

# NPR National

Interview Schedule

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**N=800 Likely Voters**  
**Margin of Error  $\pm$  3.46%**

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*\* Denotes result less than 0.5%*

*^ Denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.*

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Before we begin, I am going to ask you a few questions about yourself, just to be sure we have a representative sample. **(DO NOT PAUSE)**

A. Are you registered to vote at this address?

100% YES **(CONTINUE TO QUESTION B)**

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B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by a newspaper, television or radio station, a political party, or by a candidate for political office?

100% NO **(CONTINUE)**

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C. Thinking back to 2008...Many people were not able to vote in the 2008 election for President between **(ROTATE)** John McCain and Barack Obama. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

**(IF UNABLE/DID NOT VOTE, ASK:)** Did you not vote because you were ineligible, too young, or was there some other reason?

99% VOTED

1% INELIGIBLE/TOO YOUNG TO VOTE

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D. I know it is still a little way off, but what are the chances of you voting in the election for Congress in November of 2010: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

83% ALMOST CERTAIN  
 16% PROBABLY  
  
 1% DON'T KNOW

And, to be sure we have a representative sample...

D1. In what year were you born?

<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>1/10</u>		
3%	4%	1%	3%	5%	5%	9%	4%	18 - 24	
9%	16%	8%	17%	15%	15%	11%	14%	25 - 34	
17%	17%	17%	16%	20%	22%	18%	24%	35 - 44	
26%	23%	24%	24%	22%	24%	22%	21%	45 - 54	
24%	19%	29%	18%	21%	16%	20%	19%	55 - 64	
21%	20%	21%	20%	17%	17%	22%	18%	65 AND ABOVE	
1%	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	*	REFUSED	

  

<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	
3%	6%	3%	6%	6%	6%	3%	4%	4%	5%	18-24
10%	15%	11%	14%	14%	15%	9%	10%	9%	12%	25-34
18%	17%	19%	21%	15%	19%	17%	19%	16%	20%	35-44
27%	22%	25%	20%	23%	23%	23%	20%	26%	23%	45-54
21%	17%	21%	17%	21%	15%	24%	19%	24%	18%	55-64
20%	20%	20%	21%	20%	21%	22%	24%	21%	20%	65 AND ABOVE
1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	*	2%	REFUSED

1. Generally speaking, would you say that things in the COUNTRY are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

**1/10**

32% RIGHT DIRECTION  
 61% WRONG TRACK

6% DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)

1% REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	
42%	36%	35%	30%	25%	25%	23%	23%	16%	31%	RIGHT DIRECTION
51%	55%	60%	64%	65%	66%	68%	68%	80%	63%	WRONG TRACK
6%	9%	4%	7%	9%	9%	9%	9%	4%	6%	DON'T KNOW
1%	—	1%	—	1%	—	1%	—	1%	*	REFUSED
<u>3/02</u>	<u>10/02</u>	<u>5/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	
58%	39%	53%	39%	43%	42%	40%	40%	40%	38%	RIGHT DIRECTION
35%	51%	39%	53%	49%	48%	54%	54%	54%	55%	WRONG TRACK
5%	8%	7%	8%	6%	10%	5%	7%	5%	6%	DON'T KNOW
2%	2%	1%	—	2%	—	1%	—	1%	—	REFUSED

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

(IF CHOICE, ASK) And would you say you STRONGLY (choice) or just SOMEWHAT (choice)?

**3/09    7/09    1/10**

38%    33%    29%    STRONGLY APPROVE  
 20%    20%    19%    SOMEWHAT APPROVE  
   8%    8%    10%    SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE  
 27%    34%    38%    STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

6%    6%    2%    DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)  
 \*    —    1%    REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

**59%<sup>^</sup>    53%    49%<sup>^</sup>    TOTAL APPROVE**  
**35%    42%    48%    TOTAL DISAPPROVE**

3. If the 2010 elections for United States Congress were being held today, for whom would you vote... **(ROTATE)**

**(IF UNDECIDED, ASK:)** Well, if the election for Congress were held today and you had to decide right now in your own district where you live which candidate would you lean...**(ROTATE)**

the Republican candidate

...or...

the Democratic candidate

...in this district?

