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 IWV Questionnaire
 National Survey of 1,000 Independent Likely Voters
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1. {Party}: Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat or an Independent?

- Republican [END]
- Democrat [END]
- Some other political party [END]
- Independent
- Not sure [END]

2. How likely are you to vote in the November election for United States Senator?

Absolutely certain	68%
Very likely	32%
Possibly [END]	0%
Not very likely [END]	0%
Not at all likely [END]	0%

3. Do you lean more towards the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?	
Lean more toward the Democratic Party	25%
Lean more toward the Republican Party	50%
Don't lean toward either party	25%

Mood of the Country/State

3. Generally speaking, are things in the country headed in the right direction, or are they on the wrong track?

Right direction	18%
Wrong track	70%
Not sure	12%

4. Generally speaking, is the economy headed in the right direction or is it on the wrong track?

Right direction	16%
Wrong track	68%
Not sure	16%

5. How do you feel about your economic future? Are you very optimistic, somewhat optimistic, somewhat pessimistic, or very pessimistic?

TOTAL OPTIMISTIC	45%
TOTAL PESSIMISTIC	49%
Very optimistic	13%
Somewhat optimistic	32%
Somewhat pessimistic	25%
Very pessimistic	25%
Not sure	6%

6. In the next few years, do you think your personal economic situation will get better or get worse, or will it stay the same?

Get better	29%
Get worse	38%
Stay the same	28%
Not sure	6%

Government and the Political Process

7. In thinking about the political process here in America in the last few years, do you think that it has improved, gotten worse, or stayed the same?

Improved	5%
Gotten worse	64%
Stayed the same	25%
Not sure	6%

8. Do you think that the federal government does what you would like to see them do most of the time, some of the time, rarely or never?

Most of the time	7%
Some of the time	33%
Rarely	37%
Never	22%
Not sure	2%

9. Do you think that your state government does what you would like to see them do most of the time, some of the time, rarely or never?

Most of the time	10%
Some of the time	42%
Rarely	33%
Never	14%
Not sure	1%

10. Do you think your state government is more or less responsive to people like you than the federal government, or are they about the same?

More	26%
Less	14%
About the same	52%
Not sure	8%

11. Generally speaking, do you think that the government in Washington and the political leadership there are in touch or out of touch with Americans like yourself?

They are in touch with ordinary Americans	14%
They are out of touch	81%
Not sure	5%

12. [If in touch] Why do you feel this way?

They address issues that I am concerned about	24%
They understand the struggles that I face	14%

Legislation has been passed that has helped me	8%
I like and support my local legislators and feel that they are in touch with people like me	11%
They share my values	17%
The social welfare programs that are in place help struggling, hard-working Americans	17%
The government understands the impact the economic crisis has had on ordinary people and has responded to help keep the country going	25%
Not sure	15%

13. [If out of touch] Why do you feel this way?

They do not understand the needs of ordinary people	23%
They do not address issues I am concerned about	10%
The legislation they pass is unhelpful and unresponsive to the problems we face, and maybe sometimes even counter productive	17%
They are corrupt and their solutions are too much about power and control	24%
They often make problems worse, while burdening our children and grandchildren with tremendous debt	21%
They do not share my values	14%
They spend all of their time fighting with the other party rather than work to reach compromises that will help struggling Americans	24%
They are in the pockets of the special interests	15%
Not sure	2%

Favorability

I'm going to read you a short list of politicians and political groups. For each, please let me know if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression.

14. First, Barack Obama

TOTAL FAVORABLE	43%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	55%
Very favorable	19%
Somewhat favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	43%
Not sure	1%

15. Congress

TOTAL FAVORABLE	28%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	62%
Very favorable	5%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	20%
Very unfavorable	42%
Not sure	10%

16. The Democratic Party

TOTAL FAVORABLE	38%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	57%
Very favorable	5%
Somewhat favorable	33%
Somewhat unfavorable	22%
Very unfavorable	35%
Not sure	5%

17. Okay, the Democratic Congressional leadership

TOTAL FAVORABLE	27%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	68%
Very favorable	8%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Very unfavorable	50%
Not sure	5%

18. Okay, Nancy Pelosi

TOTAL FAVORABLE	20%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	69%
Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	53%
Not sure	12%

19. Okay, Harry Reid

TOTAL FAVORABLE	12%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	60%
Very favorable	2%
Somewhat favorable	11%
Somewhat unfavorable	20%
Very unfavorable	40%
Not sure	28%

20. Okay, the Republican Party

TOTAL FAVORABLE	39%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	54%
Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	36%
Somewhat unfavorable	32%
Very unfavorable	22%
Not sure	7%

21. Next, the Republican Congressional leadership

TOTAL FAVORABLE	32%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	58%
Very favorable	6%
Somewhat favorable	26%
Somewhat unfavorable	31%
Very unfavorable	26%
Not sure	11%

