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1. I'd like you to compare the way things are going in the United States to the way they were going five years ago. Generally, would you say things are going better today, worse today, or about the same today as they were going five years ago?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
1/19-23/86	44	31	23	3
1/18-21/87	38	31	29	2
5/9-12/88	30	34	32	4
3/4 -6/91	25	31	39	5
10/15-18/91	19	44	34	3
1/19-22/03	14	63	21	2
1/12-15/04	21	57	19	3
1/14-18/05	20	56	21	2
9/15-19/06	18	60	19	3
3/28-4/2/08	4	78	17	1
1/11-15/09	5	83	10	1

2. And what is your best guess about the United States five years from now? Generally, if things go pretty much as you now expect, do you think things will be better, worse, or about the same as they are today?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
1/19-23/86	35	31	29	5
1/18-21/87	32	30	30	7
5/9-12/88	34	30	26	10
3/4 -6/91	51	18	25	6
10/15-18/91	31	36	27	б
1/19-22/03	41	32	21	6
1/12-15/04	45	26	24	5
1/14-18/05	36	32	28	3
9/15-19/06	31	37	27	5
3/28-4/2/08	39	34	19	9
1/11-15/09	61	19	17	4

3. 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	Wronq	DK/NA		Right	Wrong	DK/NA
1/27-28/91 CBS	51	39	10	10/14-17/04	37	59	4
3/4-6/91	51	42	7	10/28-30/04	43	55	2
10/15-18/91	33	60	7	11/18-21/04	40	54	6
11/27-28/94 CBS	30	65	5	1/14-18/05	39	56	5
12/3-6/95 NYT	25	64	10	2/24-28/05	42	52	6
12/8-11/96 NYT	39	51	11	3/9-14/05 NYT	37	56	7
9/16-18/96 CBS	41	48	11	1/5-8/06 CBS	31	62	7
2/19-21/98	54	36	9	4/13-16/05 CBS	32	62	6
9/8-10/98	49	42	10	5/20-24/05 CBS	34	60	6
10/12-13/98	46	47	7	6/10-15/05	33	61	6
10/26-28/98	52	42	7	7/29-8/2/05 CBS	37	57	6
5/10-13/00	48	44	7	9/9-13/05	31	63	6
3/8-12/01	40	54	6	5/4-8/06	23	70	7
4/23-25/01 CBS	37	58	5	10/3-5/05 CBS	37	58	5
6/14-18/01	42	53	5	10/30-11/1/05 C		68	5
10/25-28/01	61	29	10	12/2-6/05	31	60	9
12/7-10/01	64	27	10	1/20-25/06	32	61	7
1/24-27/02	52	35	12	3/9-12/06 CBS	28	66	9
7/13-16/02	42	48	10	4/28-30/06 CBS	24	71	5
7/22-23/02 CBS	39	53	8	6/10-11/06 CBS	27	69	4
8/6-7/02 CBS	41	51	8	7/21-25/06	28	66	6
9/2-5/02	43	49	8	8/17-21/06	29	67	4
10/3-6/02	42	48	10	10/27-31/06	29	64	7
10/27-31/02	41	52	8	12/8-10/06 CBS	24	70	6
11/20-24/02	41	49	10	1/1-3/07 CBS	27	68	5
2/10-12/03	35	56	9	1/18-21/07 CBS	26	69	5
3/22/03	50	40	10	2/8-11/07 CBS	26	68	6
4/11-13/03	56	36	9	2/23-27/07	23	68	9
9/28-10/1/03	37	56	7	3/7-11/07	25	69	6
7/13-27/03	46	49	5	5/18-23/07	24	72	4
11/10-12/03 CBS	39	53	8	6/26-28/07 CBS	19	75	6
12/10-13/03	39	56	5	7/9-17/07	22	72	6
12/14-15/03	49	43	8	9/4-8/07	24	71	4
1/12-15/04	42	53	5	12/5-9/07	21	71	8
2/12-15/04 CBS	41	51	8	1/9-12/08	18	76	6
3/10-14/04	38	54	8	3/28-4/2/08	14	81	5
3/30-4/1/04 CBS	36	57	7	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	14	83	3
4/23-27/04	36	55	9	7/7-14/08	14	81	5
5/20-23/04 CBS	30	65	5	9/12-16/08	14	81	5
6/23-27/04	36	57	6	10/10-13/08	7	89	4
7/11-15/04	36	56	8	10/19-22/08	11	85	4
8/15-18/04 CBS	39	55	6	10/25-29/08	11	85	4
9/12-16/04	41	51	7	12/4-8/08 CBS	12	83	5
9/20-22/04 CBS	41	54	5	1/11-15/09	15	79	6
10/1-3/04	40	51	9				

4. What do you	think is	s the	most ir	nportar	nt prob	lem fac	ing the	countr	ry toda	Y?	
	10/06	3/07	5/07	7/07	9/07	12/07	1/08	2/08	4/08	7/08	1/09
Health Care	3	8	5	9	7	7	7	7	6	3	2
Social Security	-	-	-	_	1	1	1	-	-	-	
Budget Deficit	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	2	1	2
Education	5	5	2	1	4	2	2	1	1	1	2
Medicare/ Medicaid	-			-	-	_			-	_	-
Taxes	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
Economy	7	5	7	5	8	12	20	29	32	38	49
Immigration	4	5	7	8	9	4	5	4	3	2	1
Defense	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	-	2	1
Poverty	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	2
Crime	2	1	1	2	2	1	1			-	-
Foreign Policy	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1
Jobs	5	3	1	3	5	2	4	4	5	3	12
Abortion	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
Moral Values	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	-	2	2	3
Welfare	-	-		1	-	-	1		-		
President	4	3	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	1
War	17	19	18	21	20	19	16	15	12	10	4
Iraq	10	10	13	6	4	6	6	5	3	4	
Politicians/ Government	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Heating oil/Gas Crisis	1	2	7	2	2	3	2	3	7	14	2
Environment	1	1	3	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	-
Religious Values	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	1	1
Terrorism general	12	4	3	б	4	3	3	5	2	1	1
Other	12	15	12	16	10	18	10	9	14	7	12
DK/NA	5	6	5	5	5	4	5	6	2	3	2

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

		Not		Haven't	
	Favorable	Fav	Undecided	heard enough	Refused
1/1-3/07 CBS	28	10	14	47	1
1/18-21/07* CBS	29	9	20	41	
3/7-11/07	39	18	20	23	-
3/26-27/07 CBS	31	17	21	30	
4/9-12/07* CBS	36	18	25	21	-
5/18-23/07*	34	21	25	20	-
6/26-28/07* CBS	40	22	22	15	1
7/9-17/07	36	20	25	19	
7/9-17/07*	37	21	24	18	
8/8-12/07* CBS	36	20	27	17	
9/4-9/07*	35	21	29	14	
2/20-24/08*	45	23	23	9	1
3/15-18/08* CBS	44	28	20	8	
3/28-4/2/08*	43	24	25	8	1
4/25-29/08*	39	34	21	5	1
5/1-3/08*	44	30	20	б	1
5/30-6/3/08* CBS	41	31	22	5	1
7/7-14/08*	39	31	24	4	1
7/31-8/5/08* CBS	37	32	25	5	1
8/15-19/08*	39	32	25	4	1
9/12-16/08*	45	35	16	3	1
9/21-24/08*	43	30	22	4	1
9/27-30/08* CBS	48	32	17	3	1
10/3-5/08* CBS	46	34	16	3	1
10/10-13/08*	50	32	15	2	-
10/19-22/08*	52	31	15	2	1
10/25-29/08*	51	34	13	2	-
10/31-11/2/08* CBS	50	35	12	1	2
12/4-8/08 CBS	55	12	24	7	2
1/11-15/09	60	9	22	8	1

8. Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Joe Biden yet to have an opinion?

