

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted July 26-28, 2009
Margin of Error ±4.9%

1. How big a problem is racism in our society today?

A big problem	21%
Somewhat of a problem	52%
A small problem	22%
Not a problem	5%

2. Do you think blacks and whites receive equal treatment from the police?

Yes	29%
No	52%
Not sure	19%

3. Are you in favor of affirmative action?

Favor	25%
Oppose	42%
Not sure	33%

4. The police arrested Henry Louis Gates, Jr., a black professor at Harvard, at his home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, last week. The police were investigating a possible burglary at Gates' house and suspected Gates until he provided ID. Gates then accused the policeman of being racist. Do you think the Cambridge Police acted stupidly in arresting somebody when there was already proof that they were in their own home?

Yes	50%
No	36%
Not sure	14%

5. Do you currently have health insurance?

Yes	76%
No	23%
Don't know	0%

6. How satisfied are you with your health insurance coverage?

Very satisfied	41%
Somewhat satisfied	34%
Somewhat dissatisfied	11%
Very dissatisfied	11%
Not sure	3%

7. Thinking about the country as a whole, are you generally satisfied with the quality of health care in this country?

Very satisfied	18%
Somewhat satisfied	27%
Somewhat dissatisfied	27%
Very dissatisfied	29%

8. How would you rate the quality of medical care you are receiving?

Excellent	25%
Good	39%
Fair	24%
Poor	12%

9. Which party do you think would do a better job handling the problem of health care?

Democrats	37%
Republicans	29%
About the same	35%

10. If President Obama and Congress pass a health care reform plan, do you think you personally would receive better or worse care than you receive now?

Better care	20%
About the same	31%
Worse care	35%
Not sure	14%

11. Do you think you personally would pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, if President Obama and Congress pass a health care reform plan?

Pay more	53%
About the same	24%
Pay less	9%
Not sure	14%

12. Overall, if President Obama and Congress pass health care reform, do you think you personally would be better or worse off?

Better off	22%
About the same	27%
Worse off	38%
Not sure	13%

13. When it comes to health care, what do you think is the bigger problem?

The high cost of health care and insurance	67%
The number of people who are uninsured and don't receive good health care	26%
Not sure	7%

14. What problem is President Obama’s health care reform plan more focused upon?

The high cost of health care and insurance 19%
 The number of people who are uninsured and don’t receive good health care
 59%
 Not sure 21%

15. Would you favor a tax increase to provide health insurance for those who aren’t currently covered?

Yes 27%
 No 55%
 Not sure 18%

16. Would you favor or oppose doing the following things to pay for extending health insurance coverage to the uninsured?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Raising taxes on families earning over \$350,000	58%	30%	11%
Taxing health insurance benefits paid by employers	14%	63%	23%
Requiring companies to provide health insurance for their employees or pay a penalty	53%	32%	15%
Requiring individuals to have insurance or pay a penalty	15%	70%	15%

17. Would you favor a health insurance reform plan if it raised the federal budget deficit by a large amount?

Yes 22%
 No 52%
 Not sure 26%

18. Do you favor or oppose having a "public option" which would allow individuals to purchase health insurance coverage from the government?

Favor 48%
 Oppose 25%
 Not sure 27%

19. Should some medical procedures be denied to patients because they are too expensive?

Yes 7%
 No 74%
 Not sure 19%

20. Please tell us whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of these countries.

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
China	4%	20%	33%	29%	15%
Russia	2%	22%	37%	19%	20%
Britain	41%	36%	6%	4%	14%
France	20%	34%	20%	12%	15%
India	7%	37%	23%	12%	21%
Pakistan	1%	9%	38%	33%	19%

21. Do you think that people in these countries have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the United States?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
China	6%	24%	33%	21%	17%
Russia	3%	22%	34%	23%	18%
Britain	22%	42%	15%	5%	16%
France	8%	29%	31%	17%	16%
India	11%	34%	24%	12%	19%
Pakistan	2%	9%	33%	39%	18%

22. How much do you care about what people in other countries think about the United States?

Care very much	18%
Care somewhat	45%
Don't care	37%

23. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	54%	30%	12%	4%
The economy	85%	13%	2%	1%
Immigration	53%	31%	14%	3%
The environment	49%	33%	12%	6%
Terrorism	64%	26%	8%	2%
Gay rights	21%	21%	22%	35%
Education	73%	23%	3%	1%
Health care	63%	29%	6%	2%
Social security	65%	29%	5%	1%
The budget deficit	63%	30%	5%	2%

24. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

The war in Iraq	4%
The economy	41%
Immigration	8%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	6%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	12%
Social security	9%
The budget deficit	8%

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

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	9%

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

Republican	33%
Lean Republican	7%
Lean Democrat	9%
Democrat	39%
Not Sure	11%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	37%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	13%

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

Big business	40%
Big government	60%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	10%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	50%
Not sure	3%

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

Higher	37%
About the same	29%
Lower	16%
Not sure	18%

33. 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	18%	35%	16%	16%	15%
Economy	19%	26%	12%	32%	10%
Immigration	9%	24%	15%	27%	25%
Environment	18%	29%	11%	22%	20%
Terrorism	19%	29%	13%	22%	18%
Gay Rights	7%	23%	15%	20%	35%
Education	19%	30%	14%	15%	22%
Health Care	22%	23%	13%	33%	9%
Social Security	12%	24%	17%	22%	25%

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

Honest	39%
Intelligent	63%
Religious	16%
Inspiring	43%
Patriotic	30%
Strong	40%
Bold	40%
Experienced	16%
Sincere	40%
Partisan	23%
Effective	29%
Unifying	25%
In Touch	35%
Realistic	34%
Decisive	30%

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

Honest	27%
Intelligent	10%
Religious	31%
Inspiring	18%
Patriotic	25%
Strong	15%
Bold	12%
Experienced	45%
Sincere	25%
Partisan	23%
Effective	23%
Unifying	26%
In Touch	23%
Realistic	28%
Decisive	17%

36. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	36%
Somewhat liberal	24%
Moderate	19%
Somewhat conservative	3%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	16%

37. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	54%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	46%

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

Like a lot	41%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	22%
Not sure	11%