

Washington Post-ABC News Poll

National politics

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone September 5-7, 2008, among a random national sample of 1,133 adults and 961 registered voters, including additional interviews with randomly selected African Americans, for a total of 211 black respondents. The additional interviews (commonly referred to as an "oversample") were completed to ensure there were enough African American respondents for separate analysis; the group was not over-represented in the reported results from the full sample. The results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points. Error margins are higher for subgroups. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) How closely are you following the presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely -----			---- Not closely -----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	opinion
9/7/08	RV	89	51	38	10	6	5	*
8/22/08	RV	84	42	42	16	11	5	*
7/13/08	RV	79	36	42	21	12	9	1
7/13/08		73	32	41	26	14	12	1
6/15/08	RV	80	39	41	20	10	10	*
6/15/08		75	34	41	25	12	13	*
5/11/08	RV	85	45	40	15	12	3	0
5/11/08		83	39	44	17	13	5	0
4/13/08	RV	87	42	45	13	9	4	*
4/13/08		84	37	47	16	11	5	*
3/2/08	RV	87	47	40	12	8	4	*
3/2/08		84	42	42	15	11	4	*
2/1/08	RV	86	40	46	14	10	4	*
2/1/08		81	35	46	19	12	7	*
1/12/08		79	32	47	21	15	6	*
12/9/07		72	21	51	28	19	8	*
11/1/07		67	21	46	33	22	12	0
9/30/07		69	21	48	30	21	10	*
7/21/07		70	22	48	30	20	10	*
6/1/07		66	18	48	34	22	13	*
4/15/07		66	20	45	34	20	14	*
2/25/07		65	20	44	35	25	10	*

2004:

9/8/04	RV	85	45	40	14	10	4	1
8/29/04	RV	81	43	38	20	13	7	*
8/1/04	RV	80	41	39	20	13	7	*
7/25/04		73	34	39	27	15	12	*
6/20/04		78	33	45	22	15	7	*
5/23/04		74	33	41	26	17	9	*
4/18/04		75	30	45	25	16	9	0
3/7/04		75	33	42	25	18	7	*
2/11/04		75	30	45	25	15	10	*
1/18/04		66	22	44	35	22	13	*
10/29/03		54	15	39	45	30	15	0
9/13/03		56	16	40	44	27	17	*

2000:

9/6/00	RV	74	26	48	26	17	9	*
8/20/00	RV	74	28	46	26	16	10	1
8/10/00	RV	72	29	43	29	18	11	*
8/6/00		53	17	36	47	22	25	*

7/29/00	51	16	35	49	25	24	*
7/23/00	50	14	36	50	25	25	*
6/11/00	49	13	36	51	26	25	0
4/2/00	53	17	36	47	24	23	0
3/11/00	61	21	40	38	21	17	0
2/27/00	70	24	46	30	20	10	*
2/6/00	65	19	48	34	21	13	0
1/16/00	50	11	39	50	26	24	*
12/15/99	45	12	33	55	31	24	*
10/31/99	61	16	45	38	25	13	*
7/17/95	36	7	29	63	33	31	*
7/8/92	76	28	48	24	16	8	*
1/27/92	51	14	37	48	25	23	1
8/18/88	RV	68	26	42	31	20	11
8/15/88	RV	70	27	43	31	19	12
5/25/88		76	25	51	25	19	6
8/23/87		50	9	41	49	31	18
6/1/87		50	11	39	49	32	17

2. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08	RV	85	7	5	1	1	*
8/22/08	RV	84	10	4	2	*	*
7/13/08	RV	79	10	7	3	2	0
7/13/08		69	11	8	7	5	*
6/15/08	RV	80	9	7	3	1	*
6/15/08		71	9	8	7	4	*
3/2/08	RV	87	7	5	1	*	*
3/2/08		78	9	7	4	2	*

3. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats) and (John McCain and Sarah Palin, the Republicans), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE - REGISTERED VOTERS

	Obama	McCain	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08	47	46	1	1	1	4
8/22/08	49	43	*	3	2	3
7/13/08	50	42	1	3	1	2
6/15/08	49	45	1	3	1	3
5/11/08	51	44	*	2	1	1
4/13/08	49	44	*	3	3	2
3/2/08	53	40	*	2	1	3
2/1/08	47	48	1	1	1	2
1/19/07	47	45	*	3	1	4

NET LEANED VOTE - LIKELY VOTERS

	Obama	McCain	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08	47	49	1	1	0	3
8/22/08	49	45	*	2	0	4
7/13/08	49	46	1	2	0	2
6/15/08	47	48	1	2	0	2

4. (IF NAMED CANDIDATE) Would you definitely vote for (CANDIDATE), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) Is there a GOOD CHANCE you'll change your mind, or would you say it's PRETTY UNLIKELY?

