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1146 19th St., NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 463-7300 Interview dates: August 19-22, 2010
Interviews: 1,063 adults; 950 registered voters
496 Democrats/Lean Democrats; 446 Republicans/Lean Republicans
Margin of error: ± 3% for all adults; ± 3% for registered voters
± 4% for Democrats; ± 4 for Republicans

Ipsos Poll conducted for Reuters NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted for August 19-22, 2010. For the survey, a nationally representative, randomly selected sample of exactly 1,063 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 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

 Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? (ENTER SINGLE RESPONSE. IF UNSURE, ENCOURAGE BEST GUESS.)

| | <u>8/19-</u> 22/10 | <u>7/22-</u> 25/10 | <u>6/10-</u> <u>13/10</u> | <u>5/6-</u> <u>9/10</u> | <u>4/1-</u> <u>5/10</u> | <u>2/26-</u> 28/10 | <u>1/28-</u> <u>31/10</u> | <u>1/7-</u> 11/10 | 12/3- 6/09 | <u>10/29-</u> 11/1/09 | <u>10/1-</u> <u>5/09</u> | <u>8/27-</u> <u>31/09</u> | <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> <u>6/09</u> | <u>3/5-</u> <u>9/09</u> | <u>2/6 –</u> <u>9/09</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Right direction | 31 | 34 | 33 | 34 | 40 | 34 | 37 | 39 | 36 | 38 | 40 | 40 | 46 | 40 | 52 | 55 | 45 | 44 | 42 |
| Wrong track | 62 | 60 | 61 | 60 | 54 | 60 | 57 | 55 | 60 | 57 | 56 | 54 | 48 | 54 | 42 | 38 | 48 | 48 | 50 |
| (Not sure) | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 |

- a. Overall, do you approve, disapprove or have mixed feelings about the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? [IF "APPROVE" OR "DISAPPROVE" TO QUESTION 3a, ASK QUESTION 3b. IF "HAVE MIXED FEELINGS /DK/REF" TO QUESTION 3a, ASK QUESTION 3c]
 - b. Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?
 - c. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

| | <u>8/19-</u> 22/10 | <u>7/22-</u> 25/10 | <u>6/10-</u> 13/10 | <u>5/6-</u> 9/10 | <u>4/1-</u> 5/10 | <u>2/26-</u> 28/10 | <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> <u>5/3/09</u> | <u>4/2-</u> 6/09 | <u>3/5 -</u> <u>9/09</u> | <u>2/6-</u> <u>9/09</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Strongly approve. | 20 | 24 | 23 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 22 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 29 | 40 | 40 | 35 | 39 | 38 |
| Somewhat approve | 13 | 12 | 13 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 13 | 15 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 19 |
| Lean toward approval | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 13 |
| Still have mixed feelings | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Lean toward disapproval | 16 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Strongly disapprove | 29 | 31 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 28 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 28 | 24 | 22 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 17 | 12 |
| (Not sure) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total Approve | 45 | 48 | 50 | 52 | 51 | 53 | 50 | 52 | 49 | 53 | 56 | 56 | 58 | 57 | 64 | 65 | 63 | 65 | 69 |
| Total Disapprove | 52 | 48 | 45 | 43 | 46 | 44 | 46 | 45 | 49 | 43 | 40 | 40 | 37 | 38 | 32 | 31 | 33 | 29 | 26 |
| Mean Rating | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 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 |
| D A | 7.4 | 70 | - 00 | 0.4 | 0.4 | | 70 | 0.4 | 77 | - 00 | 00 | 00 | - 00 | 0.4 | | 0.5 | 04 | 00 | 00 |
| Dem: Approve | 74 | 76 | 82 | 84 | 84 | 80 | 79 | 81 | 77 | 82 | 86 | 88 | 82 | 84 | 89 | 95 | 91 | 89 | 92 |
| Dem: Disapprove. | 24 37 | 21 52 | 15 47 | 14 40 | 14 40 | 18 54 | 19 53 | 17 49 | 21 41 | 15 45 | 12 47 | 10 54 | 15 57 | 13 50 | 10 58 | 4 56 | 6 57 | 8 58 | 6 70 |
| Ind: Approve | 53 | 5∠ 41 | 47 39 | 40 47 | 40 50 | 54 42 | 33 31 | 49 46 | 41 55 | 45 41 | 47 41 | 37 | 34 | 36 | 30 31 | 34 | 21 | 31 | 70 19 |
| Ind: Disapprove Rep: Approve | ეა 11 | 14 | 39 13 | 47 18 | 16 | 23 | 19 | 46 18 | ວວ 16 | 21 | 18 | 37 18 | 34 24 | 36 24 | 31 27 | 34 29 | 26 | 29 | 34 |
| Rep: Disapprove | 86 | 84 | 84 | 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" TO Q3, ASK QUESTION 3a] a. If you had to choose, would you lean more towards the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

