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NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08	9/5/08- 9/10/08
Right direction	37	40	48	48	40	35	32	36	17	26
Wrong direction	57	54	46	44	49	54	60	56	78	70
Don't know	6	6	6	7	11	11	8	8	5	4
Refused	1	1	-	1	*	*	*	-	1	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101 N=1,217

CUR20. When you think about how things are going in your life in general, would you say you are very happy, somewhat happy, neither happy nor unhappy, somewhat unhappy, or very unhappy?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Happy	75	75
Very happy	32	34
Somewhat happy	43	41
Neither happy nor unhappy	7	8
Total Unhappy	17	17
Somewhat unhappy	11	10
Very unhappy	6	7
(DO NOT READ) Don't know	1	*
(DO NOT READ) Refused	*	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006

CUR2./

CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09*	12/03/08- 12/08/08*
Total Approve	50	55	64	64	67	74	73
Strongly approve	24	30	38	38	37	43	41
Somewhat approve	23	20	22	22	23	26	27
Lean approve	3	4	5	5	8	5	5
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	1	1	2	2	4	4	5
Total Disapprove	49	42	32	30	24	15	14
Lean disapprove	4	6	5	4	4	3	2
Somewhat disapprove	10	9	6	5	4	5	5
Strongly disapprove	35	28	21	22	16	7	6
Don't know	1	1	2	3	5	6	8
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,001

N=1,000

* NOTE: Trend comparisons based on the question worded, "Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition to the presidency."

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CUR5. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08
Total Approve	28	32	38	38	31	24	21	22
Strongly approve	3	4	5	7	6	3	2	4
Somewhat approve	22	23	28	26	21	18	15	15
Lean approve	3	5	5	5	5	3	4	4
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	1	1	3	2	5	2	3	1
Total Disapprove	69	63	55	57	59	67	71	74
Lean disapprove	5	5	5	3	4	3	6	7
Somewhat disapprove	21	17	19	20	20	26	25	24
Strongly disapprove	43	41	31	34	35	38	40	43
Don't know	2	3	4	2	4	7	5	2
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	0

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,101

CURX1. How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about...
[READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The Economy...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	92	91	91
Extremely important	47	49	53
Very important	45	42	38
Moderately important	6	6	7
Slightly/Not at All Important	2	3	2
Slightly important	1	2	1
Not at all important	1	1	*
Don't know	*	*	-
Refused	-	-	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

The Situation in Iraq...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	63	62	66
Extremely important	28	24	29
Very important	35	38	37
Moderately important	24	25	22
Slightly/Not at All Important	13	12	11
Slightly important	8	8	7
Not at all important	5	4	5
Don't know	*	1	1
Refused	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

Continues...

CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Health care...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	77	78	79
Extremely important	41	43	41
Very important	36	35	38
Moderately important	16	13	16
Slightly/Not at All Important	6	9	5
Slightly important	5	7	4
Not at all important	2	2	1
Don't know	1	*	*
Refused	1	-	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

Terrorism...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	74	74	75
Extremely important	40	40	43
Very important	34	35	32
Moderately important	15	16	18
Slightly/Not at All Important	11	9	7
Slightly important	7	6	4
Not at all important	4	3	2
Don't know	*	1	*
Refused	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

Continues...

CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The environment...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	59	63	64
Extremely important	26	27	32
Very important	34	36	33
Moderately important	24	21	23
Slightly/Not at All Important	16	15	13
Slightly important	12	11	10
Not at all important	4	5	3
Don't know	1	*	*
Refused	-	*	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Federal budget deficit...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	74	77	71
Extremely important	40	40	38
Very important	34	38	33
Moderately important	14	14	20
Slightly/Not at All Important	11	8	8
Slightly important	7	5	6
Not at all important	4	3	2
Don't know	1	1	1
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Continues...

CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Energy...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	71	74	68
Extremely important	28	31	29
Very important	43	43	40
Moderately important	21	17	26
Slightly/Not at All Important	8	9	6
Slightly important	7	8	4
Not at all important	2	1	2
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Taxes...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	71	69	68
Extremely important	33	34	33
Very important	38	35	35
Moderately important	20	20	25
Slightly/Not at All Important	9	11	7
Slightly important	7	9	6
Not at all important	2	2	1
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	-	-	*

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Continues...

CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Immigration...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	56	53	58
Extremely important	26	22	30
Very important	31	31	28
Moderately important	22	24	26
Slightly/Not at All Important	21	22	15
Slightly important	14	13	11
Not at all important	7	9	5
Don't know	*	2	*
Refused	*	*	*

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

The situation in Afghanistan...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	67	61	63
Extremely important	29	25	28
Very important	38	37	36
Moderately important	20	25	24
Slightly/Not at All Important	12	11	12
Slightly important	7	6	6
Not at all important	5	5	6
Don't know	1	3	1
Refused	*	*	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

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CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Relationships with other countries...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	59	65	68
Extremely important	22	25	28
Very important	37	40	40
Moderately important	27	22	21
Slightly/Not at All Important	14	13	11
Slightly important	9	10	8
Not at all important	5	3	3
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	*	*	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Unemployment...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	78	81	85
Extremely important	36	40	46
Very important	42	41	39
Moderately important	14	13	11
Slightly/Not at All Important	8	6	4
Slightly important	5	4	4
Not at all important	2	2	1
Don't know	1	*	-
Refused	*	*	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Continues...

CURX1. (Continued) How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

Gas prices...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Extremely/Very Important	61	64	64
Extremely important	25	26	33
Very important	36	38	31
Moderately important	28	22	26
Slightly/Not at All Important	12	13	10
Slightly important	8	11	6
Not at all important	3	2	4
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

CURX2. And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about...
 [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The economy...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	44	50	58
Strongly approve	20	24	30
Somewhat approve	23	26	28
Lean approve	-	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	5	4	6
Total Disapprove	52	46	35
Lean disapprove	-	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	11	13	10
Strongly disapprove	41	33	25
Don't know	-	-	1
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

The situation in Iraq...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	47	56	59
Strongly approve	18	21	28
Somewhat approve	29	35	31
Lean approve	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	12	12	12
Total Disapprove	41	32	27
Lean disapprove	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	16	14	12
Strongly disapprove	25	18	15
Don't know	*	-	2
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Health care...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	42	50	53
Strongly approve	22	27	28
Somewhat approve	19	23	25
Lean approve	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	6	7	16
Total Disapprove	52	43	28
Lean disapprove	*	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	10	8	10
Strongly disapprove	43	34	18
Don't know	*	*	3
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Terrorism...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	44	52	59
Strongly approve	18	25	31
Somewhat approve	26	27	28
Lean approve	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	11	13
Total Disapprove	42	37	26
Lean disapprove	*	1	-
Somewhat disapprove	13	12	11
Strongly disapprove	28	24	16
Don't know	*	1	2
Refused	-	*	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

The environment...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	51	56	60
Strongly approve	20	23	29
Somewhat approve	31	32	31
Lean approve	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	13	19
Total Disapprove	35	31	19
Lean disapprove	1	*	1
Somewhat disapprove	16	12	9
Strongly disapprove	18	19	10
Don't know	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Federal budget deficit...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	33	39	49
Strongly approve	11	15	23
Somewhat approve	21	24	26
Lean approve	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	12	10	8
Total Disapprove	56	51	41
Lean disapprove	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	12	13	10
Strongly disapprove	43	38	31
Don't know	-	*	2
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Energy...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	50	55	60
Strongly approve	20	25	28
Somewhat approve	30	29	32
Lean approve	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	12	16
Total Disapprove	37	34	22
Lean disapprove	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	12	12
Strongly disapprove	21	21	10
Don't know	*	*	2
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Taxes...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	38	46	54
Strongly approve	13	17	27
Somewhat approve	24	28	27
Lean approve	*	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	11	11
Total Disapprove	50	44	35
Lean disapprove	*	*	-
Somewhat disapprove	15	9	9
Strongly disapprove	34	35	26
Don't know	*	-	1
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Immigration...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	34	39	47
Strongly approve	9	13	18
Somewhat approve	24	25	29
Lean approve	1	*	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	20	20	19
Total Disapprove	46	41	30
Lean disapprove	1	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	14	14	12
Strongly disapprove	31	27	19
Don't know	*	1	3
Refused	*	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

The situation in Afghanistan...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	46	55	60
Strongly approve	13	20	27
Somewhat approve	32	35	33
Lean approve	1	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	13	12
Total Disapprove	40	32	26
Lean disapprove	1	1	*
Somewhat disapprove	17	14	14
Strongly disapprove	23	17	12
Don't know	1	*	2
Refused	-	-	*

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Continues...

CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Relationships with other countries...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	53	58	69
Strongly approve	27	33	41
Somewhat approve	25	25	27
Lean approve	*	1	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	11	9	9
Total Disapprove	37	33	22
Lean disapprove	*	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	16	13	10
Strongly disapprove	21	20	12
Don't know	-	*	1
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

Unemployment...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Total Approve	40	49	59
Strongly approve	16	22	28
Somewhat approve	23	27	30
Lean approve	1	*	*
Neither approve nor disapprove	11	10	12
Total Disapprove	49	40	29
Lean disapprove	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	15	11	12
Strongly disapprove	34	29	17
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

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CURX2. (Continued) And please tell me if you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove the way Barack Obama is handling each of the following issues. How about... [PROBE FOR APPROVE/DISAPPROVE: Strongly or somewhat?]

CURX2b. [IF DK OR REFUSED IN CURX2, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling... [INSERT ITEM]?

Gas prices...	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09
Total Approve	37	45	51
Strongly approve	14	16	19
Somewhat approve	22	29	32
Lean approve	1	1	1
Neither approve nor disapprove	23	20	22
Total Disapprove	41	35	25
Lean disapprove	1	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	22	15	12
Strongly disapprove	18	20	14
Don't know	*	*	1
Refused	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000

ECO1. Would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in the stock market?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08
Good time to invest	41	37	43	41	33	39	38
Bad time	52	57	52	53	58	51	58
Don't know	6	6	5	5	9	10	4
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101

ECO2. And would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in real estate?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08
Good time to invest	70	65	74	64	56	55	53
Bad time	28	32	25	32	37	38	43
Don't know	2	2	2	4	7	6	4
Refused	*	1	*	-	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101

B1. Would you describe the nation's economy these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?

IF "GOOD," ASK: Is that very good or somewhat good?

IF "POOR," ASK: Is that very poor or somewhat poor?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Good	16	15
Very good	1	1
Somewhat good	5	5
Neither – lean good	10	9
[VOL] Neither – Don't lean	4	5
Total Poor	80	79
Neither – lean poor	12	11
Somewhat poor	33	32
Very poor	35	37
Don't know	1	1
Refused	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006

B2. And would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?

IF "GOOD," ASK: Is that very good or somewhat good?

IF "POOR," ASK: Is that very poor or somewhat poor?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Good	58	56
Very good	13	14
Somewhat good	30	28
Neither – lean good	15	14
[VOL] Neither – Don't lean	5	6
Total Poor	37	37
Neither – lean poor	12	10
Somewhat poor	14	17
Very poor	11	11
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	1

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

ECO41. In the past month, do you think the economy got better, got worse or stayed about the same?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09
Got better	25
Got worse	21
Stayed about the same	54
Don't know	*
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,001

CUR34. Thinking about the stimulus package that was approved by Congress in February to help improve the economy, do you think that the stimulus package ...

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Has helped bring about improvements to the economy	17	7	10
Did even more damage to the economy than would have happened otherwise	21	22	18
Had no real effect on the condition of the economy	21	24	14
It's too early to tell	40	47	57
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	-	*	-

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

N=1,000

CUR23. How confident are you that the stimulus package will work to bring about significant improvements in the U.S. economy? Very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09
Total Confident	40	42
Very confident	10	9
Somewhat confident	30	33
Total Not Confident	59	58
Not too confident	27	30
Not at all confident	32	28
Don't know	1	*
Refused	*	*

Based on:

N=1,001

N=981

B9. How much do you blame each of the following for the recession?

How much would you blame (Read Option; Rotate Order) for the current financial crisis—A lot, quite a bit, some, only a little, or none at all?

President Barack Obama	9/3/09-9/8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	20
A lot	13
Quite a bit	7
Some	19
Only a Little/No Blame	61
Only a little	14
None at all	47
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,001

President George W. Bush	9/3/09-9/8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	54
A lot	40
Quite a bit	14
Some	26
Only a Little/No Blame	20
Only a little	11
None at all	9
Don't know	1
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,001

Continues...

B9. (Continues) How much do you blame each of the following for the recession?

How much would you blame (Read Option; Rotate Order) for the current financial crisis—A lot, quite a bit, some, only a little, or none at all?

President Bill Clinton	9/3/09-9/8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	19
A lot	12
Quite a bit	7
Some	26
Only a Little/No Blame	54
Only a little	17
None at all	37
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,001

The banks and lenders that made risky loans	9/3/09-9/8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	79
A lot	63
Quite a bit	16
Some	14
Only a Little/No Blame	7
Only a little	3
None at all	4
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,001

Continues...

B9. (Continues) How much do you blame each of the following for the recession?

