

**WHERE AMERICA STANDS:  
ECONOMIC WORRIES PERSIST; DISSATISFACTION WITH WASHINGTON RUNS HIGH  
May 20-24, 2010**

The latest CBS News Poll finds Americans in a pessimistic mood: amid continuing economic and financial concerns, Americans express dissatisfaction with both parties, Congress and the President.

**Seven in ten are dissatisfied with the government in Washington, including two in ten who are angry. The poll suggests a number of ways in which Americans feel political leaders are disconnected:**

- Less than half now say President Obama shares their priorities, down sharply from last year, and his approval rating is below fifty percent.
- Just 15% approve of Congress, and 77% disapprove, continuing this spring's historically high disapproval levels.
- Opinions of BOTH parties are equally poor, and at or near historic lows: Americans hold unfavorable views of Democrats (54%) and Republicans (55%).

**Economic worries underlie these assessments, including the perception that government is too tied to corporate America and not helping them personally:**

- Few say they've been personally helped by the President's economic policies, and few say their local economy is improving.
- 59% think Wall Street has too much influence on the Obama administration, and most think the stock market unfairly benefits the rich.
- Americans disapprove of the government bailing out the banks and U.S. automakers, but they support help for ailing homeowners.
- Eight in ten think the economy is bad, and fewer now see it getting better. While most Americans themselves are getting by financially, many are worried about their financial future.

**As a result, many are pessimistic about the direction of the country and the future in general.**

- Most Americans think the country is headed on the wrong track (61%). But this number does not match the record highs reached during the previous administration.
- Half - 50% - expect life for the next generation to be worse than it is today.

Also included in the poll are views on Elena Kagan, financial regulation, immigration, health care, terrorism and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## **THE ECONOMY: STILL BAD, AND OPTIMISM EBBS**

Negative views of the economy persist. As they have for many months now, about eight in ten Americans continue to say the national economy is in bad shape.

	<b>Condition of The Economy</b>					
	Now	4/2010	2/2010	11/2009	4/2009	2/2009
Good	20%	23%	17%	19%	16%	5%
Bad	79	77	83	79	84	94

And optimism about the economy has declined since last month. Three in ten think it is getting better, down from four in ten who thought so in April. Almost as many now say it's getting worse again.

	<b>National Economy Is Getting...</b>		
	Now	4/2010	2/2010
Better	30%	41%	24%
Worse	28	15	29
Staying same	42	43	45

Looking closer to home, Americans are also pessimistic. Most see no improvement in their local economy, and are more apt to say things locally are getting worse than getting better.

<b>Local Economy Is Getting...</b>	
Better	18%
Worse	29
Staying same	52

## **ANGER TOWARD WASHINGTON**

Most Americans (70%) feel dissatisfied or worse about the way things are going in Washington these days, including 22% who say they are angry. Discontent cuts across party lines, although more Republicans and independents than Democrats express anger at Washington.

	<b>Feelings towards Things in Washington</b>			
	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Enthusiastic	5%	0%	12%	3%
Satisfied	23	9	36	23
Dissatisfied	48	54	40	49
Angry	22	36	9	22

Among those who feel angry, top reasons volunteered are politicians "not representing the people" (17%) followed closely by "partisan politics and gridlock" (14%). These are followed by the economy and unemployment (11%) and government spending (10%).

<b>What Are You Most Angry About?</b>	
(Among Americans angry with Washington)	
Not representing the people	17%
Partisan politics	14
Unemployment/economy	11
Government spending	10

Both political parties receive criticism in this poll. Favorable views of the Democratic Party have dropped 20 points since last year and are now at their lowest level ever (37%). Views are similarly negative for Republicans; 33% hold a positive opinion of the Republican Party, not much improved from the historic low the party received last June.