		Not		Haven't	
	Favorable	Fav	Undecided	heard enough	Refused
5/5-6/87	3	3	14	84	
9/21-22/87	3	16	14	67	
10/18-22/87	8	15	13	62	2
1/1-3/07 CBS	9	14	20	57	
9/14-16/07 CBS	9	15	19	56	1
8/15-20/08	13	12	18	54	2
9/12-16/08*	38	17	17	28	-
9/21-24/08*	33	17	18	32	-
9/27-30/08* CBS	34	19	14	32	-
10/3-5/08* CBS	40	19	18	22	1
10/10-13/08*	43	21	16	19	-
10/19-22/08*	43	20	18	19	-
10/25-29/08*	43	25	13	18	-
1/11-15/09	36	13	18	32	1

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

	Optimistic	Pess	simistic	DK/NA
12/4-8/08 CBS	75		17	8
1/11-15/09	79		16	5
HISTORICAL TREND:				
	Optimistic	Pessimistic	Both/Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
George W. Bush				
1/14-18/05	58	36		6
1/15-17/01 CBS	64	28		8
Bill Clinton				
1/14-17/97	66	28		6
1/12-14/93	70	21		9
George H.W. Bush				
1/12-15/89	68	23		9
Ronald Reagan				
1/26-29/81	69	13	4	14
Jimmy Carter				
1/7-13/77	70	13	10	7

11. What kind of President do you think Barack Obama will be - a very good President, a good President, an average President, or a poor President?

12/4-8/08 CBS 1/11-15/09	Very good 29 <b>28</b>	Good 34 <b>40</b>	l	Average 23 <b>20</b>	Pc	oor 7 <b>4</b>	DK/NA 7 <b>7</b>
HISTORICAL TREND:	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	DK/NA		
George W. Bush 1/15-17/01 CBS	14	29	42	12	3		

12. Do you think of Barack Obama as more of a liberal, moderate, or a conservative?

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	DK/NA
10/25-29/08*	57	28	8	7
1/11-15/09	40	34	13	13

13. What is the single most important thing you would like to see Barack Obama accomplish in the next four years as President?

	1/11-15/09
Economy/improve the economy/end recession	39
Create jobs in the U.S.	11
Iraq war/end Iraq war	10
Provide health insurance for all/health insurance plan	8
Make the U.S. better (general)	5
Foreign policy/change foreign policy	2
National security/keep country safe	2
Bring bipartisanship to Washington/End gridlock	2
New energy policy/end dependency on foreign oil/alternative for	uels <b>1</b>
Pass economic stimulus package	1
War in Afghanistan/improve situation in Afghanistan/end war	1
Improve U.S. image in the world	1
Should CUT taxes	1
Help the middle class/average folks	1
End Washington corruption/more open gov't	1
Should RAISE taxes	-
End/stop bailouts of corporations/big business/accountability	-
More regulation of big business/corporations	-
End G.W. Bush/Republican policies	-
Everything	-
Nothing	-
Other	9
DK/NA	4

14. Regardless of how you voted, what worries you most about Barack Obama being President?

	1/11-15/09
Inexperienced	12
Won't finish his term/something might happen to him	12
Can't deliver on promises	5
Race related answers	5
Too liberal/ not moderate/ not conservative enough	4
Foreign policy/handling of	3
Iraq war policy/won't end war	2
Too young/his age	1
His cabinet appointments/his administration	1
Economic policy/won't fix economy	1
National security concern/terrorist attack	1
Will RAISE taxes/taxes	1
Will increase deficit/debt	1
Congress/gridlock in Congress	1
He's a Muslim	1
Pro-choice/not pro-life	1
Stance on the issues (generally)	1
His Tax CUT plan	-
Not tough enough	-
Policies too vague/not specific	-
He's a Democrat	-
Patriotism/Not patriotic	-
Doesn't share values	-
Everything	-
Nothing	7
Other	15
DK/NA	25

