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## BEFORE THE CONVENTIONS: THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE August 15-19, 2008

It's summertime. Before the party conventions, and before the naming of vice presidential running mates, the contest for the presidency is close, with many voters still waiting to make up their minds - or to commit firmly to a choice.

Each of the candidates has strengths and weaknesses: McCain scores on qualities related to experience and he is somewhat less likely to be seen as pandering to his audience; but Obama is more empathetic and is viewed as running a more positive campaign. One possible explanation for the relatively large undecided and uncommitted numbers is that -- even after what has been a long campaign -- majorities of voters don't think either candidate has made it clear what he would do if elected President.

Right now, Democrat Barack Obama has the support of 45% of registered voters, with John McCain the choice of 42%. Like the CBS News Poll completed earlier this month, each candidate is the choice of more than three in four of his own partisans, with independents now clearly favoring McCain.

### VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

(Among registered voters)					
	NOW	TWO	WEEKS	AGO	
Obama	45%		45%		
McCain	42		39		
Won't vote	2		2		
Undecided	10		13		

Asking undecided voters which candidate they lean towards does not change the results. And about one in four of each candidate's supporters admit their minds could still change.

There is only a small undercurrent of negative voting, mostly from McCain supporters. As has been the case all summer, Obama's supporters are much more enthusiastic. In this poll, twice as many Obama voters as McCain voters are enthusiastic about their choice. About one in four McCain supporters admit they are voting for him only because he is the Republican nominee or that their vote is a vote AGAINST Obama. That's twice the percentage of Obama supporters who give either of those reasons for their support of him.

## DESCRIBE YOUR SUPPORT

(Among registered voters)					
Obama Voters McCain Voters					
Enthusiastic	48%	24%			
Have reservations	38	47			
He's the nominee	9	14			
Dislike the other	4	14			

## INSIDE THE HORSE RACE

Earlier in the month independents were divided between the two candidates, but they are now leaning towards McCain. 48% of independents support McCain, as opposed to 36% for Obama.

While Obama continues to hold a lead among women overall, he has lost the edge he held recently among men. McCain now leads slightly among men overall, and this is driven by a surge of support over the last month among white men. 54% of white men now support McCain, up from 45% at the beginning of the month.

McCain is again leading among working class whites - those making under \$50,000 a year with less than a college education. While earlier this month he was leading among less educated whites, he is now leading among lower income whites as well.

• <u>Obama leads</u> McCain among Democrats, liberals and moderates, African Americans, voters under age 45, and women.

Most Clinton supporters from the primaries are backing Obama, and this is true of both men and women who supported Clinton in the primaries. Half of the women who have not put their support behind Obama are undecided, while half are supporting McCain.

• <u>McCain leads</u> among Republicans and independents, conservatives, and voters age 45 and over. McCain leads among whites overall (both men and women), among white evangelicals, and working class whites.

# DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS: WOULD YOU VOTE FOR ...? (Among registered voters)

All	Obama	McCain	Undecided
	45%	42	10
Men	44%	47	7
Women	45%	37	14
Republicans	8%	78	11
Democrats	80%	9	8
Independents	36%	48	14

Liberal Moderate Conservative	Obama 82% 46% 19%	McCain 10 37 69	Undecided 6 11 11
Clinton supporters Clinton supporters - women	60% 60%	23 18	12 18
Under age 45 Age 45 and over	52% 38%	38 45	8 14
Income < \$50K	46%	40	10
Whites	38%	48	11
White men White women	37% 38%	54 43	7 15
Working class whites (income <\$50K + No college degree)	38%	47	11
Whites w/o a coll. degree	35%	49	13
Whites w/ income < \$50K	39%	46	11
White Evangelicals	20%	68	10

About half of all voters - 51% - say they have been paying a lot of attention to the campaign this year, but that doesn't mean that they are paying a lot of attention NOW. Only about a third - 36% - admit they have been paying a lot of attention in the last few weeks. This lessened recent attention is shared by both Republicans and Democrats, by Obama supporters and McCain voters.

## ATTENTION TO THE CAMPAIGN

(Among r	egistered vot	ers)		
	Overall	In las	t few	weeks
A lot	51%	3	6%	
Some	36	3	9	
Not much/none	12	2	5	

## STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

According to the voters, John McCain has the stronger resume by far. Two in three say he has prepared himself well enough for the job something fewer than half of voters say about Obama. Twice as many voters say it is <u>very</u> likely McCain will be an effective Commander-in-Chief than say that about Obama. And McCain has a small lead on voter confidence that he will make the right decisions on foreign policy.

