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WRIGHT, OBAMA AND THE IMPACT ON THE RACE FOR THE PRESIDENCY
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Barack Obama's campaign for the White House remains on track the weekend after the barrage of media coverage of his former pastor Rev. Jeremiah Wright and Obama's renunciation of Wright. Some of the damage Obama suffered in the wake of Wright's re-emergence may have been reversed: Obama now leads Republican John McCain in the hypothetical fall contest, but he has lost some of his lead over Hillary Clinton on some key perceptions.

This poll was conducted after Obama's denunciation of Wright's statements, something most voters think he handled well. By a margin of nearly three to one, registered voters who have heard about the situation approve of how Obama has handled it, and 52% say Obama has been appropriately critical of his ex-pastor. But more see political expediency in Obama's actions than see a true disagreement with his former pastor's statements.

Overall, voters give approving marks to the way Obama has handled the Wright situation. Democratic primary voters are especially approving.

OBAMA'S HANDLING OF WRIGHT SIUTATION

(Among registered voters who have heard about Wright)

	All Voters	Dem Primary Voters
Approve	60%	68%
Disapprove	23	22

Half of voters think Obama's comments on Wright were appropriate, but one in four voters (and slightly more Republicans) would have liked him to have gone further in his rejection.

OBAMA'S COMMENTS ON WRIGHT WERE...

(Among registered voters who have heard about Wright)

	All Voters	Dem Primary Voters
About right	52%	53%
Not critical enough	26	24
Too critical	6	9

Almost half - 47% - of voters see political motivation as the main reason behind Obama's decision to renounce his minister. Fewer, 34% think the split came mainly because Obama disagreed with things Wright said.

OBAMA DENOUNCED WRIGHT MAINLY BECAUSE...

(Among registered voters who have heard about Wright)

Obama disagreed with Wright	34%
Helped Obama politically	47

THE IMPACT OF WRIGHT ON OBAMA

A large number of voters - three-quarters - say that what Rev. Wright has said has not changed their opinion of Obama. However, Wright has caused 24% to change their view, and that impact on Obama is a net negative. Republicans are more likely than Democrats or Independents to describe the Wright impact negatively.

HAVE WRIGHT'S STATEMENTS MADE YOUR PERSONAL VIEW OF OBAMA...?

	All Voters	Dem Primary Voters
More favorable	2%	1%
Less favorable	22	21
Not changed	75	78

But in fact, favorable views of Obama have rebounded some in this poll, following Obama's latest, more direct denouncing of Wright. Obama's ratings had dipped in the days after Wright's recent speeches.

OPINIONS OF OBAMA

(Among registered voters)

	Now	4/30/08	4/3/08
Favorable	44%	39%	43%
Unfavorable	30	34	24

When voters are asked about their support for Obama as a candidate, the impact of the Wright situation is again negative -- but limited. Seven in ten say it has not changed their likelihood of voting for the Illinois Senator. As with personal views of Obama, Republicans are most likely to report a negative impact.

IMPACT ON THE VOTE:

HAS WRIGHT SITUATION MADE YOUR SUPPORT FOR OBAMA

	All Voters	Dem Primary Voters
More likely	6%	9%
Less likely	18	15
Not changed	73	76

The general election is six months away, and most voters do not expect Wright's impact to linger in their own minds. Only about one in ten say this will affect their November vote a lot. But more say it will matter to most people they know. The impact appears strongest among Republicans who are much less likely to vote for any Democrat.

IF OBAMA IS DEM NOMINEE, IMPACT IN NOVEMBER...

(Among registered voters who have heard about Wright)

	On You	On People You Know
A lot	11%	15%
Some	13	29
Not much/none	73	45

In assessing Obama's ties to Wright, many voters think Wright's impact on the Senator has been more spiritual than political. Just one in ten thinks Wright has had a lot of impact in shaping Obama's political views. More - 24% - see Wright influencing Obama's spiritual views a lot.

