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# POLL

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	62	15	23
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	50	15	35
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	55	24	21
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation with Iraq?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	App	Disapp	DK/NA		App	Disapp	DK/NA
7/19-25/77	31	49	20	4/5-6/99	43	45	12
10/23-26/77	31	50	19	6/5-6/99 CBS	41	46	13
1/8-12/78	29	50	21	7/13-14/99 CBS	41	41	18
4/3-7/78	31	50	19	8/1-3/99 CBS	43	41	16
6/19-23/78	30	53	17	8/15/99 CBS	42	44	14
9/25-29/78	29	51	20	10/3-4/99 CBS	38	48	14
8/2-7/80	32	51	18	10/25-30/99 CBS	36	52	12
10/23-28/82	33	50	17	11/4-7/99	37	50	13
1/13-15/90	42	47	11	2/12-14/00	39	47	13
8/16-19/90	40	44	16	5/10-13/00	38	45	18
10/8-10/90	27	60	13	7/20-23/00	45	41	14
10/28-31/90	23	69	8	9/27-10/1/00	49	38	13
1/27-28/91	49	41	10	2/10-12/01 CBS	48	31	21
3/4-6/91	39	47	14	3/8-12/01	50	33	17
8/18-22/91	30	57	13	4/23-25/01 CBS	44	37	19
10/5-7/91	27	57	16	5/10-12/01 CBS	45	36	19
10/15-18/91	29	57	14	6/14-18/01	45	39	16
1/22-25/92	17	71	11	10/25-28/01	67	24	9
2/26-3/1/92	21	67	12	12/07-10/01	57	31	12
3/26-29/92	17	75	7	1/21-24/02	47	37	15
7/8-11/92	20	71	9	2/24-26/02 CBS	50	34	16
3/28-31/93	35	52	13	6/18-20/02 CBS	43	40	17
5/27-29/93	27	61	12	7/13-16/02	49	38	14
6/1-3/93	27	60	13	9/22-23/02 CBS	48	36	16
8/2-3/93 CBS	21	68	11	10/3-6/02	42	45	13
9/16-19/93	23	64	13	10/27-31/02	45	40	15
11/11-14/93	25	63	12	5/9-12/03	35	48	16
12/5-7/93 CBS	27	60	13	7/13-27/03	39	46	15
1/15-17/94	30	58	13	9/28-10/1/03	37	47	16
8/16-17/94	22	67	11	1/12-15/04	45	42	13
9/8-11/94	25	63	12	10/14-17/04	38	46	16
10/29-11/1/94	20	73	7	1/14-18/05	44	39	17
1/10-20/95 CBS	35	44	21	2/24-28/05	41	44	15
2/22-25/95	36	51	13	3/21-22/05 CBS	34	49	17
3/12-14/95	31	54	15	4/13-16/05 CBS	35	51	14
4/1-4/95	30	60	10	5/20-23/05 CBS	29	55	16
5/4-6/95 CBS	33	55	12	6/10-15/05	33	53	14
8/5-9/95	31	56	13	7/13-14/05 CBS	33	50	17
10/22-25/95	32	55	13	9/9-13/05	34	54	12
12/9-11/95	26	64	10	10/3-5/05 CBS	31	57	12
1/18-20/96 CBS	31	60	9	10/30-11/1/05 CBS	34	53	13
2/22-24/96	22	70	8	12/2-6/05	33	53	14
3/10-11/96 CBS	26	64	10	1/5-8/06 CBS	27	57	16
3/31-4/2/96	23	66	11	1/20-25/06	29	61	11
5/31-6/3/96	19	71	10	2/22-26/06 CBS	28	61	11
6/20-23/96 NYT	29	61	9	3/9-12/06 CBS	32	54	14
7/11-13/96	27	58	15	4/6-9/06 CBS	27	61	12
8/3-5/96	32	52	16	5/4-8/06	23	64	13
9/2-4/96	32	55	13	6/10-11/06 CBS	26	60	14
1/14-17/97	45	45	10	7/21-25/06	28	58	14
4/2-5/97	32	59	9	8/17-21/06	29	60	11
5/6-8/97 CBS	42	44	14	9/15-19/06	25	61	14
7/13-14/97 CBS	34	55	11	10/5-8/06	27	64	9
11/2-3/97 CBS	36	53	11	10/27-31/06	29	56	15
12/6-8/97	34	52	14	1/18-21/07 CBS	33	49	18
1/10-12/98	44	40	16	2/8-11/07 CBS	32	52	16
1/18-21/98 CBS	42	41	17	2/23-27/07	33	50	17
1/24-25/98	47	43	10	3/7-11/07	31	53	16
2/19-21/98	50	30	20	4/9-12/07 CBS	34	54	12
5/19-21/98 CBS	41	42	17	5/18-23/07	35	52	13
7/19-21/98	40	42	18	6/26-28/07 CBS	27	60	13
9/8-10/98 CBS	49	38	13	7/9-17/07	29	59	12
9/12-15/98 CBS	55	34	12	7/20-22/07	26	61	13
9/22-23/98	48	41	10	8/8-12/07 CBS	25	63	12
10/3-4/98 CBS	47	38	15	9/4-8/07	23	66	11
10/7-8/98 CBS	46	44	10	10/12-16/07 CBS	27	59	14
10/12-13/98	43	48	9	12/5-9/07	21	64	15
10/26-28/98	41	49	10	4/25-29/08	21	68	11
10/31-11/1/98 CBS	41	48	11	9/27-30/08 CBS	15	72	13
12/13-17/98	44	49	6	10/10-13/08	12	74	14
12/19-20/98	42	53	5	10/19-22/08	17	70	13
1/3-4/99 CBS	41	51	8	2/2-4/09 CBS	26	62	12
1/10-13/99 CBS	43	46	11	<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>12</b>
1/30-2/1/99	45	46	9				
2/12/99 CBS	46	46	8				
3/24/99 CBS	43	47	10				
3/28/99 CBS	41	47	12				

6. Do you think Barack Obama is trying to work with Republicans in Congress in order to get things done, or isn't he? **QUESTIONS 6-7 WERE ROTATED.**

	Work with Reps	Not work with Reps	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	81	12	7
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>

7. Do you think Republicans in Congress are trying to work with Barack Obama in order to get things done, or aren't they? **QUESTIONS 6-7 WERE ROTATED.**

	Work with Obama	Not work with Obama	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	41	47	12
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12</b>

8. Do you think Democrats in Congress are trying to work with the Republicans in Congress in order to get things done, or aren't they?