	<b>Views of the Parties</b>		
	Now	4/2010	6/2009
<u>Democratic Party</u>			
Favorable	37%	42%	57%
Unfavorable	54	50	32
<u>Republican Party</u>			
Favorable	33%	38%	28%
Unfavorable	55	53	58

And confidence in the direction of the country continues to slide lower. Now, 32% of Americans think the country is headed in the right direction, while nearly twice as many – 61% - think it is off on the wrong track. The percentage that thinks the country is headed in the right direction is down thirteen points from a year ago, but is still more optimistic than during the last years of George W. Bush’s presidency.

	<b>Direction of the Country</b>					
	Now	4/2010	5/2009	2/2009	10/2008	2/2007
Right direction	32%	34%	45%	23%	7%	23%
Wrong track	61	59	48	68	89	68

### **ASSESSING THE PRESIDENT**

Some of the blame for Americans’ dissatisfaction with government can be found in their views of President Obama. Less than half of all Americans now think President Obama shares their priorities for the country – a drop of thirteen percentage points since October 2009, when CBS News last asked this question. Back then, a clear majority said he did share their priorities.

#### **Does Pres. Obama Share Your Priorities for the Country?**

	Now	10/2009	7/2009
Yes	45%	58%	62%
No	47	38	31

Americans split (mostly along partisan lines) on whether President Obama has brought change, and what kind. 38% of Americans think the President has brought change that has made the country better, but 32% think he has brought change for the worse, and another 24% think he has not brought change at all. Democrats are largely positive, and Republicans are largely negative, with independents divided.

#### **Has Barack Obama Brought Change that Has...**

	Total	Reps	Dems	Ind
Made the country better	38%	10%	67%	35%
Made the country worse	32	66	6	30
Has not brought change	24	21	22	26

Americans are also divided on whether or not they trust Barack Obama to make the right decisions about the most important issues facing the country – 48% say they do, and 49% say they do not. Again, trust divides along party lines, with independents splitting nearly evenly.

**Do You Trust Barack Obama to Make the Right Decisions for the Country?**

	Total	Reps	Dems	Ind
Yes	48%	13%	80%	47%
No	49	86	17	49

Likewise, Americans are somewhat divided over how President Obama is handling his job overall - 47% approve, while 43% disapprove. His approval of rating is down from 51% last month, and has hovered around or below 50% since January.

**President Obama's Overall Job Rating**

	Now	4/2010	3/2010	2/2010
Approve	47%	51%	44%	46%
Disapprove	43	39	41	45

Specifically, Americans generally approve when it comes to the President's handling of terrorism and Afghanistan, while they generally disapprove of his handling of the economy and health care.

**Obama Approval Ratings**

	Approve	Disapprove
Overall	47%	43
Terrorism	50%	38
Afghanistan	44%	37
Economy	43%	48
Health Care	42%	52

For many months Americans have named the economy and jobs as the top issue facing the country, but few see the President's economic policies as having a positive impact on their own lives. Just 13% of Americans think the President's economic policies have helped them personally; nearly seven in 10 think they have had no effect.

**How Have Barack Obama's Economic Programs Affected You Personally?**

	Total	Reps	Dems	Ind
Helped	13%	7%	23%	9%
Hurt	18	32	5	18
No effect	68	60	71	71

59% of Americans think financial institutions on Wall Street have too much influence on the Obama administration. Majorities of Republicans, Democrats, and independents all agree.

**Wall Street's Influence on the Obama Administration**

	Total	Reps	Dems	Ind
Too much	59%	60%	53%	63%
Too little	5	7	5	5
Right amount	12	12	20	7
Don't know	21	18	19	23

And Wall Street's interests aren't necessarily those of most Americans. In general, two-thirds of Americans say the stock market unfairly benefits the wealthy. Just one-quarter think the market acts fairly to all players.

28% of Americans think the policies of the Obama administration have made the country safer from terrorism, while nearly as many think they have made the country less safe and four in ten do not think they have had much of an effect.