| ALL RESPONDENTS | <u>8/19-</u> 22/10 | <u>7/22-</u> 25/10 | <u>6/10-</u> 13/10 | <u>5/6-9/10</u> | <u>4/1-5/10</u> | <u>2/26-</u> 28/10 | <u>10/29-</u> 11/ 1/09 |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Initial Democratic candidate | 39 | 42 | 38 | 40 | 41 | 44 | 43 |
| Lean Democratic candidate | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| Total Democratic candidate | 45 | 47 | 43 | 46 | 47 | 50 | 48 |
| Initial Republican candidate | 38 | 36 | 35 | 33 | 38 | 34 | 36 |
| Lean Republican candidate | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Total Republican candidate | 43 | 42 | 41 | 39 | 42 | 40 | 41 |
| (Candidate from another political party) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| (Will not/do not plan to vote) | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| (Not sure) | 8 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | |
| REGISTERED VOTERS | <u>8/19-</u> 22/10 | <u>7/22-</u> 25/10 | <u>6/10-</u> 13/10 | <u>5/6-9/10</u> | <u>4/1-5/10</u> | <u>2/26-</u> 28/10 | <u>10/29-</u> 11/ 1/09 |
| REGISTERED VOTERS Initial Democratic candidate | | | | <u>5/6-9/10</u> 39 | <u>4/1-5/10</u> 39 | | |
| | 22/10 | <u>25/10</u> | 13/10 | | | 28/10 | 11/1/09 |
| Initial Democratic candidate | <u>22/10</u> 40 | <u>25/10</u> 40 | <u>13/10</u> 38 | 39 | 39 | <u>28/10</u> 43 | 11/1/09 |
| Initial Democratic candidateLean Democratic candidate | 22/10 40 5 | 2 <u>5/10</u> 40 4 | 13/10 38 4 | 39 6 | 39 6 | 2 <u>8/10</u> 43 5 | 11/ 1/09 42 4 |
| Initial Democratic candidateLean Democratic candidateTotal Democratic candidate | 22/10 40 5 45 | 25/10 40 4 44 | 13/10 38 4 42 | 39 6 45 | 39 6 45 | 28/10 43 5 47 | 11/ 1/09 42 4 46 |
| Initial Democratic candidateLean Democratic candidateTotal Democratic candidateInitial Republican candidate | 22/10 40 5 45 40 | 25/10 40 4 4 44 41 | 13/10 38 4 42 38 | 39 6 45 38 | 39 6 45 42 | 28/10 43 5 47 37 | 11/ 1/09 42 4 46 39 |
| Initial Democratic candidate Lean Democratic candidate Total Democratic candidate Initial Republican candidate Lean Republican candidate | 22/10 40 5 45 40 5 | 2 <u>5/10</u> 40 4 44 41 5 | 13/10 38 4 42 38 5 | 39 6 45 38 5 | 39 6 45 42 4 | 28/10 43 5 47 37 6 | 11/ 1/09 42 4 46 39 6 |
| Initial Democratic candidate Lean Democratic candidate Total Democratic candidate Initial Republican candidate Lean Republican candidate Total Republican candidate | 22/10 40 5 45 40 5 | 25/10 40 4 4 44 41 5 46 | 13/10 38 4 42 38 5 | 39 6 45 38 5 42 | 39 6 45 42 4 | 28/10 43 5 47 37 6 | 11/ 1/09 42 4 46 39 6 45 |

Economic Concerns

I am going to read out a list of things. For each, please tell me if you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not at all concerned about the issue. RANDOMIZE LIST.

| | | <u>Very</u> | Somewhat | Not very | Not at all | DK/REF | TOTAL: | TOTAL: Not |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------|---------------|------------|
| | | concerned | concerned | concerned | concerned | | Concerned | concerned |
| 4. | Unemployment | 72 | 20 | 3 | 4 | * | 92 | 7 |
| 5. | The financial industry | 58 | 31 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 88 | 11 |
| 6. | The budget deficit | 63 | 24 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 87 | 10 |
| 7. | Government spending | 67 | 20 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 87 | 12 |
| 8. | The value of the dollar | 56 | 29 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 85 | 14 |
| 9. | Taxes | 57 | 27 | 9 | 7 | * | 84 | 16 |
| 10. | The value of your investments | 52 | 28 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 79 | 19 |
| 11. | Housing prices | 43 | 35 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 77 | 21 |

