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Interview dates: December 2-5, 2010
Interviews: 1,028 adults; 802 registered voters
494 Democrats; 359 Republicans; 175 Independents
Margin of Error: ± 3.1 for all adults; ± 3.5 for registered voters; $\pm 4.4\%$ for Democrats;
 ± 4.9 for Republicans; ± 7.4 for Independents (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, December 2-5

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from December 2nd – 5th 2010. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,028 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 3.1 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

1. 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
12/2-5/10	29	62	9

2. a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF APPROVE/ DISAPPROVE, ASK Q4b. IF MIXED FEELINGS / DK / REFUSED, 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
12/2-5/10	23	11	11	6	12	8	26	2	45	46	4.0

	<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
12/2-5/10	71	22	42	37	12	83

3. Would you say your overall opinion of the [INSERT ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable? How about the ... [INSERT SECOND ITEM]? (READ IF NECESSARY: Is your opinion of the [insert item] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?)

Democratic Party	<u>12/2- 5/10</u>	<u>12/3- 6/09</u>	<u>11/20- 23/08</u>
Very favorable	16	14	28
Mostly favorable	27	38	32
Mostly unfavorable	29	26	19
Very unfavorable	22	20	15
(Not sure)	7	3	5
TOTAL Favorable	43	51	61
TOTAL Unfavorable	51	46	34

Republican Party	<u>12/2- 5/10</u>	<u>12/3- 6/09</u>	<u>11/20- 23/08</u>
Very favorable	13	7	14
Mostly favorable	32	36	22
Mostly unfavorable	26	34	30
Very unfavorable	22	20	29
(Not sure)	7	3	6
TOTAL Favorable	45	44	36
TOTAL Unfavorable	48	54	58

4. Next, please tell me if you think the [INSERT PARTIES] could do a better job in each of the following areas.) Which party could do a better job of....[INSERT ITEM]? RANDOMIZE

	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>(Both)</u>	<u>(Neither)</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
Improving the educational system					
12/2-5/10	38	30	18	10	5
12/3-6/09	45	30	11	10	3
11/20-23/08	59	24	7	7	3
Dealing with the economy					
12/2-5/10	34	37	17	9	4
12/3-6/09	40	39	8	10	3
11/20-23/08	58	27	5	8	3
Dealing with the terrorist threat at home					
12/2-5/10	27	37	20	10	6
12/3-6/09	35	42	11	7	4
11/20-23/08	47	38	6	6	3
Improving morality in this country					
12/2-5/10	28	34	17	15	5
12/3-6/09	37	36	10	14	4
11/20-23/08	51	31	4	10	4
Dealing with taxes					
12/2-5/10	33	38	16	8	5
12/3-6/09	39	41	8	8	4
11/20-23/08	52	35	5	6	2
Protecting the environment					
12/2-5/10	44	22	19	10	5
12/3-6/09	52	27	10	8	3
11/20-23/08	64	20	6	6	3
Making wise decisions about what to do in Iraq					
12/2-5/10	33	29	15	16	7
12/3-6/09	39	34	10	12	5
11/20-23/08	54	33	5	5	3
Reforming the US (United States) health care system					
12/2-5/10	38	34	14	11	3
12/3-6/09	40	36	7	13	4
11/20-23/08	62	23	4	8	4

CONTINUED	<u>Democratic Party</u>	<u>Republican Party</u>	<u>(Both)</u>	<u>(Neither)</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>
Reducing the federal budget deficit					
12/2-5/10	30	39	15	13	4
12/3-6/09	34	41	8	14	3
11/20-23/08	56	26	5	10	4
Making America more respected in the world					
12/2-5/10	35	33	17	11	4
12/3-6/09	43	35	10	9	3
11/20-23/08	58	27	5	7	3
Generating economic growth					
12/2-5/10	30	40	16	9	5
12/3-6/09	38	41	9	8	4
11/20-23/08	58	28	6	6	3
Making America more competitive in the world economy					
12/2-5/10	31	38	17	9	6
12/3-6/09	40	37	11	9	3
11/20-23/08	53	33	4	7	3
Making wise decisions about foreign policy					
12/2-5/10	34	32	18	9	7
12/3-6/09	40	39	8	8	5
11/20-23/08	53	33	6	5	3

