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OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone October 8-9, 2008, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ±3 percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.
LV = likely voters
Democrats n=371, ±5 percentage points; Republicans n=304, ±6 percentage points; independents n=190, ±7
Obama supporters n=415, ±5; McCain supporters n=352, ±5
Whites n=738, ±4; Blacks n=103, ±10; Seniors n=138, ±8

1. Did you register to vote in the last two years or have you been registered to vote longer than that?
SCALE: 1. Registered in the last two years 2. Registered to vote earlier than two years ago 3. (Don't know/Refused)

	Registered in last two years	Registered earlier	(Don't know/ Refused)
8-9 Oct 08	11%	88	1
Democrats	12%	88	-
Republicans	10%	90	-
Independents	10%	89	1

2. Right now, how interested are you in the 2008 presidential election? Are you:

	Extremely interested	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not at all interested	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	54%	32	12	2	-
Democrats	58%	33	8	1	-
Republicans	58%	28	12	2	-
Independents	43%	38	17	2	-
22-23 Sep 08	50%	35	12	2	-
Democrats	54%	34	8	4	-
Republicans	48%	39	12	1	-
Independents	42%	36	19	3	1
8-9 Sep 08	43%	38	15	4	-
Democrats	45%	41	13	1	-
Republicans	45%	39	14	2	-
Independents	36%	37	18	9	-
19-20 Aug 08	35%	39	20	5	-
Democrats	37%	42	16	5	-
Republicans	34%	41	21	3	-
Independents	32%	32	26	10	-
17-18 Jun 08	35%	38	19	8	1
18-19 Mar 08	34%	40	20	5	1
30-31 Jan 08	36%	40	20	4	1
23-24 Oct 07	30%	37	26	6	1
15-16 May 07	27%	35	29	8	1

3. If the 2008 presidential election were held today, would you vote for: (ROTATE)
SCALE: 1. Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden 2. Republicans John McCain and Sarah Palin 3. (Other) 4. (Don't know) 5. (Would not vote)

	Obama	McCain	(Other)	(Don't know)	(Would not vote)
8-9 Oct 08	46%	39	3	11	1
Democrats	86%	7	1	6	-
Republicans	7%	83	1	8	-
Independents	34%	32	7	24	2
22-23 Sep 08	45%	39	2	13	1
Democrats	84%	5	1	9	1
Republicans	6%	86	-	8	-
Independents	36%	31	3	29	1
8-9 Sep 08*	42%	45	2	10	2
Democrats	79%	9	1	10	1
Republicans	5%	88	1	6	1
Independents	31%	46	4	15	3
19-20 Aug 08	42%	39	4	14	1
Democrats	78%	8	3	10	1
Republicans	8%	82	2	8	-
Independents	31%	30	8	28	3

First time included vice presidential running mates

	Obama	McCain	(Other/Don't know)
22-23 Jul 08	41%	40	19
17-18 Jun 08	45%	41	14
28-29 Apr 08	43%	46	11
18-19 Mar 08	43%	44	13
19-20 Feb 08	47%	43	10
30-31 Jan 08	44%	43	13
18-19 Dec 07	40%	44	17
25-26 Sep 07	40%	38	22
17-18 Jul 07	47%	37	16
5-6 Dec 06	30%	49	21
24-25 Oct 06 LV	38%	41	21

4. (If Q2=Obama/McCain, n=767 ±3.5%) Are you certain to support [Obama/McCain], or do you think you may change your mind?

	Certain to support	May change mind	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08			
Obama supporters	89%	9	1
McCain supporters	91%	8	1
19-20 Aug 07			
Obama supporters	85%	14	1
McCain supporters	86%	12	2

5. Would you say that your vote in this year's presidential election is more a vote FOR the candidate you like or more of a vote AGAINST the other candidate?
SCALE: 1. For the candidate you like 2. Against the other candidate
3. (Don't know)

	For candidate you like	Against other candidate	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	68%	23	9
Democrats	79%	16	5
Republicans	63%	27	10
Independents	55%	31	14
Obama supporters	77%	17	6
McCain supporters	65%	28	7

6. How much does the outcome of the upcoming presidential election concern you -- a great deal, some, only a little or not at all?