		Definitely vote for	-Chance NET	change mind Good	- Unlikely	No opinion
9/7/08	RV	79	20	8	12	1
8/22/08	RV	73	24	11	13	3
7/13/08	RV	72	25	10	15	3
7/13/08		72	25	11	14	3
6/15/08	RV	71	26	7	19	3
6/15/08		70	28	12	16	2
5/11/08	RV	66	32	17	15	2
5/11/08		69	29	15	14	2
9/26/04	RV	82	16	4	12	2
9/8/04	RV	84	14	6	8	2
8/29/04	RV	81	18	7	11	1
8/1/04	RV	80	19	7	12	1
7/25/04	RV	78	20	7	13	2
7/11/04	RV	79	21	7	13	1
6/20/04	RV	73	26	12	14	*
6/20/04		71	28	13	15	1

Barack Obama:

		Definitely vote for	-Chance change mind - NET Good Unlikely	No opinion
9/7/08	RV	78	21 9 12	1
8/22/08	RV	74	23 7 15	4
7/13/08	RV	72	23 9 14	5
7/13/08		75	21 9 12	4
6/15/08		72	25 7 18	3
5/11/08		71	26 13 13	3

John McCain:

		Definitely vote for	-Chance change mind - NET	Good	Unlikely	No opinion
9/7/08	RV	80	19	8	11	2
8/22/08	RV	72	25	14	11	2
7/13/08	RV	71	28	12	17	1
7/13/08		68	31	14	17	1
6/15/08		69	31	17	13	1
5/11/08		66	32	17	15	2

5. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Thinking ahead to the November presidential election, what is the single most important issue in your choice for president?

[illegible]

government	5	4	3	3	4	4	5	4	4	6
Taxes	4	2	2	2	*	1	1	1	1	1
Abortion	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Education	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
Immigration/Illegal immigration	1	2	1	2	4	4	4	5	5	5
Morals/Family values	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2
Foreign policy	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Environment	*	2	1	1	*	1	1	1	2	1
Guns/Gun control	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	*		
Federal budget deficit	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	2	1
Global warming	*	*	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*
Housing/Mortgages	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Iran/Situation in Iran	0	*	0	*	0	0	*	0	*	0
None/Nothing	1	0	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
Other	11	8	6	7	7	6	9	7	9	7
No opinion	5	6	6	6	5	7	7	7	8	9
*Separately:										
Economy/Jobs	37	39	34	36	41	39	29	24	14	11
Gas/Oil prices/Energy	4	4	6	2	1	*	1	0	0	0

6. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of (NAME)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

9/7/08 - Summary Table

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opin.
a. Barack Obama	58	35	23	36	12	24	7
b. John McCain	59	31	28	36	15	21	5
c. Joe Biden	51	23	27	29	13	16	20
d. Sarah Palin	58	35	23	28	11	17	15

Trend where available:

a. Barack Obama

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/08	RV	58	35	23	36	12	24	7
8/22/08	RV	62	37	25	34	13	21	4
6/15/08	RV	62	34	27	34	11	23	4
6/15/08		63	35	28	33	12	21	4
4/13/08	RV	57	28	30	39	14	24	4
4/13/08		56	28	28	39	14	25	5
1/12/08	RV	65	33	31	30	14	16	6
1/12/08		63	31	32	30	14	16	7
11/1/07	RV	51	20	31	37	17	20	12
11/1/07		51	21	30	36	16	20	13
2/25/07		53	21	33	30	16	14	16
1/19/07		45	NA	NA	29	NA	NA	25
12/11/06		44	21	22	23	17	6	33

b. John McCain

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/08	RV	59	31	28	36	15	21	5
8/22/08	RV	59	25	34	37	15	22	4
6/15/08	RV	57	20	38	39	18	20	4

