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Press Release #1: **The Economy and Bailouts**

Public Blames Wall Street For Its Own Troubles, Opposes Taxpayer Bailouts

Voters Want Regulation, See Obama As Best To Handle Financial Crisis

Public concern over the economy remains at critical levels, but Americans aren't pleased with using taxpayer dollars to shore up ailing financial firms, according to the latest Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll. Reporters covering last week's financial news often mentioned the country's current financial situation in the context of the Great Depression, and they could be forgiven the rhetoric, given the unprecedented scope of the actions the government is saying are required to shore up the country's financial system.

Americans, who have been seeing the value of 401(k)s ride a roller coaster in the stock market, home values fall, banks fail, and unemployment rise, reported feeling less financially secure than they did six months ago. They blamed the ailing Wall street companies themselves for the problems in the financial markets, followed by the Bush Administration, and agreed with those calling for more regulation of the markets. Registered voters picked Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama over Republican candidate John McCain by 12 points as likely to do a better job of handling the financial crisis next year.

Worries About The Economy

Some economists predict that the country's economic woes will extend well past 2009 and it is certain that whoever is elected in November will inherit challenging economic times. When asked which of five economic issues was most important for the candidates to discuss during the campaign, about three out of 10 nationwide said they want the presidential candidates to focus on the financial crisis – 21% said the most important economic issue in the campaign is the regulation of financial institutions and 9% said it was the housing crisis. Another roughly two in 10 said the most important issue is the price of gasoline and heating oil, followed by 13% who picked unemployment. Eleven percent picked Social Security and 7% picked taxes.

Gas prices (22%) and unemployment (21%) were about equally important to those in the Midwest and the price of gas and fuel topped the list for nearly three out of 10 in the east. Social Security made the

top three among those over age 65 (18%), the most affluent (22%) and people in the South (18%). Men were more focused on regulations (24%) , women on the price of gas and fuel (23%).

The bad economic news of the past week and a half has the public growing more worried about their own financial situations, the survey found. Half nationwide reported feeling less secure financially than they did six months ago, including 27% who reported feeling *much* less secure. Suffering most are those in low and moderate income households (57%), women (53%), and Americans of middle age (56%).

Presidential Campaign

Growing public financial insecurity could play a part in the presidential campaign as well, the survey found. More of the public, including registered voters, look to Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama than to Republican candidate John McCain as best to lead the country through the financial problems next year – picking the Democrat by 45% to 33% (48% to 35% among voters) and voters also tapped Obama as having better ideas for handling the economy in general by 46% to 32%. Similarly, they picked Obama over McCain as best able to deal with the price of oil and gas, by 46% to 31%. And worry over the economy benefits Obama - among the half who feel financially insecure, 60% think Obama would do a better job handling the crisis next year.

Who would do a better job of handling this financial crisis next year:

Barack Obama or John McCain? *Among all respondents, registered voters, and those who feel less financially secure or more or the same as they did six months ago.*

	All Respondents	Registered Voters	Financially Secure Compared to Six Months ago:	
			(50%) Less Secure	(49%) Same or More Secure
Obama	44	47	60	30
McCain	33	35	21	45
Both/Neither (vol)	11	8	11	10
Don't know	12	9	8	15

Underscoring the findings of a series of Times/Bloomberg surveys in which McCain has run behind Obama on the issue of who could best handle the economy all year, the Republican candidate doesn't quite garner the strength of support among his party members that Obama has among his in this survey. More than eight out of 10 Democrats liked Obama's economic ideas best and said that their candidate would do a better job of handling the financial crisis next year, along with 13% of Republicans and 31% of independents. While most Republicans do back McCain, their support is less enthusiastic - just under seven in 10 think his economic ideas are better, and fewer than three-fourths would choose McCain as the best to lead the U.S. through the rest of the crisis next year. They were joined by only 6% of Democrats who chose McCain and 27% of independents.