### CANDIDATE QUALITIES

(Among registered	voters)	
	Obama	McCain
Prepared for the job		
Yes	44%	68%
No	49	25
Would be effective		
Commander-in-Chief?		
Very likely	21%	44%
Somewhat likely	37	36
Not likely	40	19
Make right decisions on		
Foreign policy?		
Very confident	18%	23%
Somewhat confident	37	43
Not confident	44	33

But McCain has a disadvantage here too. Perhaps because of his support for the Bush Administration's policy in Iraq, or the perception by 47% -- nearly half -- of voters that McCain will continue Administration policies in general, it is Obama who has the edge in perceptions of economic decision-making ability, which has been voters' biggest concern this year.

In addition, voters are twice as likely to say that Obama will improve the United States' image abroad as to say McCain will.

#### CANDIDATE QUALITIES (Among registered voters) Obama McCain Make right decisions on the economy? Very confident 23% 11% Somewhat confident 42 43 Not confident 34 44 Make US image abroad Better 52% 24% 17 22 Worse Same 25 47

Obama has advantages with voters when it comes to empathy - as have Democratic candidates historically. Voters are more likely to say he cares about their needs and problems. They also think he may be more like themselves - someone they could relate to.

More see Obama as having strong religious beliefs, although neither candidate is seen that way by a majority of voters. Voters are more likely to have a favorable view of Obama, though not by much. However, majorities agree that both Obama and McCain share the values most Americans try to live by.

### CANDIDATE QUALITIES

(Among registered	voters)	
	Obama	McCain
Cares about your needs		
Great deal	37%	23%
Some	34	42
Not much	26	32
Someone you can relate to		
Yes	55%	41%
No	42	56
Has strong religious beliefs		
Yes	45%	35%
No	46	53
Shares values most Americans		
Try to live by		
Yes	63%	63%
No	31	30
Overall opinion		
Favorable	39%	34%
Not favorable	32	33
Undecided	25	28
Don't know enough to say	4	4

Even their campaigns are viewed differently. A majority say McCain is spending more time attacking Obama than explaining what he would do as president. Obama, by better than two to one, is viewed as running a positive campaign.

Race has not come into the campaign, most voters say. But about a third says it has. 8% say McCain has brought up the issue of race unfairly in the campaign, 12% say that about Obama. 11% say they both have.

But there is an Obama campaign weakness, too. 51% say he more often says what he thinks people want to hear than what he really believes. McCain has a better image on saying what he believes - although the margin is very narrow.

### THE CAMPAIGNS

(Among registered vo	ters)	
	Obama	McCain
Spends more time		
Explaining what he would do	61%	38%
Attacking his opponent	26	52
Mostly says what he		
Really believes	46%	51%
Thinks people want to hear	51	45

Voters have these differences at the top of their minds. When asked - regardless of how they intended to vote -- to name something they liked about McCain, experience was at the top of the list, mentioned

by 14%. That was followed by his military service (13%), integrity (7%), and being, as he has frequently claimed, a "straight talker" (4%).

As for Obama, what voters say they like about him are that he'll bring change (10%), is inspirational (9%), is a good speaker and a fresh face (7% each), integrity (5%) and is young and intelligent (4% each).

But - 21% of voters offered that they liked <u>"nothing"</u> about each of the presumptive nominees.

And there is the big unknown. Even after months of campaigning, voters are unsure about what either of these candidates will do as president.

### MADE IT CLEAR WHAT HE WILL DO AS PRESIDENT?

(Among registered voters) Obama McCain Yes 41% 43% No 55 51

And one poll result suggests that voters think this is the candidates' fault. When asked if the candidates have given the issue the voter cares most about enough of a priority, 61% say "no!"

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1,012 adults nationwide, including 869 registered voters, interviewed by telephone August 15-19, 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 for registered voters could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

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

	** REG	ISTERED	VOTERS	* *	
		* * *	Party II	) ***	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul08b
	00	010	00	00	20
A lot	51	53	52	46	53
Some	36	35	36	39	36
Not much	10	8	9	14	9
No attention so far	2	4	3	1	2
DK/NA	1	0	0	0	0

q2 Thinking about the last few weeks, how much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention in the last few weeks?