	Work with Reps	Not work with Reps	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	49	38	13
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12</b>

9. How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

	Very Good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA		Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA
1/92A	-	17	47	35	1	6/18-20/02 CBS	3	56	30	9	2
1/92B	1	20	46	32	1	7/13-16/02	2	47	36	13	2
2/92A	1	16	38	42	2	7/22-23/02 CBS	3	42	39	14	2
2/92B	1	16	40	41	1	8/6-7/02 CBS	2	45	38	13	2
3/92	1	18	39	40	1	9/2-5/02	3	47	36	14	1
4/92	1	23	40	34	1	10/3-6/02	4	39	42	14	2
7/92	-	21	41	37	1	10/27-31/02	1	44	38	15	1
8/92A	1	20	40	38	1	11/20-24/02	2	46	37	13	2
9/92A	1	19	37	39	3	1/4-6/03 CBS	1	40	43	14	2
10/92A	1	18	42	37	2	1/19-22/03	1	42	43	12	1
10/92C	2	21	40	37	1	2/10-12/03	2	37	42	18	2
10/92D	2	21	40	36	2	3/20-24/03	3	47	33	15	2
10/92E	1	22	39	36	2	4/11-13/03	2	48	36	10	3
12/92	1	31	39	28	2	5/9-12/03	2	42	41	14	1
1/93	1	34	41	22	2	9/28-10/1/03	4	39	37	19	1
2/93	2	33	36	26	3	10/20-21/03 CBS	3	42	36	18	1
3/93	1	33	41	22	2	12/10-13/03	4	52	30	13	1
6/93A	1	29	43	25	2	12/14-15/03	5	50	28	13	4
6/93B	1	33	40	23	2	1/12-15/04	3	51	34	11	1
8/93	3	28	45	23	1	3/10-14/04	2	47	34	15	2
9/93	1	31	44	23	1	4/23-27/04	4	51	30	15	1
11/93	2	40	38	18	2	5/20-23/04 CBS	5	47	31	16	1
12/93	1	43	39	15	2	6/23-27/04	4	54	30	11	1
12/93	1	43	39	15	2	8/15-18/04 CBS	5	47	32	15	1
1/94	2	45	38	14	1	9/12-16/04	3	51	31	12	2
1/94	1	49	34	14	1	10/1-3/04	6	49	29	16	1
2/94	2	50	34	12	2	10/14-17/04	3	49	32	13	2
4/94	3	51	33	11	2	11/18-21/04	4	50	30	14	1
6/94	3	51	32	11	3	2/24-28/05	4	53	29	13	1
7/94	3	50	35	11	1	6/10-15/05	4	50	32	13	1
9/94	2	51	33	13	2	7/29-8/2/05 CBS	7	50	31	11	1
9/94	3	50	34	11	2	9/9-13/05	4	45	33	17	1
11/94	2	53	33	10	1	10/30-11/1/05 CBS	3	44	35	16	2
1/95	3	57	28	11	1	12/2-6/05	6	49	29	14	1
2/95	5	53	29	12	2	1/5-8/06 CBS	6	48	32	13	1
3/95	3	52	29	13	3	1/20-25/06	6	51	29	13	1
7/95	3	58	26	11	2	2/22-26/06 CBS	5	45	33	15	2
10/95	3	54	32	10	1	3/9-12/06 CBS	4	51	29	14	2
12/95	4	54	27	13	2	4/6-9/06 CBS	7	45	30	17	1
1/96	2	49	33	14	2	4/28-30/06 CBS	8	49	27	14	2
2/96	3	50	30	15	3	5/4-8/06	6	47	31	15	1
6/96	2	53	32	11	2	7/21-25/06	5	46	34	13	1
6/96B	4	56	30	9	1	8/17-21/06	5	47	32	15	1
7/96	5	56	27	10		9/15-19/06	5	51	30	13	1
8/96	5	58	23	10	3	10/5-8/06	7	53	28	11	1
9/96	5	64	23	7	1	10/27-31/06	9	50	26	13	3
10/96	6	66	19	6	2	12/8-10/06 CBS	8	50	26	13	3
10/96C	6	61	21	10	3	1/1-3/07 CBS	8	50	26	14	2
11/96	6	64	21	6	2	1/18-21/07 CBS	7	51	31	10	1
12/96	6	61	22	8	3	2/8-11/07 CBS	8	52	27	12	1
1/97	7	64	23	5	1	2/23-27/07	7	55	25	10	3
4/97	6	62	24	7	1	3/7-11/07	8	47	33	11	1
7/97	11	62	18	8	1	4/9-12/07 CBS	8	51	28	11	2
11/97	14	63	16	5	2	5/18-23/07	7	48	29	14	1
12/97	17	63	15	4	2	7/9-17/07	9	46	30	13	2
1/98	16	67	13	3	1	8/8-12/07 CBS	7	45	32	14	2
2/98	21	67	9	3	1	9/4-8/07	4	51	30	15	1
8/11-13/98	21	66	8	3	2	10/12-16/07 CBS	5	45	33	16	1
8/19-20/98	25	61	9	3	2	12/5-9/07	3	39	39	18	1
10/98A	16	65	15	3	2	1/9-12/08	3	35	42	19	2
10/98B	16	68	11	3	2	1/30-2/2/08 CBS	2	26	44	27	1
2/00	28	60	8	3	1	2/20-24/08	2	27	45	25	1
5/00	29	58	7	4	2	3/15-18/08 CBS	1	24	42	34	
9/00D*	26	64	7	2	1	3/28-4/2/08	1	20	48	30	1
10/00	25	60	9	4	3	4/25-29/08	-	22	41	36	1
11/00	26	63	7	3	2	5/1-3/08	1	15	40	43	1
12/00 CBS	21	65	10	3	1	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	1	19	45	33	2
1/01 CBS	14	70	11	4	1	7/7-14/08	1	18	45	35	1
3/8-12/01	6	68	19	5		7/31-8/5/08 CBS	1	16	40	43	
4/01B CBS	3	58	29	7	3	8/15-19/08	1	17	41	41	-
5/01 CBS	4	64	23	7	2	9/12-16/08	2	20	39	39	-
6/14-18/01	3	67	22	6	2	9/21-24/08	-	17	34	46	2
9/20-23/01	3	50	33	11	2	9/27-30/08 CBS	-	10	37	52	1
10/25-28/01	3	53	33	9	2	10/3-5/08 CBS	1	10	34	55	-
12/07-10/01	3	52	35	8	2	10/10-13/08	-	11	38	50	-
1/5-6/02 CBS	3	49	36	8	4	10/19-22/08	-	13	35	51	-
1/15-17/02CBS	2	49	36	11	2	10/25-29/08	1	10	41	48	1
1/21-24/02	2	50	36	10	1	12/4-8/08 CBS	1	8	37	54	
2/24-26/02CBS	1	52	38	7	2	1/11-15/09	1	6	30	62	-
5/13-14/02CBS	4	62	27	7	-	2/2-4/09 CBS	-	5	31	63	1
						<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1</b>

10. Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA		Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
1/92A	8	47	44	1	7/13-16/02	14	41	44	2
1/92B	9	45	44	1	10/3-5/02	13	39	46	2
2/92B	13	38	48	1	10/27-31/02	17	34	48	1
3/92	20	26	53	1	11/20-24/02	19	30	50	2
4/92	18	31	50	1	1/19-22/03	17	39	44	1
7/92	12	33	54	1	4/11-13/03	17	31	49	2
8/92A	10	36	53	1	5/9-12/03	22	28	49	1
9/92A	10	33	55	2	7/13-27/03	22	31	46	1
10/92A	9	38	51	1	8/26-28/03 CBS	25	31	43	1
10/92C	12	37	49	2	9/28-10/1/03	24	29	46	1
10/92D	17	33	48	2	12/10-13/03	34	24	41	1
10/92E	17	32	49	2	12/14-15/03	39	19	39	2
12/92	29	17	51	3	1/12-15/04	34	26	39	1
1/93	26	18	55	1	2/12-15/04 CBS	33	27	39	1
2/93	32	15	51	2	3/10-14/04	28	27	43	2
3/93	21	19	58	2	4/23-27/04	30	26	44	1
6/93A	13	26	60	1	5/20-23/04 CBS	23	32	43	2
8/93 CBS	12	30	56	2	6/23-27/04	28	23	47	1
9/93	14	26	58	1	9/12-16/04	26	27	45	2
11/93	19	24	57	1	9/12-16/04	26	27	45	2
1/94	31	17	57	1	10/14-17/04	24	33	42	1
4/94	24	25	50	1	11/18-21/04	26	29	44	1
7/94	22	21	56	1	1/14-18/05	25	29	45	1
9/94	23	27	50	1	2/24-28/05	23	30	46	1
11/94	20	26	53	1	6/10-15/05	18	36	45	2
1/95 CBS	24	22	53	1	7/29-8/2/05 CBS	20	32	47	1
2/95	27	20	53	1	9/9-13/05	13	47	38	2
3/95	18	27	53	2	10/30-11/1/05 CBS	16	40	44	
8/95	14	27	58	1	12/2-6/05	19	35	45	1
10/95	13	27	57	2	1/5-8/06 CBS	20	37	43	
2/95	16	26	56	2	1/20-25/06	17	38	44	1
1/96	13	31	54	2	3/9-12/06	13	39	47	1
2/96	14	29	55	2	5/4-8/06	14	47	39	1
4/96	14	32	53	2	7/21-25/06	12	47	41	1
6/96	13	29	57	1	9/15-19/06	17	36	46	1
6/96 NYT	18	22	58	1	10/5-8/06	19	31	49	1
9/96	23	21	54	2	10/27-31/06	16	38	44	
7/96	16	27	55	2	2/8-11/07 CBS	15	34	49	2
8/96C	17	23	57	3	2/23-27/07	11	35	51	2
10/96	26	19	53	2	4/9-12/07 CBS	11	44	44	1
11/96	24	19	55	2	5/18-23/07	11	43	44	2
12/96	19	21	57	2	7/9-17/07	12	41	45	2
1/97	24	19	56	1	9/4-8/07	8	49	43	1
4/97	16	25	57	1	10/12-16/07 CBS	9	45	44	2
11/97 CBS	23	19	55	3	12/5-9/07	5	53	40	2
12/97	29	18	51	2	1/9-12/08	4	62	33	1
1/98	32	13	55	1	1/30-2/2/08 CBS	6	67	26	1
10/98A	20	26	53	2	2/20-24/08	3	63	32	1
10/98B	23	21	53	2	3/15-18/08 CBS	2	75	21	2
2/00	30	15	52	2	3/28-4/2/08	4	70	25	1
1/01 CBS	11	39	49	1	4/25-29/08	4	70	24	1
2/01 CBS	8	46	44	2	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	3	69	27	1
3/8-12/01	7	41	49	2	7/7-14/08	3	67	29	1
4/01 CBS	9	48	41	2	9/12-16/08	6	61	32	1
5/01 CBS	10	44	44	2	9/21-24/08	2	70	26	2
6/14-18/01	9	40	50	1	9/27-30/08 CBS	2	76	20	2
9/20-23/01	8	55	35	2	10/3-5/08 CBS	3	75	21	1
10/25-28/01	14	37	46	2	10/10-13/08	5	67	26	2
12/07-10/01	19	34	45	2	10/19-22/08	11	57	30	2
1/5-6/02 CBS	26	27	44	3	10/25-29/08	8	57	32	3
1/21-24/02	18	33	48	1	12/4-8/08 CBS	8	60	29	3
5/13-14/02CBS	31	18	51	-	1/11-15/08	7	54	37	2
					2/2-4/09 CBS	5	51	42	2
					<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>