22. Okay, the Tea Party movement

TOTAL FAVORABLE	45%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	35%
Very favorable	25%

Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%
Very unfavorable	24%
Not sure	20%

23. Okay, the Christian right

TOTAL FAVORABLE	38%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	38%
Very favorable	17%
Somewhat favorable	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	22%
Not sure	25%

24. Next, public employee unions

TOTAL FAVORABLE	25%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	51%
Very favorable	8%
Somewhat favorable	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	20%
Very unfavorable	31%
Not sure	24%

25. Next, private employee unions

TOTAL FAVORABLE	26%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	50%
Very favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	22%
Very unfavorable	28%
Not sure	24%

26. And finally, George W. Bush

TOTAL FAVORABLE	39%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	55%
Very favorable	7%
Somewhat favorable	32%
Somewhat unfavorable	27%
Very unfavorable	29%
Not sure	6%

2010 Elections

27. In thinking about the upcoming Congressional election this fall, do you plan to vote for a Democratic, a Republican, or an Independent?

Democrat	13%
Republican	28%
Independent	20%
Not sure	39%

28. Do you definitely plan to vote for a candidate from this party, or do you think you may change your mind?

Definitely plan vote for a candidate from this party	30%
May change your mind	38%
Not sure	32%

29. Okay, and if the upcoming Congressional election is just between a Republican and a Democrat, for whom would you vote?

Democrat	23%
Republican	37%
Not sure	40%

30. [If Democratic Party] Why do you plan on voting for a Democratic candidate?

Because of the specific candidates in the races	16%
To support President Obama's agenda	15%
I agree more with the Democratic Party's position on social issues	23%
They believe in stimulus spending and the importance of a large government	4%
I think the Democratic Party is more ethical than the Republican Party	16%
I think the Democratic Party is doing a good job at running our country and I want them To continue to be in charge	9%
I dislike both parties, but I think the Republican Party is worse than the Democratic Party	13%
I trust the Democrats more to run the country	13%
They care about the average American	16%
OTHER	24%
Not sure	2%

31. [If Democratic Party] Why don't you plan on voting for a Republican candidate?

I dislike or disagree with the candidate personally	13%
I think the Republican Party is out of touch with ordinary citizens	20%
I don't want the Republicans to be in control	11%
I disagree with the Republican Party's approach to major issues	20%
I think the Republican Party is corrupt and I don't trust them – they say they want smaller government but they haven't acted like it	14%
They won't let the government spend and tax the way it needs to	7%
The Republicans are too conservative for me	12%
The Republican Party is too extreme and too negative	22%
I support and want to keep the health care bill that was passed last spring	15%
OTHER	24%
Not sure	1%

32. [If Republican Party] Why do you plan on voting for a Republican candidate?

Because of the specific candidates in the races	15%
To oppose President Obama's agenda	20%
I agree more with the Republican Party's position on social issues	14%
I think the Republican Party is more ethical than the Democratic Party	12%
I think the Democratic Party is doing a bad job at running our country	25%
I dislike both parties, but I think the Democratic Party is worse than the Republican Party	14%
I trust the Republicans more to run our country	15%
They are fiscally conservative and will cut spending and not raise taxes	16%
I like their position on immigration	5%
They care about the average American	6%
OTHER	23%
Not sure	2%

33. [If Republican Party] Why don't you plan on voting for a Democratic candidate?

I dislike or disagree with the Democratic candidate personally	10%
I don't want the Democratic Party to remain in charge	10%
I think the Democratic Party is out of touch with ordinary citizens	21%
I disagree with the Democratic Party's approach to major issues	18%
I think the Democratic Party is corrupt and I don't trust the Democrats	9%
They are too liberal	17%
They are big spenders and big taxers	25%
I am against the health care they passed	22%
The Democratic Party is too extreme in its policies and too negative about our country	17%
OTHER	25%
Not sure	2%

34. In thinking about the upcoming election, are you more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate if she is a female, or does it make no difference?

More likely	4%
Less likely	1%
It makes no difference	94%
Not sure	1%

35. In thinking about the kind of person you would like to elect to Congress, what type of candidate do you think would be best – a career politician who understands how government works and knows how to get things done, or a businessman who has new ideas and no ties to the political system?

A career politician who understands how government works and knows how to get things done	15%
A businessman who has new ideas and no ties to the political system	63%
Not sure	22%

36. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Government needs to go on a diet. Spending, the federal debt, government services, taxes and bureaucratic rules should all be decreased so that government can be slimmer and more limber and return more control to citizens.

