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Interview dates: May 5-9, 2011
Interviews: 1,029 adults; 876 registered voters
451 Democrats; 429 Republicans; 149 Independents
Margin of Error: ± 3.0 for all adults; ± 3.5 for registered voters; $\pm 4.6\%$ for Democrats;
 ± 4.8 for Republicans; ± 7.8 for Independents (based on all adults)

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, May 5-9, 2011

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from May 5th – 9th, 2011. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,029 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos via live telephone interviewing on landlines and cell phones. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 3 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>
5/5-9/11	38	56	6
4/7-10/11	25	69	6
3/3-6/11	31	64	5
2/4-7/11	38	57	5
1/7-10/11	36	59	6
12/2-5/10	29	62	9
10/28-31/10	33	62	5
10/7-11/10	31	63	6
9/16-19/10	33	61	5
8/19-22/10	31	62	7
7/22-25/10	34	60	6
6/10-13/10	33	61	6
5/6-9/10	34	60	6
4/1-5/10	40	54	5
2/26-28/10	34	60	6
1/28-31/10	37	57	5
1/7-11/10	39	55	6
12/3-6/09	36	60	4
10/29-11/1/09	38	57	4
10/1-5/09	40	56	5
8/27-31/09	40	54	6
7/30-8/3/09	46	48	6
7/9-13/09	40	54	6
6/4-8/09	52	42	6
4/30-5/3/09	55	38	7
4/2-6/09	45	48	7
3/5-9/09	44	48	8
2/6-9/09	42	50	8



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 b. IF MIXED FEELINGS/DK/REF, ASK c
 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>
5/5-9/11	26	14	9	3	15	7	24	1	49	47	4.1
4/7-10/11	20	12	15	3	12	9	28	1	46	49	3.8
3/3-6/11	23	13	14	3	13	7	26	1	49	47	4.0
2/4-7/11	23	14	14	2	16	5	25	1	51	46	4.1
1/7-10/11	24	13	13	3	15	7	25	*	50	47	4.1
12/2-5/10	23	11	11	6	12	8	26	2	45	46	4.0
10/28-31/10	26	10	9	3	14	6	31	1	45	51	3.9
10/7-11/10	22	10	10	3	14	9	31	1	43	53	3.7
9/16-19/10	24	12	10	2	14	4	31	2	47	50	3.9
8/19-22/10	20	13	12	2	16	7	29	1	45	52	3.8
7/22-25/10	24	12	13	2	12	6	31	1	48	48	3.9
6/10-13/10	23	13	14	4	14	4	26	1	50	45	4.1
5/6-9/10	20	17	15	3	13	4	27	1	52	43	4.1
4/1-5/10	25	16	10	2	14	5	27	1	51	46	4.1
2/26-28/10	25	18	11	2	13	7	25	1	53	44	4.2
1/28-31/10	22	13	14	3	13	6	27	1	50	46	4
1/7-11/10	27	15	11	2	12	5	28	0	52	45	4.1
12/3-6/09	25	12	12	2	15	6	27	1	49	49	4
10/29-1/1/09	23	17	14	2	14	4	25	1	53	43	4.2
10/1-5/09	30	12	14	3	12	5	23	1	56	40	4.4
8/27-31/09	31	16	9	3	8	3	28	1	56	40	4.4
7/30-8/3/09	32	17	9	4	8	5	24	1	58	37	4.5
7/9-13/09	29	17	11	3	11	6	22	1	57	38	4.4
6/4-8/09	40	14	10	3	9	7	16	1	64	32	4.9
4/30-5/3/09	40	17	8	2	9	3	19	1	65	31	4.9
4/2-6/09	35	18	9	4	9	4	20	0	63	33	4.7
3/5 -9/09	39	15	10	5	8	5	17	1	65	29	4.9
2/6- 9/09	38	19	13	3	10	4	12	1	69	26	5.1

