

America's Future Now!

Frequency Questionnaire

June 1-3, 2009
238 Conference Attendees

Q.2 Please indicate if you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	53
Somewhat approve	37
Somewhat disapprove.....	6
Strongly disapprove.....	4
Total approve.....	90
Total disapprove.....	10
Approve - disapprove	80
(ref:BOAPP)	

Q.3 Now please read the list below and indicate which ONE you think should be the HIGHEST priority for President Obama and Congress.

	Total
Passing comprehensive health care reform legislation	43
Passing legislation to boost alternative energy and combat global warming	15
Passing legislation that will remove obstacles to workers organizing	11
Implementing strict regulations and oversight of the financial industry.....	10
Passing a second stimulus bill to get real economic growth.....	6
Removing all troops from Iraq	5
Having an exit strategy to eventually end the war in Afghanistan	4
Passing corporate tax reform to ensure companies pay their fair share of taxes.....	3
Appointing and confirming judges that will bring progressive values to the judiciary	3
Investigating the Bush administration's torture policies.....	2
(ref:PRIORTY)	

Q.4 And now please indicate which ONE you think should be the NEXT HIGHEST priority for President Obama and Congress.

	Total
Passing comprehensive health care reform legislation	27
Passing legislation to boost alternative energy and combat global warming	17
Implementing strict regulations and oversight of the financial industry.....	11
Having an exit strategy to eventually end the war in Afghanistan	8
Passing legislation that will remove obstacles to workers organizing	8
Appointing and confirming judges that will bring progressive values to the judiciary	7
Passing a second stimulus bill to get real economic growth.....	7
Removing all troops from Iraq	5
Passing corporate tax reform to ensure companies pay their fair share of taxes.....	5
Investigating the Bush administration's torture policies.....	5
(ref:PRIORTB)	

Combined Priorities

	Total
Passing comprehensive health care reform legislation	70
Passing legislation to boost alternative energy and combat global warming	32
Implementing strict regulations and oversight of the financial industry.....	21
Passing legislation that will remove obstacles to workers organizing	19
Passing a second stimulus bill to get real economic growth.....	13
Having an exit strategy to eventually end the war in Afghanistan	12
Removing all troops from Iraq	10
Appointing and confirming judges that will bring progressive values to the judiciary	10
Passing corporate tax reform to ensure companies pay their fair share of taxes.....	8
Investigating the Bush administration's torture policies.....	6

Q.5 Below is a list of things some people say are encouraging about President Obama's first several months in office. Please read the list and indicate which TWO are most encouraging to you.

	Total
The budget laid groundwork for health care and energy reform	41
The economic recovery plan	33
Lily Ledbetter law to ensure equal pay for equal work	25
Health insurance expanded to 5 million children.....	24
Plan to close the terrorist detention center at Guantanamo Bay	20
Credit card law that protects cardholders from lenders.....	18
Rebalanced the tax code to make it fairer for all	12
Plan to pull American combat troops out of Iraq by 2010	11
Plan to fight the Taliban and al Qaeda in Afghanistan	6
Other - Please specify	7

(ref:ACCOMPSH)

Q.6 Below is a list of things some people say are concerning about President Obama's first several months in office. Please read the list and indicate which TWO are most concerning to you.

	Total
Treasury Department allowed AIG to use taxpayer money for bonuses.....	33
Failed to investigate the Bush administration.....	32
Too timid a response to the economic and financial crisis	31
Announced sending more troops to Afghanistan	24
Provided bailouts for bankers and the automotive industry.....	24
Plan for Iraq keeps too many troops there for too long	19
Increased spending and raised the national debt too much.....	11
Other - Please specify	21

(ref:CONCERN)

Q.7 Below you will see three statements some people have made about how Democrats should handle Senator Arlen Specter's 2010 reelection campaign on the Democratic ticket. Of the three statements, please tell me which comes closest to your own view, even if none are exactly right.

	Total
Democrats should wait to support Senator Specter's reelection until he proves that he supports the Democratic agenda like health care reform with a public option and the Employee Free Choice Act.	58
Democrats should support a primary challenger to Senator Specter because he only switched parties out of self interest and can't be trusted to support a progressive agenda.....	24
Democrats should join President Obama in supporting Senator Specter's reelection as a Democrat because he gave them a near-filibuster proof majority and it is their best chance to hold the seat.	17
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:SPECTER)	

Q.8 As you probably know some people are calling on Congress to investigate the practices of certain groups of people for wrongdoing. Please indicate if you feel the following should be investigated by Congress or not.

