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ASK ALL:

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

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	No Opinion		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	No Opinion
September, 2008	25	69	6=100	February, 2001	46	43	11=100
August, 2008	21	74	5=100	January, 2001	55	41	4=100
July, 2008	19	74	7=100	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7=100
June, 2008	19	76	5=100	September, 2000	51	41	8=100
Late May, 2008	18	76	6=100	June, 2000	47	45	8=100
March, 2008	22	72	6=100	April, 2000	48	43	9=100
Early February, 2008	24	70	6=100	August, 1999	56	39	5=100
Late December, 2007	27	66	7=100	January, 1999	53	41	6=100
October, 2007	28	66	6=100	November, 1998	46	44	10=100
February, 2007	30	61	9=100	Early September, 1998	54	42	4=100
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7=100	Late August, 1998	55	41	4=100
Early January, 2007	30	63	7=100	Early August, 1998	50	44	6=100
December, 2006	28	65	7=100	February, 1998	59	37	4=100
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8=100	January, 1998	46	50	4=100
Early October, 2006	30	63	7=100	September, 1997	45	49	6=100
July, 2006	30	65	5=100	August, 1997	49	46	5=100
May, 2006	29	65	6=100	January, 1997	38	58	4=100
March, 2006	32	63	5=100	July, 1996	29	67	4=100
January, 2006	34	61	5=100	March, 1996	28	70	2=100
Late November, 2005	34	59	7=100	October, 1995	23	73	4=100
Early October, 2005	29	65	6=100	June, 1995	25	73	2=100
July, 2005	35	58	7=100	April, 1995	23	74	3=100
Late May, 2005	39	57	4=100	July, 1994	24	73	3=100
February, 2005	38	56	6=100	March, 1994	24	71	5=100
January, 2005	40	54	6=100	October, 1993	22	73	5=100
December, 2004	39	54	7=100	September, 1993	20	75	5=100
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6=100	May, 1993	22	71	7=100
July, 2004	38	55	7=100	January, 1993	39	50	11=100
May, 2004	33	61	6=100	January, 1992	28	68	4=100
Late February, 2004	39	55	6=100	November, 1991	34	61	5=100
Early January, 2004	45	48	7=100	Late February, 1991 (Gallup)	66	31	3=100
December, 2003	44	47	9=100	August, 1990	47	48	5=100
October, 2003	38	56	6=100	May, 1990	41	54	5=100
August, 2003	40	53	7=100	January, 1989	45	50	5=100
April 8, 2003	50	41	9=100	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5=100
January, 2003	44	50	6=100	May, 1988	41	54	5=100
November, 2002	41	48	11=100	January, 1988	39	55	6=100
September, 2002	41	55	4=100				
Late August, 2002	47	44	9=100				
May, 2002	44	44	12=100				
March, 2002	50	40	10=100				
Late September, 2001	57	34	9=100				
Early September, 2001	41	53	6=100				
June, 2001	43	52	5=100				
March, 2001	47	45	8=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=2509]:

		Quite	(VOL.)	Only a	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
2008	September, 2008	78	4	14	3	1=100
	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
2004	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
2000	Late March, 2004	60	4	31	4	1=100
	Mid-March, 2004	65	2	31	2	*=100
	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
1996	June, 2000	46	6	43	5	*=100
	May, 2000	48	4	42	5	1=100
	April, 2000	45	7	41	7	*=100
	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
1992	June, 1996	50	5	41	3	1=100
	Early October, 1992	77	5	16	1	1=100
	September, 1992	69	3	26	1	1=100
	August, 1992	72	4	23	1	*=100
1988	June, 1992	63	6	29	1	1=100
	Gallup: November, 1988	73	8	17	2	0=100
	Gallup: October, 1988	69	9	20	2	0=100
	Gallup: August, 1988	61	10	27	2	0=100
	Gallup: September, 1988	57	18	23	2	0=100

ASK ALL:

Q.2 How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2008 presidential election ... very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

44	Very closely
38	Fairly closely
12	Not too closely
6	Not at all closely
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK ALL:

Q.3 Are you more interested or less interested in politics this year than you were in 2004 — the last presidential election year?¹

		June 2008	June 2004	June 2000	July 1996	June 1996	June 1992	March 1992
63	More	60	47	38	42	41	55	57
13	Less	20	28	38	38	35	24	27
22	Same (VOL.)	18	23	22	19	22	19	14
2	Don't know/Refused	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	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?

81	Yes, Registered
78	Absolutely certain
3	Chance registration has lapsed
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
18	No, not registered
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

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

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2509]:

86	Yes
14	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

¹

In 2004, the question referenced politics in 2000; in 2000 it referenced politics in 1996; in 1996 it referenced politics in 1992; in 1992 it referenced politics in 1988.

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):
OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote... (READ)

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2509]:

54	Always
28	Nearly always
10	Part of the time, OR
5	Seldom?
2	Never vote (VOL.)
1	Other response (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

NO QUESTION 4

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.5 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote [READ AND ROTATE] [for the Republican ticket of John McCain and Sarah Palin [pronounced: PAY-lin]] OR [for the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden [pronounced: BUY-din]]?

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=2509]:

	Mc- Cain	Strongly	Only Mod²	DK	Oba- ma	Strongly	Only Mod	DK	Third party	Fourth party	Other/ Don't know
September, 2008 ³	44	25	19	*	46	30	15	1	n/a	n/a	10=100
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
	Bush				Kerry				Nader		
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

² Includes those who say they lean to the Republican or Democratic candidate.

³ Prior to September, 2008, July, 2004, September, 2000, September, 1996, August, 1992, and September, 1988 the question did not specify vice presidential candidates.

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

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u> <u>Mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Kerry</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u> <u>Mod</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Third</u> <u>party</u>	<u>Fourth</u> <u>party</u>	<u>Other/</u> <u>Don't</u> <u>know</u>
Two-way trial heats:											
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
	Bush				Gore				Nader	Buchanan	
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
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	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
	Dole				Clinton				Perot		
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
Two-way trial heats:											
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

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

	<u>Bush, Sr.</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Strongly</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Third party</u>	<u>Fourth party</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
	<u>Bush, Sr.</u>		<u>Mod</u>		<u>Clinton</u>		<u>Mod</u>		<u>Perot</u>		
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
Two-way trial heats:											
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
	<u>Bush, Sr.</u>				<u>Dukakis</u>						
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 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote [READ AND ROTATE] [for the Republican ticket of John McCain and Sarah Palin [pronounced: PAY-lin]] OR [for the Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden [pronounced: BUY-din]]?

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=2509]:

	<u>Mc-Cain</u>	<u>Pro-McCain</u>	<u>Anti-Obama</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Oba-ma</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>
September, 2008	44	29	13	2	46	32	11	3	n/a	n/a	10=100
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>Ker-ry</u>	<u>Pro-Kerry</u>	<u>Anti-Bush</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>Nader⁴</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

⁴ 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/Q.5a/Q.6a/Q.6b CONTINUED...

	<u>Bush</u>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-Kerry</i>	<i>DK</i>	Ker-ry	<i>Pro-Kerry</i>	<i>Anti-Bush</i>	<i>DK</i>	Nader	Fourth party	Other/Don't know
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
Two-way trial heats:											
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
	<u>Bush</u>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-Gore</i>	<i>DK</i>	Gore	<i>Pro-Gore</i>	<i>Anti-Bush</i>	<i>DK</i>	Nader⁵	Buchanan	Other/Don't know
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

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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/Q.5a/Q.6a/Q.6b CONTINUED...

	<u>Dole</u>	<i>Pro-Dole</i>	<i>Anti-Other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Pro-Clinton</i>	<i>Anti-Other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Perot</u>	<i>Pro-Perot</i>	<i>Anti-other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Other/DK</u>
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

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Clinton</u>	<i>Pro-Clinton</i>	<i>Anti-other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Perot</u>	<i>Pro-Perot</i>	<i>Anti-other</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Other/DK</u>
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
Two-way trial heats:													
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

	<u>Bush Sr.</u>	<i>Pro-Bush</i>	<i>Anti-Dukakis</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Du-kakis</u>	<i>Pro-Dukakis</i>	<i>Anti-Bush</i>	<i>DK</i>	<u>Third party</u>	<u>Fourth party</u>	<u>Other/Don't know</u>
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=2509]:

		Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
McCain	September, 2008	9	40	7=56%
	August, 2008	14	37	6=57%
	July, 2008	13	38	7=58%
	June, 2008	12	41	7=60%
Bush	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 ⁶	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%
	Bush	November, 2000	8	44
Late October, 2000		10	41	4=55%
Mid-October, 2000		12	40	5=57%
Early October, 2000		11	39	7=57%
September, 2000		15	38	6=59%
Mid-June, 2000		15	33	6=54%
Dole	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%
Bush, Sr	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%

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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.

