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1146 19th St., NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 463-7300 Interview dates: January 28th – 31st, 2010
Interviews: 1,127 adults; 996 registered voters
492 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 447 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 2.92 for all adults; 3.11 for registered voters
± 4.42 for Democrats; ± 4.64 for Republicans

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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted January 28-31, 2010. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,127 adults aged 18 and older across the United States was interviewed by Ipsos. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate within 2.92 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population in the U.S. been polled. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error. These data were weighted to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the actual U.S. population according to U.S. Census figures. Respondents had the option to be interviewed in English or Spanish.

POLITICAL TRACKER

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	<u>1/28-</u> 31/10	<u>1/7-</u> 11/10	<u>12/3-</u> <u>6/09</u>	<u>10/29-</u> <u>11/1/0</u> 9	<u>10/1-</u> <u>5/09</u>	<u>8/27-</u> 31/09	<u>7/30-</u> <u>8/3/09</u>	<u>7/9-</u> 13/09	<u>6/4-</u> 8/09	<u>4/30-</u> <u>5/3/09</u>	<u>4/2-</u> 6/09	<u>3/5-</u> 9/09	<u>2/6 –</u> <u>9/09</u>
Right direction	37	39	36	38	40	40	46	40	52	55	45	44	42
Wrong track	57	55	60	57	56	54	48	54	42	38	48	48	50
(Not sure)	5	6	4	4	5	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	8

2a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (IF 'APPROVE' OR 'DISAPPROVE' ASK:) Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? (IF HAVE 'MIXED FEELINGS' OR 'NOT SURE' ASK:) If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approve or disapprove?

	<u>1/28-</u> 31/10	<u>1/7-</u> 11/10	<u>12/3-</u> <u>6/09</u>	<u>10/29-</u> 1/1/09	<u>10/1-</u> <u>5/09</u>	<u>8/27-</u> 31/09	<u>7/30-</u> 8/3/09	<u>7/9-</u> 13/09	<u>6/4-</u> 8/09	<u>4/30-</u> 5/3/09	<u>4/2-</u> 6/09	<u>3/5 -</u> 9/09	<u>2/6-</u> 9/09
Strongly approve	22	27	25	23	30	31	32	29	40	40	35	39	38
Somewhat approve	13	15	12	17	12	16	17	17	14	17	18	15	19
Lean toward approval	14	11	12	14	14	9	9	11	10	8	9	10	13
Still have mixed feelings	3	2	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	5	3
Lean toward disapproval	13	12	15	14	12	8	8	11	9	9	9	8	10
Somewhat disapprove	6	5	6	4	5	3	5	6	7	3	4	5	4
Strongly disapprove	27	28	27	25	23	28	24	22	16	19	20	17	12
(Not sure)	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Total Approve	50	52	49	53	56	56	58	57	64	65	63	65	69
Total Disapprove	46	45	49	43	40	40	37	38	32	31	33	29	26
Mean Rating	4	4.1	4	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.1
Democrats: Total Approve	79	81	77	82	86	88	82	84	89	95	91	89	92
Democrats: Total Disapprove	19	17	21	15	12	10	15	13	10	4	6	8	6
Independents: Total Approve	53	49	41	45	47	54	57	50	58	56	57	58	70
Independents: Total Disapprove.	31	46	55	41	41	37	34	36	31	34	21	31	19
Republicans: Total Approve	19	18	16	21	18	18	24	24	27	29	26	29	34
Republicans: Total Disapprove	79	80	81	78	80	78	70	73	67	67	72	66	60

2b. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Congress is handling its job? (IF "APPROVE" OR "DISAPPROVE", ASK: Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? IF "HAVE MIXED FEELINGS /DK/REF", ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?)

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21	29	37
74	68	59
2.6	2.9	3.4
29	44	47
67	52	47
22	21	43
63	74	51
12	13	18
86	84	80
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5. Has the U.S. economy turned the corner on the current crisis, is the worst yet to come, or have things stabilized but not yet begun to improve?

	1/28-	<u>1/7-11/</u>	12/3-	<u> 10/29-</u>	<u> 10/1-</u>	<u>8/27-</u>	<u>7/30-</u>	<u>7/9-</u>	<u>6/4-</u>	<u>4/30-</u>	<u>4/2-</u>	<u>3/5 -</u>	<u> 2/6 – </u>
	<u>31/10</u>	<u> 2010</u>	<u>6/09</u>	<u>11/1/09</u>	<u>5/09</u>	<u>31/09</u>	8/3/09	13/09	<u>8/09</u>	<u>5/3/09</u>	<u>6/09</u>	9/09	9/09
Turned the corner	10	11	8	7	11	11	9	6	9	10	8	3	7
Worst yet to come	28	30	35	32	31	35	32	39	37	38	36	57	54
Stabilized, but not yet begun to improve	57	56	54	59	55	49	56	49	48	48	52	35	35
(Not sure)	5	3	2	2	3	4	3	5	6	4	4	4	4

FIRST YEAR RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

1. Thinking about President Obama's policy agenda in his first year in office, do you think the President has tried to do...?

