NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey October 2010 Interviews: 1,000 Registered voters, including 200 reached by cell phone Date: October 14-18, 2010 Study #101407 48 Male NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey 52 Female Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated. The margin of error for 1000 interviews is ±3.10% Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults. (ASK ONLY OF SAMPLE TYPE 2--CELL PHONE ONLY RESPONDENTS.) Do you have a landline in addition to your cell phone, or is your cell phone the only telephone you have? Have a landline..... Cell phone is only telephone..... 100 Not sure Q2a 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? (READ LIST.) 18-24 25-29 7 30-34 10 35-39 7 40-44 45-49 10 50-54 11 55-59 13 60-64 65-69 4 70-74 5 75 and over..... 8 Not sure/refused Q2b 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..... 9 No, not Hispanic 91 Not sure/refused Q2c And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else? White..... 78

Black

Asian

Other Hispanic (VOL).....

Not sure/refused.....

10

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QF1a Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered	100	CONTINUE
Not registered	-	
Not sure	-	TERMINATE

Q3a How likely would you say you are to vote in the November 2010 general election for US Senate, Congress and other political offices -- are you almost certain to vote in the election, very likely, about 50-50, not too likely, not at all likely, or aren't you sure? +

Almost certain	65	
Very likely	20	Skip to Q3b
About 50-50	7	•
Not too likely	2	
Not at all likely	2	
Already voted (VOL)	2	Skip to Q4
Not sure	1	Skip to Q3b

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ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO HAD NOT YET VOTED (Q3a:1-4,7)

Q3b Many states permit citizens to cast their votes BEFORE Election Day, by returning an absentee ballot or using other early voting procedures that are available to them. Thinking about this year's congressional election, which statement best applies to you?

	<u>10/10</u> +	10/06+
I have ALREADY returned an absentee ballot or cast an early vote	5	11
I have not yet voted, but I plan to return an absentee ballot or cast an		
early vote BEFORE Election Day	20	12
I have not yet voted, and I plan to cast my vote in person at my		
polling place on Election Day	74	75
Not sure	1	2

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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?

Headed in the right direction Off on the wrong track Mixed (VOL) Not sure	10/10+ 32 59 6 3	9/10+ 32 60 5 3	8/26- 30/10 30 61 6 3	8/5- <u>9/10</u> 32 58 6 4	6/10 29 62 5 4	5/6- 11/10 34 56 6 4	3/10 33 59 5 3	1/23 - 25/10 32 58 7 3	High 9/01 72 11 11 6	Low 10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7 3
		1/10- 14/10 34 54 10 2	12/09 33 55 10 2	10/09 36 52 9 3	9/09 39 48 10 3	7/09 39 49 9 3	6/09 42 46 9 3	4/09 43 43 10 4	2/09 41 44 9 6	1/09 26 59 9 6
		12/08 26 60 10 4	10/17- 20/08+ 12 78 7 3	10/4- <u>5/08</u> + 12 77 9	9/19- 22/08+ 16 73 9 2	8/08+ 18 67 12 3	7/08+ 13 74 10 3	6/08+ 16 71 11	4/08+ 15 73 10 2	
		3/7- 10/08+ 20 66 11 3	1/08+ 20 68 9 3	9/07 25 63 9 3	1/07 28 57 13 2	9/06+ 31 54 12 3	1/06 31 57 10 2	9/05 32 57 8 3	1/05 40 47 10 3	
		9/04+ 39 49 10 2	1/04 47 43 6 4	9/03 38 50 8 4	1/03 36 47 14 3	9/02 42 43 12 3	1/02 62 20 14 4	9/01 72 11 11 6	12/99 49 34 15 2	

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Q5a In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as president?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	10/10+ 47 49 4	9/10+ 46 49 5	8/26- 30/10+ 44 51 5	8/5- <u>9/10+</u> 47 49 4	6/10 45 48 7	5/20- 23/10 48 45 7	5/6- 11/10 50 44 6	3/10 48 47 5	1/23- 25/10 50 44 6	1/10- 14/10 48 43 9
		12/09	10/09	9/09	8/09	7/09	6/09	4/09	2/09	
		47	51	51	51	53	56	61	60	
		46	42	41	40	40	34	30	26	
		7	7	8	9	7	10	9	14	

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Q5b Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing in handling the economy?