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK WRIGHT HAS SHAPED OBAMA'S:

(Among registered voters who have heard about Wright)

	Political views	Spiritual views
A lot	11%	24%
Some	32	34
Not much/none	48	28

Among Democratic primary voters, views are much the same.

THE FALL CAMPAIGN

Both Obama and fellow Democrat Hillary Clinton lead the presumptive Republican nominee John McCain. This represents a rebound for Obama, who now has an 11-point lead over McCain. In a CBS News/New York Times Poll released just last week, the two candidates were dead even. Clinton's lead over McCain has jumped as well, from 5 to 12 points since last week.

IF THE CANDIDATES WERE..., WHO WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?

(Among registered voters)

	Now	4/30	4/3/08
Obama	51%	45%	47%
McCain	40	45	42
Undecided/DK	5	6	7

IF THE CANDIDATES WERE..., WHO WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?

(Among registered voters)

	Now	4/30	4/3/2008
Clinton	53%	48%	48%
McCain	41	43	43
Undecided/DK	3	5	5

Obama now leads McCain among women; McCain had the edge in the last poll. Obama has also closed the gap with McCain among white women - McCain held a substantial lead with this group in last week's poll.

Independents back Obama in a head to head against McCain, but in a Clinton-McCain contest Independents support McCain by five points. However, more Democrats say they will vote for Clinton in the fall than say they will vote for Obama.

For the first time since October 2007, more registered voters overall have a favorable impression of Clinton than an unfavorable one. Obama has seen a slight uptick in recent days in voters' overall assessments of him. His favorable rating is up five points from last week. McCain's rating is virtually unchanged.

OPINIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

(Among registered voters)

	-- Now --		--4/30/08 --	
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Favorable	Unfavorable
Obama	44%	30	39%	34
Clinton	42%	37	36%	42
McCain	32%	35	33%	34

Some perceptions of Obama's qualities have shifted in the last few weeks, and he has lost his edge over Clinton on a few past strengths. He is behind both Clinton and McCain on the question of who is tough enough to make the hard decisions a president must.

Clinton has been campaigning as the "fighter" and the tough candidate who can get things done - and most voters agree. Seven in 10 think both she and McCain are tough enough to make the right decisions a President has to make. A smaller number -- but still a majority -- says this about Obama.

However, more voters (52%) view Obama as the candidate who would unite the country; slightly fewer now say this about Clinton (though the gap between the two has shrunk in the last week). McCain is the weakest on this characteristic. In February, after Super Tuesday and Obama's primary victories in Wisconsin and the Potomac States, more voters - 67% - said he would be the kind of President who would unite the country.

CANDIDATE QUALITIES: TOUGHNESS AND UNITY

(Among registered voters)

	Clinton	Obama	McCain
Tough enough to make hard choices	70%	58%	71%
Would unite the country	48%	52%	39%
4/3/2008	42%	59%	45%
2/2008	34%	67%	51%

No candidate now has a clear lead when it comes to the candidate who shares the values of most Americans. 60% now say that Obama shares the values of most Americans, but this is down from 64% last week, and from 70% a month ago. Four in 10 of those who do not think Obama shares their values say their opinion of Obama has been negatively impacted by the Rev. Wright situation. And most of these voters say Obama distanced himself from Wright for political reasons and not because he really disagreed with his statements.

The Obama campaign has an ad out this week suggesting that Clinton and McCain's support for the suspension of the gas tax this summer is just pandering to voters. In this poll, Clinton is the candidate most viewed as pandering: Just 34% think she says what she believes, while nearly two in three believe she says what people want to hear.

CANDIDATE QUALITIES: VALUES AND SAYS WHAT BELIEVES

(Among registered voters)

	Clinton	Obama	McCain
Shares values of most Americans	60%	60%	58%
4/30/2008	58%	64%	67%
4/3/2008	60%	70%	66%
Says what she/he believes	34%	53%	51%
Says what voters want to hear	62	43	41

Americans are clearly skeptical of the motives of the public figures that support the idea of a temporary lifting of the federal gasoline tax: seven in 10 think candidates support the measure mostly to help themselves politically.

