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## DAILY TRACKER POLL – SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2008

### Nationwide Sample of Likely Voters October 14, 2008

R1. For roughly how long have you been registered to vote?

<u>REGISTERED TO VOTE</u>	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
Less than 12 months	4%	6%	6%	6%	5%
More than 12 months	96%	94%	94%	94%	95%

L1. Which of the following describes how likely you are to vote in the upcoming Presidential election?

<u>LIKELIHOOD TO VOTE</u>	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
Extremely likely	82%	83%	82%	82%	83%
Very likely	18%	17%	18%	18%	17%

### Direction/Priorities

1. I'd like to get your opinion about the way that things are going in the country today. Do you feel things in the country are generally going in the right direction, or do you think things are seriously off on the wrong track?

<u>DIRECTION OF COUNTRY</u>	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
Wrong Track	86%	86%	85%	86%	85%
Right Direction	10%	8%	8%	7%	9%

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2. And what is the most important issue facing the US today?

<b><u>MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE</u></b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b>
Economy in general	67%	68%	66%	65%	65%
Dissatisfaction with government/ Congress/politicians/candidates	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
War in Iraq - Oppose	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Unemployment/jobs	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Poor healthcare/hospitals; high cost of health care	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Gas/fuel/oil prices	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Terrorism	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
War in Iraq – Support	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
International issues/problems	1%	*%	1%	1%	1%
Moral values	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
High cost of living/inflation	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Education/poor education/access to education	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Abortion – Pro-life	*%	1%	*%	1%	*%
Immigration/illegal aliens	1%	*%	1%	1%	*%
Environment/pollution	*%	*%	*%	*%	*%

3 – 6. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following public figures. If you haven't heard of them, just tell me and we'll move on.

<b><u>IMAGES</u></b>	<b>10/10</b>		<b>10/11</b>		<b>10/12</b>		<b>10/13</b>		<b>10/14</b>	
	<b>Fav</b>	<b>Unfav</b>	<b>Fav</b>	<b>Unfav</b>	<b>Fav</b>	<b>Unfav</b>	<b>Fav</b>	<b>Unfav</b>	<b>Fav</b>	<b>Unfav</b>
John McCain	51%	41%	51%	43%	52%	43%	52%	44%	53%	42%
Barack Obama	57%	37%	57%	36%	56%	39%	55%	40%	54%	40%
Sarah Palin	45%	42%	44%	45%	47%	43%	46%	45%	46%	45%
Joe Biden	53%	31%	57%	30%	56%	31%	55%	33%	53%	35%

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7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

<b>BUSH APPROVAL</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b>
Disapprove	70%	71%	68%	68%	69%
Approve	27%	26%	28%	28%	27%

8. Now thinking about the next elections for U.S. Congress, if the elections for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for the (ROTATE) Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

<b>GENERIC CONGRESSIONAL BALLOT</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b>
Democratic	42%	44%	45%	45%	45%
Republican	34%	31%	33%	34%	35%

9. Now, suppose that the presidential election were being held today, and it included (ROTATE) John McCain and Sarah Palin as the Republican candidates, and Barack Obama and Joe Biden as the Democratic candidates. Would you vote for McCain and Palin, the Republicans, or Obama and Biden, the Democrats? [IF UNDECIDED/ REFUSED, ASK:] Which way would you lean as of today?

<b>HEAD-TO-HEAD</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b>
McCain-Palin	41%	40%	41%	42%	42%
Obama-Biden	48%	50%	49%	48%	48%
Undecided	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%

## Issues

10a. Which candidate – (ROTATE) John McCain or Barack Obama – do you think would do the best job handling the nation's healthcare?

<b>HEALTHCARE</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b>
McCain	34%	33%	32%	30%	31%
Obama	51%	50%	51%	51%	52%

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10b. Which candidate – (ROTATE) John McCain or Barack Obama – do you think would do the best job handling the nation's economy?

<u>ECONOMY</u>	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
McCain	38%	35%	37%	36%	36%
Obama	44%	48%	46%	50%	48%

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11a. Which candidate – (ROTATE) John McCain or Barack Obama – do you think would do the best job handling national security?

<u>NATIONAL SECURITY</u>	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
McCain	53%	54%	54%	53%	50%
Obama	35%	35%	38%	39%	41%

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11b. Which candidate – (ROTATE) John McCain or Barack Obama – do you think would do the best job managing America's energy policies?

<u>ENERGY POLICIES</u>	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
McCain	37%	34%	39%	41%	43%
Obama	48%	50%	45%	45%	43%

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## (Q.12-13 ROTATED)

12. Which candidate – (ROTATE) John McCain or Barack Obama – do you think is more prepared to lead the country?

<u>MORE PREPARED</u>	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
McCain	47%	46%	47%	48%	48%
Obama	39%	43%	42%	42%	40%

13. Which candidate – (ROTATE) John McCain or Barack Obama – do you think better understands the needs and priorities of people like yourself?

<u>BETTER UNDERSTANDS</u>	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14
McCain	35%	34%	34%	33%	32%
Obama	52%	53%	51%	53%	53%

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14. And, thinking again about Sarah Palin, the Republican nominee for Vice-President, assume for a moment that John McCain were elected President and she were elected Vice-President. How prepared do you think she is to serve as President if John McCain became unable to serve as President for some reason. Do you think she is...

<b>SARAH PALIN</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b>
Prepared	45%	43%	46%	43%	44%
Unprepared	51%	52%	49%	52%	53%

**Psychographics/Demographics**

I only have a few more questions for statistical purposes...

15. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? [IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or not so strong (Republican/Democrat)? [IF INDEPENDENT ASK:] Would you say that you lean toward Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

<b>PARTISAN AFFILIATION</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b>
Democrat	41%	41%	41%	40%	41%
Republican	37%	37%	37%	37%	37%
Independent	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%

- A. Gender (BY OBSERVATION)

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>10/12</b>	<b>10/13</b>	<b>10/14</b>
Female	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%
Male	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%