



Interviews with 1,008 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 5-7, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 938 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points) and 504 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 4.5 percentage points).

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

	<u>Oct. 5-7 2010</u>	<u>Sept. 21-23 2010</u>	<u>Sept. 1-2 2010</u>	<u>Aug. 6-10 2010</u>		
Approve	45%	42%	50%	47%		
Disapprove	52%	54%	49%	51%		
No opinion	3%	4%	1%	2%		
	<u>July 16-21 2010</u>	<u>June 16 2010</u>	<u>May 21-23 2010</u>	<u>Apr. 9-11 2010</u>	<u>Mar. 25-28 2010</u>	<u>Mar. 19-21 2010</u>
Approve	47%	50%	51%	51%	51%	46%
Disapprove	50%	48%	46%	47%	48%	51%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%
	<u>Feb. 12-15 2010</u>	<u>Jan. 22-24 2010</u>	<u>Jan. 8-10 2010</u>	<u>Dec. 16-20 2009</u>	<u>Dec. 2-3 2009</u>	<u>Nov. 13-15 2009</u>
Approve	49%	49%	51%	54%	48%	55%
Disapprove	50%	50%	48%	44%	50%	42%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	3%
	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1 2009</u>	<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>June 26-28 2009</u>
Approve	54%	55%	58%	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	45%	43%	40%	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%
	<u>May 14-17 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 23-26 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 3-5 2009</u>	<u>Mar. 12-15 2009</u>	<u>Feb. 18-19 2009</u>	<u>Feb. 7-8 2009</u>
Approve	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

4. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district?
5. (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 COMBINED

	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Likely Voters				
Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	2%	1%
Sept. 21-23, 2010	44%	53%	3%	*
Registered Voters				
Oct. 5-7, 2010	47%	47%	4%	2%
Sept. 21-23, 2010	44%	50%	4%	1%
Sept. 1-2, 2010	45%	52%	3%	1%
Aug. 6-10, 2010	45%	48%	7%	1%
July 16-21, 2010	44%	49%	6%	1%
May 21-23, 2010	47%	46%	6%	1%
April 9-11, 2010	50%	46%	4%	1%
March 25-28, 2010	45%	49%	4%	2%
March 19-21, 2010	45%	48%	5%	2%
February 12-15, 2010	45%	47%	6%	2%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	45%	48%	6%	1%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	43%	6%	3%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	50%	44%	5%	2%
All Americans				
Oct. 5-7, 2010	47%	46%	5%	3%
Sept. 21-23, 2010	45%	49%	5%	2%
Sept. 1-2, 2010	45%	49%	5%	1%
Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	45%	6%	1%
July 16-21, 2010	44%	50%	5%	1%
May 21-23, 2010	48%	44%	8%	1%
April 9-11, 2010	50%	45%	4%	2%
March 25-28, 2010	46%	48%	4%	2%
March 19-21, 2010	46%	46%	6%	3%
February 12-15, 2010	46%	46%	5%	3%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	45%	46%	6%	2%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	42%	7%	2%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	51%	41%	6%	2%

BASED ON 432 REGISTERED DEMOCRATS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.
 BASED ON 460 REGISTERED REPUBLICANS -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5% PTS.

6. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	<u>Extremely enthusiastic</u>	<u>Very enthusiastic</u>	<u>Somewhat enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not too enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not at all enthusiastic</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Likely Voters						
Oct. 5-7, 2010	30%	30%	25%	8%	6%	*
Sept. 21-23, 2010	32%	24%	26%	10%	7%	1%
Registered Voters						
Oct. 5-7, 2010	20%	22%	30%	16%	12%	*
Sept. 21-23, 2010	23%	17%	31%	17%	12%	*
July 16-21, 2010	15%	19%	37%	17%	11%	1%
May 21-23, 2010	17%	25%	29%	15%	14%	*
March 25-28, 2010	24%	21%	32%	12%	11%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	20%	20%	35%	16%	10%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	22%	20%	32%	16%	9%	*
Registered Democrats						
Oct. 5-7, 2010	13%	21%	35%	18%	12%	*
Sept. 21-23, 2010	16%	14%	36%	19%	15%	*
July 16-21, 2010	11%	16%	41%	19%	12%	*
May 21-23, 2010	10%	22%	35%	18%	15%	*
March 25-28, 2010	17%	19%	40%	14%	9%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	13%	18%	42%	17%	10%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	17%	25%	34%	17%	6%	1%
Registered Republicans						
Oct. 5-7, 2010	29%	25%	25%	13%	8%	*
Sept. 21-23, 2010	31%	22%	27%	13%	7%	*
July 16-21, 2010	19%	23%	34%	14%	10%	*
May 21-23, 2010	25%	29%	24%	12%	10%	*
March 25-28, 2010	32%	23%	24%	10%	11%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	25%	24%	30%	14%	7%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	26%	17%	33%	16%	8%	*
All Americans						
Oct. 5-7, 2010	18%	21%	31%	16%	13%	*
Sept. 21-23, 2010	21%	17%	31%	17%	13%	*
July 16-21, 2010	13%	20%	37%	16%	13%	*
May 21-23, 2010	15%	22%	29%	16%	17%	*
March 25-28, 2010	22%	20%	33%	12%	13%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	19%	19%	35%	16%	11%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	21%	20%	32%	16%	10%	*

