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Interview dates: October 29th – November 1st, 2009
Interviews: 1,077 adults; 911 registered voters
525 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 446 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 2.98 for all adults; 3.25 for registered voters
 ± 4.28 for Democrats; ± 4.64 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 October 29-November 1, 2009. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,077 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 2.98 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>10/29- 11/1/09</u>	<u>10/1- 5/09</u>	<u>8/27- 31/09</u>	<u>7/30- 8/3/09</u>	<u>7/9- 13/09</u>	<u>6/4- 8/09</u>	<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.....	38	40	40	46	40	52	55	45	44	42
Wrong track.....	57	56	54	48	54	42	38	48	48	50
(Not sure).....	4	5	6	6	6	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>10/29- 11/1/09</u>	<u>10/1- 5/09</u>	<u>8/27- 31/09</u>	<u>7/30- 8/3/09</u>	<u>7/9- 13/09</u>	<u>6/4- 8/09</u>	<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.....	23	30	31	32	29	40	40	35	39	38
Somewhat approve.....	17	12	16	17	17	14	17	18	15	19
Lean toward approval.....	14	14	9	9	11	10	8	9	10	13
Still have mixed feelings.....	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	5	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	14	12	8	8	11	9	9	9	8	10
Somewhat disapprove.....	4	5	3	5	6	7	3	4	5	4
Strongly disapprove.....	25	23	28	24	22	16	19	20	17	12
(Not sure).....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1

Total Approve.....	53	56	56	58	57	64	65	63	65	69
Total Disapprove.....	43	40	40	37	38	32	31	33	29	26
Mean Rating.....	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.1

Democrats: Total Approve.....	82	86	88	82	84	89	95	91	89	92
Democrat s: Total Disapprove...	15	12	10	15	13	10	4	6	8	6
Independents: Total Approve....	45	47	54	57	50	58	56	57	58	70
Independents: Total Disapprove	41	41	37	34	36	31	34	21	31	19
Republicans: Total Approve.....	21	18	18	24	24	27	29	26	29	34
Republicans: Total Disapprove..	78	80	78	70	73	67	67	72	66	60

2b. 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 /DK/REF**”, ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?)

	<u>10/29- 1/1/09</u>	<u>2/6 – 9/09</u>
Strongly approve	4	8
Somewhat approve.....	11	13
Lean toward approval	13	16
Still have mixed feelings	2	3
Lean toward disapproval.....	17	18
Somewhat disapprove	14	13
Strongly disapprove	37	28
(Not sure)	2	1
Total Approve	29	37
Total Disapprove	68	59
Mean Rating₁	2.9	3.4
Democrats: Total Approve.....	44	47
Democrat s: Total Disapprove..	52	47
Independents: Total Approve....	21	43
Independents: Total Disapprove	74	51
Republicans: Total Approve.....	13	18
Republicans: Total Disapprove..	84	80

3. 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>10/29- 11/1/09</u>	<u>10/1- 5/09</u>	<u>8/27- 31/09</u>	<u>7/30- 8/3/09</u>	<u>7/9- 13/09</u>	<u>6/4- 8/09</u>	<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.....	7	11	11	9	6	9	10	8	3	7
Worst yet to come.....	32	31	35	32	39	37	38	36	57	54
Stabilized, but not yet begun to improve.....	59	55	49	56	49	48	48	52	35	35
(Not sure).....	2	3	4	3	5	6	4	4	4	4

4. I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections in 2010, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live? (IF “**CANDIDATE FROM ANOTHER PARTY/WILL NOT/DO NOT PLAN TO VOTE/DK/REF**”, ASK: If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?)*

Initial Democratic candidate.....	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	5
Total Democratic candidate.....	48
Initial Republican candidate.....	36
Lean Republican candidate.....	6
Total Republican candidate.....	41
(Candidate from another political party)	2
(Will not/do not plan to vote)	3
(Not sure).....	6