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	82%	14	3	2	-
Democrats	88%	9	2	-	1
Republicans	82%	14	1	3	-
Independents	74%	19	5	2	-

7. If the November congressional election were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district or the Republican candidate in your district? (If undecided: Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean?) (ROTATE)

	--Democrat--			--Republican--			(Other/
	Total	Vote	Lean	Total	Vote	Lean	Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	44%	40	4	36	33	3	19
Democrats	84%	79	5	5	4	1	11
Republicans	8%	6	2	79	75	4	12
Independents	29%	26	3	32	26	6	39
19-20 Aug 08	45%	42	3	38	35	3	16
4-5 Nov 06 LV	49%	45	4	36	33	3	15
24-25 Oct 06 LV	49%	46	3	38	36	2	13
10-11 Oct 06 LV	50%	45	5	41	36	5	10
26-27 Sep 06 LV	49%	42	7	38	33	5	14
12-13 Sep 06 LV	41%	38	3	38	34	4	21
29-30 Aug 06	48%	43	5	32	28	4	21
8-9 Aug 06	48%	44	4	30	27	3	22
11-12 Jul 06	42%	38	4	34	31	3	25
13-14 Jun 06	46%	43	3	33	29	4	20
2-3 May 06	41%	37	4	38	32	6	21
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	48%	44	4	34	28	6	18
23-24 Sep 03	41%	35	6	36	32	4	23
22-23 Oct 02 LV	40%	35	5	41	36	5	19
8-9 Oct 02 LV	40%	35	5	42	36	6	18
24-25 Sep 02	45%	43	2	42	32	10	13
6-7 Aug 02	36%	31	5	39	33	6	25
26-27 Feb 02	32%	30	2	40	34	6	28
12-13 Dec 01	29%	21	8	40	33	7	31
28-29 Mar 01	36%	33	3	38	32	6	26
10-11 Jan 01	38%	32	6	33	26	7	29
6-7 Sep 00 LV	41%	34	7	40	32	8	19
24-25 May 00	39%	33	6	42	36	6	19
12-13 Jan 00	36%	32	4	42	35	7	22
6-7 Dec 99	38%	32	6	39	33	6	23
17-18 Nov 99	36%	34	2	42	37	5	22
20-21 Oct 99	40%	35	5	41	34	7	19
22-23 Sep 99	37%	31	6	38	30	8	25
8-9 Sep 99	36%	29	7	40	33	7	24
25-26 Aug 99	39%	34	5	36	29	7	25

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

8. Does Barack Obama's selection of Joe Biden as his vice presidential running mate make you more or less likely to vote for him for president?

	More likely	Less likely	(No difference)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	34%	23	40	3
Democrats	58%	7	33	2
Republicans	14%	38	47	2
Independents	27%	28	42	3
8-9 Sep 08	35%	25	37	2
Democrats	57%	11	30	2
Republicans	14%	42	42	1
Independents	31%	24	41	4

9. Does John McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate make you more or less likely to vote for him for president?

	More likely	Less likely	(No difference)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	32%	40	24	3
Democrats	10%	65	21	4
Republicans	62%	12	25	1
Independents	28%	40	29	3
8-9 Sep 08	41%	31	26	2
Democrats	18%	51	29	2
Republicans	69%	8	22	-
Independents	40%	31	24	5

10. How important is it to you that the presidential candidate you are supporting wins the election?

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not at all important	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	52%	30	14	2	1
Democrats	62%	29	8	1	-
Republicans	52%	33	13	2	1
Independents	37%	30	25	5	3

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

*** Bush Job Ratings Summary ***

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Most recent (8-9 Oct 08)	25%	69	5
Highest (14-15 Nov 01)	88%	7	5
Lowest (8-9 Oct 08)	25%	69	5
First-Term Average	61%	29	

