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DAILY TRACKER POLL – SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2008

Nationwide Sample of Likely Voters October 16, 2008

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

<u>REGISTERED TO VOTE</u>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Less than 12 months	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%
More than 12 months	94%	94%	95%	95%	95%

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

<u>LIKELIHOOD TO VOTE</u>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Extremely likely	82%	82%	83%	84%	87%
Very likely	18%	18%	17%	16%	13%

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Direction/Priorities

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

<u>MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE</u>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Economy in general	66%	65%	65%	62%	65%
Dissatisfaction with government/ Congress/politicians/candidates	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Terrorism	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Poor healthcare/hospitals; high cost of health care	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
War in Iraq - Oppose	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Unemployment/jobs	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Gas/fuel/oil prices	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
War in Iraq – Support	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
International issues/problems	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Moral values	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
High cost of living/inflation	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Immigration/illegal aliens	1%	1%	*%	1%	1%
Education/poor education/access to education	1%	1%	1%	1%	*%
Abortion – Pro-life	*%	1%	*%	*%	*%
Environment/pollution	*%	*%	*%	*%	*%

2 – 5. 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.

<u>IMAGES</u>	10/12		10/13		10/14		10/15		10/16	
	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav	Fav	Unfav
John McCain	52%	43%	52%	44%	53%	42%	53%	41%	53%	40%
Barack Obama	56%	39%	55%	40%	54%	40%	55%	39%	55%	39%
Sarah Palin	47%	43%	46%	45%	46%	45%	46%	44%	48%	42%
Joe Biden	56%	31%	55%	33%	53%	35%	53%	34%	52%	32%

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

BUSH APPROVAL	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Disapprove	68%	68%	69%	70%	67%
Approve	28%	28%	27%	26%	29%

4. 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?

GENERIC CONGRESSIONAL BALLOT	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Democratic	45%	45%	45%	45%	44%
Republican	33%	34%	35%	35%	38%

5. 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?

HEAD-TO-HEAD	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
McCain-Palin	41%	42%	42%	41%	41%
Obama-Biden	49%	48%	48%	49%	49%
Undecided	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%

Issues

6a. Which candidate – (ROTATE) John McCain or Barack Obama – do you think would do the best job handling the nation's economy?

ECONOMY	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
McCain	37%	36%	36%	34%	36%
Obama	46%	50%	48%	52%	50%

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6b. 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>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
McCain	39%	41%	43%	43%	43%
Obama	45%	45%	43%	42%	41%

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(Q.7-8 ROTATED)

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

<u>MORE PREPARED</u>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
McCain	47%	48%	48%	48%	48%
Obama	42%	42%	40%	40%	40%

8. 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>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
McCain	34%	33%	32%	33%	35%
Obama	51%	53%	53%	52%	52%

9. 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...

<u>SARAH PALIN</u>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Prepared	46%	43%	44%	43%	45%
Unprepared	49%	52%	53%	53%	52%

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Psychographics/Demographics

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

10. 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?

<u>PARTISAN AFFILIATION</u>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Democrat	41%	40%	41%	41%	41%
Republican	37%	37%	37%	37%	37%
Independent	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%

- A. Gender (BY OBSERVATION)

<u>GENDER</u>	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Female	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%
Male	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%