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Interview dates: April 30 – May 3, 2009
Interviews: 1004 adults; 829 registered voters
488 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 351 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 3.09 for all adults; ± 3.4 for registered voters
 ± 4.4 for Democrats; ± 5.23 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 April 30 – May 3, 2009. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1004 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 3.09 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>4/30- 5/3/09</u>	<u>4/2- 6/09</u>	<u>3/5- 9/09</u>	<u>2/6 - 9/09</u>
Right direction	55	45	44	42
Wrong track	38	48	48	50
(Not sure)	7	7	8	8

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?

	<u>4/30- 5/3/09</u>	<u>4/2- 6/09</u>	<u>3/5 - 9/09</u>	<u>2/6 - 9/09</u>
Strongly approve.....	40	35	39	38
Somewhat approve.....	17	18	15	19
Lean toward approval	8	9	10	13
Still have mixed feelings	2	4	5	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	9	9	8	10
Somewhat disapprove	3	4	5	4
Strongly disapprove	19	20	17	12
(Not sure)	1	0	1	1
Total Approve.....	65	63	65	69
Total Disapprove.....	31	33	29	26
Mean Rating	4.9	4.7	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>4/30- 5/3/09</u>	<u>4/2- 6/09</u>	<u>3/5 - 9/09</u>	<u>2/6 - 9/09</u>
Turned the corner	10	8	3	7
Worst yet to come	38	36	57	54
Stabilized, but not yet begun to improve	48	52	35	35
(Not sure)	4	4	4	4

[Q6 and Q7 ARE ASKED TO HALF OF RESPONDENTS - BASE = 518 RESPONDENTS]

6. Would you **[ROTATE: strongly prefer, somewhat prefer, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose]** the creation of a bipartisan blue-chip commission to lead an investigation into how the US government interrogated detainees during the war on terror?

Strongly prefer	19
Somewhat prefer	23
Somewhat oppose	18
Strongly oppose	27
(Not sure)	13

Total Preference	41
Total Opposition	46

7. And thinking about the interrogation techniques used during the war on terror found to be torture, do you think that **[INSERT TEXT – ORDER OF ITEMS WAS RANDOMIZED]** should be prosecuted, or not?

	Should be prosecuted	Should not be prosecuted	(Not sure)
People who authorized these interrogation techniques.....	43	48	9
People who conducted interrogations using these techniques.....	30	62	8

[Q8 AND Q9 ASKED TO OTHER HALF OF RESPONDENTS - BASE = 486 RESPONDENTS]

8. Thinking now about national priorities, how important is the goal of Congress and the President guaranteeing universal health insurance for every American by the end of 2009?

The most important priority.....	20
One of the top 2-3 priorities	38
An important goal, but not a top priority	23
Not important at all	17
(Not sure)	2
Total top priority.....	58

9. On the topic of federal health care reform, some say that **[ROTATE: controlling costs should be the main emphasis. Others say that expanding coverage so that all Americans will have insurance should be the main emphasis.]** Which of these comes closest to your own personal opinion?

Controlling costs should be the main emphasis.....	51
Expanding coverage so that all Americans will have insurance should be the main emphasis.....	42
(Not sure).....	8

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

Yes	83
No	17

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	22
Moderately Democrat	13
Lean Democrat	14
Strongly Republican	12
Moderately Republican	12
Lean Republican	11
Independent (No lean)	16

Initial Democrats	34
Total Democrats	49

Initial Republicans	24
Total Republicans	35