	Approve	Dis approve	(DK)		Approve	Dis approve	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	25%	69	5	30-31 Jan 08	33%	60	7
Democrats	4%	94	2	18-19 Dec 07	36%	57	6
Republicans	52%	41	7	13-14 Nov 07	36%	56	8
Independents	22%	70	8	23-24 Oct 07	35%	55	9
RECENT TREND				9-10 Oct 07	35%	56	9
22-23 Sep 08	26%	66	8	25-26 Sep 07	34%	58	8
8-9 Sep 08	32%	64	4	11-12 Sep 07	37%	58	6
19-20 Aug 08	28%	67	5	21-22 Aug 07	33%	56	11
22-23 Jul 08	27%	66	7	17-18 Jul 07	32%	61	7
17-18 Jun 08	29%	64	7	26-27 Jun 07	31%	60	9
28-29 Apr 08	32%	60	8	5-6 Jun 07	34%	57	9
18-19 Mar 08	30%	60	10	15-16 May 07	34%	56	10
19-20 Feb 08	32%	59	9	17-18 Apr 07	38%	54	8

27-28 Mar 07	33%	61	6	8-9 Aug 06	36%	56	8
27-28 Feb 07	34%	57	8	11-12 Jul 06	36%	53	11
13-14 Feb 07	35%	56	9	27-28 Jun 06	41%	50	9
30-31 Jan 07	38%	54	8	13-14 Jun 06	40%	52	8
16-17 Jan 07	35%	58	7	16-18 May 06	35%	56	8
5-6 Dec 06	38%	54	9	2-3 May 06	38%	53	9
4-5 Nov 06 LV	38%	54	8	18-19 Apr 06	33%	57	10
24-25 Oct 06 LV	40%	53	6	4-5 Apr 06	36%	53	10
10-11 Oct 06 LV	40%	56	4	14-15 Mar 06	39%	51	11
26-27 Sep 06 LV	42%	54	4	28 Feb-1 Mar 06	39%	54	7
12-13 Sep 06 LV	40%	49	10	7-8 Feb 06	44%	47	9
29-30 Aug 06	38%	56	6	24-25 Jan 06	41%	51	8

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Approve	Dis approve	(DK)		Approve	Dis approve	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	13%	77	10	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
Democrats	15%	71	13	15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
Republicans	13%	82	5	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
Independents	9%	81	9	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
RECENT TREND				27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7	4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11	10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13	12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11	29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12	8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10	11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12	13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15	16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14	18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22	14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12	24-25 Jan 06	34%	51	16
25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13	13-14 Dec 05	30%	52	18
11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11	13-14 Sep 05	34%	49	17
21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17	30-31 Aug 05	28%	53	18

13. – 16. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of someone please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)
SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of

*****SUMMARY CHART*****

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Barack Obama	60%	34	7	-
John McCain	53%	40	7	-
Joe Biden	57%	29	12	1
Sarah Palin	47%	42	11	-

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Barack Obama				
8-9 Oct 08	60%	34	7	-
Democrats	92%	5	3	
Republicans	23%	71	6	
Independents	57%	31	12	
22-23 Sep 08	57%	33	10	-
8-9 Sep 08	57%	36	7	-
19-20 Aug 08	59%	35	6	-
22-23 Jul 08	58%	33	8	-
17-18 Jun 08	58%	32	10	-
28-29 Apr 08	47%	42	11	-
19-20 Feb 08	54%	33	12	-
18-19 Dec 07	49%	33	15	3
13-14 Nov 07	50%	34	11	4
11-12 Sep 07	51%	25	16	8
26-27 Jun 07	46%	30	17	8
17-18 Apr 07	47%	23	19	11
30-31 Jan 07	41%	20	20	18