<u>7/06*</u>	<u>10/06</u>	<u>3/09</u>	<u>7/09*</u>	<u>1/10</u>	
37%	34%	35%	38%	38%	REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
4%	6%	7%	5%	7%	LEAN REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	LEAN DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
43%	45%	36%	38%	34%	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
8%	8%	15%	10%	16%	UNDECIDED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
<b>41%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>44%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
<b>48%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>42%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>

**\*Note: Trend includes option for Other Candidate**

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4. And, how interested are you in the November elections for U.S. Congress and other state and local offices? Please rate your interest from one to ten, with one meaning that you have no interest in this election and ten meaning that you are extremely interested. Of course, you can choose any number between one and ten. **(USE 99 FOR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED)**

43%	10	<b>70%</b>	<b>8-10</b>
9%	9	<b>27%^</b>	<b>5-7</b>
18%	8	<b>3%^</b>	<b>1-4</b>
14%	7		
5%	6		
9%	5		
*	4		
1%	3		
-	2		
1%	1		
1%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED		

**8.3 MEAN**

5. And, do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

**(IF CHOICE, ASK:)** And would you say you STRONGLY (choice) or just SOMEWHAT (choice)?

<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>1/10</u>	
8%	3%	5%	3%	5%	7%	6%	STRONGLY APPROVE
28%	22%	23%	20%	31%	25%	23%	SOMEWHAT APPROVE
27%	29%	30%	29%	17%	19%	19%	SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
32%	39%	36%	44%	41%	42%	48%	STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
6%	5%	7%	4%	5%	6%	4%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
-	1%	-	*	1%	-	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
<b>35%^</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>22%^</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>33%^</b>	<b>28%^</b>	<b>TOTAL APPROVE</b>
<b>59%</b>	<b>69%^</b>	<b>65%^</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>TOTAL DISAPPROVE</b>

Thinking now about President Obama's first year in office...

6. Would you say Obama is doing a **(ROTATE FIRST TWO)** better job than you expected, a worse job than you expected, or is his job performance about what you expected?

10% BETTER JOB  
29% WORSE JOB  
60% ABOUT WHAT EXPECTED

\* DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
\* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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7. And, is President Obama making progress addressing the problems facing the country, or is Obama not making progress addressing the problems facing the country?

**(IF PROGRESS, ASK:)** And, is Obama making major progress or minor progress addressing the problems facing the country?

20% YES, MAJOR PROGRESS  
29% YES, MINOR PROGRESS  
49% NO, NOT MAKING PROGRESS

2% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
\* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

**48%<sup>^</sup> TOTAL YES**

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8. And, do you think the changes President Obama is seeking are **(ROTATE)** mainly the right changes or mainly the wrong changes for the country?

50% MAINLY THE RIGHT CHANGES  
46% MAINLY THE WRONG CHANGES

3% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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Now, thinking about issues...

**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q9) (N=394)**

9. Which ONE of the following issues do you think the President and Congress should be paying most attention to? Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

**(IF SELECT FIRST CHOICE, THEN ASK:) And which of the following should the President and Congress be paying the next most attention to? (REPEAT AND RANDOMIZE CHOICES EXCLUDING FIRST CHOICE)**

<b><u>1st</u></b>	<b><u>2nd</u></b>	<b><u>Comb</u></b>	
2%	8%	10%	Education
10%	9%	18%^	Taxes and spending
4%	6%	10%	Social Security and Medicare
8%	13%	21%	Terrorism and national security
13%	13%	26%	Health care
46%	17%	63%	The economy and jobs
1%	2%	3%	Moral values
6%	14%	20%	The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
4%	10%	14%	The federal deficit
			...or...
3%	6%	10%^	Energy, oil dependence, and global warming
*	*	*	NONE OF THESE <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
2%	1%	2%^	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
1%	*	1%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q10) (N=406)**

