HART/NEWHOUSE Study #6082--page 1
April 2008 NBC/WSJ Survey

1724 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 234-5570 Interviews: 1,107 total interviews
Cross section of 1,006 registered voters
Oversample of 101 African American voters
Total of 205 (African American voters)

Dates: April 25-28, 2008

#### **FINAL**

Study #6082 NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey April, 2008 47 Male 53 Female [109]

High Low

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

# The margin of error for a crossection of 1,006 interviews is ± 3.1%

NOTE: The results contained in this document reflect results among the national crossection of voters ONLY. These results accurately represent the racial makeup of the national electorate. Oversample interviews among African Americans were aggreggated and tabulated separately from the national crossection.

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1a. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	100	CONTINUE	[139]
Not registered	-	TERMINATE	
Not sure	-		

1b. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

								Hign	LOW	
	<u>4/08</u> +	3/7- 10/08+	<u>1/08</u> +	<u>12/07</u> +	11/07	9/07	<u>7/07</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>7/92</u> +	
Headed in the right direction	15	20	20	22	21	25	19	72	14	[140]
Off on the wrong track	73	66	68	63	67	63	67	11	71	
Mixed (VOL)	10	11	9	13	9	9	11	11	9	
Not sure	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	6	6	
		6/07	4/07	3/07	1/07	12/06	10/28-	10/13-	9/30-	
							<u>30/06</u> +	<u> 16/06</u> +	<u>10/2/06</u> +	
		19	22	25	28	28	29	26	29	
		68	66	58	57	58	56	61	58	
		11	12	14	13	11	13	11	11	
		2	-	3	2	3	2	2	2	
		9/8-	7/06	6/06	4/06	3/06	1/06	12/05	<u>11/05</u>	
		<u>11/06</u> +	<u></u>	· <u></u>			<u> </u>		<del></del>	
		31	27	27	24	26	31	30	26	
		54	60	61	67	62	57	59	63	
		12	11	10	7	9	10	8	8	
		3	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	
		<u>10/05</u>	9/05	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04</u> +
		28	32	34	35	34	42	40	41	39
		59	57	52	52	51	48	47	46	48
		10	8	12	10	12	8	10	11	10
		3	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	3

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.1b (cont'd)

	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>8/04</u> +	<u>7/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	3/04	1/04	12/14/03	12/13/03
Headed in the right direction	39	36	36	36	33	41	47	56	41
Off on the wrong track	49	50	48	48	50	49	43	30	48
Mixed (VOL)	10	12	14	14	14	5	6	9	8
Not sure	2	2	2	2	3	5	4	5	3
	11/03	9/03	7/03	<u>5/03</u> +	4/03	1/03	12/02	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02
	43	38	42	49	62	36	43	44	42
	47	50	44	38	22	47	42	42	43
	6	8	9	8	13	14	13	14	12
	3	4	4	5	3	3	2	-	3
	7/02	6/02	4/02	1/02	12/01	9/01	6/01	<u>1/01</u>	10/00
	40	52	53	62	70	72	43	45	48
	42	31	28	20	15	11	39	36	32
	14	14	15	14	12	11	14	15	18
	4	3	4	4	3	6	4	4	2

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? +

18-24	6	[141-142]
25-29	5	
30-34	14	
35-39	5	
40-44	9	
45-49	10	
50-54	9	
55-59	11	
60-64	11	
65-69	6	
70-74	6	
75 and over	7	
Not sure/refused	1	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? +

Yes, Hispanic	8	[143]
No, not Hispanic	91	
Not sure/refused	1	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else? +

79	[144]
10	
3	
6	
1	
	10 1 3

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president? 3a.

		3/7-	<u>1/08</u> +	<u>12/07</u> +	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	High <u>11/01</u>	Low <u>6/07</u>	
Approve	<u>4/08</u> + 27	<u>10/08</u> + 32	32	34	31	33	31	88	29	[145]
Disapprove	66	63	63	60	63	61	63	7	66	[]
Not sure	7	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	
		0/07	4/07	0/07	4/07	40/00	10/28-	10/13-		
		<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>3/07</u>	<u>1/07</u>	<u>12/06</u>	30/06+	16/06+		
		29	35	35	35	34	39	38		
		66	60	60	60	61	57	57		
		5	5	5	5	5	4	5		
		9/30- 10/2/06+	9/8- 11/06+	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>		
		39	42	39	37	36	37	39		
		56	53	56	58	57	58	54		
		5	5	5	5	7	5	7		
		12/05	10/05	9/05	7/05	<u>5/05</u>	4/05	<u>2/05</u>		
		39	39	40	46	47	48	<u> </u>		
		55	54	55	49	47	46	45		
		6	7	5	5	6	6	5		
		<u>1/05</u>	12/04	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>8/04</u> +	<u>7/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +		
		50 44	49 44	49 47	47 48	47 49	48 46	45 49		
		6	7	47	40 5	48 5	46 6	49 6		
		<u>5/04</u> +	<u>3/04</u>	12/14/03	12/13/03	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>		
		47	50	58	52	51	49	56		
		46 7	46 5	34 9	41 7	44 5	45 6	38 6		
		,	3	9	,	3	U	U		
		<u>5/03</u> +	<u>4/03</u>	3/29- <u>30/03</u>	3/23/03	3/17/03	<u>2/03</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>1/03</u>		
		62	71	66	67	62	61	54		
		31	23	29	28	33	31	40		
		7	6	5	5	5	8	6		
		<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	7/02	6/02	<u>5/02</u>	4/02	<u>4/01</u>		
		63	64	67	69	75	74	57		
		31	30	27	23	18	20	22		
		6	6	6	8	7	6	21		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations. + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy? 3b.