Approve Disapprove Not sure	10/10+ 43 53 4	9/10+ 42 55 3	8/26- <u>30/10</u> + 38 57 5	8/5- <u>9/10+</u> 44 52 4	6/10 46 50 4	5/6- <u>11/10</u> 48 46 6	3/10 47 50 3	1/23- <u>25/10</u> 47 49 4	1/10- 14/10 43 49 8
		12/09 42 51 7	10/09 47 46 7	<u>9/09</u> 50 42 8	7/09 49 44 7	6/09 51 38 11	4/09 55 37 8	<u>2/09</u> 56 31 13	

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And, thinking again about the election in November...

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. (IF "NOT SURE," RECORD AS "DK.")

	<u>10/10</u> +	<u>9/10</u> +	8/26- 30/10+	8/5- <u>9/10</u> +	<u>6/10</u> +	5/6- 10/10+	<u>3/10+</u>	1/23- 25/10+
10, very interested	51	50	47	49	44	47	47	41
9	10	7	6	9	7	7	6	6
8	13	14	15	13	13	14	15	16
7	9	11	10	9	11	8	9	10
6	5	5	5	4	6	5	5	5
5	7	5	8	7	10	9	9	14
4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	1	2	1	2	2	2	3	2
2	1	1	2	1	1	2	-	1
1, not interested at all	2	4	3	4	3	3	4	3
Cannot rate	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
			1/10-		10/13-	9/30-	9/8-	
			<u>14/10</u>	<u>12/09</u>	<u>16/06</u> +	<u>10/2/06</u> +	<u>11/06</u> +	<u>7/06</u> +
			44	48	53	46	47	51
			5	6	8	9	8	9
			12 10	12	14 7	17	16 10	17
			7	10 5	6	12 5	10 5	10 4
			11	9	5	6	8	6
			2	2	2	1	2	2
			2	2	1	2	1	-
			_ 1	1	1	-	-	-
			5	5	3	2	2	1
			1	-	-	-	1	-
					<u>6/06</u> +	<u>4/06</u> +	<u>3/06</u> +	<u>1/06</u> +
					47	49	45	46
					8	7	7	7
					17	17	18	15
					9	10	11	12
					5	5	5	5
					8	7	7	7
					1	2	1	2
					2	-	2	1
					1	1	1	1
					2	2	3	4

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1/10-<u>14/10</u>+ 41

> 41 18

Q10 Compared with previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

		10/13-	10/6-			
	<u>10/10</u> +	<u>16/06</u> +	8/06 ¹	11/02	10/98	10/94
More enthusiastic	56	45	45	41	45	34
Less enthusiastic	30	29	44	42	38	44
Same (VOL)	14	25	10	15	16	20
Not sure	_	1	1	2	1	2

¹ Comparative data prior to 10/13-16/06 taken from surveys conducted by USA Today-Gallup.

Q11a What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE:) a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

Republican-controlled Congress Democrat-controlled Congress Not sure	10/10+ 44 46 10	<u>9/10</u> + 44 44 12	8/26- 30/10+ 43 43 14	8/5- <u>9/10</u> + 42 43 15	6/10+ 45 43 12	5/20- 23/10+ 44 43 13	5/6- 11/10+ 44 44 12	3/10+ 42 45 13	1/23- 25/10+ 42 44 14
		12/09+ 41 43 16	10/09+ 38 46 16	9/09+ 40 43 17	7/09+ 39 46 15	4/09+ 39 48 13	11/08+ 36 48 16	10/08+ 36 49 15	9/08+ 37 50 13
		8/08+ 36 47 17	7/08+ 36 49 15	6/08+ 33 52 15	4/08+ 34 49 17	3/08+ 35 49 16	11/07+ 37 46 17	9/07+ 35 47 18	10/06+ 37 52 11
		9/06+ 39 48 13	7/06+ 38 48 14	6/06+ 38 49 13	4/06+ 39 45 16	3/06+ 37 50 13	1/06+ 38 47 15	12/05+ 38 46 16	11/05+ 37 48 15
		10/05+ 39 48 13	7/05+ 40 45 15	5/05+ 40 47 13	10/04+ 43 44 13	9/04+ 42 46 12	6/04+ 42 44 14	5/04+ 41 44 15	3/04+ 42 45 13
		1/04 42 43 15	12/13/03 42 42 42 16	10/02+ 43 42 15	9/02 42 42 16	7/02 43 41 16	6/02 42 41 17	1/02 44 40 16	12/01 42 40 18
		12/99 40 44 16	10/99 39 41 20	7/99 39 43 18	6/99 42 41 17	<u>4/99</u> 41 40 19	3/99 37 43 20	10/98+ 41 43 16	9/98 40 39 21
		7/98 41 40 19	6/98 39 40 21	2/98 41 37 22	1/98 40 42 18	12/97 41 37 22	9/97 41 39 20	7/97 45 39 16	4/97 44 38 18

