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long o		o, a national survey research firm. We're talking to people acing us all. May I please speak with a (male/female) in
A.	Are you registered to vote in your state?	
	<u>IF "NO," ASK:</u> Is there someone else at h (IF "YES," THEN ASK: MAY I SPEAK	
		Yes (CONTINUE) No (THANK AND TERMINATE)
Even	though it is a long way off	
Think	cing ahead to the elections that will be held in N	ovember 2010
B.	What is the likelihood of your voting in the extremely likely, very likely, somewhat like	elections to be held in November 2010 are you ely, or not very likely at all to vote?
	(CONTINUE)	Extremely Likely Very Likely Somewhat Likely
	(THANK AND TERMINATE)	Not Very Likely UNSURE (DNR)
(UPE	CLECT)	CHOCKE (DIK)
C.	Are you, or is anyone in your household, entelevision or radio station, or political campa	nployed with an advertising agency, newspaper, aign?
		Yes (THANK AND TERMINATE) No (CONTINUE)
* = T.	ess than .5%	

Now, thinking for a moment about things in the country--

1. Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction/strongly	23%
IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: And	Right direction/somewhat	15%
do you feel strongly or	UNSURE (DNR)	11%
somewhat about that?	Wrong track/somewhat	6%
	Wrong track/strongly	45%

(DIRECT)

And, still thinking about the 2010 elections...

- 2. If the election for CONGRESS were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for -- (ROTATE)
 - the Republican candidate or
 - the Democrat candidate, in your Congressional district?

	Republican	34%
IF "UNDECIDED", ASK: And	Lean Republican	6%
which party's candidate do	UNDECIDED (DNR)	
you lean toward at this	Lean Democrat	4%
time?	Democrat	39%

(GENERCG)

And, still thinking about these elections...

3. Do you prefer to have:

(ROTATE CHOICES)

- Divided government where Congress is controlled by one party and the White House is controlled by a different political party, OR
- Unified government where Congress and the White House are controlled by the same political party?

<u>IF CHOICE MADE, THEN ASK:</u>	Divided government/strongly	31%
And, do you feel strongly about your choice?	Divided government	10%
	UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	20%
	Unified government	8%
	Unified government/strongly	31%

(GOVPREF)

Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important to them. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which <u>one</u> issue is <u>most</u> important for Congress to work on. (**READ AND ROTATE ISSUES**)

(PROMPT IF COMBINATION/EQUALLY: "BUT IF YOU HAD TO PICK JUST ONE, WHICH WOULD YOU SAY IS MOST IMPORTANT?")

AFTER INITIAL CHOICE MADE, THEN ASK:

And which issue do you think is next most important?

	Q4 MOST <u>IMPORT</u>	Q5 NEXT <u>IMPORT</u>
• The Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	10%	13%
• Illegal immigration	5%	7%
• Taxes	4%	7%
• Terrorism and homeland security	5%	7%
• Education	5%	8%
• Health care costs	16%	18%
• Federal budget deficit	11%	9%
• The economy and jobs	36%	19%
• Gas and energy prices	2%	4%
• COMBINATION/EQUALLY (DNR)	5%	1%
• OTHER (DNR)	1%	*
• NONE (DNR)		
• UNSURE (DNR)	1%	1%
(CONGIS1-2)		

Thinking again about Congress...

6. How would you rate the job Congress has been doing this year? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:	Approve/strongly	14%
And do you feel strongly	Approve	20%
about that?	UNSURE (DNR)	
	Disapprove	
	Disapprove/strongly	

(CONGJA)

Now, turning to President Barack Obama...

How would you rate the job Barack Obama has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing? **IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:** Approve/strongly......40% And do you feel strongly about that? Disapprove......5% (BHOJA) And, 8. Whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President,

what is your impression of Barack Obama as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:	Approve/strongly	52%
And do you strongly	Approve/somewhat	20%
(approve/disapprove)	UNSURE (DNR)	7%
or somewhat (approve/	Disapprove/somewhat	4%
disapprove)?	Disapprove/strongly	16%

(BHOPA)

7.

Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals and organizations who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person or organization and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of them. If you do not recognize the name, just say so.

<u>WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN ASK</u>: Would that be a strongly (favorable/unfavorable) impression or just a somewhat (favorable/unfavorable) impression?

(ROTA	ATE NAMES)	FAVO <u>Strng</u>	RABLE Smwht	UNFAVO Smwht	ORABLE <u>Strng</u>	NO <u>OPIN.</u>	NEVER HEARD
9.	Barack Obama (BOID)	45%	16%	9%	27%	3%	
10.	The Republicans in Congress (GOPID)	9%	28%	22%	26%	13%	2%
11.	The Democrats in Congress (DEMID)	22%	24%	13%	31%	9%	2%
12.	Nancy Pelosi (NPID)	13%	19%	8%	43%	10%	7%
13.	Harry Reid (HRID)	4%	11%	7%	24%	16%	38%
14.	Sarah Palin (SPID)	23%	19%	11%	36%	9%	2%
15.	Joe Biden (JBID)	22%	27%	13%	25%	11%	3%

(END ROTATION)

SPLIT SAMPLE A:

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for the Congress to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who will better handle this issue -- (ROTATE) • Republicans in Congress or Democrats in Congress. Here is the first one:

(READ LIST & ROTATE)

(KEAD	LIST & ROTATE)	GOP IN CONG	DEM IN CONG	BOTH (DNR)	NEITHER (DNR)	UNSURE (DNR)
16A.	Turning the economy around (PROMPT: WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BETTER HANDLE THIS ISSUE (ROTATE) REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS OR DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS?)	33%	47%	4%	9%	7%
17A.	Controlling wasteful spending	41%	33%	3%	17%	6%
18A.	Reforming health care	30%	51%	2%	10%	7%
19A	Holding down taxes	53%	29%	2%	10%	6%
20A.	Promoting a strong national defense	53%	33%	5%	3%	5%
21A.	Defending middle class values	35%	48%	3%	8%	6%
22A.	Being honest and trustworthy	27%	38%	3%	24%	9%
23A.	Promoting energy independence	33%	49%	3%	7%	8%
24A.	Sharing your values	40%	42%	2%	9%	6%
(HAND	01A-8A)					

SPLIT SAMPLE B:

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for the President and Congress to deal with. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, who will better handle this issue -- (ROTATE) • Republicans in Congress or President Obama. Here is the first one:

(READ LIST & ROTATE)

(KEAL	LIST & ROTATE)	GOP IN CONG	PRES OBAMA	BOTH (DNR)	NEITHER (DNR)	UNSURE (DNR)
16B.	Turning the economy around (PROMPT: WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BETTER HANDLE THIS ISSUE (ROTATE) REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS OR PRESIDENT OBAMA?)	33%	53%	1%	8%	5%
17B.	Controlling wasteful spending	42%	40%	2%	11%	6%
18B.	Reforming health care	32%	53%	2%	8%	6%
19B.	Holding down taxes	48%	36%	1%	8%	6%
20B.	Promoting a strong national defense	51%	40%	2%	2%	4%
21B.	Defending middle class values	36%	54%	1%	4%	5%
22B.	Being honest and trustworthy	25%	55%	2%	14%	5%
23B.	Promoting energy independence	30%	56%	2%	6%	7%
24B.	Sharing your values	43%	47%	1%	4%	5%
(HANI	D1B-8B)					

^{***}END SPLIT SAMPLE***

ASK OF EVERYONE:

Now, I would like to read you a list of statements that some people have said about recent events in the news. Please listen carefully as I read each statement and tell me if you would agree or disagree with that particular statement.

(READ AND ROTATE)

<u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u> Is that strongly (agree/disagree) or somewhat (agree/disagree)?

