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Michelle Obama Coverage Seen as Positive PUBLIC CLOSELY TRACKING OBAMA TRANSITION

In addition to following the major economic headlines last week, the public tuned into news about the Obama transition. Fully 49% followed news about plans for the new Obama administration very closely and one-in-four said this was the single news story they followed more closely than any other, making it the second most closely followed news story after the economy.

Americans are paying close attention to the choices Obama has made thus far in staffing his administration. Half have heard a lot about the appointments Obama has made to his cabinet and senior White House staff. And more than six-in-ten (62%) have heard a lot about the possibility that Obama will choose Hillary Clinton as secretary of state.

The public is less tuned into news about the Obama family and their transition to the White House. Roughly a quarter (23%) say they have heard a lot about what type of puppy the Obamas might get and where the two Obama girls will attend school. Another 42% have heard a little about this, and 34% haven't heard anything at all.

Most Americans have heard at least a little about Michelle Obama in the news recently and the role she will play as First Lady – 17% have heard a lot, 47% have heard a little. And most of what they've been hearing has been positive. Two-thirds of those who have heard at least a little about Michelle Obama recently say the news has been mostly positive. Only 3% say the news about the future first lady has been mostly negative, and 28% say it has been a mix of both.

Mostly Good News for Michelle Obama

	June 13-16	Nov 21-24
News about Michelle	2008	2008
Obama has been*	%	%
Mostly positive	21	66
Mostly negative	26	3
Mix of both	49	28
Don't know	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	100	100

* Based on those who have heard a lot or a little about Michelle Obama in the news (n=647).

This represents a dramatic shift in perceptions from earlier this year. In June, going into the general election cycle, only 21% of those who were hearing about Michelle Obama said the news had been mostly positive. Roughly half said it had been a mix of positive and negative news, and as many as 26% said the news about Mrs. Obama had been mostly negative.

Republicans were among the most likely to say they had been hearing more negative than positive news about Michelle Obama in June (33% mostly negative vs. 10% mostly positive). Now Democrats, Republicans and independents all agree recent news about Mrs. Obama has been mostly positive.

Interest in Economic News Remains High

With U.S. auto executives testifying on Capitol Hill and dramatic fluctuations on Wall Street, the public stayed focused on economic news last week. Fully 59% followed news about the economy very closely, up marginally from the previous week. Half followed stock market news very closely, only slightly less than the percentage that followed the market's dramatic downturn last month.

In addition, 41% paid very close attention to the debate in Congress over a government bailout for the U.S. auto industry. Interest in the plight of the Big Three increased dramatically from the previous week

Measuring News Interest
Week of November 17-23

Economy

59
27

Obama transition
Stock market

Auto industry

41

Auto industry

Situation in Iraq

Somali pirates

19

Somali pirates

19

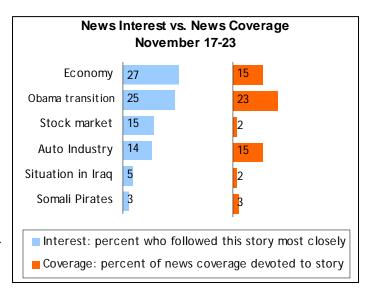
Percent who followed this story very closely
Percent who named story as their most closely followed

increased dramatically from the previous week, when 30% were following the problems of the auto industry very closely.

When asked which news story they followed most closely last week, 27% listed general economic conditions making it the public's top news interest of the week. Some 15% listed the stock market as their most closely followed story, and 14% pointed to the potential bailout for the car companies.

Those with annual household incomes of more than \$75,000 are more likely than lower income Americans to be closely following each of the major economic stories. The biggest gap can be seen on the stock market, where 64% of those making over \$75,000 were following market news very closely last week compared with roughly 40% of those making less than \$75,000.

While news about the incoming Obama administration was the most covered story last week, heavily according to the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism (PEJ), the national media focused heavily on the economy as well. The media devoted 15% of its overall coverage to the nation's financial crisis and an equal amount to news about the U.S. auto industry. In addition, 2% of the national newshole focused exclusively on major ups and downs in the U.S. stock market.



