

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?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: And do you feel strongly or somewhat about that?

Right direction/strongly..... 15%
Right direction/somewhat 14%
UNSURE (DNR) 7%
Wrong track/somewhat 8%
Wrong track/strongly..... 56%

(DIRECT)

IF WRONG TRACK IN Q1, THEN ASK:

2. And, what would you say is the reason that the country is on the wrong track?
(DO NOT READ RESPONSES, JUST RECORD)
NOTE TO INTERVIEWER: After completion of interview, double check this question for proper coding. Try to fit "Others" into a pre-existing category.

Economic Issues

Jobs/Unemployment 6%
Inflation/Interest rates 1%
Taxes/tax increases 1%
Cost of living 2%
Energy costs..... 1%
Trade/jobs lost overseas.....*

National Security Issues

National Defense*
Foreign affairs*
Terrorism*
Wars in Iraq & Afghanistan..... 2%

Social Issues

Crime 1%
Drugs
Guns.....
Violence.....*
Environment/pollution.....*
Immigration*

Moral Issues

Moral/religious concerns/values 5%
Television/violence & sex*
Gay marriage*

Health Care and Seniors Issues

Health care (cost/quality of) 2%
Health insurance (cost/lack of)*
Medicare/Medicaid*
Prescription drugs
Health care reform law 1%

Education/Children's Issues

Education*
Child care.....

Government/Political Issues

President Barack Obama 21%
Republicans 1%
Democrats 5%
Congress 8%
Budget deficit/national debt..... 3%
Government spending 7%

Local Issues

Roads/highways.....
Traffic
Growth/development*
Sprawl.....

Other, specify (DNR) _____ 27%
Unsure/refused (DNR) 7%

(WTCD)

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

Now, thinking about your feelings about the direction of the country...

3. Would you say that you are:

RANDOMIZE CHOICES

- Angry,
- Excited,
- Hopeful,
- Concerned,
- Frustrated, or
- Something else

about the direction of the country?

Angry	12%
Excited	2%
Hopeful	26%
Concerned	34%
Frustrated	20%
Something else.....	4%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

(HCREMO)

And, still thinking about the 2010 elections...

4. 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 Democratic candidate, in your Congressional district?

IF "UNDECIDED", ASK: And
which party's candidate do
you lean toward at this
time?

Republican	45%
Lean Republican.....	3%
UNDECIDED (DNR)	11%
Lean Democratic	2%
Democratic	40%

(GENERCG)

And,

5. Will your vote be more:
(ROTATE CHOICES):

- For your candidate, OR
- Against their opponent?

IF FOR CANDIDATE, THEN ASK: And is that more because you know that candidate's agenda and believe it's better, or is it more to send a message with your vote?

For candidate – better choice	46%
For candidate – send a message with vote.....	14%
For candidate (both) (DNR)	7%
Against opponent	23%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	10%

(VOTEXP)

*****SPLIT SAMPLE A*****

Thinking about your vote for Congress in a different way...

6A. In thinking about your vote, would you say it is...
(ROTATE CHOICES, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

- A vote for Barack Obama and the Congressional Democrats
- A vote against Barack Obama and the Congressional Democrats
- A vote for Republicans taking control of Congress, OR
- A vote against Republicans taking control of Congress?

For Obama/Congressional Democrats	31%
Against Obama/Congressional Democrats	23%
For GOP taking control of Congress	25%
Against Republicans taking control of Congress	11%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	11%

(VTDECA)

*****SPLIT SAMPLE B*****

Thinking about your vote for Congress in a different way...

6B. In thinking about your vote, would you say it is...
(ROTATE CHOICES, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

- A vote for Barack Obama,
- A vote against Barack Obama,
- A vote for the Congressional Democrats,
- A vote against the Congressional Democrats
- A vote for Republicans taking control of Congress, OR
- A vote against Republicans taking control of Congress?

For Obama	18%
Against Obama	14%
For Congressional Democrats	10%
Against Congressional Democrats	9%
For GOP taking control of Congress	24%
Against Republicans taking control of Congress	12%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	13%

(VTDECB)

*****ASK OF EVERYONE*****

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

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

(ROTATE NAMES)		FAVORABLE		UNFAVORABLE		NO	NEVER
		<u>Strng</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Smwht</u>	<u>Strng</u>	<u>OPIN.</u>	<u>HEARD</u>
7.	Barack Obama (BOID)	33%	13%	12%	39%	4%	
8.	Nancy Pelosi (“ PUH-LOW-SEE ”) (NPID)	12%	14%	11%	45%	10%	8%
9.	John Boehner (BAY-nur) (JBOID)	7%	11%	6%	9%	13%	54%
10.	Karl Rove (KRID)	11%	12%	11%	21%	16%	29%
11.	The Democratic Party (DPID)	24%	18%	14%	36%	7%	*
12.	The Republican Party (RPID)	22%	28%	16%	25%	8%	1%
13.	The Tea Party (TEAID)	22%	19%	11%	27%	14%	7%

(END ROTATION)

Now, thinking about this issue in just one more way...