10. As you may know, President Obama is scheduled to give the annual State of the Union Address to Congress on January 27th. Which ONE of the following issues would you like President Obama to address and focus on in the months following the address. Is it... **(RANDOMIZE)**

**(IF SELECT FIRST CHOICE, THEN ASK:)** And which of the following should the President next focus on? **(REPEAT AND RANDOMIZE CHOICES EXCLUDING FIRST CHOICE)**

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Comb</b>	
4%	16%	20%	An energy bill
16%	18%	34%	A financial regulation bill
6%	11%	17%	An immigration bill
44%	26%	70%	A jobs bill
26%	23%	49%	A deficit reduction plan
2%	1%	3%	NONE OF THESE <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
1%	1%	3%^	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
–	*	*	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q11) (N=394)**

11. Now I would like to talk you about the state of the economy. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

<b>3/09</b>	<b>7/09</b>	<b>1/10</b>	
–	1%	*	EXCELLENT
3%	8%	7%	GOOD
30%	42%	51%	NOT SO GOOD
66%	49%	42%	POOR
*	1%	*	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
*	*	–	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
<b>3%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>TOTAL EXCELLENT/GOOD</b>
<b>97%^</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>92%^</b>	<b>TOTAL NOT GOOD/POOR</b>

**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q12) (N=406)**

12. Now I would like to talk you about the state of the economy. Do you believe the economy...  
**(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

<u>7/09</u>	<u>1/10</u>	
36%	41%	HAS ALREADY BOTTOMED OUT AND IS STARTING TO IMPROVE
24%	29%	IS AT THE BOTTOM BUT IS NOT YET GETTING ANY BETTER
37%	28%	HAS NOT YET BOTTOMED OUT AND WILL STILL GET WORSE
3%	2%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
–	*	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
<b>60%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>TOTAL BOTTOM</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q13) (N=394)**

13. And, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now the economy will be... **(ROTATE)**

<u>7/09</u>	<u>1/10</u>	
67%	57%	BETTER THAN IT IS NOW
24%	24%	WORSE THAN IT IS NOW
4%	17%	ABOUT THE SAME <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
5%	2%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
–	1%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q14) (N=406)**

14. And, would you say that the economy right now is... **(ROTATE)**

<u>7/09*</u>	<u>1/10</u>	
37%	39%	BETTER THAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO
50%	41%	WORSE THAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO
10%	18%	ABOUT THE SAME <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
3%	1%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
–	*	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

**\*Note: Trend language was “six months ago”**

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q15) (N=394)**

15. Now I am going to read you two statements, and please tell me which one comes closest to your opinion... **(ROTATE)**

**(SOME/OTHER)** People say that former President Bush is more responsible for the current state of the economy...

...while...

**(SOME/OTHER)** People say that President Obama is more responsible for the current state of the economy.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

- 58% BUSH IS MORE RESPONSIBLE  
33% OBAMA IS MORE RESPONSIBLE  
  
6% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
3% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q16) (N=406)**

16. Now I am going to read you two statements, and please tell me which one comes closest to your opinion... **(ROTATE)**

**(SOME/OTHER)** People say that President Obama's economic policies were successful in averting an even worse crisis and are laying the foundation for an eventual economic recovery

...while...

**(SOME/OTHER)** People say that President Obama's economic policies have run up a record federal deficit while failing to end the recession or slow the record pace of job losses.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

- 48% OBAMA'S ECONOMIC POLICIES WERE SUCCESSFUL  
50% OBAMA'S ECONOMIC POLICIES HAVE RUN UP A RECORD FEDERAL DEFICIT  
  
2% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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**(ROTATE Q17-19)**

Thinking now about health care...

17. As you may have heard, President Obama has proposed a plan to change the health care system that recently passed in the House of Representatives and the Senate. From what you have heard about this plan, do you favor or oppose Obama's health care proposal?

**(IF FAVOR/OPOSE, ASK:)** And, do you **STRONGLY** (favor/oppose) or only **SOMEWHAT** (favor/oppose) Obama's health care proposal?

