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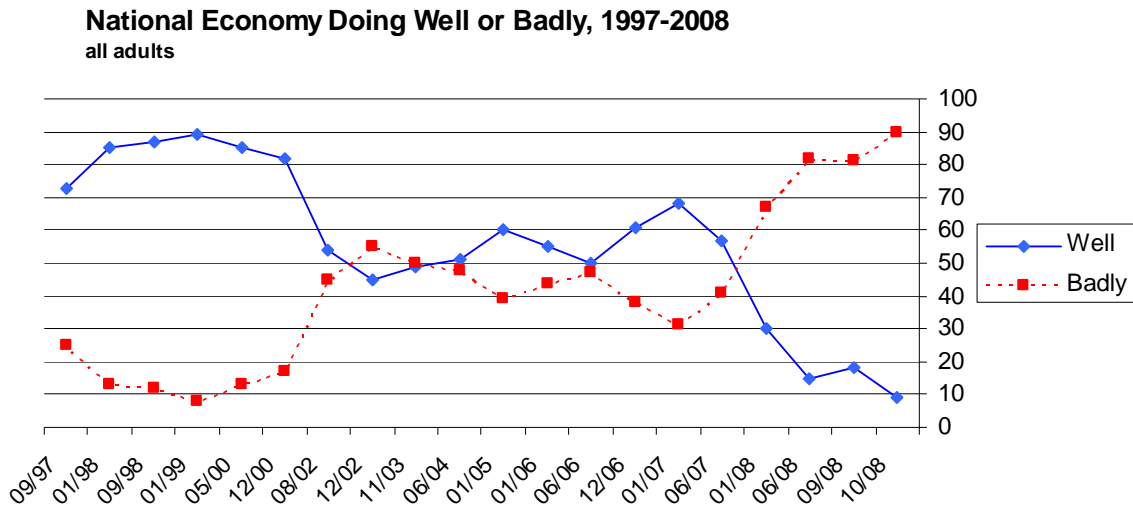
Economy in Crisis And Most Feel Personal Financial Security Is Under Threat *Public Now Ready For Greater Regulation Of Business*

After weeks of meltdown in the nation's financial markets, public economic optimism has reached an all-time low, according to the most recent Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll. Eighty-four percent of the nation, a figure higher than the Times Poll has measured since it began asking the question, say the country is seriously off on the wrong track. George W. Bush's approval rating continues to hover barely above one in five, and there is general agreement that the economy is doing badly, including nearly two out of three who say it is doing *very* badly. Nearly four in five characterized the current financial situation as a serious crisis for the country and nearly half of Americans now believe that there should be more regulation of business, a change from previous decades.

To give some context for the numbers in this release... The survey began on Friday October 10th, the last day of a week in which the credit crisis and financial market meltdowns worldwide sent stocks on a historic downward dive. By the close of business Friday, the Dow industrial average stocks had lost a record-breaking 18.2% of their value, marking the worst week in Wall Street history. Over the weekend, world leaders convened and the outcome of that meeting restored investor confidence enough on Monday, the final day of the survey, that stocks rallied to post a 936 point gain.

The weeks of financial uncertainty, with political and economic leaders sometimes invoking the specter of economic recession and even depression, have left Americans in a rare state of close to unanimous agreement, the survey found. Nine out of 10 said that the economy is doing badly, and the proportion who think it is doing well dipped below 10%. Before 2008, the proportion of Americans in Times Polls who said the economy is doing well fell below 50% only once – in late 2002 when the economy was still shaken by the economic aftereffects of 9/11.

The positive rating began to climb in late 2007, keeping pace with home prices, before starting a decline in early 2008, and went nearly into freefall after the price of gasoline hit an all time high this summer.



source: Los Angeles Times and LAT/Bloomberg polls

National Crisis or Just A Problem?