**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=2509]:

		Chance might <u>vote for</u>	Decided not <u>to vote for</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
Obama	September, 2008	11	38	5=54%
	August, 2008	12	36	6=54%
	July, 2008	12	34	7=53%
	June, 2008	14	32	6=52%
Kerry	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 ⁷	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%
Gore	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%
Clinton	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%
Clinton	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%

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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 FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

IF RESPONDENT NAMED A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN Q.5/5a ASK:

Q.9F2 What is the main reason why you would like to see (**CHOICE FROM Q.5/5a LAST NAME ONLY; DO NOT READ VP CHOICE**) win the presidential election? (**OPEN - END**)

BASED ON FORM 2 OBAMA SUPPORTERS [N=565] OR MCCAIN SUPPORTERS [N=591]:

	<i>-- Vote Choice --</i>	
	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>
ISSUES (NET)	46	46
Iraq/war/military	6	6
Economy/jobs	8	3
Terrorism/security/9-11	--	4
Like his stand on issues/platform/domestic issues (general)	13	12
Health/medical care/medicare	3	--
Middle class/in touch with the people	5	2
Democrat/liberal (positive)	9	--
Republican/conservative (positive)	--	11
Foreign policy/foreign affairs	2	2
Plan to move forward/will do a better job	7	3
Education	1	--
Negative on issues of other candidate	--	2
Taxes	1	5
Supreme Court appointments	--	1
Abortion/pro-life	--	3
QUALITIES (NET)	16	41
Experience	--	17
Smart/intelligent	3	--
Better man/best candidate	3	3
Honesty/integrity	2	3
Leadership/strong leader/great leader	1	3
Just like him	2	1
Moral/Christian values	--	6
Qualified/capable	--	2
Better for country	1	1
First black president/history/diversity	4	--
Young/age	1	--
Older/age	--	1
Veteran/war hero	--	3
Like Biden/running mate	1	--
Like Palin/running mate	--	6
Shares my beliefs	--	1
Patriotic/patriotism	--	1
ANTI-OPPONENT (NET)	7	13
Anti-Obama (general comments)	--	9
Obama inexperienced/young	--	3
Obama dishonest/misleading	--	1
Anti-McCain	6	--
Anti-Palin	1	--
CHANGE (NET)	38	3
Change (general comments)	26	2
Want Republicans out/Bush did poor job/don't want repeat of last 8 years	7	--
Country in bad shape/wrong direction	1	--
Anti-Republican	7	--
Anti-Democrat	--	1
OTHER (NET)	9	7
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2	3

Q.9 F2 CONTINUED...

TREND FOR COMPARISON

	<i>Kerry</i>	<i>-- Clinton --</i>	
	Oct	Late Sept	July
	<u>2004</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>
STANDS ON ISSUES (NET)	59	21	14
Iraq/War/military	18	--	--
Economy/jobs	14	--	--
Like his stand on the issues/platform/domestic issues (general)	8	16	12
Health/medical care/medicare	5	--	--
Middle class/for the little person/in touch with the people	4	--	--
Democrat/liberal (positive)	4	--	--
Foreign policy/foreign affairs	3	--	--
Plan to move forward/will do a better job	3	--	--
Education	3	3	1
Negative on issues of other candidate	2	--	--
Environment	2	--	--
Taxes	2	--	--
Other	7	--	--
NEGATIVE COMMENT ABOUT BUSH, SR/BUSH, JR (NET)	33	27	31
Time for a change/new start	12	--	--
Anti-Bush	10	17	13
Did poor job/made major mistakes/bad president	6	--	--
Dishonest/misleading	3	--	--
Idiot/not smart	2	--	--
Country in bad shape/wrong direction	2	--	--
Other	3	--	--
POSITIVE QUALITIES (NET)	12	16	26
Smart/Intelligent	3	--	--
Best qualified/better man/best candidate	2	3	7
Honesty/Integrity	1	1	*
Leadership/strong leader/great leader	1	--	--
Just like him	1	--	--
Moral/Christian values	1	--	--
Capable/qualified	1	--	--
Better for country	1	--	--
Other	1	--	--
RECORD (NET)	n/a	31	30
OTHER (NET)	1	3	3
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4	6	4

Q.9 F2 CONTINUED...

TREND FOR COMPARISON

	<i>Bush</i>	<i>-- Dole --</i>	
	Oct	Late Sept	July
	<u>2004</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>
STANDS ON ISSUES (NET)	37	33	22
Terrorism/Security/9-11	10	--	--
Iraq/War/military	7	2	1
Like his stand on the issues/platform/domestic issues	6	18	14
Abortion/Pro-Life	5	4	3
Taxes	4	9	5
Economy/Jobs	3	--	--
Republican/conservative	2	--	--
Foreign policy/foreign affairs	2	--	--
Other	9	--	--
POSITIVE QUALITIES (NET)	33	15	15
Moral/Christian values	12	--	--
Honesty/integrity	5	9	9
Leadership/strong leader/great leader	5	--	--
Keeps promises/man of his word/does what he stands for	3	--	--
Just like him	3	--	--
Best qualified/better man/better candidate	2	--	--
Other	7	--	--
RECORD (NET)	23	n/a	n/a
Done a good job/good president/agree with what he is doing	16	--	--
Finish the job/finish the war	3	--	--
He's been there/done the job/knows what he's doing	3	--	--
Other	1	--	--
NEGATIVE COMMENT ABOUT KERRY OR CLINTON (NET)	16	47	47
Anti Kerry or Clinton	6	27	22
Wrong time for a change/need continuity	3	--	--
Dishonest/misleading	2	4	6
Other	5	--	--
OTHER (NET)	2	3	--
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	5	3	--

ASK FORM 1A REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY (REGICERT=1): [N=629]

Now a different kind of question....

ROTATE Q.10F1A/Q.11F1A

Q.10F1a What ONE WORD best describes your impression of John McCain? Just the one word that best describes him. [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE].

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages

<u>September 2008</u>		<u>April 2008</u>		<u>Late Feb 2008</u>	
58	Old	52	Old	55	Old
34	Patriot	32	Honest	32	Honest
28	Bush/Bush-like	23	Experienced	29	Experienced
25	Experienced	19	Patriot	21	Patriot
21	Honest	17	Conservative	14	Conservative
18	Conservative	16	Hero	13	Hero
17	Hero	14	Republican	12	Liberal
16	Leader/Leadership	11	Good	10	Good
14	Strong	11	Knowledgeable	7	Integrity
11	Good	10	Honorable	7	Leader
10	Integrity	9	Veteran	7	War
9	Maverick	6	American	6	Bush
9	Same	6	Moderate	6	Honorable
9	Trust/Trustworthy	6	Steadfast	6	Knowledgeable
8	Honor/Honorable	6	Trustworthy	6	Moderate
8	Qualified	6	Untrustworthy	6	Republican
8	Republican	5	Liar	6	Steady
7	Courage/Courageous	5	Okay	5	Fair
7	Lies/Liar	5	Politician	5	Okay
6	Dedicated	5	Seasoned	4	Military
5	Fair	4	Age	4	Trustworthy
5	Moderate	4	Bush	4	Untrustworthy
5	Veteran	4	Confident		(N=611)
4	American	4	Dedicated		
4	Dishonest	4	Determined		
4	Liberal	4	Likeable		
4	Loyal	4	Loyal		
4	Military	4	Nice		
4	Old-fashioned/Old-school	4	Sincere		
4	Out of touch	4	Strong		
4	Politician	4	Warmonger		
4	Tired		(N=658)		

ASK FORM 1A REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY (REGICERT=1): [N=629]

ROTATE Q.10F1A/Q.11F1A

Q.11F1a What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Barack Obama? Just the one word that best describes him. [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE].

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages

<u>September 2008</u>		<u>April 2008</u>		<u>Late Feb 2008</u>	
55	Inexperienced	46	Inexperienced	45	Inexperienced
36	Change	19	Good	32	Charismatic
20	Intelligent/Intellectual	17	Change	25	Intelligent
20	Young/Youthful	17	Charismatic	23	Change
15	Charismatic	16	Intelligent	14	Inspirational
14	New	13	Honest	13	Young
12	Energetic/Energy	12	Inspirational	11	New
12	Hope/Hopeful	9	Liberal	10	Enthusiastic
12	Liberal	8	New	10	Hope
10	Honest	7	Different	9	Arrogant
9	Fresh	7	Energetic	9	Energetic
9	Scary	7	Hopeful	9	Leader
8	Different	7	Scary	9	Speaker
7	Enthusiastic	7	Unknown	8	Different
7	Unqualified	7	Young	7	Honest
6	Committed	6	Fake	6	Articulate
6	Good	6	Idealistic	6	Good
6	Innovative	6	Leader	6	Integrity
6	Inspiring/Inspiration	6	Okay	6	Unqualified
6	Liar	6	Smooth	5	Visionary
6	Socialist	5	Dishonest	5	Impressive
5	Dishonest	5	Sincere	5	Liberal
5	Fake	5	Strong	5	Okay
5	Leader	5	Unqualified	5	Smart
5	Phony	4	Ambitious	4	Dynamic
5	Unknown	4	Arrogant	4	Fair
4	Arrogant	4	Bad	4	Fresh
4	Idealist	4	Charming	4	Great
4	Interesting	4	Confident	4	Muslim
4	Opportunist	4	Educated	4	Refreshing
4	Uncertain	4	Good speaker	4	Smooth
		4	Likeable	4	Unfavorable
		4	Nice		(N=629)
		4	Untrustworthy		
		4	Phony		
		4	Refreshing		
		4	Smart		
		4	Terrorist		
		(N=658)			

ASK FORM 1B REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY (REGICERT=1): [N=597]

Now a different kind of question....

