

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS  
AND PEW FORUM ON RELIGION & PUBLIC LIFE  
AUGUST 2008 RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
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N=2905**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
August, 2008	21	74	5=100	June, 2001	=100 43	52	5=100
July, 2008	19	74	7=100	March, 2001	47	45	8=100
June, 2008	19	76	5=100	February, 2001	46	43	11=100
Late May, 2008	18	76	6=100	January, 2001	55	41	4=100
March, 2008	22	72	6=100	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7=100
Early February, 2008	24	70	6=100	September, 2000	51	41	8=100
Late December, 2007	27	66	7=100	June, 2000	47	45	8=100
October, 2007	28	66	6=100	April, 2000	48	43	9=100
February, 2007	30	61	9=100	August, 1999	56	39	5=100
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7=100	January, 1999	53	41	6=100
Early January, 2007	30	63	7=100	November, 1998	46	44	10=100
December, 2006	28	65	7=100	Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8=100	Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early October, 2006	30	63	7=100	Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
July, 2006	30	65	5=100	February, 1998	59	37	4=100
May, 2006	29	65	6=100	January, 1998	46	50	4=100
March, 2006	32	63	5=100	September, 1997	45	49	6=100
January, 2006	34	61	5=100	August, 1997	49	46	5=100
Late November, 2005	34	59	7=100	January, 1997	38	58	4=100
Early October, 2005	29	65	6=100	July, 1996	29	67	4=100
July, 2005	35	58	7=100	March, 1996	28	70	2=100
Late May, 2005	39	57	4=100	October, 1995	23	73	4=100
February, 2005	38	56	6=100	June, 1995	25	73	2=100
January, 2005	40	54	6=100	April, 1995	23	74	3=100
December, 2004	39	54	7=100	July, 1994	24	73	3=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100	March, 1994	24	71	5=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100	October, 1993	22	73	5=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100	September, 1993	20	75	5=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100	May, 1993	22	71	7=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100	January, 1993	39	50	11=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100	January, 1992	28	68	4=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100	November, 1991	34	61	5=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100	Late February, 1991 (Gallup)	66	31	3=100
April 8, 2003	50	41	9=100	August, 1990	47	48	5=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100	May, 1990	41	54	5=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100	January, 1989	45	50	5=100
September, 2002	41	55	4=100	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100	May, 1988	41	54	5=100
May, 2002	44	44	12=100	January, 1988	39	55	6=100
March, 2002	50	40	10=100				
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100				
Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100				

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT      How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

		Quite	(VOL.)	Only a	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	
		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>	
<b>2008</b>	August, 2008	74	6	17	2	1=100	
	July, 2008	74	2	20	3	1=100	
	June, 2008	72	2	23	2	1=100	
	Late May, 2008	75	4	17	3	1=100	
	April, 2008	77	7	13	2	1=100	
	March, 2008	78	3	15	3	1=100	
	Late February, 2008	74	3	19	2	2=100	
	<b>2004</b>	November, 2004	82	3	12	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2004		76	5	15	3	1=100	
Early October, 2004		74	4	19	2	1=100	
September, 2004		71	3	22	3	1=100	
August, 2004		69	2	26	2	1=100	
July, 2004		67	2	28	2	1=100	
June, 2004		58	3	36	2	1=100	
May, 2004		59	6	30	4	1=100	
Late March, 2004		60	4	31	4	1=100	
Mid-March, 2004		65	2	31	2	*=100	
<b>2000</b>		November, 2000	72	6	19	2	1=100
		Late October, 2000	66	6	24	4	*=100
		Mid-October, 2000	67	9	19	4	1=100
		Early October, 2000	60	8	27	4	1=100
		September, 2000	59	8	29	3	1=100
	July, 2000	46	6	45	3	*=100	
	June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*=100	
	May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1=100	
	April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*=100	
	<b>1996</b>	November, 1996	67	8	22	3	*=100
October, 1996		65	7	26	1	1=100	
Late September, 1996		61	7	29	2	1=100	
Early September, 1996		56	3	36	4	1=100	
July, 1996		55	3	41	1	*=100	
June, 1996		50	5	41	3	1=100	
<b>1992</b>	Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1=100	
	September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1=100	
	August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*=100	
	June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1=100	
<b>1988</b>	<b>Gallup:</b> November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0=100	
	<b>Gallup:</b> October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0=100	
	<b>Gallup:</b> August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0=100	
	<b>Gallup:</b> September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0=100	

**ASK ALL:**

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

**IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' YES IN REGIST ASK:**

REGICERT Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

79	Yes, Registered
77	Absolutely certain
2	Chance registration has lapsed
*	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
21	No, not registered
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>    </u>	
100	

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

88	Yes
12	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>    </u>	
100	

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... (READ)

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

55	Always
29	Nearly always
9	Part of the time, OR
4	Seldom?
2	Never vote (VOL. — DO NOT READ)
1	Other response (VOL. — DO NOT READ)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL. — DO NOT READ)
<u>    </u>	
100	

**NO QUESTIONS 2 THROUGH 4**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.5 Now, suppose the 2008 presidential election was being held TODAY. If you had to choose between [READ AND ROTATE] who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (Q.5 =3,9), ASK:**

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.5]?

**IF CHOSE MCCAIN OR OBAMA IN Q.5 (Q.5=1,2), ASK:**

Q.5b Do you support (INSERT PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE FROM Q.5—LAST NAME ONLY) strongly or only moderately?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

	<b>Mc-Cain</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only Mod<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Obama</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only Mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Third party</b>	<b>Fourth party</b>	<b>Other/Don't know</b>
August, 2008	43	17	26	*	46	27	19	*	n/a	n/a	11=100
July, 2008	42	17	24	1	47	24	22	1	n/a	n/a	11=100
June, 2008	40	14	26	*	48	28	19	1	n/a	n/a	12=100
Late May, 2008	44				47				n/a	n/a	9=100
April, 2008	44				50				n/a	n/a	6=100
March, 2008	43				49				n/a	n/a	8=100
Late February, 2008	43				50				n/a	n/a	7=100
	<b>Bush</b>				<b>Kerry</b>				<b>Nader</b>		
November, 2004	45	34	11	*	46	29	16	1	1	n/a	8=100
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	13	*	45	28	16	1	1	n/a	9=100
Early October, 2004	48	35	12	1	41	24	17	*	2	n/a	9=100
September, 2004	49	33	15	1	43	22	20	1	1	n/a	7=100
August, 2004	45	32	13	*	47	28	19	*	2	n/a	6=100
July, 2004	44				46				3	n/a	7=100
June, 2004	46				42				6	n/a	6=100
May, 2004	43				46				6	n/a	5=100
Late March, 2004	44				43				6	n/a	7=100
Mid-March, 2004	42				49				4	n/a	5=100
	<i>Two-way trial heats:</i>										
June, 2004	48				46				n/a	n/a	6=100
May, 2004	45				50				n/a	n/a	5=100
Late March, 2004	46				47				n/a	n/a	7=100
Mid-March, 2004	43				52				n/a	n/a	5=100
Late February, 2004	44				48				n/a	n/a	8=100
Early February, 2004	47				47				n/a	n/a	6=100
Early January, 2004	52				41				n/a	n/a	7=100
October, 2003	50				42				n/a	n/a	8=100
	<b>Bush</b>				<b>Gore</b>				<b>Nader</b>	<b>Buchanan</b>	
November, 2000	41	26	15	*	45	25	19	1	4	1	9=100
Late October, 2000	45	29	16	*	43	24	19	*	4	1	7=100
Mid-October, 2000	43	25	18	*	45	22	23	*	4	1	7=100
Early October, 2000	43	26	17	*	44	22	22	*	5	*	8=100
September, 2000	41	21	19	1	47	25	21	1	2	1	9=100
July, 2000	42				41				6	2	9=100
Late June, 2000	42				35				2	2	19=100
Mid-June, 2000	41				42				4	3	10=100

<sup>1</sup> Includes those who say they "lean McCain" or "lean Obama" in Q.5a.

Q.5/Q.5a/Q.5b CONTINUED...

