39 45 16	3/06+ 37 50 13	
		1/06+ 38 47 15	12/05 38 46 16	11/05+ 37 48 15	10/05 39 48 13	7/05+ 40 45 15	5/05+ 40 47 13	10/04+ 43 44 13	
		9/04+ 42 46 12	6/04+ 42 44 14	<u>5/04</u> + 41 44 15	3/04+ 42 45 13	1/04 42 43 15	12/13/03 42 42 42 16	10/02+ 43 42 15	
		9/02 42 42 16	7/02 43 41 16	6/02 42 41 17	1/02 44 40 16	12/01 42 40 18	12/99 40 44 16	10/99 39 41 20	
		7/99 39 43 18	6/99 42 41 17	<u>4/99</u> 41 40 19	3/99 37 43 20	10/98+ 41 43 16	9/98 40 39 21	7/98 41 40 19	
		6/98 39 40 21	2/98 41 37 22	1/98 40 42 18	12/97 41 37 22	9/97 41 39 20	7/97 45 39 16	4/97 44 38 18	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters. ++ Results shown reflect responses among *likely* voters.

11c. In the next election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

Deserves to be reelected Give new person a chance Not sure	1/10+ 39 49 12	12/09+ 38 49 13	10/09+ 41 49 10	9/09+ 40 49 11	7/08+ 40 47 13	11/07+ 39 51 10	6/07+ 41 48 11	[208]
		10/13- 16/06+ 39 45 16	9/30- 10/2/06+ 38 45 17	9/8- 11/06+ 41 43 16	7/06+ 38 48 14	6/06+ 42 45 13	3/06+ 41 48 11	
		1/06+ 41 46 13	12/05+ 41 44 15	11/05+ 37 51 12	5/05+ 42 45 13	10/04 49 34 17	10/02+ 42 39 19	
		9/02 41 42 17	10/00+ 50 35 15	9/00+ 49 38 13	6/00+ 49 39 12	12/99 42 47 11	10/98+ 48 37 15	
		12/97+ 41 45 14	10/94+ 39 49 12	9/94 30 53 17	<u>5/94</u> 34 50 16	1/94 35 47 18	10/93 34 52 14	9/93 37 47 16
		7/93 30 55 15	10/92+ 31 56 13	9/92+ 31 56 13	7/92+ 27 62 11	4/92+ 33 57 10	2/92+ 37 52 11	1/92+ 42 48 10

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12. I'm going to read you two statements about the role of government, and I'd like to know which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people, OR

Statement B: Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.

A/Government should do more B/Government is doing too many things Some of both (VOL)	6	12/09 44 47 7 2	10/09 46 48 5 1	9/09 45 49 5 1	4/09 47 46 6 1	2/09 51 40 7 2	10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 47 45 7 1	[209]
	9/19- 22/08+ 48 42 8 2	7/08+ 53 42 NA 5	9/07 55 38 6 1	3/07 52 40 6	1/02 45 43 9	12/97 41 51 5	12/95 ¹ 32 62 NA 6	

¹ In December 1995, the question was phrased, "Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?"

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Now, switching topics . . .

13. 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>1/10</u>	10/09	9/09	<u>6/09</u>	4/09	1/09	
Like personally and approve most policies	42	44	46	48	51	55	[210]
Like personally but disapprove of many policies	33	30	31	27	30	22	
Don't like personally, approve most of policies	2	3	2	3	3	5	
Don't like personally, disapprove many policies	19	19	18	16	12	10	
None of these (VOL)	3	2	2	3	2	3	
Not sure	1	2	1	3	2	5	

14. Compared to what you expected when Barack Obama took office a year ago, do you feel that he has done better than you expected, worse than you expected, or just about as you expected?

	Barack Obama	George W. Bush	Bill Clinton	
	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/02</u>	1/94	
Better than expected	15	67	17	[211]
Worse than expected	30	3	15	
Just about as expected	54	28	65	
Not sure	1	2	3	

15a. Which of the following best describes your feeling about how Barack Obama will do during his presidency-optimistic and confident that he will do a good job, satisfied and hopeful that he will do a good job, uncertain and wondering whether he will do a good job, or pessimistic and worried that he will do a bad job?

