



**Interviews with 1,058 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 17-19, 2008. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample also includes 983 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points) and 746 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).**

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2/2a. If Barack Obama and Joe Biden were the Democratic Party's candidates and John McCain and Sarah Palin were the Republican Party's candidates, who would you be more likely to vote for -- Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats, or John McCain and Sarah Palin, the Republicans? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Opinion</u>
<b>Likely Voters</b>					
October 17-19, 2008	51%	46%	1%	*	*
October 3-5, 2008	53%	45%	1%	*	1%
September 19-21, 2008	51%	47%	2%	*	1%
<b>Registered Voters</b>					
October 17-19, 2008	53%	43%	3%	*	*
October 3-5, 2008	56%	42%	2%	*	1%
September 19-21, 2008	51%	46%	2%	*	1%
September 5-7, 2008	48%	48%	3%	1%	*
August 29-31, 2008	49%	48%	2%	*	*
August 23-24, 2008	47%	47%	4%	1%	1%
July 27-29, 2008	51%	44%	4%	1%	*
June 26-29, 2008	50%	45%	4%	*	1%
June 4-5, 2008	49%	46%	4%	*	1%
Apr. 28-30, 2008	49%	45%	3%	*	4%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	47%	46%	5%	1%	1%
Feb. 1-3, 2008	52%	44%	3%	1%	1%
Jan. 9-10, 2008	49%	48%	3%	*	*
Dec. 6-9, 2007	48%	48%	3%	*	1%
June 22-24, 2007	48%	44%	5%	*	3%

*QUESTION WORDING ON AUGUST 23-24 POLL: If Barack Obama and Joe Biden were the Democratic Party's candidates and John McCain were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- Obama and Biden, the Democrats, or McCain and his running mate, the Republicans?*

*QUESTION WORDING POLLS BEFORE AUGUST 23-24 POLL: If Barack Obama were the Democratic Party's candidate and John McCain were the Republican Party's candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for -- Obama, the Democrat, or McCain, the Republican?*

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4/4a. Now suppose that the presidential candidates on the ballot in your state included Barack Obama as the Democratic Party's candidate, John McCain as the Republican candidate, Bob Barr as the Libertarian party candidate, Cynthia McKinney as the Green party candidate and Ralph Nader, who is unaffiliated with a national party, who would you be more likely to vote for? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Barr</u>	<u>McKinney</u>	<u>Nader</u>	<u>None</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Other</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>Opinion</u>
<b>Likely Voters</b>								
Oct. 17-19, 2008	49%	43%	2%	*	3%	1%	*	*
Oct. 3-5, 2008	53%	42%	2%	*	2%	*	*	*
Sept. 19-21, 2008	48%	45%	1%	1%	4%	1%	*	*
<b>Registered Voters</b>								
Oct. 17-19, 2008	51%	40%	1%	1%	4%	1%	*	*
Oct. 3-5, 2008	54%	39%	2%	*	3%	*	*	1%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	48%	44%	2%	1%	4%	1%	*	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	45%	45%	3%	1%	3%	2%	*	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	46%	44%	2%	1%	4%	1%	*	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	44%	44%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	1%
July 27-29, 2008	46%	42%	3%	1%	6%	1%	*	*
June 26-29, 2008	46%	43%	3%	N/A	6%	2%	*	1%
June 4-5, 2008	47%	43%	2%	N/A	6%	1%	*	*

*QUESTION WORDING IN JUNE AND JULY: Now suppose that the presidential candidates on the ballot in your state included Barack Obama as the Democratic Party's candidate, John McCain as the Republican candidate, Bob Barr as the Libertarian party candidate, Cynthia McKinney as the Green party candidate and Ralph Nader as an independent candidate, who would you be more likely to vote for? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward*

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7. Now I'm going to mention a few issues and for each one, please tell me if you think Barack Obama or John McCain would better handle that issue if they were elected President. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b><u>The current financial crisis</u></b>				
<b>Likely Voters</b>				
October 17-19, 2008	53%	39%	8%	*
October 3-5, 2008*	52%	39%	9%	*
<b>Registered Voters</b>				
October 17-19, 2008	53%	38%	9%	*
October 3-5, 2008*	53%	36%	11%	1%
<b><u>Providing help to the middle class</u></b>				
<b>Likely Voters</b>				
October 17-19, 2008	60%	36%	4%	*
<b>Registered Voters</b>				
October 17-19, 2008	63%	32%	5%	*

\*Asked of half sample

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11A. If John McCain were elected president in November, do you think he would mostly carry out the policies of George W. Bush or mostly have policies that are different from those of George W. Bush?

	<u>Mostly Bush Policies</u>	<u>Mostly Different policies</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Likely Voters</b>			
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