



Interviews with 1,041 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 2-3, 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?

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u> |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Approve | 48% | 55% |
| Disapprove | 50% | 42% |
| No opinion | 2% | 3% |

| | Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u> | Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u> | Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u> | Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u> | July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u> | June 26-28 <u>2009</u> |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Approve | 54% | 55% | 58% | 53% | 56% | 61% |
| Disapprove | 45% | 43% | 40% | 45% | 40% | 37% |
| No opinion | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 3% |

| | May 14-17 <u>2009</u> | Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u> | Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u> | Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u> | Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u> | Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u> |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Approve | 62% | 63% | 66% | 64% | 67% | 76% |
| Disapprove | 35% | 33% | 30% | 34% | 29% | 23% |
| No opinion | 3% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 1% |

QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 COMBINED

- Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
- (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove because you think his policies and actions since he became president have been too liberal, or because you think his policies and actions have not been liberal enough?

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Approve (from Question 1) | 48% |
| Disapprove, too liberal | 40% |
| Disapprove, not liberal enough | 8% |
| Disapprove, unsure on Question 2 | 2% |
| No opinion | 2% |

3. Do you think the country would be better off if the Republicans controlled Congress, or if the Democrats controlled Congress?

| | <u>Republicans</u> | <u>Democrats</u> | <u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u> | <u>Same</u> <u>(vol.)</u> | <u>No</u> <u>opinion</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| December 2-3, 2009 | 39% | 40% | 16% | 3% | 2% |
| July 31-Aug. 3, 2009 | 34% | 44% | 15% | 4% | 3% |
| April 3-5, 2009 | 34% | 49% | 11% | 3% | 2% |
| January 12-15, 2009 | 31% | 56% | 10% | 3% | 1% |

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| | <u>Republicans</u> | <u>Democrats</u> | <u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u> | <u>Same</u> <u>(vol.)</u> | <u>No</u> <u>opinion</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2005 Nov 11-13 | 34 | 46 | 12 | 2 | 6 |
| 2005 Oct 13-16 | 32 | 45 | 12 | 4 | 7 |
| 2005 May 20-22 | 36 | 47 | 9 | 2 | 6 |
| 2004 Oct 22-24* | 41 | 45 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| 2004 Mar 26-28 | 39 | 41 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| 2002 Jul 29-31 | 38 | 39 | 9 | 5 | 9 |
| 2002 Jul 5-8 | 40 | 39 | 11 | 3 | 7 |
| 2002 Jan 11-14 | 44 | 43 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| 2001 Oct 5-6 | 38 | 37 | 11 | 7 | 7 |
| 2001 Aug 3-5 | 34 | 43 | 10 | 6 | 7 |
| 2001 Apr 20-22 | 41 | 43 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| 2001 Jan 5-7 | 39 | 41 | 7 | 5 | 8 |
| 1999 Jul 16-18 | 37 | 42 | 12 | 2 | 7 |
| 1999 Jun 25-27 | 41 | 41 | 11 | 2 | 5 |
| 1999 May 23-24 | 36 | 37 | 14 | 4 | 9 |
| 1998 Dec 15-16 | 30 | 41 | 13 | 5 | 11 |
| 1998 Sep 23-24 | 35 | 41 | 11 | 3 | 10 |
| 1997 Aug 22-25 | 37 | 40 | 11 | 4 | 8 |
| 1997 Jul 25-27 | 37 | 39 | 11 | 5 | 8 |
| 1997 Jun 26-29 | 34 | 40 | 12 | 4 | 10 |
| 1996 Oct 26-29** | 39 | 42 | 7 | 2 | 10 |
| 1995 Dec 15-18 | 41 | 41 | 8 | 2 | 8 |
| 1995 Mar 27-29 | 45 | 33 | 10 | 4 | 8 |
| 1994 Oct 18-19 | 42 | 39 | 10 | 2 | 7 |

* Asked of a half sample.

** Based on likely voters.

4. 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 | | | | |
| December 2-3, 2009 | 47% | 36% | 6% | 10% |
| October 16-18, 2009 | 45% | 40% | 7% | 8% |
| July 31-Aug. 3, 2009 | 47% | 33% | 7% | 13% |
| April 23-26, 2009 | 51% | 34% | 6% | 9% |
| 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

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sarah Palin | | | | |
| December 2-3, 2009 | 46% | 46% | 3% | 5% |
| October 16-18, 2009 | 42% | 51% | 3% | 4% |
| July 31-Aug. 3, 2009 | 39% | 48% | 5% | 8% |
| May 14-17, 2009 | 46% | 43% | 4% | 7% |
| November 6-9, 2008 | 49% | 43% | 2% | 6% |
| October 17-19, 2008 (RV) | 51% | 41% | 2% | 6% |
| October 3-5, 2008 (RV) | 52% | 40% | 3% | 5% |
| Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV) | 53% | 35% | 4% | 7% |
| Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV) | 57% | 27% | 6% | 10% |
| Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV) | 38% | 21% | 20% | 21% |

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Dick Cheney | | | | |
| December 2-3, 2009 | 39% | 53% | 5% | 2% |
| May 14-17, 2009 | 37% | 55% | 3% | 5% |
| January 12-15, 2009 | 29% | 58% | 3% | 9% |
| Aug. 29-31, 2008 | 32% | 61% | * | x6% |
| April 10-12, 2007 | 38% | 52% | 2% | 8% |
| September 22-24, 2006 | 37% | 54% | 3% | 6% |
| April 21-23, 2006 | 35% | 52% | 4% | 8% |

4. 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> |
|---|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Former North Carolina Senator John Edwards | | | | |
| December 2-3, 2009 | 30% | 47% | 12% | 11% |
| July 27-29, 2008 | 59% | 25% | 5% | 11% |
| September 7-9, 2007 | 49% | 30% | 8% | 13% |
| June 22-24, 2007 | 47% | 32% | 8% | 12% |
| March 9-11, 2007 | 42% | 27% | 18% | 13% |
| Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman | | | | |
| December 2-3, 2009 | 40% | 28% | 15% | 17% |
| Aug. 29-31, 2008* | 35% | 37% | 8% | 20% |
| November 17-19, 2007* | 48% | 21% | 15% | 15% |
| <i>*QUESTION WORDING: "Joe Lieberman"</i> | | | | |
| Al Gore | | | | |
| December 2-3, 2009 | 52% | 42% | 1% | 5% |
| Aug. 23-24, 2008 | 56% | 38% | * | 6% |
| March 9-11, 2007 | 50% | 40% | 2% | 8% |
| September 22-24, 2006 | 49% | 45% | 2% | 5% |
| Tiger Woods | | | | |
| December 2-3, 2009 | 60% | 25% | 1% | 13% |