TOTAL AGREE	89%
TOTAL DISAGREE	9%
Strongly agree	72%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	6%
Not sure	3%

Political Parties

37. Generally speaking, which major political party is closer to your views?

Democratic Party	30%
Republican Party	52%
Not sure	18%

38. What do you like most about the Democratic Party? [open-ended with precodes]

They protect and support the middle class	12%
They are more in touch with my values	12%
Their social welfare programs that help those in need	7%
I like Barack Obama	3%
I like the party's position on social issues	9%
They are ethical and trustworthy	2%
Their foreign policy and the way it relates to other countries	2%
Not sure	52%

39. What do you like least about the Democratic Party? [open-ended with precodes]

They don't have any new ideas and they just keep doing more of the same thing that doesn't work and is hurting our country	8%
They see only more government as the solution to our country's problems	9%
They are out of touch with ordinary Americans	5%
They are corrupt	3%
They are only interested in creating policies that help themselves and their friends	5%
They are too liberal	7%
They spend and tax too much	14%
They are too soft on foreign policy and national security	2%
They have gone too far to the left on social issues	6%
Other	28%
Not sure	14%

40. What do you like most about the Republican Party? [open-ended with precodes]

They are more in touch with my values	10%
They do a better job of protecting and supporting the middle class	3%
They will cut spending and not raise taxes	9%
They understand the importance of protecting personal freedoms by restraining government and making it smaller and less intrusive	13%
They trust individual Americans to make better decisions than government bureaucrats and are more optimistic about the future of our country and its value and importance	6%

They are tough on foreign policy and national security	3%
They are ethical and trustworthy	2%
They understand business and the economy, and believe in creating wealth more than redistributing it	8%
Other	26%
Not sure	21%

41. What do you like least about the Republican Party? [open-ended with precodes]

They are out of touch with ordinary citizens	12%
They are corrupt	6%
They are only interested in creating policies that help themselves	7%
They are too conservative	5%
They want to cut spending and not raise taxes	3%
They don't have any new ideas	4%
They have gone too far to the right in social issues	9%
Their foreign policy	4%
Other	31%
Not sure	17%

42. Why are you an Independent? [open-ended with precodes]

I don't want to be labeled as part of one of the parties	20%
I want to make my decision based on the individual race and candidate	39%
I don't relate to either party	17%
I am disgusted with both parties – they are both part of the same corrupt, big spending, Washington establishment “ruling class” mentality	27%
I agree with some issues from each party	17%
It is important to find the middle ground between the two parties	19%
Other	15%
Not sure	4%

43. Is there anything about being an Independent that makes you uncomfortable? [open-ended with precodes]

I feel like my vote doesn't count as much	9%
I don't like that I can't vote in primary elections	14%
I feel like my voice isn't heard	8%
There is no party that represents my views	11%
I feel like politicians do not reach out to me as much as they do to citizens in their party	11%
Other	35%
Not sure	32%

44. Have you always been an Independent, or were you originally a Democrat or a Republican?

I have always been an independent	39%
I was originally a democrat	31%
I was originally a republican	30%

45. [If originally Democrat or Republican] When did you become an Independent?

In the past two years	34%
In the past five years	20%
In the past ten years	18%
In the past 15 years	19%
Not sure	9%

46. [If Democrat] Why did you switch and become an Independent?

Democrats spend too much	8%
They tax too much	5%
They support a large, intrusive government	12%
They are too weak on national security and terrorism	4%
They are too liberal on social issues	11%
Their health care policy	6%
Their immigration policy	4%
I was only initially part of this party because my family was	7%
I wanted to make my decisions based on the individual candidate and race	39%
I dislike both major political parties	23%
other	19%
Not sure	4%

47. [If Republican] Why did you switch and become an Independent?

Republicans are too conservative or too far to the right	10%
I didn't like the influence or prominence of the religious right	6%
They spent too much	14%
I disagreed with President Bush on invading Iraq	11%
They are too conservative on social issues	4%
I was only initially part of this party because my family was	6%
I wanted to make my decisions based on the individual candidate and race	35%
I dislike both major political parties	22%
other	22%
Not sure	7%

48. [If Independent] What made you become an Independent originally?

I did not relate to either major party	24%
I was disgusted by both major parties	22%
I felt like I was in the middle of the two parties	21%
I agree with one party on some issues and the other party on other issues	37%
I felt indifferent or apathetic to politics in general	9%
Other	17%
Not sure	6%

49. In thinking about the way politics work in Washington, what concerns you most?

The expansion of government	11%
The level of government spending	10%
The level of government taxation	4%
The corruption in Washington	10%
The partisanship in Washington	8%
The role of special interests and unions in Washington	5%
The politicians just do what's best for themselves and not for the country	11%
Politicians are out of touch with ordinary Americans	6%
Government's inefficiencies and the inability of politicians to get anything done	7%
Other	24%
Not sure	3%

50. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned with the growing size and scope of our federal government?

TOTAL CONCERNED	79%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	19%
Very concerned	55%
Somewhat concerned	23%
Not very concerned	14%
Not at all concerned	5%
Not sure	2%

51. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned with the federal government's increasing level of spending?