	1/10*	4/09	1/09	10/08 ¹ +	
Optimistic and confident	22	30	32	27	[212]
Satisfied and hopeful	30	32	34	29	
Uncertain and wondering	20	23	24	21	
Pessimistic and worried	27	15	9	22	
Not sure	1	-	1	1	

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

15b. How confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of personal characteristics to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>1/10</u>	1/09	12/08	
Extremely confident	28	31	33	[213]
Quite confident	23	28	22	
Only somewhat confident	23	28	28	
Not at all confident	25	12	15	
Not sure	1	1	2	

16a. And how confident are you that Barack Obama has the right set of goals and policies to be president of the United States—extremely confident, quite confident, only somewhat confident, or not at all confident?

	<u>1/10</u>	12/09	9/09	7/09	4/09	2/09	1/09	12/08	
Extremely confident	23	19	24	25	25	31	29	30	[214]
Quite confident	21	20	21	21	27	23	25	24	
Only somewhat confident	25	28	23	23	25	26	30	29	
Not at all confident	30	33	31	30	23	19	15	16	
Not sure	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	

¹ In October 2008, this question was phrased "Which of the following best describes how you would feel how you would feel if Barack Obama were elected president...?"

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16b. 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?

	<u>1/10</u>	12/09	9/09	7/09	6/09	
Extremely confident	16	13	18	16	20	[215]
Quite confident	19	20	22	23	26	
Only somewhat confident	31	29	27	28	24	
Not at all confident	33	36	32	32	29	
Not sure	1	2	1	1	1	

17. Do you think that in his first year in office Barack Obama has accomplished a great deal, a fair amount, only some, or very little?

Accomplished a great deal	<u>1/10</u> 18	4/09 ¹ 28	[016]
Accomplished a great deal	10	20	[216]
Accomplished a fair amount	27	31	
Accomplished only some	20	20	
Accomplished very little	34	20	
Not sure	1	1	

 $^{^1}$ In April 2009, the question was phrased, "Do you think that in his first one hundred days in office"

18. Now I'm going to read you a series of elements about Barack Obama, both as a person and as President of the United States. For each, please tell me whether in general you feel positive, feel neutral, or feel negative about Barack Obama in this area.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY FEEL POSITIVE

	Feel <u>Positive</u>	Feel <u>Neutral</u>	Feel <u>Negative</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
As the First Family with his wife and children	72	21	5	2	[222]
As a person	64	25	9	2	[217]
As a leader	54	18	27	1	[218]
In representing America abroad	52	17	30	1	[221]
As commander-in-chief	46	22	31	1	[220]
On his stands on issues	41	25	33	1	[219]

19. How would you rate Barack Obama on the following qualities, using a five-point scale, on which a "five" means a very good rating, a "one" means a very poor rating, and a "three" means a mixed rating?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD RATING (SCORE OF "4-5")

	Very Good Rating			Ve	Very Poor Rating Cannot		
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Being easygoing and likable							[233]
January 2010 **	52	20	17	5	6	-	
October 2009	54	18	15	5	7	1	
July 2009	54	19	12	6	8	1	
April 2009	60	21	8	5	5	1	
January 2009	54	23	16	2	3	2	
June 2008+	37	32	18	7	5	1	
March 2008+	39	30	17	5	7	2	
November 2007+	34	30	21	6	5	4	
Being an inspirational and exciting president							[227]
January 2010 *	40	19	19	9	13	-	
October 2009	42	18	12	10	17	1	
April 2009	50	19	16	6	9	-	
January 2009 ²	54	21	14	5	6	-	
June 2008+	40	21	16	11	11	1	
March 2008+	36	20	19	10	13	2	
November 2007+	21	21	29	10	15	4	
Having strong leadership qualities							[226]
January 2010 *	34	23	18	11	13	1	
October 2009	36	20	17	9	17	1	
July 2009	38	23	15	9	15	-	
April 2009	46	22	15	8	9	-	
January 2009 ¹	44	26	16	6	7	1	
June 2008+	23	24	30	10	12	1	
March 2008+	24	22	27	9	16	2	
November 2007+	15	24	28	14	15	4	
Being honest and straightforward							[225]
January 2010 *	35	16	19	9	21	-	
October 2009	33	18	17	8	23	1	
April 2009	40	24	14	7	13	2	
January 2009	41	22	20	6	8	3	
June 2008+	25	27	22	12	13	1	
March 2008	29	24	22	7	14	4	
November 2007+	26	25	27	8	9	5	
Representing traditional American values							[235]
January 2010 **	32	19	16	8	24	1	- -
April 2009	35	20	15	10	18	2	
January 2009	36	24	17	9	12	2	