ROTATE Q.12F1B/Q.13F1B

Q.12F1b What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Sarah Palin [**pronounced: PAY-lin**]? Just the one word that best describes her. [**OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE**].

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages

September 2008

24	Inexperienced
18	Conservative
18	Strong
16	Fresh/Refreshing
16	Interesting
11	Good
11	Great
11	Unknown
10	Smart
9	Aggressive
9	New
8	Confident
8	Energetic
8	Honest
8	Impressive
6	Dynamic
6	Unqualified
5	Feisty
5	Female/Woman
5	Intelligent
5	Likable/Like her
4	Amazing
4	Excellent
4	False
4	Hot
4	Phony

ASK FORM 1B REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1): [N=597]

ROTATE Q.12F1B/Q.13F1B

Q.13F1b What ONE WORD best describes your impression of Joe Biden [**pronounced: BUY-din**]? Just the one word that best describes him. [**OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS “DON’T KNOW”. ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR SECOND RESPONSE**].

NOTE: The numbers listed represent the number of respondents who offered each response; the numbers are not percentages

September 2008

48	Experienced
14	Liberal
12	Old
11	Arrogant
10	Knowledgeable
10	Unknown
8	Confident
8	Qualified
8	Strong
7	Honest
7	Intelligent
6	Politician
5	Idiot
5	OK
5	Old-school/Old-guard
5	Unimpressive/Unimpressed
4	Alright
4	Good
4	Interesting
4	Socialist
4	Who

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.14 If John McCain were to win the presidency, do you think he would continue George W. Bush's policies, or would he take the country in a different direction? **[IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Just in general, do you think John McCain would continue George W. Bush's policies or take the country in a different direction?]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2509]:

		June <u>2008</u>	Late May <u>2008</u>	March <u>2008</u>
45	Continue Bush's policies	46	44	46
44	Take country in a different direction	42	45	43
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
100		100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.15F2 Do you feel John McCain is too old to be president, or not?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1283]:

		<i>Bob Dole</i>			
		Based on general population CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll			
		June <u>2008</u>	Late Feb <u>2008</u>	March <u>1996</u>	February <u>1996</u>
23	Yes, too old	21	26	25	27
73	No, not too old	76	72	72	67
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

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

IF YES IN PLANTO1 (PLANTO1=1), ASK:

PLANTO2 How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2509]:

	Yes, Plan To Vote	Absolutely Certain	Fairly Certain	Not Certain	No, Don't Plan To	Don't know/ Refused
September, 2008	97	90	6	1	2	1=100
August, 2008	97	--	--	--	2	1=100
July, 2008	97	--	--	--	2	1=100
June, 2008	95	85	8	2	2	3=100
November, 2006 ^{8*}	90	--	--	--	8	2=100
Late October, 2006*	94	--	--	--	3	3=100
Early October, 2006*	93	75	17	1	4	3=100
Early September, 2006*	92	--	--	--	5	3=100
November, 2004	97	--	--	--	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	98	--	--	--	1	1=100
Early October, 2004	98	91	6	1	1	1=100
September, 2004	98	91	6	1	1	1=100
August, 2004	98	89	8	1	2	*=100
June, 2004	96	85	10	1	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	87	9	1	2	1=100
September, 2000	95	84	10	1	3	2=100
June, 2000	95	84	10	1	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	75	17	1	3	4=100
June, 1998*	95	74	19	2	3	2=100
November, 1996	96	--	--	--	2	2=100
October, 1996	98	87	10	1	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	98	89	8	1	1	1=100
Early September, 1996	96	83	11	2	2	2=100
July, 1996	95	82	12	1	3	2=100
June, 1996	96	84	11	1	2	2=100
November, 1994*	93	--	--	--	5	2=100
October, 1994*	95	--	--	--	3	2=100

* Non-Presidential elections

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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?"

PLANTO1/PLANTO2 CONTINUED . . .

	Yes, Plan To Vote	Absolutely Certain	Fairly Certain	Not Certain	No, Don't Plan To	Don't know/ Refused
October, 1992	98	91	6	1	1	1=100
September, 1992	98	85	11	2	1	1=100
August, 1992	97	89	8	*	1	2=100
June, 1992	97	88	8	1	1	2=100
Gallup: November, 1988	97	87	9	1	2	1=100
October, 1988	98	--	--	--	1	1=100

ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY (REGICERT=1):

Q.16F1 Regardless of who you might support, who do you think is most likely to win the presidential election?
[READ AND ROTATE]?

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1226]:

	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/DK</u>
September, 2008	39	39	22=100
June, 2008	27	53	20=100
April, 2008	42	47	11=100
March, 2008	38	50	12=100
2004 Election			
November, 2004	48 <i>Bush</i>	27 <i>Kerry</i>	25=100
Mid-October, 2004	54 <i>Bush</i>	27 <i>Kerry</i>	19=100
Early October, 2004	61 <i>Bush</i>	27 <i>Kerry</i>	12=100
September, 2004	60 <i>Bush</i>	22 <i>Kerry</i>	18=100
August, 2004	44 <i>Bush</i>	37 <i>Kerry</i>	19=100
July, 2004	42 <i>Bush</i>	38 <i>Kerry</i>	20=100
June, 2004	51 <i>Bush</i>	35 <i>Kerry</i>	14=100
May, 2004	52 <i>Bush</i>	31 <i>Kerry</i>	17=100
Early February, 2004	56 <i>Bush</i>	32 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	12=100
Mid-January, 2004	61 <i>Bush</i>	21 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	18=100
September, 2003	47 <i>Bush</i>	34 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	19=100
June, 2003	66 <i>Bush</i>	22 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	12=100
2000 Election			
November, 2000	43 <i>Bush</i>	32 <i>Gore</i>	25=100
Late October, 2000	48 <i>Bush</i>	38 <i>Gore</i>	14=100
Early October, 2000	33 <i>Bush</i>	46 <i>Gore</i>	21=100
June, 2000	51 <i>Bush</i>	33 <i>Gore</i>	16=100
October, 1999	70 <i>Bush</i>	23 <i>Gore</i>	7=100
1996 Election			
Late September, 1996 ⁹	12 <i>Dole</i>	79 <i>Clinton</i>	9=100
Early September, 1996	16 <i>Dole</i>	75 <i>Clinton</i>	9=100
July, 1996	19 <i>Dole</i>	72 <i>Clinton</i>	9=100
1992 Election			
October, 1992	30 <i>Bush, Sr.</i>	61 <i>Clinton</i>	9=100
March, 1992	72 <i>Bush, Sr.</i>	20 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	8=100
February, 1992	66 <i>Bush, Sr.</i>	25 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	9=100
October, 1991	78 <i>Bush, Sr.</i>	11 <i>Dem Candidate</i>	11=100

⁹ In 1996 and October 1992, the question also asked about Ross Perot. Results here are included in the "Other/DK" category.

ASK ALL:

Q.17 As it's shaping up so far, what's your opinion of the presidential candidates this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?¹⁰

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2509]:

		June 2008	Mid-Oct 2004	June 2004	June 2000	March 2000	July 1999	Late Oct 1996	Late Sept 1996	June 1996	Oct 1992	Aug 1992	June 1992
24	Very satisfied	19	23	17	14	13	13	11	11	10	10	11	6
48	Fairly satisfied	41	43	48	50	47	40	48	50	37	41	42	29
17	Not too satisfied	24	22	19	22	27	25	27	26	31	33	31	36
9	Not at all satisfied	14	9	12	11	11	12	11	10	18	14	15	27
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.18 As far as making progress on the important issues facing the country is concerned, does it really matter who wins the 2008 presidential election, or will things be pretty much the same regardless of who is elected president?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2509]:

		June 2008	June 2004	Mid- March 2004	June 2000	General Public Opinion Research Corporation Aug 1976
70	Really matters who wins the 2008 presidential election	63	67	70	50	45
24	Things will pretty much be the same regardless	32	29	26	44	46
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY (REGICERT=1):

Q.19F2 Have the presidential candidates been talking about the issues that are important to you in this campaign, or not?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1283]:

		Sept 2004	Sept 2000	Oct 1996
72	Yes	64	72	59
23	No	31	22	35
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
100		100	100	100

¹⁰

Early in election cycles, respondents were asked about "likely presidential candidates."

