



Interviews with 1,046 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on February 18-19, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Approve	67%	76%
Disapprove	29%	23%
No opinion	4%	1%

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

2a. (IF APPROVE) Do you approve strongly, or only moderately?

2b. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove strongly, or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 1, 2a AND 2b COMBINED

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Approve strongly	40%
Approve moderately	27%
Disapprove moderately	10%
Disapprove strongly	19%
No opinion	4%

3. Regardless of whether you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama, do you think he has met your expectations for how he would handle his job as president, or has he exceeded your expectations, or has he fallen short of your expectations?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Met expectations	58%
Exceeded expectations	16%
Fallen short of expectations	23%
No opinion	2%

4. Do you think the policies being proposed by Barack Obama will move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Right direction	67%
Wrong direction	31%
No opinion	2%

5. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 522 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Applies</u>	Does not <u>Apply</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Is a strong and decisive leader			
February 18-19, 2009	80%	19%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	64%	35%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	59%	39%	3%
Can bring the kind of change the country needs			
February 18-19, 2009	69%	29%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	75%	24%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	59%	41%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	56%	42%	2%
Is honest and trustworthy			
February 18-19, 2009	74%	23%	3%
December 19-21, 2008*	72%	26%	2%
Generally agrees with you on issues you care about			
February 18-19, 2009	63%	36%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	68%	31%	1%
Inspires confidence			
February 18-19, 2009	75%	24%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	82%	18%	*

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

5. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 524 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Applies</u>	Does not <u>Apply</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Shares your values			
February 18-19, 2009	67%	32%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	72%	28%	1%
Can end the partisan gridlock in Washington			
February 18-19, 2009	46%	48%	6%
June 26-29, 2008	31%	64%	5%
Has a clear plan for solving this country's problems			
February 18-19, 2009	64%	36%	*
Tough enough to handle a crisis			
February 18-19, 2009	73%	24%	3%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

6. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Joe Biden				
February 18-19, 2009	57%	29%	5%	9%
January 12-15, 2009	52%	26%	8%	13%
December 1-2, 2008	56%	28%	6%	10%
November 6-9, 2008	64%	25%	3%	8%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	56%	31%	4%	9%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	56%	32%	6%	7%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	52%	31%	6%	11%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	51%	28%	7%	14%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	53%	25%	7%	15%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	38%	25%	12%	25%
July 27-29, 2008* (RV)	27%	22%	35%	16%

*QUESTION WORDING: "Delaware Senator Joe Biden"
(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi

February 18-19, 2009	36%	43%	10%	11%
January 12-15, 2009	39%	37%	11%	12%
November 6-9, 2008	40%	39%	12%	8%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	38%	37%	11%	13%
April 10-12, 2007	45%	30%	13%	11%
November 17-19, 2006*	41%	23%	21%	15%
November 3-5, 2006**	35%	24%	23%	19%
October 6-8, 2006**	35%	26%	29%	11%

*WORDING: "Incoming Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi"

**WORDING: "House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi"

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid

February 18-19, 2009	22%	30%	31%	18%
January 12-15, 2009	28%	28%	25%	19%
November 6-9, 2008	26%	24%	30%	21%
November 17-19, 2006	28%	19%	37%	16%
October 6-8, 2006	28%	23%	36%	13%

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	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
John McCain				
February 18-19, 2009	52%	40%	*	7%
November 6-9, 2008	61%	36%	*	3%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	56%	41%	*	3%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	54%	43%	*	3%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	57%	40%	*	3%
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June 22-24, 2007	46%	32%	9%	13%
March 9-11, 2007	47%	27%	12%	14%
November 3-5, 2006	52%	22%	11%	15%
September 22-24, 2006	50%	25%	14%	11%
April 21-23, 2006	46%	20%	17%	16%
Ted Kennedy				
February 18-19, 2009	53%	36%	4%	7%
Aug. 23-24, 2008^	56%	35%	2%	7%
February 1-3, 2008	47%	41%	4%	7%
April 21-23, 2006	44%	40%	3%	11%
George W. Bush				
February 18-19, 2009	33%	63%	*	4%
January 12-15, 2009	35%	60%	*	4%
Aug. 29-31, 2008	38%	61%	*	1%
September 22-24, 2006	46%	52%	*	1%
April 21-23, 2006	40%	57%	*	2%

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	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The Democratic Party				
February 18-19, 2009	58%	36%	*	5%
December 1-2, 2008	60%	34%	*	5%
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The Republican Party				
February 18-19, 2009	39%	54%	*	7%
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Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	48%	45%	*	6%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	43%	50%	*	6%
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January 9-10, 2008	41%	48%	2%	10%
June 22-24, 2007	36%	53%	1%	9%
March 9-11, 2007	42%	45%	1%	12%
November 3-5, 2006	38%	52%	1%	10%
September 22-24, 2006	44%	51%	*	5%

(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

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House Democratic Leader, Nancy Pelosi

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Jul 25-27	23	19	42	16
2003 Jan 3-5	23	18	39	20

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 May 20-22	22	19	42	17
2005 Apr 29-May 1	21	18	44	17

John McCain

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Jul 25-28	51	22	16	11
2004 Aug 23-25*	55	19	9	17
2004 Mar 26-28	53	21	13	13
2002 Apr 29-May 1**	53	21	11	15
2001 Jun 8-10**	60	21	10	9
2000 Apr 28-30**	61	18	6	15
2000 Mar 10-12**	57	28	6	9
2000 Feb 25-27**	66	18	5	11
2000 Feb 20-21**	65	17	7	11
2000 Feb 4-6**	67	12	8	13
2000 Jan 17-19**	51	17	10	22
1999 Dec 9-12**	57	11	14	18
1999 Oct 21-24**	37	12	30	21
1999 Apr 13-14**	35	12	28	25
1999 Feb 19-21**	27	8	44	21

*Asked of a half sample.

