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**JANUARY 2009 POLITICAL SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
 January 7-11, 2009  
 N=1,503

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.1F1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
January, 2009	20	73	7=100	Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100
December, 2008	13	83	4=100	June, 2001	43	52	5=100
Early October, 2008	11	86	3=100	March, 2001	47	45	8=100
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6=100	February, 2001	46	43	11=100
August, 2008	21	74	5=100	January, 2001	55	41	4=100
July, 2008	19	74	7=100	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7=100
June, 2008	19	76	5=100	September, 2000	51	41	8=100
Late May, 2008	18	76	6=100	June, 2000	47	45	8=100
March, 2008	22	72	6=100	April, 2000	48	43	9=100
Early February, 2008	24	70	6=100	August, 1999	56	39	5=100
Late December, 2007	27	66	7=100	January, 1999	53	41	6=100
October, 2007	28	66	6=100	November, 1998	46	44	10=100
February, 2007	30	61	9=100	Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7=100	Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early January, 2007	30	63	7=100	Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
December, 2006	28	65	7=100	February, 1998	59	37	4=100
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8=100	January, 1998	46	50	4=100
Early October, 2006	30	63	7=100	September, 1997	45	49	6=100
July, 2006	30	65	5=100	August, 1997	49	46	5=100
May, 2006	29	65	6=100	January, 1997	38	58	4=100
March, 2006	32	63	5=100	July, 1996	29	67	4=100
January, 2006	34	61	5=100	March, 1996	28	70	2=100
Late November, 2005	34	59	7=100	October, 1995	23	73	4=100
Early October, 2005	29	65	6=100	June, 1995	25	73	2=100
July, 2005	35	58	7=100	April, 1995	23	74	3=100
Late May, 2005	39	57	4=100	July, 1994	24	73	3=100
February, 2005	38	56	6=100	March, 1994	24	71	5=100
January, 2005	40	54	6=100	October, 1993	22	73	5=100
December, 2004	39	54	7=100	September, 1993	20	75	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100	May, 1993	22	71	7=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100	January, 1993	39	50	11=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100	January, 1992	28	68	4=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100	November, 1991	34	61	5=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100	Late February, 1991 (Gallup)	66	31	3=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100	August, 1990	47	48	5=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100	May, 1990	41	54	5=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100	January, 1989	45	50	5=100
April 8, 2003	50	41	9=100	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100	May, 1988	41	54	5=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100	January, 1988	39	55	6=100
September, 2002	41	55	4=100				
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100				
May, 2002	44	44	12=100				
March, 2002	50	40	10=100				
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100				

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.2F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	App-rove	Dis-approve	Don't know		App-rove	Dis-approve	Don't know
January, 2009	24	66	10=100	December, 2004	48	44	8=100
December, 2008	24	68	8=100	Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100
Late October, 2008	22	70	8=100	August, 2004	46	45	9=100
Early October, 2008	25	67	8=100	July, 2004	46	46	8=100
August, 2008	28	66	6=100	June, 2004	48	43	9=100
July, 2008	27	68	5=100	May, 2004	44	48	8=100
April, 2008	27	65	8=100	Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100
March, 2008	28	63	9=100	Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100
Late February, 2008	33	59	8=100	Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100
Early February, 2008	31	62	7=100	Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100
January, 2008	31	59	10=100	February, 2004	48	44	8=100
Late December, 2007	31	60	9=100	Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100
November, 2007	30	59	11=100	Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100
October, 2007	30	63	7=100	December, 2003	57	34	9=100
September, 2007	31	59	10=100	November, 2003	50	40	10=100
August, 2007	31	59	10=100	October, 2003	50	42	8=100
July, 2007	29	61	10=100	September, 2003	55	36	9=100
June, 2007	29	61	10=100	Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100
April, 2007	35	57	8=100	Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100
March, 2007	33	58	9=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100
February, 2007	33	56	11=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
Mid-January, 2007	33	59	8=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
Early January, 2007	33	57	10=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
December, 2006	32	57	11=100	<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100
Mid-November, 2006	32	58	10=100	<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100
Early October, 2006	37	53	10=100	<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
September, 2006	37	53	10=100	<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100
August, 2006	37	54	9=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
July, 2006	36	57	7=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
June, 2006	36	54	10=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	August, 2002	67	21	12=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100				

**Q.2F2 CONTINUED ...**

	App- <u>rove</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100
Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
August, 2001	50	32	18=100
July, 2001	51	32	17=100
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
March, 2001	55	25	20=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.3F1 Looking ahead, so far as you are concerned, do you think that 2009 will be better or worse than 2008?  
**[PROMPT IF NECESSARY: "Just in general..."]**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	(VOL.) Don't <u>know</u>
January, 2009	52	37	11=100
December, 2007	50	34	16=100
December, 2006	57	28	15=100
December, 1999	66	19	15=100
December, 1998	59	25	16=100
December, 1994	59	28	13=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1993	64	20	16=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1992	61	11	28=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1991	61	31	8=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1990	48	42	10=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1986	53	25	22=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1985	64	20	17=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1984	61	20	19=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1982	50	32	18=100
<b>Gallup</b> December, 1981	41	44	15=100

**IF 'BETTER' OR 'WORSE' in Q.3F1 (Q3F1=1,2), ASK:**

**Q.4F1 Why do you think 2009 will be [INSERT ANSWER FROM Q. 3F1] than 2008? (OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW." ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES)**

**BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID 2009 WILL BE BETTER [N=392]:**

56	Political change/New administration
14	Optimism about the economy
12	"Things can't get any worse"
7	General optimism
5	Learned from past mistakes
2	Personal reasons
1	Optimism about Iraq/Afghanistan
5	Other
4	Don't know

**BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID 2009 WILL BE WORSE [N=290]:**

59	Pessimism about the economy
18	General pessimism
17	Political change/New administration
5	General distrust of government/politicians
4	Pessimism about Iraq/Afghanistan
	Too many problems left from Bush
3	administration
1	Decline of morals/spirituality
7	Other
1	Don't know

**NO QUESTIONS 5-8**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.9 Do you plan to watch Barack Obama's inauguration later this month?

		<i>US News (Clinton)</i>	
		Jan	
		<u>1993</u>	
67	Yes	57	
28	No	32	
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>	
100		100	

**NO QUESTIONS 10-11**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.12F2 If you were offered a ticket to the inauguration ceremony, would you attend?

