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Interview dates: May 6-9 2010
Interviews: 1,016 adults; 905 registered voters
455 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 391 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 3.07 for all adults; 3.26 for registered voters
± 4.59 for Democrats; ± 4.96 for Republicans

Ipsos/McClatchy Poll
NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted May 6-9, 2010. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,016 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 3.07 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?

	5/6-9/10	4/1-5/10	2/26-28/10	1/28-31/10	1/7-11/10	12/3-6/09	10/29-11/1/09	10/1-5/09	8/27-31/09	7/30-8/3/09	7/9-13/09	6/4-8/09	4/30-5/3/09	4/2-6/09	3/5-9/09	2/6 – 9/09
Right direction	34	40	34	37	39	36	38	40	40	46	40	52	55	45	44	42
Wrong track...	60	54	60	57	55	60	57	56	54	48	54	42	38	48	48	50
(Not sure).....	6	5	6	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?

	5/6-9/10	4/1-5/10	2/26-28/10	1/28-31/10	1/7-11/10	12/3-6/09	10/29-1/1/09	10/1-5/09	8/27-31/09	7/30-8/3/09	7/9-13/09	6/4-8/09	4/30-5/3/09	4/2-6/09	3/5 - 9/09	2/6-9/09
Strongly approve.	20	25	25	22	27	25	23	30	31	32	29	40	40	35	39	38
Somewhat approve.....	17	16	18	13	15	12	17	12	16	17	17	14	17	18	15	19
Lean toward approval.....	15	10	11	14	11	12	14	14	9	9	11	10	8	9	10	13
Still have mixed feelings…….	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	5	3
Lean toward disapproval……..	13	14	13	13	12	15	14	12	8	8	11	9	9	9	8	10
Somewhat disapprove.....	4	5	7	6	5	6	4	5	3	5	6	7	3	4	5	4
Strongly disapprove.....	27	27	25	27	28	27	25	23	28	24	22	16	19	20	17	12
(Not sure).....	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Total Approve…	52	51	53	50	52	49	53	56	56	58	57	64	65	63	65	69
Total Disapprove	43	46	44	46	45	49	43	40	40	37	38	32	31	33	29	26
Mean Rating.....	4.1	4.1	4.2	4	4.1	4	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.1
Dem: Approve…..	84	84	80	79	81	77	82	86	88	82	84	89	95	91	89	92
Dem: Disapprove.	14	14	18	19	17	21	15	12	10	15	13	10	4	6	8	6
Ind: Approve…….	40	40	54	53	49	41	45	47	54	57	50	58	56	57	58	70
Ind: Disapprove…	47	50	42	31	46	55	41	41	37	34	36	31	34	21	31	19
Rep: Approve…..	18	16	23	19	18	16	21	18	18	24	24	27	29	26	29	34
Rep: Disapprove..	80	83	75	79	80	81	78	80	78	70	73	67	67	72	66	60

3. I know it is a long way off, but thinking about the elections in 2010, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live? **(IF "CANDIDATE FROM ANOTHER PARTY/WILL NOT/DO NOT PLAN TO VOTE/DK/REF", ASK:** If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?)*

ALL RESPONDENTS	*5/6-9/10*	*4/1-5/10*	*2/26-28/10*	*10/29-11/ 1/09*
Initial Democratic candidate.....	40	41	44	43
Lean Democratic candidate.....	7	6	5	5
Total Democratic candidate.....	46	47	50	48
Initial Republican candidate.....	33	38	34	36
Lean Republican candidate.....	5	4	5	6
Total Republican candidate.....	39	42	40	41
(Candidate from another political party)	2	1	1	2
(Will not/do not plan to vote)	4	3	3	3
(Not sure).....	9	7	6	6

REGISTERED VOTERS	*5/6-9/10*	*4/1-5/10*	*2/26-28/10*	*10/29-11/ 1/09*
Initial Democratic candidate.....	39	39	43	42
Lean Democratic candidate.....	6	6	5	4
Total Democratic candidate.....	45	45	47	46
Initial Republican candidate.....	38	42	37	39
Lean Republican candidate.....	5	4	6	6
Total Republican candidate.....	42	46	43	45
(Candidate from another political party)	2	1	1	2
(Will not/do not plan to vote)	2	2	2	2
(Not sure).....	8	6	6	5

REGISTERED VOTERS	Democratic Congressional District	Republican Congressional District
Initial Democratic candidate.....	45	31
Lean Democratic candidate.....	6	5
Total Democratic candidate.....	51	36
Initial Republican candidate.....	33	45
Lean Republican candidate.....	4	6
Total Republican candidate.....	37	51
(Candidate from another political party)	3	1
(Will not/do not plan to vote)	2	3
(Not sure).....	8	9

Energy and Drilling

5. As I read some possible government policies to address America's energy supply, tell me whether you would favor or oppose each. First, would you favor or oppose the government . . . (READ LIST)?