WHY DO SOME CANDIDATES WANT TO LIFT THE GAS TAX?

To help average Americans	21%
To help themselves politically	70

In fact, many Americans do not see lifting the federal gas tax for the summer as a solution. Nearly half say the tax should not be lifted.

LIFTING THE GAS TAX FOR THE SUMMER

Bad idea	49%
Good idea	45

THE DEMOCRATIC RACE

Among registered voters who identify themselves as Democrats, regardless of whether they have voted or plan to vote in a Democratic primary, Obama and Clinton are virtually tied for the Democratic nomination. And with few Democratic primaries remaining, this could become a more relevant group.

CHOICE FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

(Among registered voters who are Democrats)

	Now	4/30/08	4/3/08
Obama	44%	43%	45%
Clinton	45	44	42

But among Democratic primary voters (those who have voted or plan to vote in a Democratic primary), positive assessments of how Obama has handled the situation with Wright are reflected in their current support for the Democratic nomination. Obama's lead over Hillary Clinton has increased -- he now leads Clinton by twelve points, up from his eight point lead in a CBS News/New York Times Poll released last Wednesday.

CHOICE FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

(Among Democratic primary voters)

	Now	4/30/08	4/3/08
Obama	50%	46%	46%
Clinton	38	38	43
Undecided/DK	9	14	8

However, Obama's supporters are less likely now than before to say they strongly support him. 57% of his voters say they are strong supporters (down from 69% last week), compared with 65% of Clinton's voters. One in five Democratic primary voters who support him says their vote is mostly against Clinton, up from 8% last week.

Democratic primary voters still expect Obama to be the eventual Democratic nominee - 52% now expect that, fewer than a month ago, when 69% saw him as the Democratic candidate who would be on the ballot in November.

WHO DO YOU EXPECT TO WIN DEM NOMINATION?

(Among Democratic primary voters)

	Now	4/30/08	4/3/08	3/19/08
Obama	52%	51%	69%	55%
Clinton	35	34	21	31

The percentage of Democratic primary voters who think Obama is most electable in the fall is lower than it was a month ago. Now, 47% think Obama has the best chance of beating McCain; nearly as many, 44%, say Hillary Clinton does.

BEST CHANCE OF BEATING MCCAIN IN NOVEMBER?

(Among Democratic primary voters)

	Now	4/30/08	4/3/08
Obama	47%	48%	56%
Clinton	44	37	32

Majorities of Democratic primary voters would support either Obama or Clinton against McCain in November.

GENERAL ELECTION MATCH-UP

(Among Democratic primary voters)

Clinton	79%	Obama	77%
McCain	17	McCain	13
Won't vote	2	Won't vote	7

Among Democratic primary voters who support Obama, 70% would vote for Clinton in November if she is the Democratic nominee. Among those who support Clinton now, 60% would vote for Obama if he is the nominee.

Overall, about three quarters of Democratic primary voters would be satisfied with either candidate on the ballot in November.

THE WRIGHT CONTROVERSY AND THE MEDIA

Voters across the board, including many who are not inclined to support Barack Obama's bid for the presidency, all agree that the media have spent too much time covering the story surrounding Barack Obama and Rev. Wright.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE REV. WRIGHT CONTROVERSY HAS BEEN...?

(Among registered voters)

Too much	56%
Too little	5
About right	34

Even voters with an unfavorable opinion of Obama agree that the media have spent too much time covering the Wright story.

But voters continue to think the news media have been harder on Hillary Clinton than either Barack Obama or John McCain. The smallest number says McCain is being treated harshly by the media.

COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES, THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN...?