<u>7/09*</u>	<u>1/10</u>	
25%	19%	STRONGLY FAVOR
17%	20%	SOMEWHAT FAVOR
8%	10%	SOMEWHAT OPOSE
39%	45%	STRONGLY OPOSE
11%	4%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
–	1%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
<b>42%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>TOTAL FAVOR</b>
<b>47%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>TOTAL OPOSE</b>

**\*Note: Trend language was “President Obama and the Democrats in Congress are preparing a plan to change the health care system. From what you have heard about this plan, do you favor or oppose Obama's health care proposal?”**

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Thinking now about national security...

**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q18) (N=394)**

18. Do you think that on the issues of terrorism and national security... **(ROTATE)**

You have more confidence in President Obama's approach when it comes to keeping America safe from terrorism.

...or....

You have more confidence in former Vice President Dick Cheney's approach when it comes to keeping America safe from terrorism.

48%	PRESIDENT OBAMA'S APPROACH
44%	FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY'S APPROACH
7%	DON'T KNOW <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
1%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q19) (N=406)**

19. Do you think the policies of the Obama administration have made the United States **(ROTATE)** safer or less safe from terrorism?

41% SAFER

40% LESS SAFE

13% NO DIFFERENCE **(DO NOT READ)**

6% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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20. As you may know President Obama recently proposed what some are calling a responsibility fee and others are calling a bank tax on the largest financial institutions. Now I am going to read you two statements about this proposal and please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say that taxing banks that fully paid their government funds back with interest in order to pay for other overspending by the government will end up being a tax on consumers in the form of higher fees. This tax will also make it harder for businesses to get loans, grow, and create more jobs.

...while...

Democrats say that if the Wall Street banks are healthy enough to pay enormous bonuses to their CEOs, then they are healthy enough to pay back every dime they received from taxpayers. This responsibility fee will discourage big bonus payouts and ensure the big banks that caused the crisis pay for the bailout.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

39% REPUBLICAN

57% DEMOCRAT

3% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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Next, I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements about where the two parties stand on some key issues after Obama's first year in office. After I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right...

**(ROTATE Q21-23)**

**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q21) (N=394)**

21. **(And.)** On the issue of jobs and the economy... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say that Barack Obama and the Democrats who run Congress promised that all of the additional spending and debt would keep unemployment at no higher than eight percent. Instead, unemployment has risen from seven point seven percent when Obama took office to ten percent. The number of foreclosures by month has risen by seventy-five thousand, the public debt has risen by one point seven trillion dollars, and there is no clear cut sign that the economy has turned the corner. Republicans say that higher taxes are coming, and that the tax and spend approach of the Democrats won't get the economy moving again. Now we need to create jobs by keeping taxes from increasing and cutting wasteful spending.

...while...

Democrats say Barack Obama inherited an economy that was on the verge of collapse, losing seven hundred and fifty thousand jobs a month, and had rising and record deficits. So Obama and the Democrats took action to address the crisis, cut taxes, save jobs of teachers and policemen, and create jobs in new energy and transportation, while helping ordinary Americans get through the crisis by extending unemployment benefits and health care for those who lost jobs. Now we need to move aggressively to put Americans back to work and help small businesses grow and create jobs, while committing to a long-term deficit reduction plan that will cut our deficit in half in the next five years.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

49% REPUBLICAN

49% DEMOCRAT

2% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

\* REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE A Q22) (N=394)**

22. **(And,)** On the issue of energy... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say that Democrats are trying to pass a bill called cap and trade that will be an energy tax on businesses. The bill will lead to thousands of lost jobs, including sending more manufacturing jobs to China, higher energy costs to all Americans, and higher costs for products made here in the U.S.A. Republicans say it makes no sense to increase energy costs during a recession and we should encourage the production of all forms of energy here in the United States – oil, wind, solar, nuclear, clean coal, and biofuels to make us less dependent on foreign oil and will create jobs here.

...while...