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

ROTATE Q.20 AND Q.21

Q.20 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=1166]:

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

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

ROTATE Q.20 AND Q.21

Q.21 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=1163]:

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

NO QUESTIONS 22 THRU 24

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):
ROTATE Q.25F1 WITH Q.26F1**

Q.25F1 As I name some traits, please tell me whether you think each one describes Barack Obama. First, [INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE] do you think of Barack Obama as [FIRST ITEM] or not? Do you think of Obama as [NEXT ITEM] or not? [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW CANDIDATE WELL ENOUGH ENTER AS DON'T KNOW AND EMPHASIZE THAT THAT IS A LEGITIMATE ANSWER]

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1226]:

		Yes, describes		Don't Know/
		<u>Obama</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Refused</u>
a.	Patriotic	65	29	6=100
	April, 2008	61	32	7=100
	March, 2008	64	27	9=100
b.	Phony	29	66	5=100
	April, 2008	32	63	5=100
	March, 2008	27	66	7=100
c.	Honest	64	28	8=100
	April, 2008	61	30	9=100
	March, 2008	65	25	10=100
d.	Down-to-earth	65	30	5=100
	April, 2008	60	35	5=100
	March, 2008	67	25	8=100
g.	Arrogant	37	59	4=100
	April, 2008	38	58	4=100
h.	Inspiring	71	26	3=100
	April, 2008	66	31	3=100
	March, 2008	70	26	4=100
i.	Well-qualified	47	48	5=100
j.	Risky	51	44	5=100

**ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):
ROTATE Q.25F1 WITH Q.26F1**

Q.26F1 As I name some traits, please tell me whether you think each one describes John McCain. First, [INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE] do you think of John McCain as [FIRST ITEM] or not? Do you think of McCain as [NEXT ITEM] or not? [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY DON'T KNOW CANDIDATE WELL ENOUGH ENTER AS DON'T KNOW AND EMPHASIZE THAT THAT IS A LEGITIMATE ANSWER]

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1226]:

		Yes, describes		Don't Know/	
		<u>McCain</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Refused</u>	
a.	Patriotic	91	6	3=100	
	April, 2008	90	7	3=100	
b.	Phony	27	68	5=100	
	April, 2008	26	69	5=100	
c.	Honest	62	30	8=100	
	April, 2008	65	26	9=100	
d.	Down-to-earth	56	39	5=100	
	April, 2008	60	33	7=100	
g.	Arrogant	33	63	4=100	
	April, 2008	36	59	5=100	
h.	Inspiring	43	53	4=100	
	April, 2008	39	55	6=100	
i.	Well-qualified	75	20	5=100	
j.	Risky	46	48	6=100	

ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1)

Q.27 Regardless of who you support, which one of the presidential candidates — [ROTATE ORDER OF CANDIDATES] John McCain or Barack Obama — do you think would do the best job of [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE QUARTER FORM SPLITS]? And who do you think would do the best job of [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS ANYONE OTHER THAN MCCAIN OR OBAMA PROBE ONCE: "If you had to choose between McCain and Obama. . . "?]

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1283]:

		John	Barack	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		<u>McCain</u>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
a.F2	Improving economic conditions				
	September, 2008	38	47	5	10=100
	July, 2008	32	47	7	14=100
	June, 2008	31	51	8	10=100
	Late May, 2008	36	51	4	9=100
	April, 2008	33	53	8	6=100
Bush/Kerry	Mid October, 2004	40	47	4	9=100
	Early October, 2004	40	46	5	9=100
	September, 2004	42	45	4	9=100
	August, 2004	37	52	3	8=100

Q.27 CONTINUED...

	John <u>McCain</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>	
Bush/Kerry May, 2004	38	48	5	9=100	
Late March, 2004	39	44	6	11=100	
Mid-March, 2004	37	53	2	8=100	
Bush/Gore Mid-October, 2000	37	49	3	11=100	
Early October, 2000	35	47	6	12=100	
September, 2000	38	46	5	11=100	
June, 2000	38	41	5	16=100	
March, 2000	42	46	4	8=100	
Dole/Clinton September, 1996	35	49	8	8=100	
July, 1996	38	45	8	9=100	
TREND FOR COMPARISON	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Bush/Clinton October, 1992	26	41	16	5	12=100

b.F2 Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq

September, 2008	48	41	4	7=100	
July, 2008	44	41	3	12=100	
June, 2008	47	41	4	8=100	
Late May, 2008	46	43	2	9=100	
April, 2008	50	38	5	7=100	
Bush/Kerry Mid October, 2004	47	41	4	8=100	
Early October, 2004	50	40	2	8=100	
September, 2004	51	39	3	7=100	
August, 2004	44	46	3	7=100	
May, 2004	44	41	4	11=100	
Late March, 2004	49	37	4	10=100	
Mid-March, 2004	47	45	2	6=100	

c.F2 Making wise decisions about foreign policy

September, 2008	51	40	2	7=100	
July, 2008	43	42	2	13=100	
Bush/Kerry September, 2004	53	37	3	7=100	
August, 2004	43	47	2	8=100	
May, 2004	43	42	4	11=100	
Late March, 2004	44	38	4	14=100	
Mid-March, 2004	44	45	3	8=100	
Bush/Gore March, 2000	40	46	4	10=100	
Dole/Clinton Early September, 1996	39	44	7	10=100	
July, 1996	42	42	5	11=100	
TREND FOR COMPARISON	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Bush/Clinton October, 1992	53	27	6	3	11=100

d.F2 Dealing with the nation's energy problems

September, 2008	40	46	4	10=100	
Late May, 2008	33	51	5	11=100	

BASED ON FORM 2a REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=644]

e.F2a Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington

September, 2008	36	40	9	15=100	
June, 2008	26	51	10	13=100	

Q.27 CONTINUED...

	<u>John McCain</u>	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref.</u>	
f.F2a	Reflecting your views on social issues like abortion and gay rights				
	September, 2008	39	45	5	11=100
	Late May, 2008	34	48	5	13=100
g.F2a	Improving education				
	September, 2008	32	51	5	12=100
Bush/Kerry	September, 2004	43	43	5	9=100
	August, 2004	36	53	3	8=100
	May, 2004	35	50	5	10=100
	Late March, 2004	39	43	5	13=100
	Mid-March, 2004	36	52	3	9=100
Bush/Gore	Late-October, 2000	41	45	4	10=100
	Mid-October, 2000	40	46	3	11=100
	Early October, 2000	41	43	6	10=100
	September, 2000	39	45	4	12=100
	June, 2000	34	44	5	17=100
	March, 2000	42	44	3	11=100
Dole/Clinton	September, 1996	29	57	5	9=100
	July, 1996	28	55	6	11=100
	TREND FOR COMPARISON	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>DK/Ref.</u>
Bush/Clinton	October, 1992	28	46	9	5 12=100
h.F2a	Dealing with taxes				
	September, 2008	39	44	5	12=100
	June, 2008	36	47	6	11=100
	Late May, 2008	44	39	5	12=100
Bush/Gore	Late October, 2000	45	41	5	9=100
	Mid-October, 2000	41	42	5	12=100
	Early October, 2000	39	42	6	13=100
	September, 2000	41	41	5	13=100
	June, 2000	41	34	7	18=100
	March, 2000	40	44	5	11=100
	TREND FOR COMPARISON				
	Cutting taxes				
Dole/Clinton	September, 1996	42	34	14	10=100
	July, 1996	42	35	12	11=100
	TREND FOR COMPARISON	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Perot</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>DK/Ref.</u>
Bush/Clinton	October, 1992	35	25	8	16 16=100

BASED ON FORM 2b REGISTERED VOTERS: [N=639]

i.F2b	Defending the country from future terrorist attacks				
	September, 2008	56	31	4	9=100
	July, 2008	48	33	5	14=100
	June, 2008	55	31	5	9=100
	April, 2008	63	26	5	6=100
Bush/Kerry	Mid October, 2004	53	35	4	8=100
	Early October, 2004	57	32	3	8=100

Q.27 CONTINUED...