(Among registered voters)

	Clinton		Obama		McCain	
	Now	4/30/08	Now	4/30/08	Now	4/30/08
Harder on	36%	34%	27%	22%	11%	8%
Easier on	12	8	22	24	28	28
The same	49	55	48	51	56	59

This poll was conducted among a random sample of 671 adults nationwide, including 283 Democratic primary voters, interviewed by telephone May 1-3, 2008. Phone numbers were dialed from RDD samples of both standard land-lines and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus four percentage points. The error for subgroups is higher. The error for the sample of Democratic primary voters is five points.

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q3 How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2008 presidential campaign -- a lot, some, not much, or no attention so far?

	**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****				Apr08b
	**** Party ID ****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
A lot	55	48	59	57	55
Some	34	32	34	37	37
Not much	7	10	5	4	6
None at all	4	9	2	1	2
DK/NA	0	1	0	1	0

q4 Who would you like to see the Democratic party nominate as its presidential candidate in 2008 -- Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama ?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Dem. Prim.	Reg. voters
					Voters	Apr08b
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Clinton	34	29	45	24	38	38
Obama	42	36	44	46	50	36
Someone else/None (vol)	10	17	2	13	3	11
Undecided (vol)	9	12	7	8	7	8
DK/NA	5	6	2	9	2	7

q5 Would you describe your support for (Selected Candidate) as strongly favoring (Selected Candidate), or do you like (Selected Candidate) but with reservations, or do you support (Selected Candidate) because you dislike the other candidates?

	** DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS **			Apr08b
	Total	Obama	Clinton	
	%	%	%	%
Strongly favor	60	57	65	68
Like but with reservations	27	22	33	23
Dislike other candidates	13	21	2	9

q6 Regardless of who you support, who do you expect to finally win the Democratic nomination for President in 2008 -- Hillary Clinton, or Barack Obama?

Clinton	35	20	63	34
Obama	52	72	27	51
Someone else (Vol.)	0	0	0	0
DK/NA	13	8	10	15

q7 BLANK

q8 Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Hillary Clinton yet to have an opinion?

	**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****				Democratic	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Primary	Apr08b
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Favorable	42	22	65	32	58	36
Not favorable	37	59	18	39	24	42
Undecided	18	17	14	24	17	15
Haven't heard enough	3	1	3	5	1	1
Refused	0	1	0	0	0	6

q9 Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Barack Obama yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	44	22	59	47	60	39
Not favorable	30	44	21	27	19	34
Undecided	20	22	16	21	18	21
Haven't heard enough	6	10	4	5	3	5
Refused	0	2	0	0	0	1

q10 Is your opinion of John McCain favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about John McCain yet to have an opinion?

Favorable	32	55	12	35		33
Not favorable	35	11	51	39		34
Undecided	19	17	21	17		20
Haven't heard enough	14	17	15	8		12
Refused	0	0	1	1		1

q11 If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, would you vote for Barack Obama or John McCain?

Obama	51	17	79	48	77	45
McCain	40	79	12	40	13	45
Other (Vol.)	0	0	0	1	0	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	4	1	8	2	7	3
Depends (Vol.)	1	0	0	3	1	1
Don't know/No answer	4	3	1	6	2	5

q12 If the 2008 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and John McCain, the Republican, would you vote for Hillary Clinton or John McCain?

Clinton	53	21	85	42	79	48
McCain	41	76	10	47	17	43
Other (Vol.)	1	1	0	1	0	1
Won't vote (Vol.)	2	1	2	3	2	3
Depends (Vol.)	2	0	2	3	9	1
Don't know/No answer	1	1	1	4	2	4

q13 Asked after q49; see below.

q14 BLANK

q15 How would you feel if Hillary Clinton wins the Democratic nomination for president - would you feel very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****				Democratic	
	**** Party ID ****				Primary	DPVs
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Voters	Apr08b
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Very satisfied	25	10	46	10	39	37
Somewhat satisfied	37	33	37	41	39	41
Somewhat dissatisfied	17	23	13	17	14	11
Very dissatisfied	20	32	4	30	8	10
DK/NA	1	2	0	2	0	1

q16 How would you feel if Barack Obama wins the Democratic nomination for president - would you feel very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied	30	13	41	32	42	43
Somewhat satisfied	33	35	33	32	35	33
Somewhat dissatisfied	17	18	14	21	13	12
Very dissatisfied	18	32	11	12	10	11
DK/NA	2	2	1	3	0	1

q17 Who do you think has the best chance of beating John McCain in the general election in November - Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama?