Those lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in Congress who are concerned that the financial rescue of Wall Street firms should not come at the expense of ordinary Americans have some support among the public, the survey found. Americans are opposed to the use of taxpayer dollars to rescue ailing private financial firms by 55% to 31% with 14% not sure. The public also rejects – by an even wider margin of 64% to 25% – bailing out troubled automakers. Congress is currently working on a bill that would

provide low interest loans to automakers to encourage them to work on the development of fuel-efficient vehicles.

However, measurement of public support for financial firm bailouts may prove tricky to measure, given the volatile situation that has developed in the country's financial markets and the fact that experts are saying the risks and expense of government intervention are necessary to stave off worse to come.

The Rich Are (Somewhat) Different...

Americans living in households making \$100,000 a year or more see the financial situation in the country a little differently than those living in less affluent households. They are ten points less likely than Americans overall to think that the country is going in the wrong direction, and similarly more likely to say that the economy is doing well. More than eight in 10 of those in households with incomes less than \$100K say the economy is doing poorly, compared to 69% of the more affluent group.

Not surprisingly, the lowest income categories are more worried than those with greater resources. More than six out of 10 of the most affluent said that they either feel just as secure or more so financially than they did six months ago, compared to 57% of those in the lowest income category and 55% of those in households making more than \$40,000 and less than \$60,000 to who feel less secure.

Would you say you feel more or less secure financially than you did six months ago, or do you feel about as secure as you did six months ago? (categories "same" and "more" combined) Among household income categories.

	<u>Less than \$40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>\$100K+</u>
Less secure	57	55	45	40
Same or more secure	43	45	55	60

Voters in the most affluent households pick McCain's economic ideas over Obama's, by 46% to 38% and they think he'd do a better job handling the crisis in the coming year, by 50% to 36%. McCain edges Obama among this group on the issues of oil and gas prices as well, by 46% to 39%.

Obama or McCain the best candidate to handle...

	----- Among Registered Voters -----				
	<u>All</u>	<u><\$40K</u>	<u>\$40-59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>
<i>...The financial crisis next year</i>					
Obama	48	54	48	55	36
McCain	35	28	37	27	50
Both / Neither	8	6	6	10	8
<i>...the economy</i>					
Obama	46	51	46	53	38
McCain	32	24	33	29	46
Both / Neither	15	17	15	12	11

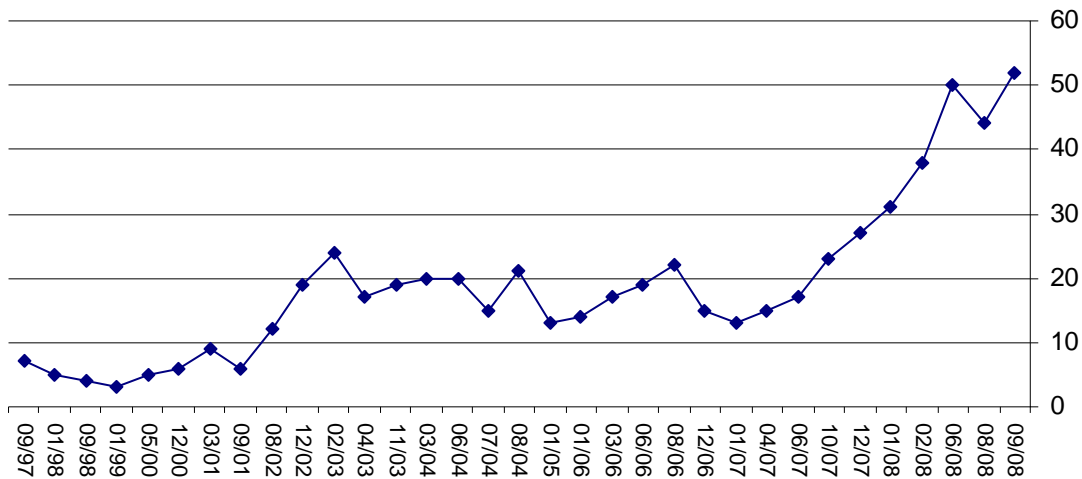
May not add to 100% as not sure/refused are left out