	John <u>McCain</u>	Barack <u>Obama</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref.</u>	
September, 2004	58	31	3	8=100	
August, 2004	49	39	4	8=100	
May, 2004	52	33	5	10=100	
Late March, 2004	53	29	4	14=100	
Mid-March, 2004	57	32	4	7=100	
j.F2b Improving the health care system					
September, 2008	31	52	7	10=100	
Late May, 2008	32	49	6	13=100	
Bush/Kerry Early October, 2004	31	49	8	12=100	
September 22-26, 2004	32	48	7	13=100	
Early September, 2004	32	50	8	10=100	
August, 2004	29	55	5	11=100	
May, 2004	29	51	7	13=100	
Late March, 2004	33	46	6	15=100	
Mid-March, 2004	29	57	4	10=100	
Bush/Gore Late-October, 2000	38	47	5	10=100	
Mid-October, 2000	37	48	4	11=100	
Early October, 2000	36	49	5	10=100	
September, 2000	32	51	6	11=100	
June, 2000	31	44	6	19=100	
March, 2000	31	51	6	12=100	
k.F2b Dealing with immigration					
September, 2008	39	38	8	15=100	
Late May, 2008	44	39	7	10=100	
l.F2b Dealing with environmental issues					
September, 2008	32	53	5	10=100	
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
Protecting the environment					
Bush/Gore September, 2000	24	58	4	14=100	
March, 2000	24	61	4	11=100	
Dole/Clinton July, 1996	24	58	6	12=100	
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
Bush/Clinton October, 1992	<u>24</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16=100</u>

NO QUESTION 28

ASK FORM 2 ONLY: [N=1502]

Q.29 Now I'd like your views on some people. As I read some names, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person. (First, **INSERT NAME**) would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THRU d; FOLLOWED BY ROTATE ITEMS e AND f]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?
 How about (**NEXT NAME**)? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [NAME] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Heard of</u>	<u>rate/Ref</u>
a.F2	John McCain								
	September, 2008	58	20	38	38	16	22	*	4=100
	Late May, 2008	46	12	34	44	20	24	1	9=100
	April, 2008	48	11	37	40	17	23	2	10=100
	March, 2008	45	8	37	41	16	25	2	12=100
	Late February, 2008	48	12	36	38	14	24	1	13=100
	Early February, 2008	53	12	41	31	10	21	3	13=100
	January, 2008	55	14	41	31	9	22	3	11=100
	Late December, 2007	46	8	38	34	10	24	7	13=100
	August, 2007	47	8	39	29	8	21	12	12=100
	December, 2006	51	13	38	26	6	20	10	13=100
	April, 2006	54	14	40	26	7	19	8	12=100
	Late October, 2005	56	15	41	19	5	14	10	15=100
	Late March, 2005	59	15	44	17	4	13	8	16=100
	July, 2001	51	14	37	22	5	17	13	14=100
	January, 2001	59	18	41	15	3	12	9	17=100
	May, 2000	54	14	40	20	5	15	11	15=100
b.F2	Barack Obama								
	September, 2008	62	28	34	34	15	19	*	4=100
	Late May, 2008	51	23	28	40	21	19	*	9=100
	April, 2008	52	21	31	42	21	21	*	6=100
	March, 2008	56	21	35	34	18	16	1	9=100
	Late February, 2008	57	24	33	34	16	18	1	8=100
	Early February, 2008	58	19	39	30	13	17	2	10=100
	January, 2008	56	20	36	33	13	20	3	8=100
	Late December, 2007	54	16	38	30	12	18	5	11=100
	August, 2007	48	14	34	26	10	16	13	13=100
c.F2	Sarah Palin								
	September, 2008	50	25	25	34	15	19	6	10=100
d.F2	Joe Biden								
	September, 2008	48	14	34	30	11	19	8	14=100
	April, 2006	28	7	21	20	5	15	38	14=100
	Late October, 2005	21	4	17	20	6	14	43	16=100
	September, 1987	22	4	18	15	4	11	25	38=100
e.F2	Michelle Obama								
	September, 2008	56	23	33	25	11	14	2	17=100
	Late May, 2008	43	14	29	21	8	13	4	32=100

Q. 29 CONTINUED...

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)	
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never	Can't	
									Heard of	rate/Ref
f.F2	Cindy McCain									
	September, 2008	48	15	33	26	10	16	4	22=100	
	Late May, 2008	40	8	32	18	6	12	5	37=100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=1480]

Q.30 On another topic... Would you say your overall opinion of [INSERT ITEM, ROTATE] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)	
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never	Can't	
									Heard of	Rate
a.F1	The Democratic Party									
	September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6=100	
	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	
	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	

Q.30 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	Can't Rate
b.F1 The Republican Party								
September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7=100
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

ASK FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.31 **[READ BEFORE FIRST ITEM ONLY: Thinking about foreign policy and national security...]** Do you think **[INSERT NAME; ROTATE]** would be too tough, not tough enough, or about right in his approach to foreign policy and national security issues?

BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1226]:

		Too <u>tough</u>	Not tough <u>enough</u>	About <u>right</u>	Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
a.F1	John McCain				
	September, 2008	25	15	51	9=100
	Late May, 2008	22	16	51	11=100
	Late February, 2008	25	16	47	12=100
b.F1	Barack Obama				
	September, 2008	3	45	44	8=100
	Late May, 2008	3	43	43	11=100
	Late February, 2008	3	43	39	15=100

ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

ROTATE ORDER OF Q.32F2 AND Q.33F2

Q.32F2 In the presidential campaign so far, do you think Barack Obama has been too personally critical of John McCain, or not?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1283]:

		<i>Kerry Critical of Bush</i>				<i>Gore Critical of Bush</i>	<i>Clinton Critical of Dole</i>	<i>Dukakis Critical of Bush, Sr</i>
		June <u>2008</u>	Sept <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	Mid-March <u>2004</u>	Early Oct <u>2000</u>	Late Sept <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1988</u>
28	Too personally critical	19	52	44	48	29	21	45
65	Not too personally critical	73	45	48	46	61	70	50
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

ROTATE ORDER OF Q.32F2 AND Q.33F2

Q.33F2 In the presidential campaign so far, do you think John McCain has been too personally critical of Barack Obama, or not?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1283]:

		<i>Bush Critical of Kerry</i>				<i>Bush Critical of Gore</i>	<i>Dole Critical of Clinton</i>	<i>Bush, Sr Critical of Dukakis</i>
		June <u>2008</u>	Sept <u>2004</u>	June <u>2004</u>	Mid-March <u>2004</u>	Early Oct <u>2000</u>	Late Sept <u>1996</u>	Oct <u>1988</u>
42	Too personally critical	26	49	33	33	40	53	52
52	Not too personally critical	65	47	58	58	50	40	43
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.34 Now I'm going to read some statements that have been made about Barack Obama or John McCain. For each statement, please tell me if you agree or disagree with it. (The first one is...) **(READ AND RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS)**

		<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>(VOL.) Don't know/ Refused</u>
ASK ITEMS a THRU d OF FORM 2				
REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1283]:				
a.F2	I worry that John McCain will take America into another war.	42	53	5=100
TREND FOR COMPARISON				
	I worry that George W. Bush will take America into another war. (Sept, 2004)	51	45	4=100
b.F2	The chance of another terrorist attack would increase if Barack Obama were elected	30	61	9=100
TREND FOR COMPARISON				
	The chance of another terrorist attack would increase if John Kerry were elected. (Sept, 2004)	36	56	8=100
c.F2	There are many people who won't vote for Barack Obama because he is black	46	49	5=100
d.F2	John McCain sometimes makes hasty decisions	49	41	10=100
ASK ITEMS e THRU j OF FORM 1				
REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1226]:				
e.F1	Barack Obama would work well with both Democrats AND Republicans	61	35	4=100
f.F1	John McCain would work well with both Republicans AND Democrats	59	37	4=100
g.F1	Barack Obama would do too much for African Americans	16	78	6=100
h.F1	John McCain would do too much for wealthy Americans	50	45	5=100
i.F1	Barack Obama can bring about real change in Washington	53	42	5=100
j.F1	John McCain can bring about real change in Washington	39	56	5=100

Q.34 CONTINUED . . .

		(VOL.)		
		<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
ASK ALL MCCAIN SUPPORTERS (1 IN Q5/5a): [N=1181]				
k.	I almost wish Sarah Palin was the Republican nominee instead of John McCain	22	75	3=100

ASK ALL OBAMA SUPPORTERS (2 IN Q5/5a): [N=1086]

l.	I almost wish Joe Biden was the Democratic nominee instead of Barack Obama	10	87	3=100
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ASK ALL SWING REGISTERED VOTERS (Q.5=3,9 OR Q.7=1 OR Q.8=1):

Q.35 All things considered, which of these concerns you more? [READ AND ROTATE]

BASED ON SWING REGISTERED VOTERS [N=666]:

37	That Barack Obama lacks experience [OR]
46	That John McCain's would govern too much like President Bush
9	Neither/Both (VOL. DO NOT READ)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.36F1 Now, thinking about Barack Obama's religious beliefs... Do you happen to know what Barack Obama's religion is? Is he Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, or something else?

[INTERVIEWERS: IF DON'T KNOW PROBE: "Is that because you've heard different things about his religion, or because you just don't know enough about him?"]

BASED ON FORM 1 [N=1480]:

		(RVs)	
		<u>June 2008</u>	<u>March 2008</u>
48	Christian (include volunteers of: Protestant, Church of Christ, Trinity Church, Baptist, Methodist, etc.)	57	47
1	Jewish	1	*
12	Muslim (include Islam/Islamic)	12	12
*	Buddhist	*	*
*	Hindu	*	*
*	Atheist	*	*
*	Agnostic	*	*
4	Something else	2	1
18	Don't know - Heard different things (VOL.)	10	10
15	Don't know - Haven't heard enough (VOL.)	15	27
2	Refused (VOL.)	3	3
100		100	100

NO QUESTIONS 37 THRU 38

On a different subject . . .