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FOR COMPARISON

How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for **President** this year -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	<u>Extremely Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Very Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Somewhat Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not too Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not at all Enthusiastic</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	37%	32%	16%	7%	8%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	34%	24%	23%	11%	8%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	30%	30%	23%	11%	6%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	31%	27%	19%	15%	8%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	26%	23%	28%	13%	11%	*
June 4-5, 2008	23%	27%	24%	14%	12%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	37%	26%	24%	8%	4%	*
June 23-24, 2007	26%	28%	27%	13%	6%	*
<u>Republicans</u>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	28%	32%	19%	9%	12%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	24%	26%	27%	12%	10%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	26%	28%	26%	15%	4%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	24%	25%	23%	19%	9%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	22%	21%	30%	16%	11%	*
June 4-5, 2008	13%	24%	27%	21%	15%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	33%	24%	29%	9%	5%	*
June 23-24, 2007	27%	25%	27%	16%	6%	*
<u>Democrats</u>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	45%	34%	13%	4%	3%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	45%	23%	20%	7%	5%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	36%	30%	21%	6%	6%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	37%	30%	17%	11%	6%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	30%	26%	25%	11%	7%	*
June 4-5, 2008	32%	31%	21%	8%	8%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	41%	27%	22%	6%	3%	*
June 23-24, 2007	28%	32%	27%	9%	4%	*

BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

11. All in all, do you think Barack Obama has been a better president than George W. Bush, or do you think Bush was a better president than Obama has been?

	Oct. 5-7 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 30–Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>
Obama better	47%	57%
Bush better	45%	34%
No difference/both the same (vol.)	6%	6%
No opinion	2%	2%

12. And do you think Joe Biden has been a better vice president than Dick Cheney, or do you think Cheney was a better vice president than Biden has been?

	Oct. 5-7 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 30–Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>
Biden better	47%	54%
Cheney better	42%	38%
No difference/both the same (vol.)	6%	6%
No opinion	6%	2%

BASED ON 507 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

13. All in all, do you think Barack Obama has done a better job as president than John McCain would have done if he had been elected in 2008, or do you think McCain would have done a better job as president than Obama has done?

Oct. 5-7
2010

Obama better	50%
McCain better	42%
No difference/both the same (vol.)	7%
No opinion	2%

14. And do you think Joe Biden has done a better job as vice-president than Sarah Palin would have done if she had been elected in 2008, or do you think Palin would have done a better job as vice-president than Biden has done?

Oct. 5-7
2010

Biden better	52%
Palin better	42%
No difference/both the same (vol.)	4%
No opinion	2%

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

	Oct. 5-7 <u>2010</u>	Apr. 9-11 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 22-24 <u>2010</u>
The economy is starting to recover from the problems it faced in the past year or so	17%	19%	12%
An economic recovery has not started but conditions have stabilized and are not getting any worse	44%	46%	49%
The economy is still in a downturn and conditions are continuing to worsen	38%	34%	39%
Recession is over/Economy has recovered (vol.)	*	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*

	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	*	*	*

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
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Approve	45%	42%	48%	36%	68%
Disapprove	52%	55%	49%	61%	28%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Approve	45%	N/A	39%	48%	39%	45%	45%
Disapprove	52%	N/A	57%	50%	58%	51%	53%
No opinion	3%	N/A	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Approve	45%	45%	46%	42%	47%
Disapprove	52%	52%	50%	56%	49%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Approve	45%	81%	37%	10%	67%	60%	20%
Disapprove	52%	15%	59%	88%	28%	36%	77%
No opinion	3%	4%	4%	1%	5%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Approve	45%	52%	40%	42%	48%	59%	41%	35%
Disapprove	52%	46%	56%	54%	49%	38%	55%	63%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Likely Voter