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| TIGER WOODS | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | <u>Never heard of</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2005 June 16-19 | 85 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| 2001 June 8-10 | 84 | 9 | 2 | 5 |
| 2000 June 22-25 | 88 | 5 | 2 | 5 |

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Dick Cheney

| | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | <u>Never heard of</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2005 Dec 16-18 | 41 | 50 | 2 | 7 |
| 2005 Oct 28-30 | 42 | 51 | 2 | 5 |
| 2005 Oct 13-16 | 43 | 47 | 2 | 8 |
| 2005 Jun 24-26 | 48 | 44 | 2 | 6 |
| 2005 Feb 4-6 | 51 | 41 | 2 | 6 |
| 2004 Nov 19-21 | 53 | 41 | 2 | 4 |
| 2004 Oct 9-10 | 46 | 46 | 2 | 6 |
| 2004 Sep 3-5 | 48 | 44 | 2 | 6 |
| 2004 Aug 23-25* | 44 | 45 | 2 | 9 |
| 2004 Jul 19-21* | 47 | 43 | 2 | 8 |
| 2004 Jul 8-11 | 46 | 42 | 3 | 9 |
| 2004 Feb 16-17 | 45 | 42 | 3 | 10 |
| 2003 Oct 24-26 | 55 | 33 | 3 | 9 |
| 2003 Sep 19-21 | 54 | 36 | 3 | 7 |
| 2003 Jun 27-29* | 54 | 34 | 3 | 9 |
| 2003 Jan 31-Feb 2 | 61 | 28 | 2 | 9 |
| 2002 Sep 23-26 | 65 | 24 | 4 | 7 |
| 2002 Jul 26-28 | 57 | 30 | 3 | 10 |
| 2002 Jan 11-14 | 67 | 20 | 3 | 10 |
| 2001 Apr 20-22 | 64 | 22 | 3 | 11 |
| 2001 Mar 5-7 | 63 | 18 | 5 | 14 |
| 2001 Jan 15-16 | 61 | 23 | 5 | 11 |
| 2000 Dec 15-17 | 61 | 23 | 6 | 10 |
| 2000 Dec 2-4 | 58 | 23 | 8 | 11 |
| 2000 Nov 13-15 | 51 | 22 | 9 | 18 |
| 2000 Nov 13-15 | 53 | 22 | 8 | 17 |
| 2000 Sep 15-17 | 46 | 24 | 8 | 22 |
| 2000 Aug 18-19 | 54 | 21 | 5 | 20 |
| 2000 Aug 4-5 | 48 | 21 | 9 | 22 |
| 2000 Jul 25-26 | 51 | 14 | 12 | 23 |

*Asked of a half sample.

Connecticut Senator, Joe Lieberman

| | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | <u>Never heard of</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2004 Jan 2-5 | 38 | 37 | 10 | 15 |
| 2003 Nov 10-12 | 39 | 28 | 15 | 18 |
| 2003 Mar 29-30 | 41 | 26 | 13 | 20 |
| 2002 Dec 16-17 | 44 | 24 | 16 | 16 |
| 2001 Mar 9-11 | 52 | 20 | 10 | 18 |
| 2000 Dec 2-4 | 47 | 30 | 11 | 12 |
| 2000 Nov 13-15 | 48 | 23 | 8 | 21 |
| 2000 Nov 13-15 | 50 | 23 | 8 | 19 |
| 2000 Sep 15-17 | 52 | 17 | 9 | 22 |
| 2000 Aug 18-19 | 58 | 12 | 9 | 21 |

John Edwards

| | <u>Favorable</u> | <u>Unfavorable</u> | <u>Never heard of</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 2004 Oct 9-10 | 48 | 37 | 6 | 9 |
| 2004 Sep 3-5 | 56 | 30 | 3 | 11 |
| 2004 Aug 23-25* | 52 | 28 | 4 | 16 |
| 2004 Jul 30-Aug 1 | 59 | 27 | 3 | 11 |
| 2004 Jul 19-21* | 52 | 26 | 5 | 17 |
| 2004 Jul 8-11 | 55 | 24 | 6 | 15 |
| 2004 Jan 29-Feb 1 | 54 | 21 | 10 | 15 |
| 2004 Jan 2-5 | 24 | 24 | 27 | 25 |
| 2003 Nov 10-12 | 22 | 18 | 37 | 23 |

* Asked of a half sample.