	<b>Bush</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only Mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Gore</b>	<i>Strongly</i>	<i>Only Mod</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Third party</b>	<b>Fourth party</b>	<b>Other/ Don't know</b>
January, 2000	51				39				n/a	4	6=100
September, 1999	49				35				n/a	10	6=100
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6=100
Mid-June, 2000	45	20	25	*	46	18	27	1	n/a	n/a	9=100
May, 2000	46				45				n/a	n/a	9=100
March, 2000	43				49				n/a	n/a	8=100
February, 2000	46	19	27	*	45	18	26	1	n/a	n/a	9=100
December, 1999	55				40				n/a	n/a	5=100
October, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7=100
September, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7=100
July, 1999	53				42				n/a	n/a	5=100
March, 1999	54				41				n/a	n/a	5=100
January, 1999	50				44				n/a	n/a	6=100
Early September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7=100
	<b>Dole</b>				<b>Clinton</b>				<b>Perot</b>		
November, 1996	32	17	15	*	51	26	24	1	9	n/a	8=100
October, 1996	34	17	16	1	51	25	26	*	8	n/a	7=100
Late September, 1996	35	16	18	1	51	26	25	*	7	n/a	7=100
Early September, 1996	34	17	17	*	52	26	26	0	8	n/a	6=100
July, 1996	34				44				16	n/a	6=100
March, 1996	35				44				16	n/a	5=100
September, 1995	36				42				19	n/a	3=100
July, 1994	36				39				20	n/a	5=100
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
July, 1996	42	11	30	*	53	20	31	1	n/a	n/a	5=100
June, 1996	40	13	23	1	55	22	29	1	n/a	n/a	5=100
April, 1996	40				54						6=100
March, 1996	41				53						6=100
February, 1996	44				52						4=100
January, 1996	41				53						6=100
July, 1994	49				46						5=100
	<b>Bush, Sr.</b>				<b>Clinton</b>				<b>Perot</b>		
Late October, 1992	34	20	14	--	44	26	18	--	19	n/a	3=100
Early October, 1992	35	14	21	--	48	23	25	--	8	n/a	9=100
June, 1992	31				27				36	n/a	6=100
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
September, 1992	38	14	21	--	53	25	28	--	n/a	n/a	9=100
August, 1992	37	14	23	--	57	24	33	--	n/a	n/a	6=100
June, 1992	46	13	33	--	41	9	32	--	n/a	n/a	13=100
May, 1992	46	15	31	--	43	10	33	--	n/a	n/a	11=100
Late March, 1992	50	19	31	--	43	9	34	--	n/a	n/a	7=100
	<b>Bush, Sr.</b>				<b>Dukakis</b>						
October, 1988	50	24	26	--	42	20	22	--	n/a	n/a	8=100
September, 1988	50	26	24	--	44	19	25	--	n/a	n/a	6=100
May, 1988	40	12	28	--	53	14	39	--	n/a	n/a	7=100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.5 Now, suppose the 2008 presidential election were being held TODAY. If you had to choose between [READ AND ROTATE]—who would you vote for?

**IF OTHER OR DK (Q.5 =3,9), ASK:**

Q.5a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q.5]?

**IF RESPONDENT CHOSE JOHN MCCAIN (1 IN Q.5 OR 1 IN Q.5a):**

Q.6a Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR John McCain or more a vote AGAINST Barack Obama?

**IF RESPONDENT CHOSE BARACK OBAMA (2 IN Q.5 OR 2 IN Q.5a):**

Q.6b Would you say that your choice is more a vote FOR Barack Obama or more a vote AGAINST John McCain?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

	<u>Mc-Cain</u>	<u>Pro-McCain</u>	<u>Anti-Obama</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Pro-Obama</u>	<u>Anti-McCain</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Third party</u>	<u>Fourth party</u>	<u>Other/Don't know</u>
August, 2008	43	25	16	2	46	33	12	1	n/a	n/a	11=100
July, 2008	42	25	14	3	47	32	12	3	n/a	n/a	11=100
June, 2008	40				48				n/a	n/a	12=100
Late May, 2008	44	28	14	2	47	35	11	1	n/a	n/a	9=100
April, 2008	44				50				n/a	n/a	6=100
March, 2008	43				49				n/a	n/a	8=100
Late February, 2008	43	27	14	2	50	38	10	2	n/a	n/a	7=100
	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Pro-Bush</u>	<u>Anti-Kerry</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Pro-Kerry</u>	<u>Anti-Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Fourth party</u>	<u>Other/Don't know</u>
November, 2004	45	34	9	2	46	20	23	3	1	n/a	8=100
Mid-October, 2004	45	32	10	3	45	18	24	3	1	n/a	9=100
Early October, 2004	48	36	10	2	41	15	23	3	2	n/a	9=100
September, 2004	49	38	9	2	43	15	26	2	1	n/a	7=100
August, 2004	45	34	8	3	47	20	24	3	2	n/a	6=100
July, 2004	44				46				3	n/a	7=100
June, 2004	46				42				6	n/a	6=100
May, 2004	43				46				6	n/a	5=100
Late March, 2004	44				43				6	n/a	7=100
Mid-March, 2004	42				49				4	n/a	5=100
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>											
June, 2004	48	35	11	2	46	17	27	2	n/a	n/a	6=100
May, 2004	45	33	10	2	50	15	32	3	n/a	n/a	5=100
Late March, 2004	46	36	8	2	47	17	27	3	n/a	n/a	7=100
Mid-March, 2004	43	34	7	2	52	21	29	2	n/a	n/a	5=100
Late February, 2004	44				48				n/a	n/a	8=100
Early February, 2004	47	39	6	2	47	15	30	2	n/a	n/a	6=100
Early January, 2004	52				41				n/a	n/a	7=100
October, 2003	50				42				n/a	n/a	8=100

<sup>2</sup>

The question regarding whether a vote was more for one's candidate of choice or more against his opponents was not asked of Nader supporters in 2004.

**Q.5/5A/6A/6B CONTINUED...**

	<b>Bush</b>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-Gore</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Gore</b>	<i>Pro-Gore</i>	<i>Anti-Bush</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Nader<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Buchanan</b>	<b>Other/Don't know</b>
November, 2000	41	27	12	2	45	29	14	2	4	1	9=100
Late October, 2000	45				43				4	1	7=100
Mid-October, 2000	43				45				4	1	7=100
Early October, 2000	43				44				5	*	8=100
September, 2000	41	24	14	3	47	30	14	3	2	1	9=100
July, 2000	42				41				6	2	9=100
Late June, 2000	42				35				2	2	19=100
Mid-June, 2000	41				42				4	3	10=100
January, 2000	51				39				n/a	4	6=100
September, 1999	49				35				n/a	10	6=100

**Two-way trial heats:**

July, 2000	48				46				n/a	n/a	6=100
Mid-June, 2000	45				46				n/a	n/a	9=100
May, 2000	46				45				n/a	n/a	9=100
March, 2000	43				49				n/a	n/a	8=100
February, 2000	46				45				n/a	n/a	9=100
December, 1999	55				40				n/a	n/a	5=100
October, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7=100
September, 1999	54				39				n/a	n/a	7=100
July, 1999	53				42				n/a	n/a	5=100
March, 1999	54				41				n/a	n/a	5=100
January, 1999	50				44				n/a	n/a	6=100
Early September, 1998	53				40				n/a	n/a	7=100

	<b>Dole</b>	<i>Pro-Dole</i>	<i>Anti-Other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Clinton</b>	<i>Pro-Clinton</i>	<i>Anti-Other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Perot</b>	<i>Pro-Perot</i>	<i>Anti-other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Other/DK</b>
November, 1996	32	15	15	2	51	33	15	3	9	4	5	*	8=100
October, 1996	34	15	18	1	51	33	16	2	8	4	4	*	7=100
Late Sept., 1996	35				51				7				7=100
Early Sept., 1996	34	16	17	1	52	35	15	2	8	3	5	0	6=100
July, 1996	34				44				16				6=100
March, 1996	35				44				16				5=100
September, 1995	36				42				19				3=100
July, 1994	36				39				20				5=100

**Two-way trial heats:**

July, 1996	42				53				n/a				5=100
June, 1996	40				55				n/a				5=100
April, 1996	40				54				n/a				6=100
March, 1996	41	15	25	1	53	30	20	3	n/a				6=100
February, 1996	44				52				n/a				4=100
January, 1996	41				53				n/a				6=100
July, 1994	49				46				n/a				5=100

<sup>3</sup>

The question regarding whether a vote was more for one's candidate of choice or more against his opponents was not asked of Nader supporters or Buchanan supporters in 2000.