6/15/08		56	18	38	39	18	21	5
4/13/08	RV	52	16	36	41	19	22	6
4/13/08		53	17	36	40	19	21	7
1/12/08	RV	61	25	36	31	18	13	8
1/12/08		59	24	35	30	17	13	11
11/1/07	RV	45	10	35	43	23	19	13
11/1/07		43	10	34	42	23	19	14
2/25/07		52	13	39	35	22	13	13
1/19/07		49	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	16
12/11/06		50	17	33	31	20	11	19
5/15/06		55	20	35	31	20	11	14
3/5/06		59	22	38	29	18	11	12
6/5/05		57	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	11
7/30/01		57			30			12
2/27/00		60			21			19
10/31/99		36			22			41
9/2/99		22			10			68
3/14/99		20			10			69

c. Joe Biden

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/08	RV	51	23	27	29	13	16	20
9/4/08*	RV	54	32	23	31	15	16	14

* "the Democratic nominee for vice president"

d. Sarah Palin

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/08	RV	58	35	23	28	11	17	15
9/4/08*	RV	52	34	18	37	14	23	11

* "the Republican nominee for vice president"

7. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Obama) or (McCain)?

9/7/08 - Summary Table*

	Obama	McCain	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The economy	47	42	1	4	6
b. The war in Iraq	41	51	1	2	4
c. The U.S. campaign against terrorism	36	56	2	2	4
d. Social issues, such as abortion and gay civil unions	48	41	1	4	6
e. International affairs	39	51	2	3	6
f. Energy policy	45	43	2	3	8
g. The federal budget deficit	44	39	1	7	9
h. An unexpected major crisis	37	54	2	3	3
i. Taxes	45	44	*	4	7
j. Education	52	37	1	3	7

*Full sample asked items a-d, half sample asked items e-g, other half sample asked items h-j.

Trend where available:

a. The economy

		Obama	McCain	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08	RV	47	42	1	4	6
8/22/08	RV	50	39	2	5	4
7/13/08	RV	54	37	2	6	3
7/13/08		54	35	2	6	3
6/15/08	RV	52	37	2	5	5
6/15/08		52	36	2	5	4
5/11/08	RV	48	38	2	8	4
5/11/08		48	38	2	8	4
3/2/08	RV	50	37	2	6	5
3/2/08		49	37	2	6	6

b. The war in Iraq

9/7/08	RV	41	51	1	2	4
8/22/08	RV	46	46	1	4	3
7/13/08	RV	44	49	1	3	3
7/13/08		45	47	1	4	3
6/15/08	RV	45	48	*	3	3
6/15/08		46	47	*	3	4
5/11/08	RV	46	46	1	5	3
5/11/08		46	45	1	5	3
3/2/08	RV	44	48	*	4	4
3/2/08		43	48	1	4	5

c. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

9/7/08	RV	36	56	2	2	4
8/22/08	RV	38	52	3	5	2
7/13/08	RV	39	54	2	3	1
7/13/08		43	49	2	4	1
6/15/08	RV	37	57	2	2	3
6/15/08		39	53	2	3	4
5/11/08	RV	33	55	5	4	3
5/11/08		34	55	4	4	3
3/2/08	RV	32	57	1	3	5
3/2/08		33	58	2	3	5

d. Social issues, such as abortion and gay civil unions

9/7/08	RV	48	41	1	4	6
8/22/08	RV	52	39	2	4	4
7/13/08	RV	58	33	1	5	3
7/13/08		56	32	2	5	6

e. International affairs

9/7/08	RV	39	51	2	3	6
8/22/08	RV	43	51	1	2	3
7/13/08	RV	45	47	2	2	4
7/13/08		45	45	2	3	4
6/15/08	RV	41	50	3	3	3
6/15/08		43	49	2	2	3

f. Energy policy

9/7/08	RV	45	43	2	3	8
8/22/08	RV	49	42	3	4	2
6/15/08	RV	50	39	1	5	6
6/15/08		51	36	1	5	6

g. The federal budget deficit

9/7/08	RV	44	39	1	7	9
7/13/08	RV	50	38	2	8	3
7/13/08		50	36	3	8	3

h. An unexpected major crisis

9/7/08	RV	37	54	2	3	3
8/22/08	RV	41	52	2	2	3
7/13/08	RV	42	51	3	2	3
7/13/08		41	50	3	3	3

i. Taxes

9/7/08	RV	45	44	*	4	7
8/22/08	RV	44	45	1	5	5
6/15/08	RV	47	42	1	6	5
6/15/08		48	40	1	6	6

j. No trend.

8. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you think [ITEM] - (Obama) or (McCain)?

