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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	62	15	23
2/18-22/09	63	22	15
3/12-16/09 CBS	62	24	14
3/20-22/09 CBS	64	20	16
4/1-5/09	66	24	10
4/22-26/09	68	23	9
5/6-12/09 CBS	63	26	11
6/12-16/09	63	26	11
7/9-12/09 CBS	57	32	11
7/24-28/09	58	30	13
8/27-31/09 CBS	56	35	9
9/19-23/09	56	33	11
10/5-8/09 CBS	56	34	10
11/13-16/09 CBS	53	36	11
12/4-8/09	50	39	11

2. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right	Wrong	DK/NA		Right	Wrong	DK/NA
1/27-28/91 CBS	51	39	10	12/2-6/05	31	60	9
3/4-6/91	51	42	7	1/5-8/06 CBS	31	62	7
10/15-18/91	33	60	7	1/20-25/06	32	61	7
11/27-28/94 CBS	30	65	5	3/9-12/06 CBS	28	66	9
12/3-6/95 NYT	25	64	10	4/28-30/06 CBS	24	71	5
12/8-11/96 NYT	39	51	11	5/4-8/06	23	70	7
9/16-18/96 CBS	41	48	11	6/10-11/06 CBS	27	69	4
2/19-21/98	54	36	9	7/21-25/06	28	66	6
9/8-10/98	49	42	10	8/17-21/06	29	67	4
10/12-13/98	46	47	7	10/27-31/06	29	64	7
10/26-28/98	52	42	7	12/8-10/06 CBS	24	70	6
5/10-13/00	48	44	7	1/1-3/07 CBS	27	68	5
3/8-12/01	40	54	6	1/18-21/07 CBS	26	69	5
4/23-25/01 CBS	37	58	5	2/8-11/07 CBS	26	68	6
6/14-18/01	42	53	5	2/23-27/07	23	68	9
10/25-28/01	61	29	10	3/7-11/07	25	69	6
12/7-10/01	64	27	10	5/18-23/07	24	72	4
1/24-27/02	52	35	12	6/26-28/07 CBS	19	75	6
7/13-16/02	42	48	10	7/9-17/07	22	72	6
7/22-23/02 CBS	39	53	8	9/4-8/07	24	71	4
8/6-7/02 CBS	41	51	8	12/5-9/07	21	71	8
9/2-5/02	43	49	8	1/9-12/08	19	75	6
10/3-6/02	42	48	10	3/28-4/2/08	14	81	5
10/27-31/02	41	52	8	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	14	83	3
11/20-24/02	41	49	10	7/7-14/08	14	81	5
2/10-12/03	35	56	9	9/12-16/08	14	81	5
3/22/03	50	40	10	10/10-13/08	7	89	4
4/11-13/03	56	36	9	10/19-22/08	11	85	4
9/28-10/1/03	37	56	7	10/25-29/08	11	85	4
7/13-27/03	46	49	5	12/4-8/08 CBS	12	83	5
11/10-12/03 CBS	39	53	8	1/11-15/09	15	79	6
12/10-13/03	39	56	5	2/2-4/09 CBS	23	68	9
12/14-15/03	49	43	8	3/12-16/09 CBS	35	57	8
1/12-15/04	42	53	5	4/1-5/09	39	53	7
2/12-15/04 CBS	41	51	8	4/22-26/09	41	50	9
3/10-14/04	38	54	8	5/6-12/09 CBS	45	48	7
3/30-4/1/04 CBS	36	57	7	6/12-16/09	44	50	6
4/23-27/04	36	55	9	7/9-12/09 CBS	35	57	8
5/20-23/04 CBS	30	65	5	7/24-28/09	42	49	9
6/23-27/04	36	57	6	9/19-23/09	41	53	6
7/11-15/04	36	56	8	12/4-8/09	37	56	7
8/15-18/04 CBS	39	55	6				
9/12-16/04	41	51	7				
9/20-22/04 CBS	41	54	5				
10/1-3/04	40	51	9				
10/14-17/04	37	59	4				
10/28-30/04	43	55	2				
11/18-21/04	40	54	6				
1/14-18/05	39	56	5				
2/24-28/05	42	52	6				
3/9-14/05 NYT	37	56	7				
4/13-16/05 CBS	32	62	6				
5/20-24/05 CBS	34	60	6				
6/10-15/05	33	61	6				
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	37	57	6				
9/9-13/05	31	63	6				
10/3-5/05 CBS	37	58	5				
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	27	68	5				