**Q.5/5A/6A/6B CONTINUED...**

	<b>Bush Sr.</b>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Clinton</b>	<i>Pro-Clinton</i>	<i>Anti-other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Perot</b>	<i>Pro-Perot</i>	<i>Anti-other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Other/DK</b>
Late October, 1992	34	19	13	2	44	25	17	2	19	10	7	2	3=100
Early October, 1992	35	19	13	3	48	23	22	3	8	3	5	*	9=100
June, 1992	31				27				36				6=100
<b>Two-way trial heats:</b>													
September, 1992	38	20	16	2	53	21	29	3	n/a				9=100
August, 1992	37	20	16	1	57	27	28	2	n/a				6=100
June, 1992	46				41				n/a				13=100
May, 1992	46				43				n/a				11=100
Late March, 1992	50	33	15	2	43	13	28	2	n/a				7=100

	<b>Bush Sr.</b>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-Dukakis</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Du-kakis</b>	<i>Pro-Dukakis</i>	<i>Anti-Bush</i>	<i>DK</i>	<b>Third party</b>	<b>Fourth party</b>	<b>Other/Don't know</b>
October, 1988	50	31	16	3	42	23	15	4	n/a	n/a	8=100
September, 1988	50	31	15	4	44	21	19	4	n/a	n/a	6=100
May, 1988	40	26	11	3	53	23	26	4	n/a	n/a	7=100

**IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE MCCAIN IN Q.5/5a (Q.5=2 OR Q.5a=2,3,9) ASK: ROTATE Q.7 AND Q.8**

Q.7 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for John McCain in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

	<b>Chance might vote for</b>	<b>Decided not to vote for</b>	<b>Don't know/Refused</b>
<b>McCain</b> August, 2008	14	37	6=57%
July, 2008	13	38	7=58%
June, 2008	12	41	7=60%
<b>Bush</b> November, 2004	6	44	5=55%
Mid-October, 2004	5	43	7=55%
Early October, 2004	9	39	4=52%
September, 2004	9	38	4=51%
August, 2004	10	42	3=55%
July, 2004	10	41	5=56%
June, 2004 <sup>4</sup>	9	41	2=52%
May, 2004	9	42	4=55%
Late March, 2004	11	40	3=54%
Mid-March, 2004	11	44	2=57%
Late February, 2004	10	43	3=56%
Early February, 2004	10	41	2=53%
<b>Bush</b> November, 2000	8	44	7=59%
Late October, 2000	10	41	4=55%
Mid-October, 2000	12	40	5=57%
Early October, 2000	11	39	7=57%

<sup>4</sup>

In June 2004, May 2004, Late March 2004, Mid-March 2004, Mid-June 2000 and July 1996 the head-to-head match-up was asked both as a three-way and a two-way trial heat. In those surveys, this question followed the two-way trial heat.



**Q.7 CONTINUED...**

		Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
	September, 2000	15	38	6=59%
	Mid-June, 2000	15	33	6=54%
<b>Dole</b>	November, 1996	8	54	6=68%
	October, 1996	11	51	4=66%
	Late September, 1996	16	44	5=65%
	Early September, 1996	14	47	5=66%
	July, 1996	15	40	3=58%
<b>Bush, Sr</b>	Late October, 1992	11	53	2=66%
	Early October, 1992	13	46	6=65%
	September, 1992	12	44	6=62%
	August, 1992	15	45	4=64%
	May, 1992	8	40	5=53%

**IF RESPONDENT DID NOT CHOOSE OBAMA IN Q.5/5a (Q.5=1 OR Q.5a=1,3,9) ASK:  
ROTATE Q.7 AND Q.8**

Q.8 Do you think there is a chance that you might vote for Barack Obama in November, or have you definitely decided not to vote for him?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

		Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
<b>Obama</b>	August, 2008	12	36	6=54%
	July, 2008	12	34	7=53%
	June, 2008	14	32	6=52%
<b>Kerry</b>	November, 2004	6	43	5=54%
	Mid-October, 2004	6	42	7=55%
	Early October, 2004	9	45	5=59%
	September, 2004	11	42	4=57%
	August, 2004	11	39	3=53%
	July, 2004	13	36	5=54%
	June, 2004 <sup>5</sup>	10	41	3=54%
	May, 2004	11	35	4=50%
	Late March, 2004	13	37	3=53%
	Mid-March, 2004	13	32	3=48%
	Late February, 2004	13	36	3=52%
	Early February, 2004	15	33	5=53%
<b>Gore</b>	November, 2000	8	41	6=55%
	Late October, 2000	9	44	4=57%
	Mid-October, 2000	10	40	5=55%
	Early October, 2000	11	38	7=56%
	September, 2000	13	35	5=53%
	June, 2000	14	34	6=54%
<b>Clinton</b>	November, 1996	6	37	6=49%
	October, 1996	10	35	4=49%
	Late September, 1996	11	35	3=49%
	Early September, 1996	10	34	4=48%
	July, 1996	8	36	4=48%
<b>Clinton</b>	Late October, 1992	11	43	2=56%
	Early October, 1992	14	32	6=52%
	September, 1992	12	28	6=46%
	August, 1992	14	26	3=43%
	May, 1992	11	38	6=55%

<sup>5</sup>

In June 2004, May 2004, Late March 2004, Mid-March 2004, Mid-June 2000 and July 1996 the head-to-head match-up was asked both as a three-way and a two-way trial heat. In those surveys, this question followed the two-way trial heat.

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

PLANTO1 Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

	Yes, Plan <u>To Vote</u>	No, Don't <u>Plan To</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
August, 2008	97	2	1=100
July, 2008	97	2	1=100
June, 2008	95	2	3=100
November, 2006 <sup>6</sup>	90	8	2=100
Late October, 2006	94	3	3=100
Early October, 2006	93	4	3=100
September, 2006	92	5	3=100
November, 2004	97	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	98	1	1=100
Early October, 2004	98	1	1=100
September, 2004	98	1	1=100
August, 2004	98	2	*=100
June, 2004	96	2	2=100
Early November, 2002	90	8	2=100
Early October, 2002	95	3	2=100
Early November, 2000	96	3	1=100
Late October, 2000	97	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2000	96	2	2=100
Early October, 2000	97	2	1=100
September, 2000	95	3	2=100
June, 2000	95	2	3=100
Late October, 1998	91	6	3=100
Early October, 1998	92	4	4=100
Early September, 1998	95	2	3=100
Late August, 1998	93	3	4=100
June, 1998	95	3	2=100
November, 1996	96	2	2=100
October, 1996	98	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	98	1	1=100
Early September, 1996	96	2	2=100
July, 1996	95	3	2=100
June, 1996	96	2	2=100
November, 1994	93	5	2=100
October, 1994	95	3	2=100
October, 1992	98	1	1=100
September, 1992	98	1	1=100
August, 1992	97	1	2=100
June, 1992	97	1	2=100
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988	97	2	1=100
October, 1988	98	1	1=100

<sup>6</sup>

From Mid-October 2004 to November 2006 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted. In November 2006, Early November 2002, Early November, 2000, Late October 1998, November 1996 and November 1994 the question was worded: "Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?"

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

SCALE10 I'd like you to rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 10 to 1. If TEN represents a person who definitely will vote and ONE represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

	Definitely will vote										Definitely will not vote	DK/Ref
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>		
August, 2008	80	6	5	2	1	2	*	1	*	2		1=100
July, 2008	80	7	4	2	1	3	*	1	*	2		0=100
November, 2006 <sup>7</sup>	72	7	5	3	2	4	*	1	1	4		1=100
Late October, 2006	71	8	9	4	2	3	*	1	*	1		1=100
Early October, 2006	68	10	9	4	1	4	*	1	*	2		1=100
September, 2006	67	9	9	2	2	5	1	1	1	2		1=100
November, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2		1=100
Mid-October, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2		1=100
Early November, 2002	66	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	1	5		1=100
Early October, 2002	64	10	10	4	3	4	1	*	*	2		2=100
Early November, 2000	80	6	5	2	1	3	*	*	*	3		1=100
Late October, 2000	83	5	5	1	1	2	*	1	1	1		*=100
Mid-October, 2000	80	7	4	3	1	3	1	*	*	1		1=100
Early October, 2000	78	7	5	2	2	2	*	1	1	1		1=100
Late October, 1998	70	6	7	4	1	4	1	1	1	4		1=100
Early October, 1998	64	9	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	2		1=100
November, 1996	77	7	7	2	1	2	*	1	*	2		1=100
October, 1996	77	9	7	2	2	2	*	*	*	1		*=100
Late September, 1996	78	10	6	2	1	1	*	*	*	1		1=100
November, 1994	67	9	8	2	2	4	1	1	1	3		2=100
October, 1994	66	10	9	4	2	4	1	1	*	2		1=100
Gallup: September, 1992	77	5	4	3	2	4	*	1	*	4		*=100
Gallup: November, 1988	77	7	6	2	1	3	*	*	*	2		2=100
Gallup: October, 1988	73	8	7	3	2	3	1	*	*	1		2=100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.9 Thinking back to the Democratic nomination contest, who did you prefer more -- Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton?

