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Interviews: 800 total interviews
Crossection of 700 registered voters
Oversample of 100 African American voters Total of 177 African American voters)
Dates: March 24-25, 2008

FINAL
Study \#6081
NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey
March 24-25, 2008
Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.
The margins of error for:
700 crossection interviews ("all voters") is $\pm 3.7 \%$
520 interviews with whites is $\pm 4.3 \%$
177 interviews with African Americans is $\mathbf{+ 7 . 4 \%}$

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

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

| Registered | 100 | CONTINUE | [138] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not registered. | - | TERMINATE |  |
|  |  |  |  |

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? +


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 ....................................
No, not Hispanic..........................
Not sure/refused ..............................
[141]

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

| White | 75 | [142] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Black. | 11 |  |
| Asian | 1 |  |
| Other | 4 |  |
| Hispanic (VOL) | 7 |  |
| Not sure/refused | 2 |  |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3. 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 Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| George W. Bush |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters ................................. | 16 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 41 | 1 |
| Whites ...................................... | 17 | 18 | 12 | 13 | 39 | 1 |
| African Americans .................. | 6 | 7 | 11 | 15 | 59 | 2 |
| March 7-10, 2008+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters ................................ | 16 | 18 | 10 | 12 | 43 | 1 |
| Whites ...................................... | 17 | 21 | 9 | 12 | 40 | 1 |
| African Americans ...................... | 2 | 7 | 12 | 18 | 60 | 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 | - |
|  | 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 | - |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

| Q. 3 (cont'd) | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 17 | 20 | 15 | 21 | 27 | - |
| Whites ...................................... | 15 | 19 | 14 | 22 | 29 | 1 |
| African Americans ..................... | 21 | 30 | 19 | 16 | 12 | 2 |
| March 7-10, 2008+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 22 | 23 | 11 | 14 | 29 | 1 |
| Whites ...................................... | 19 | 20 | 12 | 15 | 33 | 1 |
| African Americans ...................... | 29 | 34 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 1 |
| January 2008+.............................. | 23 | 23 | 11 | 11 | 31 | 1 |
| December 2007+.......................... | 21 | 19 | 14 | 12 | 33 | 1 |
|  | 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 |

    March 24-25, 2008 +
    All voters.................................... 17
Whites
African Americans
March 7-10, 2008+

Whites
19
29

21
19
20
20

16
,
24
21
6

27
20
9 1

24

| Q. 3 (cont'd) | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 14 | 31 | 26 | 15 | 10 | 4 |
| Whites...................................... | 15 | 34 | 27 | 15 | 7 | 2 |
| African Americans..................... | 5 | 15 | 23 | 21 | 26 | 10 |
| March 7-10, 2008+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 15 | 32 | 23 | 15 | 12 | 3 |
| Whites..................................... | 16 | 35 | 23 | 15 | 9 | 2 |
| African Americans..................... | 3 | 23 | 24 | 16 | 25 | 9 |
| 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 |

March 24-25, 2008 +

| Q. 3 (cont'd) | Very Positive | Somewhat Positive | Neutral | Somewhat Negative | Very Negative | Don't Know Name/ Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bill Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |  | [146] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters ............................. | 20 | 22 | 15 | 18 | 25 | - |  |
| Whites..................................... | 17 | 21 | 15 | 20 | 27 | - |  |
| African Americans.................... | 30 | 30 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 4 |  |
| March 7-10, 2008+...................... | 20 | 22 | 11 | 13 | 32 | 2 |  |
| January 2008 .............................. | 24 | 23 | 14 | 11 | 27 | 1 |  |
| November 2007+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters ............................. | 25 | 22 | 13 | 14 | 26 | - |  |
| Whites...................................... | 20 | 20 | 13 | 17 | 30 | - |  |
| African Americans..................... | 48 | 28 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 1 |  |
| 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 |  |
| Barack Obama |  |  |  |  |  |  | [147] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 24 | 25 | 18 | 16 | 16 | 1 |  |
| Whites...................................... | 17 | 25 | 20 | 18 | 19 | 1 |  |
| African Americans...................... | 65 | 17 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 |  |
| March 7-10, 2008+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 25 | 26 | 18 | 13 | 15 | 3 |  |
| Whites...................................... | 19 | 28 | 19 | 14 | 17 | 3 |  |
| African Americans. | 64 | 18 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 |  |
| 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 |  |
|  | 18 | 19 | 26 | 11 | 6 | 20 |  |
| December 2006. | 17 | 18 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 34 |  |
| October 28-30, 2006+.................... | 14 | 17 | 18 | 5 | 6 | 40 |  |
| Jeremiah Wright |  |  |  |  |  |  | [148] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 1 | 3 | 16 | 8 | 24 | 48 |  |
| Whites...................................... | 1 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 26 | 49 |  |
| African Americans...................... | 2 | 13 | 21 | 8 | 10 | 46 |  |