								High	Low	
		3/7-	<u>1/08</u> +	12/07+	11/07	9/07	7/07	<u>12/01</u>	3/7-	
	<u>4/08</u> +*	10/08+							<u>10/08</u> +	
Approve	21	28	30	35	35	38	38	63	28	[146]
Disapprove	73	66	64	58	60	57	56	25	66	
Not sure	6	6	6	7	5	5	6	12	6	
		6/07	4/07	3/07	<u>1/07</u>	12/06	10/28-	10/13-	9/30-	
							30/06+	<u>16/06</u> +	10/2/06+	
		36	40	44	40	40	46	44	41	
		57	51	49	53	54	48	52	53	
		7	9	7	7	6	6	4	6	
		9/8-	7/06	6/06	4/06	3/06	1/06	12/05	<u>11/05</u>	
		<u>11/06+</u>								
		43	41	38	35	36	39	39	38	
		52	53	56	60	58	54	55	57	
		5	6	6	5	6	7	6	5	
		9/05	<u>7/05</u>	<u>5/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04</u> +	
		40	39	43	41	46	47	44	45	
		55	54	51	53	50	47	51	52	
		5	7	6	6	4	6	5	3	
		<u>9/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>8/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	<u>5/04</u> +	3/04	<u>1/04</u>	12/13/03	
		45	45	43	45	41	45	49	48	
		51	51	52	49	53	51	45	46	
		4	4	5	6	6	4	6	6	
		<u>11/03</u>	9/03	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03</u> +	<u>4/03</u>	1/03	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02</u> +	
		50	43	45	47	49	44	47	48	
		44	52	48	45	42	49	45	44	
		5	6	7	8	9	7	8	8	
		9/02	7/02	6/02	4/02	1/02	12/01	<u>4/01</u>		
		48	49	57	61	63	63	52		
		43	43	34	30	27	25	27		
		9	8	9	9	10	12	21		

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

	4/08+**	3/7- 10/08+	<u>1/08</u> +	<u>12/07</u> +	<u>11/07</u>	<u>9/07</u>	<u>7/07</u>	<u>6/07</u>	<u>4/07</u>	
Approve Disapprove Not sure	31 63 6	33 62 5	29 66 5	34 62 4	27 68 5	30 66 4	22 72 6	26 68 6	27 66 7	[147]
		<u>3/07</u>	1/07	<u>12/06</u>	10/28- 30/06+	10/13- <u>16/06</u> +	9/8- <u>11/06</u> +	<u>7/06</u>	<u>6/06</u>	
		27	28	23	34	33	38	34	35	
		67	67	71	63	63	57	61	61	
		6	5	6	3	4	5	5	4	
		4/06	3/06	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>11/05</u>	9/05	7/05	<u>5/05</u>	
		33	35	39	36	32	37	39	44	
		62	61	56	60	64	58	55	52	
		5	4	5	4	4	5	6	4	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4. Please tell me how interested you are in November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a "ten" means that you are very interested in November's elections and a "one" means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten.

	<u>4/08</u> +	3/7- 10/08+	<u>1/08</u> +	<u>12/07</u> +	<u>11/07</u>	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>8/04</u> +	
10, very interested	65	67	66	65	59	74	71	63	[148-149]
9	9	8	10	8	9	8	7	10	
8	11	10	10	12	12	9	9	12	
7	4	5	4	5	7	3	5	6	
6	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	
5	3	3	4	4	5	2	4	4	
4	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	
3	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	
2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
1, not at all interested	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	
Cannot rate	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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5. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat Positive	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[150]
April 2008+	12	19	13	14	42	-	
March 24-25, 2008+	16	17	12	13	41	1	
March 7-10, 2008+	16	18	10	12	43	1	
January 2008+	15	18	10	17	40	-	
December 2007+	16	21	10	13	40	-	
November 2007	17	17	10	14	41	1	
September 2007	18	18	11	13	40	-	
July 2007	13	20	11	15	41	-	
June 2007	12	20	11	15	42	-	
April 2007	17	19	13	14	37	-	
March 2007	18	20	9	14	39	-	
January 2007	17	18	12	17	35	1	
December 2006	19	19	10	15	37	-	
October 28-30, 2006+	23	17	10	14	36	-	
July 2006	21	18	10	15	36	-	
January 2006	24	17	12	13	33	1	
November 2005	20	18	12	15	35	-	
September 2005	24	18	10	14	34	-	
July 2005	27	20	10	15	28	-	
January 2005	32	19	9	15	25	-	
June 2004+	33	15	8	14	30	-	
January 2004	38	17	8	13	24	-	
High							
December 2001	54	26	9	6	5	-	
Low							
June 2007	12	20	11	15	42	-	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton							[151/157]
April 2008+	20	22	14	19	25	-	
March 24-25, 2008+	17	20	15	21	27	-	
March 7-10, 2008+	22	23	11	14	29	1	
January 2008+	23	23	11	11	31	1	
December 2007+	21	19	14	12	33	1	
November 2007	19	24	12	14	30	1	
September 2007	20	24	13	13	29	1	
July 2007	20	24	16	12	27	1	
June 2007	18	24	15	16	26	1	
March 2007	16	23	17	15	28	1	
December 2006	21	22	17	12	26	2	
April 2006	19	19	19	13	28	2	
December 2004	24	21	14	11	29	1	
December 13, 2003	21	25	12	12	30	1	
July 2003	16	21	20	13	27	3	
March 2001	16	19	15	18	31	1	
January 2001	27	22	13	12	24	2	
October 2000+	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+	19	22	16	13	29	1	
March 2000+	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999	21	24	13	16	25	1	
High							
January 1999	35	23	16	11	14	1	
Low							
March 2001	16	19	. 15	18	31	1	