Democrats say we have relied too long on dirty energy from the Middle East. Obama and the Democrats have moved to change that, passing an energy bill in the House that will reward companies that reduce pollution and increase production of cleaner, alternative energy. It requires that more of our energy come from alternative sources like wind and solar. Now we need to pass this bill into law because it uses America's technological know-how to re-charge our economy with new industries, creating one point seven million new jobs while reducing our dependence on foreign oil. It will cost families less than fifteen dollars a month.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

51% REPUBLICAN

46% DEMOCRAT

2% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q23) (N=406)**

23. **(And,)** On the issue of health care... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say we need to reform health care, but that the Democratic bill would cost too much money and put government in charge of our entire health care system. The Democrats' plan would increase the deficit even further, and put Washington bureaucrats between us and our doctor. The Democratic plan does nothing to control costs for individuals and families, and will result in fewer choices and improvements in health care. Democrats should work with Republicans to address the real problems with our health care system instead of forcing an expensive, government run system on the American public.

...while...

Democrats say health care costs are skyrocketing and families lose insurance when they get sick or lose a job. Obama and the Democrats have worked to fix that by passing changes that give everyone the peace of mind of knowing they will have affordable coverage they can't lose and make it illegal for insurance companies to deny you coverage because of pre-existing conditions or if you get sick. Experts say these changes will cut out-of-pocket expenses, reduce the deficit and create up to four hundred thousand jobs a year. If we stick with the current system, premiums will double and insurance companies will continue to call the shots.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

51% REPUBLICAN  
45% DEMOCRAT

3% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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**(SPLIT SAMPLE, ASK SAMPLE B Q24) (N=406)**

24. Now, thinking again about President Obama and his first year in office... **(ROTATE)**

Republicans say that Barack Obama came into office making many promises about working across party lines and pledging to put people first. Instead, Obama has gone on a reckless spending spree, is trying to force through a government-run health care program, took control of car companies, is giving terrorists rights as criminals instead of treating them as enemy fighters, and has spent more time apologizing to foreign countries than standing up for America's interests. Obama's current approach is more government control and more government spending. During this year, unemployment has skyrocketed because Obama has all but ignored jobs. Obama and the Democrats who run Congress are not listening to the American people, so we need more balance in Washington.

...while...

Democrats say that President Obama was elected to bring change. He inherited two unfinished wars, record deficits and an economy losing seven hundred and fifty thousand jobs every month. Washington had done nothing about health care costs or Middle East oil. Republicans sided with oil and insurance interests and rejected bipartisan cooperation, but Obama has pressed ahead to bring change. He is reducing U.S. troops in Iraq and restored respect for America. His economic plan tries to stabilize the economy, save local jobs, and get credit to small businesses. His health care reforms would make insurance affordable for all and his energy reforms shift America to renewable, domestic energy. It is time to work together for change to get a new jobs bill and deficit reduction plan.

**(PROMPT:)** Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?

48% REPUBLICAN

49% DEMOCRAT

3% BOTH/NEITHER/DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**

– REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

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Now, I have just a few more questions for statistical purposes only...

D2. And what was the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CATEGORIES)**

<b><u>7/09</u></b>	<b><u>1/10</u></b>									
—	1%									SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
3%	3%									SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
22%	23%									GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
1%	2%									TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
28%	25%									SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
28%	30%									GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
18%	16%									GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)
1%	*									REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
<b>25%</b>	<b>26%^</b>									<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS</b>
<b>29%</b>	<b>27%</b>									<b>SOME COLLEGE</b>
<b>46%</b>	<b>46%</b>									<b>COLLEGE+</b>
<b><u>7/05</u></b>	<b><u>12/05</u></b>	<b><u>3/06</u></b>	<b><u>12/06</u></b>	<b><u>4/07</u></b>	<b><u>10/07</u></b>	<b><u>1/08</u></b>	<b><u>5/08</u></b>	<b><u>3/09</u></b>		
—	*	*	1%	—	*	—	1%	*		SOME GRADE SCHOOL
3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%		SOME HIGH SCHOOL
25%	25%	22%	24%	25%	22%	25%	21%	23%		GRAD HIGH SCHOOL
3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%		TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
24%	25%	23%	26%	27%	24%	27%	22%	20%		SOME COLLEGE
30%	29%	27%	27%	25%	27%	26%	30%	32%		GRADUATED COLLEGE
13%	15%	18%	15%	18%	21%	17%	20%	18%		GRADUATE/PROF SCHOOL
1%	*	1%	*	—	1%	1%	*	*		REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
<b>28%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>26%^</b>	<b>29%^</b>	<b>24%^</b>	<b>26%</b>		<b>HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS</b>
<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>23%</b>		<b>SOME COLLEGE</b>
<b>43%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>42%^</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>		<b>COLLEGE +</b>