**Policies of the Obama Administration Made the Country...**

	Now	2/2010
Safer from terrorism	28%	27%
Less safe from terrorism	25%	25
No effect	39	44

**CONGRESS**

Americans also express very negative opinions of Congress and the two political parties in this poll. 77% now disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job – the highest ever in a CBS News Poll – and just 15% approve. Americans of all partisan stripes disapprove.

**Congress' Job Rating**

	Now	4/2010	3/2010	4/2009	10/2008
Approve	15%	17%	14%	28%	12%
Disapprove	77	73	76	55	74

As has historically been the case, Americans are more positive about their own member of Congress, but even these views are mixed. 47% approve of the job their own member of Congress is doing, while 39% disapprove. That is the highest disapproval number since the question was first asked in 1978.

**Job Rating of Own Member of Congress**

	Now	4/2010	10/2008
Approve	47%	46%	43%
Disapprove	39	36	31
Don't know	14	18	26

Only one in 10 Americans think most members of Congress deserve to be re-elected. Most -- including Republicans, Democrats and independents -- want to give new people a chance.

**Do Most Members of Congress Deserve Re-Election?**

	Now	4/2010
Yes	9%	10%
No	82	78

**ISSUES OF FAIRNESS: HELP HOMEOWNERS, NOT BANKS**

The bailouts of the banks and auto industry may have fueled some dissatisfaction as well. While most Americans think the government ought to have helped homeowners in trouble (56% say so), most also think U.S. auto makers and big banks ought not to have received government assistance.

### **Bailouts: Should The Government Have Helped...**

	Should have	Should NOT have
The banks	27%	67
The automakers	33%	61
Homeowners	56%	36

### **AMERICANS' FINANCES: JOB OUTLOOK IMPROVED, BUT FINANCIAL WORRIES REMAIN**

On one bright note, Americans are less worried about a job loss than they were last month; the percentage that is "not concerned" about unemployment has risen ten points. Still, more than half are concerned about this.

#### **Concern about Household Job Loss**

	Now	4/2010
Very concerned	28%	34%
Somewhat concerned	26	30
Not concerned	45	35

While their own household finances are currently good, the future still looks worrisome. Seven in ten say things are good now...

#### **Your Household Finances Are Currently...**

	Now	4/2010	2/2010	4/2009
Good	69%	73%	67%	66%
Bad	30	25	32	33

...but two-thirds (68%) nonetheless express concern about their finances for the upcoming year.

#### **Concern about Finances Next 12 Months....**

Very concerned	29%
Somewhat concerned	39
Not concerned	31

Those who earn less money, especially households under \$50,000 per year, are most likely to express both concern about their current finances, and concern about the future.

### **THE FUTURE**

Americans are also pessimistic about the future. Half think the future for the next generation of Americans will be worse than life today, and just one in five expects it to be better.

#### **The Future for Next Generation of Americans Will Be...**

	Now	2/2010	3/2009	2/2000
Better	20%	25%	35%	44%
Worse	50	46	32	27
The same	25	26	36	27

Nevertheless, Americans are optimistic when it comes to their own personal hopes and dreams. Six in 10 believe they will achieve most of their hopes and dreams eventually, while more than a

quarter say they have already achieved most of them. Just one in 10 do not think they will ever achieve most of their hopes and dreams.

**Americans' Hopes and Dreams**

Have already achieved most of them	28%
Will achieve most of them eventually	60
Will never achieve most of them	10

Income matters when Americans assess their hopes and dreams. One in five of those making less than \$30,000 a year believe they will never achieve most of their hopes and dreams, compared to just 2% of those making over \$100,000 a year.

**WEIGHING IN ON THE ISSUES**

The Oil Spill in the Gulf

The Obama administration receives negative ratings for how it has handled the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico – 35% approve, while even more, 45%, disapprove. But the oil company BP comes in for far more criticism: less than one in five Americans approve of how BP has handled the spill, and more than three times as many, 70%, disapproves.