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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
John McCain							[152/158]
April 2008+	11	29	27	17	13	3	
March 24-25, 2008+	14	31	26	15	10	4	
March 7-10, 2008+	15	32	23	15	12	3	
January 2008+	15	31	26	15	7	6	
December 2007+	10	28	28	21	7	6	
November 2007	8	27	31	19	7	8	
September 2007	9	27	26	18	11	9	
July 2007	7	28	25	20	9	11	
April 2007	11	31	27	15	7	9	
March 2007	12	31	25	15	9	8	
December 2006	13	33	22	16	4	12	
June 2006	11	29	29	11	5	15	
April 2006	12	27	28	13	6	14	
August 2004+	18	33	26	8	4	11	
July 2004+	19	30	30	9	2	10	
May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11	
July 2002	12	29	27	10	5	17	
April 2002	18	29	25	9	3	16	
June 2001	15	29	26	11	6	13	
April 2001	17	30	25	9	3	16	
January 2001	16	28	29	7	3	17	
July 2000+	18	32	25	9	6	10	
April 2000+	16	30	27	12	5	10	
January 2000	14	20	27	8	3	28	
December 1999	12	22	24	4	2	36	
High							
May 2004+	20	30	26	8	5	11	
Low							
October 1999	9	20	22	5	2	42	

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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Barack Obama							[153/159]
April 2008+	23	23	16	17	20	1	
March 24-25, 2008+	24	25	18	16	16	1	
March 7-10, 2008+	25	26	18	13	15	3	
January 2008+	18	29	22	12	15	4	
December 2007+	17	29	23	13	12	6	
November 2007	15	28	24	12	12	9	
September 2007	15	27	23	13	12	10	
July 2007	16	26	24	12	10	12	
April 2007	19	26	25	8	6	16	
March 2007	18	19	26	11	6	20	
December 2006	17	18	18	7	6	34	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	17	18	5	6	40	
Bill Clinton							[154/160]
April 2008+	18	21	18	18	24	1	
March 24-25, 2008+	20	22	15	18	25	-	
March 7-10, 2008+	20	22	11	13	32	2	
January 2008	24	23	14	11	27	1	
November 2007+	25	22	13	14	26	-	
March 2007	27	21	16	14	21	1	
April 2006	27	23	16	12	21	1	
October 2004+	26	22	13	11	27	1	
June 2004+	20	22	16	14	27	1	
January 2002	17	19	13	13	36	2	
April 2001	20	20	15	11	34	-	
January 2001	32	24	11	12	21	-	
September 2000+	25	25	10	13	27	-	
July 2000+	22	27	11	12	28	-	_
High							
January 1993	33	31	15	9	7	5	
Low							
March 2001	17	17	13	14	38	1	

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Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Republican Party							[155]
April 2008+ *	8	19	23	22	26	2	
March 7-10 2008+	10	24	15	21	28	2	
January 2008+	13	21	26	20	18	2	
November 2007+	9	25	23	21	21	1	
September 2007	8	23	20	27	20	2	
July 2007	8	25	19	23	23	2	
June 2007	7	21	21	23	26	2	
January 2007	10	23	21	23	21	2	
December 2006	11	22	19	22	24	2	
October 28-30, 2006+	15	20	16	20	28	1	
October 13-16, 2006+	11	21	18	19	30	1	
September 30-October 2, 2006+	11	26	18	17	27	1	
September 8-11, 2006+	13	24	17	20	25	1	
July 2006	11	22	18	21	25	3	
June 2006	10	24	18	21	26	1	
April 2006	9	26	20	21	22	2	
March 2006	10	24	21	22	21	2	
January 2006	13	24	20	20	22	1	
November 2005	9	23	23	19	24	2	
October 2005	13	23	23	20	19	2	
September 2005	14	23	20	19	22	2	
July 2005	12	26	20	21	20	1	
May 2005	13	27	17	19	22	2	
February 2005	17	27	19	18	18	1	
December 2004	19	27	18	16	18	2	
October 2004+	20	24	18	15	22	1	
September 2004+	21	22	16	18	22	1	
August 2004+	18	26	17	16	22	1	
July 2004+	18	25	20	18	18	1	
September 2003	17	26	17	19	18	3	
July 2003	18	30	16	16	16	3	
December 2002	21	26	22	15	14	2	
July 2002	18	25	22	17	14	4	
July 2000+	15	28	24	16	15	2	
High							
December 2001	21	36	18	13	9	3	
Low							
June 2007	7	21	21	23	26	2	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party							[156]
April 2008+ *	17	27	22	15	17	2	
March 7-10 2008+	20	25	18	16	19	2	
January 2008+	23	23	19	17	17	1	
November 2007+	11	27	24	19	18	1	
September 2007	8	26	27	22	16	1	
July 2007	15	27	21	20	15	2	
June 2007	12	30	22	19	16	1	
January 2007	13	29	26	16	14	2	
December 2006	17	29	23	19	10	2	
October 28-30, 2006+	14	25	25	18	17	1	
October 13-16, 2006+	11	26	26	19	16	2	
September 30-October 2, 2006+	9	29	26	17	17	2	
September 8-11, 2006+	11	23	24	21	19	2	
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	
June 2006	10	25	25	22	17	1	
April 2006	9	24	27	23	16	1	
March 2006	8	24	30	22	15	1	
January 2006	11	25	28	20	15	1	
November 2005	8	25	29	20	16	2	
October 2005	10	24	32	19	13	2	
September 2005	11	26	29	18	14	2	
July 2005	9	25	28	22	14	2	
May 2005	12	26	26	20	14	2	
February 2005	14	28	28	16	13	1	
December 2004	18	26	22	19	14	1	
October 2004+	17	25	22	16	19	1	
September 2004+	16	26	20	18	19	1	
August 2004+	17	24	23	16	19	1	
July 2004+	16	25	24	19	14	2	
September 2003	11	29	22	19	16	3	
July 2003	11	25	25	20	16	3	
December 2002	13	27	27	16	15	2	
July 2002	10	29	25	21	13	2	
July 2000+	19	27	24	15	14	1	
High							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
Low							
July 2006	7	25	27	22	17	2	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.5 (cont'd)	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewhat <u>Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negative</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not Sure</u>	
Howard Dean							[161]
April 2008+ **	5	12	29	11	18	25	
July 2005	3	14	27	17	16	23	
February 2005	8	20	28	12	15	17	
January 2005	4	18	32	12	12	22	
January 2004	7	20	20	13	21	19	
December 13, 2003	9	19	19	12	14	27	
November 2003	3	15	21	11	10	39	
September 2003	3	15	21	10	10	42	
July 2003	5	10	16	5	9	55	
Mitt Romney							[162]
April 2008+ **	9	19	31	17	11	13	
January 2008	7	21	24	19	13	16	
December 2007	9	16	26	16	11	22	
November 2007	4	18	27	17	12	22	
September 2007	6	18	26	14	11	25	
June 2007	5	16	23	13	7	36	
March 2007	4	11	24	11	6	44	
December 2006	3	8	22	7	4	56	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