The meltdown of seemingly strong financial corporations and the subsequent credit freeze took many of the country’s economic leaders by surprise, and a look back at Times/Bloomberg polls finds that few among the public predicted that what looked like a foreclosure problem affecting only mortgage bankers and overextended homeowners would lead to the current situation, either. In response to an open-ended question in a Times/Bloomberg Poll last May which asked about the greatest threat to the economy, 30% mentioned the price of oil and gas, followed by 11% who said it was the costs of the war and defense spending in a distant second place. Only 5% said that foreclosures and the subprime issues were the greatest threat.

In the current poll, 77% called the current financial situation in the U.S. a serious crisis, another two in 10 said it is a problem but stopped short of calling it a crisis. Those respondents may be remembering the nation weathering other economic storms, such as the savings and loan failures of the late 1980s, the bursting of the dot-com boom, and others, all the way back to the Great Depression of the 1930s, which has been invoked quite often recently as recent stock market volatility breaks records dating back that far.

Personal Economic Situation

This most recent survey found that while a 46% plurality characterize their personal financial situation as “fairly secure” and another 14% say it is “very secure” at this time, a sizable minority of 38% are feeling economically shaky, similar but slightly more than the proportion who felt that way last April in a Times/Bloomberg survey taken before the run-up in gas prices. However, a majority of Americans also said they are worried about their household’s financial stability – basics like jobs,

salary, and savings - and three out of five said that their personal economic situation is under threat, whether they are actively worrying about it or not.

Many Americans, especially those living in households earning more than the national household average of \$50,000 a year, are invested in the stock market through their 401(k)s or other retirement accounts. In addition, the vast majority of Americans own their homes or other real estate, so the issues that are sending the economic leaders scrambling to save big companies are a part of a large number of the American public's financial lives as well. In a Times/Bloomberg survey last May, nearly half of all respondents reported owning stock of some kind, including two out of three who live in households earning more than the median income. And that same poll found 65% of investors have stock holdings in 401(k)s or other retirement accounts.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that unemployment rose to 6.1% in September and in this survey, 15% of poll respondents – including about two out of 10 respondents living in households making less than \$50K, said that someone in their household has been laid off or fired in the last year, and 18% reported having work hours cut back, or other losses of household income. Fully 31% of black respondents reported a job loss in their household, and 18% reported some sort of economic cutbacks. Those under age 35 are also hard-hit - 22% report a household job loss, and another 26% said they're dealing with financial cutbacks.

It is a testament the economic uncertainty that the public feels that even two-thirds of those who said they are financially secure feel that security is threatened, and half are actively worried about it. Among the financially insecure, nearly nine out of 10 feel threatened and 77% say they are worried, including more than four in 10 who are very worried.

Worried Or Not About Household Financial Security

Among those with Secure and Shaky personal financial situations

<i>Own Personal Financial Situation is...</i>	<u>Secure</u>	<u>Shaky</u>
Not threatened	<u>32</u>	<u>11</u>
Worried (net)	<u>35</u>	<u>77</u>
Very worried	<u>8</u>	<u>41</u>
Somewhat worried	<u>27</u>	<u>36</u>
Not worried (net)	<u>32</u>	<u>10</u>
Not too worried	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>
Not worried at all	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

Most of the nearly four in 10 nationwide who say their financial situation is shaky are in the lower half of national income, and are, of course, hardest hit by the inflationary pinch of higher prices at the gas pump and grocery store. Nearly half of those living in households making less than \$50,000 annually in a Times/Bloomberg survey last June reported having to cut back on household spending to deal with increases in the price of food and gasoline. And in this survey, nearly six out of 10 of respondents in households making less than \$50,000 a year said they are actively concerned about a threat to their household's financial security, compared to 44% of those earning more. That more affluent group is almost twice as likely to say that they didn't think that their financial security is under threat at all.

Along with those making less than the median income, blacks (60%) and those under age 65 (54%) are the most worried. People over the age of 65 were not quite as likely to feel that their financial security may be under threat – 63% said they felt threatened compared to 76% of younger people, and those over age 65 who do feel threatened were quite a bit less likely than younger people to be worried about it - 37% compared to 54%.