		<i>Fox News (G.W. Bush)</i>	
		Jan	
		<u>2005</u>	
43	Yes	42	
56	No	57	
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>	
100		100	

**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 Right now, which is more important for President-elect Obama to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

		Domestic	Foreign	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		<u>policy</u>	<u>policy</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
<b>Obama</b>	January, 2009	71	11	*	14	4=100
	September, 2008 <sup>1</sup>	60	21	*	15	4=100
	May, 2008	61	22	*	15	4=100
<b>Bush</b>	January, 2008	56	31	1	8	4=100
<b>Bush</b>	January, 2007	39	40	1	15	5=100
<b>Bush</b>	August, 2006	50	32	1	12	5=100
<b>Bush</b>	January, 2006	57	25	1	13	4=100
<b>Bush</b>	October, 2005	64	20	1	12	3=100
<b>Bush</b>	Early January, 2005	53	27	1	16	3=100
<b>Bush</b>	January, 2002	52	34	*	11	3=100
<b>Clinton</b>	Early September, 1998	56	30	0	11	3=100
<b>Clinton</b>	January, 1997	86	7	*	5	2=100
<b>Clinton</b>	December, 1994	85	7	2	4	2=100
<b>Clinton</b>	October, 1993	76	13	*	7	4=100

<sup>1</sup>

September and May 2008 surveys asked about priorities for the "next president."

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.14F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job President-elect Obama has done so far in explaining his policies and plans for the future to the American people?

		<i>Gallup</i>			
			<b>Bush</b>	<b>Clinton</b>	<b>Bush, Sr.</b>
		Dec	Jan	Jan	March
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1989</u>
70	Approve	72	50	62	65
18	Disapprove	18	36	24	28
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.15F1 In the long run, do you think Barack Obama will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do you think it is too early to tell?

				Too early	(VOL.)
		<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>to tell</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
<b>Obama</b>	January, 2009	30	4	65	1=100
<b>Bush</b>	January, 2007	24	45	27	4=100
<b>Bush</b>	January, 2006	27	37	32	4=100
<b>Bush</b>	Early October, 2005	26	41	30	3=100
<b>Bush</b>	January, 2005	36	27	35	2=100
<b>Bush</b>	December, 2003	39	20	38	3=100
<b>Bush</b>	Early October, 2002	40	15	44	1=100
<b>Bush</b>	January, 2001	26	15	58	1=100
<b>Clinton</b>	January, 1999	44	24	29	3=100
<b>Clinton</b>	Early September, 1998	38	24	35	3=100
<b>Clinton</b>	February, 1995	18	34	43	5=100
<b>Clinton</b>	October, 1994	14	35	48	3=100
<b>Clinton</b>	May, 1994	21	26	52	1=100
<b>Clinton</b>	January, 1994	21	19	57	3=100
<b>Clinton</b>	October, 1993	18	25	56	1=100
<b>Clinton</b>	September, 1993	22	22	54	2=100
<b>Clinton</b>	August, 1993	13	25	60	2=100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.16F1 So far, would you say you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's cabinet choices and other high level appointments?

		<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>					
			<i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i>	<i>ABC</i>	<i>Harris</i>		
			<b>Bush</b>	<b>Clinton</b>	<b>Bush, Sr.</b>	<b>Reagan</b>	
		Dec	Jan	Jan	Jan	Jan	
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1981<sup>2</sup></u>	
66	Approve	71	58	64	59	52	<i>Excellent/Good</i>
17	Disapprove	17	16	15	15	34	<i>Only fair/Poor</i>
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>12</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>14</u>	<i>Don't know</i>
100		100	100	100	100	100	

<sup>2</sup>

In 1981, the question was worded: "Now let me ask you about President-elect Reagan's Cabinet appointments. How would you rate his appointment of... the cabinet as a whole? Would you say it was an excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor appointment?"

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.17F2 How much confidence do you have in Barack Obama to do the right thing when it comes to **[INSERT ITEM; ROTATE]**—a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all?

		A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	No confidence at all	(VOL.) Don't know
a.F2	Fixing the economy	33	42	14	7	4=100
b.F2	Iraq	30	39	17	8	6=100
c.F2	Preventing terrorist attacks	31	40	16	9	4=100

**NO QUESTIONS 18-21**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.22F1 Do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that many of Barack Obama's top advisors worked in the Clinton administration?

		Dec 2008	Bush Jan 2001 <sup>3</sup>
59	Good thing	63	56
21	Bad thing	22	29
8	Neither/Doesn't matter (VOL.)	7	n/a
<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.23F2 This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?

	Work together more	Bicker and oppose one another more than usual	Same as in past (VOL)	Don't Know/Refused
<b>January, 2009<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>50</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5=100</b>
May, 2005	13	64	8	15=100
<b>January, 2005</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7=100</b>
June, 2004	21	60	7	12=100
October, 2003	21	55	10	14=100
May, 2002	44	31	8	17=100
<b>January, 2002</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3=100</b>
July, 2001	30	46	10	14=100
May, 2001	34	41	9	16=100
<b>January, 2001</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5=100</b>
July, 2000	21	54	10	15=100
August, 1999	20	68	4	8=100
August, 1998	27	51	8	14=100
November, 1997	38	45	7	10=100
August, 1997	43	46	3	8=100

<sup>3</sup> In 2001, the question was worded: "Do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that many of George W. Bush's top advisors worked in his father's administration?"

<sup>4</sup> In surveys that were not conducted in January of a given year the question was worded: "This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?"

**Q.23F2 CONTINUED...**

	Work together more	Bicker and oppose one another more than usual	Same as in past (VOL)	Don't Know/Refused
June, 1997	34	49	6	11=100
October, 1995	21	72	3	4=100
August, 1993	20	57	13	10=100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.24F2 When it comes to national policy, who do you think Barack Obama is listening to more... **[READ, ROTATE]**

34	Liberal members of his party OR
44	Moderate members of his party
<u>22</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**Q.24F2 TREND FOR COMPARISON**

When it comes to national policy, who do you think George W. Bush is listening to more...