**WORDING: Arizona Senator John McCain

Ted Kennedy

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Jul 22-24^	48	38	6	8
2004 Jul 19-21 †	50	39	3	8
2004 Mar 26-28	42	47	3	8
2003 Jun 27-29 †	44	44	4	8
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	45	42	3	10
1996 Oct 26-29	43	45	1	11

^ WORDING: Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy.

† Asked of a half sample.

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George W. Bush

	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
				<u>2005</u>			
2005 Dec 16-18	46	53	1	2001 Jun 8-10	62	36	2
2005 Jul 25-28	48	50	2	2001 Apr 20-22	65	32	3
2005 Apr 1-2	54	45	1	2001 Mar 9-11	63	32	5
2005 Feb 25-27	56	42	2	2001 Mar 5-7	69	28	3
2005 Feb 4-6	59	39	2	2001 Feb 19-21	67	27	6
				2001 Feb 1-4	64	33	3
				2001 Jan 15-16	62	36	2
				<u>2004</u>			
2004 Nov 19-21	60	39	1	<u>2000</u>			
2004 Oct 29-31	51	46	3	2000 Dec 15-17	59	36	5
2004 Oct 22-24*	53	44	3	2000 Dec 2-4	56	40	4
2004 Oct 14-16	55	44	1	2000 Nov 13-15	53	43	4
2004 Oct 9-10	51	46	3	2000 Nov 13-15**	54	43	3
2004 Oct 1-3	53	45	2	2000 Nov 4-5**	55	39	6
2004 Sep 13-15*	55	44	1	2000 Oct 24-26**	62	33	5
2004 Sep 3-5	55	44	1	2000 Oct 23-25**	60	35	5
2004 Aug 23-25	54	44	2	2000 Oct 20-22**	59	37	4
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	52	46	2	2000 Oct 5-7**	58	36	6
2004 Jul 19-21	52	46	2	2000 Sep 28-30**	55	38	7
2004 Jul 8-11	52	46	2	2000 Sep 15-17**	51	41	8
2004 Jun 21-23	53	45	2	2000 Aug 18-19	60	34	6
2004 Apr 16-18	56	42	2	2000 Aug 4-5	67	28	5
2004 Mar 26-28	57	41	2	2000 Jul 25-26	63	31	6
2004 Feb 16-17	56	42	2	2000 Jul 14-16	64	29	7
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	52	47	1	2000 Jun 23-25	60	31	9
2004 Jan 2-5	65	35	*	2000 Jun 6-7	64	29	7
				2000 Apr 28-30	61	33	6
				2000 Mar 10-12	63	32	5
				2000 Feb 25-27	57	35	8
				2000 Feb 20-21	58	35	7
				2000 Feb 4-6	63	31	6
				2000 Jan 17-19	66	26	8
				<u>1999</u>			
2002 Dec 16-17	68	30	2	1999 Dec 9-12	68	25	7
2002 Sep 23-26	70	28	2	1999 Oct 21-24	71	21	8
2002 Jul 26-28	71	26	3	1999 Oct 8-10	70	25	5
2002 May 20-22	80	18	2	1999 Sep 23-26	71	22	7
2002 Apr 29-May 1	79	19	2	1999 Aug 16-18	68	21	11
2002 Jan 11-14	83	15	2	1999 Jun 25-27	69	16	15
				1999 Apr 13-14	73	15	12
				1999 Feb 19-21	69	12	19
				<u>2001</u>			
2001 Nov 26-27	87	11	2				
2001 Aug 3-5	60	35	5				

*Asked of a half sample.

**Based on registered voters.

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The Republican Party

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 16-18	45	48	*	7
2005 Oct 13-16	40	50	2	8
2005 Sep 8-11	45	45	1	9
2005 Jul 22-24	46	45	1	8
2005 Apr 1-2	50	44	1	5
2005 Feb 25-27	51	42	1	6
2005 Feb 4-6	56	39	1	4
2004 Sep 13-15	55	41	*	4
2004 Sep 3-5	53	40	*	7
2004 Aug 23-25*	50	41	1	8
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	47	45	1	7
2004 Jul 19-21*	50	43	*	7
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	48	45	*	7
2004 Jan 2-5	52	40	1	7
2003 Sep 8-10	50	44	--	6
2003 Mar 29-30	56	33	1	10
2003 Jan 3-5	51	38	1	10
2002 Dec 16-17	51	38	1	10
2002 Nov 8-10	54	38	*	8
2002 Oct 21-22	53	35	*	12
2002 Sep 5-8	54	40	0	6
2002 Jul 26-28	55	36	*	9
2002 Jan 11-14	61	30	*	9
2001 Sep 7-10	47	48	*	5
2000 Nov 13-15	49	43	*	8
2000 Aug 4-5	54	37	1	8
2000 Jul 25-26	49	39	*	12
2000 Jan 7-10	53	41	*	6
1999 Nov 18-21	50	44	*	6
1999 Apr 30-May 2	47	44	*	9
1999 Feb 19-21	45	46	0	9
1999 Feb 12-13	40	54	1	5
1999 Feb 4-8	45	47	*	8
1999 Jan 8-10	40	52	*	8
1998 Dec 19-20	31	57	*	12
1998 Dec 15-16	43	47	2	8
1997 Oct 27-29	50	42	*	8
1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	50	45	*	5
1996 Aug 16-18**	55	41	1	2
1996 Aug 5-7**	51	44	*	5
1996 Apr 9-10	52	41	*	7
1995 Apr 17-19	52	42	*	6
1992 Jul 6-8**	53	39	*	8

*Asked of a half sample.

