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TWELVE DAYS TO GO: BARACK OBAMA MAINTAINS DOUBLE-DIGIT LEAD
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As Barack Obama opens a large lead in voter preference, America's voters express feeling generally "comfortable" with Obama but "uneasy" about John McCain.

Obama is much more likely than McCain to be seen as having the temperament and personality to be president and - perhaps as a result - has a slight edge over McCain on ability to handle a crisis. Obama is seen as more clear about his goals and holds a big advantage on handling the economy.

Barack Obama now has a 13 point lead over John McCain, about the same as the 14 point lead he held ten days ago. In this poll, 52% of likely voters support Obama, while 39% support McCain. Just 5% are undecided.

By more than three to one, likely voters expect Barack Obama to win the presidential election.

	CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT			
	(Among likely voters)			
	Now	10/14	10/6	10/1
Obama-Biden	52%	53%	48%	50%
McCain-Palin	39	39	45	41
Undecided	5	6	5	6

Obama maintains a six point lead among independent voters, down from the 18 point lead he held ten days ago but a clear improvement from the 10 point lead John McCain had with these voters in early October.

	CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT AMONG INDEPENDENTS			
	(Among likely voters who are independents)			
	Now	10/14	10/6	10/1
Obama	45%	51%	39%	44%
McCain	39	33	49	39
Undecided	9	10	7	11

An increasing number of voters see John McCain as running a negative campaign -- and that isn't helping him win votes. About two in three voters think McCain is spending more time attacking Obama than explaining what he would do as president, while they increasingly see Obama as doing the opposite.

WHAT ARE THE CANDIDATES SPENDING MORE TIME DOING?

(Among registered voters)

	Obama			McCain		
	Now	10/14	9/25	Now	10/14	9/25
Explaining what he would do	69%	63%	56%	27%	31%	38%
Attacking the other candidate	22	27	35	64	61	53

Very few of each candidate's voters -- less than one in ten -- say their minds are not yet made up.

IS YOUR MIND MADE UP?

(Among likely voters)

	Obama voters	McCain voters
Yes	91%	91%
No, too soon	9	9

VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Voters say they feel generally comfortable with Obama and uneasy about McCain, a view underpinned by their impressions of the candidates' personalities.

Obama now has an enormous advantage over McCain on having the "temperament and personality" to be President. Voters strongly - 75% - say Obama has the right personality, an increase since last week. But only half say McCain has it, a slight drop since before the final debate.

DOES...HAVE TEMPERAMENT AND PERSONALITY TO BE PRESIDENT?

(Among registered voters)

	Obama		McCain	
	Now	10/14	Now	10/14
Yes	75%	69%	50%	53%
No	19	23	45	42

More voters say they feel personally comfortable about Obama than McCain, while more report feeling "uneasy" about McCain.

DOES...MAKE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE OR UNEASY?

	Obama	McCain
Comfortable	62%	47%
Uneasy	34	49

Those views may be helping inspire relatively more confidence that Obama can handle a general crisis: by a slight margin Obama is seen as better than McCain at handling a crisis. A slight majority is not confident with McCain handling one.

CONFIDENCE IN HANDLING A CRISIS

(Among registered voters)

	Obama	McCain
Confident	49%	46%
Uneasy	47	51

Most voters see Obama as prepared for the office. Obama has closed some of the large gap McCain once had on preparedness. Views of McCain's

preparedness are higher than Obama's, but they have not changed since last week.

PREPARED TO BE PRESIDENT?

(Among registered voters)

Obama...

	Now	10/14	9/08
Yes	56%	51%	48%
No	38	41	46

McCain...

	Now	10/14	9/08
Yes	64%	64%	71%
No	32	33	24

Obama continues to hold the lead on "understanding' the needs and problems of Americans, which he has held for months. He is also seen as more honest than most other public officials. But few voters think either candidate is less honest than most.

Obama has a dramatic lead on making voters feel inspired about the future of the country, and on being clear about what he'd do as president.

OBAMA AND MCCAIN PERSONAL QUALITIES

(Among registered voters)

	Obama	McCain
Does he understand your needs and problems?		
Yes	68%	42%
No	28	53
Does he inspire you about future?		
Yes	53%	27%
No	42	68
Honesty compared to most public officials?		
More honest	53%	46%
Same amount	27	34
Less honest	12	13
Is clear about what he would do?		
Yes	81%	65
No	16	32

Overall views of the candidates show a sharp difference; a majority has a favorable view of Obama while McCain is personally viewed more negatively. This is about the same as last week.