	Mar <u>2006</u>	Early Oct <u>2005</u>	July <u>2005</u>	Jan <u>2005</u>	May <u>2003</u>	Jan <u>2003</u>	Jan <u>2002</u>	Jan <u>2001</u>
Conservative members of his party OR	51	57	53	54	49	41	38	48
Moderate members of his party	25	27	23	27	32	35	40	37
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**NO QUESTIONS 25-26**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 I'd like to ask you some questions about priorities for President-elect Obama and Congress this year. As I read from a list, tell me if you think the item that I read should be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important or should it not be done. (First,) should **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM DIFFERENCES)** be a top priority, important but lower priority, not too important, or should it not be done? What about... **(INSERT ITEM)?**

<u>SUMMARY TABLE</u>		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Ref
s.	Strengthening the nation's economy	85	12	1	1	1=100
a.F1	Improving the job situation	82	15	1	1	1=100
i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	76	18	3	1	2=100
m.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound	63	31	3	1	2=100
l.F2	Improving the educational system	61	30	5	2	2=100
t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem	60	32	5	1	2=100
n.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	60	32	5	1	2=100
f.F1	Reducing health care costs	59	30	5	4	2=100
b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit	53	33	7	3	4=100
q.F2	Providing health insurance to the uninsured	52	33	6	6	3=100
o.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	50	39	6	3	2=100
c.F1	Reducing crime	46	41	9	2	2=100
p.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country	45	29	16	6	4=100



**Q.27 CONTINUED ...**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Ref
r.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military	44	39	8	4	5=100
d.F1	Reducing federal income taxes for the middle class	43	39	10	4	4=100
e.F1	Protecting the environment	41	42	12	3	2=100
k.F1	Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration	41	36	18	3	2=100
v.F2	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington	36	34	18	5	7=100
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues	31	49	11	2	7=100
w.F2	Dealing with global warming	30	37	19	10	4=100

**FULL TREND**

**ASK ITEMS a THRU k OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

a.F1	Improving the job situation					
	January, 2009	82	15	1	1	1=100
	January, 2008	61	31	4	2	2=100
	January, 2007	57	30	10	1	2=100
	January, 2006	65	28	4	1	2=100
	January, 2005	68	28	2	1	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	67	28	3	1	1=100
	January, 2003	62	32	4	1	1=100
	January, 2002	67	27	4	1	1=100
	January, 2001	60	30	6	2	2=100
	January, 2000	41	35	16	4	4=100
	July, 1999	54	30	10	3	3=100
	January, 1999	50	34	10	2	4=100
	January, 1998	54	32	10	3	1=100
	January, 1997	66	26	5	2	1=100
	December, 1994	64	27	5	2	2=100

b.F1	Reducing the budget deficit					
	January, 2009	53	33	7	2	4=100
	January, 2008	58	33	5	1	3=100
	January, 2007	53	34	7	2	4=100
	January, 2006	55	35	5	1	4=100
	January, 2005	56	34	5	2	3=100
	Mid-January, 2004	51	38	6	3	2=100
	January, 2003	40	44	11	2	3=100
	January, 2002	35	44	13	3	5=100
	January, 1997	60	30	5	2	3=100
	December, 1994	65	26	5	1	3=100

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	Paying off the national debt					
	January, 2001	54	32	8	2	4=100
	January, 2000	44	38	11	3	4=100
	July, 1999	45	41	10	2	2=100
	January, 1999	42	43	10	1	4=100
	January, 1998	46	40	9	3	2=100
c.F1	Reducing crime					
	January, 2009	46	41	9	2	2=100
	January, 2008	54	36	7	1	2=100
	January, 2007	62	31	5	1	1=100
	January, 2006	62	29	6	1	2=100
	January, 2005	53	39	5	2	1=100

**Q.27 CONTINUED ...**

		Important Top	but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Ref
	Mid-January, 2004	53	34	9	2	2=100
	January, 2003	47	42	8	2	2=100
	January, 2002	53	39	6	*	2=100
	January, 2001	76	19	3	2	*=100
	January, 2000	69	24	4	1	2=100
	July, 1999	76	20	2	1	1=100
	January, 1999	70	24	3	1	2=100
	January, 1998	71	25	2	1	1=100
	January, 1997	70	25	3	2	*=100
	December, 1994	78	17	2	1	2=100
d.F1	Reducing federal income taxes for the middle class					
	January, 2009	43	39	10	4	4=100
	January, 2008	46	40	8	3	3=100
	January, 2007	48	35	10	4	3=100
	January, 2006	51	32	8	5	4=100
	January, 2005	48	35	8	6	3=100
	Mid-January, 2004	44	37	12	6	1=100
	January, 2002	43	37	11	6	3=100
	January, 2001	66	26	4	3	1=100
	January, 2000	54	34	7	3	2=100
	July, 1999	57	30	8	4	1=100
	January, 1999	52	33	8	3	4=100
	January, 1998	54	33	8	3	2=100
	January, 1997	42	38	10	8	2=100
	December, 1994	53	32	9	3	3=100
e.F1	Protecting the environment					
	January, 2009	41	42	12	3	2=100
	January, 2008	56	34	8	1	1=100
	January, 2007	57	32	9	1	1=100
	January, 2006	57	35	6	1	1=100
	January, 2005	49	42	8	1	*=100
	Mid-January, 2004	49	40	10	1	*=100
	January, 2003	39	50	9	1	1=100
	January, 2002	44	42	12	1	1=100
	January, 2001	63	30	3	3	1=100
	January, 2000	54	37	6	2	1=100
	July, 1999	59	32	7	1	1=100
	January, 1999	52	39	7	1	1=100
	January, 1998	53	37	8	1	1=100
	January, 1997	54	35	8	2	1=100
f.F1	Reducing health care costs					
	January, 2009	59	30	5	4	2=100
	January, 2008	69	24	3	3	1=100
	January, 2007	68	24	4	3	1=100
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
	Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans					
	January, 2006	60	28	6	3	3=100
	January, 2005	54	33	7	4	2=100
	Mid-January, 2004	50	35	8	4	3=100

**Q.27 CONTINUED ...**

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Ref
January, 2003	48	38	7	3	4=100
January, 2002	50	37	7	4	2=100
Early September, 2001	54	34	5	5	2=100
January, 2001	66	22	4	5	3=100
January, 2000	56	30	7	3	4=100
July, 1999	57	29	7	4	3=100

**NO ITEMS g AND h**

i.F1	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks					
	January, 2009	76	18	3	1	2=100
	January, 2008	74	22	2	*	2=100
	January, 2007	80	16	2	1	1=100
	January, 2006	80	18	1	*	1=100
	January, 2005	75	21	2	1	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	78	18	2	1	1=100
	January, 2003	81	16	2	1	0=100
	January, 2002	83	15	1	*	1=100
j.F1	Dealing with global trade issues					
	January, 2009	31	49	11	2	7=100
	January, 2008	37	45	11	2	5=100
	January, 2007	34	46	12	2	6=100
	January, 2006	30	46	11	5	8=100
	January, 2005	32	47	13	2	6=100
	Mid-January, 2004	32	47	14	3	4=100
	January, 2002	25	55	13	2	5=100
	January, 2001	37	46	8	3	6=100
	January, 2000	30	48	14	1	7=100
k.F1	Dealing with the issue of illegal immigration					
	January, 2009	41	36	18	3	2=100
	January, 2008	51	32	11	3	3=100
	January, 2007	55	29	11	3	2=100