¹Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president." ²Prior to January 2009, the item was phrased, "Being inspirational and an exciting choice for president."

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

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

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.19 (cont'd)	Very Good Rating			Ve	ry Poor Rating	Cannot		
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>		
Having the ability to handle a crisis							[231]	
January 2010 **	29	22	18	10	20	1		
October 2009	27	18	20	12	21	2		
April 2009	31	23	20	9	14	3		
January 2009	25	21	25	14	9	6		
Being firm and decisive in his decision-making							[230]	
January 2010 **	29	20	24	11	16	-		
October 2009	27	21	19	14	19	-		
July 2009	27	30	22	8	13	-		
April 2009	34	31	15	9	10	1		
January 2009	37	26	20	4	9	4		
Being a good commander-in-chief							[223]	
January 2010 *	28	21	19	12	20	-		
October 2009	26	20	18	10	25	1		
April 2009	33	22	20	8	15	2		
January 2009	32	23	20	8	12	5		
June 2008+	13	20	26	15	24	2		
March 2008+	19	22	28	13	16	2		
November 2007+	12	17	30	15	21	5		
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency							[228]	
January 2010 *	25	22	18	13	21	1		
October 2009	28	19	17	11	25	-		
April 2009	31	25	19	10	15	-		
January 2009	26	25	23	11	14	1		
June 2008+	10	20	32	15	22	1		
March 2008	11	17	30	14	25	3		
November 2007+	11	18	28	17	21	5		
Uniting the country							[232]	
January 2010 **	20	20	25	11	24	-		
October 2009	20	18	24	13	24	1		
April 2009	28	29	19	8	15	1		
January 2009	36	24	22	9	7	2		
Achieving his goals							[234]	
January 2010 **	17	23	32	13	14	1		
October 2009	17	20	30	14	18	1		
April 2009	25	35	25	5	8	2		
January 2009	32	24	24	9	5	6		
* Asked of one helf the respondents (FORM A)				-	-	-		

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

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

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.19 (cont'd)	Very Good Rating			Ve	ry Poor Rating	Cannot	
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Sharing your positions on the issues							[229]
January 2010 **	20	18	24	10	27	1	
October 2009	21	18	22	11	27	1	
July 2009	23	21	21	9	25	1	
April 2009	26	22	21	11	19	1	
January 2009	29	23	22	12	13	1	
June 2008+	21	18	23	14	23	1	
March 2008+	18	21	23	13	21	4	
November 2007+	13	20	28	12	21	6	
Changing business as usual in Washington							[224]
January 2010 *	13	17	32	12	24	2	
October 2009	19	19	24	9	26	3	
April 2009	22	25	22	11	16	4	

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

20. 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)?

	<u>1/10</u> **	6/09	4/09	1/09	<u>7/08</u> +	<u>6/08</u> +	3/08	
Very liberal	33	37	36	27	33	35	30	[236]
Somewhat liberal	22	20	23	22	23	23	25	
Moderate	30	33	30	37	29	24	24	
Somewhat conservative	6	2	4	3	5	6	5	
Very conservative	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	
Not sure	6	6	4	7	7	9	13	

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

Thinking about Barack Obama, both personally and how he has handled the job of being president, do you 21. think he will be a successful president or he will be an unsuccessful president, or at this time are you not ready to make that judgment?