Politics and Partisanship

12. How strongly do you agree or disagree that Washington no longer works effectively because the fighting between parties and branches of government means that nothing can be accomplished. Would you say you...(READ LIST)

| _ | 8/19-22/10 | | | | 2/26-28/10 | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|-------|-------|--|
| | <u>All</u> | <u>Dem</u> | Repub | Indep | All | <u>Dem</u> | Repub | Indep | |
| Strongly agree | 53 | 50 | 56 | 53 | 51 | 50 | 53 | 50 | |
| Tend to agree | 25 | 26 | 24 | 23 | 29 | 30 | 28 | 29 | |
| Tend to disagree | 11 | 14 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | |
| Strongly disagree | 8 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 4 | |
| DK/REF | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 | |
| TOTAL: Agree | 78 | 77 | 81 | 77 | 80 | 80 | 81 | 79 | |
| TOTAL: Disagree | 20 | 22 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 14 | |

ASK IF "STRONGLY AGREE" OR "SOMEWHAT AGREE"

13. And which party do you think has done more to cause this situation, [ROTATE]the Democrats or the Republicans?

| | Base: All who agree Washington no longer works = 842 | | 8/1 | 9-22/10 | | 2/26-28/10 | | | |
|----------|---|-----|-----|---------|-------|------------|-----|---------|-------|
| | | All | Dem | Repub | Indep | All | Dem | Repub | Indep |
| De | emocrats | 28 | 9 | 56 | 7 | 34 | 17 | 54 | 22 |
| Re | publicans | 36 | 67 | 8 | 10 | 41 | 68 | 17 | 20 |
| Bo | th (VOL) | 28 | 20 | 29 | 56 | 19 | 10 | 22 | 48 |
| Ne | either (VOL) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| (No | ot sure) | 5 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| COMBINED | Q12/Q13 | | 8/1 | 9-22/10 | | | 2/2 | 6-28/10 | |
| | | All | Dem | Repub | Indep | All | Dem | Repub | Indep |
| Wa | ashington is not broken. | 20 | 22 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 14 |
| | ashington is broken and Dems are ore to blame | 22 | 7 | 45 | 5 | 27 | 14 | 44 | 18 |
| | ashington is broken and Reps are ore to blame | 28 | 52 | 6 | 8 | 33 | 54 | 14 | 16 |
| | ashington is broken and no party is blame | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| | ashington is broken and both parties e to blame | 22 | 15 | 24 | 43 | 15 | 8 | 18 | 38 |
| (No | ot sure) | 6 | 3 | 5 | 21 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 11 |

Taxes

14. As you may know, the tax cuts passed during George W. Bush's administration lowered taxes by reducing maximum income tax rate for all Americans. These tax cuts are set to expire at the end of 2010, meaning tax rates would go back to what they were before the Bush tax laws. Congress is currently considering whether to let these tax cuts expire or extend them. Which of the following comes closest to your own view on what action Congress should take? READ OUT

| | All | Democrats | Republicans | Independents |
|---|-----|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Let the tax cuts expire for all Americans | 15 | 21 | 8 | 18 |
| Let tax cuts expire only for people who earn more than \$200,000 a year | 31 | 42 | 18 | 29 |
| Extend the tax cuts for all Americans | 49 | 34 | 72 | 37 |
| DK/REF | 5 | 3 | 3 | 16 |

15. And if you had to choose, which of the following two things do you think is more important: READ OUT. REVERSE ORDER OF READING OUT.

| | <u>All</u> | <u>Democrats</u> | Republicans | <u>Independents</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Lower taxes for all Americans | 43 | 43 | 44 | 38 |
| Reducing the budget deficit | 54 | 55 | 54 | 52 |
| DK/REF | 3 | 2 | 3 | 10 |

PARTY AFFILIATION / IDEOLOGY

- Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?
 (IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Qa, Qb ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Qa, Qc ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Qa, Qd ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)
 Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?
 Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?
 Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans? a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

| Strongly Democrat | 21 |
|-----------------------|----|
| Moderately Democrat | 13 |
| Lean Democrat | 15 |
| Strongly Republican | 12 |
| Moderately Republican | 9 |
| Lean Republican | 18 |
| Independent (No lean) | 12 |
| Initial Democrats | 33 |
| Total Democrats | 48 |
| Initial Republicans | 22 |
| Total Republicans | 40 |