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Al Gore

| | <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>2003</u> | | | | <u>1999</u> | | | |
| 2003 Jun 27-29 | 49 | 45 | 6 | 1999 Apr 30-May 2 | 55 | 37 | 8 |
| <u>2002</u> | | | | 1999 Apr 13-14 | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| 2002 Dec 16-17 | 49 | 45 | 6 | 1999 Apr 13-14 | 54 | 39 | 7 |
| 2002 Sep 23-26 | 46 | 47 | 7 | 1999 Feb 19-21 | 59 | 33 | 8 |
| 2002 Apr 29-May 1 | 46 | 48 | 6 | 1999 Feb 4-8 | 61 | 31 | 8 |
| <u>2001</u> | | | | <u>1998</u> | | | |
| 2001 Aug 3-5 | 52 | 42 | 6 | 1998 Dec 28-29 | 57 | 28 | 15 |
| 2001 Apr 20-22 | 55 | 41 | 4 | 1998 Sep 14-15 | 56 | 32 | 12 |
| 2001 Jan 15-16 | 56 | 41 | 3 | 1998 Feb 13-15 | 57 | 33 | 10 |
| <u>2000</u> | | | | 1998 Jan 30-Feb 1 | 62 | 31 | 7 |
| 2000 Dec 15-17 | 57 | 40 | 3 | 1998 Jan 24-25 | 56 | 32 | 12 |
| 2000 Dec 2-4 | 46 | 52 | 2 | 1998 Jan 23-24 | 55 | 33 | 12 |
| 2000 Nov 13-15 | 53 | 44 | 3 | <u>1997</u> | | | |
| 2000 Nov 13-15** | 54 | 44 | 2 | 1997 Dec 18-21 | 50 | 37 | 13 |
| 2000 Nov 4-5** | 56 | 39 | 5 | 1997 Oct 27-29 | 53 | 38 | 9 |
| 2000 Oct 24-26** | 53 | 42 | 5 | 1997 Oct 3-5 | 47 | 42 | 11 |
| 2000 Oct 23-25** | 55 | 40 | 5 | 1997 Sep 25-28 | 51 | 39 | 10 |
| 2000 Oct 20-22** | 57 | 39 | 4 | 1997 Sep 6-7 | 55 | 32 | 13 |
| 2000 Oct 5-7** | 57 | 37 | 6 | 1997 Jun 26-29 | 57 | 32 | 10 |
| 2000 Sep 28-30** | 61 | 31 | 8 | 1997 Apr 18-20 | 56 | 34 | 10 |
| 2000 Sep 15-17** | 62 | 30 | 8 | 1997 Mar 24-26 | 57 | 31 | 12 |
| 2000 Aug 18-19 | 64 | 30 | 6 | 1997 Jan 3-5 | 60 | 26 | 14 |
| 2000 Aug 4-5 | 52 | 42 | 6 | <u>1996</u> | | | |
| 2000 Jul 25-26 | 56 | 38 | 6 | 1996 Oct 26-29 | 61 | 31 | 8 |
| 2000 Jul 14-16 | 58 | 34 | 8 | 1996 Ag30- Sp 1** | 61 | 27 | 12 |
| 2000 Jun 23-25 | 52 | 39 | 9 | 1996 Aug 28-29** | 60 | 26 | 14 |
| 2000 Jun 6-7 | 59 | 35 | 6 | 1996 16-18** | 59 | 30 | 11 |
| 2000 Apr 28-30 | 53 | 38 | 9 | 1996 Aug 11** | 59 | 29 | 12 |
| 2000 Mar 10-12 | 59 | 36 | 5 | 1996 Jan 12-15 | 52 | 34 | 14 |
| 2000 Feb 25-27 | 59 | 35 | 6 | <u>1995</u> | | | |
| 2000 Feb 20-21 | 56 | 37 | 7 | 1995 Jan 16-18 | 57 | 29 | 14 |
| 2000 Feb 4-6 | 57 | 37 | 6 | 1994 Sep 6-7 | 56 | 31 | 13 |
| 2000 Jan 17-19 | 56 | 38 | 6 | 1994 Apr 22-24 | 60 | 28 | 12 |
| <u>1999</u> | | | | 1994 Mar 25-27 | 56 | 29 | 15 |
| 1999 Dec 20-21 | 57 | 36 | 7 | 1994 Jan 15-17 | 62 | 26 | 12 |
| 1999 Dec 9-12 | 54 | 42 | 4 | <u>1993</u> | | | |
| 1999 Oct 21-24 | 58 | 36 | 6 | 1993 Nov 2-4 | 49 | 30 | 21 |
| 1999 Oct 8-10 | 54 | 42 | 4 | 1993 Jul 19-21 | 55 | 30 | 15 |
| 1999 Sep 23-26 | 55 | 40 | 5 | 1993 Apr 22-24 | 55 | 24 | 21 |
| 1999 Aug 16-18 | 58 | 37 | 5 | 1993 Jan 18-19 | 63 | 22 | 15 |
| 1999 Aug 3-4 | 52 | 40 | 8 | <u>1992</u> | | | |
| 1999 Jul 22-25 | 53 | 35 | 12 | 1992 Nov 10-11 | 56 | 28 | 16 |
| 1999 Jun 25-27 | 56 | 39 | 5 | | | | |

*Asked of a half sample.

**Based on registered voters.

5. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today? (RANDOM ORDER)

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u> | June 26-28 <u>2009</u> | Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u> | Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| The economy | 40% | 41% | 51% | 55% | 63% |
| Health care | 17% | 20% | 13% | 9% | 9% |
| The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan | 16% | 8% | 8% | 9% | 6% |
| The federal budget deficit | 13% | 15% | 14% | 10% | 8% |
| Education | 7% | 8% | 4% | 6% | 5% |
| Terrorism | 4% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 5% |
| Energy and environmental policies* | 2% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 2% |
| Other (vol.) | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| No opinion (vol.) | * | * | * | 1% | * |

**QUESTION WORDING: Prior to Dec. 2-3, 2009 asked only as "Energy policy"*

6. (IF ECONOMY) And which of those items I just mentioned is the most important issue OTHER THAN THE ECONOMY facing the country today?

QUESTIONS 5 AND 6 COMBINED

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u> | June 26-28 <u>2009</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Health care | 28% | 33% | 27% |
| The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan | 27% | 15% | 21% |
| The federal budget deficit | 22% | 25% | 23% |
| Education | 10% | 12% | 11% |
| Terrorism | 7% | 10% | 10% |
| Energy and environmental policies* | 4% | 4% | 6% |
| Other (vol.) | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| No opinion (vol.) | 2% | * | 1% |

**QUESTION WORDING: Prior to Dec. 2-3, 2009 asked only as "Energy policy"*

7. 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> |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dec. 2-3, 2009 | 3% | 31% | 42% | 24% | * | 34% | 66% |
| Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009 | 3% | 34% | 41% | 22% | * | 37% | 63% |
| August 28-31, 2009 | 2% | 28% | 46% | 23% | 1% | 30% | 69% |
| May 14-17, 2009 | 3% | 25% | 45% | 26% | * | 28% | 71% |
| April 3-5, 2009 | 3% | 20% | 51% | 26% | * | 23% | 77% |
| 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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*Trends from 1974 to May, 2004: CNN/Time or Time magazine polls;
Trends from October, 2004 to Feb, 2006: CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls*