ASK ALL:

Q.39 Which is more important for the next president to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

	Domestic <u>policy</u>	Foreign <u>policy</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
September, 2008	60	21	*	15	4=100
May, 2008	61	22	*	13	4=100

TREND FOR COMPARISON

Right now, which is more important for President Bush to focus on... domestic policy or foreign policy?

	Domestic <u>policy</u>	Foreign <u>policy</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
Bush January, 2008	56	31	1	8	4=100
January, 2007	39	40	1	15	5=100
August, 2006	50	32	1	12	5=100
January, 2006	57	25	1	13	4=100
October, 2005	64	20	1	12	3=100
Early-January, 2005	53	27	1	16	3=100
January, 2002	52	34	*	11	3=100
Clinton Early-September, 1998	56	30	0	11	3=100
January, 1997	86	7	*	5	2=100
December, 1994	85	7	2	4	2=100
October, 1993	76	13	*	7	4=100

NO QUESTION 40

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Thinking about what's going on in the world more generally...

Q.41F1 What country in the world, if any, represents the greatest danger to the United States? [OPEN END; DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS. USE PRECODES AS APPROPRIATE. IF MORE THAN ONE MENTION, RECORD ALL IN ORDER OF MENTION.]

BASED ON FORM 1 [N=1480]:

	Feb <u>2007</u>	Feb <u>2006</u>	Oct <u>2005</u>	Sept <u>2001</u>	Sept <u>1993</u>	April <u>1993</u>	Jan <u>1993</u>	Feb <u>1992</u>	March <u>1990</u>
21 Iran	25	27	9	5	7	6	6	4	6
16 China	14	20	16	32	11	6	9	8	8
14 Russia/Former Soviet Union	2	3	2	9	8	16	13	13	32
13 Iraq	19	17	18	16	18	14	17	12	*
8 Other Middle East	7	5	8	9	1	6	5	8	7
6 North Korea	17	11	13	1	1	--	*	*	*
4 United States	5	5	7	2	*	6	6	3	4
3 Al Qaeda/Terrorist groups mentions	1	4	2	*	--	--	--	--	--
1 Japan	1	1	1	3	11	9	8	31	8
2 Other	3	2	3	7	13	7	5	2	13
5 None/Not just one country	3	2	8	2	6	12	9	5	6
14 Don't know/Refused	13	10	17	20	24	17	21	13	13

ASK FORM 1 ONLY

Q.42 I'd like your opinion about some possible international concerns for the U.S. Do you think that **(INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE)** is a major threat, a minor threat or not a threat to the well being of the United States? What about **(INSERT ITEM)**

BASED ON FORM 1 [N=1480]:

		Major Threat	Minor Threat	Not a Threat	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F1	China's emergence as a world power				
	September, 2008	48	35	11	6=100
	Late May, 2008	50	31	10	9=100
	February, 2006	47	34	12	7=100
	Late October, 2005	52	31	10	7=100
	May, 2001	51	30	10	9=100
	July, 1999	53	33	10	4=100
b.F1	Growing tension between Russia and its neighbors				
	September, 2008	44	41	10	5=100
TREND FOR COMPARISON					
Growing authoritarianism in Russia					
	Late May, 2008	24	46	12	18=100
	February, 2006	22	45	16	17=100
	Late October, 2005	23	44	13	20=100
	May, 2001 ¹¹	27	46	12	15=100
	July, 1999	40	42	14	4=100
c.F1	North Korea's nuclear program				
	September, 2008	55	33	7	5=100
	Late May, 2008	55	32	7	6=100
	February, 2006	60	27	6	7=100
	Late October, 2005	66	24	4	6=100
d.F1	Iran's nuclear program				
	September, 2008	60	29	6	5=100
	Late May, 2008	62	25	8	5=100
	February, 2006	65	24	5	6=100
	Late October, 2005	61	27	5	7=100
e.F1	Political instability in Pakistan				
	September, 2008	43	40	8	9=100
	Late May, 2008	41	40	9	10=100
f.F1	Islamic extremist groups like al Qaeda				
	September, 2008	72	21	3	4=100
	Late May, 2008	72	18	4	6=100

¹¹

In May 2001 and July 1999, the item was listed as: "Political and economic instability in Russia."

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Thinking about what's going on in the world more generally...

Q.43 As I read a list of possible LONG-RANGE foreign policy goals which the United States might have, tell me how much priority you think each should be given. First, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE QUARTER SAMPLE FORM SPLITS; FORM 2a: ITEMS b THRU h; FORM 2b: ITEMS i THRU n]**, do you think this should have top priority, some priority, or no priority at all. **[READ THE ANSWER CHOICES AS NECESSARY AFTER THE FIRST TIME]**

BASED ON FORM 2 [N=1502]

		Top Priority	Some Priority	No Priority	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F2	Reducing our dependence on imported energy sources	76	20	2	2=100
	October, 2005	67	28	2	3=100
	July, 2004 <i>Imported oil sources</i>	63	30	4	3=100

BASED ON FORM 2a [N=758]

b.F2a	Preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction	62	32	4	2=100
	October, 2005	75	19	4	2=100
	July, 2004	71	23	4	2=100
	Mid-October, 2001	81	14	2	3=100
	Early September, 2001	78	16	5	1=100
	September, 1997	70	23	6	1=100
	June, 1995	68	21	9	2=100
	September, 1993	69	24	5	1=100
d.F2a	Finding a solution to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians	25	50	22	3=100
	July, 2004	28	46	22	4=100
	January, 2003 ¹²	38	40	19	3=100
	March, 1999	35	42	19	4=100
	September, 1993	34	45	19	2=100
f.F2a	Improving relationships with our allies	54	42	2	2=100
	July, 2004	54	40	4	2=100
g.F2a	Protecting groups or nations that are threatened with genocide	36	54	6	4=100
	October, 2005	46	39	5	10=100
	July, 2004	47	40	5	8=100
	Mid-October, 2001	48	43	3	6=100
	Early September, 2001	49	41	5	5=100
h.F2a	Reducing U.S. military commitments overseas	45	45	7	3=100
	July, 2004	35	51	10	4=100
	Early September, 2001	26	58	14	2=100

¹²

In January 2003 and earlier the question was worded "Bringing about a permanent settlement between Israel and the Arabs."

Q.43 CONTINUED . . .

		Top	Some	No	(VOL.)
BASED ON FORM 2b [N=744]		<u>Priority</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
i.F2b	Protecting the jobs of American workers	82	16	1	1=100
	October, 2005	84	14	1	1=100
	July, 2004	84	13	2	1=100
	Mid-October, 2001	74	24	1	1=100
	Early September, 2001	77	19	3	1=100
	September, 1997	77	20	2	1=100
	June, 1995	80	17	2	1=100
	September, 1993	85	13	2	*=100
j.F2b	Strengthening the United Nations	32	46	19	3=100
	October, 2005	40	43	14	3=100
	July, 2004	48	38	11	3=100
	Mid-October, 2001	46	46	7	1=100
	Early September, 2001	42	43	13	2=100
	September, 1997	30	53	14	3=100
	June, 1995	36	45	17	2=100
	September, 1993	41	46	11	2=100
k.F2b	Reducing the spread of AIDS and other infectious diseases	53	42	5	*=100
	October, 2005	72	24	3	1=100
	July, 2004	72	25	2	1=100
	Mid-October, 2001	59	38	2	1=100
	Early September, 2001	73	23	3	1=100
l.F2b	Promoting and defending human rights in other countries	25	58	15	2=100
	October, 2005	37	50	11	2=100
	July, 2004	33	53	12	2=100
	Mid-October, 2001	27	61	10	2=100
	Early September, 2001	29	54	14	3=100
	September, 1997	27	56	15	2=100
	June, 1995	21	56	20	3=100
	September, 1993	22	54	22	2=100
m.F2b	Dealing with global climate change	43	41	14	2=100
	October, 2005	43	43	10	4=100
	July, 2004 ¹³	36	46	12	6=100
	Mid-October, 2001	31	51	13	5=100
	Early September, 2001	44	39	12	5=100
	September, 1997 ¹⁴	50	42	6	2=100
	June, 1995	56	36	6	2=100
	September, 1993	56	37	6	1=100
nF2b	Taking measures to protect the U.S. from terrorist attacks	82	16	1	1=100
	October, 2005	86	12	1	1=100
	July, 2004	88	10	1	1=100
	Mid-October, 2001	93	6	*	1=100
	Early September, 2001	80	16	3	1=100

¹³ In 2004 and 2001, the item was worded "Dealing with global warming."

¹⁴ In September 1993, June 1995 and September 1997 the item was worded "Improving the global environment."

ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.44F2 Compared with the past, would you say the U.S. is MORE respected by other countries these days, LESS respected by other countries, or AS respected as it has been in the past?