**BASED ON DEMOCRATIC AND DEMOCRATIC LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1159]:**

		July <u>2008</u>	June <u>2008</u>
50	Barack Obama	47	51
41	Hillary Clinton	46	43
1	Other (VOL.)	*	1
4	Neither/None (VOL.)	3	2
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

<sup>7</sup>

In November 2006, November 2004 and Early November 2002, the "10 – definitely will vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.10 Thinking back to the Republican nomination contest, who did you prefer more -- John McCain or one of the other candidates who ran?

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN AND REPUBLICAN LEANING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1054]:**

		July	June
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>
42	John McCain	43	35
51	Preferred another candidate	51	59
4	Neither/None (VOL.)	2	3
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100

**NO QUESTIONS 11 THROUGH 15**

**ROTATE Q.16/Q.17 BLOCK WITH Q.18/Q.19 BLOCK. AFTER FIRST RANDOMIZATION OF RESPONSE OPTIONS KEEP SAME ORDER FOR ALL OF Q.16 THROUGH Q.19**

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.16 Which of the following, if any, do you like most about John McCain? Is it [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1,2,3 with 4 last]

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

8	His positions on moral and social issues
10	His positions on economic issues
16	His positions on foreign policy issues
40	(OR) His personal abilities and experiences
19	None (VOL)
<u>7</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.17 And which of the following, if any, TROUBLES you most about John McCain? Is it [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1,2,3 with 4 last]

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

13	His positions on moral and social issues
26	His positions on economic issues
25	His positions on foreign policy issues
9	(OR) His personal abilities and experiences
17	None (VOL)
<u>10</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.18 Which of the following, if any, do you like most about Barack Obama? Is it **[READ AND RANDOMIZE 1,2,3 with 4 last]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

- 17 His positions on moral and social issues
  - 24 His positions on economic issues
  - 9 His positions on foreign policy issues
  - 14 (OR) His personal abilities and experiences
  - 28 None (VOL)
  - 8 Don't know/refused (VOL.)
- 100

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):**

Q.19 And which of the following, if any, TROUBLES you most about Barack Obama? Is it **[READ AND RANDOMIZE 1,2,3 with 4 last]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]:**

- 11 His positions on moral and social issues
  - 12 His positions on economic issues
  - 18 His positions on foreign policy issues
  - 33 (OR) His personal abilities and experiences
  - 17 None (VOL)
  - 9 Don't know/refused (VOL.)
- 100

**NO QUESTION 20**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 And as I read a list of phrases, tell me if you think each phrase better describes **[ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES]** John McCain or Barack Obama. **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** – does this better describe **[READ IN SAME ORDER: McCain or Obama]**? What about **[INSERT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT IF NECESSARY: “Would you say this better describes [READ IN SAME ORDER: McCain or Obama]**?

<b>ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY [N=1208]:</b>	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>(VOL.) Both Equally</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.F1 Would use good judgment in a crisis					
August, 2008	51	36	3	5	5=100
June, 2008	47	38	3	5	7=100
<b>Bush/Kerry</b> Mid-October, 2004	48	41	3	2	6=100
Early October, 2004	51	37	2	3	7=100
Mid-September 22-26, 2004	49	36	3	3	9=100
September, 2004	53	34	2	4	7=100
August, 2004	50	38	2	3	7=100
May, 2004	47	35	4	5	9=100
Late March, 2004	46	36	2	3	13=100
Mid-March, 2004	48	39	2	5	6=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b> Late-October, 2000	43	42	2	5	8=100

**Q.21 CONTIUNED...**

	John <u>McCain</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>Equally</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Mid-October, 2000	40	42	5	8	5=100
Early October, 2000	36	43	4	10	7=100
September, 2000	38	44	3	8	7=100
June, 2000	44	37	5	6	8=100

**NO ITEM b.**

c.F1	A typical politician					
	August, 2008	49	31	4	12	4=100
	June, 2008	50	30	4	12	4=100
<b>Bush/Kerry</b>	Late March, 2004	36	39	2	17	6=100
	Mid-March, 2004	38	38	1	19	4=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b>	Late-October, 2000	29	51	2	15	3=100
	Mid-October, 2000	29	45	3	19	4=100
	September, 2000	37	37	2	20	4=100
	June, 2000	34	37	1	22	7=100

d.F1	Can get things done					
	August, 2008	42	40	7	4	7=100
	June, 2008	37	43	5	7	8=100
<b>Bush/Kerry</b>	Late March, 2004	49	30	4	4	13=100
	Mid-March, 2004	50	34	4	4	8=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b>	Late-October, 2000	43	39	5	6	7=100
	Mid-October, 2000	41	39	6	8	6=100
	Early October, 2000	37	38	5	11	9=100
	September, 2000	40	40	4	8	8=100
	June, 2000	43	33	8	6	10=100

e.F1	Shares my values					
	August, 2008	39	47	6	3	5=100
	June, 2008	38	44	8	4	6=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b>	June, 2000	40	35	11	5	9=100

**ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED  
VOTERS ONLY [N=1206]:**

f.F2	Has new ideas					
	August, 2008	17	69	8	2	4=100
	June, 2008	12	74	7	3	4=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b>	Late October, 2000	44	35	9	7	5=100
	Mid-October, 2000	42	33	11	8	6=100
	June, 2000	38	32	14	7	9=100

g.F2	Personally qualified to be president					
	August, 2008	54	27	6	9	4=100
	June, 2008	55	27	5	8	5=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b>	Late October, 2000	38	45	5	9	3=100
	Mid-October, 2000	35	45	6	9	5=100
	Early October, 2000	31	49	5	11	4=100
	June, 2000	37	37	10	10	6=100

Q.21 CONTIUNED...

		John <u>McCain</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u> <u>Equally</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
h.F2	Honest and truthful					
	August, 2008	39	36	9	10	6=100
	June, 2008	37	36	11	9	7=100
<b>Bush/Kerry</b>	Mid-October, 2004	40	37	14	3	6=100
	Early October, 2004	47	34	10	3	6=100
	Mid-September 22-26, 2004	41	32	15	3	9=100
	September, 2004	43	35	12	4	6=100
	August, 2004	42	38	12	2	6=100
	May, 2004	34	36	17	4	9=100
	Late March, 2004	37	38	12	3	10=100
	Mid-March, 2004	35	39	16	5	5=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b>	Late-October, 2000	43	32	15	5	5=100
	Mid-October, 2000	38	30	19	6	7=100
	Early October, 2000	36	32	17	8	7=100
	September, 2000	35	37	13	9	6=100
	June, 2000	35	31	19	7	8=100
i.F2	Connects well with ordinary Americans					
	August, 2008	30	57	4	5	4=100
	June, 2008	26	58	4	6	6=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b>	Late October, 2000	45	42	5	4	4=100
	Mid-October, 2000	45	39	6	7	3=100
	June, 2000	40	39	7	7	7=100
j.F2	Willing to take a stand, even if it's unpopular					
	August, 2008	49	38	3	5	5=100
	June, 2008	44	41	3	7	5=100
<b>Bush/Kerry</b>	Mid-October, 2004	63	27	2	4	4=100
	Early October, 2004	68	23	1	3	5=100
	Mid-September 22-26, 2004	63	23	3	3	8=100
	September, 2004	69	23	1	3	4=100
	August, 2004	62	29	1	5	3=100
	May, 2004	65	23	3	4	5=100
	Late March, 2004	59	28	3	3	7=100
	Mid-March, 2004	63	27	1	5	4=100
<b>Bush/Gore</b>	Late-October, 2000	49	35	7	4	5=100
	Mid-October, 2000	49	35	6	5	5=100
	Early October, 2000	43	35	8	6	8=100
	September, 2000	45	37	8	5	5=100
	June, 2000	46	32	9	5	8=100



**ASK ALL:**

Now I'd like to ask about how important some issues are to you...