4a. 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? +

|  | All Voters | Whites | African Americans |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strong Democrat | 26 | 19 | 67 |  | [149] |
| Not very strong Democrat.................. | 8 | 8 | 9 | Skip to Q.5a |  |
| Independent/lean Democrat ............... | 10 | 10 | 8 |  |  |
| Strictly independent .......................... | 17 | 18 | 6 | CONTINUE |  |
| Independent/lean Republican............. | 9 | 11 | 1 |  |  |
| Not very strong Republican ................ | 9 | 11 | 2 | Skip to Q.6a |  |
| Strong Republican............................. | 16 | 19 | 4 |  |  |
| Other ............................................. | 3 | 3 | 1 | CONTINUE |  |
| Not sure/nothing............................. | 2 | 1 | 2 |  |  |

## (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE IN Q.4a.)

4b. 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 ............................. | 40 | CONTINUE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Will be voting in the future ............. | 15 | Skip to Q.4d |
| Will wait until the general election.... | 42 |  |
| None/other (VOL)................................................................... | 2 | Skip to Q.6a |
| Not sure ....... | 1 |  |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.
(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "HAVE ALREADY VOTED" IN Q.4b.)
4c. 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.4b.)
4d. Do you plan to vote in the Democratic primary or the Republican primary? +

| Democratic primary......................... | 48 | CONTINUE | [151-152] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Republican primary ......................... | 32 |  |  |
| Neither/other (VOL) ......................... | 9 | Skip to Q.6a |  |
| Not sure. | 11 |  |  |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.4a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.4c OR Q.4d.)
5a. 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?

|  | March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  | March 7-10, 2008 + |  |  | 1/08+ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ALL |  | African | ALL |  | African | ALL |
|  | Voters | Whites | Americans | Voters | Whites | Americans | Voters |
| Hillary Clinton. | 45 | 49 | 17 | 47 | 51 | 16 | 53 |
| Barack Obama ......................... | 45 | 41 | 68 | 43 | 39 | 68 | 37 |
| Other (VOL) ............................ | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| None (VOL) ............................ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | - | 1 |
| Not sure ................................. | 8 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 8 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

|  | 12/07 | 11/07 | 9/07 | $\underline{7 / 07}$ | 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.4a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.4c OR Q.4d.)
5b. If (READ CANDIDATE NAME) wins the Democratic nomination, do you think (he/she) can defeat John McCain in the general election in November, or not? +

|  | Can Defeat McCain | Cannot Defeat McCain | Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  | [154] |
| All voters ........................................ | 64 | 20 | 16 |  |
| Whites. | 62 | 21 | 17 |  |
| African Americans ............................. | 62 | 24 | 14 |  |
| Barack Obama |  |  |  | [155] |
| All voters ........................................ | 63 | 20 | 17 |  |
| Whites. | 60 | 23 | 17 |  |
| African Americans ........................... | 77 | 7 | 16 |  |

[^0](ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE A DEMOCRAT IN Q.4a OR THAT THEY WOULD VOTE OR HAVE VOTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN Q.4c OR Q.4d.)
5c. 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?

|  | March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  | March 7-10, 2008 + |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ALL |  | African | ALL |  | African |
|  | Voters | Whites | Americans | Voters | $\underline{\text { Whites }}$ | Americans |
| Would consider nominee legitimate ............. | 32 | 36 | 21 | 29 | 30 | 23 |
| Would consider nominee NOT legitimate ..... | 41 | 37 | 38 | 38 | 40 | 35 |
| No opinion either way ................................ | 20 | 20 | 31 | 28 | 24 | 38 |
| Not sure ................................................. | 7 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 4 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.


