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Interview dates: March 5 - 9, 2009
Interviews: 1070 adults; 866 registered voters
566 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 311 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 3 for all adults; ± 3.33 for registered voters
 ± 4.12 for Democrats; ± 5.56 for Republicans

**Ipsos/McClatchy Poll
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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted March 5 -9, 2009. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1070 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?

	<u>3/5-9/09</u>	<u>2/6 - 9/09</u>
Right direction	44	42
Wrong track	48	50
(Not sure)	8	8

2. 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?

	<u>3/5 - 9/09</u>	<u>2/6 - 9/09</u>
Strongly approve.....	39	38
Somewhat approve.....	15	19
Lean toward approval	10	13
Still have mixed feelings	5	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	8	10
Somewhat disapprove	5	4
Strongly disapprove	17	12
(Not sure)	1	1
Total Approve.....	65	69
Total Disapprove.....	29	26
Mean Rating	4.9	5.1

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?

	<u>3/5 - 9/09</u>	<u>2/6 - 9/09</u>
Turned the corner	3	7
Worst yet to come	57	54
Stabilized, but not yet begun to improve	35	35
(Not sure)	5	4

6. What is your opinion of Rush Limbaugh?

	<u>3/5 -9/09</u>
Very favorable	11
Somewhat favorable	19
Somewhat unfavorable	13
Very unfavorable	33
(NOT READ) Have no opinion	21
(Not sure)	3
Total Approve.....	30
Total Disapprove.....	46

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

Yes	81
No	19

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	26
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	15
Strongly Republican	10
Moderately Republican	9
Lean Republican	10
Independent (No lean)	18

Total Democrats	53
Total Republicans	29

Initial Democrats	38
Initial Republicans	19