9/7/08 - Summary Table*

	Obama	McCain	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. better represents your own personal values	48	44	2	4	3
b. is more consistent in his positions	41	47	2	4	7
c. is the stronger leader	44	48	2	1	5
d. has a better personality and temperament to be president	57	35	3	2	3
e. is more honest and trustworthy	38	44	5	7	6
f. better understands the problems of people like you	51	39	1	6	3
g. would be a better commander-in-chief of the military	24	69	1	2	4
h. would do more to bring needed change to Washington	51	39	*	5	5

*Half sample asked items a-d, other half sample asked items e-h.

Trend where available:

a. better represents your own personal values

	Obama	McCain	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08 RV	48	44	2	4	3
8/22/08 RV	50	43	2	3	2
6/15/08 RV	49	41	1	6	2
6/15/08	51	38	2	5	3

b. is more consistent in his positions

9/7/08	RV	41	47	2	4	7
8/22/08	RV	41	47	3	6	3
7/13/08	RV	44	45	3	4	4
7/13/08		45	43	3	5	4

c. is the stronger leader

9/7/08	RV	44	48	2	1	5
8/22/08	RV	49	44	3	2	2
6/15/08	RV	44	47	3	1	4
6/15/08		46	46	3	1	4
5/11/08	RV	42	47	3	2	5
5/11/08		42	46	3	2	6
3/2/08	RV	40	53	1	1	5
3/2/08		40	51	2	1	6

d. has a better personality and temperament to be president

9/7/08	RV	57	35	3	2	3
5/11/08	RV	55	34	4	3	4
5/11/08		56	32	4	3	6
3/2/08	RV	59	29	2	4	7
3/2/08		57	28	2	5	8

e. is more honest and trustworthy

9/7/08	RV	38	44	5	7	6
8/22/08	RV	39	38	10	9	4
7/13/08	RV	43	40	7	6	4
7/13/08		45	38	6	7	4

f. better understands the problems of people like you

9/7/08	RV	51	39	1	6	3
8/22/08	RV	49	36	3	9	2
6/15/08	RV	53	36	1	7	4
6/15/08		53	35	1	7	4
5/11/08	RV	53	35	3	6	3
5/11/08		54	35	2	5	3
3/2/08	RV	55	29	2	7	7
3/2/08		56	29	2	7	7

g. would be a better commander-in-chief of the military

9/7/08	RV	24	69	1	2	4
8/22/08	RV	29	61	2	3	4

h. would do more to bring needed change to Washington

9/7/08	RV	51	39	*	5	5
6/15/08	RV	59	27	2	8	4
6/15/08		60	26	1	8	4
5/11/08	RV	60	28	3	6	4
5/11/08		59	29	2	6	4
3/2/08	RV	58	31	2	6	5
3/2/08		56	31	1	6	6

9. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Which of these is more important to you in a candidate for president: (strength and experience) or (a new direction and new ideas)?

		Strength and experience	New direction and new ideas	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08	RV	43	45	10	*	2
8/22/08	RV	47	44	6	2	1
7/13/08	RV	47	46	5	*	1
7/13/08		46	47	5	*	1
6/15/08	RV	44	49	5	1	1
6/15/08		43	50	6	1	1

5/11/08	RV	48	41	9	1	1
5/11/08		47	43	9	1	1
4/13/08	RV	50	42	7	1	1
4/13/08		49	43	6	1	1
3/2/08	RV	45	46	7	1	1
3/2/08		45	46	7	1	1
2/1/08		51	39	7	1	1
1/12/08		47	43	9	*	1
12/9/07		54	38	6	*	1
11/1/07		49	41	8	1	1
9/30/07		52	40	7	1	1
7/21/07		50	41	6	*	2

10. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Thinking about his candidacy for president so far, how enthusiastic are you about [NAME] - very enthusiastic, fairly enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

9/7/08 - Summary Table

	--- Enthusiastic ---			---- Not enthusiastic ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
a. Obama	57	31	26	43	16	26	1
b. McCain	52	22	30	47	20	27	1

Trend where available:

a. Obama

	--- Enthusiastic ---			---- Not enthusiastic ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
9/7/08 RV	57	31	26	43	16	26	1
8/22/08 RV	58	27	31	42	15	27	*
6/15/08 RV	54	26	28	45	17	28	1
6/15/08	55	28	27	44	18	26	1

b. McCain

9/7/08 RV	52	22	30	47	20	27	1
8/22/08 RV	47	13	34	52	24	27	1
6/15/08 RV	43	9	33	57	27	29	1
6/15/08	42	9	33	57	28	29	1
2/27/00 RV	53	15	37	45	26	19	2
2/27/00	50	15	35	48	27	21	2

Compare to:

	--- Enthusiastic ---			---- Not enthusiastic ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	
Kerry:							
6/20/04 RV	47	18	30	53	18	35	0
6/20/04	47	17	30	53	19	33	0
Bush:							
6/20/04 RV	43	23	20	57	16	41	*
6/20/04	42	21	21	58	18	39	*
Gore:							
4/2/00 RV	46	18	28	54	23	31	*
4/2/00	45	17	28	55	23	32	*
2/27/00 RV	42	17	25	57	23	34	*
2/27/00	43	17	26	56	23	33	1
3/14/99	39	12	27	59	24	35	1

Bush:

4/2/00	RV	50	21	28	50	24	26	*
4/2/00		50	20	29	50	24	26	*
2/27/00	RV	50	18	32	50	19	31	*
2/27/00		50	18	32	50	19	30	1
3/14/99		55	17	38	42	21	21	3

Compare to:

7/17/95 - Summary Table

	NET	--- Enthusiastic -- Very	Fairly	NET	---- Not enthusiastic ---- Not too	Not at all	No opinion
Bill Clinton	46	15	31	54	16	38	*
Bob Dole	35	8	27	64	24	39	1
Ross Perot	24	9	15	75	18	58	*

11. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Regardless of who you may support, do you think Barack Obama does or does not have the kind of experience it takes to serve effectively as president?

	Does	Does not	No opinion
9/7/08 RV	48	48	4
8/22/08 RV	50	47	3
6/15/08 RV	48	48	4
6/15/08	50	46	4
3/2/08 RV	49	46	5
3/2/08	49	45	6

12. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) If McCain were elected president, do you think he'd (mainly lead the country in a new direction), or (mainly continue in George W. Bush's direction)?

	New direction	Same direction	No opinion
9/7/08 RV	46	50	4
8/22/08 RV	40	57	4
6/15/08 RV	41	55	5
6/15/08	38	57	5

13. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Change has been a theme of Obama's campaign. Do you think he has or has not done enough to explain what he means by that?

	Has done enough	Has not done enough	No opinion
9/7/08 RV	40	53	7
7/13/08 RV	46	50	4
7/13/08	47	48	4

14. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you think (NAME) does or does not understand the economic problems people in this country are having?

9/7/08 - Summary Table

	Does	Does not	No opinion
a. Obama	74	23	3
b. McCain	53	43	4

Compare to Bush:

Does	Does not	No opinion
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8/21/92 RV	49	49	2
8/9/92	48	50	3
1/29/92	48	52	*

Compare to Clinton:

	Does	Does not	No opinion
2/28/93	67	32	1

15. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) If [NAME] were elected president, do you think your federal taxes would go (up), (down) or stay about the same?

9/7/08 - Summary Table

	Up	Down	About the same	No opinion
a. Obama	51	13	31	5
b. McCain	34	9	51	5

16. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Regardless of your vote preference, does McCain's choice of Palin as his running mate make you more confident or less confident in the kind of decisions McCain would make as president?

	More confident	Less confident	No effect (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08 RV	49	39	6	6
9/4/08 RV	43	39	14	4

17. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Regardless of your vote preference, does Obama's choice of Biden as his running mate make you more confident or less confident in the kind of decisions Obama would make as president?

	More confident	Less confident	No effect (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08 RV	54	29	11	6

18. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you think Palin does or does not have the kind of experience it takes to serve effectively as president, if that became necessary?

	Does	Does not	No opinion
9/7/08 RV	47	45	8
9/4/08 RV	43	51	6

19. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) If elected, McCain would take office at age 72. If you honestly assessed yourself, is that something with which you're entirely comfortable, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable or entirely uncomfortable?

----- Comfortable -----				----- Uncomfortable -----			No
	NET	Entirely	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Entirely	op.
9/7/08 RV	56	32	24	42	23	19	3
8/22/08 RV	55	30	25	45	24	20	1

20. (ASKED OF REGISTERED LEANED DEMOCRATS) Who did you want to see win the Democratic nomination for president this year - (Hillary Clinton) or (Barack Obama)?

NET LEANED SUPPORT

	Hillary Clinton	Barack Obama	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08 RV	42	53	*	3	2
8/22/08 RV	42	55	*	1	1

7/13/08	RV	44	52	2	2	*
7/13/08		41	54	2	3	1
6/15/08	RV	38	55	2	3	3
6/15/08		39	59	1	1	1

21. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Which is more important to you in choosing a candidate for president: (their personal qualities such as experience and leadership ability)-- or (their positions on specific issues)?