OPINION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

(Among registered voters)

Obama **McCain**

	Now	10/14	Now	10/14
Favorable	52%	50%	39%	36%
Unfavorable	31	32	46	41
No opinion/Don't know	17	17	14	22

ON THE ISSUES

Most voters are confident in Obama's ability to handle the economy - and most continue to be not confident in McCain. In fact, Obama has a two-to-one lead on making voters feel "very" confident.

CONFIDENT WOULD MAKE RIGHT DECISIONS ON THE ECONOMY?

(Among registered voters)

	Obama			McCain		
	Now	10/14	10/6	Now	10/14	10/6
Very confident	28%	22%	24%	12%	12%	15%
Somewhat confident	37	38	34	35	36	38
Not confident	32	39	41	52	52	44

Many voters call themselves middle class, and more believe Obama would favor the middle class. McCain is still believed to be in favor of the rich.

POLICIES WOULD FAVOR WHICH CLASS?

(Among registered voters)

	Obama	McCain
Rich	8%	59%
Middle class	38	11
Poor	22	3
Treat all same	24	21

Most Americans are at least somewhat confident that both candidates would make the right decisions about Iraq, though slightly more are very confident in McCain.

CONFIDENT WOULD MAKE RIGHT DECISIONS ON IRAQ?

(Among registered voters)

	Obama		McCain	
	Now	10/6	Now	10/6
Very confident	28%	25%	32%	34
Somewhat confident	28	27	21	24
Not confident	43	45	45	39

Obama also holds a dramatic lead on confidence in handling health care, with 69% expressing confidence, while only 41% are confident in McCain.

THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Voters continue to hold a net negative view of Republican Vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin; more voters view Joe Biden positively than negatively.

OPINION OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

(Among registered voters)

	-- Biden --	-- Palin --
Favorable	43%	31%
Unfavorable	20	40
Undecided/Don't know	37	29

Each of the VP nominees appeals to their own party. Four in 10 independents, a key swing group, view Palin unfavorably, 14 points higher than say that about Biden. Shortly after the Republican convention, 46% of independents held a favorable view of the Alaska Governor.

INDEPENDENTS: OPINION OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

(Among independent voters)

	-- Biden --		-- Palin --	
	Now	9/8	Now	9/8
Favorable	37%	31%	33%	46%
Unfavorable	25	28	39	18
Undecided/Don't know	38	41	28	35

Support for Palin among white women has dropped since the Republican convention. 53% viewed the Republican vice presidential nominee favorably in early September; that number has now dropped to 36%.

WHITE WOMEN: OPINION OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

(Among white women voters)

	-- Biden --		-- Palin --	
	<u>White Women</u>		<u>White Women</u>	
	Now	9/8	Now	9/8
Favorable	37%	31%	36%	53%
Unfavorable	19	22	39	17
Undecided/Don't know	43	46	25	29

THE CANDIDATES' SPOUSES

Many voters do not know enough about either Michelle Obama or Cindy McCain to have an opinion, but views of both women are more positive than negative.

OPINION OF VICE THE CANDIDATES' SPOUSES

(Among registered voters)

	Michelle Obama		Cindy McCain	
	Now	8/2008	Now	7/2008
Favorable	36%	41%	26%	18%
Unfavorable	16	21	15	8
Undecided/Don't know	46	38	57	72

THE POWELL ENDORSEMENT

Ret. General Colin Powell, who recently publicly endorsed Barack Obama for president, is viewed favorably by 54% of voters - higher than either presidential candidate, but lower than the 67% who held a favorable opinion of him in 2004. Few view Powell unfavorably, while a third are undecided or haven't heard enough about him.

The former Secretary of State is viewed more positively by Obama supporters than McCain backers. In fact, although 51% of Republicans hold a favorable view of Powell, that number is down from 85% four years ago.

VIEWS OF COLIN POWELL

(Among registered voters)

	Total	Obama Voters	McCain Voters
Favorable	54%	64%	44%
Unfavorable	11	5	19
Undecided/Haven't heard enough	34	30	35%

DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS AND THE ELECTION

Obama now enjoys a sizable lead among many demographic groups. He wins the votes of both men and women, and independents, moderates and voters who supported Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primaries. Obama also leads among a group he had difficulty with during the primaries -- white working class voters.

