

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 31-June 2, 2009
Margin of Error ±5.2%

1. How important is it to have ethnic and gender diversity on the Supreme Court?

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| Very important | 33% |
| Somewhat important | 28% |
| Not very important | 13% |
| Shouldn't be a consideration | 26% |

2. Are you in favor of affirmative action?

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| Yes | 27% |
| No | 38% |
| Not sure | 35% |

3. Which comes closest to your view about evaluating students for admission into a college or university?

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| Applicants should be admitted solely on the basis of merit, even if that results in few minority students being admitted. | 70% |
| An applicant's racial background should be considered to help promote diversity on college campuses, even if that means admitting some minority students with lower qualifications. | 14% |
| Not sure | 16% |

4. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally? (Half Sample)

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| Favor allowing same-sex marriage | 40% |
| Oppose allowing same-sex marriage, but favor allowing civil unions instead | 25% |
| Oppose legal recognition of same-sex relationships | 28% |
| Not sure | 7% |

5. Do you favor or oppose gay marriage? (Half Sample)

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| Favor | 38% |
| Oppose | 47% |
| Not sure | 16% |

6. Do laws prohibiting gay marriage violate the constitutional rights of homosexuals?

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| Yes | 37% |
| No | 44% |
| Not sure | 18% |

7. The U.S. has been holding suspected terrorists at a military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Do you think the U.S. should continue to operate the prison or close it down?

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| Continue to operate | 49% |
| Close down | 33% |
| Not sure | 18% |

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama has handled the prison at Guantanamo?

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| Approve strongly | 12% |
| Approve somewhat | 26% |
| Disapprove somewhat | 18% |
| Disapprove strongly | 25% |
| Not sure | 19% |

9. Do you favor using tax payer money to restructure General Motors and Chrysler?

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| Favor | 15% |
| Oppose | 69% |
| Not sure | 16% |

10. Who do you think is most to blame for the financial problems facing the auto companies?

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| Managers of the auto companies | 57% |
| Unions | 24% |
| Government officials | 9% |
| None of the above | 10% |

11. The federal government has lent \$19 billion to General Motors. Do you think that money will ever be repaid to the government?

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| Yes | 12% |
| No | 71% |
| Not sure | 17% |

12. The federal government has lent \$6 billion to Chrysler. Do you think that money will ever be repaid to the government?

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| Yes | 12% |
| No | 69% |
| Not sure | 19% |

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

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| Strongly approve | 28% |
| Somewhat approve | 30% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 13% |
| Strongly disapprove | 24% |
| Not sure | 5% |

14. Overall, do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

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| Strongly approve | 3% |
| Somewhat approve | 16% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 20% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 18% |
| Strongly disapprove | 35% |
| Not sure | 8% |

15. If the 2010 elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

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| Republican | 33% |
| Lean Republican | 5% |
| Lean Democrat | 7% |
| Democrat | 37% |
| Not Sure | 18% |

16. Would you say things in this country today are ...

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| Generally headed in the right direction | 39% |
| Off on the wrong track | 46% |
| Not sure | 16% |

17. What do you think is more of a threat?

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| Big business | 41% |
| Big government | 59% |

18. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

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| Getting better | 23% |
| About the same | 37% |
| Getting worse | 35% |
| Not sure | 5% |

19. Would you say that you and your family are ...

Better off financially than you were a year ago 8%
 About the same financially as you were a year ago 37%
 Worse off financially than you were a year ago 51%
 Not sure 4%

20. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher 36%
 About the same 28%
 Lower 21%
 Not sure 15%

21. Below are some issues facing the country. For each one, indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling that issue.

| | Strongly Approve | Somewhat Approve | Somewhat Disapprove | Strongly Disapprove | No Opinion |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| War in Iraq | 20% | 36% | 17% | 16% | 11% |
| Economy | 21% | 28% | 15% | 28% | 7% |
| Immigration | 10% | 21% | 16% | 25% | 28% |
| Environment | 20% | 34% | 11% | 20% | 15% |
| Terrorism | 21% | 29% | 14% | 24% | 13% |
| Gay Rights | 9% | 24% | 18% | 19% | 30% |
| Education | 20% | 31% | 14% | 16% | 18% |
| Health Care | 19% | 28% | 15% | 26% | 12% |
| Social Security | 12% | 27% | 15% | 20% | 26% |

22. Which of these words would you use to describe Barack Obama?

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| Honest | 41% |
| Intelligent | 68% |
| Religious | 16% |
| Inspiring | 46% |
| Patriotic | 33% |
| Strong | 44% |
| Bold | 40% |
| Experienced | 15% |
| Sincere | 44% |
| Partisan | 23% |
| Effective | 34% |
| Unifying | 28% |
| In Touch | 34% |
| Realistic | 37% |
| Decisive | 31% |

23. Which of these words would you definitely not use to describe Barack Obama?

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|-------------------|-----|
| Honest | 27% |
| Intelligent | 9% |
| Religious | 31% |
| Inspiring | 15% |
| Patriotic | 23% |
| Strong | 15% |
| Bold | 12% |
| Experienced | 46% |
| Sincere | 24% |
| Partisan | 22% |
| Effective | 20% |
| Unifying | 25% |
| In Touch | 22% |
| Realistic | 27% |
| Decisive | 16% |

24. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

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| Very liberal | 33% |
| Somewhat liberal | 24% |
| Moderate | 22% |
| Somewhat conservative | 4% |
| Very conservative | 4% |
| Not sure | 13% |

25. Do you think Barack Obama ...

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| Says what he believes | 55% |
| Says what he thinks people want to hear | 45% |

26. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

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| Like a lot | 45% |
| Like somewhat | 29% |
| Dislike | 16% |
| Not sure | 10% |