Will be a successful president	37	[237]
Will be an unsuccessful president	21	
Not ready to make judgment	40	
Mixed/some of both (VOL)	1	
Not sure	1	

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When you think about Barack Obama and his administration, what would you say stands out as the most positive thing about his first year in office? [238-244] *

Health care reform, efforts to improve health care system	12%
Doing a good job/getting things done/tenacity/determination	8
Economy, economic issues, working hard to improve economy	8
Foreign affairs, improved America's image abroad, good diplomat	7
His desire for change, give us hope	6
Honest, forthright, trustworthy	4
Good attitude, good personality, respectful, even tempered	4
Good communicator/speaker	4
Agree with the way he's handling Iraq, Afghanistan, the wars	4
None, nothing positive	14
Don't know; no response	9%

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

When you think about Barack Obama and his administration, what would you say stands out as the most negative thing about his first year in office? [245-251] **

Disagree with his stand on health care reform	12%
Sending more troops to Afghanistan, not ending the wars	11
Against bailouts/stimulus package, too much money going to banks	7
Not keeping campaign promises	6
Economy still in bad shape, doing a poor job handling the economy	6
Criticisms of his cabinet/staff/czars, poor selections	5
Unable to unite Congress, not getting help fhe needs from Democrats and Republicans	4
Disagree with his stands on issues, policies	3
Not protecting the country, lax on national security	3
Not addressing jobs, unemployment	3
None, nothing	9
Don't know; no response	5%

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

Now turning to the economy . . .

24. 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 satisfied	1/10 1 15 33 50 1	10/09 2 17 31 49 1	9/09 2 21 35 41	7/09 2 11 31 56	6/09 1 11 33 54 1	4/09 2 16 30 52	High 9/98 31 55 10 3	Low 2/09 1 6 22 70 1	[252]
		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	9/06+ 10 33 32 25	1/04 6 45 30 18 1	12/02 3 33 38 25 1	
		10/02+ 4 27 37 31 1	9/02 2 32 41 24 1	7/02 4 42 39 14 1	4/02 6 44 33 15 2	1/02 4 43 39 13	12/01 5 47 32 15 1	1/01 18 57 18 6 1	
		4/00+ 29 52 12 6	10/99 23 53 17 7	12/98 26 54 13 6	10/98+ 27 55 12 5	9/98 31 55 10 3	12/97 18 52 20 8 2	9/97 13 52 23 10 2	
		6/97 10 51 27 10 2	3/97 13 45 27 13 2	12/96 9 51 27 11 2	9/96 7 49 30 12 2	6/96 5 43 32 18 2	5/96+ 4 43 38 14	3/96 3 39 37 19 2	
		1/96 3 37 38 19 3	7/95 4 39 35 21	4/95 4 40 37 18 1	12/94 4 41 38 15 2				

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

Economy will get better Economy will get worse Economy will stay about the same Not sure	1/10 41 19 38 2	10/09 42 22 33 3	9/09 47 20 30 3	7/09 44 21 32 3	6/09 46 22 29 3	4/09 38 30 30 2	12/08 36 28 34 2	10/08+ 38 20 37 5	[253]
		7/08+ 25 43 28 4	6/08+ 21 49 27 3	4/08+ 19 45 29 7	3/07 16 31 49 4	1/07 21 16 60 3	9-10/06+ 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	
		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.

26. 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>1/10</u> **	10/09	6/09	2/09	
Situation Obama inherited	65	63	72	84	[254]
Situation Obama's policies mostly responsible for	17	20	14	8	
Some of both (VOL)	16	15	10	6	
Not sure	2	2	4	2	

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

27. Thinking about the way the federal government has responded to the financial crisis in recent months, generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the expansion of the government's role in the economy?