**ASK ITEMS I THRU r OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

l.F2	Improving the educational system					
	January, 2009	61	30	5	2	2=100
	January, 2008	66	26	4	2	2=100
	January, 2007	69	25	4	1	1=100
	January, 2006	67	26	4	2	1=100
	January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	71	23	4	1	1=100
	January, 2003	62	31	4	1	2=100
	January, 2002	66	27	4	1	2=100
	Early September, 2001	76	19	3	1	1=100
	January, 2001	78	17	1	3	1=100
	January, 2000	77	18	3	1	1=100
	July, 1999	74	19	4	1	2=100
	January, 1999	74	22	2	1	1=100
	January, 1998	78	17	3	2	*=100
	January, 1997	75	20	3	2	*=100

**Q.27 CONTINUED ...**

		Important Top <u>priority</u>	but lower priority	Not too <u>important</u>	Should not <u>be done</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
m.F2	Taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound					
	January, 2009	63	31	3	1	2=100
	January, 2008	64	28	4	2	2=100
	January, 2007	64	28	5	2	1=100
	January, 2006	64	28	4	2	2=100
	January, 2005	70	25	2	2	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	65	28	4	2	1=100
	January, 2003	59	34	4	1	2=100
	January, 2002	62	32	3	1	2=100
	Early September, 2001	74	22	2	1	1=100
	January, 2001	74	21	1	2	2=100
	January, 2000	69	27	2	1	1=100
	July, 1999	73	23	3	*	1=100
	January, 1999	71	24	3	1	1=100
	January, 1998	71	24	4	1	*=100
	January, 1997	75	20	2	2	1=100
n.F2	Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound					
	January, 2009	60	32	5	1	2=100
	January, 2008	60	33	4	1	2=100
	January, 2007	63	31	3	1	2=100
	January, 2006	62	30	4	2	2=100
	January, 2005	67	29	3	1	*=100
	Mid-January, 2004	62	32	4	1	1=100
	January, 2003	56	39	4	*	1=100
	January, 2002	55	38	5	1	1=100
	January, 2001	71	24	2	1	2=100
	January, 2000	64	30	3	1	2=100
	July, 1999	71	24	3	1	1=100
	January, 1999	62	33	2	1	2=100
	January, 1998	64	31	3	1	1=100
	January, 1997	64	31	3	1	1=100
o.F2	Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people					
	January, 2009	50	39	6	3	2=100
	January, 2008	51	37	7	2	3=100
	January, 2007	55	36	6	2	1=100
	January, 2006	55	36	6	1	2=100
	January, 2005	59	34	5	1	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	50	42	6	1	1=100
	January, 2003	48	45	5	1	1=100
	January, 2002	44	46	7	2	1=100
	January, 2001	63	28	6	1	2=100
	January, 2000	55	38	4	1	2=100
	July, 1999	60	33	5	1	1=100
	January, 1999	57	37	4	1	1=100
	January, 1998	57	34	6	2	1=100
	January, 1997	57	35	6	2	*=100

**Q.27 CONTINUED ...**

		Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Ref
p.F2	Dealing with the moral breakdown in the country					
	January, 2009	45	29	16	6	4=100
	January, 2008	43	31	13	8	5=100
	January, 2007	47	30	12	8	3=100
	January, 2006	47	26	14	9	4=100
	January, 2005	41	32	14	10	3=100
	Mid-January, 2004	45	31	13	9	2=100
	January, 2003	39	34	16	7	4=100
	January, 2002	45	32	12	7	4=100
	January, 2001	51	27	10	7	5=100
	January, 2000	48	34	9	6	3=100
	July, 1999	55	28	8	5	4=100
	January, 1999	50	31	10	5	4=100
	January, 1998	48	31	13	6	2=100
	January, 1997	52	29	10	6	3=100
q.F2	Providing health insurance to the uninsured					
	January, 2009	52	33	6	6	3=100
	January, 2008	54	32	8	4	2=100
	January, 2007	56	31	7	4	2=100
	January, 2006	59	30	6	2	3=100
	January, 2005	60	30	7	2	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	54	34	8	3	1=100
	January, 2003	45	41	10	2	2=100
	January, 2002	43	45	7	3	2=100
	January, 2001	61	31	4	2	2=100
	January, 2000	55	32	8	2	3=100
r.F2	Strengthening the U.S. military					
	January, 2009	44	39	8	4	5=100
	January, 2008	42	38	12	5	3=100
	January, 2007	46	35	10	5	4=100
	January, 2006	42	36	13	6	3=100
	January, 2005	52	35	8	3	2=100
	Mid-January, 2004	48	31	15	5	1=100
	January, 2003	48	34	11	4	3=100
	January, 2002	52	37	7	2	2=100
	January, 2001	48	37	8	5	2=100
<b>ASK ALL:</b>						
s.	Strengthening the nation's economy					
	January, 2009	85	12	*	1	1=100
	January, 2008	75	20	2	1	2=100
	January, 2007	68	25	4	2	1=100
	January, 2006	66	26	5	1	2=100
	January, 2005	75	22	2	*	1=100
	Mid-January, 2004	79	16	2	1	2=100
	January, 2003	73	23	2	1	1=100
	January, 2002	71	26	2	*	1=100
	Early September, 2001 <sup>5</sup>	80	18	1	*	1=100

<sup>5</sup>

In Early September 2001, January 2001 and January 2000 the item was worded: "Keeping the economy strong."

**Q.27 CONTINUED ...**

	Top priority	Important but lower priority	Not too important	Should not be done	DK/Ref
January, 2001	81	15	2	1	1=100
January, 2000	70	25	3	1	1=100

**ASK ITEMS t THRU w OF FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

t.F2	Dealing with the nation's energy problem					
	January, 2009	60	32	5	1	2=100
	January, 2008	59	32	6	1	2=100
	January, 2007	57	35	6	1	1=100
	January, 2006	58	33	6	1	2=100
	January, 2005	47	42	7	1	3=100
	Mid-January, 2004	46	41	10	1	2=100
	January, 2003	40	46	10	1	3=100
	January, 2002	42	46	7	2	3=100
	Early September, 2001 <sup>6</sup>	46	41	6	2	5=100

**NO ITEM u.**

v.F2	Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington					
	January, 2009	36	34	18	5	7=100
	January, 2008	39	32	16	4	9=100
	January, 2007	35	30	23	4	8=100

  

w.F2	Dealing with global warming					
	January, 2009	30	37	19	10	4=100
	January, 2008	35	38	15	7	5=100
	January, 2007	38	34	16	8	4=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.A1 How much, if anything, have you heard about the economic stimulus package being proposed by President-elect Obama that may cost about \$800 billion? **[READ]**

33	A lot
53	A little
13	Nothing at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**IF HEARD 'A LOT' OR 'A LITTLE' (Q.A1=1,2), ASK [N=1,315]:**

Q.A2 From what you've read and heard, do you think this proposal is a good idea or a bad idea?