How much would you blame (Read Option; Rotate Order) for the current financial crisis—A lot, quite a bit, some, only a little, or none at all?

The people who borrowed money that they could not afford to repay	9/3/09-9/8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	65
A lot	48
Quite a bit	17
Some	20
Only a Little/No Blame	15
Only a little	9
None at all	6
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,001

The federal government for failing to regulate banks closely enough	9/3/09-9/8/09
A lot/Quite a Bit of Blame	68
A lot	52
Quite a bit	16
Some	17
Only a Little/No Blame	14
Only a little	7
None at all	7
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,001

ECO45. How confident are you that the federal government has taken enough steps to ensure that a meltdown of the financial industry could not happen again in this country?

	9/3/09-9/8/09
Total Confident	30
Very confident	3
Somewhat confident	27
Total Not Confident	70
Not too confident	38
Not at all confident	32
Don't know	1
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,001

CUR36. How much do you worry about each of the following? Do you worry a lot, some, not much, or not at all about... [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

Facing major unexpected medical expenses...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Total Worried	68	61	65	64
Worry a lot	37	35	38	38
Some	31	27	27	26
Total Not Worried	31	38	35	35
Not much	13	13	10	16
Not at all	19	25	25	19
Don't know	*	*	-	*
Refused	-	*	-	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	*	1	1	1

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,001

Continues...

CUR36. (Continued) How much do you worry about each of the following? Do you worry a lot, some, not much, or not at all about... [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

Losing your job...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Total Worried	43	43	44	47
Worry a lot	25	25	27	28
Some	18	18	18	19
Total Not Worried	39	37	35	32
Not much	10	11	9	10
Not at all	29	26	26	22
Don't know	*	*	-	*
Refused	-	*	-	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	19	20	21	21

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

Seeing the value of your stocks and retirement investments drop...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Total Worried	68	64	64	69
Worry a lot	40	39	41	48
Some	28	25	23	21
Total Not Worried	25	26	23	19
Not much	9	9	8	7
Not at all	16	18	16	12
Don't know	-	*	-	*
Refused	-	*	-	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	7	9	12	12

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

Continues...

CUR36. (Continued) How much do you worry about each of the following? Do you worry a lot, some, not much, or not at all about... [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

Being unable to pay your bills...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Total Worried	57	59	60	65
Worry a lot	31	31	34	38
Some	26	28	26	26
Total Not Worried	43	41	39	35
Not much	15	13	10	12
Not at all	28	28	29	22
Don't know	*	*	*	-
Refused	-	*	-	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	*	1	1	1

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

Having enough money to send your children to college...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Total Worried	47	46	50	48
Worry a lot	29	30	33	34
Some	18	17	16	14
Total Not Worried	30	27	25	21
Not much	6	4	6	5
Not at all	24	23	20	16
Don't know	-	*	-	*
Refused	-	*	-	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	23	26	25	31

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

Continues...

CUR36. (Continued) How much do you worry about each of the following? Do you worry a lot, some, not much, or not at all about... [RANDOMIZE ORDER]

Being unable to keep up with your mortgage and credit card payments...	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Total Worried	46	47	47	53
Worry a lot	24	27	28	32
Some	22	21	19	22
Total Not Worried	47	45	44	37
Not much	13	14	11	11
Not at all	34	31	33	26
Don't know	-	*	-	-
Refused	-	*	-	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	7	8	9	9

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

CUR37. Looking ahead to your retirement, how confident are you that you will have enough money to live comfortably in retirement?

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Total Confident	50	46	51	44
Very confident	12	13	13	10
Somewhat confident	39	34	38	35
Total Not Confident	48	53	46	53
Not too confident	24	27	22	22
Not at all confident	25	26	25	31
Don't know	1	1	3	3
Refused	1	*	*	*

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

CURJ16. As you may know, it is estimated that the federal budget deficit now exceeds one trillion dollars. If you had to choose, what do you think should be the HIGHER priority?
[READ EACH ITEM.]

[RANDOMIZE ORDER]

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09
Increasing government spending on education, health care reform, and the development of alternative energy sources, even if that means the federal budget deficit will increase even more	46	47	49
Reducing the federal budget deficit by cutting spending, even if that means the government could not enact new programs on education, health care reform, and the development of alternative energy sources	50	47	43
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	4	5	7
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,006</i>	<i>N=1,000</i>

ECO7. How worried are you that increasing federal debt will harm the financial future of your children and grandchildren?