Question 4/5

Q4. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district -

Q5. As of today, do you lean more toward -

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Democratic candidate	45%	37%	53%	38%	N/A
GOP candidate	52%	61%	43%	59%	N/A
Neither/other candidate	2%	1%	3%	2%	N/A
Don't plan to vote	*	*	*	*	N/A
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Democratic candidate	45%	N/A	N/A	50%	46%	N/A	49%
GOP candidate	52%	N/A	N/A	48%	49%	N/A	49%
Neither/other candidate	2%	N/A	N/A	*	4%	N/A	2%
Don't plan to vote	*	N/A	N/A	*	*	N/A	*
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	*	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-6.5		+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Democratic candidate	45%	56%	41%	N/A	47%
GOP candidate	52%	43%	55%	N/A	50%
Neither/other candidate	2%	*	3%	N/A	2%
Don't plan to vote	*	*	*	N/A	*
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	N/A	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0		+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Democratic candidate	45%	90%	31%	8%	N/A	66%	20%
GOP candidate	52%	9%	62%	92%	N/A	29%	79%
Neither/other candidate	2%	*	6%	*	N/A	4%	1%
Don't plan to vote	*	*	*	*	N/A	*	*
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	N/A	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-8.0		+/-8.0	+/-6.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Democratic candidate	45%	N/A	N/A	44%	N/A	55%	41%	44%
GOP candidate	52%	N/A	N/A	53%	N/A	44%	55%	52%
Neither/other candidate	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	1%	3%	1%
Don't plan to vote	*	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	*	*
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Extremely enthusiastic	18%	21%	16%	20%	15%
Very enthusiastic	21%	21%	20%	20%	21%
Somewhat enthusiastic	31%	30%	32%	28%	39%
Not too enthusiastic	16%	15%	17%	18%	13%
Not at all enthusiastic	13%	12%	14%	14%	11%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Extremely enthusiastic	18%	N/A	18%	24%	22%	15%	23%
Very enthusiastic	21%	N/A	19%	29%	29%	15%	29%
Somewhat enthusiastic	31%	N/A	32%	24%	28%	36%	25%
Not too enthusiastic	16%	N/A	19%	11%	8%	21%	10%
Not at all enthusiastic	13%	N/A	13%	12%	13%	14%	13%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Extremely enthusiastic	18%	13%	22%	15%	21%
Very enthusiastic	21%	22%	19%	18%	23%
Somewhat enthusiastic	31%	30%	33%	31%	32%
Not too enthusiastic	16%	15%	17%	16%	16%
Not at all enthusiastic	13%	19%	8%	20%	8%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Extremely enthusiastic	18%	16%	14%	29%	16%	9%	28%
Very enthusiastic	21%	21%	18%	24%	16%	20%	25%
Somewhat enthusiastic	31%	37%	29%	27%	30%	39%	27%
Not too enthusiastic	16%	18%	18%	11%	21%	17%	11%
Not at all enthusiastic	13%	8%	21%	9%	16%	15%	9%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Extremely enthusiastic	18%	18%	16%	21%	17%	16%	19%	19%
Very enthusiastic	21%	15%	22%	22%	23%	19%	20%	24%
Somewhat enthusiastic	31%	33%	28%	31%	33%	37%	29%	27%
Not too enthusiastic	16%	18%	19%	15%	13%	13%	19%	14%
Not at all enthusiastic	13%	15%	15%	11%	14%	15%	12%	15%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

All in all, do you think Barack Obama has been a better president than George W. Bush, or do you think Bush was a better president than Obama has been?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama better	47%	47%	47%	40%	N/A
Bush better	45%	45%	46%	50%	N/A
No difference/both the same	6%	6%	7%	9%	N/A
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama better	47%	N/A	N/A	54%	42%	44%	49%
Bush better	45%	N/A	N/A	40%	48%	47%	43%
No difference/both the same	6%	N/A	N/A	4%	6%	8%	5%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	4%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama better	47%	47%	49%	40%	51%
Bush better	45%	45%	44%	52%	40%
No difference/both the same	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama better	47%	86%	35%	9%	N/A	56%	21%
Bush better	45%	9%	53%	83%	N/A	34%	68%
No difference/both the same	6%	3%	10%	6%	N/A	7%	8%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	N/A	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5		+/-7.5	+/-6.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama better	47%	N/A	N/A	42%	N/A	61%	42%	N/A
Bush better	45%	N/A	N/A	46%	N/A	31%	49%	N/A
No difference/both the same	6%	N/A	N/A	10%	N/A	5%	7%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	3%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

