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Interview dates: January 15 - 18, 2009
Interviews: 979 adults; 853 registered voters
Margin of error: 3.1% for all adults; 3.4 for registered voters

**Ipsos/McClatchy Poll
PROJECT #81-4621-23**

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted January 15-18, 2009. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 979 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the actual U.S. population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish.

INAUGURATION/ECONOMY STUDY

1. With the inauguration of Barack Obama as President coming up next week, would you say you feel better or worse about the future of the United States?

Better	64
Worse	19
(DO NOT READ) Neither	14
(DK/NS)	3

2. Thinking about the U.S. economy, do you believe the incoming Obama administration can improve economic conditions in this country, or not? **(IF "YES" ASK: And do you believe that strongly, or only somewhat?)**

Total Yes mentions	65
Yes, strongly	35
Yes, somewhat	30
No	26
(DK/NS)	9

3. If you had to choose, who do you trust most to improve the economy ...

President-elect Obama	44
The Private sector	28
Congress	16
(DK/NS)	11

4. Do you think that an economic stimulus package is necessary to improve the current state of the economy, or not?

Yes	62
No	32
(DK/NS)	6

5. With the current stimulus package being considered, the total cost of the economic stimulus could total one trillion dollars. Is spending this amount of money ...

Definitely necessary	18
Probably necessary	37
Probably not necessary	20
Definitely not necessary	21
(DK/NS)	4
Top2Box (Necessary)	55
Low2Box (Not necessary)	41

6. How confident are you that the following elements of the proposed economic stimulus package will improve the U.S. economy? What about...**[INSERT ITEMS]**?

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not at all confident	(DK/NS)	Top2Box (Confident)	Low2Box (Not confident)
Tax cuts for workers	29	42	14	13	3	71	26
Tax cuts for businesses	23	41	17	16	3	64	33
Infrastructure improvements, such as repairing and building roads	33	39	15	11	2	71	26
Aid to state and local governments	17	45	18	16	3	63	34

7. One of the elements of the proposed economic stimulus plan is a broad tax cut for the middle class. If a tax cut resulted in an increase to your weekly take-home pay of \$20, what would you most likely do with that money?

Pay existing bills	49
Add to your savings	29
Spend it on something you otherwise wouldn't spend money on, like going to a restaurant	10
Spend it on a planned purchase	8
(DO NOT READ) Other	3
(DO NOT READ) None	1
(DK/NS)	0

8. Which of the following would have the greatest positive effect on your confidence in the U.S. economy?

Seeing improvement in your personal financial situation, such as increased ability to save	34
Seeing sustained gains in the stock market	25
Seeing infrastructure projects like road repairs start in your community	19
Seeing President Obama sign a stimulus bill	15
(DK/NS)	7

[ASKED TO HALF OF RESPONDENTS – BASE = 496 RESPONDENTS]

9. How quickly do you WANT to see results from an economic stimulus package? Would you say...

Within a month	15
Within 6 months	41
Within a year	22
Longer than a year	20
(DK/NS)	3

Total within 6 months 56

[ASKED TO HALF OF RESPONDENTS – BASE = 483 RESPONDENTS]

10. How quickly do you EXPECT to see results from an economic stimulus package? Would you say...

Within a month	4
Within 6 months	23
Within a year	26
Longer than a year	45
(DK/NS)	2

Total within 6 months 27

11. Thinking about the economic stimulus, some people say that **[INSERT ITEM]**, while others say that **[INSERT ITEM]**. Which of these comes closest to your own opinion?

Congress should carefully consider the issue through hearings and debate before acting.	56
Congress should act as quickly as possible	41
(DK/NS)	3

12. Do you plan to watch or listen to the inauguration live when it occurs after noon on Tuesday, January 20?

Yes	62
No	35
(DK/NS)	3

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

Yes	83
No	16
(DK/NS)	0

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

(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?

2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?

2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	25
Moderately Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	15
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	8
Lean Republican	9
Independent (No lean)	17

Total Democrats	53
Total Republicans	30

Initial Democrats	38
Initial Republicans	21

Addendum: Issues by PartyID

1. With the inauguration of Barack Obama as President coming up next week, would you say you feel better or worse about the future of the United States?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Better	64	29	90	47
Worse	19	51	3	15
(DO NOT READ) Neither	14	18	5	30
(DK/NS)	3	2	2	9

2. Thinking about the U.S. economy, do you believe the incoming Obama administration can improve economic conditions in this country, or not? **(IF "YES" ASK: And do you believe that strongly, or only somewhat?)**

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Total Yes mentions	65	38	87	45
Yes, strongly	35	10	54	22
Yes, somewhat	30	28	33	23
No	26	55	8	29
(DK/NS)	9	7	5	25

3. If you had to choose, who do you trust most to improve the economy ...

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
President-elect Obama	44	16	63	40
The Private sector	28	57	13	26
Congress	16	15	18	12
(DK/NS)	11	11	7	21