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D3. In politics today, do you consider yourself... **(ROTATE)**

a Republican,  
 a Democrat,  
 or something else?

**(IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK:)** Would you call yourself a STRONG (REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT) or a NOT-SO-STRONG (REPUBLICAN/ DEMOCRAT)?

**(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to **(ROTATE)** the Republican or to the Democratic party?

**1/10**

19% STRONG REPUBLICAN  
 9% NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN  
 11% LEAN TO REPUBLICANS  
  
 18% SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT  
  
 10% LEAN TO DEMOCRATS  
 11% NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT  
 21% STRONG DEMOCRAT  
  
 – DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**  
 1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

**40% ^ TOTAL REPUBLICAN**  
**42% TOTAL DEMOCRATS**

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
41% ^	42%	35%	43%	38%	45% ^	35%	39%	44%	<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN</b>
44%	51%	44%	51%	42% ^	50% ^	45% ^	45% ^	48%	<b>TOTAL DEMOCRAT</b>
24%	20%	19%	21%	20%	23%	17%	19%	19%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
10%	13%	10%	15%	9%	14%	12%	11%	13%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
8%	9%	6%	7%	9%	7%	6%	9%	12%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
14%	6%	19%	5%	19%	4%	19%	15%	7%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
10%	12%	8%	10%	8%	8%	9%	9%	10%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
11%	13%	12%	14%	9%	13%	10%	11%	12%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
23%	26%	24%	27%	26%	30%	27%	26%	26%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	*	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	–	1%	–	1%	–	1%	1%	–	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
41%	39%	45%	40%	45%	39%	45%	39%^	45%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
37%	44%	45%	41%	48%	43%	49%	43%^	49%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
25%	26%	23%	26%	27%	25%	25%	24%	26%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
11%	7%	14%	9%	10%	8%	11%	9%	10%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
5%	6%	8%	5%	8%	6%	9%	5%	9%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
21%	15%	9%	17%	8%	16%	7%	17%	6%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
10%	8%	8%	5%	10%	5%	12%	7%	11%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
9%	11%	14%	9%	13%	10%	11%	8%	13%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
18%	25%	23%	27%	25%	28%	26%	27%	25%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
1%	1%	1%	1%	*	-	*	*	1%	DON'T KNOW
*	1%	*	1%	*	2%	-	1%	-	REFUSED

D4. And do you consider yourself to be... **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

conservative,  
 moderate  
 ...or...  
 liberal?

**(IF CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL, ASK:)** And would you consider yourself to be VERY **(CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)**, or just SOMEWHAT **(CONSERVATIVE/LIBERAL)**?