		Personal qualities	Positions on issues	Both (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/08	RV	37	48	13	2
9/6/00	RV	45	41	14	1
8/20/00	RV	39	47	13	1
10/31/99	RV	42	42	16	*
10/31/99		43	43	14	1

Questions 22 to 30 held for future release.

901. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as:

		Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
9/7/08	RV	36	28	32	3	1
9/7/08		35	26	33	5	2
8/22/08	RV	36	26	33	5	*
8/22/08		36	23	34	6	1
7/13/08	RV	37	27	31	5	*
7/13/08		37	24	33	6	1
6/15/08		38	24	34	4	1
5/11/08		34	28	34	4	1
4/13/08		35	29	30	5	1
3/2/08		40	28	28	3	1
2/1/08		37	26	32	4	1
1/12/08		39	27	29	5	1
12/9/07		37	24	33	5	1
11/1/07		35	29	31	4	1
9/30/07		33	24	36	6	1
9/7/07		31	24	38	6	1
7/21/07		35	23	35	6	*
6/1/07		32	25	38	5	1
4/15/07		36	25	33	6	*
2/25/07		35	26	35	3	1
1/19/07		36	24	35	5	1
12/11/06		34	24	36	5	1
11/4/06		33	30	32	3	2
10/22/06		30	28	36	4	2
10/8/06		38	27	31	3	1
9/7/06		33	32	30	3	2
8/6/06		34	27	34	4	1
6/25/06		33	28	35	3	*
5/15/06		34	28	33	4	1
5/11/06		33	30	33	3	1
4/9/06		34	29	34	3	0
3/5/06		32	28	36	3	1
1/26/06		32	27	34	6	*
1/8/06		31	30	34	5	1
12/18/05		33	32	33	2	*
11/2/05		31	27	38	3	1
9/11/05		31	27	34	8	1
9/2/05		32	31	31	5	2
8/28/05		32	29	33	5	1
6/26/05		34	28	32	5	1
6/5/05		30	31	34	4	*

4/24/05	35	28	32	5	*
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904. Do you lean more towards the:

	Democratic Party	Republican Party	(VOL) Neither	No op.
9/7/08 RV	39	37	17	7
9/7/08	39	35	21	6
8/22/08 RV	42	40	17	1
8/22/08	40	35	22	3
7/13/08 RV	37	38	23	2
7/13/08	39	34	25	1
6/15/08	43	37	19	2
5/11/08	50	29	19	2
4/13/08	42	37	19	2
3/2/08	46	26	22	5
2/1/08	43	30	23	4
1/12/08	38	26	32	4
12/9/07	39	32	24	4
11/1/07	42	34	22	2
9/30/07	38	34	27	1
9/7/07	40	27	28	5
7/21/07	42	34	22	1
6/1/07	45	27	26	2
4/15/07	39	30	29	2
2/25/07	42	33	24	1
1/19/07	50	27	20	3
12/11/06	44	32	23	1

NET LEANED PARTY:

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
9/7/08 RV	50	41	7	1	1
9/7/08	50	39	8	2	1
8/22/08 RV	52	41	5	2	*
8/22/08	53	37	6	3	1
7/13/08 RV	51	41	7	2	*
7/13/08	52	38	8	2	*
6/15/08	54	38	7	1	*
5/11/08	53	39	6	2	*
4/13/08	50	42	6	2	*
3/2/08	55	36	7	1	1
2/1/08	53	37	8	2	1
1/12/08	52	36	9	3	*
12/9/07	53	36	8	3	*
11/1/07	50	41	6	2	1
9/30/07	50	38	9	2	*
9/7/07	49	36	11	3	1
7/21/07	53	38	7	3	0
6/1/07	52	36	10	2	1
4/15/07	51	37	10	2	*
2/25/07	52	39	8	1	*
1/19/07	56	34	7	2	*
12/11/06	52	38	7	3	*

905. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/7/08	79	21	1
8/22/08	78	21	1
7/13/08	81	19	1
6/15/08	81	18	1

5/11/08	82	18	*
4/13/08	83	17	*
3/2/08	84	15	1
2/1/08	80	19	1
1/12/08	82	17	1
12/9/07	82	18	1
11/1/07	81	19	1
9/30/07	81	18	1
9/7/07	80	19	1
7/21/07	84	16	*
6/1/07	82	18	*
4/15/07	85	15	*
2/25/07	84	16	*
1/19/07	80	20	*
12/11/06	84	16	*
11/4/06	80	19	*
10/22/06	78	22	3
10/8/06	85	15	*
9/7/06	81	19	*
8/6/06	85	15	0
6/25/06	83	17	1
5/15/06	83	17	*
5/11/06	84	16	*
4/9/06	83	17	0
1/26/06	81	19	*
12/18/05	86	14	*
11/2/05	86	14	*