A lot	36	35	37	34
Some	39	39	40	37
Not much	20	20	18	24
No attention so far	5	7	3	5
DK/NA	0	0	2	0

q3 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	39	10	68	30	37
Not favorable	32	63	7	32	32
Undecided	25	23	19	34	25
Haven't heard enough	4	4	5	3	5
Refused	0	0	1	1	1

q4 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	34	70	7	31	33
Not favorable	33	10	59	22	34
Undecided	28	17	26	41	26
Haven't heard enough	4	3	5	5	7
Refused	1	0	3	1	0

q5 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q6 If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, would you vote for Barack Obama or John McCain?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS ** *** Party ID ***				
	Total	Jul08b			
	olo	00	00	00	00
Obama	45	8	80	36	45
McCain	42	78	9	48	39
Other (Vol.)	1	0	1	1	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	2	3	2	1	2
Depends (Vol.)	б	7	3	7	4
DK/NA	4	4	5	7	9

q7 Well as of today, do you lean more toward Barack Obama or more toward John McCain?

Obama	47	9	83	39
McCain	45	85	9	49
Won't vote (Vol.)	2	0	2	1
DK/NA	10	6	6	11

q8 Is your mind made up or is it still too early to say for sure?

	Total	Obama Voters	McCain Voters	Jul08b
Mind made up	72	74	72	70
Too early to say for sure	27	25	28	29
DK/NA	1	1	0	1

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 likely party nominee; or support him because you dislike (McCain/Obama)?

Enthusiastic	37	48	24
With reservations	42	38	47
Party nominee	11	9	14
Dislike other candidate	9	4	14
DK/NA	1	1	1

q10 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?

	** REG	JISTERED	VOTERS	* *	
	*** Party ID ***				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul08a
	00	00	00	00	00
John McCain	34	56	14	36	30
Barack Obama	48	21	72	44	53
Depends (vol.)	2	2	2	3	4
DK/NA	16	21	12	17	13

q11 Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion? 1. The presidential candidates' choices for Vice President will have a great deal of influence on my vote OR 2. I will vote based mostly on the presidential candidates, not on whom they choose for Vice President.

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				
		*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul08b
	00	<b>%</b>	00	00	00
VP choices have influence	25	20	28	25	30
Vote on pres. candidate	72	75	68	72	67
DK/NA	3	5	4	3	3

q13 In deciding who you would like to see elected President this year, which one of the following issues will be most important to you - 1. Terrorism and national security, 2. The economy and jobs, 3. Health care, 4. The war in Iraq, 5. Gas prices and energy policy, 6. Illegal immigration, or 7. Something else?

Terrorism and nat'l security	9	18	3	9
The economy and jobs	40	32	45	42
Health care	9	3	14	8
The war in Iraq	15	9	18	16
Gas prices & energy policy	15	18	14	13
Illegal immigration	6	12	2	3
Something else	4	6	3	5
DK/NA	2	2	1	4

q14 And do you think the candidates for President are making that issue enough of a priority, or not enough of a priority?

Enough	29	31	30	26
Not enough	61	57	61	65
One is/One isn't (Vol.)	3	6	2	1
DK/NA	7	6	7	8

q15 Regardless of how you intend to vote, what do you like MOST about John McCain?

Experience	14	21	9	15
Veteran	13	13	12	13
Integrity	7	9	7	б
Straight talker	4	4	5	5
Foreign policy	3	2	3	3
Leadership	2	2	3	1
Support Iraq War	2	4	0	3
Republican	2	5	0	0
I like him	2	2	1	2
Nothing	21	6	36	17
Other	18	27	10	19
DK/NA	12	5	14	16

q16 Regardless of how you intend to vote, what do you like MOST about Barack Obama?

	** REG	ISTERED	VOTERS	3 **
		* * *	Party I	D ***
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	olo	010	010	00
Bring change	10	5	16	6
Inspirational/charisma	9	9	11	6
Fresh face	7	5	10	5
Good speaker	7	7	6	8
Integrity	5	2	7	6
I like him	5	2	5	6
Intelligent	4	2	7	3
Young	4	5	2	4
Stance on Iraq War	3	0	5	2
Unite Americans	2	0	4	1
Democrat	2	0	2	4
Nothing	21	40	б	20
Other	12	13	14	17
DK/NA	9	10	5	12

## q17-19 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q20 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

		Jul08b			
Very good	1	1	0	1	1
Fairly good	17	35	8	13	16
Fairly bad	41	44	39	39	40
Very bad	41	20	52	46	43
DK/NA	0	0	1	1	0

### q21-27 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q28 How much do you think Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

		Jul08a			
A lot	37	15	62	27	37
Some	34	39	28	38	37
Not much	14	22	5	16	14
Not at all	12	22	3	13	9
DK/NA	3	2	2	6	3

q29 How confident are you in Barack Obama's ability to make the right decisions about foreign policy issues -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

Very confident	18	5	34	11
Somewhat confident	37	21	50	36
Not too confident	21	26	11	28
Not at all confident	23	46	4	23
DK/NA	1	2	1	2

q30 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?