| | Very/ fairly well | Very/ pretty badly | | Very/ fairly well | Very/ pretty badly | | Very/ fairly well | Very/ pretty badly | | Very/ fairly well | Very/ pretty badly |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2006 Feb 9-12 | 52 | 47 | 1998 May 18-19 | 66 | 30 | 1993 Aug | 39 | 58 | 1985 Nov | 70 | 31 |
| 2005 Nov 11-13 | 49 | 50 | 1998 Apr 8-9 | 70 | 30 | 1993 Aug | 41 | 57 | 1985 Sep | 67 | 33 |
| 2005 Sep 8-11 | 50 | 50 | 1998 Mar 18-19 | 76 | 25 | 1993 Jun | 41 | 56 | 1985 Jul | 70 | 31 |
| 2005 July 23-24 | 58 | 41 | 1998 Feb 4-5 | 74 | 25 | 1993 May | 40 | 58 | 1985 Apr | 69 | 32 |
| 2005 April 1-2 | 61 | 38 | 1998 Jan 28-29 | 79 | 19 | 1993 May | 43 | 56 | 1984 Dec | 74 | 26 |
| 2005 Jan 7-9 | 58 | 41 | 1998 Jan 22 | 68 | 31 | 1993 Apr | 45 | 53 | 1984 Oct | 74 | 26 |
| 2004 Oct 29-31 | 55 | 44 | 1998 Jan 14-15 | 65 | 32 | 1993 Mar | 48 | 50 | 1984 Sep | 71 | 30 |
| 2004 Oct 9-10 | 54 | 46 | 1997 Oct 30 | 67 | 31 | 1993 Feb | 48 | 49 | 1984 Aug | 68 | 32 |
| 2004 May 12-13 | 60 | 39 | 1997 Sep 10-11 | 63 | 34 | 1993 Feb | 48 | 49 | 1984 Jan | 67 | 32 |
| 2004 Apr 8 | 63 | 36 | 1997 Jul 30-31 | 69 | 29 | 1993 Jan | 53 | 45 | 1983 Dec | 60 | 40 |
| 2004 Feb 5-6 | 52 | 47 | 1997 Jun 4-5 | 64 | 34 | 1993 Jan | 47 | 52 | 1983 Sep | 56 | 45 |
| 2004 Jan 14-15 | 53 | 46 | 1997 May 7-8 | 63 | 35 | 1992 Oct | 35 | 65 | 1983 Jun | 58 | 41 |
| 2003 Dec 30-Jan 1 | 49 | 49 | 1997 Apr 16-17 | 62 | 37 | 1992 Sep | 32 | 68 | 1983 Mar | 46 | 55 |
| 2003 Nov 18-19 | 52 | 46 | 1997 Mar 11-12 | 57 | 41 | 1992 Aug | 35 | 63 | 1982 Dec | 35 | 65 |
| 2003 Sep 3-4 | 49 | 49 | 1997 Feb 26-27 | 64 | 35 | 1992 Jul | 31 | 67 | 1982 Oct | 40 | 60 |
| 2003 Jul 16-17 | 57 | 42 | 1997 Feb 5-6 | 67 | 33 | 1992 Jun | 35 | 62 | 1982 Jun | 40 | 60 |
| 2003 May 21-22 | 60 | 39 | 1997 Jan 8-9 | 63 | 35 | 1992 Jun | 33 | 65 | 1982 Mar | 39 | 62 |
| 2003 Mar 27 | 63 | 36 | 1996 Oct | 67 | 32 | 1992 May | 30 | 68 | 1981 Dec | 43 | 58 |
| 2003 Feb 19-20 | 52 | 47 | 1996 Jun | 61 | 37 | 1992 Apr | 33 | 65 | 1981 Sep | 53 | 47 |
| 2003 Feb 6 | 53 | 46 | 1996 Jun | 62 | 37 | 1992 Mar | 33 | 66 | 1981 May | 51 | 50 |
| 2003 Jan 15-16 | 49 | 49 | 1996 Feb | 53 | 44 | 1992 Feb | 35 | 62 | 1981 Jan | 26 | 74 |
| 2002 Dec 17-18 | 54 | 45 | 1996 Jan | 48 | 50 | 1992 Jan | 29 | 71 | 1980 Oct | 32 | 68 |
| 2002 Nov 13-14 | 56 | 42 | 1996 Jan | 48 | 50 | 1992 Jan | 35 | 64 | 1980 Aug | 30 | 70 |
| 2002 Oct 23-24 | 49 | 49 | 1995 Dec | 54 | 44 | 1992 Jan | 36 | 64 | 1980 May | 21 | 79 |
| 2002 Aug 28-29 | 57 | 41 | 1995 Oct | 46 | 52 | 1991 Dec | 29 | 71 | 1980 Mar | 24 | 76 |
| 2002 Jul 10-11 | 59 | 39 | 1995 Oct | 47 | 51 | 1991 Nov | 36 | 64 | 1980 Jan | 34 | 65 |
| 2002 Jun 19-20 | 57 | 41 | 1995 Sep | 50 | 49 | 1991 Oct | 42 | 56 | 1979 Dec | 36 | 64 |
| 2002 May 22-23 | 64 | 35 | 1995 Sep | 50 | 49 | 1991 Oct | 42 | 58 | 1979 Oct | 36 | 68 |
| 2002 Apr 10-11 | 61 | 38 | 1995 Aug | 47 | 52 | 1991 Sep | 49 | 49 | 1979 Aug | 31 | 70 |
| 2002 Mar 13-14 | 69 | 29 | 1995 Jul | 51 | 47 | 1991 Aug | 53 | 47 | 1979 Apr | 36 | 65 |
