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Interview dates: February 6 - 9, 2009  
Interviews: 1042 adults; 841 registered voters  
549 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 346 Republicans/Lean Republicans  
Margin of error: +-3.04 for all adults; +-3.38 for registered voters  
+-4.18 for Democrats; +- 5.27 for Republicans

**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 February 6 - 9, 2009. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1042 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 3.04 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.*

**POLITICAL TRACKER**

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

Right direction .....	42
Wrong track .....	50
(Not sure) .....	8

**[Q1b. ASKED OF HALF of 1,042 respondents]**

1b. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

	<u>2/5- 9/09</u>	<u>*7/10- 14/08</u>	<u>4/7- 9/08</u>	<u>1/7- 9/08</u>	<u>10/1- 3/07</u>	<u>7/9- 11/07</u>	<u>4/10- 12/07</u>	<u>1/8- 10/07</u>
<b>ECONOMY (NET)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>
Economy (unspecified)	50	31	32	15	7	6	3	8
Unemployment, lack of jobs	20	5	5	4	4	2	1	4
Other economy issues	5	8	2	-	4	1	2	1
<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>
War (Subnet)	4	10	17	21	30	32	33	38
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)	1	4	6	8	14	17	20	27
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	3	6	11	13	16	16	13	11
Immigration	1	2	4	8	4	8	5	3
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	1	1	1	4	3	6	4	4
Other foreign affairs issues	1	1	4	3	5	3	4	3
<b>DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>
Political Leaders	1	3	5	5	7	8	6	9
Energy Crisis	-	22	4	3	1	3	5	0
Morality	3	1	7	5	8	2	7	5
Education	1	1	2	3	2	3	1	2
Crime/Drugs	-	1	-	2	4	1	3	4
Environment	-	0	-	1	2	1	3	3
Other Domestic Issues	4	5	8	8	9	10	6	4
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
Nothing	-	0	-	-	-	0	1	-
(Not sure)	1	4	3	3	3	6	3	1
	<u>10/2- 4/06</u>	<u>7/10- 12/06</u>	<u>4/3- 5/06</u>	<u>1/3- 5/06</u>	<u>10/3- 5/05</u>	<u>7/11- 13/05</u>	<u>4/4- 6/05</u>	
<b>FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	
War (Subnet)	24	22	19	21	23	19	18	
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)	13	14	13	13	12	13	7	
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	11	8	7	8	11	6	10	
Immigration	6	9	13	3	3	4	2	
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	11	7	7	7	5	10	6	
Other foreign affairs issues	3	3	8	5	5	7	7	
<b>DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	
Political Leaders	9	9	8	12	8	5	5	
Energy Crisis	4	8	6	4	8	4	5	
Morality	5	4	6	7	8	6	8	
Education	3	3	1	1	2	3	3	
Crime/Drugs	5	1	2	3	2	2	2	
Environment	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	
Other Domestic Issues	6	3	6	9	5	6	16	
<b>ECONOMY (NET)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	
Economy (unspecified)	6	9	6	9	11	8	8	
Unemployment, lack of jobs	2	2	4	4	4	10	6	
Other economy issues	1	3	4	5	9	10	5	
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	
Nothing	0	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Not sure	7	3	3	2	1	1	4	

\*ALL DATA PRIOR TO 2009 ARE FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS/IPSOS POLLS. ANY CITATION OF THESE RESULTS MUST REFERENCE THE "ASSOCIATED PRESS/IPSOS POLL" AND THE DATE.

2a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **(IF 'APPROVE' OR 'DISAPPROVE' ASK: )** Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? **(IF HAVE 'MIXED FEELINGS' OR 'NOT SURE' ASK:)** If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

Strongly approve.....	38
Somewhat approve.....	19
Lean toward approval .....	13
Still have mixed feelings .....	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	10
Somewhat disapprove .....	4
Strongly disapprove .....	12
(Not sure) .....	1
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<b>Total Approve.....</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total Disapprove.....</b>	<b>26</b>
Mean Rating .....	5.1

3. When it comes to the following issues, please tell me what grade you would give President Obama for his performance. Let's use the same grades they use in school -- A, B, C, D, or F. **(FIRST TIME, READ: What grade would you give President Obama for his performance when it comes to (INSERT)?**

	A	B	C	D	F	(Not sure)	Satisfactory (A & B)	Unsatisfactory (D & F)	Mean
The economy and jobs	29	24	18	12	14	4	53	26	3.4
Diplomacy	34	28	19	8	5	6	63	13	3.8
Terrorism	26	25	22	9	10	8	50	20	3.5
The war in Iraq	26	25	21	10	11	7	51	21	3.5
The war in Afghanistan	23	24	23	8	12	9	47	20	3.4
Health care	30	24	22	8	9	8	53	17	3.6
Education	33	28	21	6	5	6	61	11	3.8
Energy independence	28	29	21	7	8	7	56	15	3.6

4. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Congress is handling its job? **(IF 'APPROVE' OR 'DISAPPROVE' ASK: )** Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? **(IF HAVE 'MIXED FEELINGS' OR 'NOT SURE' ASK:)** If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

Strongly approve .....	8
Somewhat approve.....	13
Lean toward approval .....	16
Still have mixed feelings .....	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	18
Somewhat disapprove .....	13
Strongly disapprove .....	28
(Not sure) .....	1
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<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>59</b>
Mean Rating .....	3.4

5. Has the U.S. economy turned the corner on the current crisis, is the worst yet to come, or have things stabilized but not yet begun to improve?

Turned the corner .....	7
Worst yet to come .....	54
Stabilized, but not yet begun to improve .....	35
(Not sure) .....	4

<b>PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY</b>
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1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address, or not?

Yes	81
No	19
(Not sure)	-

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	23
Moderately Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	15
Strongly Republican	10
Moderately Republican	11
Lean Republican	11
Independent (No lean)	14

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<b>Total Democrats</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Republicans</b>	<b>33</b>

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<b>Initial Democrats</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Initial Republicans</b>	<b>22</b>