McCain leads among his base -- Republicans, conservatives and white evangelical voters. He also leads among higher income whites.

The race is closer among whites overall (including both white men and white women), and whites with no college degree.

VOTE FOR PRESIDENT: DEMOGRAPHICS

(Among likely voters)

	-- Now --		-- 10/14 --	
	Obama	McCain	Obama	McCain
All	52%	39	53%	39
Men	50%	41	53%	41
Women	55%	37	52%	37
Republicans	11%	83	10%	83
Democrats	87%	8	88%	8
Independents	45%	39	51%	33
Moderate	56%	34	62%	28
Conservative	26%	68	16%	77
Clinton supporters	78%	16	82%	14
Total Whites	46%	45	45%	46
White Evangelicals	21%	69	27%	63
White men	45%	46	46%	49
White women	46%	44	44%	44
White, not college grad	44%	46	42%	48
White, college grad +	50%	42	51%	42
White, income < \$50k	52%	42	48%	43
White, income > \$50k	43%	48	43%	48
White working class (income < \$50k and non-college)	52%	42	47%	44

WHO ARE THE UNCOMMITTED VOTERS?

As the number of days leading up to the election dwindles, so does the percentage of uncommitted voters. Uncommitted voters -- those who say their minds are not yet made up about their candidate or who remain completely undecided -- make up just 13% of likely voters in this poll.

There are slightly more men than women in this group (a change from previous polls), and most are white. They are not highly educated; about three-quarters have not graduated from college. Few are young; about two thirds are age 45 or over. Almost half of them live in rural areas.

Politically, they are not highly partisan. More than one-third describe themselves as independents, and more than half are moderates. In 2004, they voted for George W. Bush over John Kerry by nearly two to one.

UNCOMMITTED VOTERS

	(Among likely voters)
Men	51%
Women	49
Republicans	27%
Democrats	35
Independents	38

UNCOMMITTED VOTERS
(Among likely voters)

Liberals	12%
Moderates	56
Conservatives	23
Whites	85%
2004 Vote:	
Bush	54%
Kerry	31
Northeast	31%
Midwest	27
South	26
West	16

The issues they care about are the so-called "kitchen table issues:" the economy (a concern shared by all voters but particularly so among this group) and health care.

More view McCain as prepared for the presidency than say Obama is, but more think Obama understands their needs. They have more confidence in Obama than McCain when it comes to handling the economy.

IS HE PREPARED FOR JOB OF PRESIDENT?

(Among uncommitted likely voters)

	Obama	McCain
Yes	53%	67%
No	37	29

DOES HE UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS?

(Among uncommitted likely voters)

	Obama	McCain
Yes	66%	43%
No	24	48

Their overall views of Obama are more positive than negative (38% favorable, 7% unfavorable), but 56% don't have an opinion of him. Their

views of McCain are more closely divided -- 28% favorable, 19% unfavorable -- but again, many (53%) have no opinion.

It is unclear from this poll what role, if any, Obama's race may play for these voters. However, 32% say they know someone who does not support Obama because he is black; just half as many, 17%, know someone who does.

KNOW ANYONE WHO DOES NOT SUPPORT OBAMA BECAUSE HE IS BLACK?

(Among uncommitted likely voters)

Yes	32%
No	65

THE ISSUE OF RACE IN THE CAMPAIGN

Most registered voters do not believe the policies of either Barack Obama or John McCain would favor blacks over whites, or vice versa. But one in ten say Obama would favor blacks over whites, and one in five say McCain would favor whites over blacks.

IF ... ELECTED, POLICIES WOULD FAVOR...

(Among registered voters)

	Obama	McCain
Blacks over whites	11%	0%
Whites over blacks	0	19
Treat all the same	84	74

However, there are differences on this. 24% of McCain's supporters think Obama would favor blacks over whites. Among Obama supporters, 33% think McCain would favor whites over blacks.

Whites and blacks generally think each candidate would treat the two groups the same, but 12% of white voters think the policies in an Obama administration would favor blacks.

WOULD OBAMA'S POLICIES...

(Among white voters)

	Now	10/14
Treat whites & blacks equally	82%	78%
Favor whites over blacks	0	0
Favor blacks over whites	12	16

Pollsters have faced a challenge in this election cycle identifying the extent to which race will play a factor in vote choices. In this poll, voters were asked whether anyone they know does or does not support Obama due to his race. About a fifth say they know someone who supports Obama because he is black, and a third knows someone who does not support him for the same reason.