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The Democratic Party

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 16-18	46	45	*	9
2005 Oct 13-16	52	36	2	10
2005 Sep 8-11	47	41	1	11
2005 Jul 22-24	52	38	1	9
2005 Apr 1-2	50	42	*	8
2005 Feb 25-27	52	41	1	6
2005 Feb 4-6	46	47	*	7
2004 Sep 13-15	49	45	--	6
2004 Sep 3-5	50	41	*	9
2004 Aug 23-25*	54	36	1	9
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	55	37	1	7
2004 Jul 19-21*	48	41	1	10
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	59	34	*	7
2004 Jan 2-5	47	44	*	9
2003 Sep 8-10	49	45	--	6
2003 Mar 29-30	49	39	1	11
2003 Jan 3-5	52	36	1	11
2002 Dec 16-17	52	37	1	10
2002 Nov 8-10	48	42	0	10
2002 Oct 21-22	58	30	*	12
2002 Sep 5-8	56	38	0	6
2002 Jul 26-28	55	34	*	11
2002 Jan 11-14	55	33	*	12
2001 Sep 7-10	56	38	*	6
2000 Nov 13-15	53	38	1	8
2000 Aug 4-5	53	38	1	8
2000 Jul 25-26	56	35	*	9
2000 Jan 7-10	61	33	*	6
1999 Nov 18-21	51	41	*	8
1999 Apr 30-May 2	53	37	1	9
1999 Feb 19-21	55	37	0	8
1999 Feb 12-13	56	38	*	6
1999 Feb 4-8	57	37	*	6
1999 Jan 8-10	57	35	*	8
1998 Dec 19-20	57	30	*	13
1998 Dec 15-16	58	32	2	8
1997 Oct 27-29	54	39	*	7
1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	60	36	*	4
1996 Aug 16-18**	55	41	1	3
1996 Aug 5-7**	57	38	1	4
1996 Apr 9-10	55	38	0	7
1995 Apr 17-19	51	43	*	6
1992 Jul 6-8**	54	38	*	8

*Asked of a half sample

**Based on registered voters.

7. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The economy	70%	25%	3%	2%	*
Terrorism	51%	31%	14%	4%	*
Education**	48%	33%	15%	4%	*
Health care	48%	29%	17%	6%	*
Social Security and Medicare*	46%	37%	13%	4%	*
Taxes**	43%	33%	20%	4%	*
The situation in Iraq	43%	32%	20%	4%	1%
The situation in Afghanistan	41%	35%	20%	4%	*
Energy policy*	35%	38%	20%	7%	*
Illegal immigration**	33%	29%	28%	10%	*
The environment*	29%	34%	25%	11%	1%
Stem cell research**	17%	16%	40%	25%	2%

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	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<u>The economy</u>					
February 18-19, 2009	70%	25%	3%	2%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	61%	33%	5%	2%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	58%	35%	6%	1%	*
*Jan. 14-17, 2008	45%	41%	12%	2%	*
*Nov. 2-4, 2007	34%	48%	16%	2%	*
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2005 Apr 1-2	41%	46%	11%	1%	1%
2005 Feb 4-6	44%	44%	11%	1%	*
2004 Dec 17-19	40%	46%	13%	1%	*
2003 Jan 3-5	49%	42%	8%	1%	*
**2002 Sep 20-22	37%	44%	17%	2%	*
**2002 Aug 19-21	34%	44%	17%	3%	2%
2002 May 28-29	38%	45%	14%	2%	1%
2002 Jan 11-14	44%	43%	11%	1%	1%
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***QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for President -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?**

****QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (August and September, 2002 wording: "Economic conditions")**

7. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
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The situation in Afghanistan

February 18-19, 2009	41%	35%	20%	4%	*
**October 27-29, 2006	33%	36%	21%	8%	2%

The situation in Iraq

February 18-19, 2009	43%	32%	20%	4%	1%
*October 17-19, 2008	45%	40%	12%	3%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	50%	34%	13%	3%	*
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2004 Dec 17-19	51%	39%	7%	1%	2%
2003 Jan 3-5	46%	35%	15%	3%	1%
** Sept. 20-22, 2002	42%	36%	15%	6%	1%
**2002 Aug 19-21	32%	41%	18%	7%	2%

***QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for President -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?**

****QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (August and September, 2002 wording: "The possibility of war with Iraq")**

7. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
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Terrorism

February 18-19, 2009	51%	31%	14%	4%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	50%	33%	14%	3%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	45%	32%	18%	4%	*
*Jan. 14-17, 2008	42%	34%	19%	5%	*
*Nov. 2-4, 2007	32%	44%	18%	6%	*
*May 4-6, 2007	45%	35%	14%	6%	*
January 19-21, 2007	54%	32%	11%	3%	*
**October 27-29, 2006	46%	34%	14%	5%	1%
**October 13-15, 2006	43%	37%	16%	5%	1%
**September 22-24, 2006	49%	33%	14%	5%	*
**August 2-3, 2006	48%	36%	10%	6%	*
**May 16-17, 2006	39%	40%	15%	4%	2%

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2006 Jan 20-22	57%	32%	9%	15	1%
**2006 Jan 6-8	45%	35%	16%	3%	1%
2005 Dec 9-11	58%	30%	10%	25	*
**2005 Oct 21-23	45%	32%	19%	4%	*
2005 Apr 1-2	47%	41%	10%	2%	*
2005 Feb 4-6	54%	35%	10%	15	*
2004 Dec 17-19	49%	38%	10%	3%	*
2003 Jan 3-5	59%	31%	8%	2%	*
**2002 Sep 20-22	47%	36%	13%	3%	1%
**2002 Aug 19-21	45%	37%	12%	5%	1%
2002 May 28-29	53%	35%	9%	2%	1%
2002 Jan 11-14	62%	31%	5%	1%	1%
2001 Oct 5-6	70%	25%	45	1%	*

***QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for President -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? RESULTS FOR REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY.**

****QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (August, September 2002 wording: "The war on terrorism")**

7. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<u>Health care</u>					
February 18-19, 2009	48%	29%	17%	6%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	44%	38%	13%	4%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	47%	36%	14%	3%	*
*Jan. 14-17, 2008	41%	36%	19%	4%	*
*Nov. 2-4, 2007	35%	41%	19%	5%	*
*May 4-6, 2007	43%	35%	18%	4%	*
January 19-21, 2007	44%	36%	16%	4%	1%
**September 22-24, 2006	33%	42%	19%	6%	*