11. What do you think is the most important ECONOMIC problem facing the country today?

	3/28-4/2/08	2/18-22/09
Jobs / Unemployment	11	40
Home Mortgage Crisis	8	7
Failure of financial institutions		7
Housing	6	3
Budget / National Debt	3	2
Stock Market problems/return on investments	-	2
Health care / health insurance	3	2
Defense spending /spending on war	5	2
Fuel costs	20	1
Taxes	2	1
Income gap	1	1
Personal finances / making ends meet	5	1
Welfare	1	1
Jobs going overseas/ outsourcing of jobs	4	1
Foreign Trade / balance of trade	2	1
Trade deficit		1
Too much government spending		1
No credit /credit market frozen		1
Government interference in business		1
Auto companies bailout		1
Immigration	1	-
Interest rates	1	-
Value of the dollar	3	
Too much government	2	
Poverty / Homelessness	1	
Food prices	1	
Everything	-	-
Other	4	14
Don't know/No answer	12	9

12. How long do you think the current recession will last – six months, a year, two years or more than two years?

	Six months	A year	Two years	More than 2 years	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	5	25	33	35	3
2/2-4/09 CBS	9	30	31	22	8
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>

13. Beside the economy, which of these domestic policy areas do you want the President and Congress to concentrate on MOST right now – health care, global warming, education, or Social Security? **ANSWER OPTIONS WERE ROTATED**

	2/18-22/09
Health care	40
Global warming	5
Education	27
Social Security	22
Something else/Combination (vol.)	4
DK/NA	1

14. Which of these foreign policy areas do you want the President and Congress to concentrate on MOST right now – Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, or North Korea?

**ANSWER OPTIONS WERE ROTATED**

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Iraq	<b>36</b>
Afghanistan	<b>35</b>
Iran	<b>10</b>
North Korea	<b>7</b>
Something else/Combination (vol.)	<b>4</b>
DK/NA	<b>7</b>

17. Is your opinion of Michelle Obama favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Michelle Obama yet to have an opinion?

	Favorable	Not Fav	Undecided	Haven't heard enough	Refused
4/25-29/08*	22	19	12	46	1
7/7-14/08*	29	16	17	37	1
8/29-31/08* CBS	41	21	16	22	
10/19-22/08*	36	16	17	29	2
1/11-15/09	46	7	18	27	2
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>

20. Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Barack Obama as President?

	Optimistic	Pessimistic	DK/NA
12/4-8/08 CBS	75	17	8
1/11-15/09	79	16	5
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>

21. Do you think Barack Obama has the same priorities for the country as you have, or doesn't he?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>

22. How much do you think Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself – a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
8/8-12/07* CBS	31	38	11	6	14
3/28-4/2/08*	36	42	11	9	3
4/25-29/08*	34	38	15	11	3
5/30-6/30/08* CBS	38	36	15	9	2
7/7-14/08*	37	37	14	9	3
8/15-19/08*	37	34	14	12	3
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

23. So far, do you think Barack Obama is trying to bring about real change in the way things are done in Washington, or isn't he doing that?

	Is bringing change	Is not	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>

RELATED TRENDS:

When he is President, do you think Barack Obama will bring about real change in the way things are done in Washington, or won't he do that?

	Will	Will not	DK/NA
12/4-8/08 CBS	64	27	9
1/11-15/09	70	21	9

If he were elected President, do you think Barack Obama would bring about real change in the way things are done in Washington, or wouldn't he do that?

	Would	Would not	DK/NA
7/7-14/08*	58	35	8
9/12-16/08*	65	29	6
10/25-29/08*	64	31	5

25. How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about putting together his Cabinet – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

26. How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about the economy – are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	DK/NA
2/20-24/08*	20	46	19	12	3
3/28-4/2/08*	17	45	21	15	2
7/31-8/5/08* CBS	12	40	24	21	3
8/15-19/08*	23	42	16	18	1
9/12-16/08*	23	37	22	17	1
9/21-24/08*	29	35	20	14	1
9/27-30/08* CBS	26	35	24	15	1
10/10-13/08*	22	38	20	19	1
10/19-22/08*	28	37	16	16	2
12/4-8/08 CBS	31	46	14	7	2
1/11-15/09	36	46	11	4	3
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

27. In response to the current economic crisis, do you think the President and Congress have moved too slowly, too quickly, or at about the right pace?

	Too slowly	Too quickly	About right pace	Mixed(vol.)	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

28. From what you've seen or heard, do you think you have been able to get a good understanding of Barack Obama's economic plans, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>

29. How long do you think it will take the Obama Administration to make real progress on fixing the nation's economy – a year, two years, three to four years, more than four years, or won't they be able to?

	1 yr	2 yrs	3-4 yrs	More than 4 yrs	Won't be able	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>

RELATED TREND:

How long do you think it will take the Obama Administration to make real progress on fixing the nation's economy – a year, two years, four years, more than four years, or won't they be able to?

	1 yr	2 yrs	4 yrs	More than 4 yrs	Won't be able	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	17	38	18	17	7	2

30. Congress passed and President Obama signed a stimulus package designed to get the economy moving again. How much have you heard or read about the stimulus package – a lot, some, not much or nothing at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Nothing	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>

31. From what you know, what impact will the stimulus package have on the current economic crisis – will it make things better, make things worse, or will it have no impact?

	Better	Worse	No impact	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>

32. In general, the stimulus package provides tax cuts for individuals and businesses, extends unemployment benefits and tries to create jobs by spending money on technology and infrastructure programs like building highways. From what you know, do you think the package is large enough to stimulate the economy or will more money be needed in the months ahead to stimulate the economy?

	Large enough	More money will be needed	No amount will be enough(vol.)	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>

33. From what you know so far, do you think the economic stimulus package will create a substantial number of new jobs, or won't it create a substantial number of new jobs, or don't you know enough yet to say?

	Will create jobs	Will not	Don't know enough	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>

34. From what you know so far, what do you think about the number of tax cuts for businesses and individuals included in the economic stimulus package – are there too many cuts, too few tax cuts, about the right amount of tax cuts, or don't you know enough yet to say?