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	1/09/09-1/14/09	9/27/08-9/30/08
Total Worried	79	80	79	79	79
Very worried	47	46	49	45	42
Somewhat worried	33	34	30	34	37
Total Not Worried	20	19	21	20	19
Not too worried	11	11	12	13	11
Not at all worried	9	8	9	7	8
Don't know	*	*	*	1	*
Refused	*	1	-	*	*
Does not apply [DO NOT READ]	1	1	1	1	2
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,006</i>	<i>N=1,000</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>	<i>N=1,101</i>

HC1. In general, do you support, oppose or neither support nor oppose the health care reform plans being discussed in Congress?

	9/3/09-9/8/09
Total Support	34
Strongly support	16
Somewhat support	18
Neither support nor oppose	15
Total Oppose	49
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	36
Don't know	2
Refused	-
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>

HC2. What do you think the President and Congress should do when they come back to Washington this fall? Do you think they should...

	9/3/09-9/8/09
Keep working to pass a health care plan by the end of the year	39
Scrap the current negotiations and start over from scratch	42
Leave the health care system as it is now	18
Don't know	1
Refused	*
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>N=1,001</i>

HC3. How important is it that any health care plan have the support of both Democrats and Republicans in Congress?

	9/3/09-9/8/09
Total Important	79
Very important	56
Somewhat important	23
Total Not Important	20
Not too important	9
Not at all important	11
Don't know	1
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,001

HC4. If President Obama and the Democrats in Congress are unable to win support from Republicans to pass a health care plan this year, what should they do? Should they...

	9/3/09-9/8/09
Go ahead and pass a bill without Republican support	28
Keep trying until they are able to make a deal with the Republicans	66
Don't know	4
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,001

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18, or not?

	9/3/09-9/8/09
Yes	39
No	61
Don't know	-
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,001

FLU3A. Do you plan to be vaccinated against the regular flu this year, which does not include the H1N1 virus or swine flu, or not?

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09
Yes	50	48
No	47	50
Don't know	2	2
Refused	*	1

Based on:

N=1,001 N=1,006

FLU8. As you may know, the government may make an additional flu vaccine available this fall that would protect against the H1N1 virus, otherwise known as the swine flu. It would be available as a separate shot and would not be included in the regular flu vaccine this year. You would have to make a separate trip to the doctor or clinic to get this shot as it won't be available when the regular flu shot is administered. How likely would you be to get this separate shot for yourself, if it is available?

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09
Total Likely	57	51
Very likely	38	33
Somewhat Likely	19	18
Total Unlikely	43	48
Somewhat unlikely	14	15
Strongly unlikely	28	32
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	1

Based on:

N=1,001 N=1,006

FLU6. Do you plan to have your children vaccinated against the regular flu this year, which does not include the H1N1 virus or swine flu, or not?

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09
Yes	52	49
No	45	48
Don't know	3	2
Refused	-	*

Based on (have children):

N=300 N=296

FLU10. How likely would you be to give permission to have this additional swine flu shot administered to your children at school, on a separate date from the regular flu vaccine, if it is available?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Likely	61	63
Very likely	34	40
Somewhat likely	26	22
Total Unlikely	38	36
Somewhat unlikely	12	8
Strongly unlikely	26	28
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	2	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	*

Based on (have children):

N=300

N=296

FLU7. How concerned are you that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the swine flu?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09
Total Concerned	56	43
Very concerned	23	17
Somewhat concerned	33	26
Total Not Concerned	44	56
Not too concerned	28	31
Not at all concerned	16	25
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	1

Based on:

N=1,001

N=1,006

PID1/
PID2.

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?

IF "Democrat," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?

IF "Republican," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?

IF "Independent" OR "None," ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08
Total Democrat	39	44	46	46	46	47	44	48
Democrat – strong	14	14	20	16	18	19	17	21
Democrat – moderate	16	20	15	20	20	18	19	19
Independent – lean Democratic	9	9	11	10	9	9	8	8
None – lean Democratic	-	*	*	*	*	1	1	-
Total Republican	33	33	32	28	30	27	33	34
Republican – strong	9	11	11	9	9	8	13	13
Republican – moderate	11	12	12	9	13	12	13	11
Independent – lean Republican	13	10	9	9	8	7	7	10
None – lean Republican	-	*	*	*	*	1	*	-
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	8	5	5	7	6	7	8	5
[VOL] None – don't lean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[VOL] Other	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-
Don't know	19	18	17	19	17	18	15	14
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001