KNOW ANYONE FOR/AGAINST OBAMA BECAUSE HE IS BLACK?

(Among registered voters)

Know anyone supporting Obama

Because he is black:

	Now	10/6
Yes	21%	24%
No	78	73

Know anyone not supporting Obama

Because he is black:

	Now	10/6
Yes	33%	22%
No	65	77

Obama voters are more likely than McCain backers to say they know someone who is not supporting Obama because of his race. 40% of Obama voters know someone not supporting Obama because he is black; just 29% of McCain voters say this. 33% of McCain voters say they know someone who is backing Obama because he is black, compared to 13% of Obama voters who say that.

KNOW ANYONE FOR/AGAINST OBAMA BECAUSE HE IS BLACK?

(Among registered voters)

	Obama Voters	McCain Voters
Know anyone <u>supporting</u> Obama Because he is black	13%	33%
Know anyone <u>not supporting</u> Obama Because he is black	40%	29%

THE 2008 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS

The Democratic Party continues to hold a substantial lead overall in the 2008 elections for the House of Representatives. 48% of likely voters say they plan on voting for the Democratic candidate in their district's House race.

2008 HOUSE VOTE

(Among likely voters)

	Now	10/14/08	9/2008
Democrat	48%	48%	51%
Republican	36	34	32

56% of Americans view the Democratic Party favorably, while only 36% have a favorable opinion of the Republican Party. The Republican Party's unfavorable rating of 60% is the highest ever recorded for either party.

OPINION OF THE PARTIES

	Democratic Party		Republican Party	
	Now	10/14/08	Now	10/14/08
Favorable	56%	52%	36%	37%
Not Favorable	40	38	60	54

Although McCain has campaigned recently on the idea that a Republican administration would be necessary to check the unbridled agenda of a Democratic-controlled Congress, Americans are divided on the subject.

41% of Americans think it is better to have the executive and legislative branches controlled by different parties, but nearly as many - 36% - would rather have them be controlled by the same party.

IS IT BETTER TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS...

(Among registered voters)

	Now	2/2007
From the same party	36%	33%
From different parties	41	47
Don't know/refused	23	20

This preference may have more to do with partisan advantage than principle, however. Democrats today overall support the idea of having the two branches controlled by the same party, while more Republicans oppose the idea. Back in February 2007 - after the Democrats had taken control of the House of Representatives with a Republican administration in power - more Democrats favored different parties controlling each branch of government.

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1152 adults nationwide, including 1046 registered voters, interviewed by telephone October 19-22, 2008. Phone numbers were dialed from RDD samples of both standard land-lines and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample and the sample of registered voters could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

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q1 How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct08b
	%	%	%	%	%
A lot	69	63	69	73	65
Some	26	31	25	22	29
Not much	5	6	5	3	5
No attention so far	1	0	0	2	1
DK/NA	0	0	1	0	0

q2 Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Barack Obama yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	52	12	83	46	50
Not favorable	31	65	6	33	32
Undecided	15	21	9	16	15
Haven't heard enough	2	2	1	3	2
Refused	0	0	1	2	1

q3 Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	39	76	12	41	36
Not favorable	46	10	76	39	41
Undecided	13	13	10	17	20
Haven't heard enough	1	1	1	2	2
Refused	1	0	1	1	1

q4 HELD FOR RELEASE

q5 If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama for President and Joe Biden for Vice President, the Democrats, and John McCain for President and Sarah Palin for Vice President, the Republicans, would you vote for Barack Obama and Joe Biden or John McCain and Sarah Palin?

	***** LIKELY VOTERS *****				
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct08b
	%	%	%	%	%
Obama/Biden	52	11	87	45	53
McCain/Palin	39	83	8	39	39
Other (Vol.)	2	2	0	3	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	0	0	0	1	0
Depends (Vol.)/Undecided	5	3	3	9	6
Refused	2	1	2	3	1

q6 HELD FOR RELEASE

q7 Is your mind made up or is it still too early to say for sure?

* LIKELY VOTERS WHO MADE A CHOICE *

	Total Voters %	Obama Voters %	McCain Voters %	Oct08b %
Mind made up	91	91	91	85
Too early to say for sure	9	9	9	15
DK/NA	0	0	0	0

q8 HELD FOR RELEASE

q9 How would you describe your feelings about (Obama/McCain) as the (Democratic/Republican) nominee -- would you say you enthusiastically support him; support him but have reservations about him; support him only because he is the party nominee; or support him because you dislike (McCain/Obama)?