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2006 Jan 20-22	47%	39%	12%	2%	*
**2006 Jan 6-8	43%	39%	15%	2%	1%
2005 Dec 9-11	48%	31%	17%	3%	1%
**2005 Oct. 21-23	42%	37%	18%	3%	*
2005 Apr 1-2	46%	42%	9%	2%	1%
2005 Feb 4-6	49%	39%	11%	1%	*
2004 Dec 17-19	42%	45%	12%	1%	*
2003 Jan 3-5	45%	36%	17%	1%	1%
**2002 Sept. 20-22	35%	39%	22%	4%	*
2001 Jan. 10-14	38%	47%	12%	2%	*

Social Security and Medicare

February 18-19, 2009	46%	37%	13%	4%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	46%	34%	16%	4%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	41%	36%	18%	4%	*
*May 4-6, 2007	38%	37%	20%	4%	*

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**2006 Jan. 6-8	36%	43%	18%	3%	1%
2005 Dec. 9-11	44%	32%	19%	4%	1%
**2005 Oct. 21-23	38%	37%	20%	5%	*
2005 April 1-2	37%	42%	15%	5%	1%
2005 Feb. 4-6	41%	38%	15%	5%	1%
2004 Dec. 17-19	40%	42%	14%	4%	*
2003 Jan. 3-5	41%	36%	20%	3%	*
**2002 Sept 20-22	34%	37%	24%	5%	*
**2002 August 19-21	34%	36%	21%	7%	1%
**2002 May 28-29	41%	39%	16%	3%	1%
2002 Jan. 11-14	43%	37%	16%	3%	1%
2001 Oct. 5-6	42%	37%	18%	3%	*
2001 Jan. 10-14	37%	47%	13%	2%	1%

***QUESTION WORDING:** How important will each of the following be to your vote for President -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (Jan, 2003 through April, 2005 wording: "Health care costs") (2002 through 2006 wording: "Social Security")

****QUESTION WORDING:** How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

7. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
February 18-19, 2009	35%	38%	20%	7%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	46%	41%	13%	1%	*
Jan. 19-21, 2007	34%	39%	22%	3%	2%

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2004 Dec 17-19	27%	45%	23%	5%	*
2002 May 28-29	24%	43%	26%	5%	2%
2002 Jan 11-14	25%	36%	34%	4%	1%
2001 Jan 10-14	26%	43%	25%	2%	4%

The environment

February 18-19, 2009	29%	34%	25%	11%	1%
*October 17-19, 2008	33%	35%	24%	8%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	33%	33%	27%	7%	*

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2004 Dec. 17-19	24%	38%	30%	7%	1%
2003 Jan. 3-5	25%	38%	30%	6%	1%
**2002 Sept. 20-22	28%	33%	30%	9%	*
**2002 May 28-29	24%	41%	29%	5%	1%
2001 Jan. 10-14	26%	43%	25%	5%	1%

Education

February 18-19, 2009	48%	33%	15%	4%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	44%	39%	14%	3%	*
*May 4-6, 2007	44%	37%	16%	3%	*

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2005 Feb. 4-6	45%	40%	12%	2%	1%
2004 Dec. 17-19	44%	42%	13%	1%	*
2003 Jan. 3-5	44%	39%	14%	3%	*
**2002 Sept. 20-22	36%	39%	22%	3%	*
**2002 May 28-29	44%	42%	10%	4%	1%
2002 Jan 11-14	46%	38%	14%	2%	1%
2001 Oct 5-6	46%	37%	14%	3%	*
2001 Jan. 10-14	41%	47%	9%	2%	1%

***QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for President -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?**

****QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?**

7. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<u>Taxes</u>					
February 18-19, 2009	43%	33%	20%	4%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	42%	39%	16%	3%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	40%	34%	22%	5%	*
*Jan. 14-17, 2008	30%	38%	27%	5%	*
*Nov. 2-4, 2007	24%	39%	29%	7%	*
*May 4-6, 2007	30%	40%	23%	6%	1%
January 19-21, 2007	31%	35%	27%	5%	1%
**October 27-29, 2006	29%	35%	27%	8%	1%

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**2006 Jan 6-8	33%	38%	24%	4%	1%
**2005 Oct 21-23	35%	38%	23%	3%	1%
2005 Feb. 4-6	31%	40%	24%	4%	1%
2004 Dec. 17-19	26%	40%	28%	5%	1%
2003 Jan. 3-5	28%	37%	29%	5%	1%
**2002 Sept. 20-22	27%	33%	32%	7%	1%
**2002 May 28-29	26%	39%	27%	5%	3%
2002 Jan 11-14	30%	38%	27%	4%	1%
2001 Jan. 10-14	31%	42%	21%	4%	2%

7. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
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Illegal immigration

February 18-19, 2009	33%	29%	28%	10%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	29%	31%	28%	12%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	34%	33%	24%	9%	1%
*Jan. 14-17, 2008	31%	34%	23%	11%	*
*Nov. 2-4, 2007	23%	38%	26%	13%	*
*May 4-6, 2007	31%	32%	26%	10%	1%
January 19-21, 2007	32%	29%	29%	10%	1%
**October 27-29, 2006	29%	31%	27%	12%	1%
**September 22-24, 2006	31%	30%	23%	15%	1%
**August 2-3, 2006	33%	34%	25%	8%	*
**May 16-17, 2006	27%	35%	27%	8%	3%

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2006 Jan 20-22	31%	33%	30%	4%	1%
**2006 Jan 6-8	26%	35%	29%	9%	1%
2005 Dec 9-11	27%	30%	37%	5%	1%
2004 Dec 17-19	27%	38%	26%	8%	1%
2003 Jan 3-5	25%	38%	30%	7%	1%
2002 May 28-29	24%	41%	29%	5%	1%
2002 Jan 11-14	30%	33%	29%	7%	15
2001 Jan 10-14	17%	29%	39%	12%	3%

Stem cell research

February 18-19, 2009	17%	16%	40%	25%	2%
*May 4-6, 2007	20%	28%	28%	21%	3%
January 19-21, 2007	18%	27%	33%	17%	4%
**September 22-24, 2006	24%	29%	26%	20%	2%
**August 2-3, 2006	23%	30%	29%	14%	4%

***QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for President -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (2001 through 2006: "Immigration")**

****QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?**

8. How well are things going in the country today -- very well, fairly well, pretty badly or very badly?

	<u>Very Well</u>	<u>Fairly Well</u>	<u>Pretty Badly</u>	<u>Very Badly</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Very+ Fairly Well</u>	<u>Pretty+ Very Badly</u>
February 18-19, 2009	3%	18%	47%	32%	*	21%	79%
December 1-2, 2008	2%	18%	39%	40%	*	20%	79%
November 6-9, 2008	2%	14%	45%	38%	*	16%	83%
October 17-19, 2008	3%	22%	42%	33%	*	25%	75%
October 3-5, 2008	3%	17%	45%	35%	*	20%	80%
Aug 23-24, 2008	3%	28%	35%	34%	*	31%	69%
July 27-29, 2008	3%	21%	47%	29%	*	24%	76%
Apr. 28-30, 2008	4%	26%	35%	35%	1%	30%	70%
Nov. 2-4, 2007	8%	34%	35%	23%	*	42%	58%
April 10-12, 2007	8%	40%	34%	17%	1%	48%	51%
January 11, 2007	8%	49%	30%	12%	1%	57%	42%
November 3-5, 2006	9%	42%	30%	18%	1%	51%	48%
October 6-8, 2006	12%	37%	30%	19%	2%	49%	49%
Sept. 29-October 2, 2006	8%	43%	26%	23%	*	51%	49%
August 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	37%	29%	25%	*	46%	54%
August 2-3, 2006	8%	47%	29%	15%	1%	55%	44%
May 5-7, 2006	8%	38%	33%	20%	1%	46%	53%

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	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Pretty badly</u>	<u>Very badly</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Very/fairly well</u>	<u>Very/pretty badly</u>
2006 Feb 9-12	5	47	33	14	1	52	47
2005 Nov 11-13	5	44	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Sep 8-11 ^	6	44	36	14	*	50	50
2005 Jul 23-24	9	49	28	13	1	58	41
2005 Apr 1-2	9	52	28	10	1	61	38
2005 Jan 7-9	8	50	28	13	1	58	41
2004 Oct 29-31 ^	12	43	27	17	1	55	44
2004 Oct 9-10	8	46	33	13	*	54	46

^ Asked of a half sample.

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	Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly		Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly		Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly
2004 May 12-13	60	39	2000 Oct 25-26	79	19	1998 Jan 14-15	65	32
2004 Apr 8	63	36	2000 Oct 12-13	76	22	1997 Oct 30	67	31
2004 Feb 5-6	52	47	2000 Oct 4-5	77	22	1997 Sep 10-11	63	34
2004 Jan 14-15	53	46	2000 Sep 6-7	79	19	1997 Jul 30-31	69	29
2003 Dec 30-Jan 1	49	49	2000 Aug 9-10	77	21	1997 Jun 4-5	64	34
2003 Nov 18-19	52	46	2000 Jul 26-27	74	24	1997 May 7-8	63	35
2003 Sep 3-4	49	49	2000 Jun 14-15	72	27	1997 Apr 16-17	62	37
2003 Jul 16-17	57	42	2000 Mar 8-9	76	22	1997 Mar 11-12	57	41
2003 May 21-22	60	39	2000 Feb 2-3	78	17	1997 Feb 26-27	64	35
2003 Mar 27	63	36	2000 Jan 12-13	81	19	1997 Feb 5-6	67	33
2003 Feb 19-20	52	47	2000 Jan 5-6	80	19	1997 Jan 8-9	63	35
2003 Feb 6	53	46	1999 Nov 10-11	68	30	1996 Oct	67	32
2003 Jan 15-16	49	49	1999 Jul 14-15	70	28	1996 Jun	61	37
2002 Dec 17-18	54	45	1999 Jun 9-10	69	31	1996 Jun	62	37
2002 Nov 13-14	56	42	1999 May 26-27	61	37	1996 Feb	53	44
2002 Oct 23-24	49	49	1999 Mar 25	70	29	1996 Jan	48	50
2002 Aug 28-29	57	41	1999 Mar 4	73	26	1996 Jan	48	50
2002 Jul 10-11	59	39	1999 Jan 20-21	77	22	1995 Dec	54	44
2002 Jun 19-20	57	41	1999 Jan 7	74	25	1995 Oct	46	52
2002 May 22-23	64	35	1998 Dec 17-18	60	38	1995 Oct	47	51
2002 Apr 10-11	61	38	1998 Oct 14-15	78	21	1995 Sep	50	49
2002 Mar 13-14	69	29	1998 Sep 23-24	72	26	1995 Sep	50	49
2002 Jan 23-24	66	34	1998 Sep 16-17	72	25	1995 Aug	47	52
2001 Dec 19-20	64	34	1998 Aug 18	77	21	1995 Jul	51	47
2001 Nov 7-8	63	35	1998 Jul 30	68	31	1995 Jun	53	47
2001 Oct 12	65	33	1998 Jun 30-Jul 1	67	31	1995 Jun	45	51
2001 Sep 27	59	38	1998 Jun 26-Jul 5	55	44	1995 May	50	49
2001 Sep 13	45	53	1998 May 18-19	66	30	1995 Apr	46	52
2001 Jul 17-18	70	29	1998 Apr 8-9	70	30	1995 Mar	52	46
2001 May 23-24	65	33	1998 Mar 18-19	76	25	1995 Mar	49	48
2001 Feb 7-8	71	28	1998 Feb 4-5	74	25	1995 Feb	54	44
2001 Jan 10-11	73	24	1998 Jan 28-29	79	19	1995 Jan	58	41
2000 Nov 10	74	25	1998 Jan 22	68	31	1995 Jan	56	43

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CNN/TIME TRENDS (CONTINUED)

	Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly		Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly		Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly
1995 Jan	54	44	1992 Feb	35	62	1985 Sep	67	33
1994 Dec	55	44	1992 Jan	29	71	1985 Jul	70	31
1994 Nov	49	48	1992 Jan	35	64	1985 Apr	69	32
1994 Oct	50	49	1992 Jan	36	64	1984 Dec	74	26
1994 Oct	51	47	1991 Dec	29	71	1984 Oct	74	26
1994 Sep	45	53	1991 Nov	36	64	1984 Sep	71	30
1994 Sep	46	53	1991 Oct	42	56	1984 Aug	68	32
1994 Sep	42	57	1991 Oct	42	58	1984 Jan	67	32
1994 Aug	42	58	1991 Sep	49	49	1983 Dec	60	40
1994 Aug	45	52	1991 Aug	53	47	1983 Sep	56	45
1994 Aug	49	50	1991 Jun	53	47	1983 Jun	58	41
1994 Jul	51	48	1991 May	53	47	1983 Mar	46	55
1994 Jun	49	49	1991 Apr	56	42	1982 Dec	35	65
1994 Jun	56	41	1991 Apr	59	41	1982 Oct	40	60
1994 May	48	51	1991 Mar	74	26	1982 Jun	40	60
1994 May	49	50	1991 Feb	58	42	1982 Mar	39	62
1994 Apr	47	52	1991 Jan	39	61	1981 Dec	43	58
1994 Apr	53	44	1990 Dec	45	55	1981 Sep	53	47
1994 Mar	48	49	1990 Nov	42	58	1981 May	51	50
1994 Mar	49	50	1990 Oct	38	62	1981 Jan	26	74
1994 Feb	47	51	1990 Oct	41	59	1980 Oct	32	68
1994 Jan	52	47	1990 Oct	42	58	1980 Aug	30	70
1993 Dec	48	50	1990 Sep	52	48	1980 May	21	79
1993 Nov	45	54	1990 Aug	55	45	1980 Mar	24	76
1993 Oct	40	58	1990 Jul	55	45	1980 Jan	34	65
1993 Oct	39	58	1990 May	61	37	1979 Dec	36	64
1993 Oct	41	59	1990 Apr	62	38	1979 Oct	36	68
1993 Sep	47	52	1990 Mar	62	38	1979 Aug	31	70
1993 Sep	42	57	1990 Feb	70	30	1979 Apr	36	65
1993 Aug	39	58	1990 Jan	67	33	1978 Oct	56	44
1993 Aug	41	57	1989 Oct	62	38	1978 May	49	51
1993 Jun	41	56	1989 Jun	61	39	1978 Mar	53	47
1993 May	40	58	1989 Jan	69	31	1977 Nov	64	35
1993 May	43	56	1988 Oct	70	31	1977 Jul	69	31
1993 Apr	45	53	1988 Sep	73	27	1977 May	65	35
1993 Mar	48	50	1988 Apr	64	40	1977 Mar	69	31
1993 Feb	48	49	1988 Mar	65	33	1976 Oct	56	44
1993 Feb	48	49	1988 Feb	60	37	1976 Sep	57	44
1993 Jan	53	45	1988 Jan	62	38	1976 Aug	60	40
1993 Jan	47	52	1987 Oct	58	42	1976 Jun	50	50
1992 Oct	35	65	1987 Aug	61	39	1976 Apr	52	48
1992 Sep	32	68	1987 May	64	37	1976 Jan	46	55
1992 Aug	35	63	1987 Feb	61	40	1975 May	40	61
1992 Jul	31	67	1987 Jan	61	39	1975 Jan	23	78
1992 Jun	35	62	1986 Sep	63	37	1974 Sep	30	70
1992 Jun	33	65	1986 Jul	69	31	1974 Mar	29	71
1992 May	30	68	1986 May	65	34			
1992 Apr	33	65	1986 Apr	67	32			
1992 Mar	33	66	1985 Nov	70	31			

9. And how well are things going today for you personally -- very well, fairly well, pretty badly or very badly?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Very well	20%
Fairly well	57%
Pretty badly	15%
Very badly	7%
No opinion	1%

10. Would you say you are very angry, somewhat angry, not very angry or not angry at all about the way things are going in the country today?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u>
Very angry	31%	35%
Somewhat angry	40%	40%
Not very angry	16%	14%
Not angry at all	13%	11%
No opinion	*	*

11. Would you say you are very scared, somewhat scared, not very scared or not scared at all about the way things are going in the country today?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u>
Very scared	31%	24%
Somewhat scared	42%	43%
Not very scared	16%	16%
Not scared at all	11%	17%
No opinion	*	*

12. Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all that each of the following groups will make the right decisions to help the country overcome its current economic problems: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not very confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Wall street investors					
February 18-19, 2009	4%	26%	33%	36%	1%
Bankers and executives at other financial institutions					
February 18-19, 2009	5%	23%	37%	35%	*
Auto company executives					
February 18-19, 2009	5%	21%	38%	36%	1%
Labor union leaders					
February 18-19, 2009	11%	37%	24%	27%	1%
The Obama administration					
February 18-19, 2009	40%	35%	11%	14%	*
Republicans in Congress					
February 18-19, 2009	9%	44%	26%	21%	*
Democrats in Congress					
February 18-19, 2009	19%	47%	15%	19%	*

13. In general, would you rather see Barack Obama attempt to reach a bipartisan compromise on bills that he tries to get through Congress, or would you rather see him try to pass laws that he thinks are right for the country even if they aren't supported by Republicans?

Feb. 18-19
2009

Attempt to reach compromise	55%
Pass laws without GOP support	44%
No opinion	2%

14. As you may know, Congress passed and President Obama has signed a bill that will attempt to stimulate the economy by increasing federal government spending and cutting taxes at a total cost to the government of about eight hundred billion dollars. Based on what you have read or heard about this, do you favor or oppose that bill?