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

	12/07	1/08	2/08	4/08	7/08	1/09	4/09	6/09	7/09	9/09	12/09
Health Care	7	7	7	6	3	2	3	7	12	19	12
Social Security	1	1	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Budget Deficit	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	2
Education	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
Medicare/ Medicaid	-			-	-	-			-	-	-
Taxes	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Economy	12	20	29	32	38	49	42	38	36	22	23
Immigration	4	5	4	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	1
Defense	1	2	1	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Poverty	3	2	2	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	3
Crime	1	1			-	-		-	1	-	-
Foreign Policy	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1		1	-
Jobs	2	4	4	5	3	12	17	19	20	19	24
Abortion	-	-		-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
Moral Values	2	1	-	2	2	3	-	1	2	1	3
Welfare	-	1		-			1	-		-	-
President	2	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	-
War	19	16	15	12	10	4	-	2	1	3	4
Iraq	6	6	5	3	4		2	2	1	2	2
Afghanistan											2
Politicians/ Government	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	1	1	-
Heating oil/Gas Cost	3	2	3	7	14	2	-	1	1		-
Environment	3	2	1	2	3	-	2	-	-	1	-
Religious Values	1	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Terrorism general	3	3	5	2	1	1	2	1	1		-
Other	18	10	9	14	7	12	13	16	12	19	16
DK/NA	4	5	6	2	3	2	4	3	3	4	5

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
2/2-4/09 CBS	55	24	21
2/18-22/09	57	32	11
3/12-16/09 CBS	56	33	11
3/20-22/09 CBS	61	29	10
4/1-5/09	56	34	10
4/22-26/09	61	29	10
5/6-12/09 CBS	56	33	11
6/12-16/09	57	35	7
7/9-12/09 CBS	48	44	8
7/24-28/09	51	41	9
8/27-31/09 CBS	53	41	6
9/19-23/09	50	40	10
10/5-8/09 CBS	54	38	8
11/13-16/09 CBS	49	43	8
12/4-8/09	47	43	10

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

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
4/1-5/09	58	21	21
4/22-26/09	56	21	22
8/27-31/09 ¹ CBS	48	30	22
9/19-23/09	44	35	21
10/5-8/09 CBS	42	34	24
11/13-16/09 CBS	38	43	19
12/4-8/09	48	38	14

¹ Question read "...situation in Afghanistan"

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
6/12-16/09	44	34	22
7/9-12/09 CBS	49	37	14
7/24-28/09	46	38	16
8/27-31/09 CBS	40	47	13
9/19-23/09	47	45	9
10/5-8/09 CBS	47	42	11
11/13-16/09 CBS	44	48	8
12/4-8/09	42	50	7

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

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

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

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

83. Do you think the U.S. is doing the right thing by fighting the war in Afghanistan now, or should the U.S. not be involved in Afghanistan now?

	Right thing	Not involved	DK/NA
9/19-23/09	47	42	11
10/5-8/09 CBS	51	39	10
12/4-8/09	49	39	11

84. What is your impression of how the war in Afghanistan is going for the United States right now - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Somewhat badly	Very badly	DK/NA
10/25-28/01 ¹	25	58	11	2	4
12/7-10/01 ¹	51	42	4	1	2
1/5-6/02 CBS ¹	43	49	4	2	2
1/15-17/02 CBS ¹	40	49	6	2	3
1/21-24/02 ¹	38	51	7	2	2
5/13-14/02 CBS	18	55	17	3	7
6/18-20/02 CBS	14	51	21	8	6
7/8-9/02 CBS	13	54	21	7	5
9/2-5/02	14	58	16	3	8
9/22-23/02 CBS	19	53	20	3	5
3/20-24/03	30	46	11	3	11
8/15-19/08	3	25	40	18	14
9/21-24/08	2	29	32	23	13
12/4-8/08 CBS	2	25	44	18	11
3/12-16/09 CBS	3	30	36	21	10
4/1-5/09	3	33	37	15	12
4/22-26/09	1	37	40	13	9
6/12-16/09	2	28	40	15	15
7/9-12/09 CBS	2	34	40	15	9
7/24-28/09	3	30	39	18	10
8/27-31/09 CBS	2	35	34	18	11
9/19-23/09	3	32	38	15	12
11/13-16/09 CBS	4	19	42	27	8
12/4-8/09	1	29	43	17	9

¹ Question read "What is your impression of how the war is going for the United States right now - very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?"