<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>1/10</u>		
40%	39%	38%	39%	40%	35%^	45%^	41%	42%^	TOTAL CONSERVATIVE	
18%	18%	18%	20%	19%	21%	19%	17%	18%^	TOTAL LIBERAL	
15%	18%	N/A	19%	N/A	17%	20%	N/A	20%	VERY CONSERVATIVE	
25%	21%	N/A	20%	N/A	19%	24%	N/A	21%	SOMEWHAT CONS	
39%	39%	42%	38%	39%	39%	35%	39%	37%	MODERATE	
11%	12%	N/A	12%	N/A	13%	11%	N/A	12%	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	
7%	6%	N/A	8%	N/A	8%	8%	N/A	7%	VERY LIBERAL	
2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	DK/NOT SURE (DNR)	
-	*	-	1%	-	-	*	-	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	
<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	<u>12/05</u>	
43%	40%	37%	39%	41%	40%	41%	41%	40%	42%	TOTAL CONS
16%	19%	20%	16%	19%	23%	18%	17%^	17%	17%	TOTAL LIBERAL

D5. And how often would you say that you attend religious services...  
**(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	<u>1/10</u>	
10%	11%	11%	MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK
25%	28%	27%	WEEKLY
6%	8%	7%	ALMOST EVERY WEEK
14%	13%	15%	ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH
28%	21%	21%	A FEW TIMES A YEAR
			...OR...
15%	17%	17%	NEVER
1%	1%	2%	DK/REFUSED ( <b>DO NOT READ</b> )
<b>36%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>FREQUENTLY</b>
<b>21%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>23%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>OCCASIONALLY</b>
<b>42%<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>RARELY</b>
<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>
43%	39% <sup>^</sup>	42%	37% <sup>^</sup>
16%	20%	16%	20%
33%	39%	27%	40%

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D6. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage? (**READ PUNCHES 1-4, ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE**)

**(IF OTHER, ASK:)** Now I realize you just said your main ethnic or racial heritage doesn't fall into any of the categories I just mentioned...but if you had to choose JUST ONE of these categories, which is ONE would you choose?

**1/10**

11% AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK  
 76% WHITE  
 8% HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO  
 1% ASIAN AMERICAN

2% OTHER (**DO NOT READ**) (**SPECIFY:**)

2% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

<u>12/05</u>	<u>3/06</u>	<u>12/06</u>	<u>4/07</u>	<u>10/07</u>	<u>1/08</u>	<u>5/08</u>	<u>3/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	
11%	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	10%	AFRICAN AMERICAN
77%	79%	78%	77%	77%	77%	78%	78%	77%	WHITE
6%	8%	4%	8%	6%	8%	5%	5%	8%	HISPANIC AMERICAN
2%	–	2%	–	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	ASIAN AMERICAN
3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	OTHER
2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	REFUSED

<u>5/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>12/03</u>	<u>2/04</u>	<u>6/04</u>	<u>7/04</u>	<u>8/04</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>7/05</u>	
10%	10%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	AFRICAN AMERICAN
80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	79%	80%	79%	WHITE
7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	HISPANIC AMERICAN
*	*	1%	*	*	1%	–	1%	–	ASIAN AMERICAN
2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	OTHER
2%	2%	–	2%	1%	1%	–	1%	1%	REFUSED

D7. And, for which of the following candidates did you vote for President in 2008... **(ROTATE)**

**(IF REFUSED, ASK)** I understand the confidentiality of your vote and the privacy of the voting booth, but I want to assure you that this poll is being completed for research purposes only and that all responses given will remain strictly confidential. In order to help me do the best research possible, would you now please reconsider and tell me how you voted? **(READ AND ROTATE IF NECESSARY:)**

<u>Elec</u>	<u>3/09</u>	<u>7/09</u>	<u>1/10</u>	
46%	44%	42%	42%	John McCain
				...OR...
53%	51%	49%	48%	Barack Obama
1%	3%	3%	3%	SOMEONE ELSE <b>(DO NOT READ)</b> (Specify: _____)
N/A	1%	–	3%	DID NOT VOTE <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>
N/A	2%	6%	5%	REFUSED <b>(DO NOT READ)</b>

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D8. Gender **(BY OBSERVATION)**

48%	MALE
52%	FEMALE

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D9. And finally, is it possible that a reporter for National Public Radio may do a news story based on some of these topics and may want to ask a few follow-up questions of some of the people we spoke to tonight. Would you be willing to have an NPR reporter have your responses on the questions about the issues we discussed and possibly call you for a brief interview?

59%	YES
40%	NO
1%	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

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