** REGISTERED VOTERS ** *** Party ID ***					
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul08b
	00	olo	olo	00	8
Very confident	23	5	44	14	12
Somewhat confident	42	32	47	47	40
Not too confident	16	26	б	17	24
Not at all confident	18	35	2	21	21
DK/NA	1	2	1	1	3
q31 Do you think Barack Obama he done that yet?	a has ma	de it c	lear wha	at he woul	ld do as President, or hasn't
Has	41	24	61	33	
Has not	55	72	36	63	
DK/NA	4	4	3	4	
q32 Do you think Barack Obama he?	a shares	the va	lues mos	st America	ans try to live by, or doesn't
					May08b
Yes	63	39	84	59	62
No	31	53	13	32	30
DK/NA	6	8	3	9	8
q33 Do you think Barack Obama or hasn't he?	a has pr	epared	himself	well enou	ugh for the job of President
Has prepared	44	23	66	34	
Has not prepared	49	72	26	56	
DK/NA	7	5	8	10	
q34 Do you think Barack Obama he thinks people want to hear		hat he	believes	s most of	the time, or does he say what
					Jul08b
Yes, says what he believes	46	19	70	42	42
No, says what people want	51	78	26	57	51
DK/NA	3	3	4	1	7
q35 Regardless of how you intend to vote, how likely do you think it is that Barack Obama would be an effective commander-in-chief of the nation's military would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?					
Very likely	21	7	40	12	20
Somewhat likely	37	23	46	38	39
Not too likely	20	30	9	25	20
Not at all likely	20	38	4	22	19
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	2

q36 Do you think Barack Obama is someone you can relate to, or not?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				
	*** Party ID **				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	00	010	olo	00	
Yes	55	28	82	46	
No	42	67	17	50	
Don't know/No answer	3	5	1	4	

q37 If Barack Obama is elected president, do you think that will make the United States' image in the world better, make it worse, or will it have no effect on the United States' image in the world?

					Jul08a
					<b>%</b>
Better	52	21	80	46	48
Worse	17	33	5	18	14
No effect	25	38	12	28	32
DK/NA	б	8	3	8	б

q38 Do you think of Barack Obama as having strong religious beliefs, or don't you think of Barack Obama that way?

					Oct07a
Yes	45	37	53	42	28
No	46	56	37	49	51
DK/NA	9	7	10	9	21

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q40 How much do you think John McCain cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself -- a lot, some, not much, or not at all?

A lot	23	42	7	26
Some	42	44	43	39
Not much	19	7	28	21
Not at all	13	5	21	11
DK/NA	3	2	1	3

q41 How confident are you in John McCain's ability to make the right decisions about foreign policy issues -- are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

Very confident	23	46	5	22
Somewhat confident	43	43	38	51
Not too confident	18	4	29	17
Not at all confident	15	6	26	8
DK/NA	1	1	2	2

q42 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?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **				
	*** Party ID **				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	olo	00	olo	00	
Very confident	11	21	1	13	
Somewhat confident	43	64	27	44	
Not too confident	28	10	41	31	
Not at all confident	16	4	30	11	
DK/NA	2	1	1	1	

q43 Do you think John McCain has made it clear what he would do as President, or hasn't he done that yet?

Has	43	56	37	37
Has not	51	38	57	57
DK/NA	б	6	6	6

 $\rm q44$  Do you think John McCain shares the values most Americans try to live by, or doesn't he?

					May08b
					8
Yes	63	86	44	65	63
No	30	12	47	25	28
DK/NA	7	2	9	10	9

q45 Do you think John McCain has prepared himself well enough for the job of President or hasn't he?

Has prepared	68	88	50	72
Has not prepared	25	7	41	24
DK/NA	7	5	9	4

q46 Do you think John McCain says what he believes most of the time, or does he say what he thinks people want to hear?

					Jul08b
Yes, says what he believes	51	71	33	54	49
No, says what people want	45	26	62	43	44
DK/NA	4	3	5	3	7

q47 Regardless of how you intend to vote, how likely do you think it is that John McCain would be an effective commander-in-chief of the nation's military -- would you say it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

Very likely	44	73	21	43	38
Somewhat likely	36	22	42	42	34
Not too likely	12	3	21	9	15
Not at all likely	7	0	15	5	10
Don't know/No answer	1	2	1	1	3

q48 Do you think John McCain is someone you can relate to, or not?