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

1/92A 1/92B 2/02D	Very Good - 1 1	Fairly good 17 20 16	Fairly bad 47 46 38	Very bad 35 32 42	DK/NA 1 1 2	6/18-20/02 CBS 7/13-16/02	Very good 3 2	Fairly good 56 47 42	bad 30 36	Very bad 9 13	DK/NA 2 2 2
2/92A 2/92B	1	16	40	41	1	7/22-23/02 CBS 8/6-7/02 CBS	3 2	45	39 38	14 13	2
3/92	1	18	39	40	1	9/2-5/02	3	47	36	14	1
4/92	1	23	40	34	1	10/3-6/02	4	39	42	14	2
7/92	-	21	41	37	1	10/27-31/02	1	44	38	15	1
8/92A	1	20	40	38	1	11/20-24/02	2	46	37	13	2
9/92A	1	19	37	39	3	1/4-6/03 CBS	1	40	43	14	2
10/92A	1	18	42	37	2	1/19-22/03	1	42	43	12	1
10/92C	2	21	40	37	1	2/10-12/03	2	37	42	18	2
10/92D	2	21	40	36	2	3/20-24/03	3	47	33	15	2
10/92E	1	22	39	36	2	4/11-13/03	2	48	36	10	3
12/92	1	31	39	28	2	5/9-12/03	2	42	41	14	1
1/93	1	34	41	22	2	9/28-10/1/03	4	39	37	19	1
2/93	2	33	36	26	3	10/20-21/03 CBS	3	42	36	18	1
3/93	1	33	41	22	2	12/10-13/03	4	52	30	13	1
6/93A	1	29	43	25	2	12/14-15/03	5	50	28	13	4
6/93B	1	33	40	23	2	1/12-15/04	3	51	34	11	1
8/93	3	28	45	23	1	3/10-14/04	2	47	34	15	2
9/93	1	31	44	23	1	4/23-27/04	4	51	30	15	1
11/93	2	40	38	18	2	5/20-23/04 CBS	5	47	31	16	1
12/93	1	43	39	15	2	6/23-27/04	4	54	30	11	1
12/93	1	43	39	15	2	8/15-18/04 CBS	5	47	32	15	1
1/94	2	45	38	14	1	9/12-16/04	3	51	31	12	2
1/94	1	49	34	14	1	10/1-3/04	6	49	29	16	1
2/94	2	50	34	12	2	10/14-17/04	3	49	32	13	2
4/94	3	51	33	$\begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 11 \end{array}$	2	11/18-21/04	4	50	30	14	1
6/94	3	51	32		3	2/24-28/05	4	53	29	13	1
7/94	3	50	35	11	1	6/10-15/05	4	50	32	13	1
9/94	2	51	33	13	2	7/29-8/2/05 CBS	7	50	31	11	1
9/94	3	50	34	11	2	9/9-13/05	4	45	33	17	1
11/94	2	53	33	10	1	10/30-11/1/05 C	BS 3	44	35	16	2
1/95	3	57	28	11	1	12/2-6/05	6	49	29	14	1
2/95	5	53	29	12	2	1/5-8/06 CBS	6	48	32	13	1
3/95	3	52	29	13	3	1/20-25/06	6	51	29	13	1
7/95	3	58	26	11	2	2/22-26/06 CBS	5	45	33	15	2
10/95	3	54	32	10	1	3/9-12/06 CBS	4	51	29	14	2
12/95	4	54	27	13	2	4/6-9/06 CBS	7	45	30	17	1
1/96	2	49	33	14	2	4/28-30/06 CBS	8	49	27	14	2
2/96	3	50	30	15	3	5/4-8/06	6	47	31	15	1
6/96	2	53	32	11	2	7/21-25/06	5	46	34	13	1
6/96B	4	56	30	9	1	8/17-21/06	5	47	32	15	1
7/96	5	56	27	10		9/15-19/06	5	51	30	13	1
8/96	5 5	58	23	10	3 1	10/5-8/06	7	53 50	28	11	1 3
9/96 10/96	5	64 66	23 19	7 6	2	10/27-31/06 12/8-10/06 CBS	8	50	26 26	13 13	3
10/96C	6	61	21	10	3	1/1-3/07 CBS	8	50	26	14	2
11/96	6	64	21	6	2	1/18-21/07 CBS	7	51	31	10	1
12/96	6	61	22	8	3	2/8-11/07 CBS	8	52	27	12	1
1/97	7	64	23	5	1	2/23-27/07	7	55	25	10	3
4/97	6	62	24	7	1	3/7-11/07	8	47	33	11	1
7/97	11	62	18	8	1	4/9-12/07 CBS	8	51	28	11	2
11/97	14	63	16	5	2	5/18-23/07	7	48	29	14	1
12/97	17	63	15	4	2	7/9-17/07	9	46	30	13	2
1/98	16	67	13	3	1	8/8-12/07 CBS	7	45	32	14	2
2/98	21	67	9	3	1	9/4-8/07	4	51	30	15	1
8/11-13/98		66	8	3	2	10/12-16/07 CBS	5	45	33	16	1
8/19-20/98		61	9	3	2	12/5-9/07	3	39	39	18	1
10/98A	16	65	15	3	2	1/9-12/08	3	35	42	19	2
10/98B	16	68	11	3	2	1/30-2/2/08 CBS	2	26	44	27	1
2/00	28	60	8	3	1	2/20-24/08	2	27	45	25	1
5/00	29	58	7	4	2	3/15-18/08 CBS	1	24	42	34	1
9/00D*	26	64	7	2	1	3/28-4/2/08	1	20	48	30	
10/00	25	60	9	4	3	4/25-29/08	-	22	41	36	1
11/00	26	63	7	3	2	5/1-3/08	1	15	40	43	1
12/00 CBS	21	65	10	3	1	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	1	19	45	33	2
1/01 CBS 3/8-12/01	14 6	70 68	11 19	4 5	1	7/7-14/08 7/31-8/5/08 CBS	1 1	18 16	45 40	35 43	1
4/01B CBS	3	58	29	7	3	8/15-19/08	1	17	41	41	-
5/01 CBS 6/14-18/01	4	64 67	23 22	7 6	2 2	9/12-16/08 9/21-24/08	2	20 17	39 34	39 46	- 2
9/20-23/01	3	50	33	11	2	9/27-30/08 CBS	-	10	37	52	1
10/25-28/0 12/07-10/0	1 3	53 52	33 35	9 8	2 2	10/3-5/08 CBS 10/10-13/08	1 -	10 11	34 38	55 50	-
1/5-6/02 C		49	36	8	4	10/19-22/08	-	13	35	51	-
1/15-17/020		49	36	11	2	10/25-29/08	1	10	41	48	1
1/21-24/02	2	50 52	36 38	10 7	1 2	12/4-8/08 CBS	1 1 1	8 6	37 30	54 62	_
2/24-26/020 5/13-14/020		62	27	7	-	1/11-15/09	Ŧ	0	50	02	-

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

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA		Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
1/92A	8	47	44	1	7/13-16/02	14	41	44	2
1/92B	9	45	44	1	10/3-5/02	13	39	46	2
2/92B	13	38	48	1	10/27-31/02	17	34	48	1
3/92	20	26	53	1	11/20-24/02	19	30	50	2
4/92	18	31	50	1	1/19-22/03	17	39	44	1
7/92	12	33	54	1	4/11-13/03	17	31	49	2
8/92A	10	36	53	1	5/9-12/03	22	28	49	1
9/92A	10	33	55	2	7/13-27/03	22	31	46	1
10/92A	9	38	51	1	8/26-28/03 CBS	25	31	43	1
10/92C	12	37	49	2	9/28-10/1/03	24	29	46	1
10/92D	17	33	48	2	12/10-13/03	34	24	41	1
10/92E	17	32	49	2	12/14-15/03	39	19	39	2
12/92	29	17	51	3	1/12-15/04	34	26	39	1
1/93	26	18	55	1	2/12-15/04 CBS	33	20	39	1
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2/93	32	15	51		3/10-14/04	28	27	43	
3/93	21	19	58	2	4/23-27/04	30	26	44	1
6/93A	13	26	60	1	5/20-23/04 CBS	23	32	43	2
8/93 CBS	12	30	56	2	6/23-27/04	28	23	47	1
9/93	14	26	58	1	9/12-16/04	26	27	45	2
11/93	19	24	57	1	9/12-16/04	26	27	45	2
1/94	31	17	57	1	10/14-17/04	24	33	42	1
4/94	24	25	50	1	11/18-21/04	26	29	44	1
7/94	22	21	56	1	1/14-18/05	25	29	45	1
9/94	23	27	50	1	2/24-28/05	23	30	46	1
11/94	20	26	53	1	6/10-15/05	18	36	45	2
1/95 CBS	24	22	53	1	7/29-8/2/05 CBS	20	32	47	1
2/95	27	20	53	1	9/9-13/05	13	47	38	2
3/95	18	27	53	2	10/30-11/1/05 CBS		40	44	
8/95	14	27	58	1	12/2-6/05	19	35	45	1
10/95	13	27	57	2	1/5-8/06 CBS	20	37	43	-
2/95	16	26	56	2	1/20-25/06	17	38	44	1
1/96	13	31	54	2	3/9-12/06	13	39	47	1
2/96	14	29	55	2	5/4-8/06	14	47	39	1
4/96	14	32	53	2	7/21-25/06	12	47	41	1
6/96	13	29	57	1	9/15-19/06	17	36	46	1
6/96 NYT	18	22	58	1	10/5-8/06	19	31	49	1
9/96	23	21	54	2	10/27-31/06	16	38	44	
7/96	16	27	55	2	2/8-11/07 CBS	15	34	49	2
8/96C	17	23	57	3	2/23-27/07	11	35	51	2
10/96	26	19	53	2	4/9-12/07 CBS	11	44	44	1
11/96	24	19	55	2	5/18-23/07	11	43	44	2
12/96	19	21	57	2	7/9-17/07	12	41	45	2
1/97	24	19	56	1	9/4-8/07	8	49	43	1
4/97	16	25	57	1	10/12-16/07 CBS	9	45	44	2
11/97 CBS	23	19	55	3	12/5-9/07	5	53	40	2
12/97	29	18	51	2	1/9-12/08	4	62	33	1
1/98	32	13	55	1	1/30-2/2/08 CBS	6	67	26	1
10/98A	20	26	53	2	2/20-24/08	3	63	32	1
10/98B	23	21	53	2	3/15-18/08 CBS	2	75	21	2
2/00	30	15	52	2	3/28-4/2/08	4	70	25	1
1/01 CBS	11	39	49	1	4/25-29/08	4	70	24	1
2/01 CBS	8	46	44	2	5/30-6/3/08 CBS	3	69	27	1
3/8-12/01	7	41	49	2	7/7-14/08	3	67	29	1
4/01 CBS	, 9	48	41	2	9/12-16/08	6	61	32	1
5/01 CBS	10	40 44	44	2	9/21-24/08	2	70	26	2
6/14-18/01	9	40	50	1	9/27-30/08 CBS	2	76	20	2
9/20-23/01	8	55	35	2	10/3-5/08 CBS	3	75	21	1
10/25-28/01		37	46	2	10/10-13/08	5	67	26	2
12/07-10/01		34	45	2	10/19-22/08	11	57	30	2
1/5-6/02 CE		27	44	3	10/25-29/08	8	57	32	3
1/21-24/02	18	33	48	1	12/4-8/08 CBS	8	60	29	3
5/13-14/020	BS 31	18	51	-	1/11-15/08	7	54	37	2