57	Good idea
22	Bad idea
<u>21</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

<sup>6</sup>

In Early September 2001 the item was worded: "Passing a comprehensive energy plan."

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.28F1 What's your view... Do you think the country is more politically divided these days than in the past, or not?

		Jan <u>2007</u>	Sept <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>2004</u>
46	More politically divided	66	70	66
45	Not more divided	28	24	26
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.29F2 Thinking about the people you know, are they more divided over politics these days than in the past, or not?

		Jan <u>2007</u>	Dec <u>2004</u>
47	More divided over politics	51	53
47	Not more divided	41	40
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.30F1 Now I'd like your views on some people. As I read some names, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person. (First, **INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS**) would you say your overall opinion of... [**INSERT ITEM**] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/Ref
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a.F1	Barack Obama								
	January, 2009	79	40	39	15	4	11	0	6=100
	Mid-October, 2008	66	33	33	28	13	15	*	6=100
	Late September, 2008	65	33	32	30	11	19	*	5=100
	Mid-September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4=100
	Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9=100
	April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6=100
	March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9=100
	Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8=100
	Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10=100
	January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8=100
	Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11=100
	August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13=100
b.F1	Joe Biden								
	January, 2009	63	22	41	20	7	13	6	11=100
	Mid-October, 2008	55	20	34	35	10	19	6	10=100
	Early Oct., 2008 (callback)	61	20	41	30	10	20	1	8=100
	Late September, 2008	49	15	34	30	10	20	8	13=100
	Mid-September, 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14=100
	April, 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14=100
	Late October, 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16=100
	September, 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38=100

**Q.30F1 CONTINUED ...**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
c.F1	Michelle Obama								
	January, 2009	68	28	40	15	4	11	2	15=100
	September, 2008	56	23	33	25	11	14	2	17=100
	Late May, 2008	43	14	29	21	8	13	4	32=100

**NO ITEM d.**

e.F1	George W. Bush								
	January, 2009	37	9	28	60	35	25	0	3=100
	April, 2008	31	9	22	65	42	23	*	4=100
	March, 2008	34	8	26	61	37	24	0	5=100
	Late February, 2008	35	10	25	60	39	21	0	5=100
	Early February, 2008	34	9	25	61	39	22	*	5=100
	January, 2008	36	11	25	60	37	23	0	4=100
	Late December, 2007	33	10	23	63	41	22	0	4=100
	August, 2007	40	12	28	57	34	23	*	3=100
	December, 2006	39	12	27	57	34	23	*	4=100
	April, 2006	40	15	25	57	35	22	*	3=100
	Late October, 2005	46	17	29	51	29	22	*	3=100
	July, 2005	51	22	29	46	25	21	0	3=100
	Late March, 2005	53	23	30	45	27	18	0	2=100
	Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	56	26	30	42	23	19	*	2=100
	Early October, 2004 (RVs)	57	27	30	40	20	20	0	3=100
	September, 2004	52	25	27	43	24	19	*	5=100
	August, 2004	58	27	31	39	22	17	0	3=100
	June, 2004	52	19	33	45	22	23	*	3=100
	Early February, 2004	53	21	32	44	25	19	0	3=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : January 29-February 1, 2004	52	--	--	47	--	--	--	1=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : January 2-5, 2004	65	--	--	35	--	--	--	*=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : October 6-8, 2003	60	--	--	39	--	--	--	1=100
	<i>Gallup</i> : June 9-10, 2003	66	--	--	33	--	--	--	1=100
	April, 2003	72	37	35	25	11	14	0	3=100
	January, 2003	70	28	42	28	10	18	0	2=100
	December, 2002	68	35	33	27	11	16	0	5=100
	July, 2001	61	22	39	35	14	21	*	4=100
	January, 2001	60	24	36	33	12	21	0	7=100
	May, 2000	58	18	40	31	12	19	1	10=100
	March, 1999 <sup>7</sup>	61	21	40	21	7	14	4	14=100
	November, 1997	54	13	41	18	6	12	9	19=100
f.F1	Dick Cheney								
	January, 2009	31	6	25	57	30	27	2	10=100
	December, 2006	35	10	25	55	28	27	2	8=100
	April, 2006	36	11	25	55	29	26	3	6=100
	Late October, 2005	43	12	31	46	22	24	2	9=100
	Late March, 2005	48	15	33	42	20	22	2	8=100
	Mid-October, 2004 (RVs)	48	17	31	46	25	21	*	6=100
	Early October, 2004 (RVs)	48	14	34	41	20	21	*	11=100
	Early September, 2004	43	13	30	42	23	19	2	13=100
	August, 2004	47	13	34	41	20	21	2	10=100
	April, 2003	60	21	39	27	12	15	3	10=100

<sup>7</sup>

In March 1999 and November 1997 the category was listed: "Texas Governor George W. Bush."



**Q.30F1 CONTINUED ...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
December, 2002	59	20	39	26	10	16	5	10=100
July, 2001	58	19	39	26	6	20	6	10=100
January, 2001	62	20	42	18	5	13	2	18=100
December, 1994	42	10	32	19	5	14	21	18=100
March, 1991 <sup>8</sup>	68	33	35	6	2	4	10	16=100
May, 1990	20	3	17	11	3	8	44	25=100

**g.F1 Laura Bush**

January, 2009	66	26	41	22	9	13	1	12=100
December, 2007	54	19	35	29	13	16	3	14=100
August, 2004	70	35	35	18	8	11	2	10=100
December, 2002	71	33	38	12	5	7	2	15=100
July, 2001	64	21	43	17	5	12	1	18=100
May 2000 <sup>9</sup>	41	10	31	11	4	7	16	32=100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.31F2 On another subject ... Would you say your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
<b>a.F2 The Democratic Party</b>								
January, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6=100
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10=100
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6=100
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6=100
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6=100
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8=100
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11=100
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11=100
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7=100
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11=100
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8=100
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10=100
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9=100
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9=100
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6=100
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10=100
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5=100
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8=100
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7=100
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9=100
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8=100
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5=100
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4=100

<sup>8</sup> In March 1991 and May 1990 the category was listed: "Richard Cheney."

<sup>9</sup> In May 2000, the category was listed as "George W. Bush's wife, Laura Bush."