14. In your view, what worries you more about these elections:
(ROTATE CHOICES)

- President Obama and the Congressional Democrats having two more years to enact their policies, OR
- Republicans taking control of Congress and returning to their policies of the past under the Bush administration?

Obama/Congressional Democrats with 2 more years.....48%
 Republicans taking control of Congress.....43%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (**DNR**)..... 9%

(VOTECON)

Now, turning to President Barack Obama...

15. 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:

And do you feel *strongly* about that?

Approve/strongly	31%
Approve	14%
UNSURE (DNR)	4%
Disapprove.....	8%
Disapprove/strongly	42%

(BHOJA)

And,

16. 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:

And do you *strongly* (approve/disapprove) or *somewhat* (approve/disapprove)?

Approve/strongly	42%
Approve/somewhat.....	23%
UNSURE (DNR).....	11%
Disapprove/somewhat	6%
Disapprove/strongly	18%

(BHOPA)

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:

(RANDOMIZE)

	<u>GOP IN CONG</u>	<u>DEM IN CONG</u>	<u>BOTH (DNR)</u>	<u>NEITHER (DNR)</u>	<u>UNSURE (DNR)</u>
17A. Turning the economy around (PROMPT: WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BETTER HANDLE THIS ISSUE -- (ROTATE) REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS OR DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS?)	46%	45%	1%	6%	3%
18A. Creating jobs	45%	45%	1%	5%	4%
19A. Sharing your values	46%	44%	2%	4%	4%
20A. Controlling the deficit	51%	37%	2%	6%	4%
21A. Health care	45%	46%	*	4%	5%
22A. Social Security	45%	44%	1%	5%	5%

(HAND1A-6A)

(END RANDOMIZATION)

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 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:

(RANDOMIZE)

	<u>GOP IN CONG</u>	<u>PRES OBAMA</u>	<u>BOTH (DNR)</u>	<u>NEITHER (DNR)</u>	<u>UNSURE (DNR)</u>
17B. Turning the economy around (PROMPT: WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BETTER HANDLE THIS ISSUE -- (ROTATE) REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS OR PRESIDENT OBAMA?)	48%	42%	1%	5%	5%
18B. Creating jobs	50%	39%	1%	5%	6%
19B. Sharing your values	44%	43%	*	7%	6%
20B. Controlling the deficit	50%	34%	1%	8%	7%
21B. Health care	49%	42%	*	5%	4%
22B. Social Security	47%	39%	*	5%	8%

(HAND1B-6B)

(END RANDOMIZATION)

ASK OF EVERYONE

Still thinking about the upcoming Congressional elections...

23. In your view, who has done the most negative campaigning this year? Would you say it is:
(RANDOMIZE CHOICES)

- Congressional Democrats,
- Congressional Republicans, or
- President Obama?

Congressional Democrats.....28%
 Congressional Republicans39%
 President Obama 9%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR).....25%

(NEGCAM)

And,

24. If you had to make a choice, which party – **(ROTATE CHOICES)** the Republicans or the Democrats – do you think has been more specific this year in proposing policies and solutions for our nation’s problems?

Republicans	39%
Democrats	42%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	19%

(CAMSPEC)

Now, thinking for just a moment about the 2012 Presidential election even though it is a long way off –

25. If the 2012 election for President were held today and you had to make a choice, for whom would you vote...
(ROTATE NAMES)

-- The Republican candidate,
or
-- Barack Obama, the Democrat?

The Republican candidate/definitely	35%
The Republican candidate/probably	11%
The Republican candidate/lean.....	2%

IF "UNDECIDED", ASK:
And which candidate do you lean toward slightly?

UNDECIDED **(DNR)**.....11%

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:
Would you say that you are definitely going to vote for him/her, or probably going to vote for him/her?

Obama/lean.....	2%
Obama/probably	10%
Obama/definitely	30%

(PRESBAL)

SPLIT SAMPLE A

Now, thinking about a different topic...

26A. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with this statement: The economic stimulus legislation passed by President Obama and Congress is working.

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:
And do you strongly (agree/disagree) or somewhat (agree/disagree) with that?

Agree/strongly	15%
Agree/somewhat.....	20%
UNSURE (DNR)	5%
Disagree/somewhat	14%
Disagree/strongly.....	45%

(STIMAD)

SPLIT SAMPLE B

Now, thinking about a different topic...

26B. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with this statement: The economic recovery legislation passed by President Obama and Congress is starting to work.

<u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u>	Agree/strongly	16%
And do you strongly	Agree/somewhat.....	21%
(agree/disagree)	UNSURE (DNR).....	6%
or somewhat (agree/	Disagree/somewhat	14%
disagree) with that?	Disagree/strongly.....	43%

(RECAD)

ASK OF EVERYONE

Thinking for a moment about the issue of health care reform....