Worried Or Not About Household Financial Security

among various demographic groups

Thinking about jobs, income, savings, and anything else that might contribute to your household's financial security, do you or do you not feel that your household's financial security is threatened right now? (IF THREATENED) Does the threat to your financial security make you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried, or not worried at all?

	All Adults	Household Income		White	Black	----- Age -----	
		\$50K	\$50K+			<65	65+
Not threatened	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>29</u>
Worried (net)	<u>51</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>37</u>
Very worried	<u>20</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>
Somewhat worried	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>22</u>
Not worried (net)	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>
Not too worried	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Not worried at all	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

Legislation and Regulation

After many days of rancorous debate and one failed vote, not long before this survey began Congress passed a bill authorizing Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson to spend up to \$700 billion of taxpayer funds to help stabilize the markets by purchasing of bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets.

Support for the package has been difficult to measure—recent polling has found that different wordings of the question can generate different results. This survey asked if lawmakers did the right thing or the wrong thing for the country by passing the bill and found a lukewarm 44% plurality who said it was the right thing, while 37% said it was the wrong thing. Fewer than two in 10 expressed strong support. Similarly, 44% feel at least somewhat confident that the bill will work to stabilize the markets and keep the economy from getting worse but only a handful – 5% - expressed strong confidence about that while 39% were only somewhat confident. Nearly half said they were not very confident at all. Respondents were much more enthusiastic about backing government assistance to individual homeowners facing foreclosure by 61% to 27%.

Overall 44% of adults and 45% of registered voters said that the legislation, called by some a “bailout” and others a “rescue” package, was the right thing to do. Those supporting it as necessary included just over half of Democrats, 42% of independents and 44% of Republicans. On the other side of things, more than a third of adults, 36% of registered voters, 31% of Democrats, 41% of independents and 35% of Republicans disagreed. Republicans were the most split over the package, with nearly a

quarter feeling strongly that it was the right thing to do, and the same proportion feeling strongly it is the wrong thing to do.

The idea that the bill was the right thing to do for the country seems to split more along lines of optimism than partisanship, a rare thing in a survey so close to a hotly contested presidential election. Sixty percent of registered voters said that a vote for or against the stimulus package made no difference in how likely they were to support a particular candidate for Congress. Fourteen percent of voters said they'd be less likely to vote for someone who had voted to pass the package, 18% said that they were more likely to vote for them, and 8% weren't sure. There was little difference between members of the various parties on this.

Where the support does split is along lines of optimism about how effective the package will be. A large majority of the 44% who have at least some confidence that the plan will work think it was the right thing to do, and opposed by a big majority among the 48% of the public who have their doubts.

Support For The Economic Stabilization Plan by Confidence That It Will Work

As you may have heard, last week Congress passed a bill that provides up to seven hundred billion dollars to help stabilize the financial markets. Do you think lawmakers did the right or wrong thing for the country when it passed this financial package?

How confident are you that the financial package will stabilize the market and keep the economy from getting worse? (*“very/somewhat” and “not too confident/not at all confident” categories combined*)

	<u>All</u>	44% <u>Confident</u>	48% <u>Not Confident</u>
Right thing to do	44	74	22
Wrong thing to do	37	13	61
Don't know	19	13	17

Other groups and their support/opposition to the bill:

- Those in the most affluent households – total annual incomes of \$100,000 or more –backed the bill by 57% to 31%.
- Men were split 43% right to 41% wrong, while women say it was right by 45% to 33%
- 57% of liberal Democrats and 63% of moderate Republicans said it was the right thing to do. Conservative Republicans split 41% to 39% for it, and moderate Democrats backed it 45% to 37%.
- Whites split 41% to 40% for the package being the right thing but black respondents backed it strongly by 59% to 21%. White men, in particular, thought it was the wrong thing to do by 47% to 38% while white women felt it was necessary by 45% to 33%.

