

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted August 23-25, 2009
Margin of Error $\pm 4.9\%$

1. Would you say the U.S. is winning the war in Iraq?

Yes	33%
No	30%
Not sure	37%

2. Do you think U.S. troops will still be in Iraq in 2012?

Yes	63%
No	17%
Not sure	19%

3. Do you favor increasing or decreasing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq?

Increase	9%
Keep the same	29%
Decrease	62%

4. What do you think will eventually happen in Iraq?

The United States will win the war in Iraq.	36%
The United States will withdraw from Iraq without winning.	64%

5. Do you think most people in Iraq want to have U.S. troops in their country or would they like the U.S. to leave?

Most would like U.S. troops to stay	13%
About equally divided	33%
Most would like U.S. troops to leave	43%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes 55%
No 31%
Not sure 14%

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

Yes 15%
No 47%
Not sure 38%

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

Yes 75%
No 7%
Not sure 18%

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

Increase 37%
Keep the same 25%
Decrease 38%

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

The United States will win the war in Afghanistan. 41%
The United States will withdraw from Afghanistan without winning. 59%

11. Do you think most people in Afghanistan want to have U.S. troops in their country or would they like the U.S. to leave?

Most would like U.S. troops to stay	16%
About equally divided	29%
Most would like U.S. troops to leave	37%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	31%
No	48%
Not sure	21%

13. Did the release of Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, the terminally ill Libyan terrorist, from prison in Scotland make you angry?

Very angry	43%
Somewhat angry	36%
Not angry	21%

14. Do you think the Obama administration could have prevented the release of Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi?

Yes	31%
No	34%
Not sure	35%

15. About six months ago, Congress passed President Obama's \$787 billion economic stimulus bill. Do you think the stimulus bill is working?

Yes	24%
No	55%
Not sure	20%

16. Do you think the stimulus bill WILL work? (Asked of respondents who said the stimulus is not working or were not sure if it is working)

Yes 12%
No 63%
Not sure 25%

17. Do you currently have health insurance?

Yes 75%
No 24%
Don't know 1%

18. What kind of health care coverage do you currently have? (Asked of respondents who have health insurance)

I have private insurance or belong to an HMO. 66%
I'm covered by a government plan, such as Medicare or Medicaid. 31%
Not sure 3%

19. Suppose you were offered a choice between the following two health insurance plans. Which one would you choose? (Asked of half of respondents)

A plan that limited the total amount of benefits in your lifetime to \$1 million. 44%
A plan with no lifetime limit on benefits, but cost you an additional \$1000 per year. 56%

20. Suppose you were offered a choice between the following health insurance plans. Which would you choose? (Asked of half of respondents)

A plan with no lifetime limit on benefits. 79%
A plan that limited the total amount of benefits in your lifetime to \$1 million, but saved you \$1000 per year. 21%

21. How much have you heard or read about the health care reform plans now being considered by Congress?

A great deal	30%
A fair amount	33%
Not much	29%
Nothing at all	8%

22. 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	15%
About the same	30%
Worse care	40%
Not sure	15%

23. 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	56%
About the same	20%
Pay less	9%
Not sure	15%

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

Better off	20%
About the same	24%
Worse off	41%
Not sure	15%

25. If Congress passes and the President signs a health care reform bill, do you think...

	Yes	No
there will be long-term savings in health care costs?	43%	57%
health care will be rationed?	60%	40%
there will be limits to medical care for the elderly and people with disabilities?	59%	41%
people will be able to get health insurance coverage for pre-existing conditions?	64%	36%
the elderly will be required to have consultations with doctors about end of life decisions?	57%	43%
you would be able to keep your health care coverage even if you became seriously ill?	58%	42%

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

Favor	43%
Oppose	30%
Not sure	27%

27. One proposal would be for the government to have experts evaluate how effective different medical treatments are and which ones are too costly. How good a job do you think the government can do in determining the comparative effectiveness of different medical procedures?

Excellent	5%
Good	18%
Fair	25%
Poor	52%

28. Recently, there have been protests at town hall meetings conducted by members of Congress by people opposed to health care reform. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the people protesting health care reform?

Favorable	37%
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	33%
Unfavorable	29%

29. Do you think the majority of the public favors or opposes health care reform?

Favors	27%
Evenly split	32%
Opposes	41%

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

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	34%
Somewhat unlikely	25%
Very unlikely	14%
Not sure	15%

31. Is Congress moving too quickly or too slowly to reform health care?

Too quickly	45%
About the right pace	25%
Too slowly	30%

32. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	25%	28%	16%	25%	7%
Rush Limbaugh	13%	15%	15%	40%	16%
Barack Obama	31%	18%	12%	33%	6%
George W. Bush	12%	23%	16%	43%	7%
John Boehner	3%	10%	11%	16%	60%
Nancy Pelosi	6%	19%	14%	39%	23%
Ted Kennedy	20%	23%	14%	27%	16%

33. Do you think Barack Obama is tough enough to make the hard choices a President has to make or not?

Yes54%
 No46%

34. Do you think Barack Obama has strong qualities of leadership, or not?

Yes57%
 No43%

35. 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	11%	33%	20%	23%	14%
The economy	18%	27%	12%	36%	7%
Immigration	7%	17%	15%	36%	25%
The environment	16%	30%	12%	22%	20%
Terrorism	16%	23%	17%	29%	16%
Gay rights	8%	22%	15%	25%	30%
Education	18%	26%	17%	18%	21%
Health care	17%	24%	14%	37%	8%
Social security	11%	21%	15%	28%	25%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	31%	20%	22%	15%

36. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	41%	41%	13%	5%
The economy	85%	11%	1%	3%
Immigration	50%	32%	12%	6%
The environment	41%	40%	11%	7%
Terrorism	58%	29%	8%	5%
Gay rights	17%	23%	26%	34%
Education	61%	26%	8%	5%
Health care	71%	20%	4%	4%
Social security	63%	28%	5%	4%
The budget deficit	61%	29%	6%	4%

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

The war in Iraq	2%
The economy	42%
Immigration	6%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	3%
Education	6%
Health care	14%
Social security	11%
The budget deficit	9%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	7%

39. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	9%

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

Republican	34%
Lean Republican	4%
Lean Democrat	8%
Democrat	33%
Not Sure	21%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	14%

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

Big business	40%
Big government	60%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	7%

44. 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	33%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	52%
Not sure	5%

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

Higher	33%
About the same	28%
Lower	19%
Not sure	20%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	36%	32%	31%
Intelligent	64%	26%	10%
Religious	15%	55%	30%
Inspiring	40%	40%	21%
Patriotic	29%	43%	28%
Strong	36%	44%	19%
Bold	34%	48%	18%
Experienced	14%	38%	48%
Sincere	38%	35%	27%
Partisan	26%	53%	21%
Effective	28%	46%	26%
Unifying	23%	48%	29%
In Touch	32%	40%	28%
Realistic	30%	37%	33%
Decisive	29%	51%	20%

47. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	34%
Somewhat liberal	20%
Moderate	21%
Somewhat conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	20%

48. Do you think Barack Obama ...

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

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

Like a lot 37%
Like somewhat 26%
Dislike 23%
Not sure 14%