| 2002 Jan 23-24 | 66 | 34 | 1995 Jun | 53 | 47 | 1991 Jun | 53 | 47 | 1978 Oct | 56 | 44 |
| 2001 Dec 19-20 | 64 | 34 | 1995 Jun | 45 | 51 | 1991 May | 53 | 47 | 1978 May | 49 | 51 |
| 2001 Nov 7-8 | 63 | 35 | 1995 May | 50 | 49 | 1991 Apr | 56 | 42 | 1978 Mar | 53 | 47 |
| 2001 Oct 12 | 65 | 33 | 1995 Apr | 46 | 52 | 1991 Apr | 59 | 41 | 1977 Nov | 64 | 35 |
| 2001 Sep 27 | 59 | 38 | 1995 Mar | 52 | 46 | 1991 Mar | 74 | 26 | 1977 Jul | 69 | 31 |
| 2001 Sep 13 | 45 | 53 | 1995 Mar | 49 | 48 | 1991 Feb | 58 | 42 | 1977 May | 65 | 35 |
| 2001 Jul 17-18 | 70 | 29 | 1995 Feb | 54 | 44 | 1991 Jan | 39 | 61 | 1977 Mar | 69 | 31 |
| 2001 May 23-24 | 65 | 33 | 1995 Jan | 58 | 41 | 1990 Dec | 45 | 55 | 1976 Oct | 56 | 44 |
| 2001 Feb 7-8 | 71 | 28 | 1995 Jan | 56 | 43 | 1990 Nov | 42 | 58 | 1976 Sep | 57 | 44 |
| 2001 Jan 10-11 | 73 | 24 | 1995 Jan | 54 | 44 | 1990 Oct | 38 | 62 | 1976 Aug | 60 | 40 |
| 2000 Nov 10 | 74 | 25 | 1994 Dec | 55 | 44 | 1990 Oct | 41 | 59 | 1976 Jun | 50 | 50 |
| 2000 Oct 25-26 | 79 | 19 | 1994 Nov | 49 | 48 | 1990 Oct | 42 | 58 | 1976 Apr | 52 | 48 |
| 2000 Oct 12-13 | 76 | 22 | 1994 Oct | 50 | 49 | 1990 Sep | 52 | 48 | 1976 Jan | 46 | 55 |
| 2000 Oct 4-5 | 77 | 22 | 1994 Oct | 51 | 47 | 1990 Aug | 55 | 45 | 1975 May | 40 | 61 |
| 2000 Sep 6-7 | 79 | 19 | 1994 Sep | 45 | 53 | 1990 Jul | 55 | 45 | 1975 Jan | 23 | 78 |
| 2000 Aug 9-10 | 77 | 21 | 1994 Sep | 46 | 53 | 1990 May | 61 | 37 | 1974 Sep | 30 | 70 |
| 2000 Jul 26-27 | 74 | 24 | 1994 Sep | 42 | 57 | 1990 Apr | 62 | 38 | 1974 Mar | 29 | 71 |
| 2000 Jun 14-15 | 72 | 27 | 1994 Aug | 42 | 58 | 1990 Mar | 62 | 38 | | | |
| 2000 Mar 8-9 | 76 | 22 | 1994 Aug | 45 | 52 | 1990 Feb | 70 | 30 | | | |
| 2000 Feb 2-3 | 78 | 17 | 1994 Aug | 49 | 50 | 1990 Jan | 67 | 33 | | | |
| 2000 Jan 12-13 | 81 | 19 | 1994 Jul | 51 | 48 | 1989 Oct | 62 | 38 | | | |
| 2000 Jan 5-6 | 80 | 19 | 1994 Jun | 49 | 49 | 1989 Jun | 61 | 39 | | | |
| 1999 Nov 10-11 | 68 | 30 | 1994 Jun | 56 | 41 | 1989 Jan | 69 | 31 | | | |
| 1999 Jul 14-15 | 70 | 28 | 1994 May | 48 | 51 | 1988 Oct | 70 | 31 | | | |
| 1999 Jun 9-10 | 69 | 31 | 1994 May | 49 | 50 | 1988 Sep | 73 | 27 | | | |
| 1999 May 26-27 | 61 | 37 | 1994 Apr | 47 | 52 | 1988 Apr | 64 | 40 | | | |
| 1999 Mar 25 | 70 | 29 | 1994 Apr | 53 | 44 | 1988 Mar | 65 | 33 | | | |
| 1999 Mar 4 | 73 | 26 | 1994 Mar | 48 | 49 | 1988 Feb | 60 | 37 | | | |
| 1999 Jan 20-21 | 77 | 22 | 1994 Mar | 49 | 50 | 1988 Jan | 62 | 38 | | | |
| 1999 Jan 7 | 74 | 25 | 1994 Feb | 47 | 51 | 1987 Oct | 58 | 42 | | | |
| 1998 Dec 17-18 | 60 | 38 | 1994 Jan | 52 | 47 | 1987 Aug | 61 | 39 | | | |
| 1998 Oct 14-15 | 78 | 21 | 1993 Dec | 48 | 50 | 1987 May | 64 | 37 | | | |
| 1998 Sep 23-24 | 72 | 26 | 1993 Nov | 45 | 54 | 1987 Feb | 61 | 40 | | | |
| 1998 Sep 16-17 | 72 | 25 | 1993 Oct | 40 | 58 | 1987 Jan | 61 | 39 | | | |
| 1998 Aug 18 | 77 | 21 | 1993 Oct | 39 | 58 | 1986 Sep | 63 | 37 | | | |
| 1998 Jul 30 | 68 | 31 | 1993 Oct | 41 | 59 | 1986 Jul | 69 | 31 | | | |
| 1998 Jun 30-Jul 1 | 67 | 31 | 1993 Sep | 47 | 52 | 1986 May | 65 | 34 | | | |
| 1998 Jun 26-Jul 5 | 55 | 44 | 1993 Sep | 42 | 57 | 1986 Apr | 67 | 32 | | | |

