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Interview dates: January 6 - 12, 2009
Interviews: 1054 adults
Margin of error: ± 3.02 for all adults

**Ipsos/McClatchy Poll
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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted January 6 – 12. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,054 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 ± 3.02 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.

MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT STUDY

1. As you may know, violence has recently erupted in the Middle East in the Gaza Strip and Israel. Based on what you have seen, read or heard, do you think that the use of force by **[RANDOMIZE: Israel/Hamas]** has been excessive or is appropriate given the circumstances?

	Hamas	Israel
Excessive	57	36
Appropriate	18	44
(DK/NS)	25	20

2. Do you personally make a distinction between Hamas and the Palestinian people, or not?

Make a distinction	37
Do not make a distinction	53
(DK/NS)	10

3. And regardless of your personal feelings, who do you believe is more to blame for the current conflict? **(READ LIST.)**

Hamas	44
Israel	14
(Do not read) Both	9
(Do not read) Neither	4
(DK/NS)	29

4. Now, do you think the United States should or should not favor creating a Palestinian state?

Should favor	31
Should not favor	45
(DK/NS)	24

5. How confident are you that the incoming Obama administration can resolve the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians? Are you ... **(READ LIST.)**

Very confident	10
Somewhat confident	32
Not too confident	22
Not at all confident	29
(DK/NS)	7