ASK IF LESS RESPECTED (Q.44F2=2):

Q.45F2 Do you think less respect for America is a major problem, a minor problem, or not a problem at all?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1283]

		May <u>2008</u>	Aug <u>2006</u>	Late Oct <u>2005</u>	July <u>2004</u>	May <u>1987</u> ¹⁵	GP <i>Newsweek</i> <u>Jan 1984</u>
5	More respected	7	7	9	8	18	27
70	Less respected	72	66	66	68	57	36
48	Major problem	58	49	44	45	--	--
19	Minor problem	11	15	18	19	--	--
2	Not a problem	2	2	3	3	--	--
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	*	1	1	--	--
22	As respected as in the past	18	23	22	21	23	29
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS (REGICERT=1):

Q.46F2 Which candidate, [READ AND ROTATE] John McCain or Barack Obama do you think would do the best job of gaining respect for the U.S. from other countries?

BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1283]:

41	John McCain
47	Barack Obama
2	Both (VOL.)
2	Neither (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Now a few questions about Iraq...

Q.47F1 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force against Iraq?

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

	Right <u>decision</u>	Wrong <u>decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
September, 2008	43	50	7=100
June, 2008	39	55	6=100
April, 2008	37	57	6=100
Late February, 2008	38	54	8=100
Late December, 2007	36	56	8=100
October, 2007	39	54	7=100
September, 2007	42	50	8=100
July, 2007	41	53	6=100

¹⁵

In May 1987 the question asked "Compared to five years ago, would you say the U.S. is more respected by other countries, less respected by other countries, or as respected as it was five years ago by other countries?" In January 1984, the Newsweek question asked "Compared to four years ago..."

Q.47F1 CONTINUED...

	<u>Right decision</u>	<u>Wrong decision</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
June, 2007	40	51	9=100
April, 2007	45	47	8=100
March, 2007	43	49	8=100
February, 2007	40	54	6=100
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9=100
Early January, 2007	40	53	7=100
December, 2006	42	51	7=100
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7=100
Late October, 2006	43	47	10=100
Early October, 2006	45	47	8=100
Early September, 2006	49	43	8=100
August, 2006	45	46	9=100
July, 2006	44	50	6=100
June, 2006	49	44	7=100
April, 2006	47	46	7=100
March, 2006	45	49	6=100
February, 2006	51	44	5=100
January, 2006	45	47	8=100
December, 2005	47	48	5=100
Late October, 2005	48	45	7=100
Early October, 2005	44	50	6=100
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7=100
July, 2005	49	44	7=100
June, 2005	47	45	8=100
February, 2005	47	47	6=100
January, 2005	51	44	5=100
December, 2004	49	44	7=100
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11=100
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12=100
Early October, 2004	50	39	11=100
September, 2004	53	39	8=100
August, 2004	53	41	6=100
July, 2004	52	43	5=100
June, 2004	55	38	7=100
May, 2004	51	42	7=100
Late April, 2004	54	37	9=100
Early April, 2004	57	35	8=100
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6=100
Late February, 2004	60	32	8=100
Early February, 2004	56	39	5=100
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5=100
Early January, 2004	62	28	10=100
December, 2003	67	26	7=100
October, 2003	60	33	7=100
September, 2003	63	31	6=100
August, 2003	63	30	7=100
Early July, 2003	67	24	9=100
May, 2003	74	20	6=100
April 10-16, 2003	74	19	7=100
April 8-9, 2003	74	19	7=100
April 2-7, 2003	72	20	8=100
March 28-April 1, 2003	69	25	6=100
March 25-27, 2003	74	21	5=100

Q.47F1 CONTINUED...	Right <u>decision</u>	Wrong <u>decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	74	21	5=100
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	71	22	7=100
Late January, 1991	77	15	8=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.48F1 How well is the U.S. military effort in Iraq going? **[READ IN ORDER]**

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
September, 2008	19	39	24	13	5=100
June, 2008	10	34	31	21	4=100
April, 2008	10	34	28	24	4=100
Late February, 2008	12	36	25	23	4=100
Late December, 2007	11	30	31	23	5=100
November, 2007	11	37	29	19	4=100
October, 2007	10	34	29	22	5=100
September, 2007	9	32	30	24	5=100
July, 2007	8	28	34	25	5=100
June, 2007	7	27	33	28	5=100
April, 2007	7	31	34	25	3=100
March, 2007	10	30	32	24	4=100
February, 2007	5	25	38	29	3=100
Mid-January, 2007	7	28	32	30	3=100
December, 2006	4	28	37	27	4=100
Mid-November, 2006	6	26	34	30	4=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	7	30	32	27	4=100
Late October, 2006	5	30	34	25	6=100
Early October, 2006	8	29	33	25	5=100
Early September, 2006	8	39	28	20	5=100
August, 2006	8	33	32	23	4=100
June, 2006	16	37	25	18	4=100
April, 2006	13	34	29	21	3=100
March, 2006	9	34	30	21	6=100
February, 2006	13	38	29	17	3=100
January, 2006	12	39	27	17	5=100
December, 2005	14	37	29	17	3=100
Early October, 2005	9	35	31	22	3=100
Mid-September, 2005	12	41	26	18	3=100
July, 2005	14	38	27	17	4=100
June, 2005	9	41	27	19	4=100
February, 2005	14	40	25	17	4=100
January, 2005	9	39	29	20	3=100
December, 2004	10	40	28	18	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	13	38	26	17	6=100
September, 2004	12	40	26	18	4=100
August, 2004	12	41	28	16	3=100
July, 2004	13	42	26	16	3=100
June, 2004	16	41	25	14	4=100
May, 2004	10	36	32	19	3=100
Late April, 2004	12	43	26	15	4=100
Early April, 2004	14	43	26	13	4=100
Mid-March, 2004	16	45	26	11	2=100

Q.48F1 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	(VOL.) DK/ <u>Refused</u>
Early February, 2004	17	46	23	11	3=100
Mid-January, 2004	22	51	18	6	3=100
Early January, 2004	23	47	18	7	5=100
December, 2003	28	47	16	6	3=100
October, 2003	16	44	25	11	4=100
September, 2003	15	47	26	9	3=100
August, 2003	19	43	24	11	3=100
Early July, 2003	23	52	16	5	4=100
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2=100</i>
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3=100</i>
<i>March 25-April 1, 2003</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5=100</i>
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6=100</i>
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7=100</i>

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.49F1 Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

	Keep troops <u>in Iraq</u>	Bring troops <u>home</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/ Ref</u>
September, 2008	45	50	5=100
June, 2008	43	52	5=100
April, 2008	41	56	3=100
Late February, 2008	47	49	4=100
Late December, 2007	40	54	6=100
November, 2007	41	54	5=100
October, 2007	42	54	4=100
September, 2007	39	54	7=100
July, 2007	39	54	7=100
June, 2007	39	56	5=100
April, 2007	41	53	6=100
March, 2007	43	52	5=100
February, 2007	42	53	5=100
Mid-January, 2007	46	48	6=100
Early January, 2007	41	53	6=100
December, 2006	44	50	6=100
Mid-November, 2006	46	48	6=100
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	49	44	7=100
Late October, 2006	46	47	7=100
Early October, 2006	47	47	6=100
Early September, 2006	47	47	6=100
August, 2006	48	46	6=100
June, 2006	50	45	5=100
April, 2006	48	48	4=100
March, 2006	44	50	6=100
February, 2006	50	46	4=100
January, 2006	48	48	4=100
December, 2005	49	46	5=100
Early October, 2005	47	48	5=100
Mid-September, 2005	51	45	4=100

Q.49F1 CONTINUED...

	Keep troops <u>in Iraq</u>	Bring troops <u>home</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/ Ref</u>
July, 2005	52	43	5=100
June, 2005	50	46	4=100
February, 2005	55	42	3=100
January, 2005	54	41	5=100
December, 2004	56	40	4=100
Mid-October, 2004	57	36	7=100
September, 2004	54	40	6=100
August, 2004	54	42	4=100
July, 2004	53	43	4=100
June, 2004 ¹⁶	51	44	5=100
May, 2004	53	42	5=100
Late April, 2004	53	40	7=100
Early April, 2004	50	44	6=100
Early January, 2004	63	32	5=100
October, 2003	58	39	3=100
September, 2003	64	32	4=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.50F1 Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

	Definitely <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>succeed</u>	Probably <u>fail</u>	Definitely <u>fail</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/ Refused</u>
September, 2008	18	40	24	10	8=100
June, 2008	12	38	31	11	8=100
April, 2008	12	35	30	16	7=100
Late February, 2008	13	40	26	13	8=100
Late December, 2007	10	35	31	14	10=100
November, 2007	11	37	33	13	6=100
October, 2007	11	35	31	13	10=100
September, 2007	8	34	32	15	11=100
July, 2007	9	34	32	17	8=100
April, 2007	9	36	30	16	9=100
February, 2007	7	40	34	12	7=100
November, 2006	12	41	28	13	6=100
Mid-September, 2006	13	44	26	9	8=100
August, 2006	14	40	28	12	6=100

¹⁶

In June 2004 and earlier, the question was worded: "Do you think the U.S. should keep military troops in Iraq until a stable government is established there, or do you think the U.S. should bring its troops home as soon as possible?"