6a. Let me list some issues that have been proposed for the federal government to address. Please tell me which one of these items you think should be the top priority for the federal government. (IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which do you think should be the top priority?

### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO CHOOSE A PRIORITY IN Q.6a.)

6b. And which of these issues do you think should be the next highest priority for the federal government to address?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOP PRIORITY

	Q.6a Top Priority		Q.6a/b COMBINED Top/Second Priorities	
	<u>4/08</u> +		<u>4/08</u> +	
Job creation and economic growth	23		43	[163-166]
The war in Iraq	18		39	
Energy and the cost of gas	16		33	
Health care	11		26	
Terrorism	8	CONTINUE	17	
Illegal immigration	8		18	
The environment and global warming	5		12	
The mortgage and housing situation	3		10	
Other (VOL)	-		1	
All equally (VOL)	7		-	
None of these (VOL)	1	Skip to Q.7	-	
Not sure	-		-	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

	Top Priority			T	OMBINED op/Second Priorities	
	3/7- 10/08+	<u>1/08</u> +	<u>12/07</u> +	3/7- 10/08+	<u>1/08</u> +	<u>12/07</u> +
Job creation and economic growth	26	27	14	50	46	32
The war in Iraq	19	17	18	42	36	36
Health care	12	17	18	29	34	35
Energy and the cost of gas	10	6	8	22	18	20
Terrorism	9	10	9	20	19	20
Illegal immigration	9	11	12	19	22	25
The environment and global warming	4	5	6	9	12	15
Foreign policy and Iran	2	5	5	7	12	13
Other (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	1
All equally (VOL)	8	2	9	1	1	-
None of these (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not sure	1	-	1	-	-	-

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7. Have you seen, read, or heard anything in the past couple weeks about **(READ ITEM)** or (his/her) campaign for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** Has what you have heard given you a more favorable or less favorable impression of **(READ ITEM)**? +\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY	THE PERCENTAGE WHO	SAY MORE FAVORABLE
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		Yes				
	More Favorable	Less <u>Favorable</u>	No Difference (VOL)	No, Have Not Seen/Read/ Heard <u>Anything</u>	Not Sure	
Hillary Clinton	26	38	26	9	1	[168]
Barack Obama	25	37	27	10	1	[169]
John McCain	21	24	28	26	1	[167]

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8. Putting aside for a moment the question of who each party's nominee might be, what is your preference for the outcome of the 2008 presidential election—that a Democrat be elected president, or that a Republican be elected president? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) And do you strongly prefer a (Democrat/Republican), or is your preference not that strong?

	<u>4/08</u> +	3/7- 10/08+	<u>11/07</u> +	<u>9/07</u> +	<u>4/07</u>	
Democrat						
Strongly	45	44	41	40	39	[170]
Not strongly	6	6	8	7	10	
Republican						
Not strongly	8	8	8	9	6	
Strongly	25	29	31	29	25	
Other (VOL)	4	4	2	4	6	
Not sure	12	9	11	11	14	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

9a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? +

Strong Democrat	26		[171]
Not very strong Democrat	8	Skip to Q.10	
Independent/lean Democrat	12		
Strictly independent	16	CONTINUE	
Independent/lean Republican	9	_	
Not very strong Republican	8	Skip to Q.17a	
Strong Republican	16		
Other	4	CONTINUE	
Not sure/nothing	1		

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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#### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.9a.)

9b. Have you already voted in a presidential primary, will you be voting in a presidential primary in the future, or will you wait to vote in the general election? +

Have already voted	43	CONTINUE	[172]
Will be voting in the future	13	Skip to Q.9d	
Will wait until the general election	40		
None/other (VOL)	3	Skip to Q.16a	
Not sure	1	-	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

#### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "HAVE ALREADY VOTED" IN Q.9b.)

9c. Did you vote in the Democratic primary or the Republican primary? +

### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "WILL BE VOTING IN THE FUTURE" IN Q.9b.)