Feb. 18-19
2009

Favor bill	60%
Oppose bill	39%
No opinion	1%

15. Regardless of how you feel about the bill itself, how do you feel about the fact that this bill was passed by Congress within the first month of Obama's presidency? Do you consider the passage of this bill to be a major victory for Obama, a minor accomplishment for Obama, or not a positive achievement at all?

Feb. 18-19
2009

Major victory	49%
Minor accomplishment	28%
Not a positive achievement	22%
No opinion	1%

16. Do you think that bill will or will not result in a significant improvement in the nation's economy?

Feb. 18-19
2009

Significant improvement	53%
No significant improvement	44%
No opinion	2%

16. Do you think that bill will or will not result in a significant improvement in the nation's economy?

17. (IF IMPROVEMENT) Do you think that will happen almost immediately, within a few months, by the end of the year, some time in the next year, or do you think it will take longer than that?

QUESTIONS 16 AND 17 COMBINED

Feb. 18-19
2009

Improve almost immediately	1%
Improve within a few months	5%
Improve by the end of the year	13%
Improve sometime in the next year	16%
Improve; take longer than a year	18%
Improve; don't know how long it will take	*
No improvement	44%
No opinion	2%

18. Do you think that bill will or will not result in a significant improvement in your own personal financial situation?

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Significant improvement	31%
No significant improvement	67%
No opinion	2%

18. Do you think that bill will or will not result in a significant improvement in your own personal financial situation?

19. (IF IMPROVEMENT) Do you think that will happen almost immediately, within a few months, by the end of the year, some time in the next year, or do you think it will take longer than that?

QUESTIONS 18 AND 19 COMBINED

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Improve almost immediately	1%
Improve within a few months	4%
Improve by the end of the year	10%
Improve sometime in the next year	9%
Improve; take longer than a year	7%
Improve; don't know how long it will take	*
No improvement	67%
No opinion	2%

20. Two of the major U.S. auto companies have asked the government for a program that would provide them with several billion dollars in assistance. The auto companies say they may go into bankruptcy without that assistance. Based on what you have read or heard, do you favor or oppose this program?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008*</u>
Favor	37%	36%
Oppose	61%	61%
No opinion	2%	2%

*DECEMBER QUESTION WORDING: The major U.S. auto companies have asked the government for a program that would provide them with several billion dollars in assistance. The auto companies say they may go into bankruptcy without that assistance. Based on what you have read or heard, do you favor or oppose this program?

21. As you may know, last fall Congress and President Bush approved a government program that would spend up to seven hundred billion dollars to provide assistance to banks and other large financial institutions. About half that money has already been spent. Do you think Congress and President Obama should or should not provide the remaining money to banks and other financial institutions?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009*</u>
Should provide remaining money	36%	38%
Should not provide remaining money	62%	61%
No opinion	2%	1%

*JANUARY QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, last fall Congress and President Bush approved a government program that would spend up to seven hundred billion dollars to provide assistance to banks and other large financial institutions. About half that money has already been spent. Do you think Congress and President-elect Obama should or should not provide the remaining money to banks and other financial institutions?

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

22. Do you favor or oppose the federal government providing assistance to homeowners who cannot pay their mortgages?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u>
Favor	63%	58%
Oppose	36%	40%
No opinion	2%	3%

(NO QUESTION 23)

24. In general, would you favor or oppose a program that would increase the federal government's influence over the country's health care system in an attempt to lower costs and provide health care coverage to more Americans?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Favor	72%
Oppose	27%
No opinion	1%

25. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Iraq?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Feb. 18-19, 2009	31%	67%	2%
Dec. 1-2, 2008	36%	63%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	33%	64%	3%
October 17-19, 2008	32%	66%	1%
October 3-5, 2008	34%	65%	*
September 5-7, 2008	37%	61%	2%
Aug. 29-31, 2008	35%	64%	1%
Aug. 23-24, 2008	33%	66%	1%
July 27-29, 2008	33%	66%	1%
June 26-29, 2008	30%	68%	2%
June 4-5, 2008	30%	68%	1%
April 28-30, 2008	30%	68%	3%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	32%	66%	2%
Feb. 1-3, 2008	34%	64%	2%
Jan. 14-17, 2008	34%	63%	3%
Jan. 9-10, 2008	33%	65%	3%
Dec. 6-9, 2007	31%	68%	1%
Nov. 2-4, 2007	31%	68%	1%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	34%	65%	2%
September 7-9, 2007	34%	63%	4%
August 6-8, 2007	33%	64%	3%
June 23-24, 2007	30%	67%	3%
May 4-6, 2007	34%	65%	1%
April 10-12, 2007	32%	66%	2%
March 9-11, 2007	32%	63%	4%
January 11, 2007	31%	67%	2%
December 15-17, 2006	31%	67%	2%
November 17-19, 2006	33%	63%	4%
November 3-5, 2006	33%	61%	6%
October 27-29, 2006	38%	59%	3%
October 20-22, 2006	34%	64%	3%
October 13-15, 2006	34%	64%	2%
October 6-8, 2006	32%	62%	7%
Sep. 29-October 2, 2006	38%	61%	1%
September 23-24, 2006	40%	59%	1%
August 30-Sep. 2, 2006	39%	58%	2%
August 18-20, 2006	35%	61%	3%
August 2-3, 2006	36%	60%	3%
June 14-15, 2006	38%	54%	8%

(CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 9-12 *	40	56	4
2005 Jun 16-19	39	59	2
2005 Mar 18-20*	47	47	6
2004 Nov 19-21*	48	46	6
2003 Oct 24-26	54	43	3
2003 Apr 22-23	71	26	3
2003 Apr 10	72	22	6
2003 Apr 7-8	68	28	4
2003 Apr 5-6	70	27	3
2003 Mar 29-30	70	27	3
2003 Mar 24-25	71	27	2
2003 Mar 22-23	72	25	3

Would you favor or oppose invading Iraq with U.S. ground troops in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Mar 14-15*	64	33	3
2003 Mar 3-5	59	37	4
2003 Feb 24-26	59	37	4
2003 Feb 17-19	59	38	3
2003 Feb 7-9	63	34	3
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	38	4
2003 Jan 23-24	52	43	5
2003 Jan 10-12	56	38	6
2003 Jan 3-5*	56	39	5
2002 Dec. 19-22*	53	38	9
2002 Dec 16-17*	58	35	7
2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6
2002 Nov 23-24	58	37	5
2002 Nov 8-10	59	35	6
2002 Oct 21-22	54	40	6
2002 Oct 14-17*	56	37	7
2002 Oct 3-6	53	40	7
2002 Sept 20-22*	57	38	5

Would you favor or oppose sending American ground troops to the Persian Gulf in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

2002 Sept 13-16	57	39	4
2002 Sept 5-8*	58	36	6
2002 Sept 2-4	58	36	6
2002 Aug 19-21	53	41	6
2002 June 17-19*	61	31	8

Would you favor or oppose sending American troops back to the Persian Gulf in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?