EM1. Are you, yourself, currently employed... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	5/28/09-6/1/09
Full-time	44	47	50
Part-time	12	13	13
Not employed	42	39	37
[DO NOT READ] Don't know	-	1	*
[DO NOT READ] Refused	1	1	1

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000*

EM2. [IF "NOT EMPLOYED" IN EM1, ASK:] Are you... [READ LIST. RECORD ONLY ONE RESPONSE]

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	5/28/09-6/1/09
Retired	52	48	50
Homemaker	15	15	17
Student	8	9	7
Temporarily unemployed	22	24	22
[DO NOT READ] Don't know	2	2	2
[DO NOT READ] Refused	*	2	2

Based on: *N=438* *N=415* *N=402*

CUR38. Thinking of the last 6 months, that is since March of this year, have you or someone in your family lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	9/3/09-9/8/09	7/16/09-7/20/09	5/28/09-6/1/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09
Yes (self lost job)	5	8	7	8	10
Yes (someone in family)	26	21	21	25	25
No	65	65	70	62	65
Both (self and family member) [DO NOT READ]	2	4	1	4	1
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	*	1	1	*	*
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	*	*	-

Based on: *N=1,001* *N=1,006* *N=1,000* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

CUR39. And thinking of the last 6 months, that is since March of this year, has someone you know personally, other than a family member, lost a job as a result of economic conditions, or not?

	9/3/09- 9/8/09	7/16/09- 7/20/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09
Yes	66	64	60	67	65
No	32	34	39	33	35
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	1	2	1	1	1
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	1	-	-	-

Based on: N=1,001 N=1,006 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM1. What is your marital status? Are you... [IF SAY "SINGLE," CLARIFY/SPECIFY BELOW:]

Married/Living as Married/Co-Habiting,	61
Separated,	2
Divorced,	11
Widowed, or	6
Never Married?	18
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

Based on: N=1,001

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed?

Less than high school graduate	8
High school graduate	31
Technical/trade school	6
Some college	23
College graduate	17
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	10
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on: N=1,001

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	16
30-49	38
50-64	23
65+	19
Refused	4

Based on:

N=1,001

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

Urban area	23
Suburban area	41
Rural area	31
Don't know	3
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,001

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

Own	71
Rent	19
Other arrangement	8
Don't know	1
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,001

DMGN. Are you a gun owner, or not?

Yes	36
No	61
Don't know	*
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,001

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

No lines	18
One Line	76
Two lines	3
Three or more lines	1
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,001

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

None	18
One	62
Two	13
Three or more	4
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=1,001

DM10. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

Landline	26
Cell phone	39
Both equally	36
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=663

DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

None	59
One	30
Two	5
Three or more	5
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Based on:

N=200

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	41
No	54
Don't know	2
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,001

DM13. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

Protestant	31
Catholic	19
Mormon	2
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Other religion [SPECIFY]	19
Don't belong to religious denomination	24
Don't know	*
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,001

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13, ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	87
No, not a Christian	13
Don't know	-
Refused	-

Based on:

N=151

DM15. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

Never	15
Less often than a few times a year	12
A few times a year	20
Once or twice a month	15
Once a week	24
More than once a week	12
Don't know	*
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,001

DM16. [ASK EVERYONE] Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

Yes	10
No	88
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,001

DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO [D16=1], ASK:] In addition to being Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO [D16=2], ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White	79
Black, African-American, or Negro	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	-
Chinese	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	*
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Korean	*
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	*
Other Pacific Islander	-
Some other race [SPECIFY]	4
Multiple races [DO NOT READ]	1
Don't know	1
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,001

DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher? [READ LIST]

Below \$50,000	41
\$50,000+	50
Don't know	3
Refused	6

Based on:

N=1,001

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall?
[READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9
\$150,000 or more	4
Don't know	5
Refused	9

Based on:

N=1,001

DM21. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	47
No	48
Don't know	1
Refused	4

Based on:

N=1,001

[ASK DM21 ONLY IF YES IN DM21:]

DM22. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments—buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

None	51
1	14
2	10
3	5
4	4
5-9 times	6
10-14 times	3
15-19 times	*
20-24 times	1
25 times or more	2
Don't know	3
Refused	1

Based on:

N=574

DM25. INTERVIEWER RECORD Respondent's Gender:

Male	47
Female	53

Based on:

N=1,001

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	24
South	35
West	22

Based on:

N=1,001

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted September 3rd – September 8th, 2009, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,001 adults age 18 or older. The interviews were conducted with 801 respondents on landlines and 200 on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The survey sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2008 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2008 Spring estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.