	Too many	Too few	Right amount	Don't know enough	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>3</b>

35. From what you know so far, what do you think about the government spending on technology and infrastructure projects included in the economic stimulus package – is there too much spending on technology and infrastructure projects, too little spending on technology and infrastructure projects, about the right amount of spending on technology and infrastructure projects, or don't you know enough yet to say?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	Don't know enough yet	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	18	16	25	39	2

42. Do you think the economic stimulus bill recently passed by Congress and signed by the President will shorten the length of the current recession, or not? IF YES: Will the economic stimulus bill shorten the recession significantly, or not?

	Will shorten	Will shorten but NOT significantly	Will not shorten	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	19	17	50	14

43. In your opinion, which will do MORE to protect or create jobs: increased government spending on infrastructure, health care, education and other fields, OR tax cuts that would put more money in the hands of individuals and businesses?

	Increased government spending	Tax cuts	Both(vol.)	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	41	50	3	5

44. Most Republican members of Congress opposed the stimulus package. Do you think they opposed it mostly because they thought it would be bad for the economy or mostly for political reasons?

	Bad for the economy	Political reasons	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	29	63	8

45. As you may know, members of Congress sometimes add provisions to legislation that include government spending projects for their own home states and districts, sometimes known as "earmarks" or "pork." Do you think the economic stimulus package passed by Congress contains more "earmarks" or "pork" than is typical in legislation, less, about the same, or don't you know enough to say?

	More	Less	About the same	Don't know enough	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	18	8	21	51	2

48. Which do you think should be a higher priority for Barack Obama right now – working in a bipartisan way with Republicans in Congress or sticking to the policies he promised he would during the campaign? **QUESTIONS 48-49 WERE ROTATED.**

	Working bipartisan way	Sticking to policies	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	39	56	5

49. Which do you think should be a higher priority for Republicans in Congress right now – working in a bipartisan way with Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress or sticking to Republican policies? **QUESTIONS 48-49 WERE ROTATED.**

	Working bipartisan way	Sticking to policies	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	79	17	4

50. The federal government is providing money to banks and other financial institutions to try to help fix the country's economic problems. How much have you heard or read about this – a lot, some, not much or nothing at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Nothing at all	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>

51. Do you approve or disapprove of the federal government providing money to banks and other financial institutions to try to help fix the country's economic problems?

	Approve	Disapprove	Depends(vol.)	DK/NA
12/4-8/08 CBS	46	44	5	5
2/2-4/09 CBS	42	47	8	3
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

53. Do you think the Obama administration's proposals to help the banking system will mostly benefit all Americans by addressing a big economic problem, or will it only benefit bankers?

	All Americans	Bankers	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>12</b>

54. Do you think the Obama administration's economic plans would give the federal government too much control over banks and financial institutions, OR not enough control over banks and financial institutions, OR the right amount of control over banks and financial institutions?

	Too much	Not enough	Right amount	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>

55. When it comes to the companies that are receiving financial assistance from the government, do you think the federal government should or should not put a limit on the amount of money that senior executives at those companies can earn?

	Should limit	Shouldn't	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>

56. The federal government has given some of the major U.S. auto companies more than \$13 billion dollars in loans to prevent them from going into bankruptcy. Some of those auto companies now say they need more money. Should the federal government give them additional financial assistance, or not?

	More assistance	No more assistance	Depends(vol.)	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

57. The Obama Administration has a plan to help homeowners refinance their mortgages, avoid foreclosure and make more credit available for mortgages. Do you think the federal government should provide this financial help to homeowners, or shouldn't the federal government do this, or don't you know enough yet to say?

	Government should help	Government shouldn't	Don't know enough	Some, not others(vol.)	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

59. The national debt is the total amount of money the government owes individuals, banks and other countries. How concerned are you that increasing the national debt will create hardships for future generations of Americans – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	65	26	7	2	-

60. Would you say right now that you are more concerned about dealing with the current economic crisis or more concerned about increasing the national debt?

	Current economic crisis	National debt	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	74	20	5

61. Thinking about the banks and financial institutions that are receiving financial assistance from the government, how much confidence do you have that the money they receive is being used in a way that will help improve the national economy – a lot of confidence, some confidence, not much confidence, or no confidence at all?

**QUESTION ADDED 2/20/09 N=614**

	A lot	Some	Not much	None at all	DK/NA
2/20-22/09	2	39	39	18	2

62. Which comes closer to your view about the Obama administration's proposal to address the housing crisis: 1. I am mostly relieved that steps are being taken to help people facing foreclosure or 2. I am mostly resentful that the plan could help homeowners who may have taken out mortgages they weren't certain they could pay, or 3. I haven't heard enough about the proposal to say? **QUESTION ADDED 2/20/09 N=614**