5. Would you say your overall opinion of [INSERT NAME] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable? How about... [INSERT SECOND NAME]? RANDOMIZE

	<u>Very favorable</u>	<u>Mostly favorable</u>	<u>Mostly unfavorable</u>	<u>Very unfavorable</u>	<u>DK/ not sure</u>	<u>TOTAL favorable</u>	<u>TOTAL unfavorable</u>	<u>NET FAVORABLE</u>
Hillary Clinton	28	37	19	12	4	65	31	+34
Mike Huckabee	14	29	18	9	30	43	27	+16
David Petraeus	11	22	13	6	49	32	19	+13
Barack Obama	29	26	22	21	2	55	43	+12
Mitt Romney	14	28	20	11	28	41	31	+10
Donald Trump	13	30	24	14	19	43	38	+5
Michael Bloomberg	7	26	20	10	36	34	30	+4
Haley Barbour	5	15	13	7	60	21	20	+1
Glenn Beck	15	18	15	21	32	33	35	-2
Tim Pawlenty	6	14	14	8	58	20	22	-2
Harry Reid	7	19	15	22	37	26	37	-11
Nancy Pelosi	13	21	18	31	16	35	49	-14
Rush Limbaugh	11	20	18	32	19	31	50	-19

6. I am going to read out a list of some proposals for reducing the national budget deficit. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each idea? READ OUT. RANDOMIZE.

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Tend to agree</u>	<u>Tend to disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>DK/ not sure</u>	<u>TOTAL agree</u>	<u>TOTAL disagree</u>	<u>NET AGREE</u>
Reduce congressional and White House budgets by 15 percent and cut the federal work force by 10 percent	44	27	13	12	4	71	26	+45
End grants to large and medium-sized hub airports and require airports to fund a larger portion of the cost of aviation security.	27	34	18	12	9	61	30	+31
Give retirees the choice of collecting half their benefits early and the other half at a later age.	27	31	15	19	8	57	35	+22
Reduce benefits for higher-income beneficiaries	31	24	15	18	12	55	34	+21
Lower income tax rates and lower corporate income tax	35	24	19	19	3	58	39	+19
Reduce overseas bases by one-third, cut spending for base support and integrate children in military families into local schools.	26	30	18	19	7	56	37	+19
Freeze Defense Department salaries and bonuses for three years, and noncombat military pay at 2011 levels for three years.	26	23	18	27	6	49	45	+4
By 2038, phase out the tax-free status of employer-provided health benefits, providing incentives for people to enroll into cost-conscious insurance plans.	20	25	21	22	12	45	43	+2
Increase the Social Security retirement age by one month every two years so it reaches age 68 around 2050 and age 69 around 2075	21	26	13	36	4	47	49	-2
End money for commercial space flight.	23	19	23	26	9	42	49	-7
Cut funding for the public broadcasting.	25	17	21	29	8	42	51	-9
Scale back the child tax credit, the mortgage interest deduction and the deduction claimed by employers who provide health insurance.	20	22	20	32	7	42	52	-10
Stop taxing the overseas profits of U.S.-based multinational corporations.	20	16	17	36	11	36	54	-18
Increase the gas tax by 15 cents a gallon to fund transportation programs.	11	13	19	56	1	24	75	-51

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

Yes	78
No	21
(Not sure)	1

- a. 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.
- b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	19
Moderately Democrat	13
Lean Democrat	14
Strongly Republican	11
Moderately Republican	9
Lean Republican	15
Independent (No lean)	19
Initial Democrats	32
Total Democrats	46
Initial Republicans	20
Total Republicans	35