Enthusiastic	57	67	42	50
With reservations	31	24	41	36
Party nominee	5	5	5	5
Dislike other candidate	7	3	12	7
DK/NA	0	1	0	2

q11 Regardless of how you intend to vote for President in 2008, who do you expect to finally win the 2008 presidential election -- John McCain or Barack Obama?

***** LIKELY VOTERS *****

	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	Sep08b %
John McCain	20	38	7	22	39
Barack Obama	65	42	85	62	45
Other (vol)	0	0	0	0	--
Depends (vol.)	2	4	1	2	3
DK/NA	13	16	7	14	13

q12 If the 2008 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

					Oct08b
Republican	36	83	5	32	34
Democratic	48	4	87	37	48
Other (Vol.)	1	0	1	1	0
Won't vote (Vol.)	0	0	0	1	2
Depends (Vol.)	8	5	4	16	9
DK/NA	7	8	3	13	7

q13-22 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q23 In general, is your opinion of the Republican party favorable or not favorable?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

Favorable	36	79	10	34	37
Not favorable	60	18	89	58	54
DK/NA	4	3	1	8	9

q24 In general, is your opinion of the Democratic party favorable or not favorable?

** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **

*** Party ID ***

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct08b
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	56	15	89	48	52
Not favorable	40	81	9	44	38
DK/NA	4	4	2	8	10

q25 Many of the tax cuts passed in 2001 were temporary and are set to expire in a few years. Should those tax cuts be made permanent or should they be allowed to expire?

Sep08b

Made permanent	41	60	29	41	42
Allowed to expire	39	21	51	39	36
Depends (vol.)	6	5	5	6	5
DK/NA	14	14	15	14	17

q26 Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to raise income taxes on households and businesses that make MORE than \$250,000 a year in order to help provide health insurance for people who are not covered by health insurance?

Good idea	62	35	82	59
Bad idea	33	60	14	35
DK/NA	5	5	4	6

q27 Is your opinion of Colin Powell favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Colin Powell yet to have an opinion?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

**** Party ID ****

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr04d
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	54	51	56	55	67
Not favorable	11	17	6	12	8
Undecided	18	17	18	17	18
Haven't heard enough	16	14	18	15	5
Refused	1	1	2	1	2

Q28 BLANK

q29 Is your opinion of Joe Biden favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Joe Biden yet to have an opinion?

					Oct08b
Favorable	43	17	64	37	43
Not favorable	20	40	3	25	21
Undecided	18	23	14	18	16
Haven't heard enough	19	19	19	20	19
Refused	0	1	0	0	1

q30 Is your opinion of Sarah Palin favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Sarah Palin yet to have an opinion?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

	**** Party ID ****				Oct08b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	31	60	10	33	32
Not favorable	40	10	62	39	41
Undecided	17	23	11	18	16
Haven't heard enough	12	6	17	10	10
Refused	0	1	0	0	1

q31 Do you think it is better for the country to have a president who comes from the same political party that controls Congress or do you think it is better to have a president from one political party and the Congress controlled by another?

					Feb07a
Better when same party	36	34	45	28	33
Better when different party	41	48	31	49	47
Don't know/No answer	23	18	24	23	20

q32 Is your opinion of Michelle Obama favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Michelle Obama yet to have an opinion?

					Aug08b1
Favorable	36	16	56	27	41
Not favorable	16	33	5	16	21
Undecided	17	24	10	20	16
Haven't heard enough	29	25	28	34	22
Refused	2	2	1	3	0

q33 Is your opinion of Cindy McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Cindy McCain yet to have an opinion?

					Jul08a
Favorable	26	45	11	27	18
Not favorable	15	3	24	16	8
Undecided	20	20	20	20	17
Haven't heard enough	37	30	44	34	55
Refused	2	2	1	3	2

q34 BLANK

q35 Do you think Barack Obama has the right kind of temperament and personality to be a good president, or not?

					Oct08b
Yes	75	56	93	68	69
No	19	36	4	23	23
DK/NA	6	8	3	9	8

q36 Do you think Barack Obama does or does not understand the needs and problems of people like yourself?