In other news, a third of Americans (32%) followed the situation in Iraq very closely last week, but only 5% listed this as their most closely followed story of the week. Despite significant developments, namely the approval of a formal agreement dictating the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the region by 2011, the national news media devoted 2% of its overall coverage to events in Iraq, according to PEJ.

One-in-five Americans (19%) paid very close attention to news about Somali pirates hijacking a Saudi Arabian supertanker. The media devoted 3% of its overall coverage to this story.

These findings are based on the most recent installment of the weekly News Interest Index, an ongoing project of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. The index, building on the Center's longstanding research into public attentiveness to major news stories, examines news interest as it relates to the news media's agenda. The weekly survey is conducted in conjunction with The Project for Excellence in Journalism's News Coverage Index, which monitors the news reported by major newspaper, television, radio and online news outlets on an ongoing basis. In the most recent week, data relating to news coverage were collected from November 17-23 and survey data measuring public interest in the top news stories of the week were collected November 21-24 from a nationally representative sample of 1,007 adults.

About the News Interest Index

The *News Interest Index* is a weekly survey conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press aimed at gauging the public's interest in and reaction to major news events.

This project has been undertaken in conjunction with the Project for Excellence in Journalism's *News Coverage Index*, an ongoing content analysis of the news. The News Coverage Index catalogues the news from top news organizations across five major sectors of the media: newspapers, network television, cable television, radio and the internet. Each week (from Sunday through Friday) PEJ will compile this data to identify the top stories for the week. The News Interest Index survey will collect data from Friday through Monday to gauge public interest in the most covered stories of the week.

Results for the weekly surveys are based on telephone interviews among a nationwide sample of approximately 1,000 adults, 18 years of age or older, conducted under the direction of ORC (Opinion Research Corporation). For results based on the total sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls, and that results based on subgroups will have larger margins of error.

For more information about the Project for Excellence in Journalism's News Coverage Index, go to www.journalism.org.

About the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press

The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press is an independent opinion research group that studies attitudes toward the press, politics and public policy issues. We are sponsored by The Pew Charitable Trusts and are one of seven projects that make up the Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan "fact tank" that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world.

The Center's purpose is to serve as a forum for ideas on the media and public policy through public opinion research. In this role it serves as an important information resource for political leaders, journalists, scholars, and public interest organizations. All of our current survey results are made available free of charge.

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PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS NOVEMBER 21-24, 2008 NEWS INTEREST INDEX OMNIBUS SURVEY TOPLINE N=1,007

Q.1 As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. First, [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS IN BLOCKS A-C FIRST, FOLLOWED BY D-F] [IF NECESSARY "Did you follow [ITEM] very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?"]

		Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	DK/
	The delection Commence of	Closely	<u>Closely</u>	Closely	Closely	Refused
a.	The debate in Congress over a government	41	26	15	15	1 100
	bailout for the U.S. auto industry TREND FOR COMPARISON: 1	41	26	17	15	1=100
	November 14-17, 2008: Problems facing automakers	30	35	20	15	*=100
		30	33	20	15	**=100
	October 31-November 3: Possible merger of GM and Chrysler	16	28	24	31	1=100
	May 18-21, 2007: DaimlerChrsyler sells	10	40	24	31	1-100
	Chrysler	8	20	25	46	1=100
	September 28-October 1, 2007: Agreement	o	20	23	40	1-100
	between GM and UAW ending strike	14	28	28	30	*=100
	December, 2005: General Motors job cuts	22	30	26	21	1=100
	June, 1998: Chrysler/Daimler Benz merger	12	22	27	38	1=100
	January, 1992: General Motors job cuts	35	38	18	9	*=100
	Sandary, 1992. General motors job cans	33	30	10		-100
b.	Reports about the condition of the U.S. economy	59	24	9	8	*=100
	November 14-17, 2008	56	29	9	6	*=100
	November 7-10, 2008	54	31	8	7	*=100
	October 31-November 3, 2008	63	27	6	4	*=100
	October 24-27, 2008	52	35	7	5	1=100
	October 17-20, 2008	62	29	6	3	*=100
	October 10-13, 2008	65	25	7	3	*=100
	October 3-6, 2008	69	23	5	3	*=100
	September 26-29, 2008	70	22	5	3	*=100
	September 19-22, 2008	56	27	12	5	*=100
	September 5-8, 2008	44	33	16	7	*=100
	August 29-31, 2008	41	34	13	11	1=100
	August 15-18, 2008	39	36	15	10	*=100
	August 8-11, 2008	39	35	16	10	*=100
	August 1-4, 2008	47	34	11	8	0=100
	July 25-28, 2008	46	32	10	12	*=100
	July 18-21, 2008	45	33	13	9	*=100
	July 11-14, 2008	44	33	12	10	1=100
	June 27-30, 2008	49	31	12	7	1=100
	June 13-16, 2008	42	33	14	11	*=100
	May 9-12, 2008	45	31	13	11	*=100
	May 2-5, 2008	43	31	15	10	1=100