27. As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of it?

Very favorable	14%
Somewhat favorable	30%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	40%
UNSURE (DNR).....	3%
REFUSED (DNR).....	*

(HCRFAV)

And,

28. Would you say that you have more faith or less faith in government than you did two years ago?

<u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u> And	More faith/strongly	19%
do you feel strongly or	More faith/somewhat.....	13%
somewhat about that?	UNSURE (DNR)	6%
	Less faith/somewhat.....	14%
	Less faith/strongly	48%

(FAITHG)

Now, just a few final questions for statistical purposes only --

D1. What is your age, please?

18-24	6%
25-29	6%
30-34	4%
35-39	9%
40-44	12%
45-54	21%
55-64	19%
65-69	6%
70-74	6%
75-79	4%
80-84	3%
85-89	2%
90 or over.....	1%
REFUSED	2%

(ACTAGE)

D2. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

(DO NOT READ, JUST RECORD)

Some grade school (1-8)	1%
Some high school (9-11)	4%
Graduated high school (12).....	22%
Technical/vocational (12).....	2%
Some college (13-15)	24%
Graduated college (16).....	29%
Graduate/professional school (16 or more)	18%
Unsure/Refused	*

(EDUC)

D3. When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be...

(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Very conservative	24%
Somewhat conservative.....	38%
MODERATE (DNR)	2%
Somewhat liberal	25%
Very liberal	10%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

(IDEOL)

D4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT,

ASK: Would you call yourself a strong or a not very strong (Republican/Democrat)?

Republican/strong..... 21%
 Republican/not strong 11%
 Lean Republican..... 10%

Independent 17%

Lean Democrat 7%

Democrat/not strong 10%

Democrat/strong 24%

NO PREFERENCE (DNR) 1%

OTHER (DNR) 1%

UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 1%

IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING

ELSE, ASK: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

(PARTYID)

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..... 44%

Barack Obama 47%

Ralph Nader (DNR) *

OTHER (DNR) 4%

REFUSED (DNR) 3%

UNSURE (DNR) 2%

(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)

Straight Republican 11%

Mostly Republican 25%

A few more Republicans than Democrats..... 11%

INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON (DNR) 4%

A few more Democrats than Republicans..... 9%

Mostly Democratic 22%

Straight Democratic..... 15%

UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 4%

(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?

Labor Union Member..... 11%

Labor Union Household..... 2%

Non-Union Household 87%

UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 1%

(UNION)

D8. What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, • separated, • divorced, or •widowed?

Single 18%
 Married 60%
 Separated 2%
 Divorced 11%
 Widowed 9%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 1%

(MARITAL)

D9. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes 31%
 No..... 69%
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) *

(CHILD)

D10. What is the church you or your family attends most often?

IF BAPTIST, ASK: Is that Southern Baptist or some other Baptist church?
(DO NOT READ RESPONSES, JUST RECORD)

AME (Africa Methd. Episcopal)..... *	Lutheran 4%
Assemblies of God 1%	Mennonite *
Baptist/American 3%	Methodist/United Methodist 7%
Baptist/Missionary or Indep. or Primitive or other 3%	Mormon/Latter Day Saints..... 2%
Baptist/Southern 9%	Nazarene 1%
Bible Church..... *	Non-denominational 5%
Christian Church..... 4%	Other Protestant..... 2%
Christian Reformed Church 2%	Pentecostal/Charismatic 1%
Church of Christ 2%	Presbyterian/United Presb 3%
Church of God *	Quaker/Amish *
Disciples of Christ *	Reformed Church in America *
Episcopalian 2%	Roman Catholic 18%
Evangelical *	Seventh Day Adventist..... 1%
Friends *	United Church of Christ *
Fundamentalist *	OTHER (SPECIFY) 5%
Eastern/Greek Orthodox..... 1%	None (TO D11)..... 19%
Jewish 1%	DK/REFUSED (TO D11)..... 5%

(DENOM)

IF ANY RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION IN D10, ASK:

D10-1. And how often do you attend church (or synagogue)?

More than once a week.....	18%
Once a week	34%
Several times a month.....	16%
Once a month.....	9%
Several times a year.....	13%
Only on holidays.....	7%
NEVER/DON'T ATTEND	2%
UNSURE/REFUSED	1%

(DENOMFRQ)

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

D10-2. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born-again/evangelical.....	50%
Not born-again.....	45%
REFUSED (DNR)	5%

(BORN)

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

D11. What do you consider to be your race? Are you white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

White.....	78%
Black/African-American	12%
Hispanic/Latino (TO D12).....	5%
Asian/Pacific American.....	1%
Native American.....	1%
Other (Specify _____).....	
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) (TO D12)	3%

(RACE)

FOR ALL RESPONSES EXCEPT "HISPANIC/LATINO," ASK:

D11-1. And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Yes	4%
No.....	96%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

(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	31%
Male/homemaker.....	*
Male/retired	14%
Male/not in labor force	3%
Female/employed	25%
Female/homemaker	9%
Female/retired.....	15%
Female/not in labor force	3%
MALE/REFUSED (DNR).....	*
FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

(SEXEMP)