**Leaners allocated in current wave. In past waves, there was no follow up question.*

HEALTH CARE REFORM

1. As of right now, do you favor or oppose the healthcare reform proposals presently being discussed?

	<u>10/29- 11/1/09</u>	<u>10/1-5/09</u>	<u>8/27- 31/09</u>
Favor.....	39	40	40
Oppose.....	49	42	45
(Don't have an opinion)	9	14	14
(Don't know/Not sure).....	3	4	1
Democrats: Favor.....	62	65	62
Democrat s: Oppose.....	25	18	18
Independents: Favor.....	29	28	39
Independents: Oppose.....	53	38	37
Republicans: Favor.....	14	12	12
Republicans: Oppose.....	78	77	81

2. Do you favor or oppose the following?

2a. Creation of a public entity to directly compete with existing health insurance companies.

	<u>10/29- 11/1/09</u>	<u>8/27- 31/09</u>
Favor.....	51	49
Oppose.....	43	41
(Don't have an opinion)	-	8
(Don't know/Not sure).....	6	2
Democrats: Favor.....	67	64
Democrat s: Oppose.....	28	26
Independents: Favor.....	50	49
Independents: Oppose.....	37	34
Republicans: Favor.....	31	31
Republicans: Oppose.....	62	63

2b. Legislation to permit the creation of insurance co-operatives NOT run by the government.

	<u>10/29- 11/1/09</u>	<u>8/27- 31/09</u>
Favor.....	57	54
Oppose.....	35	36
(Don't have an opinion)	-	9
(Don't know/Not sure).....	8	1
Democrats: Favor.....	56	50
Democrat s: Oppose.....	38	40
Independents: Favor.....	50	54
Independents: Oppose.....	33	31
Republicans: Favor.....	61	58
Republicans: Oppose.....	31	34

2c. Specific regulations to ensure basic patients' rights, such as portability of coverage.

	<u>10/29- 11/1/09</u>	<u>8/27- 31/09</u>
Favor.....	75	74
Oppose.....	17	15
(Don't have an opinion)	-	8
(Don't know/Not sure).....	8	2
Democrats: Favor....	83	81
Democrat s: Oppose.....	13	12
Independents: Favor.....	67	71
Independents: Oppose.....	17	12
Republicans: Favor.....	68	68
Republicans: Oppose.....	21	21

SWINE FLU

1. How concerned are you that you, someone in your household, or someone in your close circle of friends will get sick from Swine flu? Would you say you are...[READ ITEMS, ROTATE]

	<u>10/29- 11/1/09</u>	<u>4/30- 5/3/09</u>
Very concerned.....	26	20
Somewhat concerned...	37	32
Not very concerned.....	21	26
Not at all concerned.....	15	23
(Not sure)	0	0
Total concerned.....	63	51
Total not concerned.....	37	49

2. How likely is it that you will get vaccinated against the H1N1 Swine flu once the vaccine is available in your area? Would you say...

Very likely.....	33
Somewhat likely.....	19
Not very likely.....	17
Not at all likely.....	30
(Not sure)	1
Total likely.....	52
Total not likely.....	47

3. And overall, how confident are you that the Obama administration has done everything in its power to ensure the H1N1 Swine flu vaccine is available in time for flu season? Would you say...[READ ITEMS]

Very confident.....	23
Somewhat confident.....	43
Not very confident.....	17
Not at all confident.....	14
(Not sure)	3
Total confident.....	65
Total not confident.....	32
Democrats: Confident.....	82
Democrats: Not confident....	16
Independents: Confident.....	56
Independents: Not confident.	36
Republicans: Confident.....	49
Republicans: Not confident...	49

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

Yes.....	85
No.....	15
(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.....	21
Moderately Democrat....	14
Lean Democrat.....	14
Strongly Republican.....	12
Moderately Republican...	9
Lean Republican.....	20
Independent (No lean)...	10

Initial Democrats.....	34
Total Democrats.....	49

Initial Republicans.....	22
Total Republicans.....	41