Q.22 In making your decision about who to vote for this fall, will the issue of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? How about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: How important will the issue of [ITEM] be to you?] [INTERVIEWER: PLEASE RE-READ RESPONSE OPTIONS EVERY THREE OR FOUR ITEMS]

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2414]**

		<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not too Important</u>	<u>Not at all Important</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Refuse</u>
a.	The economy					
	August, 2008	87	12	1	*	*=100
	Late May, 2008	88	9	1	1	1=100
	October, 2007	79	18	1	1	1=100
	June, 2007	74	22	2	1	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	78	18	3	1	*=100
	August, 2004	76	22	1	1	*=100
b.	Iraq					
	August, 2008	72	21	4	2	1=100
	Late May, 2008	72	20	4	2	2=100
	October, 2007	76	18	2	2	2=100
	June, 2007	73	20	3	3	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	74	20	3	2	1=100
	August, 2004	70	24	3	2	1=100
c.	Terrorism					
	August, 2008	72	20	5	2	1=100
	Late May, 2008	68	23	6	2	1=100
	October, 2007	69	22	5	3	1=100
	June, 2007	69	24	4	2	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	77	17	3	2	1=100
	August, 2004	75	19	3	2	1=100
d.	Gay marriage					
	August, 2008	28	20	18	32	2=100
	Late May, 2008	28	21	19	29	3=100
	October, 2007	22	21	21	32	4=100
	Mid-October, 2004	32	22	19	24	3=100
	August, 2004	34	19	15	30	2=100
e.	Moral values					
	August, 2008	61	28	7	3	1=100
	Late May, 2008	62	24	7	6	1=100
	October, 2007	61	26	7	4	2=100
	Mid-October, 2004	63	23	8	4	2=100
	August, 2004	64	25	6	4	1=100
f.	Abortion					
	August, 2008	39	26	17	15	3=100
	Late May, 2008	40	27	15	15	3=100
	October, 2007	39	26	17	13	5=100
	June, 2007	40	30	13	14	3=100

**Q.22 CONTIUNED...**

		Very <u>Important</u>	Somewhat <u>Important</u>	Not too <u>Important</u>	Not at all <u>Important</u>	Don't Know/ <u>Refuse</u>
	Mid-October, 2004	47	27	12	11	3=100
	August, 2004	45	25	13	14	3=100
g.	Energy					
	August, 2008	77	19	2	1	1=100
	Late May, 2008	77	20	2	*	1=100
	October, 2007	65	28	3	2	2=100
	June, 2007	61	32	4	2	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	54	37	6	2	1=100
	August, 2004	53	40	6	*	1=100
h.	Health care					
	August, 2008	73	21	5	1	*=100
	Late May, 2008	78	17	3	2	*=100
	October, 2007	76	18	4	1	1=100
	June, 2007	71	23	4	2	*=100
	Mid-October, 2004	73	22	4	1	*=100
	August, 2004	72	21	5	2	*=100
i.	Education					
	August, 2008	73	20	5	1	1=100
	Late May, 2008	78	17	3	1	1=100
	October, 2007	75	21	2	1	1=100
	Mid-October, 2004	75	20	3	2	*=100
	August, 2004	70	26	3	1	*=100
j.	The environment					
	August, 2008	59	31	6	3	1=100
	Late May, 2008	62	27	8	3	*=100
	October, 2007	58	31	8	2	1=100
	June, 2007	55	36	6	3	*=100
	Mid-October, 2004	53	37	7	2	1=100
	August, 2004	55	35	7	3	*=100
<b>NO ITEM k.</b>						
l.	Immigration					
	August, 2008	52	33	10	4	1=100
	Late May, 2008	54	32	9	3	2=100
	October, 2007	56	31	7	4	2=100
	June, 2007	54	34	7	3	2=100
m.	Trade policy					
	August, 2008	49	38	8	2	3=100
	Late May, 2008	51	38	6	1	4=100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1465]:**

On another subject...

Q.23F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

	App- <u>rove</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>		App- <u>rove</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	Don't <u>know</u>
August, 2008	28	66	6=100	August, 2004	46	45	9=100
July, 2008	27	68	5=100	July, 2004	46	46	8=100
April, 2008	27	65	8=100	June, 2004	48	43	9=100
March, 2008	28	63	9=100	May, 2004	44	48	8=100
Late February, 2008	33	59	8=100	Late April, 2004	48	43	9=100
Early February, 2008	31	62	7=100	Early April, 2004	43	47	10=100
January, 2008	31	59	10=100	Late March, 2004	47	44	9=100
Late December, 2007	31	60	9=100	Mid-March, 2004	46	47	7=100
November, 2007	30	59	11=100	February, 2004	48	44	8=100
October, 2007	30	63	7=100	Mid-January, 2004	56	34	10=100
September, 2007	31	59	10=100	Early January, 2004	58	35	7=100
August, 2007	31	59	10=100	December, 2003	57	34	9=100
July, 2007	29	61	10=100	November, 2003	50	40	10=100
June, 2007	29	61	10=100	October, 2003	50	42	8=100
April, 2007	35	57	8=100	September, 2003	55	36	9=100
March, 2007	33	58	9=100	Mid-August, 2003	56	32	12=100
February, 2007	33	56	11=100	Early August, 2003	53	37	10=100
Mid-January, 2007	33	59	8=100	Mid-July, 2003	58	32	10=100
Early January, 2007	33	57	10=100	Early July, 2003	60	29	11=100
December, 2006	32	57	11=100	June, 2003	62	27	11=100
Mid-November, 2006	32	58	10=100	May, 2003	65	27	8=100
Early October, 2006	37	53	10=100	<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	72	22	6=100
September, 2006	37	53	10=100	<i>April 9, 2003</i>	74	20	6=100
August, 2006	37	54	9=100	<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	69	25	6=100
July, 2006	36	57	7=100	<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	71	23	6=100
June, 2006	36	54	10=100	<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	70	24	6=100
April, 2006	33	56	11=100	<i>March 20-24, 2003</i>	67	26	7=100
Early April, 2006	35	55	10=100	March 13-16, 2003	55	34	11=100
March, 2006	33	57	10=100	February, 2003	54	36	10=100
February, 2006	40	52	8=100	January, 2003	58	32	10=100
January, 2006	38	54	8=100	December, 2002	61	28	11=100
December, 2005	38	54	8=100	Late October, 2002	59	29	12=100
Early November, 2005	36	55	9=100	Early October, 2002	61	30	9=100
Late October, 2005	40	52	8=100	Mid-September, 2002	67	22	11=100
Early October, 2005	38	56	6=100	Early September, 2002	63	26	11=100
September 8-11, 2005	40	52	8=100	Late August, 2002	60	27	13=100
September 6-7, 2005	40	52	8=100	August, 2002	67	21	12=100
July, 2005	44	48	8=100	Late July, 2002	65	25	10=100
June, 2005	42	49	9=100	July, 2002	67	21	12=100
Late May, 2005	42	48	10=100	June, 2002	70	20	10=100
Mid-May, 2005	43	50	7=100	April, 2002	69	18	13=100
Late March, 2005	49	46	5=100	Early April, 2002	74	16	10=100
Mid-March, 2005	45	46	9=100	February, 2002	78	13	9=100
February, 2005	46	47	7=100	January, 2002	80	11	9=100
January, 2005	50	43	7=100	Mid-November, 2001	84	9	7=100
December, 2004	48	44	8=100	Early October, 2001	84	8	8=100
Mid-October, 2004	44	48	8=100	Late September, 2001	86	7	7=100

