

POS NATIONAL SURVEY

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Public Opinion Strategies
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April 19-21, 2009
N= 800 Likely Voters
MoE = ± 3.46%

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1. Although the next federal election is not until November of 2010....How likely is it that you will vote in the next election?

95% VERY LIKELY
5% SOMEWHAT LIKELY
* NOT TOO LIKELY

2. Now, 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?

			Early	Late		
	<u>11/08</u>	<u>12/08</u>	<u>1/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	<u>4/09</u>	
	17%	11%	15%	36%	40%	RIGHT DIRECTION
	78%	84%	81%	56%	56%	WRONG TRACK
	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%	DON'T KNOW
	--	1%	1%	1%	*	REFUSED

3. And, do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

41% STRONGLY APPROVE
23% SOMEWHAT APPROVE
11% SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
21% STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

5% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

63% TOTAL APPROVE
32% TOTAL DISAPPROVE

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

6% STRONGLY APPROVE
33% SOMEWHAT APPROVE
19% SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
37% STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

5% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

39% TOTAL APPROVE
57% TOTAL DISAPPROVE

5. And, if the 2010 election for US CONGRESS were being held today, for whom would you vote...

the Republican candidate

.... OR

the Democratic candidate

for Congress from this district?

23% DEFINITELY REPUBLICAN
14% PROBABLY REPUBLICAN

4% LEAN REPUBLICAN
12% HARD UNDECIDED/NOT SURE
5% LEAN DEMOCRATIC

13% PROBABLY DEMOCRATIC
28% DEFINITELY DEMOCRATIC

2% REFUSED

37% TOTAL REPUBLICAN
41% TOTAL DEMOCRATIC
21% TOTAL LEAN/UNDECIDED

Trend: Early April 2009

39% REPUBLICAN
42% DEMOCRATIC
18% TOTAL LEAN/UNDECIDED

Q6 ASKED OF SAMPLE A ONLY (N=404)

6. And, thinking ahead to your vote in the 2010 elections for Congress...

Do you believe your vote will be more influenced by...

- 23% How you feel about Barack Obama
- 3% How you feel about George W. Bush

72% or do you believe it will be influenced by neither one?

2% DON'T KNOW

Q7 ASKED OF SAMPLE B ONLY (N=396)

7. And, thinking ahead to your vote in the 2010 elections for Congress...

Do you believe your vote in that election will be...

- 36% More to SUPPORT Obama
- 18% More to OPPOSE Obama

41% or will your vote in that election not be about Obama?

5% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

Q8 ASKED OF SAMPLE A ONLY (N=404)

8. Now, thinking some about the election for US Congress, for whom would you vote between:

34% A Congressional candidate who will help Barack Obama and the Democrats in Congress pass their agenda.

...or...

56% A Congressional candidate who can be a check and balance to Barack Obama and the Democrats in Congress.

7% DON'T KNOW

2% REFUSED

9. Now, based on President Obama's performance to date and looking ahead to the 2012 Presidential election...

Do you think you will...

42% Vote to re-elect Barack Obama

22% Consider voting for someone else ...or will you...

24% Vote to replace Barack Obama

11% DON'T KNOW

* REFUSED

Changing topics and thinking more about President Obama...

10. Do you generally consider President Obama to be a conservative, moderate or liberal on most issues?

5% VERY CONSERVATIVE
6% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

34% MODERATE

18% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
31% VERY LIBERAL

5% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

11% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
49% TOTAL LIBERAL

11. And, do you generally consider the Democratic leaders in Congress to be conservative, moderate or liberal on most issues?

4% VERY CONSERVATIVE
8% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

28% MODERATE

21% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
33% VERY LIBERAL

6% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

12% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
54% TOTAL LIBERAL

12. Which one of following best describes how you feel about President Obama and his economic policies?

- 13% I support Obama's economic policies and am confident they will work.
- 43% I support Obama's economic policies and hope they will work.
- 22% I support what Obama is trying to do on the economy, but I have doubts whether his economic policies will work.
- 21% I oppose President Obama's economic policies.

- * DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

56% TOTAL SUPPORT
43% TOTAL DOUBTS/OPPOSE

Q13 ASKED OF SAMPLE A ONLY (N=404)

13. And, generally speaking, do you favor or oppose the economic stimulus bill signed into law by President Obama?

- 19% STRONGLY FAVOR
- 36% SOMEWHAT FAVOR
- 15% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
- 26% STRONGLY OPPOSE

- 3% DON'T KNOW
- * REFUSED

55% TOTAL FAVOR
41% TOTAL OPPOSE

Q14 ASKED OF SAMPLE B ONLY (N=396)

14. And, generally speaking, do you believe that President Obama's economic stimulus package has started working to help the economy?

- 38% YES, HAS STARTED WORKING
- 55% NO, HAS NOT STARTED WORKING

- 6% DON'T KNOW
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Thinking some more about things in Washington...

15. And, do you agree or disagree with the following statement...

Since Democrats have complete control of Congress and the Presidency, it would be good to have more checks and balances in Washington by electing more Republicans to Congress.

