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Interview dates: October 28-31, 2010

Interviews: 1,075 adults; 893 registered voters; 654 likely voters
490 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 464 Republicans/Lean Republicans; 121 Independents
Margin of error: $\pm 3.0\%$ for all adults; $\pm 3.3\%$ for registered voters; $\pm 3.8\%$ for likely voters
 $\pm 4.4\%$ for Democrats; $\pm 4.6\%$ for Republicans; $\pm 8.9\%$ for Independents (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, October 28-31 (Final Pre-Election Poll)

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from October 28th-31st 2010. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,075 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos via live telephone interviewing. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled. Likely voters (reported on for ballot questions only) are defined as individuals currently registered to vote, who voted in the 2008 Presidential election, are a 7-10 on a 10-point likelihood to vote scale, and are interested in following news about the campaign 'a great deal' or 'quite a bit.' Individuals who did not vote in the 2008 Presidential election qualify as likely voters if they are registered to vote, are an 8-10 on a 10-point likelihood to vote scale, and are interested in following news about the campaign 'a great deal' or 'quite a bit.' Out of our sample of 1,075 adults, 654 are likely voters. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within ± 3.8 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 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. Please note that throughout this document, figures based on Independent voters are indicative only due to very small sample size. Figures marked by an asterisk () indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of a per cent. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding.*

POLITICAL TRACKER

- Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.

	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong track</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
2/6-9/09	42	50	8
3/5-9/09	44	48	8
4/2-6/09	45	48	7
4/30-5/3/09	55	38	7
6/4-8/09	52	42	6
7/9-13/09	40	54	6
7/30-8/3/09	46	48	6
8/27-31/09	40	54	6
10/1-5/09	40	56	5
10/29-11/1/09	38	57	4
12/3-6/09	36	60	4
1/7-11/10	39	55	6
1/28-31/10	37	57	5
2/26-28/10	34	60	6
4/1-5/10	40	54	5
5/6-9/10	34	60	6
6/10-13/10	33	61	6
7/22-25/10	34	60	6
8/19-22/10	31	62	7
9/16-19/10	33	61	5
10/7-11/10	31	63	6
10/28-31/10	33	62	5

2. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today? IF NECESSARY, PROBE:) If you had to choose, which would you say is the most important problem facing the U.S. today? OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

	<u>10/28- 31/10</u>	<u>10/7- 11/10</u>	<u>7/22- 25/10</u>	<u>4/1- 5/10</u>	<u>1/7- 11/2010</u>	<u>10/1- 5/09</u>	<u>2/5- 9/09</u>
ECONOMY (NET)	47	49	48	47	48	46	76
Economy (unspecified)	24	26	28	25	28	33	50
Unemployment, lack of jobs	22	22	19	21	19	12	20
Other economy issues	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NET)	9	8	9	11	14	10	7
War (Subnet)	3	4	5	5	7	5	4
- War with Iraq (any mentions about Iraq)	*	0	0	0	1	1	1
- Wars, unrest throughout the world	3	4	5	5	6	4	3
Immigration	3	3	4	3	1	1	1
Terrorism, terrorist attacks	1	*	0	1	4	1	1
Other foreign affairs issues	1	*	1	1	1	2	1
DOMESTIC ISSUES (NET) (excl. Econ)	28	27	24	29	31	34	11
Healthcare	4	3	3	8	9	14	2
Political Leaders	7	2	8	6	7	4	1
Energy Crisis	*	*	2	1	-	-	-
Morality	3	6	4	4	3	3	3
Education	3	1	1	2	1	2	1
Crime/Drugs	2	2	0	0	-	1	-
Environment	*	1	0	0	-	1	-
Other Domestic Issues	1	6	1	7	10	8	2
Government spending / deficit / budget	8	7	4	-	-	-	-
OTHER	6	7	10	5	5	5	5
Nothing	*	*	-	-	-	-	-
(Not sure)	10	9	9	8	2	2	1

3. The 2010 midterm elections are next week. 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 ANOTHER PARTY/WILL/DO NOT PLAN TO VOTE/DK/REF ASK 3a
a. If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