The most affluent overall place the blame for the trouble that Wall Street financial institutions are in squarely on the shoulders of the companies themselves – 54% said they are to blame, compared to 32% among the public overall. They also back greater regulation of the markets in greater numbers. When read a list of five issues, almost three out of 10 of the most affluent respondents chose the issue of strengthening regulations of financial institutions as the most important one the candidates should address, followed by 22% who cited Social Security as the biggest issue (twice as many as in the general public.) Nearly eight out of 10 (compared to 62% overall) among the affluent said that lack of regulation is at least partly responsible for the current financial crisis.

Status of the Economy

Economic optimism continues to run low, dropping back toward the bottom it reached during the early summer when the price per gallon for auto fuel rose well above four dollars per gallon. Roughly eight out of 10 feel that the economy is doing badly in the current survey and about the same proportion – 79% - said the country is seriously off on the wrong track. Last month, with gas prices falling and no new crisis as yet on the horizon, a Times/Bloomberg survey measured a small downward trend in the proportion of those who say the economy is doing *very* badly but it ticked back upward again in the current poll to 52%, passing the previous record of 50% last June.

Proportion Who Say The Economy Is Doing Very Badly - 1997 to 2008



source: Los Angeles Times and LA Times/Bloomberg polls

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Survey Methodology

The Los Angeles Times / Bloomberg Poll contacted 1,428 adults nationwide by telephone Friday through Monday, September 19-22, 2008. Included are 1,287 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.

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Data Tables – Survey 560 – Release #1 – September 23, 2008

Guide to column headings:

ALL	All respondents
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
MALE, FEMALE	Gender
WHITE, NON/WHT	White non-Hispanic, All other races/ethnicities
EAST, MIDWEST, etc.	National regions
REG	All registered voters
DEM, IND, REP	Affiliated Democrats, Independents and Republicans

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 will be published in a subsequent 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.

(Q29 and Q30 Asked of Registered Voters)

Q29. Who do you think has the better ideas for strengthening the nation's economy: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	Registered Voters									
	REG	L/40K	\$40-\$59K	\$60-100K	M/\$100K	18-44	45-64	65+	MALE	FEMALE
Neither of them (vol)	8	10	6	9	7	8	10	4	13	4
Barack Obama	46	51	46	53	38	49	45	46	44	48
John McCain	32	24	33	29	46	28	34	34	34	30
Both equally (vol)	7	7	9	3	4	9	5	4	3	10
Don't know	7	8	6	6	5	6	6	12	6	8

	Registered Voters									
	WHITE	NON/WHT	EAST	MIDWEST	SOUTH	WEST	REG	DEM	IND	REP
Neither of them (vol)	10	4	14	9	4	8	8	2	22	6
Barack Obama	41	59	46	51	43	46	46	81	32	12
John McCain	37	19	23	27	45	26	32	8	28	69
Both equally (vol)	4	13	9	5	3	11	7	4	7	8
Don't know	8	5	8	8	5	9	7	5	11	5

Q30. Who do you think would be best at dealing with the rising gas and oil prices: Barack Obama or John McCain?