TOTAL CONCERNED	88%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	11%
Very concerned	68%
Somewhat concerned	20%
Not very concerned	6%
Not at all concerned	4%
Not sure	1%

52. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned with the federal government's increasing overall level of taxation?

TOTAL CONCERNED	83%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	14%
Very concerned	66%
Somewhat concerned	18%
Not very concerned	8%
Not at all concerned	6%
Not sure	3%

53. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned with the federal government taking over health care?

TOTAL CONCERNED	81%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	16%
Very concerned	68%
Somewhat concerned	14%
Not very concerned	8%
Not at all concerned	8%
Not sure	2%

54. In thinking about candidates you will support in the upcoming election, how important is it that they support repealing and replacing the health care legislation with other approaches to reform?

TOTAL IMPORTANT	73%
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	20%
Very important	57%
Somewhat important	16%
Not very important	6%
Not at all important	14%
Not sure	7%

55. Which would help with a national recovery more: increasing taxes, increasing spending, cutting spending, cutting taxes, or keeping in place the current tax rates?

Increasing taxes	4%
Increasing spending	6%
Cutting spending	38%
Cutting taxes	23%
Keeping in place the current tax rates	15%
Not sure	14%

56. Okay, and what else would help with a national recovery?

Increasing taxes	9%
Increasing spending	4%
Cutting spending	27%
Cutting taxes	21%
Extending the expiring Bush tax cuts	13%
Not sure	25%

57. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned with the influence of special interests and unions both in Washington and in state government?

TOTAL CONCERNED	94%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	3%
Very concerned	70%
Somewhat concerned	24%
Not very concerned	2%
Not at all concerned	1%
Not sure	3%

58. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned with the level of partisanship in Washington?

TOTAL CONCERNED	83%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	12%
Very concerned	61%
Somewhat concerned	22%
Not very concerned	4%
Not at all concerned	8%
Not sure	5%

59. Would you say that partisanship has increased or decreased in Washington since President Obama was elected, or has it stayed the same?

Increased	53%
Decreased	12%
Stayed the same	23%
Not sure	11%

60. [If increased] Who is most responsible for this increase in partisanship?

Democrats in Congress	18%
Republicans in Congress	22%
President Obama	33%
The media	10%
Not sure	17%

61. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned with immigration in our country?

TOTAL CONCERNED	86%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	11%
Very concerned	64%
Somewhat concerned	22%
Not very concerned	4%
Not at all concerned	8%
Not sure	3%

62. Which is more important for immigration reform: integrating all illegal immigrants into American society, securing the border, distinguishing between those who want to stay and those who just want to work and go home, or having a strict and fair guest worker program?

Integrating all illegal immigrants into American society	8%
Securing the border	44%
Distinguishing between those who want to stay and those who want to just work and go home	11%
Having a strict and fair guest worker program	28%
Not sure	9%

63. Do you approve or disapprove of Arizona's new immigration law?

Approve	61%
Disapprove	25%
Not sure	13%

64. Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned with terrorism and with America having a strong national defense?

TOTAL CONCERNED	89%
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	9%
Very concerned	65%
Somewhat concerned	24%
Not very concerned	5%
Not at all concerned	4%
Not sure	1%

65. Do you think ordinary citizens like you are paying more, less or the same amount of attention to politics this year as you have generally in the past?

More attention	71%
Less attention	8%
The same amount of attention	18%
Not sure	4%

66. Would you say that you are now less interested in government and politics in Washington and in your state capital than you are in what is going on in your local community and neighborhood, are you more interested in what is going on at the state and federal level, or do you have the same level of interest?

Less interested in what is going on in Washington and more interested in my local community and neighborhood	8%
More interested in what is going on at the state and federal level	45%
Equally interested in what is going on locally and nationally	45%
Not sure	2%

67. Some say that you need to be a member of the Democratic or Republican political parties to really get things done and affect change. Do you agree or disagree with this?

TOTAL AGREE	29%
TOTAL DISAGREE	63%
Strongly agree	13%
Somewhat agree	16%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	48%
Not sure	9%

68. Do you think that the two parties have failed to address the economic crisis, has just one of the parties failed to address it, or have the parties not failed to address it?

The two parties have failed to address the economic crisis	66%
The Democrats have failed to address it	8%
The Republicans have failed to address it	9%
The two parties have not failed to address it	14%
Not sure	4%

Voting Habits

69. In the past few general elections, would you say that you have voted less frequently, more frequently, or about as frequently as you have in the past?

Less frequently	6%
More frequently	26%
About the same	67%
Not sure	1%

70. In the 2008 Presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama or John McCain?

Barack Obama	39%
John McCain	49%
Some other candidate	6%
Not sure	7%

71. [If voted for Obama]Why did you vote for Obama?