**APPROVAL BY PARTY ID**

	<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>
5/5-9/11	82	15	41	48	17	80
4/7-10/11	73	23	37	53	17	80
3/3-6/11	80	16	37	53	15	82
2/4-7/11	79	19	47	47	18	81
1/7-10/11	77	20	50	45	17	80
12/2-5/10	71	22	42	37	12	83
10/28-31/10	76	22	42	49	13	82
10/7-11/10	70	27	41	48	14	83
9/16-19/10	78	20	47	37	11	87
8/19-22/10	74	24	37	53	11	86
7/22-25/10	76	21	52	41	14	84
6/10-13/10	82	15	47	39	13	84
5/6-9/10	84	14	40	47	18	80
4/1-5/10	84	14	40	50	16	83
2/26-28/10	80	18	54	42	23	75
1/28-31/10	79	19	53	31	19	79
1/7-11/10	81	17	49	46	18	80
12/3-6/09	77	21	41	55	16	81
10/29-1/1/09	82	15	45	41	21	78
10/1-5/09	86	12	47	41	18	80
8/27-31/09	88	10	54	37	18	78
7/30-8/3/09	82	15	57	34	24	70
7/9-13/09	84	13	50	36	24	73
6/4-8/09	89	10	58	31	27	67
4/30-5/3/09	95	4	56	34	29	67
4/2-6/09	91	6	57	21	26	72
3/5 -9/09	89	8	58	31	29	66
2/6- 9/09	92	6	70	19	34	60



3. When it comes to the following issues, please tell me what grade you would give President Obama for his performance. Let's use the same grades they use in school -- A, B, C, D, or F. [FIRST TIME, READ:] What grade would you give President Obama for his performance when it comes to (INSERT)? [REMAINING TIMES, READ:] How about [INSERT ISSUE]?"

	A	B	C	D	F	Not sure	Satisfactory (A/B)	Unsatis- factory (D/F)
The economy and jobs								
5/5-9/2011	10	25	24	15	26	1	34	41
1/7-1/11/2010	14	25	21	14	24	0	40	39
12/3-12/6/09	15	20	19	18	27	0	36	45
7/30-8/3/09	21	26	17	13	21	2	47	34
4/2-6/09	21	25	20	12	18	2	47	30
2/6-9/09	29	24	18	12	14	4	53	26
Diplomacy								
5/5-9/2011	24	26	21	11	13	4	51	25
1/7-1/11/2010	30	21	21	12	13	3	51	25
12/3-12/6/09	28	26	21	11	13	1	54	25
7/30-8/3/09	32	25	21	10	9	2	57	19
4/2-6/09	35	26	19	8	9	3	61	17
2/6-9/09	34	28	19	8	5	6	63	13
Terrorism								
5/5-9/2011	31	27	18	10	13	1	59	22
1/7-1/11/2010	18	25	21	13	21	2	43	35
12/3-12/6/09	18	24	22	14	18	3	43	32
7/30-8/3/09	23	25	23	12	11	6	48	23
4/2-6/09	22	27	21	10	15	5	49	25
2/6-9/09	26	25	22	9	10	8	50	20
The war in Iraq								
5/5-9/2011	18	22	27	15	16	2	41	30
1/7-1/11/2010	14	26	27	13	18	2	40	32
12/3-12/6/09	16	23	26	15	19	2	38	34
7/30-8/3/09	23	26	24	11	12	4	49	23
4/2-6/09	20	30	24	11	12	4	49	23
2/6-9/09	26	25	21	10	11	7	51	21
The war in Afghanistan								
5/5-9/2011	16	24	29	14	15	2	40	29
1/7-1/11/2010	12	26	26	14	20	2	38	34
12/3-12/6/09	14	23	24	16	22	2	37	38
7/30-8/3/09	20	25	27	11	11	6	45	22
4/2-6/09	20	32	26	10	9	4	51	19
2/6-9/09	23	24	23	8	12	9	47	20
Health care								
5/5-9/2011	19	21	19	12	28	1	40	40
1/7-1/11/2010	21	19	19	12	28	1	40	39
12/3-12/6/09	22	19	16	12	30	1	40	42
7/30-8/3/09	23	21	18	11	25	2	44	36
4/2-6/09	22	27	22	10	15	4	50	25
2/6-9/09	30	24	22	8	9	8	53	17
Education								
5/5-9/2011	21	26	26	13	11	3	47	24
1/7-1/11/2010	24	27	23	12	10	4	51	22
12/3-12/6/09	23	26	24	11	11	5	49	22
7/30-8/3/09	26	26	23	12	8	5	52	20
4/2-6/09	27	29	23	7	8	6	57	15
2/6-9/09	33	28	21	6	5	6	61	11