Yes	68	44	93	57	64
No	28	50	6	35	29
DK/NA	4	6	1	8	7

q37 Do you have confidence in Barack Obama's ability to deal wisely with a crisis or are you uneasy about his approach

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

	**** Party ID ****			
Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
%	%	%	%	
Confidence	49	14	77	44
Uneasy	47	82	20	50
DK/NA	4	4	3	6

q38 Do you think Barack Obama has prepared himself well enough for the job of President, or hasn't he?

					Oct08b
Has prepared	56	24	81	50	51
Has not prepared	38	69	15	41	41
DK/NA	6	7	4	9	8

q39 How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about the economy -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

Very confident	28	6	51	19	22
Somewhat confident	37	28	41	41	38
Not too confident	16	35	6	13	20
Not at all confident	16	30	1	24	19
DK/NA	3	1	1	3	1

q40 How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about the Iraq -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

					Oct08a
Very confident	28	3	51	20	25
Somewhat confident	28	15	36	31	27
Not too confident	20	33	7	24	18
Not at all confident	23	48	5	23	27
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	3

q41 How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about health care -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

					Oct08b
Very confident	36	11	63	23	28
Somewhat confident	33	30	32	38	38
Not too confident	13	27	4	13	13
Not at all confident	16	29	1	22	20
DK/NA	2	3	0	4	1

q42 If Barack Obama were elected President, how many of his campaign goals do you think he will be able to accomplish -- all of them, most of them, just some of them or hardly any?

** REGISTERED VOTERS **

	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
All	3	2	6	1
Most	30	12	50	19
Some	49	58	40	53
Hardly any	14	24	3	20
None (vol)	1	2	0	1
DK/NA	3	2	1	6

q43 Do you think Barack Obama has a clear idea of what he wants to accomplish as President, or don't you think he has a clear idea?

Clear idea	81	67	95	74
Not clear	16	31	4	19
Don't know/No answer	3	2	1	7

q44 If Barack Obama is elected President, do you think the policies of his administration will favor the rich, favor the middle class, favor the poor, or will they treat all groups the same?

	Mar08c				
					%
Rich	8	14	2	10	13
Middle	38	23	53	33	30
Poor	22	36	9	27	18
Treat groups the same	24	14	35	20	33
Don't know/No answer	8	13	1	10	6

q45 Regardless of how you intend to vote, does Barak Obama make you feel mostly comfortable about him personally or mostly uneasy about him personally?

Comfortable	62	34	87	54
Uneasy	34	63	9	40
DK/NA	4	3	4	6

q46 Does Barack Obama make you feel inspired about the future of the country, or not?

Yes	53	22	83	43
No	42	74	15	49
Sometimes (vol.)	2	4	1	3
DK/NA	3	0	1	5

q47 Do you think Barack Obama has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life? (If No, ask:) Do you think Barack Obama has less honesty and integrity than most people in public life or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

	Jan07c				
Yes, more	53	26	76	45	41
Less	12	24	2	15	2
Same	27	43	14	30	16
DK/NA	8	7	8	10	41

q48-50 BLANK

q51 Do you think John McCain has the right kind of temperament and personality to be a good president, or not?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

	**** Party ID ****				Oct08b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	50	82	28	51	53
No	45	12	69	42	42
DK/NA	5	6	3	7	5

q52 Do you think John McCain does or does not understand the needs and problems of people like yourself?

Yes	42	68	20	48	43
No	53	27	76	48	53
DK/NA	5	5	4	4	4

q53 Do you have confidence in John McCain's ability to deal wisely with a crisis or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confidence	46	80	17	52
Uneasy	51	18	80	43
DK/NA	3	2	3	5

q54 Do you think John McCain has prepared himself well enough for the job of President, or hasn't he?

Has prepared	64	86	43	71	64
Has not prepared	32	11	53	25	33
DK/NA	4	3	4	4	3

q55 How confident are you in John McCain's ability to make the right decisions about the economy -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

Very confident	12	26	1	14	12
Somewhat confident	35	56	21	34	36
Not too confident	27	13	36	28	29
Not at all confident	25	4	40	22	23
DK/NA	1	1	2	2	0

q56 How confident are you in John McCain's ability to make the right decisions about the Iraq -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

Oct08a					
Very confident	32	63	9	34	34
Somewhat confident	21	22	22	20	24
Not too confident	19	8	25	20	16
Not at all confident	26	6	43	24	23
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	3

q57 How confident are you in John McCain's ability to make the right decisions about health care -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

	**** Party ID ****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Oct08b
	%	%	%	%	%
Very confident	11	25	3	10	10
Somewhat confident	30	53	10	36	34
Not too confident	26	13	36	24	27
Not at all confident	30	7	49	26	27
DK/NA	3	2	2	4	2

q58 If John McCain were elected President, how many of his campaign goals do you think he will be able to accomplish -- all of them, most of them, just some of them or hardly any?