**Handling of Gulf Oil Spill**

	Approve	Disapprove
Obama administration	35%	45
BP	18%	70

In a CBS News Poll conducted earlier this month, 46% of Americans supported increasing offshore drilling for oil, marking a drop since 2008. Support for offshore drilling has not changed much in this poll: 45% now favor increased offshore oil drilling, while 46% think the costs and risks are too great.

**Increased Offshore Oil Drilling?**

	Now	2 weeks ago	8/2008	7/2008
Favor	45%	46%	62%	64%
Risks too great	46	41	28	28

Financial Regulation

The Senate approved its financial reform bill last week, and more than half of Americans support increasing government regulation of banks and financial institutions to prevent more financial crises from happening again. 37% think regulations should not be increased, because that will slow economic growth. Republicans oppose more regulations, while most Democrats and independents support them.

**Should Bank Regulations Be Increased?**

	Now	2/2010
Yes	53%	56%
No	37	36

## The Supreme Court

Just under half of Americans have been following news about the appointment of Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court. Still, more than seven in 10 Americans have not formed an opinion of her yet – not unusual this early in the nomination process. Now, 16% have a favorable view of Kagan, and 11% are unfavorable.

	<b>Opinion of Kagan</b>					
	All	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Women
Favorable	16%	7%	31%	11%	15%	17%
Unfavorable	11	25	3	9	13	9
Undecided/haven't heard enough	72	67	67	79	71	73

Democrats have a more positive impression of Kagan than Republicans or independents.

About half of Americans think it is important for there to be another woman on the Supreme Court – but those views have dropped since Sonia Sotomayor was nominated last year. Then, two in three Americans thought it was important for another woman to sit on the court; now, 48% feel that way.

## Immigration

Most Americans see illegal immigration as a very serious problem – a figure that has held steady over the past four years.

	<b>Illegal Immigration Is a...</b>				
	Now	4/2010	12/2007	10/2006	1/2006
Very serious problem	56%	65%	56%	54%	51%
Somewhat serious problem	28	24	30	28	33
Not too serious/not a problem	14	2	13	17	16

Half of Americans see the new law in Arizona – which gives police the power to question someone they have already stopped, detained, or arrested about their legal status in the country, and requires people to produce documents verifying their status if asked – as about right. 28% think it goes too far, and 17% think it does not go far enough.

### **New Arizona Law on Illegal Immigration**

Goes too far	28%
Doesn't go far enough	17
About right	52

## Health Care

There has been an uptick in the public's support for the health care bill signed into law in March. Now 43% approve of it, up from 32% in late March. Slightly more Americans – 47% -- disapprove of it.

	<b>Approval of the Health Care Bill</b>	
	Now	3/2010
Approve	43%	32%
Disapprove	47	53



Approval of the bill has risen among Democrats and independents.

<b>Approval of the Health Care Bill</b>						
	Republicans		Democrats		Independents	
	Now	3/10	Now	3/10	Now	3/10
Approve	14%	13%	72%	52%	39%	27%
Disapprove	78	75	15	34	50	54

But there has been no change in how people expect health care reform will affect them personally. By more than two to one, Americans think it will hurt rather than help them, and four in 10 expect it to have no effect.

#### **How Will Reforms Affect You Personally?**

	Now	3/2010
Help	16%	17%
Hurt	36	36
No effect	41	39

#### Terrorism

Just over half the country thinks that a terrorist attack on the U.S. within the next few months is at least somewhat likely. That figure has remained steady over the past few years, but is down sharply since just after the 2001 attacks.

<b>Likelihood of another Terrorist Attack?</b>					
	Now	2/2010	7/2007	1/2003	10/2001
Very likely	19%	18%	17%	18%	53%
Somewhat likely	41	40	40	48	35
Not very/not at all likely	36	38	40	28	10

As fears of another attack have subsided over the past ten years, Americans have become less apt to think personal freedoms will need to be sacrificed in order to make the country safe from terrorism. While a 57% majority say Americans will need to give up some freedoms, that is far lower than the 79% who thought that in September 2001.

