# THE AP-GfK POLL 

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Interview dates: October 16-20, 2008
Interviews: 1,101 adults; 800 likely voters
Margin of error: +/- 3.0 for all adults; +/- 3.5 for likely voters
NOTE: All results show percentages unless otherwise labeled. Results shown represent all Likely Voters, with total respondents shown for specific questions. Please refer to the exact sample size number at the bottom of each table.

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A1. In the election for President in November, if the candidates are [READ ANSWER LIST], for whom will you vote? [ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.]
A2. [IF "NEITHER/DK/REF" TO A1, ASK A2] Do you lean more toward ... [READ ANSWER LIST. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.]

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| TOTAL Barack Obama and J oe <br> Biden, the Democrats | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| Initial - Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 42 | 40 | 44 | 40 |
| Lean - Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| TOTAL J ohn McCain and Sarah <br> Palin, the Republicans | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |
| Initial - McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 35 | 40 | 37 | 45 |
| Lean - McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| TOTAL Bob Barr and Wayne Allyn <br> Root, the Libertarians | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Initial - Barr and Root, the <br> Libertarians | 1 | $*$ | 1 | 1 |
| Lean - Barr and Root, the Libertarians | $*$ | $*$ | -- | $*$ |
| TOTAL Ralph Nader and Matt <br> Gonzales, the Independents | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| Initial - Nader and Gonzales, the <br> Independents | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Lean - Nader and Gonzales, the <br> Independents | $*$ | $*$ | 1 | $\mathbf{- -}$ |
| (DO NOT READ) Neither / Other <br> (andidate | 10 | 8 | 4 | 3 |
| Don't know | $\mathbf{1}$ | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Refused |  |  |  |  |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ | $\mathrm{~N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |

In this document, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than $100 \%$. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than $100 \%$, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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A4. [IF NADER OR BARR IN A1 OR A2, ASK:] [INSERT DEPENDING UPON ANSWER TO A1 OR A2:] If [Ralph Nader/ Bob Barr] wasn't on the ballot, and your only choice was between (READ ANSWER LIST), for whom would you vote? (ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.)

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Barack Obama and Joe Biden, <br> the Democrats | 25 | 46 | 7 | 19 |
| John McCain and Sarah Palin, <br> the Republicans | 51 | 9 | 61 | 33 |
| Don't know | 3 | 7 | 30 | 24 |
| Refused | 21 | 39 | 3 | 25 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=22$ | $\mathrm{~N}=12$ | $\mathrm{~N}=14$ | $\mathrm{~N}=13$ |

A1. In the election for President in November, if the candidates are [READ ANSWER LIST], for whom will you vote? [ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.]
A2. [IF "NEITHER/DK/REF" TO A1, ASK A2] Do you lean more toward ... [READ ANSWER LIST. RANDOMIZE ANSWER LIST.]
A4. [IF NADER OR BARR IN A1 OR A2, ASK:] [INSERT DEPENDING UPON ANSWER TO A1 OR A2:] If [Ralph Nader/Bob Barr] wasn't on the ballot, and your only choice was between (READ ANSWER LIST), for whom would you vote? (ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.)

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| TOTAL Barack Obama and J oe <br> Biden, the Democrats | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| Initial - Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 42 | 40 | 44 | 40 |
| Lean - Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| If Barr or Nader not on ballot - <br> Obama and Biden, the Democrats | $*$ | 1 | $*$ | $*$ |
| TOTAL J ohn McCain and Sarah <br> Palin, the Republicans | $\mathbf{3 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |
| Initial - McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 35 | 40 | 37 | 45 |
| Lean - McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 3 | 3 | $\mathbf{3}$ | 2 |
| If Barr or Nader not on ballot - <br> McCain and Palin, the Republicans | 1 | $*$ | 2 | $*$ |
| (DO NOT READ) Neither / Other <br> Candidate | 10 | 8 | 4 | 3 |
| Don't know | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| Refused | 4 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ | $\mathrm{~N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |

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A3. [IF CODE 1-4 TO A1, ASK A3.] In November, will you definitely vote for [INSERT CANDIDATES FROM A1], probably vote for them, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November? [ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.]