	Yes	No	Yes - No
8 The practices of the Bush administration in their handling of suspected terrorists.....	66	34	32
9 The practices, fraud and excesses of Wall Street and its regulators that led to the financial crisis.....	81	19	61
(ref:INVESTIG)			

Q.10 Please read the pairs of statements below and for each indicate if the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
10 President Obama is attempting to enact an ambitious agenda and progressives should use their energy to help him get his agenda through Congress. OR While President Obama is generally on the right track, progressives should organize independently to push his administration to take bolder action on progressive priorities.....	21	5	5	42	21	4	2	25	48	-23

11 I could support a health care plan that does not include a public option as long as it expands affordable coverage to all Americans and prevents insurance companies from denying coverage, if that is the only way to get health care reform passed. OR Including a public option is the only way to hold the insurance companies accountable and force them to bring down costs. I can't support a health care plan that does not include the choice of a public option.	13	11	6	58	6	5	2	24	63	-40
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	1st Stmt Strng	1st Not Strng	2nd Not Strng	2nd Stmt Strng	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
12 I support the House compromise on the energy bill because it's an important first step to capping carbon emissions and averting a climate crisis. OR I oppose the House compromise on the energy bill because it creates too many loopholes for fossil fuel interests to effectively address the climate crisis.....	17	22	19	23	7	9	2	39	42	-3
(ref:PAIRS)										

Q.13 Now, please indicate your feelings toward some people using a scale from 0 to 100, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. Use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or have never heard of that person or organization, please indicate by typing "DK."

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% >75	% <26	% ID	Warm - Cool
13 Stephen Colbert	79	79	5	57	3	91	74
14 Keith Olbermann	73	68	11	46	6	86	57
15 Barack Obama	85	90	5	77	3	97	85
16 Rachel Maddow	77	70	8	51	6	84	62
17 Joe Scarborough.....	29	11	47	3	39	76	-36
18 Rush Limbaugh.....	4	3	92	2	92	97	-90
19 Jon Stewart	86	83	4	70	2	90	79
(ref:THERM)							

Q.20 Now, some final questions for background and statistical purposes. What is your gender?

	Total
Male.....	58
Female	41
DK/Ref.....	0
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.22 What year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	18
25 - 29	9
30 - 34	11
35 - 39	6
40 - 44	6
45 - 49	5
50 - 54	8
55 - 59	8
60 - 64	8
Over 64.....	13
(No answer).....	-
(ref:AGE)	

Q.23 Please choose the term that best describes how you think of yourself in political terms.

	Total
Liberal.....	29
Progressive	58
Moderate	7
Conservative	3
(Don't know/Refuse).....	2
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.24 From time to time, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner and Campaign for America's Future send out information such as newsletters and news updates. If you are interested in receiving this information, please enter your email address. You can unsubscribe at any time.

	Yes	No	Total
			-
24 Greenberg Quinlan Rosner.....	24	76	-52
25 Campaign for America's Future	27	73	-45
(ref:NEWS)			

Q.21 In which state/territory are you registered to vote?

	Total
AL.....	-
AK.....	-
AZ.....	1
AR.....	0
CA.....	5
CO.....	-
CT.....	0
DE.....	-
DC.....	21
FL.....	3
GA.....	1
HI.....	-
ID.....	-
IL.....	3
IN.....	1
IA.....	-
KS.....	0
KY.....	-
LA.....	-
ME.....	-
MD.....	13
MA.....	3
MI.....	1
MN.....	1
MS.....	-
MO.....	1
MT.....	-
NE.....	-
NV.....	-
NH.....	0
NJ.....	3
NM.....	-
NY.....	7
NC.....	2
ND.....	-
OH.....	1
OK.....	-
OR.....	-
PA.....	11
RI.....	-
SC.....	-
SD.....	-
TN.....	-
TX.....	3
UT.....	-
VT.....	0
VA.....	11
WA.....	2
WV.....	-
WI.....	1
WY.....	0
(DK).....	2
(ref:STATE)	