**Q.23 CONTINUED...**

	<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Mid-September, 2001	80	9	11=100
Early September, 2001	51	34	15=100
August, 2001	50	32	18=100
July, 2001	51	32	17=100
June, 2001	50	33	17=100
May, 2001	53	32	15=100
April, 2001	56	27	17=100
March, 2001	55	25	20=100
February, 2001	53	21	26=100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1465]:**

Q.24F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
August, 2008	31	58	11=100
January, 2008	31	53	16=100
November, 2007	35	50	15=100
October, 2007	31	54	15=100
July, 2007	33	54	13=100
June, 2007	34	49	17=100
April, 2007	36	43	21=100
March, 2007 <sup>1</sup>	37	42	21=100
February, 2007	41	36	23=100
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27=100
Early October, 2006	35	53	12=100
June, 2006	32	50	18=100
March, 2006	34	46	20=100
January, 2006	34	48	18=100
Early November, 2005	36	44	20=100
Early October, 2005	32	48	20=100
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19=100
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20=100
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19=100
Early February, 2004	38	42	20=100
June, 2002	47	36	17=100
May, 2002	42	37	21=100
February, 2002	49	30	21=100
Early September, 2001	49	30	21=100
June, 2001	50	28	22=100

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1 In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 Now, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in this country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose **[RANDOMIZE a and b first, then read c, d, and e in order];**? Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	-----FAVOR-----			-----OPPOSE-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Total	Strongly Favor	Favor	Total	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	
<b>a. The U.S. government guaranteeing health insurance for all citizens, even if it means raising taxes</b>							
August, 2008	63	30	33	34	13	21	3=100
August, 2007	63	26	37	32	13	19	5=100
Early January, 2007	66	27	39	29	11	18	5=100
July, 2005	64	25	39	30	10	20	6=100
December, 2004	65	31	34	30	10	20	5=100
Early September, 2004	66	30	36	26	11	15	8=100
August, 2003	67	23	44	29	10	19	4=100
<b>b. Allowing churches and other houses of worship to apply, along with other organizations, for government funding to provide social services such as job training or drug treatment counseling to people who need them</b>							
August, 2008	67	26	41	29	10	19	4=100
July, 2005	66	25	41	30	8	22	4=100
February, 2004	69	28	41	29	10	19	2=100
March, 2002	70	26	44	27	9	18	3=100
June, 2001	72	30	42	25	10	15	3=100
March, 2001	75	30	45	21	8	13	4=100
February, 2001	64	28	36	30	11	19	6=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	67	32	35	29	12	17	4=100
<b>c. Allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally</b>							
August, 2008	39	13	26	52	30	22	9=100
June, 2008 <sup>8</sup>	40	15	25	52	31	21	8=100
Late May, 2008	38	15	23	49	29	20	13=100
November, 2007	36	12	24	54	29	25	10=100
August, 2007	36	13	23	55	31	24	9=100
Early January, 2007	37	13	24	55	33	22	8=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	30	10	20	57	31	26	13=100
July, 2006	35	12	23	56	31	25	9=100
June, 2006	33	13	20	55	32	23	12=100
March, 2006	39	10	29	51	28	23	10=100
July, 2005	36	13	23	53	31	22	11=100
December, 2004	32	14	18	61	38	23	7=100
August, 2004	29	8	21	60	35	25	11=100
July, 2004	32	10	22	56	33	23	12=100
Mid-March, 2004	32	10	22	59	35	24	9=100
Early February, 2004	30	9	21	63	42	21	7=100
November, 2003	30	10	20	62	41	21	8=100

<sup>8</sup> In May and June 2008, November 2007, June and July 2006, mid-March through August 2004, and October 2003, the question was not part of a list of items. In May and June 2008 the question asked about "allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally."

**Q.25 CONTINUED...**

	-----FAVOR-----			-----OPPOSE-----			(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Total	Strongly Favor	Favor	Total	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	
October, 2003	30	9	21	58	33	25	12=100
Mid-July, 2003	38	10	28	53	30	23	9=100
March, 2001	35	8	27	57	34	23	8=100
June, 1996	27	6	21	65	41	24	8=100
d. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to enter into legal agreements with each other that would give them many of the same rights as married couples							
August, 2008	54	18	36	40	21	19	6=100
Late May, 2008	51	21	30	41	25	16	8=100
July, 2006	54	19	35	42	24	18	4=100
July, 2005	53	22	31	40	24	16	7=100
August, 2004	48	15	33	45	24	21	7=100
July, 2004	49	18	31	43	25	18	8=100
Mid-March, 2004	49	16	33	44	26	18	7=100
October, 2003	45	14	31	47	27	20	8=100
e. Allowing gays and lesbians to adopt children							
August, 2008	46	16	30	48	26	22	6=100
July, 2006	42	11	31	52	28	24	6=100
March, 2006	46	14	32	48	26	22	6=100
September, 1999	38	10	28	57	30	27	5=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 Do you think abortion should be **(READ)**

**(PLEASE READ CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF THE SAMPLE)**

	Legal in <u>all cases</u>	Legal in <u>most cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
August, 2008	17	37	26	15	5=100
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6=100
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5=100
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8=100
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5=100
March, 2007 Pew Social Trends	15	30	30	20	5=100
February, 2006 <i>Associated Press/Ipsos-Poll</i>	19	32	27	16	6=100
December 2005 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	17	40	27	13	3=100
April 2005 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	20	36	27	14	3=100
December 2004 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	21	34	25	17	3=100
May 2004 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	23	31	23	20	2=99
January 2003 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	23	34	25	17	2=100
August 2001 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	22	27	28	20	3=100
June 2001 <i>ABC/BeliefNet Poll</i>	22	31	23	20	4=100
January 2001 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	21	38	25	14	1=99
September 2000 (RVs) <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	20	35	25	16	3=99
July 2000 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	20	33	26	17	4=100
September 1999 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	20	37	26	15	2=100
March 1999 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	21	34	27	15	3=100
July 1998 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	19	35	29	13	4=100

**Q.26 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
August 1996 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	22	34	27	14	3=100
June 1996 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	24	34	25	14	2=99
October 1995 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	26	35	25	12	3=100
September 1995 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	24	36	25	11	4=100
July 1995 <i>ABC/Washington Post</i>	27	32	26	14	1=100

**NO QUESTION 27**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.28 On another topic... Would you say your overall opinion of [INSERT, ROTATE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			<b>(VOL.) Never</b>	<b>(VOL.) Can't</b>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>Rate</u>
a. The Democratic Party								
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6=100
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6=100
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8=100
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11=100
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11=100
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7=100
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11=100
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8=100
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10=100
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9=100
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9=100
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6=100
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10=100
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5=100
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8=100
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7=100
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9=100
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8=100
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5=100
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4=100
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5=100
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7=100
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6=100
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7=100
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6=100
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6=100
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6=100
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5=100
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3=100
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6=100

**Q.28 CONTINUED....**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never Heard of	Rate
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4=100
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9=100
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6=100
<b>b. The Republican Party</b>								
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7=100
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8=100
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8=100
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10=100
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9=100
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7=100
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10=100
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6=100
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9=100
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9=100
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8=100
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6=100
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9=100
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6=100
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9=100
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6=100
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8=100
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10=100
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9=100
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7=100
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4=100
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5=100
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6=100
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7=100
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6=100
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7=100
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7=100
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6=100
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6=100
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5=100
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4=100
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6=100
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4=100
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11=100
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6=100

**NO QUESTION 29**



**ASK ALL**

On another subject...

Q.30 In general, who do you think can do the best job of providing services to people in need... **[READ AND ROTATE]**

		March <u>2001</u>
31	Religious organizations	37
29	Non-religious, community-based organizations [OR]	27
31	Federal and state government agencies	28
3	None of the above (VOL.)	2
<u>6</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>6</u>
100		100

**ASK ALL**

Q.31 These days, how much do you think churches, synagogues and other houses of worship contribute to solving important social problems... a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

		July <u>2005</u>	March <u>2001</u>	Sept <u>2000<sup>9</sup></u>
24	A great deal	20	23	28
51	Some	46	52	44
16	Not much	23	18	21
7	Nothing at all	7	4	4
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK ALL**

Q.32 I'm going to read the names of some specific religious groups. For each one that I name, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose this group applying for government funds to provide social services to people who need them. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE WITHIN BLOCKS, BEGINNING WITH a./b., THEN c. THRU j.; ITEM k SHOULD ALWAYS COME LAST]**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Individual churches, synagogues & other houses of worship	60	36	4=100
March, 2001	60	35	5=100
b. Charitable organizations that have a religious affiliation	68	28	4=100
March, 2001	69	26	5=100
c. Catholic churches	61	35	4=100
March, 2001	62	32	6=100
d. Protestant churches	59	35	6=100
March, 2001	61	31	8=100
e. Muslim mosques	40	53	7=100
March, 2001	38	46	16=100

<sup>9</sup> Based on registered voters. Question was worded: "These days, how much do you think churches, synagogues and mosques contribute to solving important social problems... a great deal, some, not much, nothing at all?"