	----- Registered Voters -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Neither of them (vol)	11	10	12	15	8	11	12	9	14	9
Barack Obama	46	54	45	46	39	52	42	43	45	46
John McCain	31	25	29	30	46	26	35	35	33	30
Both equally (vol)	5	4	9	5	3	7	5	3	4	6
Don't know	7	7	5	4	4	4	6	10	4	9

	----- Registered Voters -----									
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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>
Neither of them (vol)	12	8	9	14	10	12	11	8	19	8
Barack Obama	41	59	57	45	38	47	46	76	41	9
John McCain	35	21	24	28	42	24	31	8	26	68
Both equally (vol)	4	9	3	4	6	9	5	4	4	8
Don't know	8	3	7	9	4	8	7	4	10	7

Q45-Q53 Asked of All Respondents

Q45. Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

	----- All Adults -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Right direction	13	8	13	14	27	15	13	8	15	12
Wrong track	79	80	83	83	69	77	81	81	77	80
Don't know	8	12	4	3	4	8	6	11	8	8

	----- All Adults -----									
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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	14	13	11	8	16	17	14	4	11	28
Wrong track	78	80	79	81	79	75	78	90	83	60
Don't know	8	7	9	11	5	8	8	6	6	12

Q46. Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing very well, or fairly well, or fairly badly, or very badly?

	----- All Adults -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Well (net)	17	17	12	11	29	18	14	21	19	16
Very well	3	3	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	2
Fairly well	15	15	10	8	28	16	11	20	16	14
Badly (net)	81	80	87	88	70	81	84	78	79	82
Fairly badly	29	21	41	34	28	34	28	17	28	30
Very badly	52	59	46	54	42	47	57	60	51	52
Don't know (net)	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2

	----- All Adults -----									
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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)	19	15	21	15	20	12	18	8	17	31
Very well	2	4	4	1	3	2	2	2	3	2
Fairly well	17	11	18	14	17	10	16	6	14	29
Badly (net)	80	82	77	82	79	86	80	91	81	67
Fairly badly	28	31	17	29	36	32	27	20	33	38
Very badly	52	51	60	53	43	54	54	71	48	29
Don't know (net)	1	3	2	3	1	2	2	1	2	2

Q48. Would you say you feel more or less secure financially than you did six months ago, or do you feel about as secure as you did six months ago? (IF MORE/LESS) Would you say you much (more/less) or only somewhat (more/less) secure financially?

----- All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
More (net)	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
Much more	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
Somewhat more	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>
Less (net)	<u>50</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>53</u>
Somewhat less	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>24</u>
Much less	<u>27</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u>
Same as 6 mo's ago	<u>37</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>35</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

----- All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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>
More (net)	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>21</u>
Much more	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>
Somewhat more	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
Less (net)	<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>30</u>
Somewhat less	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>
Much less	<u>25</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>12</u>
Same as 6 mo's ago	<u>38</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>49</u>
Don't know (net)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

Additional net of Q48 – “Same” and “More secure” categories combined

	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Less secure	<u>50</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>53</u>
Same or More secure	<u>49</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>46</u>
Don't know	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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>
Less secure	<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>30</u>
Same or More secure	<u>52</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>69</u>
D/know	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Q49. 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 to deal with the Wall Street crisis, or housing foreclosures, or the rising gas prices, or Social Security?

----- All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Taxes	7	4	12	7	6	8	6	7	7	7
Unemployment	13	18	11	12	9	13	15	10	10	16
Strengthening regulations of financial institutions	21	13	27	25	29	19	23	20	24	17
Housing foreclosures	9	4	15	9	10	9	11	6	12	7
Gas prices	21	20	17	28	16	26	18	16	19	23
Social security	11	13	7	7	22	9	11	18	11	11
Other response (vol)	10	14	6	8	7	9	9	11	11	9
Don't know	8	14	5	4	1	7	7	12	6	10

----- All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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	8	4	6	8	9	6	6	3	10	10
Unemployment	12	14	11	21	12	6	14	19	13	5
Strengthening regulation of financial institutions	22	17	18	17	20	28	19	20	21	23
Housing foreclosures	10	8	8	8	7	15	11	9	11	8
Gas prices	21	22	27	22	19	18	19	20	19	26
Social security	11	12	8	9	18	7	13	12	6	15
Other response (vol)	9	11	16	7	7	10	11	9	13	7
Don't know	7	12	6	8	8	10	7	8	7	6

Q50. As you may know, some big investment banks and mortgage companies, such as Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns and American Insurance Group (known as AIG), have collapsed or gone into bankruptcy and many Americans face financial crisis. Who or what do you think is primarily responsible for this financial crisis: The Bush Administration, or Wall Street financial institutions, or Congress, or is there another group or thing that you think is primarily responsible?