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

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

VARIED WORDING:

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

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

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

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

22. How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about the war in Iraq - are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	
C	onfident	confident	confident	confident	DK/NA
2/20-24/08*	20	37	21	19	3
9/12-16/08*	26	26	19	27	1
9/21-24/08*	26	30	24	18	2
9/27-30/08* CBS	25	28	20	26	1
10/3-5/08* CBS	25	27	18	27	3
10/19-22/08*	28	28	20	23	2
12/4-8/08 CBS	28	41	17	12	2
1/11-15/09	30	42	16	8	3

23. How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about the war in the Middle East - are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	
	Confident	confident	confident	confident	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	22	46	19	8	4

24. How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions when it comes to protecting the country from a terrorist attack - are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	
	Confident	confident	confident	confident	DK/NA
9/21-24/08*	28	32	20	17	3
12/4-8/08 CBS	29	43	16	10	2
1/11-15/09	35	41	15	6	3

25. By the end of Barack Obama's term in office, do you expect the economy to be better than it is today, worse than it is today, or about the same?

	Better	Worse	Same	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	75	5	17	2

26. Do you think Barack Obama will or will not create a significant number of new jobs in the next four years?

	Will	Will not	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	75	17	8

27. Do you think Barack Obama will or will not cut taxes for the middle class?

	Will	Will not	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	59	30	11

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

	Six months	A year	Two years	More than 2 years	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	5	25	33	35	3

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

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

30. How long do you think it will take the Obama Administration to make real progress on providing affordable health care to all Americans – a year, two years, four years, more than four years, or won't they be able to?

	1 year	2 years	4 years	More than 4 years	Won't be able to	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	9	26	20	18	22	4

31. How long do you think it will take the Obama Administration to make real progress in ending the war in Iraq – a year, two years, four years, more than four years, or won't they be able to?

	1 year	2 years	4 years	More than 4 years	Won't be able to	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	22	39	15	11	7	5

32. How closely have you been following news about the people Barack Obama has selected for positions in his administration? Have you been following that very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	DK/NA
12/4-8/08 CBS	34	47	15	4	
1/11-15/09	19	52	22	7	-

33. From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the Cabinet selections Barack Obama has made so far?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
12/4-8/08 CBS	72	12	16
1/11-15/09	71	12	16

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush has handled his job as President over the last eight years?