2001 Nov 26-27	74	20	6
2001 Feb 19-21	52	42	6
1993 June 29-30	70	27	3
1992 Mar 30-Apr 5	55	40	

26. Do you think the United States is winning or not winning the war in Iraq?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>	Aug. 29-31 <u>2008</u>	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007*</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 17-19 <u>2006*</u>
Is winning	50%	49%	49%	32%	29%	34%
Is not winning	46%	49%	49%	63%	61%	61%
No opinion	4%	2%	2%	5%	9%	5%

*Asked of half of the sample

CNN/TIME TREND

	<u>Is winning</u>	<u>Is not winning</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 12-13, 2004	41%	46%	13%

27. Do you think the United States can win or cannot win the war in Iraq?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 29-31 <u>2008</u>	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007*</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 17-19 <u>2006*</u>
Can win	60%	58%	54%	46%	54%
Cannot win	38%	41%	43%	46%	43%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	8%	3%

*Asked of half of the sample

CNN/TIME TREND

	<u>Can win</u>	<u>Cannot win</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 12-13, 2004	60%	31%	9%

28. If you had to choose, would you rather see Barack Obama keep the same number of troops in Iraq that are currently stationed there, or would you rather see Obama remove most U.S. troops in Iraq by next spring?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 14-16 <u>2008*</u>
Keep the same numbers	29%	33%
Remove most troops	69%	61%
No opinion	2%	4%

FOR COMPARISON:

If you had to choose, would you rather see the next president keep the same number of troops in Iraq that are currently stationed there, or would you rather see the next president remove most U.S. troops in Iraq within a few months of taking office?

	<u>Keep same number</u>	<u>Remove most</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
March 14-16, 2008	33%	61%	4%

29. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Afghanistan?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>
Favor	47%	52%	46%	44%	50%
Oppose	51%	46%	52%	52%	48%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%

30. Do you think the United States is winning or not winning the war in Afghanistan?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>
Is winning	31%	36%
Is not winning	64%	60%
No opinion	5%	4%

31. Do you think the United States can or cannot win the war in Afghanistan?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Can win	62%
Cannot win	35%
No opinion	3%

32. Regardless of how you feel about the war in Afghanistan in general, do you favor or oppose President Obama's plan to send about 17,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan in an attempt to stabilize the situation there?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Favor	63%
Oppose	36%
No opinion	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

Regardless of how you feel about the war in general, do you favor or oppose President Bush's plan to send about 20,000 more U.S. troops to Iraq in an attempt to stabilize the situation there?

	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 11 <u>2007</u>
Favor	37%	35%	32%
Oppose	59%	63%	66%
No opinion	4%	2%	3%

33. When the remains of U.S. troops who were killed in Iraq or Afghanistan are flown back to the U.S., brief ceremonies are held when the caskets are taken off the plane at an air force base. Do you think the government should or should not allow the public to see pictures of those events on TV, in newspapers, and on websites?

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2009

Should allow	67%
Should not allow	31%
No opinion	1%

35. As you may know, many presidents had a rule that all men who were in the Oval Office had to wear a jacket, but Barack Obama has been photographed in his shirtsleeves in the Oval Office and allows other male staff members to dress the same way. Do you think the change Obama has made is a good idea, or a bad idea, or doesn't it matter to you how men dress when they are in the Oval Office?

Feb. 18-19
2009

Good idea	19%
Bad idea	18%
Doesn't matter	62%
No opinion	1%

36. From the news stories about Barack Obama that you have read or seen since he became president, do you think the news media have been too critical of Obama, not critical enough, or have they been fair in their treatment of Obama?

Feb. 18-19
2009

Too critical	18%
Not critical enough	26%
Fair	55%
No opinion	2%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Too critical</u>	<u>Not critical enough</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 Feb 10-11	26	15	55	4

QUESTION WORDING: From the news stories about Bill Clinton that you have read or seen since he became president, do you think the news media have been too critical of Clinton, not critical enough, or have they been fair in their treatment of Obama?

37. As you may know, Barack Obama will give a televised speech to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday evening, February 24th in which he will discuss his plans for the economy and other issues. What are your expectations for that speech? Do you think his speech will be excellent, good, just okay, poor or terrible?

Feb. 18-19 Jan. 12-15
2009 2009*

Excellent	28%	44%
Good	44%	41%
Just okay	19%	11%
Poor	4%	1%
Terrible	4%	2%
No opinion	2%	*

*QUESTION WORDING: What are your expectations for Barack Obama's inauguration speech? Do you think his speech will be excellent, good, just okay, poor, or terrible?

38. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that Obama's speech will make you feel more confident about the future of the nation's economy?

Feb. 18-19
2009

Very likely	27%
Somewhat likely	35%
Not very likely	18%
Not likely at all	19%
No opinion	1%

BASED ON 429 REPUBLICANS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

39. Next, I'm going to read a list of people who may be running in the Republican primary for president in 2012. After I read all the names, please tell me which of those candidates you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for President in the year 2012, or if you would support someone else. (RANDOM ORDER)

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2009

Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	29%
Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee	26%
Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	21%
Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal	9%
Someone else	10%
None/no one	4%
No opinion	2%