	Relieved	Resentful	Haven't heard enough	DK/NA
2/20-22/09	35	35	26	3

64. How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Very well	Smwht well	Smwht badly	Very badly	DK/NA		Very well	Smwht well	Smwht badly	Very badly	DK/NA
5/27-28/03 CBS	11	61	19	5	4	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	4	31	29	33	3
7/8-9/03 CBS	6	54	25	11	4	7/7-14/08	7	38	27	24	3
8/11-12/03 CBS	6	47	28	13	6	7/31-8/5/08 CBS	7	38	29	20	6
8/26-28/03 CBS	5	46	31	16	2	8/15-20/08	7	38	31	20	3
9/15-16/03 CBS	5	44	29	18	4	9/12-16/08	10	42	24	22	3
10/20-21/03 CBS	5	49	31	12	3	9/21-24/08	7	39	29	22	3
11/10-12/03 CBS	5	42	28	22	3	10/10-13/08	7	42	25	23	3
12/10-13/03	6	41	33	18	3	10/25-29/08	10	43	25	18	4
12/14-15/03	9	55	21	10	5	12/4-8/08 CBS	11	45	26	13	5
12/21-22/03 CBS	8	57	24	9	2	<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
4/8/04 CBS	4	35	33	26	2						
4/23-27/04	4	34	31	29	2						
5/20-23/04 CBS	3	34	38	22	3						
6/23-27/04	2	38	31	26	3						
7/11-15/04	4	39	28	28	1						
8/15-18/04	5	41	32	19	3						
9/12-16/04	4	42	26	25	3						
10/14-17/04	5	38	27	27	3						
10/28-30/04	7	39	26	26	2						
11/18-21/04	5	40	26	27	2						
1/14-18/05	5	36	28	29	2						
2/24-28/05	10	43	29	18	1						
4/13-16/05 CBS	7	41	32	18	2						
5/20-24/05 CBS	5	36	31	26	2						
6/10-15/05	7	33	34	26	1						
7/13-14/05 CBS	5	39	31	23	2						
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	7	41	29	21	2						
8/29-31/05 CBS	5	35	29	28	3						
10/3-5/05 CBS	4	39	27	28	2						
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	4	36	31	26	3						
12/2-6/05	6	40	28	24	2						
1/5-8/06 CBS	8	41	28	21	2						
1/20-25/06	8	37	30	24	1						
2/22-26/06 CBS	5	31	32	30	2						
3/9-12/06 CBS	4	36	28	29	3						
4/6-9/06 CBS	5	36	27	31	1						
4/28-30/06 CBS	5	36	29	26	4						
5/4-8/06	5	34	33	27	2						
7/21-25/06	4	37	30	27	2						
8/11-13/06 CBS	5	37	31	25	2						
8/17-21/06	5	32	33	29	2						
9/15-19/06	4	34	28	33	1						
10/5-8/06	3	28	30	36	2						
10/27-31/06	2	28	32	35	2						
12/8-10/06 CBS	2	23	32	39	4						
1/1-3/07 CBS	3	25	33	38	1						
1/18-21/07 CBS	1	22	34	41	2						
2/8-11/07 CBS	1	24	32	40	3						
2/24-27/07	3	20	31	43	3						
3/7-11/07	4	25	30	39	2						
4/9-12/07 CBS	2	29	30	36	3						
5/18-23/07	2	21	29	47	2						
6/26-28/07 CBS	1	21	30	47	1						
7/9-17/07	2	23	29	45	1						
7/20-22/07	3	29	31	35	2						
8/8-12/07 CBS	3	26	29	38	4						
9/4-8/07	4	29	32	32	2						
9/14-16/07 CBS	3	31	29	34	3						
10/12-16/07 CBS	2	32	30	33	3						
12/5-9/07	6	31	31	28	4						
1/9-12/08	4	34	29	30	3						
1/30-2/2/08 CBS	7	31	27	32	3						
2/20-24/08	6	37	30	24	3						
4/25-29/08	5	35	31	26	3						

65. How important is it to you that the United States withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months – very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>

66. From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Afghanistan, what should the United States do now – should the U.S. increase the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, keep the same number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan as there are now or decrease the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan?

	Increase	Keep same	Decrease	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	34	28	26	12
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>

67. Thinking about Iran, which comes closer to your opinion – Iran is a threat to the United States that requires military action now, Iran is a threat that can be contained with diplomacy now, or Iran is not a threat to the United States at this time?

	Requires action now	Can be contained	Not a threat now	DK/NA
5/27-28/03 CBS	9	66	18	7
2/22-26/06 CBS	20	55	19	6
4/28-30/06 CBS	18	58	16	8
5/4-8/06	11	58	22	8
6/10-11/06 CBS	21	55	19	5
2/8-11/07 CBS	21	57	14	8
2/23-27/07	15	57	20	9
3/7-11/07	10	65	18	7
3/26-27/07 CBS	18	54	18	10
9/4-8/07	9	59	24	9
9/21-24/08	10	61	20	8
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>

68. Do you think the public should or should not be allowed to see pictures of the military honor guard receiving caskets of soldiers killed in Iraq as they are returned to the United States?

	Should be able to see	Should not	DK/NA
12/10-13/03	68	26	6
12/14-15/03	62	27	10
4/23-27/04	63	29	8
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>

69. Do you want Congress to hold hearings to investigate whether the Bush Administration's treatment of detainees, the use of wiretaps and other Justice Department practices broke the law, or don't you think that is necessary?

	Want hearings	Don't think necessary	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>5</b>

70. Some Democratic members of Congress are in favor of holding hearings to investigate the Bush Administration. Do you think the Democrats want to investigate the Bush Administration mostly because they think the law was broken or mostly for political reasons?

	Law was broken	Political reasons	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>6</b>

73. How would you rate the financial situation in your household these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	DK/NA
11/10-16/88	12	69	13	5	2
10/8-10/90	14	70	11	4	1
7/21-25/06	12	64	17	5	1
4/20-24/07	14	69	13	4	1
2/20-24/08	18	60	15	6	1
3/28-4/2/08	9	63	20	7	1
7/7-14/08	13	61	19	7	1
8/15-19/08	15	56	20	8	1
1/11-15/09	10	63	19	8	1
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

74. Think about your household income, would you say that it is more than enough so that you can save and buy some extras, just enough to meet your bills and obligations, or it is not enough to meet your bills and obligations?

	Can save and buy extras	Just enough to pay bills and obligations	Not enough to pay bills etc.	DK/NA
3/31-4/2/96	27	55	16	2
5/31-6/3/96	24	57	19	1
1/14-18/05	33	48	17	2
7/21-25/06	35	52	12	-
9/15-19/06	34	51	15	-
10/5-8/06	36	46	17	1
10/27-31/06	38	44	17	1
2/24-27/07	37	49	13	1
4/20-24/07	41	48	11	1
12/5-9/07	35	51	13	1
1/30-2/2/08 CBS	33	46	21	
2/20-24/08	38	46	13	2
4/25-29/08	27	48	23	1
5/30-6/3/08 CBS	33	47	18	2
9/12-16/08	37	44	17	2
9/21-24/08	36	44	19	1
10/10-13/08	30	51	18	1
10/19-22/08	29	51	20	1
12/4-8/08 CBS	31	49	19	1
1/11-15/09	29	53	17	1
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>

75. How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job – very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

	Very	Somewhat	Not at all	DK/NA
3/31-4/2/96	37	25	37	1
9/2-4/96	21	26	51	2
10/3-5/02	31	20	48	1
4/23-27/04	33	25	41	1
5/20-23/04 CBS	31	29	40	
6/23-27/04	28	27	45	-
9/12-16/04	30	26	44	-
10/14-15/04*	20	26	54	
6/10-15/05	20	18	61	1
9/12-16/08	21	23	56	-
10/10-13/08	23	28	49	1
10/19-22/08	35	26	38	1
10/25-29/08	37	31	32	-
1/11-15/09	30	32	38	-
2/2-4/09 CBS	44	28	27	1
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>

76. Are you currently employed, or are you temporarily out of work, or are you not in the market for work at all? IF NOT IN MARKET FOR WORK, ASK: Are you currently retired, or not?