1/11-15/09	Approve <b>22</b>	Disapprov <b>73</b>	e DK/NA <b>6</b>			
HISTORICAL TREND:						
Bill Clinton 1/15-17/01 CBS	Approve Di 68	sapprove DK/NA 30	2			
Do you approve or disapprove	e of the way George	Bush has handled h	is job as President during	y the last	four year	s?
George H.W. Bush 1/12-15/89	54	40	6		1	
Do you approve or disapprove	e of the way Ronald	Reagan has handled	his job as President sind	ce 1981?		
Ronald Reagan 1/12-15/89	68	26	6			
Do you approve or disapprove	e of the way Jimmy	Carter has handled l	his job as President?			
Jimmy Carter 1/26-29/81	44	44	12			
Do you approve or disapprove	e of the way George	W. Bush is handling	g his job as President?			
	Dis-				Dis-	
2/10-12/01 CBS	Approve approv 53 21	e DK/NA 26	11/18-21/04	Approve 51	approve 44	DK/NA 5
3/8-12/01	60 22	18	1/14-18/05	49	46	5
4/4-5/01 CBS 5/10-12/01 CBS	53 35 57 30	12 13	2/24-28/05 3/9-14/05 NYT	49 46	44 45	7 10
6/14-18/01	53 34 50 38	13 12	4/13-16/05 CBS	44 46	51 48	5
8/28-31/01 CBS 9/11-12/01 CBS	50 38 72 15	12 13	5/20-24/05 CBS 6/10-15/05	46 42	48 51	6 7
9/13-14/01	84 9	8	7/13-14/05 CBS	45	50	5
9/20-23/01 10/8-9/01 CBS	89 7 90 6	5 4	7/29-8/2/05 CBS 8/29-31/05 CBS	45 41	46 51	9 8
10/25-28/01 12/7-10/01	87 8	5	9/6-7/05 CBS	42	52	6
1/5-6/02 CBS	86 9 84 10	4 6	9/9-13/05 10/3-5/05 CBS	41 37	53 58	6 5
1/15-17/02 CBS	82 11	7	10/30-11/1/05 CBS	35	57	8
1/21-24/02 2/24-26/02 CBS	82 12 78 14	6 8	12/2-6/05 1/5-8/06 CBS	40 41	53 52	7 7
4/1-2/02 CBS 4/28-5/1/02	77 17 73 18	6 9	1/20-25/06 2/22-26/06 CBS	42 34	51 59	7 7
5/13-14/02 CBS	77 16	7	3/9-12/06 CBS	34	57	9
5/19-20/02 CBS 6/18-20/02 CBS	71 18 70 20	11 10	4/6-9/06 CBS 4/28-30/06 CBS	37 33	56 58	7 2
7/8-9/02 CBS	74 19	6	5/4-8/06	31	63	6
7/13-16/02 7/22-23/02 CBS	70 20 65 27	9 8	6/10-11/06 CBS 7/21-25/06	33 36	60 55	7 9
8/6-7/02 CBS	66 25	9	8/11-13/06 CBS	36	57	7
9/2-5/02 9/22-23/02 CBS	63 28 66 27	9 7	8/17-21/06 9/15-19/06	36 37	57 56	7 7
10/3-6/02 10/27-31/02	63 29 62 28	8 10	10/5-8/06 10/27-31/06	34 34	60 58	5 7
11/20-24/02	65 27	9	11/12-13/06 CBS	34	61	5
1/4-6/03 CBS 1/19-22/03	64 28 59 35	8 6	12/8-10/06 CBS 1/1-3/07 CBS	31 30	63 63	6 7
2/5-6/03 CBS	63 28	9	1/18-21/07 CBS	28	64	8
2/10-12/03 2/24-25/03 CBS	54 38 56 35	8	2/8-11/07 CBS 2/23-27/07	32 29	59 61	9 10
3/4-5/03 CBS	58 32	10	3/7-11/07	34	58	8
3/7-9/03 3/15-16/03 CBS	56 37 59 34	6 7	3/26-27/07 CBS 4/9-12/07 CBS	30 31	64 61	6 8
3/17/03 CBS 3/20/03 PANEL	64 31 67 21	5 2	4/20-24/07	32	61	7 7
3/20/03 PANEL 3/20-21/03	67 31 67 26	7	5/18-23/07 6/26-28/07 CBS	30 27	63 65	8
3/22/03 3/23/03	68 26 71 23	6 6	7/9-17/07 7/20-22/07	29 30	64 62	8 8
3/24/03	70 26	5	8/8-12/07 CBS	29	65	6
3/20-24/03 3/26-27/03 CBS	69 25 68 26	6 6	9/4-8/07 10/12-16/07 CBS	30 30	64 61	6 9
4/2-3/03 CBS	67 26	7	12/5-9/07	28	65	8
4/11-13/03 4/26-27/03 CBS	73 21 67 24	6 9	1/9-12/08 1/30-2/2/08 CBS	29 27	62 65	8 8
5/9-12/03	67 26	7	2/20-24/08	30	64	6
7/13-27/03 8/26-28/03 CBS	54 41 55 37	5	3/15-18/08 CBS 3/28-4/2/08	29 28	64 64	7 8
9/15-16/03 CBS	52 39	9	4/25-4/29/08	28	65	8
9/28-10/1/03 10/20-21/03 CBS	51 42 54 36	7 10	5/1-3/08 5/30-6/3/08 CBS	28 25	63 67	9 8
11/10-12/03 CBS	50 42	8	7/7-14/08	28	65	7
12/14-15/03 1/12-15/04	58 33 50 45	9 5	7/31-8/5/08 CBS 8/15-20/08	25 28	66 65	9 7
2/12-15/04 CBS	50 42	8	9/12-16/08	27	68	5
2/24-27/04 CBS 3/10-14/04	47 44 51 42	9 6	9/21-24/08 9/27-30/08 CBS	26 22	66 70	8 8
3/30-4/1/04 CBS	49 44	7	10/3-5/08 CBS	22	70	8
4/23-27/04 5/20-23/04 CBS	46 47 41 52	8 7	10/10-13/08 10/19-22/08	24 22	66 72	10 6
6/23-27/04	42 51	7	10/25-29/08	22	70	8
7/11-15/04 8/15-18/04 CBS	45 48 46 45	7 9				
9/12-16/04 CBS	50 42	8				
9/20-22/04 CBS 10/1-3/04	48 44 47 43	8 10				
10/14-17/04	44 48	8				
10/28-30/04	49 44	7				

37. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush has handled the economy during the last eight years?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	17	77	6

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush has handled the situation with Iraq during the last eight years?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	25	71	4

39. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush has handled the campaign against terrorism during the last eight years?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	47	48	4

40. Is your opinion of George W. Bush favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about George W. Bush yet to have an opinion?

		Not		Haven't heard	
	Favorable	Favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
4/99 CBS	40	13	23	24	
6/99 CBS*	38	17	22	22	1
7/99 CBS*	32	16	21	30	1
9/99 CBS*	31	17	24	27	1
10/99 CBS*	27	19	30	24	
11/99*	34	24	25	17	-
12/99* CBS	37	26	21	16	-
2/00*	32	33	22	12	1
3/00* CBS	42	32	20	5	1
4/00* CBS	35	30	21	12	2
5/00*	40	28	21	10	1
7/00*	40	29	18	13	1
7/00B*	44	26	19	10	1
8/00* CBS	48	22	17	12	1
8/00* CBS	45	27	17	10	1
9/00A*	42	28	19	9	1
9/00D*	43	30	19	9	-
10/00* CBS	44	30	16	8	2
10/00*	49	30	14	5	2
10/00* CBS	48	33	12	5	2
11/00*	48	32	14	5	1
11/00L*	45	36	13	4	2
1/15-17/01 CBS	44	30	17	8	1
2/10-12/01 CBS	42	24	16	16	2
3/8-12/01	42	19	17	21	-
4/4-5/01 CBS	40	29	13	17	1
4/23-25/01 CBS	41	26	18	13	2
6/14-18/01	37	29	16	18	-
8/28-31/01 CBS	40	29	17	13	1
7/13-16/02	64	21	13	2	1
11/20-24/02	55	25	14	6	1
7/13-27/03	46	32	17	5	1
8/26-28/03 CBS	46	32	16	4	2
9/28-10/1/03	43	34	13	8 4	2
12/10-13/03 12/14-15/03	44 48	35 31	17 17	3	1
1/12-15/04	40	38	16	4	1
3/10-14/04	41	37	18	3	2
3/10-14/04*	43	39	15	2	1
3/30-4/1/04*	39	42	16	2	1
4/23-27/04*	38	43	18	1	_
5/20-23/04* CBS	36	47	15	1	1
6/23-27/04*	39	45	15	1	1
7/11-15/04*	41	45	12	1	1
8/15-18/04* CBS	43	44	11	2	
9/12-16/04*	47	38	14	1	1
9/20-22/04* CBS	46	38	14	1	1
10/1-3/04*	44	44	10	1	1
10/14-17/04*	43	45	11	1	1
10/28-30/04*	48	42	8	1	1
11/18-21/04*	49	39	10	2	-
1/14-18/05	44	40	14	2	1
10/30-11/1/05 CBS	33	51	12	3	1
12/2-6/05	38	46	11	4	1
1/20-25/06	37	48	13	1	-
5/4-8/06	29	55	13	3	1
7/21-25/06	32	50	15	1	1
10/5-8/06	34	52	11	3	1
1/18-21/07 CBS	27	56	14	2	1
2/8-11/07 CBS	32	50	15	2	1
3/7-11/07	30	55	13	2	1
1/11-15/09	26	60	11	2	1

41. Overall, what kind of President do you think George W. Bush has been - a very good President, a good President, an average President, or a poor President?

1/11-15/09	Very good 5	Go 1		Average 33	Poor <b>50</b>	DK/NA -
HISTORICAL TREND:	Very good	Good	Average	Poor		
1/15-17/01 CBS George H.W. Bush	21	38	30	11		
1/12-14/93	7	33	48	12		

42. Is your opinion of Dick Cheney favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Dick Cheney yet to have an opinion?