## (Q.6a AND Q.6b ARE ROTATED.)

6a. 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?

|  | March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  | March 7-10, 2008 + |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ALL |  | African | ALL |  | African |
|  | Voters | Whites | Americans | Voters | Whites | Americans |
| John McCain. | 42 | 49 | 5 | 44 | 48 | 7 |
| Barack Obama. | 44 | 38 | 86 | 47 | 41 | 85 |
| Depends (VOL).. | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Neither/other (VOL). | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Not sure .................. | 7 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

|  | 1/08+ | 4/07 | 12/06+ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain . | 43 | 39 | 43 |
| Barack Obama ............................... | 41 | 45 | 38 |
| Depends (VOL) | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Neither/other (VOL) ....................... | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Not sure. | 7 | 10 | 10 |

6b. 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?

|  | March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  | March 7-10, 2008 + |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ALL |  | African | ALL |  | African |
|  | Voters | Whites | Americans | Voters | Whites | Americans |
| John McCain ................................... | 46 | 53 | 13 | 45 | 52 | 10 |
| Hillary Clinton.................................. | 44 | 38 | 72 | 47 | 40 | 78 |
| Depends (VOL)............................. | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Neither/other (VOL)....................... | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Not sure ....................................... | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

|  | 1/08 ${ }^{+}$ | 11/07+ | $\underline{12 / 06+}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 / 28- \\ & 30 / 06+ \end{aligned}$ | 4/06 ${ }^{+}$ | 11/05+ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain | 47 | 45 | 47 | 45 | 46 | 44 |
| Hillary Clinton ................................. | 43 | 46 | 43 | 36 | 37 | 42 |
| Depends (VOL) ............................. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Neither/other (VOL)....................... | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| Not sure ....................................... | 6 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 |

7. One of the goals people have mentioned as important for the next president to have is the ability to unite all Americans around goals and objectives for the country and to reduce the partisan fighting in Congress. I would like to list various presidential candidates. Please tell me whether you feel this person would be very successful, fairly successful, not too successful, or not at all successful in uniting the nation.
this table has been ranked by the percentage of all voters who say very or fairly successful

|  | Very Successful | Fairly Successful | Not Too Successful | Not At All Successful | Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barack Obama |  |  |  |  |  | [161] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 24 | 36 | 18 | 16 | 6 |  |
| Whites...................................... | 16 | 39 | 19 | 19 | 7 |  |
| African Americans.................... | 62 | 23 | 6 | 3 | 6 |  |
| January 2008+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 26 | 41 | 14 | 13 | 6 |  |
| Whites.. | 22 | 42 | 15 | 15 | 6 |  |
| John McCain |  |  |  |  |  | [160] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 14 | 44 | 19 | 16 | 7 |  |
| Whites... | 16 | 47 | 17 | 14 | 6 |  |
| African Americans...................... | 5 | 27 | 27 | 30 | 11 |  |
| January 2008+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 21 | 47 | 17 | 9 | 6 |  |
| Whites...................................... | 22 | 48 | 16 | 8 | 6 |  |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |  | [159] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 15 | 31 | 23 | 27 | 4 |  |
| Whites...................................... | 12 | 30 | 24 | 30 | 4 |  |
| African Americans...................... | 28 | 36 | 17 | 14 | 5 |  |
| January 2008+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All voters................................ | 25 | 30 | 14 | 28 | 3 |  |
| Whites...................................... | 21 | 29 | 15 | 32 | 3 |  |