37% STRONGLY AGREE
16% SOMEWHAT AGREE
19% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
26% STRONGLY DISAGREE

1% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

54% TOTAL AGREE
45% TOTAL DISAGREE

16. Now, regardless of whether you consider yourself to be a supporter of President Obama, which one of the following, if any, concerns you the most about him...

26% His proposals for increased government spending go too far
26% He's trying to take on too many issues
15% His proposals will result in higher taxes
15% He's not winning bi-partisan support for his policies
4% He's too focused on foreign affairs

2% ALL OF THE ABOVE
9% NONE OF THE ABOVE
2% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

17. And, which of the following best describes how you feel about President Obama and his policies...

54% I like Obama and like his policies
25% I like Obama and dislike his policies
1% I dislike Obama and like his policies
17% I dislike Obama and dislike his policies

3% DON'T KNOW
1% REFUSED

79% TOTAL LIKE OBAMA
18% TOTAL DISLIKE OBAMA

55% TOTAL LIKE POLICIES
42% TOTAL DISLIKE POLICIES

And, on a different topic...

18. How much have you seen, read or heard about last week's "Tea Party" protests? Would you say...

34% A LOT
34% SOME
20% NOT TOO MUCH
12% NOTHING AT ALL

* DON'T KNOW

68% TOTAL A LOT/SOME
32% TOTAL NOT MUCH/NOTHING

19. And, how sympathetic are you to the goals and objectives of these "Tea Party" protests? Are you...

27% VERY SYMPATHETIC
32% SOMEWHAT SYMPATHETIC
13% NOT VERY SYMPATHETIC
18% NOT AT ALL SYMPATHETIC

9% DON'T KNOW
* REFUSED

59% TOTAL SYMPATHETIC
31% TOTAL NOT SYMPATHETIC

20. And, what concerns you more...

31% The possibility of your taxes going up
...or...
59% Increased government spending and the national debt?

9% BOTH EQUALLY
1% DON'T KNOW

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

D1. And, just to be sure we have a representative sample, in what year were you born?

4% 18 - 24
15% 25 - 34
26% 35 - 44
17% 45 - 54
19% 55 - 64
19% 65 AND ABOVE

* REFUSED

D2. And what was the last grade you completed in school?

1% SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
4% SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
25% GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)
2% TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (12)
24% SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
27% GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
17% GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16+)

* REFUSED

29% HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS
27% SOME COLLEGE
44% COLLEGE+

D3. And for statistical purposes only...is your total annual household income greater or less than \$60,000 dollars?

9% UNDER \$20,000
18% BETWEEN \$20,000 - \$40,000
16% OVER \$40,000
16% UNDER \$80,000
15% BETWEEN \$80,000 - \$100,000
21% OVER \$100,000

6% REFUSED

27% UNDER \$40K
32% \$40K - \$80K
36% OVER \$80K

D4. And in politics today, do you consider yourself...

a Republican,
a Democrat,
or something else?

18%	STRONG REPUBLICAN
12%	NOT-SO-STRONG REPUBLICAN
9%	LEAN TO REPUBLICANS
14%	SOMETHING ELSE/INDEPENDENT
9%	LEAN TO DEMOCRATS
12%	NOT-SO-STRONG DEMOCRAT
25%	STRONG DEMOCRAT
*	DON'T KNOW
*	REFUSED
30%	TOTAL REPUBLICAN
37%	TOTAL DEMOCRAT
32%	TOTAL LEAN/INDEPENDENT

D5. In politics today, do you consider yourself to be...

conservative
moderate
...or...
liberal?

22% VERY CONSERVATIVE
22% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE

41% MODERATE

8% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
5% VERY LIBERAL

1% UNDECIDED/NOT SURE
* REFUSED

44% TOTAL CONSERVATIVE
13% TOTAL LIBERAL

And thinking back to the presidential election in 2008...

D6. Regardless of how you may feel today...for which of the following candidates did you vote for President...

46% John McCain
53% Barack Obama
* Ralph Nader
...OR...
* Bob Barr

* SOMEONE ELSE
* DID NOT VOTE
* DON'T KNOW/DON'T RECALL
* REFUSED

D7. Other than being an American, what is your main ethnic or racial heritage?

12% AFRICAN AMERICAN OR BLACK
76% WHITE
8% HISPANIC AMERICAN OR LATINO
1% ASIAN AMERICAN
2% OTHER
1% REFUSED

D8. Do you happen to have a home computer?

84% YES
16% NO

D9 ASKED IF HAVE A HOME COMPUTER (N=670)

D9. And, if you were forced to give up either your home computer or the TVs you have in your household, which would you give up?

43% HOME COMPUTER
55% TVs

1% DON'T KNOW
1% REFUSED

D10. GENDER. Are you employed outside of the home, are you a homemaker, or are you retired?

33% MALE/EMPLOYED
1% MALE/HOMEMAKER
12% MALE/RETIRED
2% MALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE
* MALE/REFUSED

30% FEMALE/EMPLOYED
7% FEMALE/HOMEMAKER
12% FEMALE/RETIRED
3% FEMALE/NOT IN LABOR FORCE
* FEMALE/REFUSED

48% TOTAL MALE
52% TOTAL FEMALE