	<u>1/10</u>	3/091	
Approve	39	53	[255]
Disapprove	53	44	
Not sure	8	2	

¹Comparative data comes from a survey conducted by Gallup Organization.

28. Now I am going to read you a series of things President Obama has done on the economy. For each one, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of this action.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY APPROVE

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Placing new restrictions on credit card companies that govern how they raise consumers' interest rates *	82	16	2	[257]
Extending unemployment benefits **	82	16	2	[262]
Providing financial help to homeowners who were in danger of losing their homes *	69	25	6	[258]
Providing tax cuts to individuals as part of the stimulus package **	68	25	7	[261]
Passing the economic stimulus package *	49	43	8	[259]
Providing financial help to banks and other lending institutions *	32	60	8	[256]
Having the federal government take a majority ownership stake in General Motors **	30	65	5	[260]

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

29. Thinking about the country's economic conditions, have we pretty much hit the bottom, or is there still a ways to go before we hit the bottom?

	1/10*	10/09	9/09	7/09	2/09	
Pretty much hit the bottom	31	29	35	27	17	[263]
Still ways to go	53	58	52	58	76	
Hit bottom already (VOL)	13	8	9	10	3	
Not sure	3	5	4	5	4	

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

^{**} 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.

	1/10	12/09	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	
Good idea	33	32	38	39	36	36	33	33	[264]
Bad idea	46	47	42	41	42	42	32	26	
Do not have an opinion	18	17	16	17	17	17	30	34	
Not sure	3	4	4	3	5	5	5	7	

31. If the current health care legislation becomes law, will you consider it to be a step forward or a step backward? *

Step forward	42	[265]
Step backward	48	
Neither (VOL)	2	
Not sure	8	

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

32. Thinking about efforts to reform the health care system, which would concern you more?

Not doing enough to make the health care system better than it is now by lowering costs and covering the uninsured.

OR

Going too far and making the health care system worse than it is now in terms of quality of care and choice of doctor.

	<u>1/10</u> **	<u>10/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>8/09</u>	
Not doing enough	40	44	44	41	[266]
Going too far	53	51	48	54	
Not sure	7	5	8	5	

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

33. If the current health care legislation becomes law, for each of the following do you think it will make things much better, make things somewhat better, not make a difference, make things somewhat worse, or make things much worse?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MUCH OR SOMEWHAT BETTER

	Ве	tter	 	Wo	rse		
	<u>Much</u>	Some- <u>what</u>	No <u>Difference</u>	Some- <u>what</u>	<u>Much</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
The ability to get health insurance even with a pre-existing medical condition *	31	36	11	7	8	7	[270]
Health coverage for many people who do not have it now	30	36	13	7	9	5	[267/272]
Benefits for people on Medicare, the government health care program for seniors	11	25	21	17	19	7	[269/274]
The cost of health care **	10	23	14	20	28	5	[276]
The quality of health care	10	21	21	19	24	5	[268/273]
Taxes on middle-class Americans *	3	15	18	23	31	10	[271]
The federal deficit **	4	13	17	21	37	8	[275]

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

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

34/35. 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 "YES," ASK:) What kind of health plan do you have? (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, what kind of plan would you say your primary plan is?

58	[277/278]
16	
4	
3	
1	
1	
1	
15	
1	
	16 4 3 1 1

Changing subjects . . .