|  | Would vote for Obama/ Biden |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Definitely will vote for <br> candidates | 78 | 88 | 81 | 83 |
| Probably will vote for <br> candidates | 13 | 8 | 13 | 12 |
| Could change mind | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Don't know | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Refused | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=404$ | $\mathrm{~N}=277$ | $\mathrm{~N}=347$ | $\mathrm{~N}=319$ |


|  | Would vote for McCain/ Palin |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters | Likely Voters | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| Definitely will vote for <br> candidates | 83 | 88 | 83 | 76 |
| Probably will vote for <br> candidates | 13 | 11 | 12 | 18 |
| Could change mind | 3 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| Don't know | -- | -- | -- | $*$ |
| Refused | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=389$ | $\mathrm{~N}=294$ | $\mathrm{~N}=318$ | $\mathrm{~N}=377$ |

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A1/A2/A3. Barack Obama Vs. John McCain: Hierarchical Vote With "Leaners"

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> voters |
| Strong Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 34 | 37 | 36 | 33 |
| Weak Obama and Biden, the <br> Democrats | 13 | 7 | 12 | 11 |
| TOTAL Barack Obama and J oe <br> Biden, the Democrats | $\mathbf{4 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ | $\mathbf{4 4}$ |
| Strong McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 29 | 36 | 31 | 35 |
| Weak McCain and Palin, the <br> Republicans | 8 | 8 | 10 | 13 |
| TOTAL John McCain and Sarah <br> Palin, the Republicans | $\mathbf{3 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |
| Bob Barr and Wayne Allyn Root, <br> the Libertarians | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Ralph Nader and Matt Gonzales, <br> the Independents | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Undecided/other | 14 | 12 | 10 | 7 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ | $\mathrm{~N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |

"Strong" = respondents who say they will vote for a candidate (A1) and will definitely vote for that candidate (A3) or have already voted for the candidate (S7c and Ala).
"Weak" = respondents who either:

- Say they will vote for a candidate in November (A1) and will probably (but not definitely) vote for the candidate or may change their mind (A3).
- Say they are uncommitted (A1) but lean toward voting for a candidate (A2)

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A5. Do you want to see the Republicans or Democrats win control of Congress? (ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.)

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Republicans | 32 | 37 | 36 | 41 |
| Democrats | 45 | 43 | 49 | 46 |
| [VOL] Don't care | 20 | 16 | 10 | 10 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ | $\mathrm{~N}=808$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |

A7. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 5 / 08-9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Right direction | 17 | 16 | 26 |
| Wrong direction | 78 | 77 | 71 |
| Don't know | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ | $\mathrm{~N}=812$ |

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Aa2./
Aa3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve? IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove? IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 5 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 10 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Strongly approve | 8 | 8 | 15 |
| Somewhat approve | 13 | 16 | 19 |
| Neither/Lean approve | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| (VOL) Neither-don't lean | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Neither-lean disapprove | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 15 | 15 | 12 |
| Strongly disapprove | 52 | 50 | 47 |
| Don't know | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Refused | $*$ | 1 | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ | $\mathrm{~N}=734$ |

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Aa4./
Aa5. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve? IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove? IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Strongly approve | 4 | 4 |
| Somewhat approve | 15 | 11 |
| Neither/Lean approve | 4 | 3 |
| (VOL) Neither-don't lean | 1 | 1 |
| Neither-lean disapprove | 7 | 6 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 24 | 27 |
| Strongly disapprove | 43 | 47 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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[ROTATE Ba4 and Ba5]
Ba4. If John McCain is elected president in November, a year from now do you think the economy will have improved, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

IF IMPROVED: Is that improved a lot, or improved a little?
IF GOTTEN WORSE: Is that gotten a lot worse, or a little worse?

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Improve a lot | 9 | 8 |
| Improve a little | 23 | 26 |
| A little worse | 13 | 11 |
| A lot worse | 15 | 15 |
| Stayed about the same | 39 | 38 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

Ba5. If Barack Obama is elected president in November, a year from now do you think the economy will have improved, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?
IF IMPROVED: Is that improved a lot, or improved a little?
IF GOTTEN WORSE: Is that gotten a lot worse, or a little worse?

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Improve a lot | 15 | 15 |
| Improve a little | 32 | 29 |
| A little worse | 6 | 7 |
| A lot worse | 18 | 20 |
| Stayed about the same | 27 | 27 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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B6. Which presidential nominee do you trust more to... (READ OPTIONS; READ NAMES; ROTATE ORDER)

