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Interview dates: September 5-9, 2008 Interviews: 1,018 adults; 876 registered voters Margin of error: +-3.1 for all adults; +-3.3 for registered voters

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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

PRESIDENT STUDY

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

	ALL ADULTS
Right direction	32
Wrong track	65
DK/NS	3

1a-b. If the election for president were held today and the candidates were **(READ ANSWER LIST)**, for whom would you vote? Do you lean more toward...

	ALL ADULTS	REGISTERED VOTERS
Barack Obama for president and Joe Biden for vice president, the Democrats	48	45
John McCain for president and Sarah Palin for vice president, the Republicans	42	46
Ralph Nader for president and Matt Gonzalez for vice president, the Independents	2	2
Bob Barr for president and Wayne Allyn Root for vice president, the Libertarians	1	1
(NOT READ) Neither	5	4
DK/NS	2	2

(Q1c. ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO DID NOT ANSWER 'NEITHER' OR 'DK/NS')

1c. In November, will you definitely vote for that candidate, probably vote for that candidate, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November?

	ALL ADULTS			
	OBAMA/BIDEN	McCain/Palin	NADER/GONZALEZ	BARR/ROOT
Definitely will vote for candidate	79	72	29	22
Probably will vote for candidate	12	15	12	11
Could change mind	9	11	59	67
DK/NS	0	1	-	-

	REGISTERED VOTERS			
	OBAMA/BIDEN	McCain/Palin	Nader/Gonzalez	BARR/ROOT
Definitely will vote for candidate	80	77	32	22
Probably will vote for candidate	12	13	9	11
Could change mind	8	10	59	67
DK/NS	0	0	-	-

2. Do you think **<JOE BIDEN/SARAH PALIN>** is qualified to be President?

	ALL ADULTS	
	JOE BIDEN	SARAH PALIN
Yes	56	47
No	31	43
DK/NS	13	10

	REGISTERED VOTERS		
	JOE BIDEN	SARAH PALIN	
Yes	60	48	
No	31	44	
DK/NS	9	8	

3. Who's stronger on.....

	BARACK OBAMA	JOHN McCAIN	(NOT READ) BOTH EQUALLY	(NOT READ) NEITHER	Dk/Ns
Foreign policy	36	55	2	3	5
Healthcare	51	35	1	6	7
Jobs and the economy	50	40	1	4	4
Leadership	45	47	3	3	3
National security	35	56	2	3	4
Representing change	56	35	2	4	3

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

	ALL ADULTS
Yes	79
No	20
(DK/NS)	1

2. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

PARTY IDENTIFICATION

	ALL ADULTS
Republican	41
Democrat	49
Independent	9