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Q12a If you had the choice in your congressional district, would you be more likely to vote for a (ROTATE:) Republican, Democratic, Libertarian, or Green Party...candidate for Congress? +

Republican candidate	41
Democratic candidate	44
Libertarian candidate	5
Green Party candidate	3
Not sure	

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Q14 Will your vote for Congress this November be a vote to send a signal of support for President Obama, a signal of opposition to President Obama, or not a signal either way about President Obama?

		8/26-		<u>1/23-</u>
	<u>10/10</u> +	<u>30/10</u> +	<u>6/10</u> +	<u>25/10</u> +
A vote to send signal of support for Obama	35	27	27	37
A vote to send signal of opposition to Obama	34	29	32	27
Not a signal either way about Obama	31	41	39	35
Do not plan to vote (VOL)	-	-	-	-
Not sure	-	3	2	1
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters				

				Bill
	10/28-	10/13-		Clinton
	30/06+	<u>16/06</u> +	10/02+1	$10/98+^{2}$
A vote to send signal of support for Bush	22	22	31	28
A vote to send signal of opposition to Bush	37	38	19	23
Not a signal either way about Bush	38	38	49	49
Do not plan to vote (VOL)	1	-	-	NA
Not sure	2	2	1	-

¹ In October 2002, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?

Q15 In deciding whether to vote for your member of Congress, which is more important to you--your congressperson's position on national issues or your congressperson's performance in taking care of problems in your district?

			10/13-					
	<u>10/10</u> +	<u>8/10</u> +	<u>16/06</u> +	<u>7/06</u> +	<u>6/06</u> +	<u>4/06</u> +	<u>3/06</u> +	<u> 10/94</u> +
Position on national issues	42	46	39	40	37	43	44	35
Performance in district	52	41	39	36	40	38	40	51
Both/neither (VOL)	5	11	21	23	21	18	15	13
Not sure	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1

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Q16 And, when it comes to your specific congressional representative, do you think this person is part of the problems facing the country or do you think this person is part of the solutions? +

Part of the problem	35
Part of the solution	52
Some of both (VOL)	3
Not sure	10

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² In October 1998, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for Bill Clinton, a signal of opposition to Bill Clinton, or not a signal either way about Bill Clinton?"

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Q19a Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party Movement? +

	<u>10/10</u> +	<u>9/10</u> +
Yes	30	28
No	59	61
Depends (VOL)	2	3
Not sure	10	8

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Now turning to the economy...

Q25 During the next twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same? +

about the same? +	+	•							
Economy will get better Economy will get worse Economy will stay about the same Not sure	10/10+ 37 20 41 2	9/10+ 32 25 40 3	8/26- 30/10 26 26 45 3	8/5- 9/10 34 25 39 2	6/10 33 23 43 1	5/6- 10/10 40 20 38 2	3/10 41 22 36 1	1/10- 14/10 41 19 38 2	10/09 42 22 33 3
		9/09 47 20 30 3	7/09 44 21 32 3	6/09 46 22 29 3	4/09 38 30 30 2	12/08 36 28 34 2	10/08+ 38 20 37 5	7/08+ 25 43 28 4	6/08+ 21 49 27 3
		4/08+ 19 45 29 7	3/07 16 31 49 4	1/07 21 16 60 3	9- 10/06+ 22 22 51 5	6/06 16 39 43 2	4/06 17 44 36 3	3/06 24 27 46 3	1/06 24 30 42 4
		12/05 26 34 37 3	5/05 28 30 36 6	1/05 43 17 36 4	10/04+ 43 10 33 14	9/04+ 43 13 33 11	5/04+ 42 16 34 8	3/04+ 44 18 35 3	1/04 50 10 37 3
		11/03 49 15 33 3	9/03 44 19 33 4	7/03 45 16 34 4	5/03+ 49 17 31 3	1/03 35 25 37 3	12/02 40 20 35 5	10/02+ 41 20 34 5	9/02 39 18 39 4
		7/02 41 20 37 2	4/02 50 13 32 5	12/01 50 15 32 3	4/01 ¹ 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 24 23 50 3	12/94 31 17 46 6	10/94 31 24 40 5	9/94 28 24 44 4	6/94 28 17 52 3	5/94 27 21 49 3
		3/94 29 16 52 3	1/94 44 16 36 4	10/93 21 27 50 2	9/93 23 24 51 2	7/93 20 29 48 3	6/93 23 27 47 3	4/93 33 21 44 2	3/93 39 15 43 3