| [RANDOMIZE] | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 9 / 27 / 08- \\ & 9 / 30 / 08 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I mprove the economy | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Barack Obama | 52 | 48 | 52 |
| John McCain | 38 | 42 | 37 |
| Don't know | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Refused | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Handle the financial crisis | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Barack Obama | 52 | 49 | 52 |
| John McCain | 39 | 43 | 37 |
| Don't know | 7 | 6 | 9 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Understand how the financial crisis effects you | Total Respondents | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Barack Obama | 53 | 51 | 53 |
| John McCain | 38 | 40 | 36 |
| Don't know | 6 | 6 | 9 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Make the right decisions about national security | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Barack Obama | 43 | 41 | NA |
| John McCain | 48 | 52 | NA |
| Don't know | 8 | 6 | NA |
| Refused | 2 | 1 | NA |
| Make the right decisions on health care | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Barack Obama | 55 | 53 | NA |
| John McCain | 36 | 40 | NA |
| Don't know | 7 | 6 | NA |
| Refused | 2 | 2 | NA |
| Based on: | $N=1,101$ | $\mathrm{N}=800$ | $\mathrm{N}=808$ |

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[ROTATE Ba6 and Ba7]
Ba6. If John McCain is elected president in November, do you think YOUR taxes will go up or down, or do you think they will stay about the same?

FOR EACH "Go Up," ASK: Do you think they will go up a little or a lot?
FOR EACH "Go Down," ASK: Do you think they will go down a little or a lot?

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Go up a lot | 16 | 15 |
| Go up a little | 20 | 18 |
| Go down a little | 5 | 6 |
| Go down a lot | 1 | 1 |
| Stay about the same | 55 | 59 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

Ba7. If Barack Obama is elected president in November, do you think YOUR taxes will go up or down, or do you think they will stay about the same?

FOR EACH "Go Up," ASK: Do you think they will go up a little or a lot?
FOR EACH "Go Down," ASK: Do you think they will go down a little or a lot?

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Go up a lot | 24 | 24 |
| Go up a little | 21 | 24 |
| Go down a little | 12 | 13 |
| Go down a lot | 5 | 4 |
| Stay about the same | 37 | 34 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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E3. In your opinion, please tell me whether you think each of the following candidates does or does not have the right type of experience to successfully serve as President of the United States. If you don't know enough about the person, just let me know. First...

| [RANDOMIZE] | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 9 / 27 / 08- \\ & 9 / 30 / 08 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 9 / 5 / 08- \\ & 9 / 10 / 08 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| J ohn McCain | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Does have right type | 65 | 71 | 70 | 80 |
| Does not have right type | 23 | 20 | 23 | 15 |
| Don't know enough | 11 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | * | * |
| Refused | * | * | * | * |
| Barack Obama | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely Voters |
| Does have right type | 46 | 46 | 51 | 46 |
| Does not have right type | 41 | 44 | 40 | 47 |
| Don't know enough | 12 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | * | 1 |
| Refused | * | * | * | * |
| Sarah Palin | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Does have right type | 30 | 30 | 25 | 41 |
| Does not have right type | 55 | 59 | 62 | 36 |
| Don't know enough | 14 | 10 | 12 | 23 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | * | * | 1 | * |
| J oe Biden | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely <br> Voters | Likely <br> Voters |
| Does have right type | 62 | 71 | 62 | 58 |
| Does not have right type | 20 | 17 | 20 | 20 |
| Don't know enough | 17 | 12 | 16 | 21 |
| Don't know | 1 | * | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | * | * | 1 | * |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{N}=800$ | $\mathrm{N}=808$ | $\mathrm{N}=812$ |

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Aa6. Generally speaking, do you think John McCain's attacks on Barack Obama have been mostly fair, or mostly unfair?

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Mostly fair | 42 | 42 |
| Mostly unfair | 54 | 54 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

Aa7. And generally speaking, do you think Sarah Palin's attacks on Barack Obama have been mostly fair, or mostly unfair?

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Mostly fair | 39 | 39 |
| Mostly unfair | 54 | 56 |
| Don't know | 6 | 4 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

Aa8. Generally speaking, do you think Barack Obama's attacks on John McCain have been mostly fair, or mostly unfair?

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Mostly fair | 59 | 56 |
| Mostly unfair | 35 | 38 |
| Don't know | 6 | 5 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

Aa9. And generally speaking, do you think Joe Biden's attacks on John McCain have been mostly fair, or mostly unfair?