9d. Do you plan to vote in the Democratic primary or the Republican primary? +

Democratic primary	52	CONTINUE	[174]
Republican primary	33		
Neither/other (VOL)	6	Skip to Q.16a	
Not sure	9	•	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

# (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

10. Regardless of whether you have already voted or not, if the Democratic primary election were being held today would you vote for Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama? (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

		3/24-	3/7-		
	<u>4/08</u> +	<u>25/08</u> +	<u>10/08</u> +	<u> 1/08</u> +	
Hillary Clinton	43	45	47	53	[175]
Barack Obama	46	45	43	37	
Other (VOL)	1	1	1	1	
None (VOL)	3	1	2	1	
Not sure	7	8	7	8	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

	12/07	11/07	9/07	7/07	6/07	4/07	3/07	12/06
Hillary Clinton	45	47	44	43	39	36	40	37
Barack Obama	23	25	23	22	25	31	28	18
John Edwards	13	11	16	13	15	20	15	14
Joe Biden	4	3	2	5	4	3	2	4
Dennis Kucinich	4	2	3	2	3	1	1	NA
Bill Richardson	2	4	4	6	4	2	5	2
Chris Dodd	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	NA
Mike Gravel	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA
Other (VOL)	-	3	1	1	2	1	1	17
None (VOL)	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3
Not sure	7	4	5	5	5	5	5	5

# (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

11. Who do you think would have the better chance of defeating the Republican nominee in the general election in November—Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama?

	<u>4/08</u> +	3/7- 10/08+	
Hillary Clinton	40	38	[176]
Barack Obama	47	48	
Other (VOL)	1	1	
None (VOL)		2	
Not sure	11	11	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

# (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

12. If **(READ ITEM)** were selected as the Democratic nominee, would you vote for this person with enthusiasm, with some reservations, only based on who the opponent was, or not vote for that person?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VOTE WITH ENTHUSIASM

	Vote With Enthusiasm	Vote With Some Reservations	Vote Only Based On Opponent	Not Vote For That <u>Person</u>	Not Sure	
Barack Obama						[177]
April 2008+	51	24	5	17	3	
January 2008	52	26	10	10	2	
December 2007	44	29	10	13	4	
Hillary Clinton						[178]
April 2008+	51	26	6	14	3	
January 2008	60	24	9	7	-	
December 2007	50	28	12	9	1	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

# (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

13a. Have you already voted in the Democratic primary, or has your state not yet had a primary? +

Have already voted	64	CONTINUE	[179]
State has not yet had primary	24	Skip to Q.14a	
Not sure	12	-	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

#### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE ALREADY VOTED IN Q.13a.)

13b. When you voted, did you vote for Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, or someone else? +

Voted for Hillary Clinton	44	[180]
Voted for Barack Obama	45	
Voted for someone else	7	
Do not remember/not sure	4	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

#### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE ALREADY VOTED IN Q.13a.)

13c. Regardless of how you already voted, suppose the election were being held today—would you vote for Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama? +

	All Democratic Primary Voters	Clinton Voters (Q.13b)	Obama Voters (Q.13b)	
Would vote for Hillary Clinton	45	90	4	[208]
Would vote for Barack Obama	48	5	92	
Not sure	7	5	4	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

#### (ROTATE Q.14a AND Q.14b.)

## (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

14a. If Barack Obama is selected as the Democratic nominee, do you think he should or should not choose Hillary Clinton as his vice presidential running mate? +

Should choose Hillary Clinton as running mate	48	[209]
Should NOT choose Hillary Clinton as running mate	39	
Depends (VOL)	5	
Not sure	8	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

# (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

14b. If Hillary Clinton is selected as the Democratic nominee, do you think she should or should not choose Barack Obama as her vice presidential running mate? +

Should choose Barack Obama as running mate	51	[210]
Should NOT choose Barack Obama as running mate	35	
Depends (VOL)	3	
Not sure	11	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

# (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

15. Now I'd like you to compare Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama on a few qualities that people might look for in a president. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Hillary Clinton would be better or Barack Obama would be better on that item. If you think that both would be equally good or that neither would be good on a particular item, just say so. Who do you think would be better when it comes to (READ ITEM)—Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama, or do you think that both would be equally good or neither would be good? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HILLARY CLINTON BETTER

	Hillary Clinton <u>Better</u>	Barack Obama <u>Better</u>	Both Equally <u>Good</u>	Neither <u>Good</u>	Depends (VOL)	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Being knowledgeable and experienced enough to handle the presidency	52	16	26	5	-	1	[214]
Representing traditional American values	36	22	31	7	-	4	[217]
Being a strong leader	35	28	32	3	-	2	[216]
Being patriotic and devoted to the country	29	16	50	3	-	2	[212]
Bringing real change to the country	26	44	23	5	1	1	[218]
Being able to unite the country and get people working together	25	43	22	8	-	2	[215]
Being optimistic and forward-looking	21	43	31	3	-	2	[213]
Being honest and trustworthy	20	42	26	9	-	3	[211]

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT, INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.9a.)

16a. It now appears that the contest for the Democratic nomination between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama may continue at least through the end of the primary season in June. Do you feel that this is good for the Democratic Party or bad for the Democratic Party in their efforts to win the general election in November, or will it not make a difference either way?

	4	/08+	3/7-10/08+	
	Democratic		Democratic	
	Primary		Primary	
	Voters	<u>Independents</u>	Voters	
Good for the Democratic Party	21	22	25	[219]
Bad for the Democratic Party	37	44	38	
No difference either way	38	31	31	
Not sure	4	3	6	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

In addition to primaries and caucuses, the Democratic selection rules for the presidential nominee include the votes of elected officeholders or party officials who are often called superdelegates. If one of the candidates loses among delegates selected by voters but still wins the nomination by winning among superdelegates, would you consider that nominee legitimate, would you consider that nominee NOT legitimate, or do you not have an opinion either way?

	4/08+	3/24- 25/08+	3/7- 10/08+	
Would consider nominee legitimate	31	32	29	[220]
Would consider nominee NOT legitimate	37	41	38	• •
No opinion either way	27	20	28	
Not sure	5	7	5	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

## (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.9a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.9c OR Q.9d.)