Not sure

36. In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

36. In general, do you think race rela	ations in t	he United	d States a	are very g	ood, fairl	y good, fa	irly bad,	or very ba
				All Adults	;]
	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94	=1
Very good	8	13	7	4	8	2	4	[315]
Fairly good	64	59	70	54	55	32	45	
Fairly bad	16	14	16	28	20	41	31	
Very bad	7	8	5	10	10	20	15	
Mixed (VOL)	NA	4	NA	NA	5	4	4	
Not sure	5	2	2	4	2	1	1	
				Whites				1
	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94	4
Very good	7	12	6	3	9	1	4	
Fairly good	65	63	73	56	58	33	45	
Fairly bad	17	13	16	28	19	42	32	
Very bad	7	6	4	8	7	18	13	
Mixed (VOL)	ŇA	4	NA	ŇA	5	5	5	
Not sure	4	2	1	5	2	1	1	
			Afric	an Ameri	cans			1
	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	10/95	9/94	<u></u>
Very good	8	6	7	3	3	3	5	
Fairly good	58	44	, 57	37	45	28	39	
Fairly bad	20	22	18	34	28	35	26	
Very bad	8	16	12	24	19	30	26	
Mixed (VOL)	NA	7	NA	NA	3	3	3	
Not sure	6	5	6	2	2	1	1	
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			Hispanics	3				
	1/10	9/09	1/09	4/07	9/05	- "		
Very good	11	15	13	11	8			
Fairly good	57	57	63	44	49			
Fairly bad	13	13	17	32	17			
Very bad	10	12	6	10	19			
Mixed (VOL)	NA	2	NA	NA	7			

Since Barack Obama has been president, do you believe that race relations in the country have gotten 37. better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

		All Adults		
	1/10	1/09 ¹	11/4/08+ ²	
Gotten better	20	45	33	[316]
Gotten worse	15	13	19	
Stayed about the same	63	39	43	
Don't know/refused	2	3	5	

¹ In January 2009, the question was phrased, "Now that Barack Obama has been elected

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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	Whites		
	<u>1/10</u>	1/09	
Get better	19	46	
Get worse	16	13	
Stay about the same	63	39	
Don't know/refused	2	2	

	African American			
•	<u>1/10</u> <u>1/09</u>			
Get better	22	40		
Get worse	13	10		
Stay about the same	64	44		
Don't know/refused	1	6		

	Hispanics		
	1/10 1/09		
Get better	26 46		
Get worse	14 13 58 36		
Stay about the same			
Don't know/refused	2	5	

president"

Comparative data from November 4, 2008 comes from a Public Opinion Strategies poll of voters. The question was phrased, "And, assuming again that Barack Obama is elected President, do you believe that race relations in the country will..."

38. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement--America is a nation where people are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

		All Adults		
	1/10	1/09	1/08	
Strongly agree	24	20	20	[317]
Somewhat agree	36	40	27	
Somewhat disagree		24	29	
Strongly disagree	16	15	22	
Not sure	1	1	2	

	Whites			
·	1/10	1/09	1/08	
Strongly agree	24	20	21	
Somewhat agree	38	44	30	
Somewhat disagree	23	23	31	
Strongly disagree	14	11	17	
Not sure	1	2	1	

	African Americans				
	1/10 1/09 1/08				
Strongly agree	12	14	17		
Somewhat agree	28	27	12		
Somewhat disagree	26	26	21		
Strongly disagree	32	30	50		
Not sure	2	3	_		

	Hispanics		
	1/10	1/09	1/08
Strongly agree	27	24	17
Somewhat agree	30	34	24
Somewhat disagree	25	24	27
Strongly disagree	17	16	28
Not sure	1	2	4

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 so strongly?

			All A	Adults			
-	1/10	1/03	3/00	9/95	3/95	<u>3/91</u> +	_
Statement A/Strongly	31	32	33	33	31	40	[318]
Statement A/Do not feel strongly	18	17	21	17	21	21	
Statement B/Do not feel strongly	13	13	11	13	13	11	
Statement B/Strongly	30	30	26	30	27	17	
Not sure	8	8	9	7	8	11	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

	Whites	African Americans	Hispanics
_	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>	<u>1/10</u>
Statement A/Strongly	22	73	53
Statement A/Do not feel strongly	19	8	16
Statement B/Do not feel strongly	16	4	5
Statement B/Strongly	36	3	17
Not sure	7	12	9

On a different topic . . .

40. How worried are you that the United States will experience another major terrorist attack--very worried, fairly worried, only slightly worried, or not really worried at all?