Most optimistic about the possible success of the plan were Republicans, who gave it a 52% to 41% vote of confidence. Democrats split 48% confident to 44% not confident. Independents were the least likely to say they think the plan will work - 54% harbor doubts, compared to 39% who are more optimistic. Other splits are between those in households earning less than \$100K a year and those in households earning more. Half of those making less than \$100K lacked confidence in the plan, compared to 52% of the more affluent who said they think it will work.

Support for assisting homeowners who are caught in the foreclosure crisis is about six in 10, up slightly from a survey taken last month when it was 55%, and opposition has dropped from 36% to 27%. Republican presidential candidate John McCain and his running-mate Sarah Palin, during campaign speeches and in debates, have repeatedly portrayed overextended homeowners as victims of greedy mortgage lenders, rather than as speculators or irresponsible borrowers, and support for the idea of a homeowner bailout has risen somewhat among Republicans from 43% last month to 49% today while opposition dwindled from 49% to 38% today. Independents as well have changed from a close 49% to 46% split last month to 20 point support in the current poll – 54% to 34%. Democrats strongly back the idea by 79% to 13%.

Regulation of Business

The survey also found that Americans, like some lawmakers, may no longer want to listen to economic leaders such as the venerable ex Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan who resisted regulation of the markets throughout his long tenure. In a Times Poll taken in 1981, 54% said there was too much regulation of business and industry and 27% said too little. An LA Times survey taken 10 years later found almost equal support for more and less regulation. In the current survey, support for more regulation is 18 points higher than that for less.

How Much Government Regulation of Business

In general, do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of government regulation of business?*

	<u>Now</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1981</u>
Too much	27	27	54
Too little	45	29	18
Right amount	14	36	14

Source: LA Times and Times/Bloomberg Polls

* In 1991 and 1981 surveys the wording was "...regulation of business *and industry*"

Nearly three out of four of respondents in the current poll, including 67% of self-described conservatives, agreed that lack of regulation is at least partly responsible for the current financial crisis. Even nearly two-thirds of Republicans blamed the meltdown on lack of regulation – breaking 65% to 25%, up from 57% to 31% a month ago. They are joined by almost three out of four independents, up sharply from 54% who thought so in September. More than four out of five Democrats blame lack of regulation, also up from the 74% who felt that way last month.

-- Analysis by Jill Darling

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Data Tables – Survey 562 – Economy Release – October 14, 2008

Guide to column headings:

ALL	All respondents
REG	All registered voters
DEM,IND,REP	Affiliated Democrats, Independents and Republicans
WHITE,BLACK	White non-Hispanic, Black non-Hispanic
MALE, FEMALE	Gender
L/40K	Household income less than \$40,000
\$40-\$59K	Household income between \$40,000 and \$59,999
\$60-\$100K	Household income between \$60,000 and \$100,000
M/\$100K	Household income more than \$100,000
18-44, 45-64 and 65 and over	Age groups
EAST, MIDWEST, etc.	National regions

Survey Notes:

- (vol) indicates a volunteered response
- ‘—’ indicates that a response added up to less than 0.5% of the question base
- Numbers are percentages, tables are read vertically
- Tables are among all respondents unless otherwise noted.
- Unless otherwise noted, missing questions are operational, or are published in a different release

The order of candidate names and the order of any choices, arguments, or statements are rotated in all questions that mention them. Question and group order is also rotated, whenever required to eliminate order bias.

Survey Methodology

The Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,543 adults nationwide by telephone Friday through Monday, October 10-13, 2008. Included are 1,446 registered voters. Telephone numbers were chosen randomly in separate samples of landline and cell phone exchanges in the nation, allowing listed and unlisted numbers to be contacted, and multiple attempts were made to contact each number. Cell phone exchanges were hand-dialed. The cell and landline samples were combined and adjusted for sample size and non-response. Adults in the combined sample were adjusted to the most recent estimates from the National Health Interview Survey for household phone types and to census proportions of sex, ethnicity, age, education, and national region. The margin of sampling error for adults and registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points in each case. For smaller subgroups, the error margin may be higher. Survey results may also be affected by combining samples and by factors such as question wording and the order in which they are asked. Interviews were conducted by Interviewing Service of America, Inc. in Van Nuys.