8. Do you think the economy is in a recession, or not?

| | <u>Dec. 2-3</u> <u>2009</u> | <u>Sept. 11-13</u> <u>2009</u> | <u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u> | <u>May 14-17</u> <u>2009</u> |
|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Yes | 84% | 86% | 87% | 90% |
| No | 16% | 13% | 12% | 10% |
| No opinion | * | 1% | 1% | * |

| | <u>Dec. 1-2</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Oct. 17-19</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Aug. 29-31</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>June 26-29</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Apr. 28-30</u> <u>2008</u> |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Yes | 89% | 76% | 73% | 75% | 79% |
| No | 10% | 23% | 26% | 25% | 19% |
| No opinion | 1% | 1% | 1% | * | 2% |

| | <u>Mar. 14-16</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Feb. 1-3</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Jan.9-10</u> <u>2008</u> | <u>Dec. 6-9</u> <u>2007</u> | <u>Oct. 12-14</u> <u>2007</u> |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Yes | 74% | 66% | 61% | 57% | 46% |
| No | 25% | 31% | 37% | 42% | 51% |
| No opinion | 1% | 2% | 3% | 1% | 3% |

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 2004 Jan 2-5 | 32 | 66 | 2 |
| 2003 Apr 22-23 | 56 | 41 | 3 |
| 2003 Mar 24-25 | 41 | 54 | 5 |
| 2002 Nov 22-24 | 52 | 45 | 3 |
| 2002 Oct 3-6* | 55 | 40 | 5 |
| 2002 Jul 29-31 | 46 | 50 | 4 |
| 2002 Jun 28-30 | 52 | 45 | 3 |
| 2002 May 6-9 | 45 | 53 | 2 |
| 2002 Apr 8-11 | 45 | 52 | 3 |
| 2002 Mar 8-9* | 56 | 38 | 6 |
| 2001 Nov 8-11 | 59 | 38 | 3 |
| 2001 Oct 11-14 | 49 | 49 | 2 |
| 2001 Sep 21-22 | 52 | 43 | 5 |
| 2001 Sep 7-10 | 51 | 43 | 6 |
| 2001 May 10-14 | 33 | 62 | 5 |
| 2001 Apr 6-8 | 42 | 52 | 6 |
| 2001 Mar 5-7* | 31 | 64 | 5 |
| 2001 Feb 1-4* | 44 | 49 | 7 |
| 1994 May 20-22 | 35 | 61 | 4 |
| 1994 Feb. 26-28 | 34 | 62 | 4 |
| 1993 Dec 4-6 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| 1992 Sept 11-15 | 79 | 19 | 2 |
| 1992 Jan. 3-6 | 84 | 14 | 2 |
| 1991 March | 81 | 16 | 4 |

* Asked of a half sample.

8. Do you think the economy is now in a recession, or not?
 9. (IF YES:) Do you think we are in a mild recession, or a moderate recession, or a serious recession?

QUESTIONS 8 AND 9 COMBINED

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u> | Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u> | May 14-17 <u>2009</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Serious recession | 36% | 42% | 36% | 42% |
| Moderate recession | 35% | 35% | 39% | 35% |
| Mild recession | 13% | 10% | 12% | 12% |
| Not in a recession (from Q.8) | 16% | 13% | 12% | 10% |
| No opinion | * | 1% | 1% | * |

| | Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u> | June 26-29 <u>2008</u> | Mar. 14-16 <u>2008*</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Serious recession | 32% | 27% | 29% |
| Moderate recession | 30% | 29% | 29% |
| Mild recession | 14% | 19% | 16% |
| Not in a recession | 23% | 25% | 25% |
| No opinion | 1% | * | 1% |

*Asked of half sample

LOS ANGELES TIMES POLL TRENDS

| | <u>Serious</u> | <u>Moderate</u> | <u>Mild</u> | <u>None</u> | | <u>Serious</u> | <u>Moderate</u> | <u>Mild</u> | <u>None</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2003 Apr 22-23** | 10 | 25 | 21 | 41 | 1993 Sep 25-28 | 29 | 27 | 16 | 24 |
| 2002 Dec 12-15 | 13 | 24 | 24 | 35 | 1993 Jun 12-14 | 25 | 27 | 18 | 26 |
| 2002 Aug 22-25 | 11 | 23 | 25 | 36 | 1993 Feb 18-19 | 25 | 25 | 15 | 30 |
| 2002 Jan 31-Feb 2 | 18 | 34 | 29 | 15 | 1993 Jan 14-17 | 27 | 27 | 17 | 25 |
| 2001 Sep 13-14 | 9 | 19 | 23 | 41 | 1992 Oct 24-26 | 46 | 30 | 12 | 9 |
| 1997 Sep 6-9 | 7 | 16 | 12 | 59 | 1992 Oct 2-5 | 45 | 26 | 15 | 11 |
| 1997 Feb 5-6 | 6 | 14 | 13 | 62 | 1992 Aug 20-21 | 45 | 27 | 16 | 9 |
| 1996 Oct 24-27 | 12 | 15 | 16 | 52 | 1992 Aug 12-14 | 45 | 31 | 13 | 8 |
| 1996 Sep 7-10 | 8 | 14 | 16 | 53 | 1992 Jul 7-9 | 42 | 33 | 12 | 10 |
| 1996 Aug 3-6 | 11 | 15 | 19 | 47 | 1992 Mar 27-29 | 35 | 31 | 18 | 13 |
| 1995 Jun 9-11 | 12 | 20 | 21 | 39 | 1992 Jan 31-Feb 2 | 41 | 34 | 14 | 8 |
| 1995 Mar 15-19 | 13 | 18 | 20 | 45 | 1991 Nov 21-24 | 33 | 35 | 17 | 12 |
| 1994 Jul 23-26 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 41 | 1991 Sep 21-25 | 30 | 33 | 19 | 14 |
| 1994 Apr 16-19 | 12 | 22 | 17 | 44 | 1991 Jun 28-30 | 32 | 33 | 18 | 14 |
| 1994 Jan 15-19 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 37 | 1991 Mar 9-11 | 21 | 38 | 29 | 9 |
| 1993 Dec 4-7 | 22 | 26 | 18 | 29 | 1991 Feb 15-17 | 23 | 33 | 28 | 13 |

**003 results from CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll

10. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of economic conditions today?

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u> | June 26-28 <u>2009</u> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| The economy is starting to recover from the problems it faced in the past year or so | 15% | 17% | 12% |
| An economic recovery has not started but conditions have stabilized and are not getting any worse | 46% | 50% | 48% |
| The economy is still in a downturn and conditions are continuing to worsen | 39% | 33% | 40% |
| Recession is over/Economy has recovered (vol.) | * | * | * |
| No opinion | * | * | * |

11. As you may know, the U.S. went through a depression in the 1930s in which roughly one out of four workers were unemployed, banks failed across the country, and millions of ordinary Americans were temporarily homeless or unable to feed their families. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that another depression like that will occur in the U.S. within the next 12 months?

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u> | Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u> | Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u> | Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Very likely | 17% | 12% | 12% | 10% | 12% |
| Somewhat likely | 26% | 29% | 33% | 28% | 29% |
| Not very likely | 39% | 36% | 36% | 41% | 35% |
| Not likely at all | 19% | 22% | 18% | 20% | 24% |
| No opinion | 1% | * | 1% | * | 1% |

12. As you may know, the U.S. Senate is considering a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have read or heard about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Favor | 36% |
| Oppose | 61% |
| No opinion | 4% |

FOR COMPARISON

As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have heard or read about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

Nov. 13-15
2009

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Favor | 46% |
| Oppose | 49% |
| No opinion | 5% |

13. From what you know about the Senate health care bill, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|---|-----|
| Those proposals would help you and your family if they became law | 22% |
| Those proposals would help other families in this country, but would not help you and your family | 46% |
| Those proposals would not help anyone in the country | 29% |
| No opinion | 3% |

FOR COMPARISON

From what you know of the health care proposals which Obama supports, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

July 31- Aug. 3
2009

| | |
|---|-----|
| Those proposals would help you and your family if they became law | 30% |
| Those proposals would help other families in this country, but would not help you and your family | 44% |
| Those proposals would not help anyone in the country | 20% |
| No opinion | 6% |

14. Who do you trust more to handle major changes in the country's health care system -- the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Democrats | 43% |
| Republican | 40% |
| Both equal/neither (vol.) | 16% |
| No opinion | 1% |

15. Now thinking specifically about the health insurance plans available to most Americans, would you favor or oppose creating a public health insurance option administered by the federal government that would compete with plans offered by private health insurance companies?