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Mostly fair | 52 | 52 |
| Mostly unfair | 37 | 38 |
| Don't know | 11 | 10 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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Ial Regardless of whom you support, who do you think will win the election for President in November? Do you think it will be... (READ EACH ITEM. ENTER SI NGLE RESPONSE. RANDOMI ZE ANSWER LIST.)

|  | 10/16/08-10/20/08 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| Barack Obama and Joe Biden, the Democrats | 68 | 67 |
| John McCain and Sarah Palin, the Republicans | 24 | 25 |
| (DO NOT READ) Neither / Other candidate | 4 | 4 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ |  |

G10/11. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?
IF "Democrat," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat? IF "Republican," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican? IF "Independent" OR "None," ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-$ <br> $9 / 30 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely <br> Voters | Likely Voters |
| Democrat - strong | 16 | 19 | 21 |
| Democrat - moderate | 19 | 15 | 19 |
| Republican - strong | 10 | 14 | 13 |
| Republican - moderate | 12 | 14 | 16 |
| Independent - lean Democratic | 13 | 11 | 10 |
| [VOL] Independent - don't <br> lean | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Independent - lean Republican | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| None - lean Democratic | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| [VOL] None - don't lean | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| None - lean Republican | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 | $*$ |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,095$ | $\mathrm{~N}=797$ | $\mathrm{~N}=808$ |

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G11a. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?
IF "Liberal," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat liberal? IF "Conservative," ASK: Would you say you are strongly or somewhat conservative?

|  | $10 / 16 / 08-10 / 20 / 08$ |  | $9 / 27 / 08-9 / 30 / 08$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters | Likely Voters |
| Liberal - strongly | 9 | 11 | 10 |
| Liberal - somewhat | 14 | 14 | 11 |
| Conservative - strongly | 18 | 20 | 24 |
| Conservative - somewhat | 21 | 18 | 14 |
| Moderate | 35 | 35 | 39 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | $*$ | -- |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ | $\mathrm{~N}=808$ |

The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM2. What is your marital status? Are you... [ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Married | 64 | 68 |
| Never married | 19 | 15 |
| Separated | 2 | 2 |
| Divorced | 8 | 9 |
| Widowed | 6 | 6 |
| Don't know | $*$ | - |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: |  |  |

Based on: $\quad N=1,101 \quad N=800$

DM3. [ASK EVERYONE] What is the last grade of school you completed?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than high school graduate | 14 | 9 |
| High school graduate | 31 | 28 |
| Technical/trade school | 4 | 4 |
| Some college | 24 | 27 |
| College graduate | 16 | 19 |
| Some graduate school | 3 | 3 |
| Graduate degree | 9 | 10 |
| Don't know | $*$ | - |
| Refused | $*$ | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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DM4. In what year were you born?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $18-29$ | 23 | 15 |
| $30-49$ | 38 | 40 |
| $50-64$ | 22 | 25 |
| $65+$ | 17 | 20 |
| DK/Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Urban area | 24 | 21 |
| Suburban area | 38 | 44 |
| Rural area | 36 | 33 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Own | 67 | 78 |
| Rent | 23 | 14 |
| Other arrangement | 9 | 7 |
| Don't know | $*$ | - |
| Refused | 1 | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18 , or not?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 37 | 33 |
| No | 63 | 67 |
| Don't know | - | - |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

DM8a. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| No lines | 20 | 16 |
| One Line | 73 | 76 |
| Two lines | 5 | 6 |
| Three or more lines | 2 | 2 |
| Don't know | $*$ | $*$ |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

DM8b. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Zero | 18 | 17 |
| One | 46 | 46 |
| Two | 24 | 25 |
| Three or more | 11 | 13 |
| Don't know | $*$ | $*$ |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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DM8c. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Landline | 30 | 30 |
| Cell phone | 34 | 34 |
| Both equally | 36 | 36 |
| Don't know | - | - |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=800$ | $\mathrm{~N}=609$ |

DM14. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, born-again/evangelical | 45 | 44 |
| No | 52 | 55 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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DM15. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Protestant | 31 | 34 |
| Catholic | 23 | 22 |
| Mormon | 1 | 1 |
| Jewish | 1 | 2 |
| Muslim | $*$ | $*$ |
| Other religion [SPECIFY] | 19 | 19 |
| Don't belong to religious denomination | 22 | 21 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

DM17. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM15 (DM15-6), ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, a Christian | 91 | 88 |
| No, not a Christian | 10 | 12 |
| Don't know | - | - |
| Refused | - | - |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=209$ | $\mathrm{~N}=146$ |

DM18. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| More than once a week | 11 | 13 |
| Once a week | 27 | 28 |
| Once or twice a month | 13 | 14 |
| A few times a year | 22 | 19 |
| Less often than a few times a year | 10 | 9 |
| Never | 16 | 16 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

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DM19a. [ASK EVERYONE] Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 14 | 8 |
| No | 86 | 92 |
| Don't know | $*$ | $*$ |
| Refused | $*$ | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