908a. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't think in those terms (vol.)	No op.
9/7/08	RV	22	39	36	1	2
8/22/08	RV	23	42	33	1	1
8/22/08		22	41	33	2	2
7/13/08	RV	19	44	35	2	1
7/13/08		19	43	35	2	1
6/15/08		21	43	33	1	2
5/11/08		24	39	34	2	1
4/13/08		24	38	35	1	2
3/2/08		19	48	30	2	2
2/1/08		25	38	34	2	1
1/12/08		24	36	36	2	1
12/9/07		24	38	36	1	1
11/1/07		24	41	32	1	1
9/30/07		24	45	30	1	1
9/7/07		20	39	39	1	2
7/21/07		25	39	32	3	1
6/1/07		24	36	37	2	1
4/15/07		24	42	32	1	1
2/25/07		23	40	35	1	1
1/19/07		23	41	33	1	1
12/11/06		23	42	33	2	1
11/4/06		19	42	36	2	1
10/22/06		22	42	32	2	2
10/8/06		21	43	33	1	1
9/7/06		24	39	33	2	2
8/6/06		18	42	38	1	1
6/25/06		21	41	35	1	1
5/15/06		19	48	31	1	1
5/11/06		18	49	33	*	*

4/9/06	21	41	35	2	1
3/5/06	22	42	33	2	1
1/26/06	21	40	37	1	1
1/8/06	20	40	37	2	1
12/18/05	22	42	34	1	1
11/2/05	23	44	32	1	*
9/11/05	22	44	31	2	2
8/28/05	20	44	34	2	1
6/26/05	21	44	33	1	1
6/5/05	23	40	35	1	*
4/24/05	20	47	30	1	1

909. What was the last grade of school you completed?

	All	RV
Less than high school	14	10
Graduated high school	32	30
Some college	25	26
Graduated College	20	22
Post-graduate	10	11

910. What is your age?

	All	RV
18-29	21	15
30-39	16	16
40-49	20	22
50-64	27	29
65+	17	18

911. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) What, if anything, is your religion?

	Protestant	Catholic	Christian (Non-Protestant)	Other Non- Christian	None	No op.
9/7/08 RV	43	24	13	4	14	1
8/22/08 RV	42	21	13	5	15	1
8/22/08	42	19	16	5	16	1
7/13/08 RV	46	21	13	4	11	*
7/13/08	44	21	12	4	13	*
6/15/08	42	24	12	5	15	*
5/11/08	42	22	15	4	15	*
4/13/08	45	22	14	4	13	1
3/2/08	42	21	12	5	17	*
2/1/08	42	21	13	5	17	*
1/12/08	44	21	14	4	15	*
12/9/07	43	21	13	4	16	1
11/1/07	46	21	15	6	13	1
9/30/07	44	21	14	6	15	*
9/7/07	46	21	14	4	13	*
7/21/07	46	20	14	5	12	*
6/1/07	44	22	14	4	15	1
4/15/07	42	21	17	5	13	1
2/25/07	44	21	14	6	14	*
1/19/07	44	23	10	5	14	1
12/11/06	42	21	12	2	16	1
11/4/06	48	23	12	2	12	1
10/22/06	44	21	14	3	15	1
10/8/06	44	19	13	5	15	*
9/7/06	46	19	12	6	14	1
8/6/06	45	23	12	3	16	1
6/25/06	45	23	12	4	14	*

5/15/06	46	22	14	4	12	*
5/11/06	46	24	10	4	13	1
4/9/06	42	24	14	5	14	*
3/5/06	44	21	14	4	14	*
1/26/06	46	24	11	4	14	1
1/8/06	45	20	12	4	15	1
12/18/05	44	21	13	3	15	1
11/2/05	46	21	11	6	15	*
9/11/05	44	23	12	3	15	*
8/28/05	44	23	14	3	13	1
6/26/05	46	22	10	4	16	*
6/5/05	47	23	11	4	14	*
4/24/05	47	21	12	4	14	1

911b. (IF CHRISTIAN) Would you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