**Q.32 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
f. Jewish synagogues	55	39	6=100
March, 2001	58	34	8=100

**NO ITEMS g. OR h.**

i. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or Mormon churches	50	44	6=100
March, 2001	51	41	8=100
j. Evangelical Christian churches	55	38	7=100
March, 2001	52	35	13=100
k. Groups that encourage religious conversion as part of the services they provide	32	61	7=100
March, 2001	32	59	9=100

**ASK ALL**

Q.33 If religious organizations do use government funds to provide social services, do you think these organizations should be allowed to ONLY hire people who share their religious beliefs, or should they not be allowed to do this?

		<u>March</u> <u>2001</u>
22	Should be allowed to only hire people who share their religious beliefs	18
73	Shouldn't be allowed to do this	78
<u>5</u>	Don't know/refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	<u>4</u>
100		100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1440]:**

Q.34aF1 Now a different kind of question. Please tell me if you think of each person I name as having moral values that are very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal. (First,) **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE]**. From what you've read and heard, would you say **[NAME]** has moral values that are very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: From what you've read and heard, would you say **[NAME]** has moral values that are very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal?]**

	<u>Very</u> <u>Conservative</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>Very</u> <u>Liberal</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>Know</u>
aF1. George W. Bush	24	38	15	8	6	9=100
bF1. Bill Clinton	5	10	21	34	21	9=100
cF1. Barack Obama	6	14	22	32	16	10=100
dF1. John McCain	13	45	22	8	3	9=100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1440]:**

Q.34bF1 And how would you describe your own moral values? Would you say your moral values are **[READ, IN ORDER]**

- 17 Very conservative
- 32 Conservative
- 29 Moderate
- 14 Liberal OR
- 6 Very liberal
- 2 Don't know/refused (VOL.)
- 100

On a different subject...

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1440]:**

Q.35F1 In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship (keep out of political matters) – or should they (express their views on day-to-day social and political questions) **[ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES]**

		July <u>2006</u>	July <u>2005</u>	Aug <u>2004</u>	Mid-July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2001</u>	Sept <u>2000</u> <sup>10</sup>	June <u>1996</u>	— Gallup —	
									<u>Feb-68</u>	<u>Mar-57</u>
52	Should keep out	46	44	44	44	43	45	43	53	44
45	Should express views	51	51	51	52	51	51	54	40	48
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1465]:**

Q.36F2 During political elections, should churches and other houses of worship come out in favor of one candidate over another, or shouldn't they do this?

		August <u>2007</u>	August <u>2004</u>	March <u>2002</u>
29	Should come out in favor of candidates	28	25	22
66	Should not come out in favor of candidates	63	65	70
<u>5</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.37 Do you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?

		August <u>2007</u>	July <u>2005</u>	August <u>2004</u>	Mid- July <u>2003</u>	March <u>2002</u> <sup>11</sup>	Early Oct. <u>2001</u> <sup>12</sup>
29	Too much	27	26	27	21	16	12
36	Too little	38	39	31	41	24	22
28	Right amount	26	27	32	29	53	60
<u>7</u>	Don't Know/Refused [VOL, DO NOT READ]	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

**NO QUESTIONS 38 THROUGH 41.**

<sup>10</sup> September 2000 results are based on registered voters. In 2000 and earlier, the question did not include “and other houses of worship.”

<sup>11</sup> In March 2002 the question was worded, “Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, has there been too much, too little or the right amount of expressions of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?”

<sup>12</sup> In Early October 2001 the question was part of a series and began, “As I read from a list, tell me if you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of what I mention.”

**ASK ALL:**

**ROTATE Q.42 AND Q.43**

Q.42 How do you feel about this statement: It makes me uncomfortable when politicians talk about how religious they are. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it?

		August <u>2007</u>	August <u>2004</u>	Sept <u>2000 (RVs)</u>
17	Completely Agree	15	12	25
29	Mostly Agree	28	28	25
29	Mostly Disagree	30	34	26
21	Completely Disagree	20	22	19
<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.43 How do you feel about this statement: It's important to me that a president have strong religious beliefs. Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it?

		August <u>2007</u>	August <u>2004</u>	Sept <u>2000 (RVs)</u>
32	Completely Agree	30	29	35
40	Mostly Agree	39	41	35
14	Mostly Disagree	16	15	17
11	Completely Disagree	11	11	10
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
100		100	100	100

**ASK ALL**

Q.44 Do you feel that [INSERT ITEM AND RANDOMIZE] is generally friendly toward religion, neutral toward religion, or unfriendly toward religion?

	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The Democratic Party	38	37	15	10=100
August, 2007	30	37	15	18=100
July, 2006	26	42	20	12=100
July, 2005	29	38	20	13=100
August, 2004	40	34	13	13=100
Mid-July, 2003	42	36	12	10=100
b. The Republican Party	52	29	9	10=100
August, 2007	50	23	9	18=100
July, 2006	47	28	13	12=100
July, 2005	55	23	9	13=100
August, 2004	52	24	10	14=100
Mid-July, 2003	52	27	10	11=100

**ASK ALL:**

Q.45 Here are a couple of statements about the political parties. For each, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree, or completely DISagree with it. (The first one is...) **(INSERT ITEM; ROTATE ITEMS)**

	-----AGREE-----			-----DISAGREE-----			DK/Ref
	Total	Comp letely	Mostly	Total	Comp letely	Mostly	
a. Religious conservatives have too much control over the Republican Party	48	17	31	41	11	30	11=100
August, 2007	43	15	28	41	10	31	16=100
July, 2005	45	14	31	43	11	32	12=100
Early September, 2004 <sup>13</sup>	43	17	26	48	18	30	9=100
b. Liberals who are not religious have too much control over the Democratic Party	43	14	29	45	13	32	12=100
August, 2007	37	13	24	47	14	33	16=100
July, 2005	44	12	32	42	11	31	14=100

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS** “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” **BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH:** and would you say that’s atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

- 43 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)
  - 25 Roman Catholic (Catholic)
  - 2 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
  - \* Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
  - 2 Jewish (Judaism)
  - 1 Muslim (Islam)
  - \* Buddhist
  - \* Hindu
  - 2 Atheist (do not believe in God)
  - 2 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
  - 1 Something else (**SPECIFY**)
  - 10 Nothing in particular
  - 9 Christian (**VOL.**)
  - \* Unitarian (Universalist) (**VOL.**)
  - 3 Don’t Know/Refused (**VOL.**)
- 100

<sup>13</sup> In 2004, this question was asked only of registered voters, and was asked as part of a list. The question read, “Here are some statements about the candidates and political parties.

**IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1), ASK [N=2382]:**

**BORN** Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

**BASED ON TOTAL**

36 Yes  
 42 No  
 3 Don't know/refused (VOL.)  
 \* Undesignated  
 81% Christian<sup>14</sup>

**ASK ALL:**

**ATTEND** Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

		Aug 2007	July 2006	July 2005	Aug 2004	July 2003	March 2003	March 2002	Mid- Nov 2001	March 2001	Sept 2000 <sup>15</sup>	June 1997	June 1996
13	More than once a week	14	15	14	13	16	15	15	16	17	17	12	14
26	Once a week	26	25	27	25	27	24	25	26	26	28	26	25
16	Once or twice a month	16	15	14	15	15	15	17	14	17	16	17	17
19	A few times a year	18	18	19	20	18	21	18	17	17	17	20	21
15	Seldom	16	14	14	15	14	15	15	16	15	13	15	13
10	Never	9	12	11	11	10	9	9	10	7	8	10	9
	Don't know/Refused												
<u>1</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

**NO QUESTIONS 46 THROUGH 49**

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.50** How important is religion in your life – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	August 2007	
58	Very important	61
27	Somewhat important	24
7	Not too important	8
7	Not at all important	6
<u>1</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>1</u>
100		100

**NO QUESTIONS 51-53**

<sup>14</sup> Respondents who do not offer a religion in the religious affiliation question (RELIG) or who describe their religion as "something else" are subsequently asked if they think of themselves as Christian or not. An additional 2% of the public stated that they do think of themselves as Christian.