	** REGISTERED VOTERS **						
		* * *	Party I	D ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind			
	olo	010	010	00			
Yes	41	73	14	44			
No	56	25	83	51			
Don't know/No answer	3	2	3	5			

q49 If John McCain is elected president, do you think that will make the United States' image in the world better, make it worse, or will it have no effect on the United States' image in the world?

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					00
Better	24	45	10	21	18
Worse	22	9	38	16	18
No effect	47	39	47	58	59
DK/NA	7	7	5	5	5

q50 Do you think of John McCain as having strong religious beliefs, or don't you think of John McCain that way?

					Oct07a
Yes	35	42	29	33	34
No	53	45	58	55	46
DK/NA	12	13	13	12	20

q51 If he is elected president, would you rather see John McCain generally continue George W. Bush's policies, change to more conservative policies, or change to less conservative policies?

Continue Bush policies	9	15	5	9
Change to more conservative	33	45	22	35
Change to less conservative	48	28	64	46
Don't know/No answer	10	12	9	10

q52 What do you think John McCain WILL DO if he is elected president: do you think he will generally continue George W. Bush's policies, change to more conservative policies, or change to less conservative policies?

					May08b
Continue Bush policies	47	29	67	38	43
Change to more conservative	20	25	16	21	21
Change to less conservative	24	36	13	28	28
Don't know/No answer	9	10	4	13	8

q53 Do you think Barack Obama's energy policies would help bring down gas prices if he is elected President, or not?

					Jul08a
Yes	35	18	51	30	30
No	47	66	31	47	50
DK/NA	18	16	18	23	20

q54 Do you think John McCain's energy policies would help bring down gas prices if he is elected President, or not?

	** REGISTERED VOTER	RS **			
		* * *	Party 1	D ***	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul08a
	8	00	olo	00	<u>0</u> 0
Yes	32	53	15	33	25
No	48	29	65	44	56
DK/NA	20	18	20	23	19

q55 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?

Explaining	61	45	74	61	73
Attacking	26	36	16	27	17
Don't know/No answer	13	19	10	12	10

q56 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	38	57	22	38	63
Attacking	52	32	68	52	26
Don't know/No answer	10	11	10	10	11

q57 Regardless of how you intend to vote, do you think either John McCain or Barack Obama have brought up the issue of race unfairly in their campaigns, or not? IF YES ASK: Who do you think has brought up the issue of race unfairly -- John McCain, Barack Obama or both candidates?

McCain	8	5	12	4
Obama	12	24	4	11
Both	11	9	14	10
No, neither	62	55	64	67
DK/NA	7	7	6	8

q63-71 FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q72 What is your impression of how the war in Afghanistan is going for the United States right now -- very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ** M					
Very well	3	7	1	2	30	
Somewhat well 25	5 4	14	15	21	46	
Somewhat badly 40	0 2	28	46	43	11	
Very badly 18	8	7	27	19	3	
DK/NA 14	4 1	4	11	15	10	

### q73-81 FOR FUTURE RELEASE

q82 Would you favor allowing increased drilling for oil and natural gas off the U.S. coast, or do you think the costs and risks are too great?

					Jul08b
Favor	62	86	47	59	64
Costs, risks too great	28	9	42	30	28
DK/NA	10	5	11	11	8

q83 How would you rate the financial situation in your household these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

		** TOTA	L RESPO	NDENTS **	
		* * *	Party I	D ***	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul08b
	0/0	olo	00	00	8
Very good	15	25	10	11	13
Fairly good	56	55	53	61	61
Fairly bad	20	14	23	20	19
Very bad	8	5	11	7	7
Don't know/No answer	1	1	3	1	0

q84 Thinking about your household's financial future -- do you feel very secure about your household's financial future, somewhat secure, not very secure, or do you feel not at all secure about your household's financial future?

					Jan08b
Very secure	22	24	16	25	24
Somewhat secure	52	60	50	46	54
Not very secure	19	13	23	19	12
Not at all secure	7	3	10	9	9
DK/NA	0	0	1	1	1

q85 How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work or looking for a job -- very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not at all concerned?

					Mar08c
Very concerned	24	16	29	26	28
Somewhat concerned	25	21	29	24	26
Not at all concerned	50	63	42	47	45
DK/NA	1	0	0	3	1

q86 Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or others in your household, or not? IF YES, ASK: Has that been a serious hardship, or not serious?

					Jul08a
Yes, serious	35	24	42	37	34
Yes, not serious	33	36	32	33	31
No	31	40	27	29	35
DK/NA	1	0	0	1	0

Total Respondents	<b>UNWEIGHTED</b> 1012	WEIGHTED
Total Republicans Total Democrats Total Independents	316 361 335	291 367 354
Total Registered Voters	869	801