ALL RESPONDENTS	<u>Initial Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Lean Democratic candidate</u>	<u>TOTAL Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Initial Republican candidate</u>	<u>Lean Republican candidate</u>	<u>TOTAL Republican candidate</u>	<u>(Candidate from another political party)</u>	<u>(Will not / do not plan to vote)</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
10/29-1/1/09	43	5	48	36	6	41	2	3	6
2/26-28/10	44	5	50	34	5	40	1	3	6
4/1-5/10	41	6	47	38	4	42	1	3	7
5/6-9/10	40	7	46	33	5	39	2	4	9
6/10-13/10	38	5	43	35	6	41	1	5	10
7/22-25/10	42	4	47	36	5	42	2	2	8
8/19-22/10	39	6	45	38	6	43	1	3	8
9/16-19/10	43	5	47	39	4	42	2	1	7
10/7-11/10	36	7	43	38	6	44	1	3	8
10/28-31/10	40	5	46	38	5	43	1	3	8
REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY (854)	<u>Initial Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Lean Democratic candidate</u>	<u>TOTAL Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Initial Republican candidate</u>	<u>Lean Republican candidate</u>	<u>TOTAL Republican candidate</u>	<u>(Candidate from another political party)</u>	<u>(Will not / do not plan to vote)</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
10/29-1/1/09	42	4	46	39	6	45	2	2	5
2/26-28/10	43	5	47	37	6	43	1	2	6
4/1-5/10	39	6	45	42	4	46	1	2	6
5/6-9/10	39	6	45	38	5	42	2	2	8
6/10-13/10	38	4	42	38	5	43	1	3	11
7/22-25/10	40	4	44	41	5	46	2	2	6
8/19-22/10	40	5	45	40	5	46	1	2	6
9/16-19/10	41	4	46	41	4	45	2	1	6
10/7-11/10	38	6	44	40	6	46	2	2	6
10/28-31/10	39	5	45	42	4	46	1	1	7
LIKELY VOTERS ONLY (720)	<u>Initial Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Lean Democratic candidate</u>	<u>TOTAL Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Initial Republican candidate</u>	<u>Lean Republican candidate</u>	<u>TOTAL Republican candidate</u>	<u>(Candidate from another political party)</u>	<u>(Will not / do not plan to vote)</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
10/7-11/10	40	4	44	43	4	48	1	1	6
10/28-31/10	41	2	44	47	3	50	1	1	5

IPSOS PROJECTION FIGURES: MIDTERM ELECTIONS 2010

	Share	Seats
Republicans	53%	231
Democrats	47%	204

4. a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF APPR./ DIS., ASK Q4b. IF MIXED / DK / REF, ASK Q4c
b. Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?
c. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	<u>Strongly</u> <u>approve</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>approve</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>toward</u> <u>approval</u>	<u>Still have</u> <u>mixed</u> <u>feelings</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>toward</u> <u>disapproval</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>disapprove</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Mean</u> <u>Rating</u>
2/6- 9/09	38	19	13	3	10	4	12	1	69	26	5.1
3/5 -9/09	39	15	10	5	8	5	17	1	65	29	4.9
4/2-6/09	35	18	9	4	9	4	20	0	63	33	4.7
4/30-5/3/09	40	17	8	2	9	3	19	1	65	31	4.9
6/4-8/09	40	14	10	3	9	7	16	1	64	32	4.9
7/9-13/09	29	17	11	3	11	6	22	1	57	38	4.4
7/30-8/3/09	32	17	9	4	8	5	24	1	58	37	4.5
8/27-31/09	31	16	9	3	8	3	28	1	56	40	4.4
10/1-5/09	30	12	14	3	12	5	23	1	56	40	4.4
10/29-1/1/09	23	17	14	2	14	4	25	1	53	43	4.2
12/3-6/09	25	12	12	2	15	6	27	1	49	49	4
1/7-11/10	27	15	11	2	12	5	28	0	52	45	4.1
1/28-31/10	22	13	14	3	13	6	27	1	50	46	4
2/26-28/10	25	18	11	2	13	7	25	1	53	44	4.2
4/1-5/10	25	16	10	2	14	5	27	1	51	46	4.1
5/6-9/10	20	17	15	3	13	4	27	1	52	43	4.1
6/10-13/10	23	13	14	4	14	4	26	1	50	45	4.1
7/22-25/10	24	12	13	2	12	6	31	1	48	48	3.9
8/19-22/10	20	13	12	2	16	7	29	1	45	52	3.8
9/16-19/10	24	12	10	2	14	4	31	2	47	50	3.9
10/7-11/10	22	10	10	3	14	9	31	1	43	53	3.7
10/28-31/10	26	10	9	3	14	6	31	1	45	51	3.9