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
John McCain				
8-9 Oct 08	53%	40	7	-
Democrats	22%	71	7	-
Republicans	89%	7	4	-
Independents	55%	35	9	-
22-23 Sep 08	54%	38	8	-
8-9 Sep 08	60%	33	7	-
19-20 Aug 08	60%	34	6	-
22-23 Jul 08	54%	38	9	-
17-18 Jun 08	58%	32	10	1
28-29 Apr 08	49%	37	13	1
19-20 Feb 08	52%	33	13	2
18-19 Dec 07	53%	29	13	5
13-14 Nov 07	48%	31	14	7
11-12 Sep 07	49%	30	14	6
26-27 Jun 07	47%	33	15	5
17-18 Apr 07	49%	31	13	7
30-31 Jan 07	45%	29	18	8
16-18 May 06	49%	25	18	7
7-8 Feb 06	54%	18	19	9
13-14 Dec 05	56%	18	18	7
30-31 Aug 05	57%	15	18	10
24-25 Aug 04 LV	57%	16	19	8
6-7 Jun 01	57%	18	18	7
28-29 Mar 01	54%	17	22	7
8-9 Mar 00	50%	28	17	5
23-24 Feb 00	57%	19	19	5
9-10 Feb 00	54%	15	20	11
26-27 Jan 00	42%	17	22	19
12-13 Jan 00	45%	13	22	20
6-7 Dec 99	41%	11	18	30
17-18 Nov 99	33%	10	19	38
3-4 Nov 99	30%	12	23	35
20-21 Oct 99	34%	12	19	35
2-3 Jun 99	25%	8	17	50

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Joe Biden				
8-9 Oct 08	57%	29	12	1
Democrats	85%	7	7	1
Republicans	28%	58	13	1
Independents	52%	28	18	2
22-23 Sep 08	48%	31	18	3
8-9 Sep 08	51%	29	15	4
30-31 Aug 05	19%	16	27	37

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Sarah Palin				
8-9 Oct 08	47%	42	11	-
Democrats	17%	71	12	-
Republicans	84%	9	8	-
Independents	46%	42	12	-
22-23 Sep 08	47%	36	16	2
8-9 Sep 08	54%	27	16	4

17. If you had to make the toughest decision of your life, who would you rather get advice from -- Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE)

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	42%	41	3	11	4
Democrats	76%	11	3	7	3
Republicans	8%	80	1	7	3
Independents	32%	37	3	22	6
22-23 Sep 08	40%	39	2	13	5
Democrats	75%	9	1	11	3
Republicans	4%	82	1	11	2
Independents	34%	31	6	17	12
8-9 Sep 08	34%	50	4	9	3
Democrats	64%	21	3	8	4
Republicans	5%	86	4	4	1
Independents	22%	52	6	16	3
19-20 Aug 08	37%	43	4	12	5

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

18. Do you think Barack Obama puts the country first or puts his campaign first?

SCALE: 1. Obama puts the country first 2. Obama puts his campaign first 3. (Don't know)

	Country first	Campaign first	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	48%	42	10
Democrats	77%	15	8
Republicans	19%	72	9
Independents	41%	44	15

19. Do you think John McCain puts the country first or puts his campaign first?

SCALE: 1. McCain puts the country first 2. McCain puts his campaign first 3. (Don't know)

	Country first	Campaign first	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	54%	37	9
Democrats	29%	61	10
Republicans	84%	11	4
Independents	55%	34	11

20. Regardless of how you plan to vote, who do you really believe will win the 2008 presidential election -- Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE)

	Obama	McCain	(Depends/ Too soon to say)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	61%	18	14	7
Democrats	80%	7	9	5
Republicans	39%	35	18	7
Independents	63%	15	15	6
8-9 Sep 08	41%	40	12	7
22-23 Jul 08	51%	27	13	9
17-18 Jun 08	47%	32	11	9

21. Which one of the following issues will be the MOST important in deciding your vote for president? (RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1-9)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
Economy and jobs	49%	60%	41%	45%
War in Iraq	8	10	6	6
Health care	8	12	4	7
Terrorism and national security	7	3	13	6
Ethics/government corruption	6	2	9	7
Taxes	5	3	7	6
Abortion	5	1	8	6
Energy	5	6	5	6
Immigration	1	-	1	2
(Other)	4	3	3	7
(Don't know)	2	2	3	2

TREND

	22-23 Sep 08	19-20 Aug 08	28-29 Apr 08
Economy and jobs	46%	43%	40%
Terrorism and national security	10	9	9
War in Iraq	8	11	13
Health care	7	9	9
Taxes	7	7	6
Ethics/government corruption	7	5	6
Abortion	4	3	3
Energy	3	4	na
Immigration	1	4	3
(Other)	4	2	5
(Don't know)	3	3	4

22. – 28. Regardless of how you might vote, which candidate do you trust more to handle the following issues -- Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE)
SCALE: 1. Barack Obama 2. John McCain 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)
(RANDOMIZE)