* percentage less than 1%

And do you think Joe Biden has been a better vice president than Dick Cheney, or do you think Cheney was a better vice president than Biden has been?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Biden better	47%	46%	48%	42%	N/A
Cheney better	42%	43%	41%	47%	N/A
No difference/both the same	6%	7%	4%	6%	N/A
No opinion	6%	4%	8%	5%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Biden better	47%	N/A	N/A	49%	42%	47%	46%
Cheney better	42%	N/A	N/A	36%	44%	44%	39%
No difference/both the same	6%	N/A	N/A	7%	7%	5%	7%
No opinion	6%	N/A	N/A	8%	7%	4%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Biden better	47%	45%	51%	39%	52%
Cheney better	42%	40%	42%	44%	40%
No difference/both the same	6%	8%	3%	7%	5%
No opinion	6%	7%	3%	9%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Biden better	47%	78%	39%	15%	N/A	50%	30%
Cheney better	42%	14%	45%	76%	N/A	33%	61%
No difference/both the same	6%	3%	9%	5%	N/A	6%	6%
No opinion	6%	5%	7%	5%	N/A	11%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5		+/-7.5	+/-6.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Biden better	47%	N/A	N/A	48%	N/A	59%	43%	N/A
Cheney better	42%	N/A	N/A	43%	N/A	30%	44%	N/A
No difference/both the same	6%	N/A	N/A	7%	N/A	2%	7%	N/A
No opinion	6%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	8%	6%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

* percentage less than 1%

All in all, do you think Barack Obama has done a better job as president than John McCain would have done if he had been elected in 2008, or do you think McCain would have done a better job as president than Obama has done?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama better	50%	45%	54%	42%	N/A
McCain better	42%	46%	39%	50%	N/A
No difference/both the same	7%	8%	6%	6%	N/A
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama better	50%	N/A	N/A	54%	51%	47%	53%
McCain better	42%	N/A	N/A	38%	44%	43%	40%
No difference/both the same	7%	N/A	N/A	7%	2%	8%	5%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama better	50%	51%	50%	48%	51%
McCain better	42%	39%	43%	43%	42%
No difference/both the same	7%	9%	5%	8%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Obama better	50%	88%	44%	12%	N/A	70%	21%
McCain better	42%	7%	43%	82%	N/A	27%	69%
No difference/both the same	7%	4%	11%	3%	N/A	2%	8%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	N/A	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-8.0	+/-6.5

	Total	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama better	50%	N/A	N/A	45%	N/A	59%	44%	N/A
McCain better	42%	N/A	N/A	43%	N/A	34%	48%	N/A
No difference/both the same	7%	N/A	N/A	10%	N/A	4%	8%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	3%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0		+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

And do you think Joe Biden has done a better job as vice-president than Sarah Palin would have done if she had been elected in 2008, or do you think Palin would have done a better job as vice-president than Biden has done?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Biden better	52%	46%	57%	48%	N/A
Palin better	42%	50%	36%	46%	N/A
No difference/both the same	4%	3%	6%	4%	N/A
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Biden better	52%	N/A	N/A	57%	56%	48%	57%
Palin better	42%	N/A	N/A	37%	39%	46%	38%
No difference/both the same	4%	N/A	N/A	4%	2%	5%	3%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Biden better	52%	46%	60%	47%	57%
Palin better	42%	48%	35%	49%	36%
No difference/both the same	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Biden better	52%	80%	49%	23%	N/A	67%	30%
Palin better	42%	19%	42%	72%	N/A	30%	63%
No difference/both the same	4%	1%	8%	3%	N/A	2%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	N/A	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-8.0	+/-6.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Biden better	52%	N/A	N/A	46%	N/A	56%	51%	N/A
Palin better	42%	N/A	N/A	48%	N/A	38%	43%	N/A
No difference/both the same	4%	N/A	N/A	5%	N/A	3%	5%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	2%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0		+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Starting to recover	17%	16%	17%	14%	24%
Stable, not recovered	44%	44%	45%	45%	43%
Still in downturn	38%	39%	38%	41%	33%
Economy recovered	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	*	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Starting to recover	17%	N/A	14%	20%	21%	14%	20%
Stable, not recovered	44%	N/A	44%	38%	38%	50%	38%
Still in downturn	38%	N/A	41%	42%	39%	36%	41%
Economy recovered	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Starting to recover	17%	14%	19%	14%	18%
Stable, not recovered	44%	45%	45%	42%	47%
Still in downturn	38%	41%	36%	43%	35%
Economy recovered	*	*	*	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Starting to recover	17%	27%	14%	8%	22%	19%	12%
Stable, not recovered	44%	55%	36%	45%	48%	51%	37%
Still in downturn	38%	17%	50%	47%	29%	30%	51%
Economy recovered	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Starting to recover	17%	15%	11%	19%	20%	19%	15%	18%
Stable, not recovered	44%	46%	47%	43%	44%	49%	42%	44%
Still in downturn	38%	40%	42%	38%	34%	30%	44%	38%
Economy recovered	*	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%