[^1]8. 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 OF ALL VOTERS WHO SAY HAS BACKGROUND/SET OF VALUES I IDENTIFY WITH

|  | Has <br> Background/ Set Of Values I Identify With | Does NOT Have Background/ Set Of Values I Identify With | Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John McCain |  |  |  | [163] |
| All voters .................................. | 57 | 32 | 11 |  |
| Whites. | 64 | 25 | 11 |  |
| African Americans .......................... | 21 | 59 | 20 |  |
| Barack Obama |  |  |  | [164] |
| All voters.. | 50 | 39 | 11 |  |
| Whites. | 45 | 43 | 12 |  |
| African Americans ....... | 76 | 14 | 10 |  |
| Hillary Clinton |  |  |  | [162] |
| All voters .................................... | 43 | 52 | 5 |  |
| Whites.......................................... | 41 | 55 | 4 |  |
| African Americans ......................... | 55 | 34 | 11 |  |

9. Do you think the voters of this country are ready to elect a qualified (READ ITEM) as president, or don't you think so?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL VOTERS WHO SAY VOTERS ARE READY TO ELECT

|  | Voters Are Ready To Elect | Voters Are NOT Ready To Elect | Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| African American |  |  |  | [166] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |
| All voters ........................................ | 72 | 18 | 10 |  |
| Whites .............................................. | 72 | 18 | 10 |  |
| African Americans ............................. | 74 | 14 | 12 |  |
| November 2007. | 63 | 27 | 10 |  |
| September 1995................................... | 54 | 34 | 12 |  |
| September 1987+ ${ }^{1}$................................ | 41 | 53 | 6 |  |
| February $1986+^{1}$................................... | 29 | 68 | 3 |  |
| Woman |  |  |  | [165] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |
| All voters ........................................ | 71 | 20 | 9 |  |
| Whites .............................................. | 73 | 20 | 7 |  |
| African Americans .............................. | 61 | 23 | 16 |  |
| November 2007 .................................... | 69 | 24 | 7 |  |
| September 1987+.................................. | 31 | 65 | 4 |  |
| Person over age seventy |  |  |  | [167] |
| March 24-25, 2008 + |  |  |  |  |
| All voters ........................................ | 61 | 29 | 10 |  |
| Whites.............................................. | 65 | 25 | 10 |  |
| African Americans .............................. | 35 | 58 | 7 |  |

[^2]10. How closely are you following the story about the past statements of the Reverend Jeremiah Wright, who is the former pastor of Barack Obama's church in Chicago-very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all? +

11. How much, if at all, do the past statements of Reverend Wright disturb you--do they disturb you a great deal, somewhat, not that much, or not at all? If you do not have an opinion, or do not know enough about this, please just say so. +

$\left.\begin{array}{lcccccc} & \begin{array}{c}\text { ALL } \\ \text { VoTERS }\end{array} & & & & \begin{array}{c}\text { Whites }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { African } \\ \text { Americans }\end{array}\end{array}\right]$
12. Did you see or hear about the recent speech by Barack Obama on the issue of race in America that was in response to the news reports of Reverend Wright's statements? (IF "YES," ASK:) Did you see or hear most of the speech or just see or read news reports about the speech? +

|  | All Voters | Whites | African Americans | CONTINUE | [170] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes-saw/heard most of the speech ................... | 46 | 45 | 53 |  |  |
| Yes-saw/read news reports about the speech...... | 23 | 24 | 20 |  |  |
| No, did not see/hear about the speech .................. | 29 | 29 | 24 | Skip to Q. 16 |  |
| Not sure........................................................... | 2 | 2 | 3 |  |  |

## (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAW/HEARD SPEECH IN Q.12.)

13. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the explanation Barack Obama gave in his speech of his association with Reverend Wright? If you do not have an opinion, or you do not know enough about this, please just say so. +

|  |  | Among Voters Who Saw |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Speech |  |  |  |  |

[^3]
## (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAW/HEARD SPEECH IN Q.12.)