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November 14-17, 2008 asked about: "News about problems facing U.S. automakers." October 31-November 3, 2008 asked about: "The possible merger of automakers General Motors and Chrysler." May 18-21, 2007 asked about: "DaimlerChrysler's decision to sell Chrysler to a private equity firm." January, 1992 and December, 2005 asked about: "The major job cuts announced by General Motors." June, 1998 asked about: "The merger of the Chrysler Corporation and Daimler Benz." September 28-October 1, 2007 asked about "An agreement between General Motors and the United Auto Workers union that ended a two-day strike over wages and job security."

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April 18-21, 2008	Very <u>Closely</u> 41	Fairly Closely 35	Not too Closely 13	Not at all Closely 10	DK/ <u>Refused</u> 1=100
April 4-7, 2008	39	37	12	12	*=100
March 28-31, 2008	42	36	14	8	*=100
March 20-24, 2008	45	33	13	9	*=100
February 29-March 3, 2008	38	35	15	11	1=100
February 15-18, 2008	37	36	11	16	8=100
February 1-4, 2008	40	37	14	8	1=100
January 18-21, 2008	42	31	16	11	*=100
January 11-14, 2008	36	32	15	16	1=100
November 2-5, 2007	27	37	16	19	1=100
October 19-22, 2007	25 25	34	20	21	*=100
August 10-13, 2007	28	36	18	18	*=100
•	31	40	17	11	1=100
Mid-November, 2006					
December, 2005	35 25	35	18	11	1=100
Early November, 2005	35	39	17	9	*=100
Mid-May, 2005	30	39	19	11	1=100
January, 2005	35	41	17	7	*=100
Mid-October, 2004	30	43	16	10	1=100
Early September, 2004	39	34	15	11	1=100
Mid-January, 2004	37	41	15	7	*=100
December, 2003	35	38	14	11	2=100
November, 2003	40	34	15	10	1=100
October, 2003	32	39	16	12	1=100
September, 2003	39	30	18	12	1=100
March, 2003	40	35	16	8	1=100
February, 2003	42	33	15	10	*=100
January, 2003	40	35	13	11	1 = 100
December, 2002	38	34	17	10	1 = 100
February, 2002	35	40	15	9	1 = 100
January, 2002	30	44	16	9	1 = 100
December, 2001	37	40	13	8	2 = 100
Mid-November, 2001	41	36	15	7	1 = 100
June, 2001	24	41	18	16	1 = 100
May, 2001	34	36	15	15	0 = 100
April, 2001	36	34	16	13	1=100
February, 2001	30	39	18	12	1 = 100
January, 2001	32	38	17	11	2 = 100
June, 1995	26	41	22	11	*=100
March, 1995	27	45	19	9	*=100
February, 1995	23	41	22	13	1=100
December, 1994	28	43	20	9	*=100
October, 1994	27	40	20	12	1=100
June, 1994	25	42	23	10	*=100
May, 1994	33	40	16	10	1=100
January, 1994	34	39	16	10	1=100
Early January, 1994	36	44	13	7	*=100
December, 1993	35	41	15	8	1=100
October, 1993	33	38	20	9	*=100
September, 1993	37	40	14	8	1=100
Early September, 1993	39	39	14	9	*=100
August, 1993	41	36	14	9	*=100
May, 1993	37	38	18	6	1=100
February, 1993	49	36	10	5	*=100

