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Interview dates: September 16-19, 2010
Interviews: 1,161 adults; 993 registered voters
535 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 483 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 2.9% for all adults; ± 3.1% for registered voters
± 4.2% for Democrats; ± 4.5 for Republicans

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters, September 2010
NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings from an Ipsos poll conducted for Reuters from September 16th-19th, 2010. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,161 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 2.9 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.

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

2. a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? [IF "APPROVE" OR "DISAPPROVE", ASK Q2b. IF "HAVE MIXED FEELINGS /DK/REF", ASK Q2c]
 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 approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Lean toward approval</u>	<u>Still have mixed feelings</u>	<u>Lean toward disapproval</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>(Not sure)</u>	<u>TOTAL Approve</u>	<u>TOTAL Disapprove</u>	<u>Mean 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

	<u>DEMOCRATS: Approve</u>	<u>DEMOCRATS: Disapprove</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS: Approve</u>	<u>INDEPENDENTS: Disapprove</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS: Approve</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS: 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

3. I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections in 2010, 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 "CANDIDATE FROM ANOTHER PARTY/WILL NOT/DO NOT PLAN TO VOTE/DK/REF" TO Q3, ASK QUESTION 3a]
a. If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

ALL RESPONDENTS	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>(Candidate</u>	<u>(Will not / do</u>	<u>(Not</u>
	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>from another</u>	<u>not plan to</u>	
	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>political party)</u>	<u>vote)</u>	<u>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

REGISTERED VOTERS	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Lean</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>(Candidate</u>	<u>(Will not / do</u>	<u>(Not</u>
	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>from another</u>	<u>not plan to</u>	
	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>political party)</u>	<u>vote)</u>	<u>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

Economic Concerns

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree that lowering taxes creates jobs? Would you say you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Strongly agree	33	19	51	30
Somewhat agree	35	39	29	36
Neither agree nor disagree (VOL)	1	1	2	*
Somewhat disagree	17	24	11	10
Strongly disagree	11	15	6	13
(Not sure)	3	2	1	10
TOTAL agree	68	58	80	66
TOTAL disagree	28	39	17	23

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree that reducing the budget deficit creates jobs? Would you say you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Strongly agree	26	22	32	23
Somewhat agree	34	34	36	30
Neither agree nor disagree (VOL)	2	3	1	4
Somewhat disagree	21	26	17	17
Strongly disagree	13	13	12	14
(Not sure)	3	2	2	12
TOTAL agree	60	56	68	53
TOTAL disagree	34	39	29	31

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree that government spending creates jobs? Would you say you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Strongly agree	19	30	9	13
Somewhat agree	31	44	18	28
Neither agree nor disagree (VOL)	2	1	2	6
Somewhat disagree	17	12	23	16
Strongly disagree	30	12	48	37
(Not sure)	2	1	2	6
TOTAL agree	50	74	27	41
TOTAL disagree	47	23	71	53

7. Which is closer to your opinion: **[ROTATE]**

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
The current high unemployment rates are part of natural ups and downs of the economy	22	27	17	20
The current high unemployment rates indicate that something in the economy is broken	74	70	81	72
(Not sure)	4	4	2	8

8. In hard economic times, should the government... **[READ OUT. ROTATE]**

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Run a deficit to stimulate the economy and create jobs	39	55	21	37
Cut the deficit in order to balance the budget and save money	57	42	77	47
(Not sure)	4	3	3	16

Likely Voter Questions

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

Yes	79
No	21
(Not sure)	*

10. 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	76	75	84	56
No	23	24	15	40
(Not sure)	1	1	*	3

[IF "NO" IN Q10, ASK Q11; OTHERWISE, SKIP TO Q12]

11. Why not? (DO NOT READ RESPONSE)

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
Not registered, too busy, something came up	40	48	24	41
Too young to vote at the time	10	10	15	3
Did not live in state/district at the time	7	5	13	5
(Other)	30	22	38	37
(Not sure)	14	16	10	14

12. 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. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.)

	<u>All</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Independents</u>
1	12	11	5	35
2	*	*	0	1
3	1	1	*	1
4	2	1	2	1
5	7	8	5	7
6	1	1	2	*
7	5	6	3	6
8	9	10	9	6
9	4	5	2	4
10	59	55	72	35
(Not sure)	1	1	1	4
Mean	8	7.9	8.8	5.8
1-3 (Net)	13	13	5	37
8-10 (Net)	72	70	83	45

[ASK ALL WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE]

13. 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	35	48	27
Quite a bit	26	26	26	21
Only some	20	24	17	17
Very little	9	10	6	14
No interest at all	5	5	2	21
(Not sure)	*	*	*	0
TOTAL: A great deal / Quite a bit	66	61	74	49
TOTAL: Very little / No interest at all	14	14	9	35

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

- a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? (IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Qa, Qb ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Qa, Qc ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Qa, Qd ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)
- 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	9
Lean Democrat	18
Strongly Republican	14
Moderately Republican	10
Lean Republican	16
Independent (No lean)	14

Initial Democrats **28**
Total Democrats **46**

Initial Republicans **24**
Total Republicans **40**