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)	(Dem Edge)
The situation in Iraq	42%	47	2	3	6	-5
Democrats	76%	13	3	3	5	+63
Republicans	7%	86	1	2	4	-79
Independents	35%	51	2	5	8	-16
22-23 Sep 08	41%	49	2	3	6	-8
8-9 Sep 08	39%	52	2	3	4	-13
19-20 Aug 08	42%	49	2	5	3	-7
22-23 Jul 08	39%	47	3	5	6	-8
17-18 Jun 08	40%	46	2	8	4	-6
Health care	52%	32	2	7	7	+20
Democrats	85%	6	2	3	4	+79
Republicans	17%	69	1	7	6	-52
Independents	47%	23	5	16	9	+24
22-23 Sep 08	53%	32	2	7	6	+21
8-9 Sep 08	49%	35	3	6	8	+14
19-20 Aug 08	50%	33	4	7	7	+17
22-23 Jul 08	50%	31	5	6	8	+19
17-18 Jun 08	47%	31	4	8	9	+16

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)	(Dem Edge)
The economy	50%	35	2	7	6	+15
Democrats	85%	6	3	3	3	+79
Republicans	13%	76	-	3	7	-63
Independents	44%	27	3	18	8	+17
22-23 Sep 08	47%	37	2	7	6	+10
8-9 Sep 08	46%	42	2	5	6	+4
19-20 Aug 08	48%	39	2	8	3	+9
22-23 Jul 08	47%	36	5	7	5	+11
17-18 Jun 08	44%	36	4	10	7	+8
The war on terrorism	37%	51	3	2	6	-14
Democrats	70%	17	6	2	6	-53
Republicans	6%	90	-	1	2	-84
Independents	29%	55	3	6	7	-26
22-23 Sep 08	38%	50	3	4	5	-12
8-9 Sep 08	35%	55	2	3	5	-20
19-20 Aug 08	34%	54	3	5	4	-20
22-23 Jul 08	34%	52	3	4	7	-18
17-18 Jun 08*	32%	51	5	6	6	-19
Energy independence	45%	40	2	5	7	+5
Democrats	79%	9	2	4	6	+70
Republicans	11%	78	1	4	5	-67
Independents	39%	39	3	10	10	-
22-23 Sep 08	47%	37	4	6	6	+10
8-9 Sep 08	44%	42	3	4	7	+2
19-20 Aug 08	45%	37	4	7	6	+8
Taxes	46%	41	1	6	6	+5
Democrats	81%	10	1	4	4	+71
Republicans	10%	83	-	3	3	-73
Independents	39%	34	2	16	8	+5
22-23 Sep 08	46%	39	1	7	6	+7
Cutting government spending	42%	40	2	10	6	+2
Democrats	73%	11	2	9	5	+62
Republicans	9%	79	1	8	3	-70
Independents	38%	36	3	15	8	+2

** previously worded 'Terrorism'*

29. – 33. Regardless of how you might vote, which presidential ticket do you think: SCALE: (ROTATE CHOICES) 1. The Democratic ticket of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, 2. The Republican ticket of John McCain and Sarah Palin 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Dem ticket	Rep ticket	(Both)	(Nthr)	(DK)	(Dem Edge)
Has more experience?	28%	56	7	4	5	-28
Democrats	53%	28	9	5	5	+25
Republicans	4%	88	2	3	3	-84
Independents	21%	60	8	3	7	-39
22-23 Sep 08	36%	51	8	3	3	-15
8-9 Sep 08	34%	52	6	3	5	-18

	Dem ticket	Rep ticket	(Both)	(Nthr)	(DK)	(Dem Edge)
Has better judgment?	46%	39	3	6	6	+7
Democrats	85%	8	1	2	4	+77
Republicans	7%	83	2	3	4	-76
Independents	39%	31	8	14	8	+8
22-23 Sep 08	47%	42	4	4	4	+5
8-9 Sep 08	43%	47	3	2	5	-4
Will bring the right change to Washington?	49%	34	2	9	6	+15
Democrats	87%	7	-	3	2	+80
Republicans	8%	76	-	10	6	-68
Independents	42%	24	7	18	10	+18
22-23 Sep 08	48%	36	3	8	6	+12
8-9 Sep 08	46%	39	2	7	6	+7
Better understands American families and their problems?	56%	32	3	6	3	+24
Democrats	89%	7	1	1	2	+82
Republicans	23%	66	4	4	3	-43
Independents	47%	27	6	15	5	+20
Better understands America's importance in the world?	45%	42	6	4	4	+3
Democrats	81%	10	4	2	3	+71
Republicans	8%	84	4	1	3	-76
Independents	36%	38	10	9	7	-2