**Q.31F2 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5=100
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6=100
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7=100
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6=100
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6=100
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6=100
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5=100
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3=100
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6=100
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4=100
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9=100
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6=100

**b.F2 The Republican Party**

January, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5=100
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10=100
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7=100
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7=100
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8=100
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8=100
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10=100
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9=100
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7=100
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10=100
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6=100
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9=100
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9=100
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8=100
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6=100
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9=100
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6=100
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9=100
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6=100
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8=100
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10=100
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7=100
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4=100
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5=100
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6=100
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6=100
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7=100
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7=100
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6=100

**Q.31F2 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never Heard of	Can't Rate
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6=100
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5=100
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4=100
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6=100
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4=100
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11=100
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6=100
c.F2 Congress								
January, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8=100
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8=100
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8=100
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8=100
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13=100
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9=100
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10=100
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11=100
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11=100
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11=100
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11=100
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7=100
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7=100
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3=100
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5=100
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4=100
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5=100
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7=100
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3=100
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6=100
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6=100
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9=100
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8=100
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4=100
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5=100
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5=100
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4=100
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3=100
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7=100
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5=100
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9=100
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4=100
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9=100
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6=100
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8=100
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6=100
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8=100
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7=100
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6=100
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10=100

**Q.31F2 CONTINUED ...**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>Rate</u>
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7=100

**NO QUESTION 32**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.33F2 I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)** is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well being of the United States? What about **(INSERT ITEM)**

		<u>Major Threat</u>	<u>Minor Threat</u>	<u>Not a Threat</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F2	China's emergence as a world power				
	January, 2009	46	36	13	5=100
	September, 2008	48	35	11	6=100
	Late May, 2008	50	31	10	9=100
	February, 2006	47	34	12	7=100
	Late October, 2005	52	31	10	7=100
	May, 2001	51	30	10	9=100
	July, 1999	53	33	10	4=100
b.F2	Growing tension between Russia and its neighbors				
	January, 2009	37	48	8	7=100
	September, 2008	44	41	10	5=100
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>					
	Growing authoritarianism in Russia				
	Late May, 2008	24	46	12	18=100
	February, 2006	22	45	16	17=100
	Late October, 2005	23	44	13	20=100
	May, 2001 <sup>10</sup>	27	46	12	15=100
	July, 1999	40	42	14	4=100
c.F2	North Korea's nuclear program				
	January, 2009	53	32	8	7=100
	September, 2008	55	33	7	5=100
	Late May, 2008	55	32	7	6=100
	February, 2006	60	27	6	7=100
	Late October, 2005	66	24	4	6=100
d.F2	Iran's nuclear program				
	January, 2009	65	23	6	6=100
	September, 2008	60	29	6	5=100
	Late May, 2008	62	25	8	5=100
	February, 2006	65	24	5	6=100
	Late October, 2005	61	27	5	7=100
e.F2	Political instability in Pakistan				
	January, 2009	47	37	8	8=100
	September, 2008	43	40	8	9=100
	Late May, 2008	41	40	9	10=100

<sup>10</sup>

In May 2001 and July 1999, the item was listed as: "Political and economic instability in Russia."

**Q.33F2 CONTINUED ...**

		Major <u>Threat</u>	Minor <u>Threat</u>	Not a <u>Threat</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
f.F2	Islamic extremist groups like al Qaeda				
	January, 2009	77	15	4	4=100
	September, 2008	72	21	3	4=100
	Late May, 2008	72	18	4	6=100
g.F2	The conflict between Israelis and Palestinians				
	January, 2009	45	40	9	6=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.A3 In the dispute between Israel and the Palestinians, which side do you sympathize with more, Israel or the Palestinians?

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2009	49	11	5	15	20=100
May, 2007	49	11	5	17	18=100
August, 2006	52	11	5	15	17=100
July, 2006	44	9	5	20	22=100
May, 2006	48	13	4	14	20=100
July, 2005	37	12	5	19	27=100
July, 2004	40	13	7	18	22=100
Late February, 2004	46	12	8	15	19=100
Mid-July, 2003	41	13	8	18	20=100
April, 2002	41	13	6	21	19=100
Mid-October, 2001	47	10	8	18	17=100
Early September, 2001	40	17	6	23	14=100
September, 1997	48	13	5	16	18=100
September, 1993	45	21	3	18	12=100
<i>Chicago CFR 1990</i>	34	13	7	26	20=100
<i>Chicago CFR 1978</i>	38	12	8	15	13=100

Now thinking about Iraq...

**ASK ALL:**

Q.34 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2009	43	49	8=100
November, 2008	39	50	11=100
Late October, 2008	38	56	6=100
Mid-October, 2008	40	54	6=100
Mid-September, 2008	43	50	7=100
June, 2008	39	55	6=100
April, 2008	37	57	6=100
Late February, 2008	38	54	8=100
Late December, 2007	36	56	8=100
October, 2007	39	54	7=100
September, 2007	42	50	8=100
July, 2007	41	53	6=100
June, 2007	40	51	9=100
April, 2007	45	47	8=100
March, 2007	43	49	8=100
February, 2007	40	54	6=100

**Q.34 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9=100
Early January, 2007	40	53	7=100
December, 2006	42	51	7=100
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7=100
Late October, 2006	43	47	10=100
Early October, 2006	45	47	8=100
Early September, 2006	49	43	8=100
August, 2006	45	46	9=100
July, 2006	44	50	6=100
June, 2006	49	44	7=100
April, 2006	47	46	7=100
March, 2006	45	49	6=100
February, 2006	51	44	5=100
January, 2006	45	47	8=100
December, 2005	47	48	5=100
Late October, 2005	48	45	7=100
Early October, 2005	44	50	6=100
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7=100
July, 2005	49	44	7=100
June, 2005	47	45	8=100
February, 2005	47	47	6=100
January, 2005	51	44	5=100
December, 2004	49	44	7=100
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11=100
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12=100
Early October, 2004	50	39	11=100
September, 2004	53	39	8=100
August, 2004	53	41	6=100
July, 2004	52	43	5=100
June, 2004	55	38	7=100
May, 2004	51	42	7=100
Late April, 2004	54	37	9=100
Early April, 2004	57	35	8=100
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6=100
Late February, 2004	60	32	8=100
Early February, 2004	56	39	5=100
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5=100
Early January, 2004	62	28	10=100
December, 2003	67	26	7=100
October, 2003	60	33	7=100
September, 2003	63	31	6=100
August, 2003	63	30	7=100
Early July, 2003	67	24	9=100
May, 2003	74	20	6=100
April 10-16, 2003	74	19	7=100
April 8-9, 2003	74	19	7=100
April 2-7, 2003	72	20	8=100
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	25	6=100
March 25-27, 2003	74	21	5=100
March 23-24, 2003	74	21	5=100
March 20-22, 2003	71	22	7=100
Late January, 1991	77	15	8=100