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..." + Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

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

QP1a In this year's elections for U.S. Congress, have you mainly been participating by following the election in the news and by voting, or have you been more actively participating in the political process? +

	<u>10/10</u> +	<u>8/08</u> +^	
Following the election in the news and voting	82	84	SKIP TO QP1c.
More actively participating	14	14	CONTINUE
Not sure	4	2	SKIP TO QP1c.

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(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "MORE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING" QP1a:2)

QP1b Please tell me which of the following things you have done in the past twelve months related to the elections for U.S. Congress. (RANDOMIZE)

	<u>10/10</u> +	<u>8/08</u> +^
Done research on the background or positions of a candidate	8	8
Attended a speech, rally, or political meeting	6	5
Signed up to receive e-mails	5	5
Donated money	5	5
Displayed bumper stickers, signs, or buttons for a candidate	4	5
Volunteered your time	6	4
Other (VOL)	-	1
Have done none of these	1	1
Not sure	-	-
Following the election in the news and voting/Not sure (QP1a)	82	86

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QP1c Now, many people we've talked with tonight were unable to vote in primary elections this year, how about you, did you vote in a 2010 primary election in your state? (IF YES, THEN ASK) And, did you vote in the Democratic or Republican Party Primary? +

	<u>10/10</u> +	<u>9/10</u> +
Yes, voted in a Republican Party Primary	29	28
Yes, voted in a Democratic Party Primary	30	33
Yes, voted in an Open Primary (VOL)	3	4
No, did not vote in any primaries	36	34
Not sure	2	2

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F1b/c A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in last November's election for president? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama, John McCain, or someone else? +

Yes, Voted	91
Voted for Barack Obama	47
Voted for John McCain	36
Voted for someone else	5
Not sure	3
No, Did Not Vote	9
Not sure	-

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QF1d And did you happen to vote in the 2006 election for U.S. Congress? +

Yes, voted	68
No, did not vote	23
Not sure	9

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QF2 Are you currently employed? (IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do? (RECORD UNDER "6--OTHER.") (IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work? +

Currently Employed

Currently Emproyee	
Professional, manager	31
White-collar worker	9
Blue-collar worker	15
Farmer, rancher	-
Not Currently Employed	
Student	4
Homemaker	6
Retired	25
Unemployed, looking for work	7
Other	-
Not sure	2

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered

QF3 What is the last grade that you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.) +

Grade school	1
Some high school	3
High school graduate	25
Some college, no degree	18
Vocational training/2-year college	8
4-year college/bachelor's degree	26
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree	12
Doctoral/law degree	3
Not sure/refused	1

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QF4 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	10
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	41
Somewhat conservative	20
Very conservative	16
Not sure	2

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QF5a What is your religion? +

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	50	CONTINUE
Catholic	23	
Jewish	2	SKIP TO QF5c.
Muslim	-	
Mormon/LDS/Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	1	
Other	11	
None	10	CONTINUE
Not sure/refused	3	

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ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAID PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN QF5a

QF5b Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way? +

Fundamentalist/evangelical	17
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical	51
Not sure	6
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim/Mormon (Q.F5a)	26

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QF5c	How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue ("SIN-uh-gog"), mosque ("MOSK"), or other place
	of worship? (READ LIST.) +

Never	20
Once a year	6
A few times a year	17
Once a month	7
About twice a month	10
Once a week or more often	36
Not sure	4

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QF6a/b Are you a current or retired labor union member? (ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "NO" OR "NOT SURE" IN QF6a.) Is anyone else in your household a current or retired labor union member? +

Labor union member	14
Union household	8
Non-union household	77
Not sure	1

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QF7 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	6
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	9
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	9
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	7
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	9
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	16
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000	14
More than \$100,000	21
Not sure/refused	9

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