		AGRE strng	E <u>smwht</u>	UNSURE (DNR)	DISAGR smwht	REE strng
*** SPL 25A.	IT SAMPLE A*** The Obama administration is trying to pursue too many major policy initiatives in too short of a period of time. (PROMPT: DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?) (AGREE1A)	49%	14%	2%	12%	22%
*** SPL 25B.	TT SAMPLE B*** The Obama administration is spending too much money on too many major policy initiatives. (AGREE1B)	43%	18%	5%	13%	21%
SPL 26A.	IT SAMPLE A Even in this economy, Congress should still be working on comprehensive immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants living here. (AGREE2A)	30%	20%	6%	11%	33%
*** SPL 26B.	Even in this economy, Congress should still be working on comprehensive immigration reform that includes requiring illegal immigrants living here to register and become taxpayers. (AGREE2B)	64%	17%	3%	6%	11%

		AG <u>strng</u>	REE smwht	UNSURE (DNR)	DISAGI smwht	REE strng
*** EN 27.	D SPLIT SAMPLE*** With the government taking control of big companies like General Motors, we are on a path to socialism style government. (AGREE3)	43%	14%	3%	12%	28%
28.	There are companies in the United States that are too big to be allowed to fail because it would cost too many jobs. (AGREE4)	27%	18%	5%	18%	32%
*** SPI 29A.	The economic stimulus legislation passed by Congress is working. (AGREE5A)	10%	23%	6%	15%	46%
*** SPI 29B.	The economic stimulus legislation passed by Congress is on track, but should be given a year to really make a difference. (AGREE5B)	37%	21%	3%	8%	30%
*** SPI 30A.	The Republicans in Congress are blocking change and not proposing solutions. (AGREE6A)	32%	16%	6%	19%	28%
30B.	The Republicans in Congress are blocking change and still supporting Bush policies (AGREE6B)	37%	16%	7%	21%	20%
*** EN	I am optimistic about where I will be financially five years from now. (AGREE7)	36%	24%	4%	13%	22%

(END ROTATION)

SPLIT SAMPLE A

Thinking specifically about the issue of health care...

As you may have heard, there is a major debate going on in Congress regarding health care reform. One of the major issues in this debate is whether or not ensuring health coverage for all Americans should be a goal of this legislation.

32A. Would you prefer a health care reform plan that:

(ROTATE CHOICES)

- Raises some taxes in order to provide health insurance to everyone, OR
- A plan in which some people do not have health insurance but keeps taxes at current levels?

IF CHOICE MADE, THEN ASK:	Raise taxes-universal coverage/strongly35%
And, do you feel strongly about your choice?	Raise taxes-universal coverage11%
	UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)10%
	No taxes-no universal coverage
	No taxes-no universal coverage/strongly37%
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(HCPREFA)

SPLIT SAMPLE B

Thinking specifically about the issue of health care...

As you may have heard, there is a major debate going on in Congress regarding health care reform. One of the major issues in this debate is whether or not ensuring health coverage for all Americans should be a goal of this legislation.

32B. Would you prefer a health care reform plan that:

(ROTATE CHOICES)

- Raises taxes on businesses and on those earning over two hundred fifty thousand dollars in order to provide health insurance to everyone, OR
- A plan in which some people do not have health insurance but keeps taxes at current levels?

IF CHOICE MADE, THEN ASK:	Raise taxes-universal coverage/strongly389
And, do you feel strongly about your choice?	Raise taxes-universal coverage119
	UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)139
	No taxes-no universal coverage89
	No taxes-no universal coverage/strongly30

(HCPREFB)

SPLIT SAMPLE A

Now, thinking again about energy policy...

As you may have heard, Congress recently passed a bill called "cap and trade" that creates a market for businesses to buy and sell energy usage credits.

Now I would like to read you two statements about this law. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own view.

(READ & ROTATE ALTERNATIVES)

33A.	Some	people say/	
JJ1 1.	DOM	people say	

Other people say that this law will lead to higher energy costs, thousands of lost jobs, and an

increase in the production cost of almost every consumer good

Other people say/

Some people say that this law is a good way to develop clean energy technologies, to create

jobs, and to reduce pollution.

"Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?"

(ENSOA)

SPLIT SAMPLE B

Now, thinking again about energy policy...

As you may have heard, Congress recently passed an energy and climate bill that creates a market for businesses to buy and sell energy usage credits.

Now I would like to read you two statements about this law. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own view.