	Currently employed	Temporarily out of work	Not in the market for work	Retired	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>

79. In the past couple of years, would you say you have felt MORE secure and confident that you can continue in your job as long as you want, or LESS secure and confident, or has there been no change? **BASED ON EMPLOYED RESPONDENTS N=630**

	More	Less	No change	DK/NA
12/3-6/95 NYT	29	28	42	-
12/8-11/96 NYT	31	24	44	1
7/17-19/99 NYT	45	19	34	2
3/28-4/2/08	21	35	43	1
1/11-15/09	15	36	48	1
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>

80. If you receive money from a tax cut, will you spend it, or use it to pay bills, save it or invest it?

	Spend	Pay bills	Save	Invest	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

81. President Obama's Address to Congress is scheduled to take place on Tuesday evening, February 24th. How likely is it you will watch the President's address Tuesday evening, February 24th – very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not at all likely?

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>

91. These last few questions are for background only. If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in – upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

	Upper	Upper-middle	Middle	Working	Lower	DK/NA
<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

Did you vote in the 2008 presidential election, did something prevent you from voting, or did you choose not to vote? IF VOTED, ASK: Did you vote for John Kerry, George W. Bush, or Ralph Nader?

	Obama	McCain	Someone else	Voted, won't say whom(vol.)	Didn't vote	DK/NA
2/18-22/09*	42	28	3	4	22	1

Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	83	17	-

100. Do you currently rent your home, or are you buying it with a mortgage, or is it entirely paid for?

	Rent	Buying with mortgage	Entirely paid for	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	22	47	25	5

Some people think of themselves as evangelical or born again Christians. Do you ever think of yourself in either of these ways?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	27	71	2

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Other	None	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	47	22	1	6	21	3

Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	52	9	12	2	25	1

Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA		Rep	Dem	Ind	DK/NA
1/92A	29	35	31	5	7/00B	31	36	26	7
1/92B	28	32	35	5	9/00A	31	33	27	9
2/92A	32	37	27	4	9/00D	28	37	27	8
2/92B	30	33	32	5	10/00	29	35	30	7
3/92	30	38	27	5	11/00	27	36	29	9
4/92	30	38	27	5	11/00L	31	34	28	7
5/92A	30	33	31	6	3/8-12/01	31	35	29	5
6/92	33	33	29	5	6/14-18/01	27	36	30	7
7/92	29	34	32	5	10/25-28/01	32	37	23	8
7/92B	26	38	28	8	12/7-10/01	30	32	30	8
8/92A	28	33	33	5	1/21-24/02	28	34	31	7
8/92D	27	32	33	8	4/28-5/1/02	33	37	23	8
8/92E	28	35	29	8	7/13-16/02	28	34	33	5
9/92A	28	34	33	5	9/2-5/02	29	35	26	10
10/92A	29	35	31	5	10/3-5/02	27	38	28	7
10/92C	29	36	31	5	10/27-31/02	31	34	28	7
10/92D	28	37	31	4	11/20-24/02	29	32	31	8
10/92E	28	38	29	5	1/19-22/03	29	32	33	6
12/92	28	39	28	5	2/10-12/03	28	34	31	6
1/93	30	36	28	6	3/7-9/03	29	32	30	9
2/93	28	36	30	6	4/11-13/03	31	30	32	6
3/93	26	37	30	7	7/13-27/03	27	32	34	7
5/93A	29	34	29	8	9/28-10/1/03	31	35	30	4
6/93A	29	34	32	5	12/10-13/03	27	33	35	6
6/93B	31	37	27	5	12/14-15/03	28	31	35	6
9/93	26	36	32	6	1/12-15/04	28	32	33	8
11/93	29	38	29	4	3/10-14/04	31	30	32	7
1/94	30	30	34	6	4/23-27/04	29	35	29	7
2/94	28	33	32	7	6/23-27/04	29	35	29	7
3/94	30	34	29	7	7/11-15/04	29	37	30	4
4/94	32	32	30	6	9/12-16/04	33	31	29	7
7/94	27	35	31	6	10/1-3/04	29	34	28	10
9/94	28	36	34	3	10/14-17/04	30	34	29	7
11/94	31	34	29	6	10/28-30/04	30	35	30	6
12/94	31	32	29	7	11/18-21/04	29	36	30	5
2/95	30	33	32	5	1/14-18/05	31	34	28	8
4/95	30	30	34	6	2/24-28/05	29	36	29	6
8/95	30	35	29	6	6/10-15/05	28	34	31	6
9/95	28	33	30	9	9/9-13/05	26	36	28	9
10/95	31	35	27	7	12/2-6/05	28	32	33	7
12/95	32	35	26	6	1/20-25/06	29	34	33	4
12/95	27	33	33	7	5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4
1/96	29	35	31	5	7/21-25/06	31	33	30	5
2/96	30	35	31	4	8/17-21/06	30	35	27	8
4/96	31	36	28	5	9/15-19/06	30	32	32	5
6/96	27	39	29	5	10/5-8/06	30	35	30	6
6/96 NYT	26	37	32	5	10/27-31/06	28	35	31	7
7/96	31	34	29	6	2/24-27/07	25	35	33	6
8/96	32	41	24	3	3/7-11/07	27	35	33	6
8/96C	30	34	28	8	4/20-24/07	24	34	36	6
9/96	29	36	29	6	5/18-23/07	29	37	32	3
10/96	28	40	25	7	7/9-17/07	28	34	34	4
10/96C	28	37	27	7	7/20-22/07	24	32	36	9
11/96	28	38	28	7	9/4-8/07	31	32	33	5
12/96	28	39	24	9	12/5-9/07	26	35	31	8
1/97	29	32	33	6	1/9-12/08	28	40	27	5
4/97	29	36	26	8	2/20-24/08	27	38	29	6
1/98	27	34	30	8	3/28-4/2/08	26	41	27	6
1/98B	26	35	31	7	4/25-29/08	27	37	31	5
2/98	31	32	30	8	5/1-3/08	29	39	27	5
4/98	28	31	33	8	7/7-14/08	26	37	31	6
6/98	28	32	30	10	8/15-20/08	29	37	26	8
7/98	28	35	30	7	9/12-16/08	28	39	26	7
8/98	26	37	29	8	9/21-24/08	28	34	32	6
9/98B	26	35	31	7	10/10-13/08	28	36	29	7
9/98C	27	35	32	6	10/19-22/08	26	41	28	5
10/98A	24	37	32	7	10/25-29/08	30	37	27	5
10/98B	27	39	28	6	1/11-15/09	21	39	31	8
12/98	27	37	30	6	<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>
1/99	25	37	33	5					
4/99	30	34	28	7					
11/99	28	37	30	5					
2/00	28	37	28	6					
5/00	31	34	27	7					