<b>Give Up Personal Freedoms To Make Country Safe From Terrorism?</b>				
	Now	8/2006	4/2002	9/2001
Yes	57%	68%	72%	79%
No	38	29	24	19

And 50% thinks that racial profiling – for people of certain ethnic or racial groups to be subject to additional scrutiny by law enforcement – in order to reduce the threat of terrorism is not justified. Fewer, 37%, think it is justified.

#### Wars

53% of Americans think the war in Iraq is going at least somewhat well for the U.S., similar to views during the past year. 37% think it is going at least somewhat badly.

Views of the war in Afghanistan are more negative; 40% think that war is going at least somewhat well, and 49% think it is going at least somewhat badly.

## **THE TEA PARTY**

Americans divide in their overall opinions of the Tea Party movement, but a majority are undecided or haven't heard enough about the movement to have an opinion. These views have not changed much over the last month.

Republicans and independents hold net positive views of the Tea Party, while opinions among Democrats are more negative.

### **Views of the Tea Party Movement**

	Now	4/2010
Favorable	22%	21%
Unfavorable	20	18
Undecided	21	14
Haven't heard enough	36	46

One in five Americans call themselves supporters of the Tea Party movement. 51% of these Tea party supporters identify themselves as Republicans and another 46% are independents or don't express a party preference. Few are Democrats.

Supporters of the Tea party movement hold especially negative views of the President and Congress, and more than half are angry about how things are going in Washington.

### **Americans vs. Tea Partiers**

	All	Tea Party supporters
Approve of the President's job	47%	11%
Approve of Congress' job	15%	6%
Angry at Washington	22%	55%

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This poll was conducted among a random sample of 1054 adults nationwide, interviewed by telephone May 20-24, 2010. Phone numbers were dialed from random digit dial samples of both standard land-line and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher.

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**CBS NEWS POLL**

**Economic Worries Persist; Dissatisfaction with Washington Runs High  
May 20-24, 2010**

q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				Apr10b
	Total	*** Party ID ***			
	%	Rep	Dem	Ind	%
Approve	47	13	79	44	51
Disapprove	43	83	11	42	39
DK/NA	10	4	10	14	10

q2 Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

					May10b
Right direction	32	8	54	31	32
Wrong track	61	89	36	61	59
DK/NA	7	3	10	8	9

q3 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? 1. You feel as if you have achieved most of your goals and dreams in life, 2. You have not achieved most of your goals and dreams in life, but you feel that you will do so eventually, or 3. You feel that you will never achieve most of your goals and dreams in life.

Achieved goals and dreams	28	37	24	26
Will achieve goals and dreams	60	53	62	62
Will never achieve goals	10	9	11	9
DK/NA	2	1	3	3

q4 Do you think the future of the next generation of Americans will be better, worse, or about the same as life today?

					Feb10a
Will be better	20	13	30	18	25
Worse	50	67	40	46	46
About the same as life tod	25	16	24	31	26
DK/NA	5	4	6	5	3

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q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

					Apr10b
Approve	43	12	71	41	48
Disapprove	48	83	17	48	47
DK/NA	9	5	12	11	5

q8 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation with Afghanistan?

					Mar10c1
Approve	44	27	62	41	48
Disapprove	37	49	26	38	36
Don't know/No answer	19	24	12	21	16

q9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr10b
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	42	8	71	42	44
Disapprove	52	88	22	52	48
DK/NA	6	4	7	6	8

q10 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the threat of terrorism?