Los Angeles Times and Times/Bloomberg polls may be accessed online at <http://latimes.com/timespoll>

Q32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE) Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or do you (approve/disapprove) somewhat?

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Approve (net)	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>
Approve strongly	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>72</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>55</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>55</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Approve (net)	<u>27</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>50</u>
Approve strongly	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>
Approve somewhat	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>34</u>
Disapprove (net)	<u>68</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>44</u>
Disapprove somewhat	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>
Disapprove strongly	<u>50</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>22</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

Q33. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Right direction	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>
Wrong track	<u>84</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>87</u>
Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Right direction	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>18</u>
Wrong track	<u>83</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>72</u>
Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

Q34. Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing very well, or fairly well, or fairly badly, or very badly?

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Well (net)	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>
Very well	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>	-	-
Fairly well	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>
Badly (net)	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>93</u>
Fairly badly	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
Very badly	<u>65</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>68</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Well (net)	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>
Very well	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>	-
Fairly well	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>
Badly (net)	<u>90</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>82</u>
Fairly badly	<u>28</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>37</u>
Very badly	<u>62</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>46</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Q35. Six months from now, do you expect the nation's economy will be better than it is now, worse than it is now or about the same as it is now?

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Better	<u>42</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>43</u>
Worse	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>
About the same	<u>36</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Better	<u>43</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>51</u>
Worse	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>
About the same	<u>36</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>33</u>
Don't know	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

Q36. What is the most important economic issue for Barack Obama and John McCain to address while campaigning: Is it taxes, or unemployment, or strengthening regulations of financial institutions, or housing foreclosures, or high gas prices, or Social Security?

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Taxes	12	6	17	13	15	14	12	11	13	11
Unemployment	15	15	16	10	10	21	12	15	13	16
Strengthen regulations	26	19	25	37	35	23	30	20	27	26
Housing foreclosures	13	15	13	13	11	16	13	8	13	13
High gas prices	9	13	9	7	9	12	9	4	11	7
Social security	8	15	9	3	4	6	7	15	8	9
Other (vol)	11	10	8	12	12	5	11	17	10	11
Don't know	6	7	3	5	4	3	6	10	5	7

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Taxes	14	6	10	16	13	8	13	5	12	20
Unemployment	12	25	13	16	14	16	15	21	15	8
Strengthen regulations	29	22	28	27	27	24	27	25	28	29
Housing foreclosures	13	9	13	13	11	17	13	15	11	13
High gas prices	8	11	7	6	12	9	8	9	10	7
Social security	9	9	10	9	8	6	8	10	8	7
Other (vol)	10	12	12	8	11	11	11	11	11	9
Don't know	5	6	7	5	4	9	5	4	5	7

Q37. Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as very secure, fairly secure, fairly shaky or very shaky?

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Secure (net)	59	42	63	71	86	57	61	58	62	57
Very secure	14	5	15	17	25	10	15	15	14	13
Fairly secure	46	38	47	54	61	47	46	43	48	44
Shaky (net)	38	56	35	28	14	40	37	36	36	39
Fairly shaky	18	18	23	17	9	20	17	18	18	18
Very shaky	19	37	13	11	5	20	20	18	18	21
Don't know (net)	3	2	2	1	-	3	2	6	2	4

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Secure (net)	64	42	63	57	60	58	61	52	62	71
Very secure	14	7	13	11	13	18	15	10	13	22
Fairly secure	50	35	50	46	47	40	47	42	49	49
Shaky (net)	34	54	35	42	37	36	36	45	36	26
Fairly shaky	17	23	23	17	12	23	18	21	19	13
Very shaky	17	31	12	25	25	13	17	24	17	13
Don't know (net)	2	4	2	1	3	6	3	3	2	3

Q38. Say that you had to come up with \$1,000 in cash for an emergency by next week. Would it be very easy, fairly easy, fairly difficult, or very difficult for you to come up with \$1,000 in cash by next week?