Dec. 2-3 Nov. 13-15 Oct. 30-Nov. 1 Oct. 16-18 Aug. 28-31
2009 2009 2009 2009 2009

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Favor | 53% | 56% | 55% | 61% | 55% |
| Oppose | 46% | 42% | 44% | 38% | 41% |
| No opinion | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 4% |

16. If a bill similar to the one that the Senate is considering becomes law, do you think the federal budget deficit would or would not increase?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Would happen | 79% |
| Would not happen | 19% |
| No opinion | 2% |

17. If a bill similar to the one that the Senate is considering becomes law, do you think your taxes would or would not increase?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Would happen | 85% |
| Would not happen | 14% |
| No opinion | 1% |

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

| | <u>Dec. 2-3 2009</u> | <u>Nov. 13-15 2009</u> | <u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1 2009</u> | | | |
|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Favor | 46% | 45% | 40% | | | |
| Oppose | 51% | 52% | 58% | | | |
| No opinion | 2% | 3% | 2% | | | |
| | <u>Oct. 16-18 2009</u> | <u>Sept. 11-13 2009</u> | <u>Aug. 28-31 2009</u> | <u>July 31-Aug. 3 2009</u> | <u>May 14-17 2009</u> | <u>Apr. 3-5 2009</u> |
| Favor | 41% | 39% | 42% | 41% | 50% | 53% |
| Oppose | 57% | 58% | 57% | 54% | 48% | 46% |
| No opinion | 2% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 3% | 1% |
| | <u>Feb. 18-19 2009</u> | <u>Dec. 1-2 2008</u> | <u>July 27-29 2008</u> | <u>Jan. 19-21 2007</u> | <u>Sept. 22-24 2006</u> | |
| Favor | 47% | 52% | 46% | 44% | 50% | |
| Oppose | 51% | 46% | 52% | 52% | 48% | |
| No opinion | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 2% | |

19. Regardless of how you feel about the war in general, do you favor or oppose President Obama's plan to send about 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan in an attempt to stabilize the situation there?

| | <u>Dec. 2-3 2009</u> |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Favor | 62% |
| Oppose | 36% |
| No opinion | 2% |

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?

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

20. President Obama also announced that he plans to start removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan in the summer of 2011. Thinking specifically about that policy and not about Obama's decision to announce it at this time, do you favor or oppose Obama's plan to start removing troops from Afghanistan in 2011?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Favor | 66% |
| Oppose | 32% |
| No opinion | 2% |

21. And regardless of how you feel about the plan to start removing troops in 2011, do you think it was a good idea or a bad idea for Obama to announce that policy at this time?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Good idea | 39% |
| Bad idea | 59% |
| No opinion | 2% |

22. And just your best guess -- do you think conditions in Afghanistan will or will not be good enough in the summer of 2011 for the U.S. to start removing troops?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Conditions will be good enough | 33% |
| Conditions will not be good enough | 61% |
| No opinion | 6% |

23. Do you think the safety and security of the United States are at stake in Afghanistan, or don't you think so?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Yes, are at stake | 64% |
| No, are not at stake | 34% |
| No opinion | 2% |

24. Who do you have more confidence in when it comes to handling the situation in Afghanistan -- President Obama or the Democrats in Congress?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Obama | 44% |
| Democrats | 31% |
| Both (vol.) | 4% |
| Neither (vol.) | 20% |
| No opinion | 2% |

25. What do you think is the most likely outcome for the U.S. in Afghanistan –a victory, a stalemate, or a defeat?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Victory | 29% |
| Stalemate | 57% |
| Defeat | 12% |
| No opinion | 2% |

26. Do you think that a victory is possible for the U.S. in Afghanistan, or do you think that a victory in Afghanistan is not possible?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Victory is possible | 58% |
| Victory is not possible | 41% |
| No opinion | 1% |

NOTE: "Victory is possible" includes respondents who said victory is the most likely outcome in Question 25.

27. Do you think that a defeat is possible for the U.S. in Afghanistan, or do you think that a defeat in Afghanistan is not possible?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Defeat is possible | 60% |
| Defeat is not possible | 38% |
| No opinion | 2% |

NOTE: "Defeat is possible" includes respondents who said defeat is the most likely outcome in Question 25.

FOR COMPARISON

What do you think is the most likely outcome for the U.S. in Iraq -- a victory, a stalemate, or a defeat?

| | Jan. 11 <u>2007</u> | Dec. 15-16 <u>2006</u> |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Victory | 27% | 27% |
| Stalemate | 50% | 50% |
| Defeat | 18% | 20% |
| No opinion | 5% | 3% |

Do you think victory is possible for the U.S. in Iraq, or do you think a victory in Iraq is not possible?

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Victory is possible | 47% | 48% |
| Victory is not possible | 50% | 50% |
| No opinion | 5% | 3% |

Do you think defeat is possible for the U.S. in Iraq, or do you think a defeat in Iraq is not possible?

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|
| Defeat is possible | 56% | 62% |
| Defeat is not possible | 39% | 34% |
| No opinion | 5% | 4% |

28. As you may know, it has been about three months since the general in charge of U.S. forces in Afghanistan formally requested additional troops. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view: (RANDOM ORDER)

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| You think Obama took too much time to make this decision, | 43% |
| You think that amount of time was necessary for Obama to make a thorough review and explore the different options available | 56% |
| No opinion | 1% |

29. Just your best guess -- do you think each of the following is likely or unlikely to happen in Afghanistan in the next few years?