	A	B	C	D	F	Not sure	<u>Satis- factory (A/B)</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory (D/F)</u>
Energy independence								
5/5-8/2011	14	22	24	14	22	4	36	36
1/7-1/11/2010	15	26	28	12	16	3	41	28
12/3-12/6/09	18	23	26	13	16	4	41	29
7/30-8/3/09	23	24	22	15	12	4	47	27
4/2-6/09	24	30	20	10	12	4	54	22
2/6-9/09	28	29	21	7	8	7	56	15

DEFICIT REDUCTION

The next question is about economic issues

Q4a. As you probably know, the US budget deficit is currently about 1.4 trillion dollars. There are a number of different solutions being discussed for reducing this deficit. These are cutting existing programs, raising taxes, or some combination of the two.

Which approach do you think is best?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Cut existing programs	27	12	46	19
Raise taxes	9	15	3	8
Combination of the two	52	62	40	52
Neither (VOL)	10	8	9	18
DK/Ref (VOL)	2	3	1	2

ASK ALL WHO SAID 'COMBINATION' AT Q4a

Q4b. If you had to choose, which approach do you think is best?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Cut existing programs	49	37	69	51
Raise taxes	41	53	25	34
DK/Ref (VOL)	10	10	6	15

Q4a/b. Total

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Cut existing programs	27	12	46	19
Mix: more cut than taxes	25	23	28	26
Mix: both	5	6	2	8
Mix: more taxes than cuts	21	33	10	18
Raise taxes	9	15	3	8
Neither (VOL)	10	8	9	18
DK/Ref (VOL)	2	3	1	2



HEAD-TO-HEADS

N = 600 FOR EACH A-I BELOW (RANDOMLY ALLOCATED)

Q5. If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and [INSERT CANDIDATE BELOW AND ROTATE LIST], the Republican, for whom would you vote? IF THEY SAY 'UNSURE/DK', PROMPT: Would you lean toward Obama or toward [CANDIDATE]?
READ OUT A-I. RANDOMIZE LIST.

	<u>Barack Obama</u>	<u>[Republican candidate]</u>	<u>Wouldn't vote (VOL)</u>	<u>None / Other (VOL)</u>	<u>DK / Ref (VOL)</u>
Mitt Romney	51	38	2	6	3
Tim Pawlenty	51	33	3	7	6
Jon Huntsman	51	30	3	8	8
Mike Huckabee	51	39	1	4	5
Sarah Palin	54	35	3	5	2
Mitch Daniels	51	33	2	7	7
Newt Gingrich	53	35	2	5	3
Michelle Bachmann	54	33	3	5	5
Donald Trump	57	30	3	8	2

Q6. 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?

<i>May 5-9, 2011</i>	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Win reelection	45	66	23	41
Not win reelection	42	20	65	42
It Depends / Maybe (VOL)	9	10	8	10
DK / Refused (VOL)	4	4	4	7

<i>October 28-31, 2010</i>	<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



DEMOGRAPHICS

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

Yes	79
No	21
(Not sure)	--

2. PARTY IDENTIFICATION

- 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	18
Moderately Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	15
Strongly Republican	13
Moderately Republican	10
Lean Republican	17
Independent (No lean)	15
Initial Democrats	29
Total Democrats	44
Initial Republicans	23
Total Republicans	40