Clinton	41	38	46	35	44	37
Obama	44	47	43	41	47	48
Both equally (vol.)	3	1	4	4	3	5
Neither (vol.)	4	7	0	8	1	2
DK/NA	8	7	7	12	5	8

q18 Regardless of how you intend to vote, do you think Hillary Clinton would be the kind of president who would be able to unite the country or wouldn't she be that kind of president?

						REG Mar08c
Would unite the country	48	28	77	29	64	42
Not that kind of president	45	65	19	61	31	51
DK/NA	7	7	4	10	5	7

q19 Do you think that Hillary Clinton is tough enough to make the hard choices a President has to make, or not?

Yes	70	51	87	66	82
No	28	46	12	30	17
DK/NA	2	3	1	4	1

q20 Do you think Hillary Clinton shares the values most Americans try to live by, or doesn't she?

	**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****				Democratic	
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Primary	Apr08b
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	60	42	81	46	76	58
No	33	49	14	45	20	37
DK/NA	7	9	5	9	4	5

q21 Do you think Hillary Clinton says what she believes most of the time, or does she say what she thinks people want to hear?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Dem. Prim. Voters	Jan08e
						Jan08e
Yes, says what she believe	34	26	50	19	45	52
No, says what people want	62	73	44	76	50	44
Don't know/No answer	4	1	6	5	5	4

q22 Do you know what Hillary Clinton's religion is?
IF YES, ASK: What religion is she?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Aug07a
Protestant	15	13	19	13	14
Catholic	4	3	4	3	7
Baptist	1	2	1	1	--
Methodist	4	4	2	7	4
Episcopalian	0	0	1	0	--
None	0	0	0	0	--
DK/NA	76	78	73	76	75

q23 Regardless of how you intend to vote, do you think Barack Obama would be the kind of president who would be able to unite the country or wouldn't he be that kind of president?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Mar08c
Would unite the country	52	33	70	47	70
Not that kind of president	40	59	24	42	24
DK/NA	8	8	6	11	6

q24 Do you think that Barack Obama is tough enough to make the hard choices a President has to make, or not?

Yes	58	43	68	60	70
No	35	50	26	31	24
DK/NA	7	7	6	9	6

q25 Do you think Barack Obama shares the values most Americans try to live by, or doesn't he?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Apr08b
Yes	60	40	77	57	76
No	33	56	19	27	20
DK/NA	7	4	4	16	4

q26 Do you think Barack Obama says what he believes most of the time, or does he say what he thinks people want to hear?

	**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****				Democratic	Dem. Prim.
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Primary Voters	Voters Jan08e
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes, says what he believes	53	34	68	54	69	65
No, says what people want	43	63	29	40	28	31
Don't know/No answer	4	3	3	6	3	4

q27 Do you know what Barack Obama's religion is?
IF YES, ASK: What religion is he?

					Aug07a
Protestant	22	14	26	26	6
Catholic	1	1	1	0	1
Muslim	7	7	9	4	7
Baptist	4	2	5	6	--
United Church of Christ	2	2	2	4	1
Methodist	0	0	0	0	--
Episcopalian	0	0	0	0	--
None	0	0	0	0	--
Other	4	6	1	2	1
DK/NA	60	68	56	56	84

q28 Regardless of how you intend to vote, do you think John McCain would be the kind of president who would be able to unite the country or wouldn't he be that kind of president?

					Mar08c
Would unite the country	39	58	24	39	45
Not that kind of president	49	25	68	49	46
DK/NA	12	17	8	12	9

q29 Do you think that John McCain is tough enough to make the hard choices a President has to make, or not?