	<u>DEMOCRATS:</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>DEMOCRATS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS:</u> <u>Approve</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS:</u> <u>Disapprove</u>
2/6- 9/09	92	6	70	19	34	60
3/5 -9/09	89	8	58	31	29	66
4/2-6/09	91	6	57	21	26	72
4/30-5/3/09	95	4	56	34	29	67
6/4-8/09	89	10	58	31	27	67
7/9-13/09	84	13	50	36	24	73
7/30-8/3/09	82	15	57	34	24	70
8/27-31/09	88	10	54	37	18	78
10/1-5/09	86	12	47	41	18	80
10/29-1/1/09	82	15	45	41	21	78
12/3-6/09	77	21	41	55	16	81
1/7-11/10	81	17	49	46	18	80
1/28-31/10	79	19	53	31	19	79
2/26-28/10	80	18	54	42	23	75
4/1-5/10	84	14	40	50	16	83
5/6-9/10	84	14	40	47	18	80
6/10-13/10	82	15	47	39	13	84
7/22-25/10	76	21	52	41	14	84
8/19-22/10	74	24	37	53	11	86
9/16-19/10	78	20	47	37	11	87
10/7-11/10	70	27	41	48	14	83
10/28-31/10	76	22	42	49	13	82

5. Since President Obama took office in January 2009, do you think the Obama Administration has made [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ORDER] better, has made it worse or made no difference?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>No difference</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>	<u>NET: Better minus worse</u>
Health care	32	41	23	4	-9
The economy	26	50	23	1	-24
The environment	24	21	51	4	3
The war in Iraq	38	20	38	4	18
The war in Afghanistan	24	26	44	7	-2
Taxes	17	44	36	3	-27
Energy policy	24	26	39	11	-2
The deficit	14	53	25	7	-39

6. I know it is a long way away, but putting your own position or who you would vote for aside, do you think President Obama will win reelection in 2012?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Win reelection	35	55	14	33
Not win reelection	52	34	75	42
It Depends / Maybe (VOL)	8	7	9	13
DK / Refused (VOL)	5	5	3	12

7. I'd like you to think now about what Congress should focus on next year in 2011. For each issue, please tell me if you think it is crucial, important, or not important for Congress to focus on as a key issue in 2011. RANDOMIZE

	<u>Crucial</u>	<u>Important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>DK / Ref</u>	<u>TOTAL: Crucial plus Important</u>
Jobs	72	25	2	*	97
10/7-11/10	65	32	3	1	97
The budget deficit	57	38	5	1	95
10/7-11/10	56	35	7	2	91
Healthcare	53	41	6	*	94
10/7-11/10	48	43	9	*	91
Taxes	44	47	7	2	91
10/7-11/10	37	52	9	2	89
Energy	36	53	10	1	89
10/7-11/10	30	58	11	2	88
The environment	31	53	15	1	84
10/7-11/10	26	56	17	1	82
Afghanistan	37	46	13	3	83
10/7-11/10	35	44	17	4	79

8. Regardless of which party wins the majority in November or what issues you think are the most important, do you think it is more important for...or...? INERT & ROTATE STATEMENTS A & B
A. Politicians in Congress to stick to their principles and hold to the issues they campaigned on?
B. Politicians in Congress to work with members of the other party and make consensus policy?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Very important to stick to principles	32	25	40	26
Somewhat important to stick to principles	7	4	7	13
Somewhat important to make consensus	10	9	11	11
Very important to make consensus	46	57	37	41
Both equally (VOL)	2	2	2	0
Neither (VOL)	2	1	1	5
DK / Refused (VOL)	2	1	2	4
TOTAL: Stick to principles	38	29	47	39
TOTAL: Make consensus	56	66	47	52