16c. Let us suppose that at the end of the Democratic primaries neither candidate has won the necessary number of voter-selected delegates to be nominated. If **(READ ITEM)** was to receive more votes from the superdelegates and win the nomination, would you vote for (him/her) in the general election in November, vote for the Republican nominee in the general election, or not vote in the general election? +

	Would Vote For In The General Election	Would Vote For Republican Nominee	Would Not Vote	Not Sure	
Hillary Clinton	76	10	9	5	[221]
Barack Obama	75	10	9	6	[222]

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

17a. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

Republican-controlled Congress  Democrat-controlled Congress  Not sure	4/08+ 34 49 17	3/7- 10/08+ 35 49 16	10/28- 30/06+ 37 52 11	10/13- 16/06+ 37 52 11	9/30- 10/2/06+ 39 48 13	9/8- 11/06+ 39 48 13	7/06+ 38 48 14	[223]
		<u>6/06</u> +	<u>4/06</u> +	<u>3/06</u> +	<u>1/06</u> +	<u>12/05</u> +	<u>11/05</u> +	
		38	39	37	38	38	37	
		49	45	50	47	46	48	
		13	16	13	15	16	15	
		<u>10/05</u> +	<u>7/05</u> +	<u>5/05</u> +	<u>10/04</u> +	<u>9/04</u> +	<u>6/04</u> +	
		39	40	40	43	42	42	
		48	45	47	44	46	44	
		13	15	13	13	12	14	
		<u>5/04</u> +	<u>3/04</u> +	<u>1/04</u>	12/13/03	<u>10/02</u> +	9/02	
		41	42	42	42	43	42	
		44	45	43	42	42	42	
		15	13	15	16	15	16	
		7/02	6/02	1/02	12/01	12/99	10/99	
		43	42	44	42	40	39	
		41	41	40	40	44	41	
		16	17	16	18	16	20	
		7/99	6/99	4/99	3/99	<u>10/98</u> +	9/98	
		39	42	41	37	41	40	
		43	41	40	43	43	39	
		18	17	19	20	16	21	
		7/98	6/98	4/99	2/98	<u>1/98</u>	12/97	
		41	39	41	41	40	41	
		40	40	40	37	42	37	
		19	21	19	22	18	22	
		9/97	<u>7/97</u>	4/97	<u>1/96</u>	12/95	10/94	
		41	45	44	41	42	44	
		39	39	38	38	41	38	
		20	16	18	21	17	18	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

#### (Q.17b AND Q.17c ARE ROTATED.)

17b. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Barack Obama were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

	4/08+	3/24- 25/08+	3/7- 10/08+	<u>1/08</u> +	<u>4/07</u>	<u>12/06</u> +	
John McCain	43	42	44	43	39	43	[224]
Barack Obama	46	44	47	41	45	38	
Depends (VOL)	1	3	1	4	1	3	
Neither/other (VOL)	5	4	3	5	5	6	
Not sure	5	7	5	7	10	10	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

17c. If the next election for president were held today, and John McCain were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?

John McCain Hillary Clinton Depends (VOL) Neither/other (VOL) Not sure	4/08+ 44 45 1 5	3/24- <u>25/08</u> + 46 44 1 4 5	3/7- 10/08+ 45 47 1 3 4	1/08+ 47 43 1 3 6	11/07+ 45 46 1 4	12/06+ 47 43 1 5 4	10/28- 30/06+ 45 36 3 8	[225]

<u>11/05</u> -
44
42
1
6
7

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

### (Q.18a AND Q.18b ARE ROTATED.)

18a. If Barack Obama were selected to be the presidential candidate with Hillary Clinton as his vice presidential running mate, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for Barack Obama for president, or would it not make a difference to you either way? +

More likely	19	[226]
Less likely	25	
No difference either way	55	
Not sure	1	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

18b. If Hillary Clinton were selected to be the presidential candidate with Barack Obama as her vice presidential running mate, would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for Hillary Clinton for president, or would it not make a difference to you either way? +

More likely	21	[227]
Less likely	21	
No difference either way	57	
Not sure	1	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. For each of the following candidates, please tell me whether that person has a background and set of values that you can identify with, or whether they do NOT have a background and set of values that you can identify with.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HAS BACKGROUND/SET OF VALUES I IDENTIFY WITH

		Does NOT		
	Has	Have		
	Background/	Background/		
	Set Of Values	Set Of Values	Not	
	I Identify With	I Identify With	<u>Sure</u>	
John McCain				[229]
April 2008+	54	35	11	
March 24-25, 2008+	57	32	11	
Hillary Clinton				[228]
April 2008+	46	46	8	
March 24-25, 2008+	43	52	5	
Barack Obama				[230]
April 2008+	45	46	9	
March 24-25, 2008+	50	39	11	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

20. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)** ability to deal with economic issues, would you say you are very confident, fairly confident, just somewhat confident, or not at all confident in (his/her) ability? + \*\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY CONFIDENT

	Very	Fairly	Somewhat	Not At All	Not	
	<u>Confident</u>	<u>Confident</u>	<u>Confident</u>	<u>Confident</u>	<u>Sure</u>	
Hillary Clinton's	21	19	30	29	1	[231]
Barack Obama's	15	20	28	34	3	[233]
John McCain's	11	23	34	26	6	[232]

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

21. In deciding your vote for president, will the **(READ ITEM)** be the single most important factor, one of several important factors, or not an important factor? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR

		One Of			
	Single Most Important <u>Factor</u>	Several Important <u>Factors</u>	Not An Important <u>Factor</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Candidate's race	4	11	84	1	[235]
Candidate's gender	3	9	88	-	[234]

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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22. Now let me read you some critical things that have been said of the candidates. For each one, please tell me whether this issue gives you major concerns, moderate concerns, minor concerns, or no real concerns about that candidate. +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAJOR CONCERNS