How would you describe your views on most political matters? Generally, do you think of yourself as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA		Lib	Mod	Con	DK/NA
1/92A	19	41	34	6	7/00B	22	43	30	5
1/92B	21	43	30	5	9/00A	20	42	32	6
2/92A	19	39	36	6	9/00D	20	42	32	5
2/92B	20	43	31	6	12/7-10/01	23	39	33	4
3/92	20	47	30	4	1/21-24/02	22	44	29	5
4/92	18	44	33	4	4/28-5/1/02	22	38	35	6
5/92A	21	40	34	4	7/13-16/02	21	44	32	4
6/92	23	39	32	6	9/2-5/02	20	39	36	5
7/92	20	42	32	6	10/3-5/02	18	45	34	3
7/92B	21	41	30	8	10/27-31/02	20	38	37	5
8/92A	20	45	30	6	11/20-24/02	20	44	30	6
8/92D	22	44	27	7	1/19-22/03	19	45	32	3
9/92A	19	46	31	4	2/10-12/03	21	41	35	3
10/92C	22	39	34	5	3/7-9/03	18	45	35	3
10/92D	21	39	33	6	4/11-13/03	19	45	33	3
10/92E	21	40	33	6	7/13-27/03	22	40	34	5
2/92	20	41	34	5	9/28-10/1/03	19	42	34	5
1/93	18	45	32	6	12/10-13/03	20	45	31	4
2/93	23	41	31	5	12/14-15/03	19	39	37	5
3/93	22	39	34	5	1/12-15/04	20	43	31	5
5/93A	21	41	33	5	3/10-14/04	21	40	34	5
6/93A	19	43	32	6	4/23-27/04	22	42	30	6
6/93B	19	44	31	6	6/23-27/04	21	42	32	5
9/93	19	43	34	4	7/11-15/04	22	41	34	3
11/93	21	41	33	5	9/12-16/04	20	40	36	4
1/94	17	44	34	6	10/1-3/04	24	36	35	6
2/94	18	41	34	7	10/14-17/04	19	42	33	6
3/94	21	38	35	5	10/28-30/04	17	42	35	5
4/94	19	42	33	6	11/18-21/04	22	41	33	4
9/94	20	42	35	4	1/14-18/05	20	41	33	6
11/94	20	41	35	4	2/24-28/05	23	38	35	5
12/94	18	40	36	6	6/10-15/05	20	43	33	4
2/95	19	39	37	4	9/9-13/05	18	43	34	5
4/95	19	42	34	5	12/2-6/05	18	45	32	5
8/95	19	40	35	5	1/20-25/06	21	45	30	4
9/95	20	39	33	8	5/4-8/06	25	37	34	4
12/95	32	35	26	6	7/21-25/06	21	39	36	4
12/95	27	33	33	7	8/17-21/06	24	38	33	5
10/95	16	44	34	5	9/15-19/06	17	43	35	4
12/95	17	46	33	4	10/5-8/06	23	39	34	3
12/95	15	46	34	5	10/27-31/06	20	45	30	5
1/96	20	42	35	4	2/24-27/07	20	42	33	6
2/96	17	45	34	4	3/7-11/07	20	40	36	4
4/96	18	47	31	4	4/20-24/07	21	42	33	5
6/96	19	46	29	6	5/18-23/07	20	43	32	5
6/96	16	48	32	4	7/9-17/07	19	44	33	4
7/96	20	42	34	3	7/20-22/07	15	48	31	5
8/96	17	47	30	6	9/4-8/07	22	42	32	4
8/96C	18	43	33	6	12/5-9/07	22	43	31	4
9/96	16	44	34	6	1/9-12/08	25	39	32	4
10/96	16	47	31	7	2/20-24/08	23	41	29	6
10/96C	18	45	32	6	3/28-4/2/08	21	39	34	5
11/96	15	48	32	6	4/25-29/08	22	41	33	4
12/96	17	40	35	8	5/1-3/08	15	49	32	4
1/97	17	46	33	4	7/7-14/08	22	41	32	5
4/97	19	42	34	5	8/15-20/08	24	36	35	5
12/97	21	42	33	5	9/12-16/08	24	39	33	4
1/98	19	40	33	7	9/21-24/08	22	38	36	4
2/98	21	42	33	4	10/10-13/08	18	49	29	4
4/98	18	42	35	5	10/19-22/08	21	39	33	7
6/98	20	39	34	7	10/25-29/08	22	38	33	7
7/98	20	42	33	5	1/11-15/09	21	43	30	6
8/98	21	43	31	5	<b>2/18-22/09</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>
9/98	21	41	34	5					
9/98C	21	41	31	6					
10/98B	20	41	33	5					
12/98	20	41	34	5					
1/99	20	45	30	4					
4/99	19	46	29	6					
11/99	22	43	31	5					
2/00	21	44	31	4					
5/00	21	41	34	4					
7/00	22	38	33	7					

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
2/18-22/09	11	34	29	15	10	1

How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64
2/18-22/09	24	26	33	16

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
2/18-22/09	12	87	1

Are you white, black, Asian or some other race?

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
2/18-22/09	77	12	2	8	1

Was your total family income in 2005 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
2/18-22/09	10	13	20	21	13	13	9

	Male	Female
2/18-22/09	48	52