All	2	1	2	2
Most	19	28	12	20
Some	50	56	46	51
Hardly any	23	11	34	21
None (vol)	2	2	4	1
DK/NA	4	2	2	5

q59 Do you think John McCain has a clear idea of what he wants to accomplish as President, or don't you think he has a clear idea?

					Nov99a
Clear idea	65	84	50	67	37
Not clear	32	12	48	29	23
Don't know/No answer	3	4	2	4	40

q60 If John McCain is elected President, do you think the policies of his administration will favor the rich, favor the middle class, favor the poor, or will they treat all groups the same?

Mar08c					
Rich	59	24	88	52	53
Middle	11	21	4	13	16
Poor	3	4	1	5	0
Treat groups the same	21	42	5	22	23
Don't know/No answer	6	9	2	8	8

q61 Regardless of how you intend to vote, does John McCain make you feel mostly comfortable about him personally or mostly uneasy about him personally?

Comfortable	47	81	20	52
Uneasy	49	17	76	43
DK/NA	4	2	4	5

q62 Does John McCain make you feel inspired about the future of the country, or not?

Yes	27	55	7	26
No	68	37	91	66
Sometimes (vol)	2	3	1	3
DK/NA	3	5	1	5

q63 Do you think John McCain has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life? (If No, ask:) Do you think John McCain has less honesty and integrity than most people in public life or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****

	**** Party ID ****				Apr08b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, more	46	70	27	50	47
Less	13	5	20	12	12
Same	34	22	45	30	31
DK/NA	7	3	8	8	10

q64-65 BLANK

q66 If John McCain were elected president, do you think he would generally continue George W. Bush's policies, or not?

Continue Bush policies	54	26	79	46
Not continue Bush policies	38	62	16	46
Some/not others (vol.)	3	5	1	3
Don't know/No answer	5	7	4	5

q67 What do you think Barack Obama has been spending more time doing in his campaign -- explaining what he would do as president or attacking John McCain?

					Oct08b
Explaining	69	54	85	61	63
Attacking	22	36	10	25	27
Don't know/No answer	9	10	5	14	10

q68 What do you think John McCain has been spending more time doing in his campaign -- explaining what he would do as president or attacking Barack Obama?

Explaining	27	46	15	27	31
Attacking	64	43	81	62	61
Don't know/No answer	9	11	4	11	8

q69 If Barack Obama is elected President, do you think the policies of his administration would favor whites over blacks, favor blacks over whites, or would they treat both groups the same?

Favor whites over blacks	0	0	1	0	0
Favor blacks over whites	11	19	2	16	15
Treat both the same	84	74	94	79	79
Don't know/No answer	5	7	3	5	6

q70 If John McCain is elected President, do you think the policies of his administration would favor whites over blacks, favor blacks over whites, or would they treat both groups the same?

Favor whites over blacks	19	2	34	14	20
Favor blacks over whites	0	1	0	0	0
Treat both the same	74	93	59	78	74
Don't know/No answer	7	4	7	8	6

q71-78 RELEASED SEPARATELY

q79 Is there anyone you know who SUPPORTS Barack Obama mainly because Obama is black?

					Oct08a
Yes	21	27	13	24	24
No	78	71	85	74	73
DK/NA	1	2	2	2	3

q80 Is there anyone you know who DOES NOT support Barack Obama mainly because Obama is black?

Yes	33	30	41	27	22
No	65	69	58	71	77
DK/NA	2	1	1	2	1

	UNWEIGHTED	WEIGHTED
Total Respondents	1152	
Total Registered voters	1046	1010
Registered voters - Republicans	326	287
Registered voters - Democrats	391	411
Registered voters - Independents	329	312
 *Effective Likely Voters		 771

*Every registered voter is included in the likely voter model, and is assigned a probability of voting, which is used to calculate the likely voter results. The sum of these probabilities is the effective number of likely voters.