	Major <u>Concerns</u>	Moderate Concerns	Minor Concerns	No Real Concerns	Not <u>Sure</u>	
John McCain will be too closely aligned with the Bush agenda. He has voted eighty-nine percent of the time for the Bush administration's programs	43	18	11	27	1	[236]
It's hard to tell where Hillary Clinton stands on the issues because she changes her positions on things like NAFTA and drivers licenses for illegal immigrants to improve her chances of being elected	36	26	17	20	1	[237]
Barack Obama is out of touch with the values of residents of small-town America when he states that they are bitter and cling to religion and guns	34	16	15	34	1	[242]
It is hard to know Barack Obama's values because he has friends like Reverend Jeremiah Wright and William Ayers	32	15	15	36	2	[238]
It is hard to tell where John McCain stands on the issues because he changes his positions on things like making the recent federal tax cuts permanent and opposing new gun control laws to improve his chances of being elected	31	28	19	21	1	[240]
It is hard to trust Hillary Clinton's honesty about her past, because of such instances as when she claimed she came under sniper fire when visiting Bosnia	31	20	17	31	1	[239]
Hillary Clinton's being elected would mean that Bill Clinton would have too much influence on policy decisions	27	13	16	43	1	[241]
Barack Obama is not patriotic enough as shown by the fact that he does not wear an American flag pin on his lapel	17	10	14	59	-	[243]
John McCain is too old to be president. If elected, he will be seventy-two years old when he is inaugurated and seventy-six years old when he finishes his first term in office	16	16	19	48	1	[244]

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

### Turning to the economy . . .

How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

Very satisfied	4/08+* 2 12 28 58	12/07 5 27 28 40	9/06+ 10 33 32 25	1/04 6 45 30 18 1	12/02 3 33 38 25 1	High 9/98 31 55 10 3 1	Low 12/07 5 27 28 40	[245]
	10/02+ 4 27 37 31 1	9/02 2 32 41 24 1	7/02 4 42 39 14 1	4/02 6 44 33 15 2	1/02 4 43 39 13 1	12/01 5 47 32 15	1/01 18 57 18 6 1	
		4/00+ 29 52 12 6	10/99 23 53 17 7	12/98 26 54 13 6 1	10/98+ 27 55 12 5	9/98 31 55 10 3	12/97 18 52 20 8 2	
		9/97 13 52 23 10 2	6/97 10 51 27 10 2	3/97 13 45 27 13 2	12/96 9 51 27 11 2	9/96 7 49 30 12 2	6/96 5 43 32 18 2	
		5/96+ 4 43 38 14	3/96 3 39 37 19 2	1/96 3 37 38 19 3	7/95 4 39 35 21 1	4/95 4 40 37 18 1	12/94 4 41 38 15 2	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

23b. How satisfied are you with your own financial situation today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

Very satisfied	4/08+* 17 42 20 21	12/07 21 46 17 16	1/04 19 50 18 13	12/02 17 44 21 17	10/02+ 18 40 23 19	7/02 16 47 24 13	1/02 19 50 19 12	High 9/98 26 52 14 7	Low 10/02+ 18 40 23 19 -	[246]
		<u>1/01</u>	<u>4/00</u> +	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>			
		21	25	21	22	25	26			
		50	51	53	50	51	52			
		17	13	14	18	13	14			
		11	10	11	10	10	7			
		1	1	1	-	1	1			
		<u>12/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	12/96	12/94			
		20	19	16	17	16	13			
		51	49	50	48	50	48			
		16	17	20	20	21	24			
		12	14	13	14	12	14			
		1	1	1	1	1	1			

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same? [247] 24.

	<u>4/08</u> +*	3/07	<u>1/07</u>	9/30- 10/2/06+	6/06	<u>4/06</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>1/06</u>	<u>12/05</u>
Economy will get better Economy will get worse Economy will stay about	19 45	16 31	21 16	22 22 22	16 39	17 44	24 27	24 30	26 34
the same Not sure	29	49	60	51	43	36	46	42	37
	7	4	3	5	2	3	3	4	3
	9/05	5/05	1/05	10/04+	9/04+	5/04+	3/04+	1/04	12/13/03
	16	28	43	43	43	42	44	50	53
	49	30	17	10	13	16	18	10	10
	32	36	36	33	33	34	35	37	33
	3	6	4	14	11	8	3	3	3
	11/03	9/03	7/03	5/03+	1/03	12/02	10/02+	9/02	7/02
	49	44	45	49	35	40	41	39	41
	15	19	16	17	25	20	20	18	20
	33	33	34	31	37	35	34	39	37
	3	4	4	3	3	5	5	4	2
	4/02 50 13 32 5	12/01 50 15 32 3	4/01 <sup>1</sup> 36 25 34 5	3/01 28 29 37 6	10/98+ 17 24 54 5	9/98 19 22 53 6	4/97 19 22 57 2	1/96 21 21 52 6	7/95 20 21 54 5
	4/95	12/94	10/94	9/94	6/94	5/94	3/94	1/94	10/93
	24	31	31	28	28	27	29	44	21
	23	17	24	24	17	21	16	16	27
	50	46	40	44	52	49	52	36	50
	3	6	5	4	3	3	3	4	2
	9/93	7/93	6/93	4/93	3/93	1/93	12/92	5/92	9/91
	23	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31
	24	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24
	51	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40
	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

<sup>1</sup> Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

25. Right now, do you think the United States is in an economic recession, or not?

			CBS/NYT Surveys				
	<u>4/08</u> +**	<u>3/08</u> <sup>1</sup>	1/08	8/02	1/02	9/20- 23/01	1
Yes, in a recession	81	66	53	56	70	63	[248]
No, not in a recession	15	27	41	39	25	32	
Not sure	4	7	6	5	5	6	
		9/12/01	<u>8/01</u>	4/23- 25/01	4/4- <u>5/01</u>	<u>2/01</u>	
		48	44	42	42	35	
		42	50	52	51	57	
		10	6	6	7	7	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

26. In politics, on social and cultural issues such as religion and morality, do you think of yourself as having a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative point of view? +

Liberal point of view	25	[249]
Moderate point of view	33	
Conservative point of view	39	
Not sure	3	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

#### Now thinking about Iraq . . .

27. General David Petraeus, the U.S. commander in Iraq, has suggested pausing the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq starting this summer. Would you favor or oppose this? + \*\*

Favor	55	[250]
Oppose	36	
Depends (VOL)	4	
Not sure	5	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

28. When it comes to the war in Iraq, which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

**Statement A:** The most responsible thing we can do is find a way to withdraw most of our troops from Iraq by the beginning of 2009.