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	Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	DK/
	Closely	Closely	Closely	Closely	Refused
January, 1993	42	39	12	7	*=100
September, 1992	43	37	13	6	1=100
May, 1992	39	39	15	6	1=100
March, 1992	47	38	11	4	*=100
February, 1992	47	37	10	6	*=100
January, 1992	44	40	11	5	*=100
October, 1991	36	38	16	9	1=100 1=100
October, 1991	30	36	10	7	1-100
The assument situation and asserts in Iran	22	21	24	12	0 100
c. The current situation and events in Iraq	32	31	24	13	0=100
November 14-17, 2008	24	33	27	16	*=100
October 31-November 3, 2008	30	35	22	12	1=100
October 24-27, 2008	29	35	25	11	*=100
October 10-13, 2008	23	34	30	13	*=100
October 3-6, 2008	29	33	28	10	*=100
September 5-8, 2008	24	37	26	13	*=100
August 29-31, 2008	22	32	29	16	1=100
August 22-25, 2008	26	31	27	15	1=100
August 1-4, 2008	27	40	23	10	*=100
July 25-28, 2008	28	33	22	17	*=100
July 18-21, 2008	33	35	20	12	*=100
July 11-14, 2008	24	35	24	16	1=100
July 3-7, 2008	25	35 35	2 5	15	*=100
• •	25 25	36	23 24	15	*=100
June 20-23, 2008					
May 9-12, 2008	29	35	21	14	1=100
May 2-5, 2008	26	35	25	13	1=100
April 25-28, 2008	29	35	23	12	1=100
April 18-21, 2008	29	39	20	11	1=100
April 11-14, 2008	25	39	20	15	1=100
April 4-7, 2008	25	37	23	15	*=100
March 28-31, 2008	29	40	19	11	1=100
March 20-24, 2008	30	38	19	13	*=100
March 14-17, 2008	29	38	23	10	*=100
March 7-10, 2008	28	39	18	15	*=100
February 29-March 3, 2008	28	40	19	13	*=100
February 8-11, 2008	24	35	25	16	*=100
February 1-4, 2008	28	39	22	11	*= 100
January 25-28, 2008	23	35	26	16	*=100
January 18-21, 2008	31	33	20	15	1=100
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January 11-14, 2008	25 27	38	21	16 15	*=100
January 4-7, 2008	27	38	20	15	*=100
December 14-17, 2007	26	32	24	18	*=100
December 7-10, 2007	28	37	21	14	*=100
November 23-26, 2007	25	37	21	16	1=100
November 16-19, 2007	31	37	19	12	1=100
November 9-12, 2007	29	38	19	13	1=100
November 2-5, 2007	31	35	18	15	1=100
October 26-29, 2007	28	37	21	13	1=100
October 19-22, 2007	28	37	20	15	*=100
October 12-15, 2007	26	36	18	19	1=100
October 5-8, 2007	29	33	22	16	*=100
September 28 – October 1, 2007	30	33 41	18	11	*=100 *=100
September 21-24, 2007	32	38	17	13	*=100
September 14-17, 2007	31	36	18	15	0=100