I like him personally	26%
I wanted the Democrats to be in charge	13%
To vote against President Bush	12%
Republicans were spending too much	4%
Because of the war in Iraq	10%
Because of the influence of the Christian right in the Republican Party	7%
Because the Republicans prefer Wall Street to Main Street	10%
The Republicans were too conservative	6%
The Republicans were too corrupt	4%
The Republicans only did what was best for themselves and not ordinary people	9%
I liked the issues and priorities that the Democratic Party supported	29%
OTHER	25%
Not sure	2%

72. [If voted for McCain]Why did you voted for McCain?

I liked him personally	11%
Their position on social issues	8%
To support fiscal conservatism	11%
To support smaller government	13%
I trust the Republicans' foreign policy and national security positions	14%
I liked the specific Republican candidates' personal character and background	18%
I agreed more with the Republicans in general	16%
I disagree with the Democrats' positions on issues	15%

I don't trust the Democrats	11%
Other	26%
Not sure	4%

73. In the 2006 Congressional election, did you vote for a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent?

Democrat	24%
Republican	34%
Independent	13%
Not sure	29%

74. In the 2004 Presidential election, did you vote for John Kerry or George Bush?

John Kerry	29%
George Bush	57%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	10%

75. In the 2002 Congressional election, did you vote for a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent?

Democrat	20%
Republican	29%
Independent	8%
Not sure	43%

76. In the 2000 Presidential election, did you vote for Al Gore or George Bush?

Al Gore	28%
George Bush	54%
Some other candidate	4%
Not sure	14%

77. Since the Obama administration has taken office, are you more or less favorable toward the Democratic Party, or have your feelings not changed?

More favorable	9%
Less favorable	50%
My feelings have not changed	37%
Not sure	4%

78. What about the Republican Party? Since the Obama administration has taken office, are you more or less favorable toward the Republican Party, or have your feelings not changed?

More favorable	23%
Less favorable	30%
My feelings have not changed	43%
Not sure	5%

79. Do you favor or oppose having a major third party in our country?

Favor	68%
Oppose	17%
Not sure	16%

80. How important do you think it is for us to have a major third party in our country?

TOTAL IMPORTANT	71%
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	21%
Very important	44%
Somewhat important	27%
Not very important	9%
Not at all important	12%
Not sure	8%

81. Do you consider yourself part of the Tea Party movement or sympathetic to the Tea Party's efforts?

Yes	48%
No	39%
Not sure	13%

82. In thinking about the Democratic Party in general, do you think the party is heading in a direction that will make you more or less likely to vote for Democratic candidates in the future?

More likely	18%
Less likely	62%
Not sure	20%

83. [If more likely] Why?

Their policies are better for the average American	33%
I think the Democratic Party is doing a good job running the country	20%
I like President Obama	21%
I like their position on social issues	21%
We need a larger government	6%
I think they are addressing the most important problems our country is facing	21%
They are more honest and ethical	9%
I like their approach to foreign policy	6%
OTHER	12%
Not sure	9%

84. [If less likely] Why?

I disagree with the health care legislation they passed	25%
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They have made government too big and intrusive	30%
They create problems with poorly crafted legislation and regulation	12%
They support one-size-fits-all policies that bureaucrats mandate, which infringe on personal freedom and responsibility	15%
They spend too much	20%
They tax too much	9%
They are too liberal	7%
They are out of touch and are in the pockets of unions and special interests	12%
They are not doing a good job at running our country	16%
other	28%
Not sure	3%

85. What about the Republican Party? Do you think the party is heading in a direction that will make you more or less likely to vote for Republican candidates in the future?

More likely	32%
Less likely	35%
Not sure	32%

86. [If more likely] Why?

Their policies are better for the average American	16%
I agree with their support of fiscally conservative policies	25%
I agree with their support of smaller government	26%
They have better ideas to address our nation's problems	7%
They think government should create conditions for people to create wealth rather than redistribute wealth	20%
They understand that "government money" is really our money, and we will be more responsible with it	11%
They will try to repeal and replace Obama's health care legislation	12%
I like their approach to foreign policy	4%
OTHER	27%
Not sure	7%

87. [If less likely} Why?

They are too negative	27%
They have gone too far to the right	30%
They have not proposed any new ideas	21%
They are too conservative on social issues	18%
They are in the pockets of special interests	26%
They are out of touch	27%
OTHER	20%
Not sure	5%

President Bush and President Obama

88. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way Barack Obama is performing his job as president?

TOTAL APPROVE	38%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	60%
Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	3%

89. Is there anything that you think President Obama has done better than President Bush?

Handling of the economic crisis	11%
Controlling spending	5%
Handling immigration	3%
Working with Congress	5%
Terrorism/national security	2%
Has a fresh approach	12%
Handling foreign policy in general	14%
Handling the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	21%
OTHER	39%
Not sure	22%

90. Is there anything that you think President Bush did better than President Obama?

Handled the economic crisis	6%
Controlled spending	7%
Handled immigration	11%
Worked with Congress	6%
Terrorism/national security	26%
Has a fresh approach	3%
Handled foreign policy in general	15%
Handled the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	13%
other	27%
Not sure	25%

91. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way the Democratic administration has handled the oil spill in the Gulf?