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Easy (net)	<u>62</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>58</u>
Very easy	<u>35</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>30</u>
Fairly easy	<u>27</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>
Difficult (net)	<u>31</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>34</u>
Fairly difficult	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>
Very difficult	<u>19</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>
Impossible (vol)	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	-	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>2</u>	-	<u>4</u>	-	-	-	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Easy (net)	<u>71</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>79</u>
Very easy	<u>41</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>52</u>
Fairly easy	<u>30</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>
Difficult (net)	<u>22</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>16</u>
Fairly difficult	<u>9</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>
Very difficult	<u>13</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>
Impossible (vol)	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

Q39. Thinking about jobs, income, savings, and anything else that might contribute to your household's financial security, do you or do you not feel that your household's financial security is threatened right now? (IF THREATENED) Does the threat to your financial security make you very worried, somewhat worried, not very worried, or not worried at all?

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Not threatened	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>
Worried (net)	<u>51</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>53</u>
Very worried	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>23</u>
Somewhat worried	<u>31</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>30</u>
Not worried (net)	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>
Not too worried	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
Not worried at all	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Not threatened	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>31</u>
Worried (net)	<u>47</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>34</u>
Very worried	<u>17</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>9</u>
Somewhat worried	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>25</u>
Not worried (net)	<u>26</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>32</u>
Not too worried	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>
Not worried at all	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Q40. In general, do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of government regulation of business?

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Too much	27	23	26	30	32	17	29	33	28	25
Too little	45	48	42	52	48	50	47	35	48	43
Right amount	14	13	17	10	13	22	12	9	14	14
Don't know	14	16	15	8	7	11	12	23	10	18

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Too much	30	20	24	26	30	25	26	18	23	43
Too little	41	59	55	45	38	46	46	58	53	24
Right amount	15	3	10	16	16	13	14	10	11	22
Don't know	14	18	11	13	16	16	14	14	13	11

Q41. In thinking about the financial situation that the country is in right now, is the country facing a serious economic crisis, a problem but not a crisis, or not much of a problem at all?

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Serious crisis	77	76	77	75	79	76	79	70	73	80
N/crisis (net)	22	22	23	23	21	23	20	26	25	18
Problem but not a crisis	20	19	19	23	20	20	18	26	23	18
Not much of a problem at all	2	2	4	-	1	2	2	-	2	1
Don't know (net)	1	2	-	2	-	1	1	4	2	2

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Serious crisis	76	74	82	82	70	76	77	84	77	67
N/crisis (net)	23	23	17	18	28	22	22	14	21	32
Problem but not a crisis	22	19	17	18	24	20	20	14	20	29
Not much of a problem at all	1	4	-	-	4	2	2	-	2	4
Don't know (net)	1	3	1	-	2	2	1	2	2	1

Q42. As you may have heard, last week Congress passed a bill that provides up to seven hundred billion dollars to help stabilize the financial markets. Do you think lawmakers did the right or wrong thing for the country when it passed this financial package? (IF RIGHT/WRONG THING) Do you feel strongly about that or not?

----- Among All Adults -----

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Right thing (net)	<u>44</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>
Right thing - strongly	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>
Right thing - somewhat	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>
Wrong thing (net)	<u>37</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>33</u>
Wrong thing - somewhat	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>
Wrong thing - strongly	<u>23</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>22</u>

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	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
Right thing (net)	<u>41</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>44</u>
Right thing - strongly	<u>18</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>23</u>
Right thing - somewhat	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>
Wrong thing (net)	<u>40</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>35</u>
Wrong thing - somewhat	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>
Wrong thing - strongly	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>

Q43. How confident are you that the financial package will stabilize the market and keep the economy from getting worse: Very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all?