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Afghanistan will have a democratic government that will not be over-thrown by terrorists or the Taliban | | |
| Likely | 33% | 31% |
| Unlikely | 66% | 68% |
| No opinion | 1% | 2% |
| b. Afghan military and police will be able to ensure safety and security in Afghanistan without assistance from the United States | | |
| Likely | 35% | 31% |
| Unlikely | 65% | 69% |
| No opinion | * | * |
| c. Afghanistan will be able to prevent terrorists from using the country as a base of operations for planning attacks against the United States | | |
| Likely | 36% | 33% |
| Unlikely | 63% | 66% |
| No opinion | 1% | 1% |

30. Whose policies do you blame for the problems that the U.S. is currently facing in Afghanistan -- the policies of George W. Bush or the policies of Barack Obama?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Bush | 64% |
| Obama | 17% |
| Both equal/Neither (vol.) | 18% |
| No opinion | 1% |

31. And if the current situation facing the U.S. in Afghanistan does not improve by the summer of 2011, whose policies would you blame for that -- the policies of George W. Bush, or the policies of Barack Obama?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Bush | 34% |
| Obama | 54% |
| Both equal/Neither (vol.) | 12% |
| No opinion | 1% |

32. Do you think the United States' action in Afghanistan is morally justified, or not?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Morally justified | 63% |
| Not morally justified | 35% |
| No opinion | 1% |

FOR COMPARISON

| Do you think the United States' action in Iraq is morally justified, or not? | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Mar. 14-16 <u>2008</u> | June 22-24 <u>2007</u> | June 8-11 <u>2006</u> | Mar 10-12 <u>2006*</u> | Mar 29-30 <u>2003*</u> |
| Yes, morally justified | 45% | 42% | 45% | 47% | 73% |
| No, not morally justified | 52% | 54% | 47% | 50% | 24% |
| No opinion | 3% | 4% | 8% | 2% | 3% |

*CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls

33. Did you happen to watch or listen to any of Obama's speech on Afghanistan on Tuesday night, or not?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Yes | 42% |
| No | 58% |
| No opinion | * |

34. Did the speech make you more likely or less likely to support Obama's policies in Afghanistan, or didn't it make any difference to you? (ASKED OF THOSE THAT WATCHED OBAMA'S SPEECH. RESULTS BASED ON 519 INTERVIEWS. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| More likely | 34% |
| Less likely | 16% |
| Didn't make any difference | 50% |
| No opinion | * |

35. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of global warming (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 523 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | June 4-5 <u>2008</u> | Oct. 12-14 <u>2007</u> | May 4-6 <u>2007</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Global warming is a proven fact and is mostly caused by emissions from cars and industrial facilities such as power plants and factories | 45% | 54% | 56% | 54% |
| Global warming is a proven fact and is mostly caused by natural changes that have nothing to do with emissions from cars and industrial facilities | 23% | 22% | 21% | 20% |
| Global warming is a theory that has not yet been proven | 31% | 23% | 21% | 22% |
| No opinion | 1% | 1% | 2% | 4% |

36. Which of these positions do you agree with most: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 518 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | Oct. 12-14 <u>2007</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| The United States should reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that may contribute to global warming <u>even if</u> it does so by itself | 58% | 66% |
| The United States should reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that may contribute to global warming <u>only if</u> other countries do so as well | 17% | 16% |
| The United States should not reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases regardless of what other countries do | 24% | 15% |
| No opinion | 2% | 3% |

CNN/TIME TRENDS

| | Mar. 21-22 <u>2001</u> |
|--|---------------------------|
| The United States should reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that may contribute to global warming <u>even if</u> it does so by itself | 52 |
| The United States should reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that may contribute to global warming <u>only if</u> other countries do so as well | 34 |
| Should not reduce emissions | 10 |
| Not sure | 4 |

37. As you may know, the Norwegian Nobel Committee recently awarded the Nobel Peace Prize to Barack Obama. Do you think Obama has accomplished enough so far to deserve the Nobel Peace Prize, or don't you think so?

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> | Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Accomplished enough | 19% | 32% |
| Do not think so | 80% | 67% |
| No opinion | 1% | 1% |

QUESTIONS 37 AND 38 COMBINED

37. Do you think Obama has accomplished enough so far to deserve the Nobel Peace Prize, or don't you think so?
38. (IF DO NOT THINK HE ACCOMPLISHED ENOUGH) Do you think it is likely or unlikely that Obama will eventually accomplish enough to deserve the Nobel Peace Prize?

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> |
|--|-------------------------|
| Accomplished enough (from Question 37) | 19% |
| Not accomplished enough but likely will | 35% |
| Not accomplished enough and likely won't | 43% |
| No opinion | 3% |

39. And regardless of how you feel about the decision to give Obama the Nobel Peace Prize, do you think he should or should not go to the Nobel awards ceremony in Norway to accept the award?

| | Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Should go | 70% |
| Should not go | 27% |
| No opinion | 3% |

40. Do you think you will spend more, less or about the same amount on Christmas or holiday gifts this year than you did last year?

Dec. 2-3
2009

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| More | 12% |
| Less | 49% |
| About the same | 39% |
| No opinion | * |

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| | <u>More</u> | <u>Less</u> | <u>About the same</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1992 Oct 20-22* | 11 | 38 | 48 | 7 |
| 2002 Nov 13-14 | 16 | 32 | 50 | 2 |

*QUESTION WORDING: "Compared to last year, do you think you will spend more for Christmas gifts this year, less, or about the same?"

41. Will you spend more of your holiday gift budget on practical things that people really need, or on things that people don't necessarily need but might enjoy?

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| Things people need | 68% |
| Things people might enjoy | 27% |
| Both/equally (vol.) | 4% |
| No opinion | 1% |

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| | <u>Need</u> | <u>Enjoy</u> | <u>Both/equally (vol.)</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
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| 2002 Nov 22-24 | 56 | 36 | 6 | 2 |

42. Do you think current economic conditions will make this holiday season more stressful for you than in previous years, or not?

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| Yes, more stressful | 40% |
| No more stressful | 59% |
| No opinion | * |

43. Now thinking about the amount of money you generally donate during the holiday season to charities or other organizations that help those in need. Which of the following statements best describes you:

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| You definitely will give as much to charities as you did last year | 44% |
| You hope to be able to give as much to charities this year, but economic conditions may force you to cut back | 51% |
| Do not donate money to charities (vol.) | 5% |
| No opinion | * |