					Mar10c1
Approve	50	24	75	48	54
Disapprove	38	66	18	35	32
Don't know/No answer	12	10	7	17	14

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q14 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

					Apr10a
Approve	15	8	24	12	17
Disapprove	77	83	67	81	73
DK/NA	8	9	9	7	10

q15 How about the representative in Congress from your district? Do you approve or disapprove of the way your representative is handling his or her job?

Approve	47	46	51	45	46
Disapprove	39	43	37	39	36
DK/NA	14	11	12	16	18

q16 Do you think most members of Congress have done a good enough job to deserve re-election, or do you think it's time to give new people a chance?

Deserves re-election	9	1	20	6	10
Time for new person	82	92	69	85	78
Depends on candidates (vol	5	5	8	4	7
DK/NA	4	2	3	5	5

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q19 How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

					Apr10b
Very good	1	1	2	1	3
Fairly good	19	12	26	19	23
Fairly bad	47	47	52	43	45
Very bad	32	39	20	37	27
DK/NA	1	1	0	0	2

q20 Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr10b
	%	%	%	%	%
Better	30	17	43	28	41
Worse	28	42	16	27	15
Same	42	41	41	43	43
DK/NA	0	0	0	2	1

q21 Based on what you've seen, do you think the economy in your local community is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

					Oct09a
Better	18	9	24	18	14%
Worse	29	38	23	27	30
Same	52	52	52	53	54
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	2

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q24 In general, is your opinion of the Republican Party favorable or not favorable?

					Apr10a
Favorable	33	65	14	28	38
Not favorable	55	29	80	53	53
DK/NA	12	5	6	19	9

q25 In general, is your opinion of the Democratic Party favorable or not favorable?

Favorable	37	6	78	26	42
Not favorable	54	90	17	59	50
DK/NA	9	4	5	15	8

q26 BLANK

q27 Which comes closest to your feelings about the way things are going in Washington -- enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

Enthusiastic	5	0	12	3	5
Satisfied, not enthusiastic	23	9	36	23	26
Dissatisfied but not angry	48	54	40	49	48
Angry	22	36	9	22	19
DK/NA	2	1	3	3	2

q28 What are you most angry about?

\* AMONG THOSE ANGRY AT WASHINGTON \*

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr10a
	%	%	%	%	%
Not representing the people	17	16	22	17	15
Partisan politics	14	8	14	21	10
Unemployment	11	15	16	6	7
Gov't spending	10	8	3	15	9
Health care reform	6	10	3	4	14
Obama/Administration	6	11	0	3	5
Illegal immigration	4	7	4	1	0
Socialism	2	3	0	3	3
Taxes	2	1	1	2	1
Congress	2	2	2	2	6
Corruption	2	2	2	2	3
Gulf oil spill	2	0	0	4	--
Other	19	15	28	17	25
DK/NA	3	2	5	3	2

q30 How important do you think it is for there to be another woman on the Supreme Court? Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

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\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Jul09a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very important	21	13	34	16	35
Somewhat important	27	20	30	28	31
Not very important	25	24	21	29	14
Not important at all	25	42	15	23	18
DK/NA	2	1	0	4	2

q31 How closely would you say you have been following news about the appointment of U.S. Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court--very closely, somewhat closely, not very closely, or not at all closely?

Very closely	11	12	12	11
Somewhat closely	35	36	37	32
Not very closely	30	33	29	29
Not at all	23	19	22	26
DK/NA	1	0	0	2

q32 Is your opinion of Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Elena Kagan yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	16	7	31	11
Not favorable	11	25	3	9
Undecided	23	22	14	30
Haven't heard enough	49	45	53	49
Refused	1	1	0	1

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q34 Do you trust Barack Obama to make the right decisions on the most important issues facing the country, or are you uneasy about his approach?

\*\* TOTAL RESPONDENTS \*\*

\*\*\* Party ID \*\*\*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Trust	48	13	80	47
Uneasy	49	86	17	49
DK/NA	3	1	3	4

q35 Do you think Barack Obama has the same priorities for the country as you have, or doesn't he?