TOTAL APPROVE	34%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	50%
Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	28%

Not sure	16%
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92. Do you think the Democratic leadership has done enough to bring us out of the economic crisis and facilitate job creation in the U.S., is there more that the administration should be doing, or have they done things the wrong way and made it worse?

The Democratic leadership has done enough to bring us out of the economic crisis and facilitate job creation	16%
There is more that they should be doing	28%
They have done things the wrong way and made it worse	49%
Not sure	7%

93. Do you think the Democratic leadership has increased spending and taxation too much, has he not increasing spending and taxation too much, or should he be cutting spending and taxation more?

They are increasing spending and taxation too much	42%
They are not increasing spending and taxation too much	9%
They should be cutting spending and taxation more	34%
Not sure	14%

94. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the health care legislation that the Democratic leadership passed this year?

TOTAL APPROVE	36%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	58%
Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	5%

95. [If approve] Why do you approve of the health care legislation?

It provides coverage for those who are uninsured	50%
It will make my health care coverage more affordable	19%
I will have access to more doctors	4%
I will have more freedom in choosing the doctors and coverage I want	8%
Our system is broken and this bill is a step in the right direction	41%
It is better to pass this bill than to pass nothing	24%
It will make things better for my family	5%
OTHER	12%
Not sure	5%

96. [If disapprove] Why do you disapprove of the health care legislation?

It gives government too large and intrusive of a role in health care	37%
It will make my coverage more expensive	15%
It does not address the real problems with the health care system	29%
It restricts our choices	18%

It will only help the poor and the uninsured, but in ways that are more expensive than needed and counterproductive for all of us in the long run	26%
It will make things worse for the U.S. overall	17%
It will lead to rationing of care and discourage medical innovation	17%
OTHER	19%
Not sure	2%

97. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way the Democratic leadership has handled the issue of immigration?

TOTAL APPROVE	22%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	66%
Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Not sure	12%

98. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way the Democratic leadership has handled the issue of climate change?

TOTAL APPROVE	30%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	45%
Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	25%

99. Do you favor or oppose a cap and trade plan?

Favor	18%
Oppose	47%
Not sure	35%

100. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way the Democratic leadership has handled the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?

TOTAL APPROVE	41%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	46%
Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	13%

101. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the bank bailouts?

TOTAL APPROVE	20%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	75%

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	63%
Not sure	5%

102. Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the automobile bailouts?

TOTAL APPROVE	30%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	64%
Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	47%
Not sure	6%

103. Do you approve or disapprove of the federal court's recent decision to overturn Proposition 8, the ballot initiative voters approved in California that reaffirmed that marriage is only between one man and one woman?

TOTAL APPROVE	40%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	46%
Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	10%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	15%

104. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose putting a mosque near Ground Zero?

TOTAL FAVOR	21%
TOTAL OPPSE	64%
Strongly favor	9%
Somewhat favor	12%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	52%
Not sure	15%

105. Some say the issue of whether to put a mosque near Ground Zero is an important issue in the upcoming elections. Others say there are more important issues to focus on in the upcoming elections. Which position is closer to your view?

The issue of putting a mosque near Ground Zero is an important issue in the upcoming elections	21%
There are more important issues to focus on in the upcoming elections	72%
Not sure	7%

106. In thinking about the way the Democratic leadership has handled these issues, which one has bothered you the most?

The economy and job creation	22%
Health care legislation	17%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	8%
Bank bailouts	9%
Automobile bailouts	6%
The oil spill in the Gulf	2%
Immigration	8%
Climate change	1%
Judicial nominees	2%
OTHER	19%
Not sure	5%

107. Okay, and which issue are you most positive in regards to the Democratic leadership's approach?

The economy and job creation	8%
Health care legislation	15%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	10%
Bank bailouts	3%
Automobile bailouts	4%
The oil spill in the Gulf	8%
Immigration	3%
Climate change	2%
Judicial nominees	8%
OTHER	18%
Not sure	20%

108. In thinking about President Obama personally, do you like him a great deal, somewhat, not very much or not at all?

TOTAL GREAT/SOMEWHAT	53%
TOTOL NOT VERY/ NOT AT ALL	39%
A great deal	18%
Somewhat	36%
Not very much	13%
Not at all	25%
Not sure	8%

109. Do you still have confidence in the Democratic leadership, or do you not have confidence in the Democratic leadership?

I still have confidence in the Democratic leadership	36%
I do not have confidence in the Democratic leadership	57%
Not sure	7%

Economic Security

110. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the government providing a social safety net for those in need?