Yes	71	79	55	84
No	23	15	38	10
DK/NA	6	6	7	6

q30 Do you think John McCain shares the values most Americans try to live by, or doesn't he?

					Apr08b
Yes	58	75	45	58	67
No	32	15	45	33	26
DK/NA	10	10	10	9	7

q31 Do you think John McCain says what he believes most of the time, or does he say what he thinks people want to hear?

Yes, says what he believes	51	62	43	49
No, says what people want	41	31	49	42
Don't know/No answer	8	7	8	9

q32 Do you know what John McCain's religion is?

IF YES, ASK: What religion is he?

	**** REGISTERED VOTERS ****			
	**** Party ID ****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Protestant	14	19	11	12
Catholic	4	2	7	1
Baptist	0	1	0	0
United Church of Christ	0	1	0	0
Methodist	0	0	0	0
Episcopalian	0	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	1
DK/NA	82	76	82	86

q33 Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been harder on Hillary Clinton, easier on Hillary Clinton, or have they treated her the same as other candidates?

					Apr08b
Harder	36	30	44	30	34
Easier	12	17	6	16	8
Same	49	51	48	49	55
DK/NA	3	2	2	5	3

q34 Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been harder on Barack Obama, easier on Barack Obama, or have they treated him the same as other candidates?

Harder	27	21	32	26	22
Easier	22	29	20	18	24
Same	48	49	46	52	51
DK/NA	3	1	2	4	3

q35 Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been harder on John McCain, easier on John McCain, or have they treated him the same as other candidates?

Harder	11	22	2	12	8
Easier	28	19	35	29	28
Same	56	55	59	53	59
DK/NA	5	4	4	6	5

q36 How much have you heard or read about the controversy over statements made by Reverend Jeremiah Wright, who was Barack Obama's minister -- a lot, some, or not much?

					Mar08c^
A lot	51	46	56	48	48
Some	24	21	25	26	30
Not much	22	31	14	23	9
None (Vol.)	3	2	5	3	13

^"...Dr. Jeremiah Wright..."

q37 Is your opinion of Jeremiah Wright favorable, not favorable, undecided, or haven't you heard enough about Jeremiah Wright yet to have an opinion?

** VOTERS WHO HEARD ABOUT WRIGHT CONTROVERSY **

	**** Party ID ****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Favorable	3	0	5	3
Not favorable	53	59	56	42
Undecided	14	3	19	19
Haven't heard enough	25	31	18	30
Refused	3	7	2	6

q38 Have Reverend Wright's statements affected your opinion of Barack Obama?
IF YES, ASK: Do they make you feel more favorable or less favorable toward Barack Obama?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Democratic Primary Voters	
					%	Mar08c
Yes, more	2	4	1	0	1	1
Yes, less	22	29	19	18	21	36
No, not affected	75	65	79	79	78	62
DK/NA	1	2	1	3	0	1

q39 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama has handled the situation with Reverend Wright?

Approve	60	51	71	53	68
Disapprove	23	28	19	25	22
DK/NA	17	21	10	22	10

q40 When you think about the way Barack Obama has handled the situation with Reverend Wright, do you think Barack Obama has been too critical of Reverend Wright, not critical enough or have his criticisms of Reverend Wright been appropriate?

Too critical	6	2	12	1	9
Not critical enough	26	29	23	25	24
Appropriate	52	47	54	54	53
DK/NA	16	22	11	20	14

q41 Has the situation involving Reverend Wright made you more likely to support Obama, less likely, or made no difference in whether or not you support Obama?

More likely	6	3	7	7	9
Less likely	18	25	12	17	15
No difference	73	67	80	69	76
DK/NA	3	5	1	7	0

q42 Do you think Barack Obama decided to renounce his ties to Reverend Wright mainly because he really disagreed with the things Reverend Wright said, or mainly because he thought it would help him politically?