(READ & ROTATE ALTERNATIVES)

33B.	Some	peop	le say/	
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Other people say that this law will lead to higher energy costs, thousands of lost jobs, and an

increase in the production cost of almost every consumer good

Other people say/

Some people say that this law is a good way to develop clean energy technologies, to create

jobs, and to reduce pollution.

"Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?"

(ENSOB)

And, switching subjects to think about the economy for a moment –

Now, thinking about the economy nationally –

	Which of the following would Would you say that the nationa (ROTATE, TOP TO BOTTO		
	 strong and growing, 		
	• in a recovery		
	• growing, but not enough,		
	 slightly on the downside 		
	 approaching recession, 		
	 in a recession, OR 		
	a depression?		
		Strong and growing	
		In a recovery	
		Growing, but not enough	
		Slightly downside	
		Approaching recession	
		Recession	
		Depression	
	3 .1)	UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%
(ECO 35.	In thinking about the econor	ny, how would you rate your personal economic situation? TOP TO BOTTOM / BOTTOM TO TOP)	
35.	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE		41% 40% 12%
	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE '	Excellent	41% 40% 12%
35. (PER	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE '	FOP TO BOTTOM / BOTTOM TO TOP) Excellent	41% 40% 12%
35. (PER	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE '	Excellent	41% 40% 12% 1%
35. (PER	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE '	Excellent	41% 40% 12% 1%
35. (PER	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE '	Excellent	41% 40% 12% 1% 9% 3%
35. (PER	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE '	Excellent	41% 40% 12% 1% 3% 3% 3%
35. (PER	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE '	Excellent	41%40%12%1%9%3%24%11%
35. (PER	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE '	Excellent	41%40%12%1%9%3%3%11%40%
35. (PER	In thinking about the econor (READ LIST – ROTATE? EC) Have you, a friend, a coworker past twelve months?	Excellent	41%40%12%

Still thinking about the economy ... -

Now I'd like to read you two viewpoints about the economy and the Congress. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own.

(READ & ROTATE ALTERNATIVES)

37. Some people say/ Other people say that		our current economic problems were made worse by the mistakes of the Bush administration. The President and Congress moved aggressively and should be given a year to have their solutions really make a difference.	
	Other people say/ Some people say that	Although President Obama inherited the current economic problems, he has had enough time to find solutions and we have not seen the results that he promised with the stimulus package.	
	"Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?"	Obama/Congress should get a year Enough time has passed/results not seen BOTH EQUALLY (DNR) NEITHER (DNR) UNSURE (DNR)	33% 2% 5%
Now, j	NSO) ust a few final questions for	statistical purposes only	
D1.	What is your age, please?		
	, 5,1	18-24	2%
		25-29	2%
		30-34	
		35-39	
		40-44	
		45-54	
		55-64	
		65-69	
		70-74	
		75-79	
		80-84	
		85-89	
		90 or over	
		Unsure/Refused	2%
(ACT	AGE)		

D2.	What is the highest level of education you hav	e completed?	
	(DO NOT READ, JUST RECORD)	Some grade school (1-8)	10%
		Some high school (9-11)	
		Graduated high school (12)	
		Technical/vocational (12)	
		Some college (13-15)	
		Graduated college (16)	
		Graduate/professional school (16 or more)	
		Unsure/Refused	
(EDU	(C)		_
D3.	When thinking about politics and government, (READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM		
		Very conservative	19%
		Somewhat conservative	
		MODERATE (DNR)	
		Somewhat liberal	
		Very liberal	
		UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	
(IDE	OL)		_
D4.	Generally speaking, do you think of yourself a Independent?	s a Republican, a Democrat, or an	
	IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT,	Republican/strong	17%
	ASK: Would you call yourself a	Republican/not strong	11%
	strong or a not very strong	Lean Republican	9%
	(Republican/Democrat)?	Independent	19%
		Lean Democrat	8%
	IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING	Democrat/not strong	8%
	ELSE, ASK: Do you think of yourself as closer to the	Democrat/strong	26%
	Republican or Democrat Party?	NO PREFERENCE (DNR)	1%
	•	OTHER (DNR)	*
		UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%
(PAR	TYID)		