		Not		Haven't heard	
	Favorable	Favorable	Undecided	enough	Refused
8/00* CBS	30	13	14	42	1
8/00* CBS	31	13	15	40	1
9/00A*	30	15	17	38	-
9/00D*	29	16	16	38	1
10/00* CBS	41	15	16	28	
10/00*	43	13	13	29	2
11/00L*	38	17	18	26	1
1/15-17/01 CBS	37	17	17	28	1
3/8-12/01	34	11	17	38	-
4/23-25/01 CBS	36	14	19	30	1
6/14-18/01	27	14	15	44	1
1/21-24/02	39	11	21	28	1
7/13-16/02	36	19	25	19	1
1/12-15/04	20	24	18	38	1
3/10-14/04	27	24	24	23	2
4/23-27/04	26	29	22	22	2
6/23-27/04	21	28	22	28	1
7/11-15/04*	28	37	17	17	1
8/15-18/04* CBS	29	37	14	19	1
9/12-16/04*	32	33	16	18	1
9/20-22/04* CBS	36	32	15	17	
10/1-3/04*	36	36	10	18	
10/9-11/04* CBS	38	36	12	14	
10/14-17/04*	39	36	14	11	1
1/14-18/05	28	33	16	22	1
10/30-11/1/05 CBS		44	15	21	1
12/2-6/05	20	41	18	20	1
1/20-25/06	23	41	17	18	-
5/4-8/06	20	49	19	12	-
7/21-25/06	20	44	20	16	-
10/5-8/06	20	48	16	16	-
1/18-21/07 CBS	16	48	21	15	
2/8-11/07 CBS	21	43	20	16	-
3/7-11/07	18	48	19	14	1
5/18-23/07	13	39	23	24	1
1/11-15/09	13	44	22	20	1

45. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to raise income taxes on households and businesses that make more than \$200,000 a year in order to help provide health insurance for people who are not covered by health insurance?

	Good idea	Bad idea	DK/NA
10/19-22/08 <sup>1</sup>	62	33	5
1/11-15/09	60	33	8

1 Question read "...make more than \$250,000 a year ..."

47. **ASKED OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "GOOD IDEA" TO QUESTION 45:** What if raising taxes on upper income people hurts the economy. Then, would you favor or oppose raising income taxes on households and businesses that make more than \$200,000 a year?

	Favor	Oppose	Depends(vol.)	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	26	28	3	3

48. When it comes to the availability of good jobs for American workers, some say that America's best years are behind us. Others say that the best times are yet to come. What do you think?

	Best years	behind	Best yet to com	e DK/NA
3/26-29/92	49		42	9
12/3-6/95 NYT	49		40	11
9/2-4/96	41		48	11
10/10-13/96	44		46	10
10/30-11/2/96	44		46	10
12/8-11/96 NY	Г 44		46	10
3/28-4/2/08	48		43	9
1/11-15/09	35		57	8

49. What is the biggest financial concern facing you and your family right now?

Unemployment/job security	1/11-15/09 21
Everyday bills/just getting by providing for family Heathcare/medical expenses	12 10
Retirement	6
Education/College tuition	6
Housing costs/Mortgage Savings/investments	5 5
Gas prices/Transportation	3
Taxes	3
Debt/paying loans/bankruptcy Food prices/groceries	3
Utilities/heating	1
Everything	-
Nothing / no concern	12
Other	6
DK/NA	5

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

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

51. How concerned are you about being able to pay your housing costs - very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not very concerned or not at all concerned?

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	24	36	19	22	-

52. As you may know, in many areas of the country, home values have declined over the last year. How much has the decline in home values affected you personally -a lot, some, not much or not at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all	DK/NA
9/21-24/08	24	21	17	37	-
1/11-15/09	17	22	23	38	1

53. Do you think the federal government should provide financial help to homeowners who are having trouble repaying their mortgages because their rates went up or shouldn't the federal government do this?

	Should	Should not	DK/NA
9/22-24/08	58	34	8
9/27-30/08 CBS	60	35	б
10/3-5/08 CBS	54	37	9
10/10-13/08	52	38	10
12/4-8/08 CBS	60	34	б
1/11-15/09	51	38	11

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

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

55. Thinking about your household's financial future – do you feel very secure about your household's financial future, somewhat secure, not very secure, or do you feel not at all secure about your household's financial future?

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	DK/NA
1/14-18/05	24	54	12	9	1
8/15-19/08	22	52	19	7	1
10/19-22/08	19	49	18	12	1
12/4-8/08 CBS	23	50	16	10	1
1/11-15/09	15	60	14	10	-

56. Do you think of investment in the stock market as generally a safe investment or generally a risky investment?

	Generally safe	Generally risky	Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
5/19-21/98 CBS	28	63		9
5/10-13/00	26	67	1	5
8/28-31/01 CBS	18	77		5
7/22-23/02 CBS	21	73		б
6/10-15/05	21	74		б
12/8-10/06	27	66		8
3/28-4/2/08	22	73		5
12/4-8/08 CBS	18	79		3
1/19-22/08	17	78		5

57. Do you personally, or jointly with a spouse, have any money invested in the stock market right now - either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund, including IRAs and 401-K plans, or don't you?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	59	40	1

60. **ASKED OF THOSE WITH MONEY IN THE STOCK MARKET:** In the past year, did you make money on those investments or lose money on those investments? IF LOST MONEY, ASK: Do you consider the money you lost to be significant, or not significant?

	Made money	Lost money, significant	Lost money, not significant	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	9	32	12	6

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

	Currently	Temporarily	Not in the		
	employed	out of work	market for work	Retired	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	58	12	14	17	-

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

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

65. Do you personally have any close friends or relatives who have filed for bankruptcy or have had a foreclosure during the past year, or not?

	Yes	No	DK/NA
3/28-4/2/08	22	78	-
1/11-15/09	27	73	-

66. Let's say you wanted to make some large purchase in the next few months, like a new car. Would it be easy or a hardship for you to make payments on it?

	Easy	Hardship	Both/Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
4/3-7/78	23	65	8	4
1/11-15/09	28	63	4	4

67. As a result of what has happened to the economy lately, have you postponed making a major purchase, seriously considered doing so, or not seriously considered doing so?

	Postponed major purchase	Seriously considered	Not seriously	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	34	12	51	2

68. As a result of what has happened to the economy lately, have you changed any long-term plans for you or your family, or haven't you? IF YES, ASK: What long-term plans have you changed?

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	1/11-15
Buying a house	7
Changed vacation plans	7
Changed school/college kids going to	4
When to retire	3
Changed financial planning	3
Changed plans for major purchases	3
Change investment plans	2
Changed jobs	-
Went back to work	-
Having a baby	-
Everything	-
Nothing/No changes	64
Other	4
DK/NA	2

69. Do you favor or oppose permitting homosexuals to serve in the military? Do you favor/oppose that strongly or not so strongly?

	Favor	Favor	Oppose	Oppose	
	strongly	not so strongly	strongly	not so strongly	DK/NA
2/9-11/93	21	21	29	13	15
1/11-15/09	46	21	11	б	15

70. What if they openly announce their sexual orientation? In that case would you favor or oppose permitting homosexuals to serve in the military?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	62	26	12

71. Often there are trade-offs or sacrifices people must make in deciding what is important to them. Generally speaking, when a trade-off has to be made, which is more important to you - stimulating the economy or protecting the environment?