	All adults	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Too much	41	30	30	59
About the right amount	35	54	33	16
Too little	19	15	19	22
(Not sure)	5	2	18	3

[IF 'TOO MUCH' IN Q1, ASK]

2. And which one of the following policy areas would you say has the most to do with the reason that you think President Obama has tried to do too much? (ONE RESPONSE ONLY)

	All adults (n=494)	Democrats (n=154)	Independents (n=71)	Republicans (n=269)
Health care reform	57	45	41	67
The economy and jobs	14	19	14	11
Financial sector regulation	10	6	19	10
The war in Afghanistan	5	9	7	3
The war in Iraq	4	7	4	2
Energy independence	3	6	1	2
Diplomacy	2	3	1	1
Terrorism	2	2	-	2
Education	1	2	5	0
(Not sure)	3	2	8	2

[IF 'TOO LITTLE' IN Q1, ASK]

2. And which one of the following policy areas would you say has the most to do with the reason that you think President Obama has tried to do too little? (ONE RESPONSE ONLY)

	All adults	Democrats	<u>Independents</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
	<u>(n=198)</u>	<u>(n=65)</u>	<u>(n=32)</u>	<u>(n=101)</u>
The economy and jobs	42	37	48	43
Health care reform	16	25	5	13
The war in Iraq	11	17	19	4
Education	6	3	3	10
The war in Afghanistan	6	5	2	8
Financial sector regulation	5	7	5	3
Energy independence	3	2	3	5
Terrorism	3	3	3	4
Diplomacy	-	-	-	-
(Not sure)	8	1	12	11

HEALTH CARE REFORM

1. As of right now, do you favor or oppose the healthcare reform proposals presently being discussed?

	<u>1/28-</u> 31/10	<u>10/29-</u> 11/1/09	10/1-5/09	<u>8/27-</u> 31/09	
Favor	37	39	40	40	
Oppose	51	49	42	45	
(Don't have an opinion)	9	9	14	14	
(Don't know/Not sure)	3	3	4	1	_
Democrats: Favor	65	62	65	62	
Democrat s: Oppose	23	25	18	18	
Independents: Favor	36	29	28	39	
Independents: Oppose	41	53	38	37	
Republicans: Favor	9	14	12	12	
Republicans: Oppose	86	78	77	81	

- 2. Do you favor or oppose the following?
- 2a. Creation of a public entity to directly compete with existing health insurance companies.

<u> 1/28-</u>	<u> 10/29-</u>	<u>8/27-</u>
<u>31/10</u>	<u>11/1/09</u>	31/09
49	51	49
42	43	41
-	-	8
9	6	2
68	67	64
24	28	26
46	50	49
34	37	34
31	31	31
65	62	63
	31/10 49 42 - 9 68 24 46 34 31	31/10 11/1/09 49 51 42 43 - - 9 6 68 67 24 28 46 50 34 37 31 31

2b. Legislation to permit the creation of insurance co-operatives NOT run by the government.

	<u> 1/28-</u>	<u> 10/29-</u>	<u>8/27-</u>
	<u>31/10</u>	<u>11/1/09</u>	<u>31/09</u>
Favor	52	57	54
Oppose	38	35	36
(Don't have an opinion)	-	-	9
(Don't know/Not sure)	10	8	1
Democrats: Favor	49	56	50
Democrat s: Oppose	41	38	40
Independents: Favor	43	50	54
Independents: Oppose	37	33	31
Republicans: Favor	59	61	58
Republicans: Oppose	35	31	34

2c. Specific regulations to ensure basic patients' rights, such as portability of coverage.

	<u>1/28-</u>	<u>10/29-</u>	<u>8/27-</u>	
	<u>31/10</u>	<u>11/1/09</u>	<u>31/09</u>	
Favor	77	75	74	
Oppose	15	17	15	
(Don't have an opinion)	-	-	8	
(Don't know/Not sure)	8	8	2	
Democrats: Favor	85	83	81	
Democrat s: Oppose	10	13	12	
Independents: Favor	72	67	71	
Independents: Oppose	12	17	12	
Republicans: Favor	69	68	68	
Republicans: Oppose	23	21	21	

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

2a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these? (IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.2a, Q.2b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.2a, Q.2c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.2a, Q.2d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

- 2b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
- 2c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
- 2d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Strongly Democrat	18
Moderately Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	13
Strongly Republican	14
Moderately Republican	11
Lean Republican	15
Independent (No lean)	17
Initial Democrats	30
Total Democrats	42
Initial Danubliagna	26
Initial Republicans	
Total Republicans	40