TOTAL APPROVE	65%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	25%
Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	11%
Not sure	10%

111. Do you think these social welfare programs cover too many people, cover the right number of people, or cover too few people?

They cover too many people	55%
The cover the right number of people	15%
They cover too few people	20%
Not sure	10%

112. Thinking generally about social safety nets, do you think they should be more expansive, be kept as they are, or restrict who qualifies and not offer disincentives to positive and constructive behavior?

They should be more expansive	9%
They should be kept as they are	23%
They should restrict who qualifies and not offer disincentives to positive and constructive behavior	45%
Not sure	23%

113. Do you feel like you are losing some of your personal freedoms as a result of some of the laws government has passed and the way government is expanding, or is this really not a problem?

I am losing some of my personal freedoms as a result of some of the laws government has passed and the way government is expanding	63%
This is really not a problem	30%
Not sure	7%

114. Some say we have lost some personal freedoms from government laws, but that this is necessary. Others say that these laws have gone too far and are too intrusive. Which statement is closer to your view?

The laws that have been passed are necessary	18%
These laws have gone too far and are too intrusive	68%
Not sure	14%

115. If government increased the level of its involvement in social services that are provided like health care, education, and financial regulation, would you feel more secure because of these services, or would you feel less secure because of fear that the government is running these programs expensively and not the best way possible?

I would feel more secure	26%
I would feel less secure	66%
Not sure	7%

Economic literacy

I'm going to read you a few statements. For each, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree.

116. Restrictions on housing development make housing less affordable.

TOTAL AGREE	42%
TOTAL DISAGREE	40%
Strongly agree	21%
Somewhat agree	21%
Somewhat disagree	17%
Strongly disagree	22%
Not sure	18%

117. Mandatory licensing of professional services increases the prices of those services.

TOTAL AGREE	56%
TOTAL DISAGREE	33%
Strongly agree	33%
Somewhat agree	24%
Somewhat disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	14%
Not sure	11%

118. Overall, the standard of living is higher today than it was 30 years ago.

TOTAL AGREE	59%
TOTAL DISAGREE	39%
Strongly agree	40%
Somewhat agree	18%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	23%
Not sure	3%

119. Rent control leads to housing shortages.

TOTAL AGREE	31%
TOTAL DISAGREE	38%
Strongly agree	15%
Somewhat agree	16%
Somewhat disagree	22%
Strongly disagree	17%

Not sure	31%
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120. A company with the largest market share is a monopoly.

TOTAL AGREE	43%
TOTAL DISAGREE	49%
Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	23%
Strongly disagree	26%
Not sure	7%

121. Third world workers working for American companies overseas are being exploited.

TOTAL AGREE	57%
TOTAL DISAGREE	26%
Strongly agree	36%
Somewhat agree	21%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	17%
Not sure	17%

122. Free trade leads to unemployment.

TOTAL AGREE	51%
TOTAL DISAGREE	39%
Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree	25%
Somewhat disagree	22%
Strongly disagree	17%
Not sure	10%

123. Minimum wage laws raise unemployment.

TOTAL AGREE	42%
TOTAL DISAGREE	50%
Strongly agree	20%
Somewhat agree	22%
Somewhat disagree	28%
Strongly disagree	23%
Not sure	8%

Public Employee Unions

124. In thinking generally about public employee unions, do you think they have too much power and influence, or do they not have too much power and influence?

They have too much power and influence	60%
They do not have too much power and influence	29%
Not sure	11%

125. Do you think public union employees make too much money compared to private sector workers, not too much, or a fair level of compensation?

They make too much money compared to private sector workers	46%
They do not make too much money	12%
They make a fair level of compensation	26%
Not sure	16%

126. Do you think public employee unions are increasing the deficit, or are they not increasing the deficit?

They are increasing the deficit	54%
They are not increasing the deficit	26%
Not sure	20%

127. Do you think public employee unions are contributing to the bankrupting state and local governments, or are they not bankrupting states and local governments?

They are contributing to the bankrupting state and local governments	55%
They are not bankrupting state and local governments	31%
Not sure	14%

Centrism

128. Which works better: to have federal government play a role like it does in Europe where it is more centrally involved in the day to day lives of people, or for it to play the role it did in America in the early 20th century, where people relied mostly on themselves, the private sector, and voluntary associations?

Have federal government play a role like it does in Europe where it is more centrally involved in the day to day lives of people	20%
Government should play the role it did in America in the early 20 th century, where people relied mostly on themselves, the private sector and voluntary associations	67%
Not sure	14%

Issues

129. If you disagreed with a candidate on the size of government and its level of spending, could you still vote for him if you agreed with him on all other issues? That is, could you still vote for the candidate if you disagreed with him on the size of government and its level of spending?