	Economy	Environment	Both(vol.)	Neither(vol.)	DK/NA
5/27-30/92 CBS	39	46	11	1	3
9/9-13/92	45	44		3	8
4/20-24/07	36	52	8	-	4
1/11-15/09	58	33	8		2

72. Would you approve or disapprove of the federal government passing a \$775 billion dollar economic stimulus package in order to try to help the economy?

	Approve	Disapprove	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	63	24	13

73. Barack Obama and his advisors as well as members of Congress have said the nation's economy is in such bad shape that a stimulus package of about \$775 billion dollars is necessary to keep the economy from getting worse. From what you have heard or read, do you mostly agree or disagree that a large stimulus package is needed in order to keep the economy from getting worse?

	Agree	Disagree	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	69	23	9

74. Based on what you have heard or read about the stimulus package so far, do you think it is about what is needed to stimulate the economy, does it go too far, or does it not go far enough?

	About what is needed	Goes too far	Doesn't go far enough	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	28	23	28	21

75. In response to the current economic crisis, do you think Congress will move too quickly, will move too slowly, or will move at about the right pace?

	Too quickly	Too slowly	Right pace	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	13	42	39	6

76. From what you have seen or heard about the situation in Iraq, what should the United States do NOW - should the U.S. increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, keep the same number of U.S. troops in Iraq as there are now, decrease the number of U.S. troops in Iraq, or remove all its troops from Iraq?

	Increase	Keep same	Decrease	Remove all	DK/NA
8/26-28/03 CBS <sup>1</sup>	22	41	31		б
9/28-10/1/03 <sup>1</sup>	20	34	39		7
7/13-14/05 CBS <sup>1</sup>	15	32	45		8
7/29-8/2/05 CBS <sup>1</sup>	15	31	46		8
8/29-31/05 CBS	14	25	26	29	б
9/6-7/05 CBS	11	23	25	33	7
9/9-13/05	10	26	27	32	5
12/2-6/05	11	24	32	28	б
3/9-12/06 CBS	10	25	30	29	6
4/6-9/06 CBS	12	25	30	27	6
10/5-8/06	17	21	26	30	6
10/27-31/06	16	27	26	24	6
12/8-10/06 CBS	18	18	34	25	5
1/1-3/07 CBS	18	17	30	29	6
1/18-21/07 CBS	24	16	26	27	7
2/8-11/07 CBS	26	17	23	28	6
3/7-11/07	22	17	28	28	6
4/9-12/07 CBS	21	13	27	33	6
6/26-28/07 CBS	11	17	26	40	6
7/9-17/07	12	18	29	34	7
7/20-22/07	12	15	30	36	7
8/8-12/07 CBS	13	17	31	30	9
9/4-8/07	11	19	35	30	5
9/14-16/07 CBS	б	21	39	29	5
1/11-15/09	3	18	45	28	6

1 QUESTION DID NOT INCLUDE "or remove all its troops from Iraq."

77. **ASKED OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "DECREASE" OR "REMOVE ALL" TO QUESTION 76:** What if removing troops meant Iraq would become a base of operations for terrorists, then would you still favor removing U.S. troops from Iraq, or not?

	Favor removal	Not favor removal	DK/NA
9/4-8/07 <sup>1</sup>	30	30	5
1/11-15/09	31	37	5

1 QUESTION READ: "What if removing troops meant Iraq would become more of a base of operations for terrorists, then would you still favor removing U.S. troops from Iraq, or not?"

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

	Increase	Keep same	Decrease	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	34	28	26	12

79. **ASKED OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "INCREASE" TO QUESTION 78**: What if additional troops in Afghanistan would result in substantially more U.S. casualties? Then would you favor or oppose additional efforts in Afghanistan?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	25	6	3

80. How closely have you been following news about accusations that the Governor of Illinois, Rod Blagojevich, tried to sell Barack Obama's Senate seat in exchange for money or political favors? Have you been following that very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely or not at all?

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	25	42	21	11	1

82. How likely do you think it is that there will be another terrorist attack in the United States within the next few months — very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, not at all likely?

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	Already(vol.)	DK/NA
9/20-23/01	36	42	16	4		2
10/8/01 CBS	46	39	8	3		4
10/25-28/01	53	35	8	2		3
12/7-10/01	23	50	19	5		3
1/5-6/02 CBS	18	47	27	б		2
1/21-24/02	23	48	21	4		3
2/24-26/02 CBS	18	44	29	5		4
4/1-2/02 CBS	28	46	17	5		4
4/15-18/02 CBS	21	46	22	7		4
5/13-14/02 CBS	25	47	21	4		3
5/19-20/02 CBS	33	41	17	б		3
6/18-20/02 CBS	36	45	13	3		3
7/8-9/02 CBS	30	43	22	4		1
7/13-16/02	27	47	20	4		3
9/2-5/02	23	46	23	5		3
10/27-31/02	27	47	15	7		3
11/20-24/02	27	50	15	б		2
1/19-22/03	14	48	28	7		3
2/10-12/03	35	45	14	4		2
2/24-25/03 CBS	23	51	18	б		2
3/4-5/03 CBS	27	48	17	4		4
5/27-28/03 CBS	24	47	22	5		2
8/26-28/03 CBS	15	49	25	8		3
7/11-15/04	24	47	20	7		3
8/15-18/04 CBS	17	50	20	8		5
9/12-16/04	18	48	23	8		4
7/13-14/05 CBS	19	46	25	7		3
7/29-8/2/05 CBS	17	44	28	8		3
8/29-31/05 CBS	9	43	35	7		6
1/20-25/06	10	43	33	11		3
8/11-13/06 CBS	17	47	27	6		3
8/17-21/06	16	43	30	9		2
7/9-17/07	17	40	30	10		2
7/20-22/07	16	41	29	9		6
9/4-9/07	9	39	37	11		4
12/5-9/07	11	29	38	17		4
9/5-7/08 CBS	7	29	43	17		4
12/4-8/08 CBS	9	36	38	15		2
1/11-15/09	5	29	42	21	-	3

83. If it would reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil, would you favor or oppose an increased federal tax on gasoline?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	41	53	6

84. The federal government is giving some of the major U.S. auto companies more than \$13 billion dollars in loans to prevent them from going into bankruptcy. If the U.S. auto companies ask for more money, should the federal government give them additional financial assistance, or not?

	More assistance	No more assistance	Depends	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	20	71	5	3

85. **ASKED OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED "NO MORE ASSISTANCE" TO QUESTION 84**: What if that means that large numbers of people would lose their jobs. Then would you approve or disapprove of providing additional financial help to the U.S. auto companies?

