

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted October 18-20, 2009
Margin of Error ±4.8%

1. How dangerous do you think it is to talk on a hand-held cell phone while driving a vehicle?

More dangerous than driving under the influence of alcohol	16%
About the same as driving under the influence of alcohol	46%
Less dangerous than driving under the influence of alcohol	34%
Not sure	4%

2. Do you favor or oppose a ban on talking on a hand-held cell phone while driving a vehicle?

Favor	61%
Oppose	24%
Not sure	15%

3. Do you favor or oppose a ban on text messaging with a hand-held device while driving a vehicle?

Favor	84%
Oppose	11%
Not sure	5%

4. How often do you talk on a hand-held cell phone while driving a vehicle?

Very often	6%
Somewhat often	13%
Not very often	43%
Never	38%

5. In February, Congress passed President Obama’s \$787 billion economic stimulus bill. Do you think the stimulus bill is working?

Yes	22%
No	47%
Not sure	31%

6. Do you think the stimulus bill **WILL** work? (Asked of respondents who are unsure or do not believe the stimulus is working.)

Yes	12%
No	51%
Not sure	37%

7. From what you know so far, which comes closest to your own view about the economic stimulus package?

It has already created a substantial number of new jobs in the U.S.	7%
It will create a substantial number of new jobs in the U.S. but hasn’t done that yet.	39%
It will not create a substantial number of new jobs.	54%

8. How worried are you about losing your job? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not very worried	56%

9. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	50%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	29%
Not very hard	12%
Not sure	9%

10. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	22%
The same amount of jobs	30%
Fewer jobs	34%
Not sure	14%

11. How likely is it that Congress will pass health care reform legislation this year?

Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	33%
Somewhat unlikely	20%
Very unlikely	18%
Not sure	15%

12. Overall, given what you know about them, do you support or oppose the proposed changes to the health care system being developed by Congress and the Obama Administration?

Support strongly	18%
Support somewhat	31%
Oppose somewhat	18%
Oppose strongly	33%

13. Which of the following comes closest to describing your preferences for the health care reform bill that Congress is now debating?

Congress should pass a health care reform bill that includes the "public option," a government-administered health insurance plan.	53%
Congress should pass a health care reform bill, but without the "public option" of a government-administered health insurance plan.	17%
Congress should not pass any health care reform bill.	30%

14. What if Congress does NOT pass any health care reform by the end of the year, and the current system continues as it is? How would you feel then?

Very disappointed	29%
Somewhat disappointed	18%
Somewhat pleased	16%
Very pleased	19%
Not sure	18%

15. 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	17%
About the same	35%
Worse care	35%
Not sure	12%

16. 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	54%
About the same	23%
Pay less	8%
Not sure	15%

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

Better off	21%
About the same	30%
Worse off	38%
Not sure	11%

18. Would you say the U.S. is winning the war in Afghanistan?

Yes 10%
No 57%
Not sure 33%

19. Do you think U.S. troops will still be in Afghanistan in 2012?

Yes 68%
No 12%
Not sure 20%

20. Do you favor increasing the number of troops in Afghanistan?

Increase 39%
Keep the same 18%
Decrease 43%

21. What do you think will eventually happen in Afghanistan?

The United States will win the war in Afghanistan. 31%
The United States will withdraw from Afghanistan without winning. 69%

22. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

Yes 36%
No 43%
Not sure 20%

23. Should the U.S. government support democratic elections in Afghanistan, even if candidates that it disapproves of have a strong chance of winning? (Asked of half of respondents)

Yes 49%
No 18%
Not sure 33%

24. Should the U.S. government support democratic elections in Afghanistan, even if there is the likelihood of corruption in how the elections are run? (Asked of half of respondents)

Yes 44%
 No 24%
 Not sure 32%

25. 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
The war in Iraq	12%	27%	22%	24%	14%
The economy	17%	26%	16%	31%	10%
Immigration	10%	20%	16%	31%	23%
The environment	19%	27%	15%	20%	18%
Terrorism	18%	26%	13%	27%	15%
Gay rights	12%	23%	13%	24%	28%
Education	20%	26%	16%	19%	18%
Health care	20%	25%	11%	33%	10%
Social security	13%	21%	19%	27%	20%
The war in Afghanistan	9%	27%	22%	26%	14%

26. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	44%	34%	16%	4%
The economy	84%	12%	2%	1%
Immigration	47%	33%	15%	4%
The environment	48%	32%	13%	5%
Terrorism	62%	26%	8%	3%
Gay rights	22%	20%	26%	31%
Education	63%	27%	6%	3%
Health care	69%	22%	6%	3%
Social security	65%	24%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	63%	25%	7%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	43%	37%	15%	4%

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

The war in Iraq	2%
The economy	44%
Immigration	5%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	2%
Education	5%
Health care	15%
Social security	9%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	2%

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	11%

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

Republican	30%
Lean Republican	6%
Lean Democrat	7%
Democrat	38%
Not Sure	19%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	51%
Not sure	14%

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

Big business	37%
Big government	63%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	8%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	9%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	35%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	51%
Not sure	4%

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

Higher	36%
About the same	27%
Lower	16%
Not sure	20%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	35%	36%	29%
Intelligent	62%	29%	9%
Religious	16%	58%	26%
Inspiring	43%	42%	15%
Patriotic	31%	44%	25%
Strong	36%	47%	17%
Bold	41%	48%	11%
Experienced	14%	40%	46%
Sincere	36%	37%	27%
Partisan	22%	58%	20%
Effective	24%	49%	27%
Unifying	23%	49%	27%
In Touch	29%	46%	25%
Realistic	30%	43%	28%
Decisive	28%	51%	21%

37. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	32%
Somewhat liberal	21%
Moderate	20%
Somewhat conservative	4%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	20%

38. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	49%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%

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

Like a lot	38%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	21%
Not sure	14%