ALL RESPONDENTS	Favor	Oppose	(Not sure)
Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology.....	73	17	10
Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems.....	63	24	13
Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters……	49	38	12
Promoting the increased use of nuclear power.....	46	39	15

Total Favor

	All respondents	Registered Voters	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology.....	73	73	78	71	68
Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems.....	63	61	74	66	47
Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters…	49	50	32	49	72
Promoting the increased use of nuclear power.....	46	48	34	41	64

Total Favor

	IPSOS 5/6-9/2010	*PEW 2/3-9/2010*	*PEW 4/14-21/2009*	*PEW 2/1-5/2006*
Increasing federal funding for research on wind, solar and hydrogen technology.....	73	78	82	82
Spending more on subway, rail and bus systems.....	63	70	70	68
Allowing more offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters…	49	63	68	n/a
Promoting the increased use of nuclear power.....	46	52	45	44

6. Some people believe that [ROTATE INSERTED STATEMENTS]. Other people believe that [ROTATE INSERTED STATEMENTS]. **[READ OUT EACH. ROTATE]** Which of these comes closer to your view?

	All respondents	Registered Voters	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Offshore drilling is necessary so that America can produce its own energy and not depend on other countries for oil…….….	60	61	48	54	80
Offshore drilling is a bad idea because of the risks to the environment……..……	35	35	48	38	18
(Not sure)……. …….....	4	4	4	8	2

Arizona Immigration Law

7. As you may know, the state of Arizona recently passed a new law that once police stop a person, requires local law enforcement officials to verify the immigration status of people they reasonably suspect of being in the country illegally. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this new Arizona State law.

	All respondents	Registered Voters	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Strongly Favor	41	44	26	38	63
Somewhat Favor	20	20	21	16	20
Somewhat Oppose	11	10	15	12	6
Strongly Oppose	25	23	36	29	9
(Not sure)	3	3	2	4	2
Top2Box (Favor)	61	64	46	54	83
Low2Box (Oppose)	37	33	51	41	15

8. Now, thinking further about this new Arizona immigration law, imagine that your state was considering passing the same immigration law that Arizona has just passed. Would you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose this law being passed in your state?

	All respondents	Registered Voters	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Strongly Favor	42	45	26	39	64
Somewhat Favor	19	19	23	13	18
Somewhat Oppose	10	10	12	11	8
Strongly Oppose	26	23	38	29	8
(Not sure)	3	2	1	8	2
Top2Box (Favor)	61	65	49	52	82
Low2Box (Oppose)	36	33	50	40	16

9. Under this new law, it is possible that anyone in Arizona who has made contact with an officer can be asked to verify their immigration status. Some people have said that they wouldn't mind being asked to verify their own status if it means that immigration laws are being enforced. Other people say that this is a violation of their rights and would be upset if they were stopped and asked to verify their status. Which of these comes closer to your own personal view?

	All respondents	Registered Voters	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
I wouldn't mind being stopped……	69	71	59	63	84
I would mind being stopped……	29	27	39	31	13
(Not sure)…… …..	3	2	2	5	2

10. I am going to read out a series of statements. For each, please tell me whether you strongly agree, tend to agree, neither agree nor disagree, tend to disagree or strongly disagree**. (READ LIST)**

ALL RESPONDENTS	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	(Not sure)	*Total Agree*	*Total Disagree*
Protecting our borders is important as part of America's effort to prevent drug trafficking and organized crime……	76	13	4	2	5	-	89	7
The best way to tackle the issue of illegal immigration is to go after the businesses who hire illegal immigrants……	41	23	10	11	14	1	64	25
This country has a real problem with illegal immigration, and it is hurting all Americans……	39	22	8	14	16	0	62	30
The government should spend more time tightening our borders and less time worrying about the people who are already here……	39	23	8	20	9	1	62	29
Illegal immigrants in the US mostly work in jobs that Americans don't want anyway……	24	21	7	18	27	2	46	45
Illegal immigration doesn't bother me because it means that hardworking people can find a better quality of life in America……	21	14	6	23	35	1	35	58
On balance, I think illegal immigrants probably help America more than they hurt it……	16	18	12	20	32	1	35	52

	Total Agree				
	All respondents	Registered Voters	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Protecting our borders is important as part of America's effort to prevent drug trafficking and organized crime…..…	89	90	87	86	94
The best way to tackle the issue of illegal immigration is to go after the businesses who hire illegal immigrants……	64	66	68	58	62
The government should spend more time tightening our borders and less time worrying about the people who are already here…….……	62	60	69	48	61
This country has a real problem with illegal immigration, and it is hurting all Americans……	62	66	49	56	81
Illegal immigrants in the US mostly work in jobs that Americans don't want anyway…….……	46	46	52	40	40
Illegal immigration doesn't bother me because it means that hardworking people can find a better quality of life in America…….……	35	32	46	41	18
On balance, I think illegal immigrants probably help America more than they hurt it……..…	35	32	41	41	23

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

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

Yes……..	81
No……	19
(Not sure)...	-

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……..	17
Moderately Democrat….	14
Lean Democrat……	14
Strongly Republican…...	14
Moderately Republican...	9
Lean Republican……	12
Independent (No lean)…	20
Initial Democrats……...	31
Total Democrats……	45
Initial Republicans…….	23
Total Republicans…….	35