	Favor	Oppose	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	21	45	6

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

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

97. How much have you heard or read about the United States government holding suspected terrorists at the US military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba – a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all? QUESTION ASKED 1/13-15 n=641

	A lot	Some	Not much	Nothing	DK/NA
7/21-25/06	32	37	18	11	2
1/13-15/09	27	37	19	17	1

98. As you may know, for the past five years the United States has been holding a number of suspected terrorists at a U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Based on what you have heard or read, do you think the U.S. should continue to operate the prison, or do you think the U.S. should close the prison and transfer the prisoners somewhere else? *QUESTION ASKED 1/13-15 N=641* 

	Continue to operate	Close it	DK/NA
7/21-25/06	51	34	15
1/13-15/09	48	40	12

99. If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in - upper class, upper-middle class, middle class, working class, or lower class?

	Upper	Upper-middle	Middle	Working	Lower	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	1	13	41	35	9	1

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

				Voted, won't		
	Obama	McCain	Someone else	<pre>say whom(vol.)</pre>	Didn't vote	DK/NA
1/11-15/09*	46	25	3	5	21	1

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

	Yes	No	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	86	14	-

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

	Rent	Buying with mortgage	Entirely paid for	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	21	46	29	4

Are you the parent or guardian of a child under 18 that lives with you?

Yes No DK/NA 1/11-15/09 37 63 -

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 1/11-15/09 28 71 1

What is your religious preference today?

	Protestant	Catholic	Jewish	Other	None	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	51	22	2	6	18	2

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

				Never		
	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated	married	DK/NA
1/11-15/09	57	6	11	2	24	-

Generally speaking,	, do you usual	y consider your	elf a Republican	, a Democrat,	an Independent,	or what?
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2/92A	32	37	27	4			9/00D	28	37	27	8
		33	32	5						30	7
2/92B	30						10/00	29	35		
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	20	34	29	8			9/28-10/1/03	31	32	34	4
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6/93B	31	37		5			12/14-15/03	28	31	35	
9/93	26	36	32	6			1/12-15/04	28	32	33	8 7
11/93	29	38	29	4			3/10-14/04	31	30	32	
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	б			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	б			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
	31	34	29	6				25	35	33	6
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8/96C	30	34	24	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	б
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	б			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
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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/
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
2/92A 2/92B	20	39 43	36 31	6 6	12/7-10/01	20 23	42 39	32 33	2
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	б	9/2-5/02	20	39	36	!
7/92	20	42	32	б	10/3-5/02	18	45	34	
7/92B	21	41	30	8	10/27-31/02	20	38	37	
8/92A	20	45	30	6	11/20-24/02	20	44	30	
8/92D	22	44	27	7	1/19-22/03	19	45	32	
9/92A	19	46	31	4	2/10-12/03	21	41	35	
10/92C	22	39	34	5	3/7-9/03	18	45	35	
10/92D	21	39	33	6	4/11-13/03	19	45	33	
10/92E	21	40	33	6	7/13-27/03	22	40	34	
2/92	20	41	34	5	9/28-10/1/03	19	42	34	
1/93	18	45	32	6	12/10-13/03	20	45	31	
2/93	23	41	31	5	12/14-15/03	19	39	37	
3/93	22	39	34	5	1/12-15/04	20	43	31	
5/93A	21	41	33	5	3/10-14/04	21	40	34	
6/93A	19	43	32	6	4/23-27/04	22	42	30	
				6					
6/93B	19	44	31		6/23-27/04	21	42	32	
9/93	19	43	34	4	7/11-15/04	22	41	34	
11/93	21	41	33	5	9/12-16/04	20	40	36	
1/94	17	44	34	б	10/1-3/04	24	36	35	
2/94	18	41	34	7	10/14-17/04	19	42	33	
3/94	21	38	35	5	10/28-30/04	17	42	35	
4/94	19	42	33	6	11/18-21/04	22	41	33	
9/94	20	42	35	4	1/14-18/05	20	41	33	
9/94 11/94	20	42	35			20			
				4	2/24-28/05		38	35	
12/94	18	40	36	6	6/10-15/05	20	43	33	
2/95	19	39	37	4	9/9-13/05	18	43	34	
4/95	19	42	34	5	12/2-6/05	18	45	32	
8/95	19	40	35	5	1/20-25/06	21	45	30	
9/95	20	39	33	8	5/4-8/06	25	37	34	
12/95	32	35	26	6	7/21-25/06	21	39	36	
12/95	27	33	33	7	8/17-21/06	24	38	33	
10/95	16	44	34	5	9/15-19/06	17	43	35	
12/95	17	46	33	4	10/5-8/06	23	39	34	
12/95	15	46	34	5	10/27-31/06	20	45	30	
1/96	20	42	35	4	2/24-27/07	20	42	33	
2/96	17	45	34	4	3/7-11/07	20	40	36	
4/96	18	47	31	4	4/20-24/07	21	42	33	!
6/96	19	46	29	6	5/18-23/07	20	43	32	!
6/96	16	48	32	4	7/9-17/07	19	44	33	
7/96	20	42	34	3	7/20-22/07	15	48	31	
8/96	17	47	30	6	9/4-8/07	22	42	32	
8/96C	18	43	33	6	12/5-9/07	22	43	31	
9/96	16	44	34	6	1/9-12/08	25	39	32	
10/96	16	47	31	7	2/20-24/08	23	41	29	
10/96C	18	45	32	б	3/28-4/2/08	21	39	34	
11/96	15	48	32	б	4/25-29/08	22	41	33	
12/96	17	40	35	8	5/1-3/08	15	49	32	
1/97	17	46	33	4	7/7-14/08	22	41	32	
4/97	19	42	34	5	8/15-20/08	24	36	35	
12/97	21	42	33	5	9/12-16/08	24	39	33	
	19		33	7					
1/98		40			9/21-24/08	22	38	36	
2/98	21	42	33	4	10/10-13/08	18	49	29	
4/98	18	42	35	5	10/19-22/08	21	39	33	
6/98	20	39	34	7	10/25-29/08	22	38	33	
7/98	20	42	33	5	1/11-15/09	21	43	30	
8/98	21	43	31	5					
9/98	21	41	34	5					
9/98C	21	41	31	6					
10/98B		41	33	5					
12/98	20	41	34	5					
1/99	20	45	30	4					
4/99	19	46	29	6					
11/99	22	43	31	5					
2/00	21	44	31	4					
5/00	21	41	34	4					

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1/11-15/09	Not a H.S. grad <b>9</b>	H.S. grad 33		College grad P <b>17</b>	ost Grad <b>10</b>	Refused -
How old are	you?					
1/11-15/09	18-29 <b>22</b>	30-44 45-64 <b>29 33</b>	Over 64 <b>16</b>			
Are you of H	ispanic ori	gin or descent	, or not?			
1/11-15/09	Hispanic <b>8</b>	Not Hispanio <b>92</b>	C DK/NA -			
Are you whit	e, black, A	sian or some o	ther race?			
1/11-15/09	White <b>79</b>	Black Asian <b>11 1</b>	0ther : <b>8</b>	Refused 1		
\$15,000, bet	ween \$15,00	0 and \$30,000,	or between	n \$30,000 ar	nd \$50,000?	R, ASK: Was it under IF OVER, ASK: Was it over \$100,000?
1/11-15/09		15,000- \$30,0 29,999 \$49,9 <b>15 18</b>				Refused 5

	Male	Female
1/11-15/09	48	52

What was the last grade in school you completed?