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	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Confidence (net)	<u>44</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>44</u>
Very confident	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Somewhat confident	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>39</u>
No Confidence (net)	<u>48</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>47</u>
Not too confident	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>30</u>
Not confident at all	<u>19</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

----- Among All Adults -----

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Confidence (net)	<u>42</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>52</u>
Very confident	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
Somewhat confident	<u>38</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>44</u>
No Confidence (net)	<u>50</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>41</u>
Not too confident	<u>29</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>24</u>
Not confident at all	<u>21</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>17</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

Q44. If you knew that one of the candidates for Congress in your district voted to pass the financial bill to help stabilize the markets, would that make you more or less likely to vote to re-elect them in November, or would it not affect your vote one way or the other?

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No effect	60	60	60	62	63	60	61	55	58	62
More likely	18	20	16	16	19	23	16	18	19	16
Less likely	14	13	18	14	11	12	14	16	16	12
Don't know	8	7	6	8	7	5	9	11	7	10

----- Among All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>EAST</u>	<u>MIDWEST</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>	<u>REG</u>	<u>DEM</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>REP</u>
No effect	59	57	63	64	55	59	60	63	60	55
More likely	16	29	19	15	20	16	18	21	17	17
Less likely	16	6	10	14	17	14	14	9	15	18
Don't know	9	8	8	7	8	11	8	7	8	10

Q45. Are you in favor of or opposed to the federal government providing assistance to individual homeowners who are facing foreclosure? (IF IN FAVOR OF/OPPOSED TO) Are you strongly or only somewhat (in favor of/opposed to) this?

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	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Favor (net)	61	72	63	58	56	70	60	55	58	63
Strongly in favor	30	41	34	26	26	35	30	26	29	32
Somewhat in favor	31	32	29	32	30	36	30	28	30	32
Oppose (net)	27	16	29	32	34	22	28	31	31	24
Somewhat opposed	13	10	13	14	16	14	11	17	12	13
Strongly opposed	15	5	16	19	18	8	17	15	19	11
Don't know (net)	12	12	8	10	10	8	12	14	11	13

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Favor (net)	56	81	68	62	55	62	62	79	55	49
Strongly in favor	25	48	32	31	27	32	30	42	25	24
Somewhat in favor	31	33	36	31	28	30	32	37	30	25
Oppose (net)	32	10	22	28	33	24	28	13	34	38
Somewhat opposed	15	7	12	12	15	11	13	7	17	14
Strongly opposed	17	3	10	16	17	13	15	6	17	24
Don't know (net)	12	9	10	10	12	14	10	8	11	13

Q46. Some people are saying that lack of regulation is partly responsible for the current financial and housing crisis, do you agree or disagree with that?

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	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-34</u>	<u>35-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Agree	73	71	77	74	74	76	73	68	70	76
Disagree	19	23	18	18	21	20	20	17	25	14
Don't know	8	6	5	8	5	4	7	15	5	10

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Agree	71	77	78	74	70	72	73	81	74	65
Disagree	21	16	13	21	23	18	19	12	21	25
Don't know	8	7	9	5	7	10	8	7	5	10

Q47. Have any of the following things happened to you, or to any member of your household, within the last 12 months: has anyone been fired or laid off work, or lost part-time work, or was temporarily laid off, or had to accept a lower-paying position at work, or had work hours cut back, or had overtime work cut back?

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None (vol)	65	52	66	70	77	52	66	80	62	68
Fired or laid off	15	22	14	11	10	22	13	11	15	14
Lost part-time work	2	4	1	1	-	5	1	2	2	2
Temporarily laid off	3	5	4	3	1	3	4	2	5	2
Lower-paying position	2	4	3	1	2	1	4	1	3	2
Work hours cut back	7	10	5	6	3	9	7	2	7	6
Overtime cut back	4	3	6	8	6	8	4	-	4	5
Don't know	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	2	2	-

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None (vol)	72	50	68	60	66	64	67	57	65	78
Fired or laid off	10	31	11	18	15	14	14	21	13	10
Lost part-time work	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	1
Temporarily laid off	3	1	5	3	3	2	3	4	3	2
Lower-paying position	3	2	1	3	4	2	2	3	2	1
Work hours cut back	5	6	7	6	5	9	6	7	7	4
Overtime cut back	4	6	5	7	3	4	4	4	7	3
Don't know	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1