Yes	44%
No	41%
Not sure	15%

130. If you disagreed with a candidate on the stimulus and bailouts, could you still vote for him if you agreed with him on all other issues? That is, could you still vote for the candidate if you disagreed with him on the stimulus and bailouts?

Yes	60%
No	27%
Not sure	13%

131. If you disagreed with a candidate on taxes, could you still vote for him if you agreed with him on all other issues? That is, could you still vote for the candidate if you disagreed with him on taxes?

Yes	69%
No	18%
Not sure	13%

132. If you disagreed with a candidate on national security, could you still vote for him if you agreed with him on all other issues? That is, could you still vote for the candidate if you disagreed with him on national security?

Yes	48%
No	33%
Not sure	19%

133. If you disagreed with a candidate on immigration, could you still vote for him if you agreed with him on all other issues? That is, could you still vote for the candidate if you disagreed with him on immigration?

Yes	54%
No	32%
Not sure	13%

134. If you disagreed with a candidate on putting a mosque near Ground Zero, could you still vote for him if you agreed with him on all other issues? That is, could you still vote for the candidate if you disagreed with him on putting a mosque near Ground Zero?

Yes	41%
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No	46%
Not sure	13%

135. If you disagreed with a candidate on health care reform, could you still vote for him if you agreed with him on all other issues? That is, could you still vote for the candidate if you disagreed with him on health care reform?

Yes	39%
No	48%
Not sure	13%

136. If you disagreed with a candidate on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, could you still vote for him if you agreed with him on all other issues? That is, could you still vote for the candidate if you disagreed with him on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?

Yes	60%
No	26%
Not sure	14%

Media Consumption

137. Where do you get most of your news from?

Television	39%
The newspaper	16%
The radio	13%
The internet	26%
Friends or peers	3%
Not sure	2%

138. Which news source do you trust the most?

Television	43%
The newspaper	13%
The radio	11%
The internet	17%
Friends or peers	7%
Not sure	10%

139. How frequently do you read news online?

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	27%
Several times a week	10%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	2%
Rarely	11%
Never	18%

140. Which websites do you view the most for news?

CNN	17%
Fox News	28%
MSNBC	10%
New York Times	3%
Wall Street Journal	5%
Washington Post	2%
Your local newspaper's website	8%
Drudge	6%
Huffington Post	2%
Your local news station's website	9%
Other	27%
Not sure	17%

141. How frequently do you get news from television?

Several times a day	30%
Once a day	40%
Several times a week	14%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	2%
Rarely	5%
Never	5%

142. How frequently do you get news from the radio?

Several times a day	32%
Once a day	17%
Several times a week	8%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	3%
Rarely	21%
Never	15%

143. How frequently do you get news sent to you from friends or peers?

Several times a day	16%
Once a day	10%
Several times a week	21%
Once a week	10%
A few times a month	8%
Rarely	16%
Never	19%

144. How frequently do you visit political websites?

Several times a day	10%
Once a day	3%
Several times a week	7%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	10%
Rarely	30%
Never	35%

145. Okay, and do you find that in the past year you visit these sites more often, less often or about the same?

More often	22%
Less often	12%
About the same	46%
Not sure	19%

Demographics

146. Age

1.	Under 18 [END]	0%
2.	18-29	18%
3.	30-39	18%
4.	40-49	20%
5.	50-64	27%
6.	65 AND OLDER	16%
7.	REFUSED	1%

147. Gender

1.	Male	48%
2.	Female	52%

148. Race/Ethnicity

1.	White or Caucasian	88%
2.	Black or African-American	3%
3.	Hispanic	4%
4.	Asian	1%
5.	Some other racial or ethnic heritage	2%

149. Religion

1.	Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)	48%
2.	Evangelical	3%
3.	Catholic	20%
4.	Jewish	3%
5.	Muslim	0%
6.	Atheist or Agnostic	5%
7	Other	6%
	None	9%
	Not Sure	6%

150. Do you consider yourself very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate or somewhat conservative, libertarian, or very conservative?

1.	Very liberal	5%
2.	Somewhat liberal	12%

3.	Moderate	33%
4.	Somewhat conservative	22%
5.	Libertarian	7%
6.	Very conservative	16%
7.	REFUSED	4%

151. Do you belong to a union?

1.	Yes	10%
2.	No	90%

152. [If yes] Is it a public or private union?

1.	Public	65%
2.	Private	35%

153. Are you currently employed?

1.	Yes	60%
2.	No	40%

154. Income

1.	You and your family earn... less than \$20,000 annually	10%
2.	\$20,000 to \$40,000	17%
3.	\$40,000 to \$60,000	13%
4.	\$60,000 to \$75,000	11%
5.	\$75,000 to \$100,000	12%
6.	More than \$100,000	14%
7.	Not sure	22%

REGION

NORTHEAST	21%
MIDWEST	24%
SOUTH	32%
EAST	23%