					Oct09a
					%
Yes	45	17	76	40	58
No	47	80	18	48	38
DK/NA	8	3	6	12	4

q36 Since he has been President, do you think Barack Obama has brought change that has made the country better, change that has made the country worse, or has Barack Obama not brought change to the country?

Change that is better	38	10	67	35
Change that is worse	32	66	6	30
Has not brought change	24	21	22	26
DK/NA	6	3	5	9

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q39 So far, have Barack Obama's economic programs helped you personally, hurt you personally, or have they not had much of an effect on you personally so far?

Helped	13	7	23	9
Hurt	18	32	5	18
No effect	68	60	71	71
DK/NA	1	1	1	2

q40 Do you think the financial institutions on Wall Street have too much influence, too little influence, or the right amount of influence on the Obama Administration?

Too much	59	60	53	63
Too little	5	7	5	5
Right amount	12	12	20	7
No influence (Vol.)	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	21	18	19	23

q41 Do you think the policies of the Obama administration have made the United States safer from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or have the policies of the Obama administration not affected the US's safety from terrorism?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb10a
	%	%	%	%	%
Safe	28	12	46	26	27
Less safe	25	48	8	24	25
No effect	39	37	39	40	44
DK/NA	8	3	7	10	4

q42-44 BLANK

q45 How serious a problem do you think the issue of ILLEGAL immigration is for the country right now -- very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

					Apr10b
Very serious	56	71	55	48	65
Somewhat serious	28	20	28	34	24
Not too serious	10	7	12	12	9
Not at all serious	4	2	5	4	1
DK/NA	2	0	0	2	1

q46 As you may know, the state of Arizona recently passed a law that gives the police the power to question someone they have already stopped, detained, or arrested about their legal status in the country. The law requires people to produce documents verifying their status if asked, Do you think this law goes too far in dealing with the issue of ILLEGAL immigration, doesn't go far enough, or is about right?

Too far	28	7	40	33
Not far enough	17	21	10	19
About right	52	70	46	45
DK/NA	3	2	4	3

q47 When it comes to government regulation of banks and financial institutions, which comes closer to your opinion? 1.The government should increase regulations on these institutions now to help prevent more financial crises from happening again in the future, or 2.The government should not increase regulations on these institutions now, because that will discourage private investors and slow down economic growth.

					Feb10a
Should increase regulation	53	34	67	54	56
Should not increase regula	37	56	23	36	36
DK/NA	10	10	10	10	8

q48 Looking back, do you think the federal government should have provided financial help to U.S. homeowners who were having trouble repaying their mortgages or should the government not have done this?

Should	56	40	74	54
Should not	36	51	19	38
DK/NA	8	9	7	8



q49 Looking back, do you think the federal government should have provided financial help to U.S. automakers who were in financial trouble, or should these companies have been allowed to succeed or fail on their own?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Should have	33	21	50	29
Should not have	61	77	45	63
DK/NA	6	2	5	8

q50 Looking back, do you think the federal government should have provided financial help to U.S. banks and financial institutions who were in financial trouble, or should these companies have been allowed to succeed or fail on their own?

Should have	27	20	37	23
Should not have	67	75	56	70
DK/NA	6	5	7	7

q51-52 BLANK

q53 From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the new health care reform bill?

IF APPROVE, ASK: Do you strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF DISAPPROVE, ASK: Do you somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove?

					Mar10c
					%
Strongly approve	19	5	34	16	16
Somewhat approve	24	9	38	23	16
Somewhat disapprove	13	14	7	17	14
Strongly disapprove	34	64	8	33	39
DK/NA	10	8	13	11	15

q54 From what you've heard or read, do you think the new health care reform bill will mostly help you personally, will mostly hurt you personally, or don't you think it will have much of an effect on you personally?