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	Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	DK/
C 4 1 7 10 2007	Closely	Closely	Closely	Closely	Refused
September 7-10, 2007	32	34	20	14	*=100
August 30 – September 2, 2007	31	34	18	16	1=100
August 24-27, 2007	34	36	18	12	*=100
August 17-20, 2007	33	34	18	15	*=100
August 10-13, 2007	36	37	14	13	*=100
August 3-6, 2007	29	40	19	12	*=100
July 27-30, 2007	28	36	19	16	1=100
July 20-23, 2007	28	34	21	16	1=100
July 13-16, 2007	25	41	17	16	1=100
July 6-9, 2007	36	34	18	12	*=100
June 29-July 2, 2007	32	35	19	13	1=100
June 22-25, 2007	30	36	18	15	1=100
June 15-18, 2007	30	37	20	13	*=100
June 8-11, 2007	32	38	15	14	1=100
June 1-4, 2007	30	36	20	13	1=100
May 24-27, 2007	33	36	18	12	1=100
May 18-21, 2007	36	34	15	14	1=100
May 11-14, 2007	30	34	18	17	1=100
May 4-7, 2007	38	37	15	10	*=100
April 27-30, 2007	27	35	21	16	1=100
April 20-23, 2007	28	35	22	15	*=100
April 12-16, 2007	34	33	20	13	*=100
April 5-9, 2007	33	39	16	11	1=100
March 30-April 2, 2007	34	37	16	13	*=100
March 23-March 26, 2007 ²	31	38	18	12	1=100
March 16-19, 2007	34	34	17	15	*=100
March 9-12, 2007	34	37	16	13	*=100
March 2-5, 2007	37	37	16	9	1=100
February 23-26, 2007	36	36	15	13	*= 100
February 16-19, 2007	30	36	19	14	1=100
February 9-12, 2007	37	34	18	11	*=100
February 2-5, 2007	38	38	17	7	*= 100
January 26-29, 2007	36	38	15	11	*=100
January 19-22, 2007	37	34	18	10	1=100
January 12-15, 2007	38	36	17	8	1=100 1=100
January, 2007	46	40	8	5	1=100
•		32		12	
January 5-8, 2007	40 42	32 39	16	7	0=100 *=100
December, 2006	42 40		12		*=100
November 30-December 3, 2006	40 44	36 38	13	11	
Mid-November, 2006			12	6	*=100
September, 2006	33	43	14	8	2=100
August, 2006	41	39	12	7	1=100
June, 2006	37	43	13	6	1=100
May, 2006	42	35	15	7	1=100
April, 2006	43	36	13	7	1=100
March, 2006	43	38	12	6	1=100
February, 2006	39	42	12	6	1=100
January, 2006	40	40	12	7	1=100
December, 2005	45	38	11	5	1=100
Early November, 2005	41	40	13	6	*=100
Early October, 2005	43	36	15	6	*=100

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From May, 2003 to March 23-26, 2007, the story was listed as "News about the current situation in Iraq."

Early September, 2005 Closely Closely Closely Closely Refused July, 2005 32 40 20 7 1=100 July, 2005 43 37 13 6 1=100 Mid-May, 2005 42 42 11 5 *=100 Mid-March, 2005 40 39 14 5 2=100 February, 2005 38 45 13 4 *=100 January, 2005 48 37 11 4 *=100 December, 2004 34 44 15 6 1=100
July, 2005 43 37 13 6 1=100 Mid-May, 2005 42 42 11 5 *=100 Mid-March, 2005 40 39 14 5 2=100 February, 2005 38 45 13 4 *=100 January, 2005 48 37 11 4 *=100
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December, 2004 34 44 15 6 1=100
Mid-October, 2004 42 38 11 8 1=100
Early September, 2004 47 37 9 6 1=100
August, 2004 39 42 12 6 1=100
July, 2004 43 40 11 6 *=100
June, 2004 39 42 12 6 1=100
April, 2004 54 33 8 5 *=100
Mid-March, 2004 47 36 12 4 1=100
Early February, 2004 47 38 10 4 1=100
Mid-January, 2004 48 39 9 4 *=100
December, 2003 44 38 11 6 1=100
November, 2003 52 33 9 5 1=100
September, 2003 50 33 10 6 1=100
Mid-August, 2003 45 39 10 5 1=100
Early July, 2003 37 41 13 8 1=100
June, 2003 46 35 13 6 *=100
May, 2003 63 29 6 2 *=100
April 11-16, 2003 ³ 47 40 10 2 1=100
April 2-7, 2003 54 34 9 2 1=100
March 20-24, 2003 57 33 7 2 1=100
March 13-16, 2003 ⁴ 62 27 6 4 1=100
February, 2003 62 25 8 4 1=100
January, 2003 55 29 10 4 2=100
December, 2002 51 32 10 6 1=100
Late October, 2002 53 33 8 5 1=100
Early October, 2002 60 28 6 5 1=100
Early September, 2002^5 48 29 15 6 2=100
Early September, 2002 10 25 13 0 2-100
d. Plans for the new Obama administration 49 24 15 12 *=100
November 14-17, 2008 32 37 16 15 *=100
November 7-10, 2008 39 30 17 14 *=100
e. Pirates from Somalia hijacking a Saudi Arabian
supertanker 19 28 23 30 *=100
f. Recent major drops in the U.S. stock market 50 23 15 12 *=100
October 17-20, 2008 ⁶ 54 31 9 6 *=100

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From March 20-24, 2003 to April 11-16, 2003, the story was listed as "News about the war in Iraq."