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

34. In deciding your vote for president, do you think the RACE of the candidates will be:

SCALE: 1. The single most important factor 2. One of several important factors 3. A minor factor 4. Not a factor at all 5. (Don't know)

	Most Important	One of several factors	A minor factor	Not a factor at all	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	5%	19	21	52	3
Democrats	6%	19	19	53	3
Republicans	4%	23	22	49	2
Independents	6%	16	21	54	3
Whites	5%	20	21	52	2
Blacks	7%	15	20	51	7

35. In deciding your vote for president, do you think the AGE of the candidates will be:

SCALE: 1. The single most important factor 2. One of several important factors 3. A minor factor 4. Not a factor at all 5. (Don't know)

	Most Important	One of several factors	A minor factor	Not a factor at all	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	5%	23	32	39	1
Democrats	5%	29	30	34	1
Republicans	5%	15	36	44	-
Independents	5%	24	27	43	1
Seniors	12%	21	29	37	1

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS
36. – 37. Do you think [NAME] is honest and trustworthy?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
Barack Obama	60%	32	8
Democrats	86%	10	4
Republicans	29%	62	10
Independents	60%	28	12
28-29 Apr 08	54%	35	11
13-14 Nov 07	58%	25	18
5-6 Jun 07	57%	20	22
John McCain	60%	34	6
Democrats	36%	56	8
Republicans	85%	11	4
Independents	65%	30	5
28-29 Apr 08	60%	29	11
13-14 Nov 07	57%	25	18
5-6 Jun 07	59%	26	15
7-8 Feb 06	60%	18	22

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS
38. In general, do you think Barack Obama is running:
SCALE: 1. A positive campaign, focused on the issues 2. A negative campaign, focused on attacks 3. (Mixed) 4. (Don't know)

	Positive campaign	Negative campaign	(Mixed)	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	56%	21	17	7
Democrats	80%	9	9	3
Republicans	31%	38	22	9
Independents	50%	19	22	9

39. In general, do you think John McCain is running:
SCALE: 1. A positive campaign, focused on the issues 2. A negative campaign, focused on attacks 3. (Mixed) 4. (Don't know)

	Positive campaign	Negative campaign	(Mixed)	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	27%	51	15	6
Democrats	12%	74	9	5
Republicans	51%	24	18	7
Independents	19%	50	23	8

40. Thinking about your friends and neighbors, would they consider themselves to be part of the top elite in this country or are they part of a group that the elites in America look down upon?
SCALE: 1. Part of the top elite in this country 2. Part of the group that elites look down upon 3. (Mix/Depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Elite	Group elites look down on	(Mix /Depends)	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	17%	41	20	22
Democrats	18%	44	16	22
Republicans	19%	37	24	20
Independents	13%	44	21	22

41. Which presidential candidate do you think is more likely to be hiding the truth about his background and past associations -- Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE)

	Obama	McCain	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	41%	26	7	16	11
Democrats	13%	45	6	21	15
Republicans	77%	8	3	8	5
Independents	37%	20	14	18	11

42. As you may know, Barack Obama has distanced himself from his former pastor Jeremiah Wright because of controversial and anti-American comments Wright made. Obama attended Rev. Wright's church for about 20 years. Obama says he did not hear Wright make anti-American comments during the time he went to church there. Do you believe Obama attended Rev. Wright's church for 20 years and didn't hear him make anti-American comments during that time?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	28%	54	18
Democrats	40%	36	24
Republicans	15%	77	9
Independents	26%	55	19

43. There has been some discussion of Barack Obama's relationship with the former radical activist William Ayers. Because Ayers is linked to plots to bomb the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol in the 1970s, and because Ayres recently said he wished he had done more, some people say Obama's association with Ayers calls into question his judgment. Does Obama's connection with Ayers make you less likely to vote for him for president or does it not really make a difference to your vote?