9. Do you think that the next Congress in 2011 will... READ LIST AND ROTATE

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Accomplish a great deal	12	14	10	14
Accomplish some things	33	32	36	28
Accomplish very little	33	34	34	29
Accomplish almost nothing	14	14	12	19
DK / Refused (VOL)	8	6	8	10
TOTAL: Great deal / Some	45	46	46	42
TOTAL: Very little / Almost nothing	47	48	45	49

10. a. I am going to read out a list of economic indicators. For you personally, which of the following do you think is the BEST indicator that the economy is improving? READ LIST
b. And which is second best? DO NOT SHOW RESPONSE FROM Q10a

	<u>CURRENT POLL</u>		<u>Oct 7-11 2010</u>		<u>July 2010</u>	
	<u>Best</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Best</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Best</u>	<u>Total</u>
The unemployment rate goes down over a few months	36	54	35	52	30	46
The Dollar is strong compared to other currencies	14	30	10	21	14	26
I hear that someone who I know who lost their job found a new one	10	21	12	25	12	24
The stock market makes continuous large scale gains over several weeks	9	21	9	24	7	21
The President says that we have turned a corner and that there are better days ahead	9	14	8	15	9	15
The price of homes in my community start to rise	7	22	8	21	9	25
More media stories saying the economy is improving	3	10	4	10	4	10
Don't know / not sure	11	11	14	14	14	14

Likely Voter Questions

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

Yes	76
No	23
(Not sure)	1

12. Sometimes things come up and people are not able to vote. In the 2008 election for President, did you happen to vote?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Yes	74	75	79	56
No	25	24	21	43
(Not sure)	1	1	*	1

13. Why not? DO NOT READ RESPONSE (BASE = all 190 who did not vote in 2008)

Not registered, too busy, something came up	67
Did not live in state/district at the time	9
Too young to vote at the time	2
(Other)	19
(Not sure)	3

14. On November 2nd, the Congressional elections will be held. Using a 1-to-10 scale, where 10 means you are completely certain you will vote and 1 means you are completely certain you will NOT vote, how likely are you to vote in the upcoming Congressional election? You can use any number between 1 and 10, to indicate how strongly you feel about your likelihood to vote. ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE.

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
1	14	13	11	29
2	2	1	2	5
3	1	1	1	1
4	*	1	*	*
5	4	6	3	3
6	2	2	1	3
7	2	1	1	4
8	6	9	4	4
9	4	3	3	8
10	62	59	71	41
(Not sure)	3	2	3	2
Mean	7.9	7.9	8.4	6.3
1-3 (Net)	17	15	14	35
8-10 (Net)	72	75	78	53

[ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE: BASE = 893]

15. How much interest do you have in following news about the upcoming Congressional election? A great deal, quite a bit, only some, very little, or no interest at all?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
A great deal	40	40	41	35
Quite a bit	23	23	27	7
Only some	20	19	18	30
Very little	11	13	9	17
No interest at all	6	5	5	12
(Not sure)	*	*	1	0
TOTAL: A great deal / Quite a bit	63	63	68	41
TOTAL: Very little / No interest at all	17	18	13	29

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

- Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?
IF "DEMOCRAT" ASK Qb. IF "REPUBLICAN" ASK Qc. IF "INDEP." / "NONE" ASK Qd.
- Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	<u>Likely voters</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>All</u>
Strongly Democrat	22	19	18
Moderately Democrat	12	12	13
Lean Democrat	9	11	13
Strongly Republican	19	17	14
Moderately Republican	8	9	7
Lean Republican	22	23	20
Independent (No lean)	9	10	14
Initial Democrats	34	31	31
Total Democrats	42	42	44
Initial Republicans	28	25	22
Total Republicans	49	48	42