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Interview dates: June 4-8, 2009
Interviews: 1023 adults; 843 registered voters
523 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 322 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 3.06 for all adults; ± 3.4 for registered voters
± 4.29 for Democrats; ± 5.46 for Republicans

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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted June 4-8, 2009. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1023 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 3.06 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?

	6/4-	4/30-	4/2-	<u>3/5-</u>	<u> 2/6 – </u>
	8/09	5/3/09	6/09	9/09	9/09
Right direction	52	55	45	44	42
Wrong track	42	38	48	48	50
(Not sure)	6	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>6/4-</u>	<u>4/30-</u>	<u>4/2-</u>	<u>3/5 -</u>	<u> 2/6 – </u>
	<u>8/09</u>	<u>5/3/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>	<u>9/09</u>
Strongly approve	40	40	35	39	38
Somewhat approve	14	17	18	15	19
Lean toward approval	10	8	9	10	13
Still have mixed feelings	3	2	4	5	3
Lean toward disapproval	9	9	9	8	10
Somewhat disapprove	7	3	4	5	4
Strongly disapprove	16	19	20	17	12
(Not sure)	1	1	0	1	1
Total Approve	64	65	63	65	69
Total Disapprove	32	31	33	29	26
Mean Rating	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.1

4a. 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?

	6/4-	<u> 2/6 – </u>
	8/09	9/09
Strongly approve	10	8
Somewhat approve	16	13
Lean toward approval	14	16
Still have mixed feelings	7	3
Lean toward disapproval	12	18
Somewhat disapprove	14	13
Strongly disapprove	25	28
(Not sure)	2	1
Total Approve	39	37
Total Disapprove	52	59
Mean Rating	3.6	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?

	6/4-	<u>4/30-</u>	4/2-	<u>3/5 -</u>	<u> 2/6 – </u>
	8/09	5/3/09	6/09	9/09	9/09
Turned the corner	9	10	8	3	7
Worst yet to come	37	38	36	57	54
Stabilized, but not yet begun to improve	48	48	52	35	35
(Not sure)	6	4	4	4	4

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

Yes 82 No 17 (Not sure) 1

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 Moderately Democrat Lean Democrat Strongly Republican Moderately Republican Lean Republican Independent (No lean)	25 12 14 11 10 10
Initial Democrats	37
Total Democrats	51
Initial Republicans	21
Total Republicans	31