ROTATE Q.51F2 AND Q.53F2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Thinking about China for a moment...

Q.51F2 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of China today. . . Do you think China is **[READ]**:

BASED ON FORM 2: [N=1502]

		Oct	July	Feb	Sept	May	March	June	March	Sept
		<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1997</u>
19	An adversary	16	14	17	23	19	17	18	20	14
49	A serious problem, but not an adversary	45	40	39	48	51	44	53	48	46
26	OR, Not much of a problem	30	36	33	23	22	26	22	25	32
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

NO QUESTION 52

ROTATE Q.51F2 AND Q.53F2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Thinking about Russia for a moment...

Q.53F2 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of Russia today. . . Do you think Russia is **[READ]**:

BASED ON FORM 2: [N=1502]

18	An adversary
48	A serious problem, but not an adversary
28	OR, Not much of a problem?
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
100	

NO QUESTION 54

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.55F1 Right now, which ONE of the following do you think should be the more important priority for U.S. energy policy... **[READ AND ROTATE]**

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

		June	Late	June	Feb	Mid-	Feb	May
		<u>2008</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
45	Expanding exploration, mining and drilling, and the construction of new power plants	47	35	35	41	43	37	44
	[OR]							
47	More energy conservation and regulation on energy use and prices	45	55	57	52	48	54	49
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.56F1 Would you favor or oppose allowing oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska?

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

		June <u>2008</u>	Late Feb <u>2008</u>	May <u>2006</u>	Jan <u>2006</u>	Mid- Sept <u>2005</u> ¹⁷	Late March <u>2005</u>	Mid- March <u>2005</u>
55	Favor	50	42	46	44	50	46	42
39	Oppose	43	50	44	47	42	49	46
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.57 As I read some possible government policies to address America's energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]? How about the government... [INSERT NEXT ITEM]

		(VOL.)		
		Favor	Oppose	Don't know/ Refused
BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]				
a.F1	Promoting the increased use of nuclear power	50	43	7=100
	Late-February, 2008	44	48	8=100
	February, 2006	44	49	7=100
	Mid-September, 2005	39	53	8=100
b.F1	Requiring better fuel efficiency for cars, trucks and SUVs	88	10	2=100
	Late-February, 2008	90	8	2=100
	February, 2006	86	12	2=100
	Mid-September, 2005	86	12	2=100
c.F1	Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology	82	14	4=100
	Late-February, 2008	81	14	5=100
	February, 2006	82	14	4=100
d.F1	Increasing federal funding for research on ethanol	57	36	7=100
	Late-February, 2008	57	35	8=100
	February, 2006	67	22	11=100
e.F1	Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters	67	28	5=100
f.F1	Establishing tax incentives to encourage conservation	69	23	8=100

¹⁷

In Mid-September 2005 and earlier the question was worded "... drilling in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge."

ROTATE Q58F1/59F1 WITH Q.60F1/61F1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.58F1 If the government were to allow more drilling for oil and gas in the U.S., do you think it would reduce America's dependence on foreign oil a lot, a little, or not much at all?

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

41 A lot
35 A little
20 Not much at all
4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

IF A LOT OR A LITTLE: (Q.58F1=1,2)

Q.59F1 How soon would allowing more domestic drilling in the U.S. affect the energy supply? [READ]

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

76 A lot/A little
33 In the next few years
41 In the longer term
2 Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
20 Not much at all
4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

ROTATE Q58F1/59F1 WITH Q.60F1/61F1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

Q.60F1 If the funding for wind, solar and hydrogen technology were increased, do you think it would reduce America's dependence on foreign oil a lot, a little, or not much at all?

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

43 A lot
42 A little
12 Not much at all
3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

IF A LOT OR A LITTLE: (Q.60F1=1,2)

Q.61F1 How soon would increased funding for wind, solar and hydrogen technology affect the energy supply? [READ]

BASED ON FORM 1: [N=1480]

84 A lot/A little
28 In the next few years
54 In the longer term
2 Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)
12 Not much at all
4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Now, thinking about the issue of terrorism...

Q.62F2 Overall, do you think the ability of terrorists to launch another major attack on the U.S. is greater, the same, or less than it was at the time of the September 11th terrorist attacks?

BASED ON FORM 2: [N=1502]

		Late-						
		Feb	Dec	Aug	Jan	July	July	Late Aug
		<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>
18	Greater	16	23	25	17	28	24	22
43	The same	41	41	37	39	40	39	39
36	Less	39	31	33	39	29	34	34
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Q.63F2 All in all, which do you think would have a greater effect in reducing the threat of terrorist attacks on the United States? [READ AND ROTATE]

BASED ON FORM 2: [N=1502]

		Aug	Late
		<u>2006</u>	<u>Aug</u>
		<u>2006</u>	<u>2002</u>
33	Increasing America's military presence overseas [OR]	32	48
48	Decreasing America's military presence overseas	45	29
8	Neither/Keep things as they are now (VOL. DO NOT READ)	10	8
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL. DO NOT READ)	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>
100		100	100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

On another subject...

Q.64F2 As you may know, the U.S. government is holding a number of detainees at a military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In your opinion, are the government's policies toward these prisoners fair or unfair?

BASED ON FORM 2: [N=1502]

		Late-
		Feb
		<u>2008</u>
48	Fair	52
35	Unfair	33
<u>17</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>15</u>
100		100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

Now a question about Afghanistan...

Q.65F2 Do you think the U.S. and NATO should keep military troops in Afghanistan until the situation has stabilized, or do you think the U.S. and NATO should remove their troops as soon as possible?

BASED ON FORM 2: [N=1502]

		Spring ¹⁸ 2008	Late Feb 2008	Spring 2007
61	Keep troops in Afghanistan	50	61	50
33	Remove their troops	44	32	42
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
100		100	100	99

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.) Republican	(VOL.) Democrat	(VOL.) Independent	(VOL.) No Preference	(VOL.) Other Party	(VOL.) DK/ Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
September, 2008	28	35	32	3	*	2=100	12	14	
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	
Yearly Totals									
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	

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Spring 2008 and Spring 2007 trends from U.S. sample of Pew Global Attitudes polling.

PARTY/PARTY LEAN CONTINUED....

		(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)					
		No	Other	DK/	<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>			
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Preference</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	
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						

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

REPJOB How good a job is the Republican Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as reducing the size of government, cutting taxes and promoting conservative social values — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS: [N=1308]

		Late		Mid-		Late						(RVs)
		Oct	Nov	June	April	Sept	March	July	Aug	May	May	Sept
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
4	Excellent	5	7	6	6	4	8	12	6	6	10	6
31	Good	31	35	36	41	44	43	49	51	49	50	43
44	Only fair	49	41	44	41	41	36	33	37	38	32	44
19	Poor	13	15	10	10	8	9	4	5	5	5	5
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

DEMJOB How good a job is the Democratic Party doing these days in standing up for its traditional positions on such things as protecting the interests of minorities, helping the poor and needy, and representing working people — would you say the Party is doing an excellent job, a good job, only a fair job or a poor job?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS: [N=1394]

		Late		Mid-		Late						(RVs)
		Oct	Nov	June	April	Sept	March	July	Aug	May	May	Sept
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
9	Excellent	4	6	4	5	3	3	6	5	5	8	11
41	Good	35	37	30	35	32	30	43	33	39	39	52
36	Only fair	48	45	51	48	49	51	40	51	43	40	32
11	Poor	9	7	13	11	14	14	8	9	10	7	4
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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=2509]:

	Definitely will vote										Definitely will not vote										(VOL.)
	<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>	<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>	DK/Ref
September, 2008	84	6	3	1	1	2	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
August, 2008	80	6	5	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
July, 2008	80	7	4	2	1	3	*	1	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0=100
November, 2006 ¹⁹	72	7	5	3	2	4	*	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Late October, 2006	71	8	9	4	2	3	*	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Early October, 2006	68	10	9	4	1	4	*	1	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
September, 2006	67	9	9	2	2	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
November, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Mid-October, 2004	87	4	3	1	1	1	*	*	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Early November, 2002	66	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Early October, 2002	64	10	10	4	3	4	1	*	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2=100
Early November, 2000	80	6	5	2	1	3	*	*	*	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Late October, 2000	83	5	5	1	1	2	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*=100
Mid-October, 2000	80	7	4	3	1	3	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Early October, 2000	78	7	5	2	2	2	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Late October, 1998	70	6	7	4	1	4	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Early October, 1998	64	9	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
November, 1996	77	7	7	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
October, 1996	77	9	7	2	2	2	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*=100
Late September, 1996	78	10	6	2	1	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
November, 1994	67	9	8	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2=100
October, 1994	66	10	9	4	2	4	1	1	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1=100
Gallup: September, 1992	77	5	4	3	2	4	*	1	*	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*=100
Gallup: November, 1988	77	7	6	2	1	3	*	*	*	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2=100
Gallup: October, 1988	73	8	7	3	2	3	1	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2=100

¹⁹ In November 2006, November 2004 and Early November 2002, the “10 – definitely will vote” category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.