<sup>15</sup> September 2000 results are based on registered voters.

**ASK IF R HAS A RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (RELIG=1-8, 11, 13-14 OR CHR=1) [N=2502]:**

Q.54 Now, as I read a pair of statements, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right.

		Mar <u>2002</u>
29	My religion is the one, true faith leading to eternal life, OR	20
65	Many religions can lead to eternal life	76
3	Neither/Both equally (VOL.)	1
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>
100		100

**IF R SAYS MANY RELIGIONS CAN LEAD TO ETERNAL LIFE (Q.54=2), ASK:**

Q.55 Which of the following religions do you think can lead to eternal life? Do you think that [INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE] can lead to eternal life, or not? Do you think [INSERT NEXT ITEM] can lead to eternal life, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u> (VOL.)
<b>ASKED OF NON-PROTESTANTS [N=702]</b>			
a. Protestant faiths	74	13	13=100

**NO ITEM b.**

<b>ASKED OF NON-CATHOLICS [N=1128]</b>			
c. Catholicism, the Catholic religion	73	14	13=100

<b>ASKED OF NON-JEWS [N=1638]</b>			
d. The Jewish religion	69	17	14=100

<b>ASKED OF NON-MUSLIMS [N=1664]</b>			
e. Islam, the Muslim religion	52	29	19=100

<b>ASKED OF NON-HINDUS [N=1667]</b>			
f. Hinduism	53	24	23=100

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=836]:**

**IF R SAYS MANY RELIGIONS CAN LEAD TO ETERNAL LIFE (Q.54=2), ASK:**

Q55gF1. And do you think that atheists [PRONOUNCED A-thee-ists] can achieve eternal life, or not?

42	Yes, they can
46	No, they cannot
<u>12</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=837]:**

**IF R SAYS MANY RELIGIONS CAN LEAD TO ETERNAL LIFE (Q.54=2), ASK:**

Q55hF2. And do you think that people who have no religious faith can achieve eternal life, or not?

56	Yes, they can
31	No, they cannot
<u>13</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	

**ASK ALL FORM 1 [N=1,440]:**

Q.56F1 And just in your own words, what do you think determines whether a person will achieve eternal life? [**RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE. DO NOT PROBE FOR FURTHER ANSWERS. IF NECESSARY, PROMPT WITH “In your own words.”**]

**29 ACTIONS**

- 16 Being good person/living good life/doing good works/morals/moral values/how you live your life
- 3 Treating others nicely/as you'd like to be treated
- 1 Living life in accordance with God's commands/God's will/the Bible
- 1 Behaving like Jesus/living good Christian life
- 1 Living life in accordance with one's own principles/being true to oneself
- 1 Following ten commandments
- 1 Other actions/generic actions
- 5 Combination of actions

**30 BELIEF**

- 17 In Jesus/the Lord/relationship with Jesus/accepting Jesus/Jesus' mercy/Being born-again/saved
- 7 In God/higher power/relationship with God
- \* In the Bible
- 6 Other beliefs/having faith/generic beliefs (including 'truth as one defines it')
- \* Combination of beliefs

**10 COMBINATION OF ACTIONS AND BELIEF**

- 4 Belief in God/God's mercy AND actions
- 3 Belief in Jesus/the Lord/Jesus' mercy AND actions
- \* Belief in Bible AND actions
- 3 Other beliefs/one's own beliefs AND actions

**8 OTHER**

- 1 It's up to God/God's mercy/God's grace
- 1 Intentions (e.g., having a good heart)/combination of intentions and actions or beliefs
- \* Karma
- 6 All others

**2 EVERYONE/NEARLY EVERYONE ACHIEVES ETERNAL LIFE**

**\* NOTHING DETERMINES ETERNAL LIFE/INEVITABLE**

**7 DO NOT BELIEVE IN ETERNAL LIFE**

**14 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED**

**100**

**NO QUESTION 57**

**ASK ALL:**

And on another topic,

Q.58 Which comes closest to your view? [**READ, IN ORDER**]

[**Holy book: If Christian or no religion (RELIG =1-4, 9, 10, 12, 13 OR CHR=1) insert “the Bible”; If Jewish (RELIG =5), insert “the Torah”; If Muslim (RELIG=6), insert, “the Koran”; If other non-Christian affiliations (RELIG=7,8,14 OR (RELIG=11 AND CHR=2,9)), insert “the Holy Scripture”; IF DK/REF IN RELIGION (RELIG=99) AND CHR=2,9, insert "the Bible"**]

**IF BELIEVE HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD (Q.58=1), ASK: [HOLY BOOK]**

Q.59 And would you say that [**READ, IN ORDER**]?

- 66 [**Holy Book**] is the word of God
- 34 [**Holy Book**] is to be taken literally, word for word [OR]
- 32 Not everything in [**Holy Book**] should be taken literally, word for word/Other/DK
- 25 [**Holy Book**] is a book written by men and is not the word of God
- 9 Other/Don't know (**VOL.**)

100



**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

**IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY, ASK:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)		
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	DK/	<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>
				Preference	Party	Ref	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Dem</i>
August, 2008	26	34	34	4	*	2=100	12	17
July, 2008	24	36	34	3	*	3=100	12	15
June, 2008	26	37	32	3	*	2=100	11	16
Late May, 2008	25	35	35	2	*	3=100	13	15
April, 2008	24	37	31	5	1	2=100	11	15
March, 2008	24	38	29	5	*	4=100	9	14
Late February, 2008	24	38	32	3	*	3=100	10	17
Early February, 2008	26	35	31	5	*	3=100	11	14
January, 2008	24	33	37	4	*	2=100	12	18
Late December, 2007	25	32	36	4	*	3=100	12	18
November, 2007	28	33	32	4	1	2=100	9	16
October, 2007	25	37	33	3	*	2=100	11	17
September, 2007	27	32	32	6	*	3=100	8	16
August, 2007	26	32	32	5	1	4=100	10	16
July, 2007	27	32	34	4	*	3=100	11	17
June, 2007	25	34	32	6	*	3=100	10	17
April, 2007	25	28	40	5	*	2=100	13	17
March, 2007	25	36	33	3	*	3=100	12	16
February, 2007	25	34	34	4	*	3=100	10	18
Mid-January, 2007	24	35	34	3	*	4=100	12	18
Early-January, 2007	23	31	39	4	*	3=100	12	18
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2007	25.4	32.9	33.7	4.6	.4	3.1=100	10.7	16.7
2006	27.6	32.8	30.3	5.0	.4	3.9=100	10.2	14.5
2005	29.2	32.8	30.3	4.5	.3	2.8=100	10.2	14.9
2004	29.5	33.1	30.0	4.0	.4	3.0=100	11.8	13.6
2003	29.8	31.4	31.2	4.7	.5	2.5=100	12.1	13.0
2002	30.3	31.2	30.1	5.1	.7	2.7=100	12.6	11.6
2001	29.2	33.6	28.9	5.1	.5	2.7=100	11.7	11.4
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6=100	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	28.2	34.6	29.5	5.0	.5	2.1=100	11.7	12.5
2000	27.5	32.5	29.5	5.9	.5	4.0=100	11.6	11.6
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9=100	13.0	14.5
1998	27.5	33.2	31.9	4.6	.4	2.4=100	11.8	13.5
1997	28.2	33.3	31.9	4.0	.4	2.3=100	12.3	13.8
1996	29.2	32.7	33.0	5.2=100			12.7	15.6
1995	31.4	29.7	33.4	5.4=100			14.4	12.9
1994	29.8	31.8	33.8	4.6=100			14.3	12.6
1993	27.4	33.8	34.0	4.8=100			11.8	14.7
1992	27.7	32.7	35.7	3.9=100			13.8	15.8
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	4.5=100			14.6	10.8
1990	31.0	33.1	29.1	6.8=100			12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34=100					
1987	26	35	39=100					