85. From what you know about the U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, how much longer would you be willing to have large numbers of U.S. troops remain in Afghanistan - less than a year, one to two years, two to five years, five to ten years, or as long as it takes?

	9/19-23/09	12/4-8/09
Less than a year	31	32
One to two years	24	25
Two to five years	11	6
Five to ten years	1	1
As long as it takes	26	26
Should leave now (vol.)	1	4
DK/NA	7	5

86. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. will be able to stop terrorists from using Afghanistan as a safe haven for their attacks against the U.S. and its allies - very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	11	37	26	16	9

87. So far, do you think Barack Obama has clearly explained his plan for Afghanistan, or hasn't he clearly explained his plan?

	Has clearly explained	Has not	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	42	47	11

88. As you may know, Barack Obama announced that an additional 30,000 U.S. troops will be sent to Afghanistan in the coming months. Do you approve or disapprove of sending additional troops to Afghanistan?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	51	43	6

89. Barack Obama has announced that he will begin bringing U.S. troops home from Afghanistan starting in the middle of 2011. Do you think it is a good idea for Barack Obama to set a date to begin withdrawing troops, or is it not a good idea to set a date?

	Good idea	Not good idea	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	41	55	3

90. Regardless of whether you think sending additional troops to Afghanistan is a good idea, do you think the United States can count on the government of Afghanistan to work toward stabilizing the country, or can it not count on the government of Afghanistan?

	Can count on Afghanistan	Cannot	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	26	61	13

91. In order to pay for the additional U.S. troops in Afghanistan, do you think the money should come from a tax increase, spending cuts in other areas of government or should it be added to the budget deficit?

	Tax increase	Spending cuts	Budget deficit	Other/Combination(vol.)	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	10	53	19	6	13

92. Do you think sending more U.S. troops to Afghanistan will make the U.S. safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or will sending more troops to Afghanistan not affect the United States' safety from terrorism?

	Safer	Less safe	Will not affect safety	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	39	8	45	8

94. From what you've heard or read, do you think the health care reforms under consideration in Congress will mostly help you personally, will mostly hurt you personally, or don't you think they will have much of an effect on you personally?

	Help	Hurt	No effect	DK/NA
8/27-31/09 CBS	18	31	46	5
9/19-23/09	23	26	44	7
10/5-8/09 CBS	18	31	45	6
11/13-16/09 CBS	19	34	41	6
12/4-8/09	16	34	42	9

95. Would you favor or oppose the government offering some people who are uninsured the choice of a government administered health insurance plan--also known as a public option -- that would compete with private health insurance plans?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
11/13-16/09 CBS	61	28	11
12/4-8/09	59	29	11

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

	Yes	No	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	84	15	-

Do you have any children? IF YES, ASK: Are any of your children under 18?

	Yes, under 18	Yes, over 18	No	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	36	33	30	1

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

	Yes	No	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	32	65	3

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Other	None	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	51	20	2	7	14	5

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

	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	Never married	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	53	8	10	2	26	1

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

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

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

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

How old are you?

	18-29	30-44	45-64	Over 64	Refused
12/4-8/09	23	27	33	17	1

What was the last grade in school you completed?

	Not a H.S. grad	H.S. grad	Some college	College grad	Post Grad	Refused
12/4-8/09	11	32	29	16	12	1

Are you of Hispanic origin or descent, or not?

	Hispanic	Not Hispanic	DK/NA
12/4-8/09	11	87	1

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

	White	Black	Asian	Other	Refused
12/4-8/09	76	12	2	9	2

Was your total family income in 2008 UNDER or OVER \$50,000? IF UNDER, ASK: Was it under \$15,000, between \$15,000 and \$30,000, or between \$30,000 and \$50,000? IF OVER, ASK: Was it between \$50,000 and \$75,000 or between \$75,000 and \$100,000 or was it over \$100,000?

	Under \$15,000	\$15,000- \$29,999	\$30,000- \$49,999	\$50,000- \$74,999	\$75,000- \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Refused
12/4-8/09	11	14	18	19	14	15	9

	Male	Female
12/4-8/09	48	52