**Statement B:** The most responsible thing we can do is to remain in Iraq until the situation in the country is stable.

	4/08+*	12/07	11/07	
Statement A/withdraw most troops by 2009	55	57	55	[251]
Statement B/remain until the situation is stable	40	40	40	
Not sure	5	3	5	

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Comparative data comes from surveys conducted for CBS/New York Times.

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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29. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)** approach on dealing with the situation in Iraq, do you think (he/she) generally has the right approach, the wrong approach, or do you not really know enough about this to have an opinion?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY RIGHT APPROACH

			Do Not Know		
	Right <u>Approach</u>	Wrong <u>Approach</u>	Enough To Have <u>Opinion</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
John McCain					[252]
April 2008+ *	27	36	34	3	
March 7-10, 2008+	35	32	29	4	
Hillary Clinton					[254]
April 2008+ *	24	28	43	5	
March 7-10, 2008+	30	32	34	4	
Barack Obama					[253]
April 2008+ *	24	29	43	4	
March 7-10, 2008+	27	31	38	4	

- \* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
- + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.
- 30. I'm going to read you statements about each of the candidates' positions on Iraq. For each one, please tell me whether you are totally in agreement with that position, mainly in agreement, feel neutral, are mainly in disagreement, or totally in disagreement with that position. + \*\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TOTALLY OR MAINLY IN AGREEMENT

	In Agreement		:	In Disagreement				
	Totally	<u>Mainly</u>	Feel Neutral	<u>Mainly</u>	<u>Totally</u>	Not Sure		
Barack Obama says that the American military is being severely strained, and that we should immediately begin reducing American forces in Iraq, drawing down all troops within a sixteenmonth period. He says that the best way to press Iraq's leaders to take responsibility for their future is to make it clear that we are leaving	29	26	11	13	19	2	[256]	
Hillary Clinton says that it is time to begin ending this war today. As president she would draw up a plan to begin bringing troops home within sixty days of her taking office. She says we should focus American aid efforts during our redeployment on stabilizing Iraq, not holding the Iraqi government together	22	25	15	17	19	2	[257]	
John McCain says that to achieve long-term success we must increase the American military force in Iraq to make the country secure for rebuilding its economy, training the Iraqi military, and creating political stability. He says that pulling U.S. forces out too early would increase the violence between Iraqis and create	19	17	13	19	29	3	roc51	
a new staging ground for Al Qaeda	19	17	. 13	19	23	: 3	[255]	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

### FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else? +

Voted—George W. Bush	44	[258]
Voted—John Kerry	35	
Voted—someone else	8	
Voted—refused (VOL)	1	
Did not vote	9	
Not sure	3	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F2. Are you currently employed? (IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work? +

Currently Employed		
Professional/ manager	24	[259]
White-collar worker	21	
Blue-collar worker	13	
Farmer, rancher	-	
Not Currently Employed		
Student	3	
Homemaker	6	
Retired	27	
Unemployed, looking for work	3	
Other	-	
Not sure	3	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE EMPLOYED IN Q.F2a.)

F2b. In your job, do you receive an annual salary or are you paid by the hour? +

Annual salary	51	[267]
Paid by the hour	42	
Not sure	7	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

[268-269]

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school? +

Grade school	1
Some high school	3
High school graduate	23
Some college, no degree	17
Vocational training/2-year college	12
4-year college/bachelor's degree	24
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree	12
Doctoral/law degree	3
Not sure/refused	2

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F4. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced? +

Single	17	[270]
Unmarried, living with partner	3	
Married	62	
Separated	1	
Widowed	8	
Divorced	7	
Other (VOL)	-	
Not sure/refused	2	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? (IF "LIBERAL" OR "CONSERVATIVE," ASK:) Do you consider yourself to be very (liberal/conservative) or somewhat (liberal/conservative)? +

Very liberal	8	[271]
Somewhat liberal		
Moderate	33	
Somewhat conservative	21	
Very conservative	16	
Not sure		

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F6a. What is your religion? +

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist,

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Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	55	CONTINUE	[272]
Catholic	20		<u> </u>
Jewish	2		
Muslim	-	Skip to Q.F7	
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1		
Other	7		<u> </u>
None	10	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused	5		

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

#### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F6a.)

F6b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way? +

Fundamentalist/evangelical	20	[273]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	48	
Not sure	8	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim /Mormon (Q.F6a)	24	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F7. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship? +

Never	17	[274]
Once a year	7	
A few times a year		
Once a month		
About twice a month	9	
Once a week or more often	38	
Not sure	4	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F8a. Are you a current or retired labor union member? +

#### (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY NO OR NOT SURE IN Q.F8a.)

F8b. Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member? +

Labor union member	13	[275-276]
Labor union household	8	
Non-union household	76	
Not sure	3	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F9. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that? +

Less than \$10,000	3	[277]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	5	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	8	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	17	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	14	
More than \$100,000	18	
Not sure/refused	17	

<sup>+</sup> Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.