**ASK ALL:**Q.35 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? [**READ IN ORDER**]

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
January, 2009	16	43	26	10	5=100
Mid-October, 2008	17	40	26	12	5=100
September, 2008	19	39	24	13	5=100
June, 2008	10	34	31	21	4=100
April, 2008	10	34	28	24	4=100
Late February, 2008	12	36	25	23	4=100
Late December, 2007	11	30	31	23	5=100
November, 2007	11	37	29	19	4=100
October, 2007	10	34	29	22	5=100
September, 2007	9	32	30	24	5=100
July, 2007	8	28	34	25	5=100
June, 2007	7	27	33	28	5=100
April, 2007	7	31	34	25	3=100
March, 2007	10	30	32	24	4=100
February, 2007	5	25	38	29	3=100
Mid-January, 2007	7	28	32	30	3=100
December, 2006	4	28	37	27	4=100
Mid-November, 2006	6	26	34	30	4=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	7	30	32	27	4=100
Late October, 2006	5	30	34	25	6=100
Early October, 2006	8	29	33	25	5=100
Early September, 2006	8	39	28	20	5=100
August, 2006	8	33	32	23	4=100
June, 2006	16	37	25	18	4=100
April, 2006	13	34	29	21	3=100
March, 2006	9	34	30	21	6=100
February, 2006	13	38	29	17	3=100
January, 2006	12	39	27	17	5=100
December, 2005	14	37	29	17	3=100
Early October, 2005	9	35	31	22	3=100
Mid-September, 2005	12	41	26	18	3=100
July, 2005	14	38	27	17	4=100
June, 2005	9	41	27	19	4=100
February, 2005	14	40	25	17	4=100
January, 2005	9	39	29	20	3=100
December, 2004	10	40	28	18	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	13	38	26	17	6=100
September, 2004	12	40	26	18	4=100
August, 2004	12	41	28	16	3=100
July, 2004	13	42	26	16	3=100
June, 2004	16	41	25	14	4=100
May, 2004	10	36	32	19	3=100
Late April, 2004	12	43	26	15	4=100
Early April, 2004	14	43	26	13	4=100
Mid-March, 2004	16	45	26	11	2=100
Early February, 2004	17	46	23	11	3=100
Mid-January, 2004	22	51	18	6	3=100
Early January, 2004	23	47	18	7	5=100
December, 2003	28	47	16	6	3=100
October, 2003	16	44	25	11	4=100

**Q.35 CONTINUED...**

	(VOL.)				
	Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	DK/ Refused
	<u>well</u>	<u>well</u>	<u>well</u>	<u>well</u>	<u>Refused</u>
September, 2003	15	47	26	9	3=100
August, 2003	19	43	24	11	3=100
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
April 10-16, 2003	61	32	3	1	3=100
April 8-9, 2003	60	32	3	3	2=100
April 2-7, 2003	55	37	3	2	3=100
March 25-April 1, 2003	39	46	8	2	5=100
March 23-24, 2003	45	41	6	2	6=100
March 20-22, 2003	65	25	2	1	7=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.36 Over the next year, do you think the number of troops in Iraq should be increased, decreased, or kept the same as it is now?

- 6 Increased
  - 69 Decreased
  - 17 Kept the same as it is now
  - 8 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

**NO QUESTION 37**

**ASK ALL:**

Q. 38 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?

	(VOL.)				
	Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely	DK/ Refused
	<u>succeed</u>	<u>succeed</u>	<u>fail</u>	<u>fail</u>	<u>Refused</u>
January, 2009	15	46	22	7	10=100
September, 2008	18	40	24	10	8=100
June, 2008	12	38	31	11	8=100
April, 2008	12	35	30	16	7=100
Late February, 2008	13	40	26	13	8=100
Late December, 2007	10	35	31	14	10=100
November, 2007	11	37	33	13	6=100
October, 2007	11	35	31	13	10=100
September, 2007	8	34	32	15	11=100
July, 2007	9	34	32	17	8=100
April, 2007	9	36	30	16	9=100
February, 2007	7	40	34	12	7=100
November, 2006	12	41	28	13	6=100
Mid-September, 2006	13	44	26	9	8=100
August, 2006	14	40	28	12	6=100



**ASK ALL:**

Q.39 Do you think Barack Obama will remove troops from Iraq TOO QUICKLY, that he will wait TOO LONG, or do you think he will handle it about right?

- 19 Remove troops from Iraq too quickly
- 6 Wait too long
- 67 Handle it about right
- 8 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

**NO QUESTIONS 40-41**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.42 Usually, when there is a new president, certain groups gain influence in Washington, while other groups lose influence... For each of the following, tell me if you think they will gain influence, lose influence or not be affected by Barack Obama's taking office? First, will... **(INSERT ITEM; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS; RANDOMIZE a. THROUGH o. — ITEM p. SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST)** gain influence, lose influence or not be affected by Barack Obama's taking office? How about [NEXT ITEM]?

**ASK ITEMS a THRU h OF FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

		<u>Gain</u>	<u>Lose</u>	<u>Not be affected</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Older people				
	January, 2009	39	19	36	6=100
	January, 2005	29	40	26	5=100
	January, 2001	46	26	22	6=100
	January, 1993	42	25	26	7=100
b.F1	Younger people				
	January, 2009	71	4	20	5=100
	January, 1993	65	8	19	8=100
c.F1	Blacks				
	January, 2009	67	2	27	4=100
	January, 2005	26	31	35	8=100
	January, 2001	30	29	31	10=100
	January, 1993	66	6	19	9=100
d.F1	Hispanics				
	January, 2009	46	9	37	8=100
	January, 2005	39	24	29	8=100
e.F1	Union leaders				
	January, 2009	46	18	24	12=100
	January, 2005	18	38	32	12=100
	January, 2001	26	38	24	12=100
	January, 1993	35	24	28	13=100
f.F1	Business corporations				
	January, 2009	29	42	22	7=100
	January, 2005	56	9	28	7=100
	January, 2001	66	9	17	8=100
	January, 1993	34	33	21	12=100

**Q.42 CONTINUED ...**

		<u>Gain</u>	<u>Lose</u>	<u>Not be affected</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
g.F1	Environmentalists				
	January, 2009	60	7	26	7=100
	January, 2005	18	44	30	8=100
	January, 2001	24	40	25	11=100
	January, 1993	67	7	16	10=100
h.F1	The military				
	January, 2009	37	26	29	8=100
	January, 2005	63	13	18	6=100
	January, 2001	72	4	16	8=100