Help	16	3	33	13	17
Hurt	36	66	13	35	36
No effect	41	28	49	44	39
DK/NA	7	3	5	8	8

q55 Would you favor allowing increased drilling for oil and natural gas off the U.S. coast, or do you think the costs and risks are too great?

					May10a
Favor	45	67	37	37	46
Costs, risks too great	46	25	54	52	41
DK/NA	09	8	9	11	13

q56 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Obama administration is handling the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

Approve	35	24	50	29
Disapprove	45	52	32	50
DK/NA	20	24	18	21

q57 Do you approve or disapprove of the way BP, the company that operated the oil rig, is handling the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

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	%	%	%	%
Approve	18	24	18	14
Disapprove	70	63	74	70
DK/NA	12	13	8	16

q58 In order to reduce the threat of terrorism, do you think it would be justified or not justified for people of certain racial or ethnic groups to be subject to additional scrutiny by law enforcement?

Justified	37	54	30	31
Not justified	50	34	57	54
Depends (Vol.)	6	8	7	4
DK/NA	7	4	6	11

q59 Do you think Americans will have to give up some of their personal freedoms in order to make the country safe from terrorist attacks, or not?

					Aug06a
					%
Yes	57	65	48	59	68
No	38	31	48	36	29
DK/NA	5	4	4	5	3

q60 How would you say things are going for the U.S. in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq? Would you say things are going very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

					Mar10b
Very well	3	4	2	4	6
Somewhat well	50	54	50	49	48
Somewhat badly	26	25	22	28	25
Very badly	11	9	14	9	12
DK/NA	10	8	12	10	9

q61 What is your impression of how the war in Afghanistan is going for the United States right now -- very well, somewhat well, somewhat badly, or very badly?

					Mar10a
Very well	2	1	1	3	3
Somewhat well	38	37	38	38	38
Somewhat badly	37	46	35	33	31
Very badly	12	7	14	15	20
DK/NA	11	9	12	11	8

q62 How likely do you think it is that there will be another terrorist attack in the United States within the next few months--very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Feb10a
	%	%	%	%	%
Very likely	19	26	11	20	18
Somewhat likely	41	49	34	41	40
Not very likely	28	22	35	27	28
Not at all likely	8	3	17	5	10
DK/NA	4	0	3	7	4

q63-65 PLACEHOLDER

q66 How would you rate the financial situation in your household these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?

					Apr10a
Very good	10	10	6	13	9
Fairly good	59	58	69	53	64
Fairly bad	23	26	16	26	16
Very bad	7	6	8	7	9
DK/NA	1	0	1	1	2

q67 How concerned are you about making ends meet financially in the next 12 months - very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

Very concerned	29	28	28	31
Somewhat concerned	39	45	37	37
Not at all concerned	31	27	35	31
DK/NA	1	0	0	1

q68 How concerned are you that in the next 12 months you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job - very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned at all?

					Apr10b
Very concerned	28	28	23	32	34
Somewhat concerned	26	28	26	24	30
Not at all concerned	45	43	51	43	35
DK/NA	1	1	0	1	1

q69 Do you think the stock market is fair to all investors, giving everyone an equal chance to make money, or do you think the stock market unfairly benefits rich investors at the expense of average Americans?

Fair to all	23	32	17	22
Unfairly benefits the rich	64	57	72	63
DK/NA	13	11	11	15

q70-74 HELD FOR RELEASE

q75 Is your opinion of the Tea Party movement favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about the Tea Party movement yet to have an opinion?

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	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr10a
	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	22	44	2	22	21
Not favorable	20	5	40	14	18
Undecided	21	22	16	24	14
Haven't heard enough	36	29	40	37	46
Refused	1	0	2	3	1

q76 Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

Yes	20	39	2	21	18
No	59	36	80	58	62
DK/NA	21	25	18	21	20

	<u>Unweighted</u>	<u>Weighted</u>
Total Respondents	1054	
Total Republicans	308	272
Total Democrats	327	324
Total Independents	419	458