DM20a. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D19a-1), ASK:] In addition to being Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]
DM20b. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D19a-2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| White | 75 | 81 |
| Black, African-American, or Negro | 13 | 14 |
| Spanish, Hispanic or Latino | 14 | 8 |
| Asian (net) | 1 | 1 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 3 | 2 |
| Asian Indian | $*$ | $*$ |
| Native Hawaiian | $*$ | $*$ |
| Chinese | $*$ | $*$ |
| Guamanian or Chamorro | $*$ | $*$ |
| Filipino | $*$ | $*$ |
| Samoan | $*$ | $*$ |
| Japanese | $*$ | $*$ |
| Korean | $*$ | $*$ |
| Vietnamese | $*$ | $*$ |
| Other Asian | 7 | $*$ |
| Other Pacific Islander | 1 | 4 |
| Some other race [SPECIFY] | 2 | $*$ |
| Don't know | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |
| Refused |  |  |
| Based on: |  |  |

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DM21a. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below $\$ 50,000$ dollars, or is it $\$ 50,000$ or higher? [READ LIST]

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Below $\$ 50,000$ | 47 | 38 |
| $\$ 50,000+$ | 48 | 57 |
| Don't know | 1 | $*$ |
| Refused | 4 | 4 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ |  |

DM21b. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

IF INCOME IS "BELOW \$50,000" (DM21a-1), READ]

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Under $\$ 10,000$ | 17 | 12 |
| $\$ 10,000$ to under $\$ 20,000$ | 20 | 15 |
| $\$ 20,000$ to under $\$ 30,000$ | 20 | 22 |
| $\$ 30,000$ to under $\$ 40,000$ | 17 | 19 |
| $\$ 40,000$ to under $\$ 50,000$ | 24 | 29 |
| Don't know | 1 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | 2 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=393$ | $\mathrm{~N}=246$ |

IF INCOME IS "\$50,000 OR HIGHER" (DM21a-2), READ]

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 50,000$ to under $\$ 75,000$ | 39 | 36 |
| $\$ 75,000$ to under $\$ 100,000$ | 26 | 27 |
| $\$ 100,000$ to under $\$ 150,000$ | 18 | 18 |
| $\$ 150,000$ or more | 13 | 16 |
| Don't know | 1 | 1 |
| Refused | 3 | 3 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=641$ | $\mathrm{~N}=510$ |

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DMI 1 Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 45 | 58 |
| No | 52 | 41 |
| Don't know | 2 | 0 |
| Refused | 1 | 1 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

## [ASK DMI2 ONLY IF YES IN DMI1:]

DMI2 In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investmentsbuying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

|  | Total <br> Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 21 | 23 |
| 2 | 9 | 9 |
| 3 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 3 | 4 |
| $5-9$ times | 7 | 6 |
| $10-14$ times | 4 | 5 |
| $15-19$ times | 1 | 1 |
| $20-24$ | 1 | 1 |
| 25 times or more | 3 | 3 |
| None | 45 | 44 |
| Don't know | 2 | 2 |
| Refused | 1 | $*$ |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=634$ | $\mathrm{~N}=528$ |

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DM24. INTERVIEWER RECORD Respondent's Gender:

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 48 | 49 |
| Female | 52 | 51 |
| Based on: |  | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ |

REGION:

|  | Total Respondents | Likely Voters |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Northeast | 19 | 21 |
| Midwest | 22 | 23 |
| South | 36 | 34 |
| West | 23 | 21 |
| Based on: | $\mathrm{N}=1,101$ | $\mathrm{~N}=800$ |

## AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The Associated Press-GfK Poll was conducted October 16th - 20th, 2008, by GfK Roper Public Affairs \& Media -- a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on both landline and cell phone telephone interviews, with a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,101 adults $18+$, 800 of whom were classified as likely voters. Interviews were conducted with 846 respondents on land-line telephones and 255 on cellular phones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The survey sample included the contiguous 48 states, and Alaska and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2008 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2008 Spring estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.0 percentage points, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for results based on the 800 likely voters and is higher and varies for results based on subsamples.

In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than $100 \%$. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than $100 \%$, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.
(The trend data for select questions are from the September $5^{\text {th }}-10^{\text {th }}$ poll, based on telephone interviews, with a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,217 adults $18+, 812$ of whom were classified as likely voters, and the September $27^{\text {th }}-30^{\text {th }}$ poll, based on telephone interviews, with a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,160 adults $18+, 808$ of whom were classified as likely voters. The details about the methodology for the previous two polls are available at http://www.ap-gfkpoll.com.)

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