**ASK ITEMS i THRU o OF  
FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

i.F2	Conservative Christians				
	January, 2009	21	36	35	8=100
	January, 2005	54	11	26	9=100
	January, 2001	51	11	27	11=100
j.F2	Women				
	January, 2009	58	6	30	6=100
k.F2	Gays and lesbians				
	January, 2009	40	11	39	10=100
l.F2	Washington lobbyists				
	January, 2009	21	38	29	12=100
	January, 2005	40	14	30	16=100
	January, 2001	35	17	28	20=100
	January, 1993	23	31	29	17=100
m.F2	Poor people				
	January, 2009	73	8	15	4=100
	January, 2005	20	49	26	5=100
	January, 2001	29	40	23	8=100
	January, 1993	61	12	19	8=100
n.F2	Children				
	January, 2009	64	6	22	8=100
	January, 2001	50	18	24	8=100
	January, 1993	62	6	22	10=100
o.F2	Wealthy people				
	January, 2009	17	44	34	5=100

**ASK ALL:**

p.	People like yourself				
	January, 2009	47	18	29	6=100
	January, 2005	22	34	40	4=100
	January, 2001	35	26	33	6=100
	January, 1993	43	22	27	8=100

**NO QUESTIONS 43-48**

**ASK ALL:**

Now I have a few questions about Afghanistan...

Q.49 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan?

		Feb <u>2008</u>	Dec <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>
64	Right decision	65	61	69
25	Wrong decision	24	29	20
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.50 How well is the U.S. military effort in Afghanistan going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

		Feb <u>2008</u>
7	Very well	10
38	Fairly well	38
34	Not too well	31
11	Not at all well	10
<u>10</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>11</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 Over the next year, do you think the number of troops in Afghanistan should be increased, decreased, or kept the same as it is now?

33	Increased
39	Decreased
20	Kept the same as it is now
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**NO QUESTION 52**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.53 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Afghanistan, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

13	Definitely succeed
49	Probably succeed
23	Probably fail
6	Definitely fail
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

**NO QUESTIONS 54-55**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different topic...

Q.56 Over the past few weeks, there has been a significant military conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip. All things considered, who do you think is most responsible for the outbreak of the recent violence? [OPEN END; ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR MORE THAN ONE. PROBE ONCE FOR CLARITY IF GENERAL RESPONSE]

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*(escalation of violence between Israel/Hezbollah)*

		<u>Aug 2006<sup>11</sup></u>	
12	Israel	12	Israel
41	Hamas	42	Hezbollah
5	Both sides	6	Both sides
3	Palestine/Palestinians	5	Lebanon
1	United States/Bush	*	Syria
3	Other	2	Iran
37	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	United States/Bush
		1	Palestinians
		1	Arabs/Muslims/Islam
		*	Terrorists/Extremists
		2	Other
		29	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTION 57**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.58 What should the United States do in this conflict? Should the United States government publicly support Israel, should it say or do nothing, or should it publicly criticize Israel?

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*-- (Israel/Hezbollah conflict) --*

		<u>Aug 2006</u>	<u>CBS/NYT July 2006</u>
39	Support	40	39
38	Say or do nothing	38	40
9	Criticize	8	7
<u>14</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>
100		100	100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:**

Q.59F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the military action Israel has taken in the Gaza Strip?

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*-- (military action in Lebanon) --*

*Gallup/USA Today*

		<u>Aug 2006</u>	<u>July 2006</u>
40	Approve	45	50
33	Disapprove	33	38
<u>27</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>22</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100

<sup>11</sup>

Questions 56-62 show trends for comparable questions asked in 2006 about the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=734]:**

Q.60F2 What do you think about the way Israel is responding in the current conflict with Hamas in the Gaza Strip?  
Has Israel gone too far, not gone far enough, or has Israel's response been about right?

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

-- (Israel/Hezbollah) --

		<u>Aug 2006</u>	<u>CBS/NYT</u> <u>July 2006</u>
24	Gone too far	23	26
7	Not gone far enough	15	9
50	About right	44	48
<u>19</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
100		100	100

**NO QUESTION 61**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 In terms of resolving this conflict, do you think the United States should be more involved than it is now, less involved than it is now, or is it as involved as it should be?

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

(Israel/Hezbollah conflict)

		<u>Aug</u> <u>2006</u>
17	More involved	15
27	Less involved	28
48	As involved as it should be	49
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

**IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No Preference	(VOL.) Other Party	(VOL.) DK/ Ref	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
January, 2009	25	37	33	3	*	2=100	11	16
December, 2008	26	39	30	2	*	3=100	8	15
Late October, 2008	24	39	32	2	*	3=100	11	15
Mid-October, 2008	27	35	31	4	*	3=100	9	16
Early October, 2008	26	36	31	4	*	3=100	11	15
Late September, 2008	25	35	34	3	1	2=100	13	15
Mid-September, 2008	28	35	32	3	*	2=100	12	14
August, 2008	26	34	34	4	*	2=100	12	17
July, 2008	24	36	34	3	*	3=100	12	15
June, 2008	26	37	32	3	*	2=100	11	16
Late May, 2008	25	35	35	2	*	3=100	13	15
April, 2008	24	37	31	5	1	2=100	11	15
March, 2008	24	38	29	5	*	4=100	9	14
Late February, 2008	24	38	32	3	*	3=100	10	17
Early February, 2008	26	35	31	5	*	3=100	11	14
January, 2008	24	33	37	4	*	2=100	12	18
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2008	25.3	35.8	31.7	3.8	.3	3.1=100	10.5	15.4
2007	25.4	32.9	33.7	4.6	.4	3.1=100	10.7	16.7
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	.4	3.9=100	10.2	14.5
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	.3	2.8=100	10.2	14.9
2004	29.7	33.4	29.8	3.9	.4	2.9=100	11.7	13.4
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	.5	2.5=100	12.1	13.0
2002	30.3	31.2	30.1	5.1	.7	2.7=100	12.6	11.6
2001	29.2	33.6	28.9	5.1	.5	2.7=100	11.7	11.4
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6=100	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28.2	34.6	29.5	5.0	.5	2.1=100	11.7	12.5
2000	27.5	32.5	29.5	5.9	.5	4.0=100	11.6	11.6
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9=100	13.0	14.5
1998	27.5	33.2	31.9	4.6	.4	2.4=100	11.8	13.5
1997	28.2	33.3	31.9	4.0	.4	2.3=100	12.3	13.8
1996	29.2	32.7	33.0	5.2=100			12.7	15.6
1995	31.4	29.7	33.4	5.4=100			14.4	12.9
1994	29.8	31.8	33.8	4.6=100			14.3	12.6
1993	27.4	33.8	34.0	4.8=100			11.8	14.7
1992	27.7	32.7	35.7	3.9=100			13.8	15.8
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	4.5=100			14.6	10.8
1990	31.0	33.1	29.1	6.8=100			12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34=100					
1987	26	35	39=100					