Disagreed	34	29	40	32	40
Help him politically	47	55	39	48	43
Both (vol.)	6	3	10	5	6
DK/NA	13	13	11	15	11

q43 From what you know, how much influence do you think Reverend Wright has had on Barack Obama's POLITICAL views - a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

** VOTERS WHO HEARD ABOUT WRIGHT CONTROVERSY **

	**** Party ID ****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
A lot	11	14	7	15
Some	32	35	38	21
Not much	28	20	29	36
None at all	20	21	20	18
DK/NA	9	10	6	10

q44 From what you know, how much influence do you think Reverend Wright has had on Barack Obama's SPIRITUAL views - a lot, some, not much, or none at all?

A lot	24	26	23	23
Some	34	27	38	36
Not much	19	16	22	18
Not at all	9	12	9	5
DK/NA	14	19	8	18

q45 From what you know, do you think Barack Obama shares Reverend Wright's anger at the United States or doesn't he share Reverend Wright's anger at the United States?

Shares anger	16	23	9	19
Doesn't share anger	63	56	73	57
DK/NA	21	21	18	24

q46 If Barack Obama is the Democratic nominee, how much will the Reverend Wright issue matter to you in deciding how you vote in November -- a lot, some, not much or not at all?

A lot	11	14	10	8
Some	13	20	11	10
Not much	16	19	13	19
Not at all	57	45	65	57
DK/NA	3	2	1	6

q47 What about most people you know? If Barack Obama is the Democratic nominee, how much will the Reverend Wright issue matter to them in deciding how they vote in November -- a lot, some, not much or not at all?

A lot	15	17	15	14
Some	29	37	24	27
Not much	20	18	18	25
Not at all	25	22	30	19
DK/NA	11	6	13	15

q48 Do you think the news media have spent too much time covering the situation between Barack Obama and Reverend Wright, too little time, or has the news media spent the right amount of time covering the situation between Barack Obama and Reverend Wright?

Too much time	56	44	60	63
Too little time	5	8	3	4
Right amount of time	34	43	33	24
DK/NA	5	5	4	9

q49 Some people say lifting the federal tax on gasoline for the summer months is a good idea because it would lower the cost of gas and reduce expenses faced by average Americans. Others say removing the gas tax for the summer months is a bad idea because it would not create real benefits for average Americans and does not deal with the real problem of America's dependence on foreign oil. What do you think -- is removing the federal tax on gasoline for the summer months a good idea or a bad idea?

	**** TOTAL RESPONDENTS ****			
	*** Party ID ***			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Good idea	45	58	47	32
Bad idea	49	37	50	60
DK/NA	6	5	3	8

q13 Do you think some candidates have proposed eliminating the gas tax this summer MAINLY because they think it is a sound proposal that will provide some relief to average Americans or MAINLY to help themselves politically?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
Help Americans	21	24	29	10
Help themselves politically	70	66	64	78
Both (Vol.)	5	5	5	5
Neither (Vol.)	5	5	2	7

^This question was asked of 487 respondents. It was added to the survey on May 2nd and asked after q49.

q50 Would you say you attend religious services every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
Every week	26	36	22	23
Almost every week	11	7	12	11
Once or twice a month	18	20	15	20
A few times a year	28	27	31	25
Never	15	9	16	20
DK/NA	2	1	4	1

q51 Have you ever strongly disagreed with the statements made by your priest, minister, or rabbi during religious services?

IF YES, ASK: Would you say you strongly disagree with your priest, minister, or rabbi frequently, occasionally, or rarely?

THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES				
Yes, frequently	1	1	2	1
Yes, occasionally	17	10	21	21
Yes, rarely	20	14	26	18
No, never disagree	60	75	51	55
DK/NA	2	0	0	5

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	671	
Total Republicans	194	195
Total Democrats	269	261
Total Independents	208	214
Registered Voters	601	
Reg. Voters - Republicans	187	182
Reg. Voters - Democrats	244	237
Reg. Voters - Independents	170	156
Democratic primary voters	283	278