Very worried Fairly worried Only slightly worried Not really worried at all	23 28	10/17- 20/08+ 17 25 41 16	9/07 27 25 34 13	7/07 30 22 32 16	1/06 25 23 35 17	7/05 31 27 29 12	1/02 30 29 26 14	[319]
Not sure		1	_	-	-	1	1	

⁺ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

41. Thinking about the war on terror, would you say that it is more important, equally important, or less important than it was in the months just after September eleventh?

	1/10**	3/04	
More important	38	34	[320]
Equally important	46	49	
Less important	14	14	
Mixed (VOL)	1	1	
Not sure	1	1	

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

42.	When it comes to protecting the American public from terrorism, do you think the government has done an
	excellent job, a good job, not so good a job, or a poor job?

Excellent job	7	[321]
Good job	50	
Not so good a job	28	
Poor job	13	
Not sure	2	

43. When it comes to the lessons of the attempted terrorist attack on an airplane to Detroit on December twentyfifth and what the government should be concentrating on in fighting terrorism, which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: The government has the appropriate security measures in place. We just need better coordination and sharing of information between all of the national security and intelligence agencies.

Statement B: The government does not have the appropriate security measures in place. We need a major re-structuring of all the national security and intelligence agencies

Statement A/ appropriate security measures in place	57	[322]
Statement B/appropriate security measures NOT in place	39	
Not sure	4	

44. Do you think that when the United States captures suspected terrorists these prisoners should receive all the same legal rights as people being tried in the U.S. court system, or not? **

Yes, should receive same legal rights	28	[323]
No, should not receive same legal rights	67	
Depends (VOL)	2	
Not sure		

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

And, getting near the end of the survey . . .

45. From which ONE of the following television news sources do you get MOST of your information about politics and current events? If you do not watch any of these, please just say so.

Broadcast network news, such as NBC, ABC, or CBS	40	[324]
The cable channel CNN	18	
The cable channel MSNBC	8	
The cable channel Fox News	20	
None of these (VOL)	12	
Not sure	2	

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?
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Registered	87	[325]
Not registered	12	
Not sure	1	

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	39	[326/327]
Voted for John McCain	34	
Voted for someone else	4	
Not sure	4	
No, Did Not Vote	18	
Not sure	1	

F1d. And did you happen to vote in the 2006 election for U.S. Congress?

Voted	64	[328]
Did not vote	29	
Not sure	7	

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

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

Currently Employed		
Professional, manager	20	[329]
White-collar worker	17	
Blue-collar worker	13	
Farmer, rancher	-	
Not Currently Employed		
Student	4	
Homemaker	6	
Retired	27	
Unemployed, looking for work	11	
Other	-	
Not sure	2	

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

Grade school	-	[337-338]
Some high school	6	
High school graduate	27	
Some college, no degree	18	
Vocational training/2-year college	11	
4-year college/bachelor's degree	23	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	9	
Doctoral/law degree	3	
Not sure/refused	1	

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

Strong Democrat	18	[339]
Not very strong Democrat	9	
Independent/lean Democrat	13	
Strictly Independent	22	
Independent/lean Republican	11	
Not very strong Republican	8	
Strong Republican	11	
Other (VOL)	5	
Not sure	3	

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	8	[340]
Somewhat liberal	13	
Moderate	38	
Somewhat conservative	18	
Very conservative	16	
Not sure	7	

F6a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal,			
Presbyterian, and other Christians)	51	CONTINUE [3	341]
Catholic	23		
Jewish	1	Skip to Q.F7	
Muslim	-		
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	2		
Other	8		
None	10	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	5		

(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	16	[342]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical		
Not sure	8	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F6a)	26	

F7.	How often do you attend	d services at a church,	synagogue, mosque,	or other place of	worship?
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Never	17	[343]
Once a year	6	
A few times a year		
Once a month	6	
About twice a month	10	
Once a week or more often	39	
Not sure	5	

F8a/b. 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	[344/345]
Union household	9	
Non-union household	74	
Not sure	2	

F9. 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 and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	6	[346]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	10	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	8	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	16	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	13	
More than \$100,000	17	
Not sure/refused	13	