	Yes	No	No opin.
9/7/08 RV	44	54	2
8/22/08 RV	44	54	3
8/22/08	46	51	3
7/13/08 RV	46	50	4
7/13/08	45	51	4
6/15/08	40	57	3
5/11/08	40	56	4
4/13/08	43	54	3
3/2/08	42	56	2
2/1/08	43	56	2
1/12/08	40	57	3
12/9/07	44	54	2
11/1/07	41	56	3
9/30/07	42	55	3
9/7/07	44	54	3
7/21/07	45	54	1
6/1/07	42	56	3
4/15/07	40	58	2
2/25/07	42	55	3
1/19/07	43	55	2
12/11/06	44	53	3
11/4/06	43	55	2
10/22/06	43	53	4
10/8/06	44	55	1
9/7/06	45	53	2
8/6/06	46	51	3
6/25/06	42	55	3
5/15/06	42	56	1
5/11/06	38	60	2
4/9/06	40	59	1
3/5/06	46	53	1
1/26/06	44	54	2
1/8/06	45	51	3
12/18/05	43	54	2
11/2/05	41	57	2
9/11/05	40	58	2
8/28/05	43	54	3
6/26/05	42	55	3
6/5/05	44	54	2
4/24/05	42	56	2

914. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Are you:

	Married	Separated	Divorced	Widowed	Never Married
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9/7/08	RV	60	2	11	9	18
8/22/08	RV	64	3	9	5	18
8/22/08		59	3	9	5	24
7/13/08	RV	59	3	10	8	20
7/13/08		55	3	10	8	25
6/15/08		53	2	10	9	26
5/11/08		55	2	9	8	25
4/13/08		53	1	12	8	26
3/2/08		54	3	10	7	27
2/1/08		56	3	10	8	24

915. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you have any children under age 18 living at home, or not?

	Yes	No	No opin.
9/7/08 RV	33	67	0

917. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) At present, are you yourself employed part-time or full-time or are you retired or something else?

		----Employed-----			-----Not employed-----					
		Full-	Part-		Unemp-	Laid		Home-		
No		NET	time	time	NET	loyed	-off	Retired	maker	Student
opin.										
9/7/08 RV		65	52	12	34	6	*	21	4	2
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INCOME. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Which of the following CATEGORIES best describes your total annual household income before taxes, from all sources?

		-----Less than \$50k-----				-----More than \$50k-----			
		NET	<20k	20-35k	35-50k	NET	50-75k	75-100k	100k+
9/7/08	RV	44	13	14	17	56	17	15	24
8/22/08	RV	39	10	11	18	59	19	16	24
8/22/08		43	15	12	17	53	18	15	21
7/13/08	RV	43	14	14	15	54	16	14	24
7/13/08		48	18	15	15	50	16	12	21
6/15/08		47	18	15	15	51	18	15	18
5/11/08		47	15	16	17	50	18	13	19
4/13/08		47	17	13	17	51	18	14	18
3/2/08		44	14	13	17	52	17	13	22
2/1/08		48	17	16	15	48	18	12	18
1/12/08		46	12	18	16	51	19	13	19
12/9/07		49	14	17	18	48	15	15	18
11/1/07		48	14	16	17	49	16	13	21
9/30/07		53	17	16	20	44	18	12	14
9/7/07		43	10	17	16	54	19	15	20
7/21/07		46	16	14	16	51	18	13	19
6/1/07		49	15	18	16	49	18	13	18
4/15/07		46	15	16	15	51	20	13	18
2/25/07		46	10	16	20	51	20	14	17
1/19/07		49	16	17	15	49	16	13	20
12/11/06		46	11	16	19	51	18	16	17
10/22/06		52	16	20	17	45	16	11	17
10/8/06		46	13	16	17	51	22	13	16
9/7/06		51	16	18	17	47	17	15	15
8/6/06		49	14	16	18	48	20	12	16
6/25/06		50	16	16	19	47	19	11	17
5/15/06		52	14	18	21	46	16	13	17
5/11/06		46	9	18	18	53	18	15	20
4/9/06		53	16	20	17	47	19	12	16
3/5/06		50	16	18	16	48	20	12	16

1/26/06	52	20	15	17	46	18	12	16
12/18/05	54	17	19	18	44	18	12	15
11/2/05	52	14	18	20	46	19	13	14
9/11/05	55	18	20	17	42	18	11	14
8/28/05	52	18	15	19	46	18	11	16
6/26/05	49	14	17	18	49	19	14	16
6/5/05	55	15	20	20	43	17	13	14
4/24/05	55	15	21	19	45	18	12	15

Q921. Sex

	All	RV
Male	48	47
Female	52	53