----- All Adults -----										
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Bush administration	26	38	23	21	14	30	20	28	27	26
Wall Street companies	32	21	36	42	54	32	35	26	36	28
Congress	11	10	13	9	11	9	14	13	9	13
Other	7	4	5	11	7	6	8	5	8	6
No one in particular (vol)	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	2	1
All (vol)	12	11	11	12	9	9	14	15	12	11
Don't know	11	15	10	4	5	12	8	11	6	15

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	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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>
Bush administration	22	37	35	20	27	21	26	40	25	13
Wall Street companies	35	23	24	29	38	34	32	23	33	45
Congress	11	12	10	14	10	11	12	8	10	17
Other	8	5	5	10	5	8	7	5	6	8
No one in particular (vol)	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	0
All (vol)	13	8	12	15	9	12	13	14	10	8
Don't know	10	13	12	11	10	12	9	8	14	9

Q50A. 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>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Agree	62	57	64	64	79	55	72	67	65	60
Disagree	24	25	26	30	17	31	20	15	26	22
Don't know	14	18	10	6	4	14	8	18	9	18

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	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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>
Agree	62	62	52	62	63	72	65	74	54	57
Disagree	23	26	38	20	22	16	24	16	30	31
Don't know	15	12	10	18	15	12	11	10	16	12

Q51. Who would do a better job of handling this financial crisis next year: Barack Obama or John McCain?

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	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Barack Obama	45	56	40	45	38	46	44	43	39	49
John McCain	33	25	31	38	48	33	32	35	38	29
Neither of them (vol)	8	7	10	6	4	7	11	4	11	5
Both equally (vol)	3	2	2	2	4	2	4	3	3	3
Don't know	11	10	17	9	6	12	9	15	9	14

----- All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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>
Barack Obama	39	59	47	50	40	43	48	81	31	13
John McCain	36	25	32	26	38	33	35	6	27	74
Neither of them (vol)	8	8	8	7	10	7	5	3	19	4
Both equally (vol)	3	3	2	4	2	3	3	1	4	3
Don't know	14	5	11	13	10	14	9	9	19	6

Q52. Do you think the government should use taxpayers' dollars to rescue ailing private financial firms whose collapse could have adverse effects on the economy and market, or is it not the government's responsibility to bail out private companies with taxpayers' dollars?

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	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Gov't responsible	31	27	31	40	35	33	31	25	35	27
Gov't not responsible	55	56	58	47	57	53	58	57	54	55
Don't know	14	17	11	13	8	14	11	18	11	18

----- All Adults -----										
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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>
Gov't responsible	29	38	31	27	27	41	30	35	24	35
Gov't not responsible	58	45	52	55	62	46	55	50	65	52
Don't know	12	17	17	18	11	13	15	15	11	13

Q53. Do you think the government should use taxpayers' dollars to provide loans to help ailing automakers, such as General Motors, or not?

	----- All Adults -----									
	<u>ALL</u>	<u>L/40K</u>	<u>\$40-\$59K</u>	<u>\$60-100K</u>	<u>M/\$100K</u>	<u>18-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Yes	25	25	22	25	37	27	23	23	29	21
No	64	63	69	67	56	62	69	63	64	63
Don't know	11	12	9	8	7	11	8	14	7	16

	----- All Adults -----									
	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>NON/WHT</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>
Yes	25	25	22	28	24	25	28	30	20	25
No	65	62	65	60	65	65	63	60	68	66
Don't know	10	13	13	12	11	10	9	10	12	9