14. Did what Barack Obama say in his speech reassure you about his thinking and beliefs on the issue of race in this country, or did it leave you with uncertainties and doubts about his thinking and beliefs on the issue of race? If you do not have an opinion, or do not know enough about this, please just say so. +

|  | All Voters | Among Voters Who Saw Speech |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ALL |  | African |
|  |  | Voters | Whites | Americans |
| Reassured about his thinking and beliefs | 30 | 44 | 41 | 67 |
| Left uncertainties and doubts about his thinking and beliefs. | 28 | 41 | 46 | 14 |
| Do not have an opinion | 9 | 13 | 12 | 14 |
| Not sure. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Did Not See Speech/Not Sure (Q12). | 31 | NA | NA | NA |

Left uncertainties and doubts about his thinking and beliefs ..... 28
Not sure
Did Not See Speech/Not Sure (Q12)

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.


## (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAW/HEARD SPEECH IN Q.12.)

15. Do you think Barack Obama has sufficiently addressed his thinking and beliefs about the issue of race in this country, or do you think he needs to address it further? If you do not have an opinion about this, please just say so. +

|  | All Voters | Among Voters Who Saw Speech |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ALL |  | African |
|  |  | Voters | Whites | Americans |
| Has sufficiently addressed the issue | 32 | 47 | 45 | 67 |
| Needs to address it further. | 26 | 37 | 38 | 25 |
| Do not have an opinion.. | 9 | 13 | 13 | 8 |
| Not sure. | 2 | 3 | 4 | - |
| Did Not See Speech/Not Sure (Q12) | 31 | NA | NA | NA |

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+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16. I'm going to read you several things that some people have said concern them about Barack Obama and his association with Reverend Jeremiah Wright. Which of these, if any, is of the biggest concern to you personally? (IF MULTIPLE RESPONSES GIVEN, ASK:) Well if you had to choose just one, which would you say is of the BIGGEST concern to you? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ALL VOTERS

|  | All Voters | Whites | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| That we know too little about Obama and his background and views. $\qquad$ | 24 | 27 | 14 | [174] |
| That Obama is not being honest about his background and who he is $\qquad$ | 13 | 13 | 4 | > |
| That Obama has not done enough to separate himself personally from Reverend Wright | 10 | 10 | 7 |  |
| That Obama holds extreme religious views that are different from most Americans | 6 | 6 | 3 |  |
| That Obama would be too likely to take positions that favor African Americans if elected president. | 5 | 5 | 5 |  |
| That Obama is not patriotic.......................................... | 3 | 3 | 4 |  |
| None of these .......................................................... | 28 | 26 | 47 |  |
| All of these (VOL) ...................................................... | 6 | 7 | 2 |  |
| Not sure ................................................................. | 5 | 3 | 14 |  |

[^4]
## FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. 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.. | 21 |
| White-collar worker | 20 |
| Blue-collar worker | 17 |
| Farmer, rancher | - |
| Not Currently Employed |  |
| Student. | 3 |
| Homemaker. | 9 |
| Retired | 23 |
| Unemployed, looking for work......... | 4 |
| Other. | - |
| Not sure ................................... | 3 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school? +

| Grade school | 1 | [215-216] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Some high school. | 3 |  |
| High school graduate | 23 |  |
| Some college, no degree. | 16 |  |
| Vocational training/2-year college | 13 |  |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree | 24 |  |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree.. | 3 |  |
| 2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree ......... | 13 |  |
| Doctoral/law degree ................................................. | 2 |  |
| Not sure/refused.. | 2 |  |

F3. 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 | [217] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Somewhat liberal | 15 |  |
| Moderate | 34 |  |
| Somewhat conservative | 22 |  |
| Very conservative | 15 |  |
| Not sure.... | 6 |  |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F4. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship? +

| Never | 15 | [218] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Once a year. | 5 |  |
| A few times a year | 19 |  |
| Once a month. | 7 |  |
| About twice a month | 8 |  |
| Once a week or more often | 42 |  |
| Not sure. | 4 |  |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.


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[^1]:    + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

[^2]:    + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.
    ${ }^{1}$ Prior to November 2007 this item was phrased "...elect a qualified black as president...".

[^3]:    + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

[^4]:    + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