	Less likely	No difference	(More likely - vol.)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	32%	61	2	5
Democrats	8%	83	2	7
Republicans	62%	33	2	3
Independents	29%	64	3	4

44. As you may know, there has been some discussion of John McCain's involvement with Charles Keating, of the so-called Keating Five savings and loan scandal of the 1980s. McCain was cleared of all charges and ethical complaints, but some people think McCain's past association with Charles Keating still calls into question his judgment. Does McCain's past connection with Keating make you less likely to vote for him for president or does it not really make a difference to your vote?

	Less likely	No difference	(More likely - vol.)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	16%	78	2	5
Democrats	24%	70	3	4
Republicans	7%	86	1	6
Independents	12%	83	2	3

45. In general, do you think government involvement is usually the solution or the problem?

	Solution	Problem	(Depends)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	17%	53	23	6
Democrats	26%	40	27	7
Republicans	12%	69	13	6
Independents	10%	59	28	3

46. Do you think this is a good time for higher taxes and a larger government or is this a good time for lower taxes and a smaller government?

	Higher/larger	Lower/smaller	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	13%	76	12
Democrats	20%	66	14
Republicans	4%	91	5
Independents	14%	72	14

47. Last week Congress passed a bill that included a seven hundred billion dollar rescue package for financial institutions. Do you approve or disapprove of Congress passing the rescue plan?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	34%	53	13
Democrats	38%	48	14
Republicans	33%	57	11
Independents	29%	59	12

48. All in all, do you think the Congressional financial rescue package will help or hurt the nation's economy, or will it not make much of a difference?
SCALE: 1. Help the economy 2. Hurt the economy 3. No difference 4. (Don't know)

	Help	Hurt	No difference	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	33%	26	29	12
Democrats	34%	21	32	13
Republicans	32%	31	25	11
Independents	32%	30	29	9

49. All in all, do you think the Congressional financial rescue package will help or hurt you and your family's financial situation, or will it not make much of a difference?
SCALE: 1. Help your financial situation 2. Hurt your financial situation 3. No difference 4. (Don't know)

	Help	Hurt	No difference	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	16%	28	47	9
Democrats	16%	24	49	10
Republicans	16%	31	46	7
Independents	19%	32	41	8

50. Thinking about the seven hundred billion dollar financial rescue package, do you think elected officials in Washington:
SCALE: 1. Know exactly what they're doing and how the rescue plan will affect the economy 2. Are pretty sure what they're doing and how the plan will affect the economy, or do they 3. Have no idea what they're doing or how the plan will affect the economy? 4. (Don't know)

	Know what they're doing	Pretty sure what they're doing	Have no idea what they're doing	(DK)
8-9 Oct 08	6%	34	53	7
Democrats	5%	33	55	7
Republicans	7%	36	50	7
Independents	4%	33	54	8

51. Do you think the government should use taxpayer money to bail out companies that are facing bankruptcy?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	11%	82	7
Democrats	11%	83	6
Republicans	9%	85	6
Independents	11%	82	7

52. Did you see or hear any of the presidential debate on Tuesday night?

	Yes	No/(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	70%	30
Democrats	70%	30
Republicans	74%	26
Independents	66%	34

53. (Debate watchers only, n=629, ±4) Regardless of how you plan to vote, which candidate do you think won the debate -- Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE)

	Obama	McCain	(Tie/Equal/Neither)	(Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	50%	17	26	7
Democrats	77%	3	14	6
Republicans	23%	37	31	8
Independents	41%	10	43	7

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
8-9 Oct 08	41%	34	21	2	2
22-23 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
8-9 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
19-20 Aug 08	42%	35	20	1	2
22-23 Jul 08	42%	33	19	3	3
17-18 Jun 08	42%	35	16	3	3
28-29 Apr 08	44%	30	21	2	2
18-19 Mar 08	43%	30	21	3	3
19-20 Feb 08	43%	33	17	4	3
30-31 Jan 08	42%	33	20	2	3