From Early October, 2002, to March 13-16, 2003, the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will take military action in Iraq."

In Early September, 2002, the story was listed as "Debate over the possibility that the U.S. will invade Iraq."

October 17-20, 2008 asked about "Recent major ups and downs in the U.S. stock market." March 2-5, 2007 asked about "The recent drop in the U.S. stock market." In Early November, 1997, the story was listed as "Thinking about last Monday when the stock market dropped, how closely did you follow what was happening?" From February, 1996 to Mid-November, 1997, the story was listed as "Recent major ups and downs in the stock market." For all other dates, the story was listed as "Recent major ups and downs in the U.S. stock market."

	Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	DK/
	Closely	Closely	Closely	Closely	Refused
October 10-13, 2008	59	26	9	6	*=100
July 3-7, 2008	22	29	23	26	*=100
March 14-17, 2008	25	31	23	21	*=100
January 25-28, 2008	29	28	19	23	1=100
August 17-20, 2007	21	24	22	33	*=100
July 27-30, 2007	15	26	21	37	1=100
March 2-5, 2007	21	28	25	26	*=100
Early September, 2002	27	30	20	22	1 = 100
Late July, 2002	33	33	15	18	1=100
March, 2001	27	27	18	27	1=100
Mid-October, 2000	20	26	23	31	1=100
April, 2000	18	28	23	31	*=100
Early April, 2000	19	29	20	32	*=100
March, 2000	23	29	21	26	1=100
March, 1999	18	29	22	31	*=100
January, 1999	24	28	19	28	1=100
Early September, 1998	32	31	20	17	*=100
Mid-August, 1998	17	23	21	39	*=100
January, 1998	21	25	23	31	*=100
Early November, 1997	16	29	22	33	*=100
Mid-November, 1997	25	36	18	20	1=100
September, 1997	14	22	23	40	1=100
April, 1997	17	21	22	40	*=100
February, 1996	12	20	25	42	1=100

- Q.2 Which ONE of the stories I just mentioned have you followed most closely, or is there another story you've been following MORE closely? [DO NOT READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.]
 - 27 Reports about the conditions of the U.S. economy
 - Plans for the new Obama administration 25
 - Recent major drops in the U.S. stock market 15
 - The debate in Congress over a government bailout for the U.S. auto industry 14
 - 5 The current situation and events in Iraq
 - 3 Pirates from Somalia hijacking a Saudi Arabian supertanker
 - 4 Some other story (VOL. SPECIFY)
 - <u>7</u> 100 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q.3 Now thinking about the new Obama administration, how much if anything, have you heard about each of the following? Have you heard a lot, a little or nothing at all? [READ AND ROTATE]

a.	Michelle Obama and the role she will play as First Lady	<u>A lot</u> 17	A little 47	Nothing at all 36	DK/ <u>Refused</u> *=100
b.	Decisions about what type of puppy the Obamas will get and where their daughters will go to school	23	42	34	1=100
c.	Appointments Barack Obama has made to his Cabinet and senior White House staff	50	36	14	*=100
d.	The possibility that Barack Obama will choose Hillary Clinton to be the Secretary of State	62	28	10	*=100

IF RESPONDENT HAS HEARD "A LOT" OR "A LITTLE" ABOUT MICHELLE OBAMA

(Q.3a=1, 2), ASK: [N=647]
Q.4 Would you say the news you've been hearing or reading about Michelle Obama has been mostly positive, mostly negative or a mix of both?

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66	Mostly positive	21
3	Mostly negative	26
28	Mix of both	49
3	Don't know/Refused	<u>4</u>
100		100
		(N=814)