Now, thinking about the election for President that was held in 2008 --D5. Which candidate for President of the United States did you vote for? Was it -- (ROTATE) -- • John McCain, or Barack Obama? John McCain......42% Ralph Nader (DNR) REFUSED (**DNR**)......5% (PRES08) D6. Which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections? (READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO **BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** A few more Republicans than Democrats......14% INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON (DNR)......5% A few more Democrats than Republicans......11% Mostly Democrat21% (PARTY) D7. Are you a member of a labor union, including trade unions, service employee unions, public employee unions, and teachers unions? **IF NO, THEN ASK:** Is anyone in your household a member of one of these types of labor unions? Non-Union Household82% (UNION) What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, • separated, D8. • divorced, or •widowed? Married63%

(MARITAL)

D9.	Do you have children under the age of 18 l	iving at home?	
		Yes NoUNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	76%
(CHII	.D)		_
D10.	What is the church you or your family atto <u>IF BAPTIST</u> , <u>ASK</u> : Is that Southern Bapt (DO NOT READ RESPONSES, JUST F	ist or some other Baptist church?	
	AME (Africa Methd. Episcopal)	* Lutheran	5%
	Assemblies of God	1% Mennonite	*
	Baptist/American	3% Methodist/United Methodist	7%
	Baptist/Missionary or Indep.	Mormon/Latter Day Saints	1%
	or Primitive or other	4% Nazarene	*
	Baptist/Southern1	0% Non-denominational	5%
	Bible Church	* Other Protestant	3%
	Christian Church	3% Pentecostal/Charismatic	1%
	Christian Reformed Church	Presbyterian/United Presb	4%
	Church of Christ		
	Church of God	1% Reformed Church in America	*
	Disciples of Christ	* Roman Catholic	20%
	Episcopalian	1% Seventh Day Adventist	1%
	Evangelical	* United Church of Christ	*
	Friends	* OTHER (SPECIFY)	3%
	Fundamentalist	*	
	Eastern/Greek Orthodox	* None (TO D11)	17%
	Jewish	1% DK/REFUSED (TO D11)	4%
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	D10-1. And how often do you attend chu		
		More than once a week	17%
		Once a week	36%
		Several times a month	
		Once a month	7%
		Several times a year	
		Only on holidays	6%
		NEVER/DON'T ATTEND	
		UNSURE/REFUSED	2%
(DEN	OMFRQ)		

IF ANY RELIGION NAMED IN D10 EXCEPT CODE 17, THEN ASK:

	D10-2.	Do you consider yourself to be a born-agai	n or evangelical Christian?	
			Born-again/evangelical Not born-again REFUSED (DNR)	48%
(BOR	N)			
ASF	K OF EVI	ERYONE		
D11.		o you consider to be your race? Are you wh an or some other race?	ite, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native	
			White	78%
			Black/African-American	
			Hispanic/Latino (TO D12)	
			Asian/Pacific American	1%
			Native American	
			Other (Specify)UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) (TO D12)	
(RAC	E)			
	FOR A	LL RESPONSES EXCEPT "HISPANIC/	LATINO," ASK:	
	D11-1.	And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic,	Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?	
			Yes	4%
			No	
			UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	
(HISP)			

ASK OF EVERYONE

D12. Sex/Emp (BY OBSERVATION)

	ASK OF EVERYONE: Are you employed outside the house, are you a homemaker, or are you retired?			
		Male/employed	25%	
		Male/homemaker		
		Male/retired		
		Male/not in labor force		
		Female/employed	25%	
		Female/homemaker	6%	
		Female/retired		
		Female/not in labor force		
		MALE/REFUSED (DNR)		
		FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR)		
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D13.	RECORD REGION CODE FROM SA	AMPLE		
D14.	RECORD STATE/COUNTY CODE F	FROM SAMPLE		
D15.	RECORD DMA FROM SAMPLE			
D16.	RECORD CD CODE FROM SAMPLE	E		
D17.	RECORD URBAN/SUBURBAN/RUR	AL CODE		