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## DAILY TRACKER POLL – SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2008

### Nationwide Sample of Likely Voters October 20, 2008

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

<u>REGISTERED TO VOTE</u>	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20
Less than 12 months	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%
More than 12 months	95%	95%	95%	95%	96%

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

<u>LIKELIHOOD TO VOTE</u>	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20
Extremely likely	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%
Very likely	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%

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**Direction/Priorities**

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

<b><u>MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE</u></b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/20</b>
Economy in general	65%	66%	68%	67%	67%
Terrorism	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Poor healthcare/hospitals; high cost of health care	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Moral values	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
War in Iraq - Oppose	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Unemployment/jobs	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Gas/fuel/oil prices	2%	1%	*%	*%	1%
International issues/problems	1%	1%	*%	1%	1%
Dissatisfaction with government/ Congress/politicians/candidates	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Abortion – Pro-life	*%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Education/poor education/access to education	*%	*%	*%	*%	1%
War in Iraq – Support	1%	*%	1%	1%	1%
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	1%	*%	1%	1%	1%
Environment/pollution	*%	*%	*%	1%	1%
Immigration/illegal aliens	1%	1%	*%	*%	*%
High cost of living/inflation	1%	*%	*%	*%	*%

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.

<b><u>IMAGES</u></b>	<b>10/16</b>		<b>10/17</b>		<b>10/18</b>		<b>10/19</b>		<b>10/20</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	53%	40%	52%	41%	53%	41%	53%	42%	53%	42%
Barack Obama	55%	39%	57%	37%	56%	38%	58%	36%	57%	38%
Sarah Palin	48%	42%	48%	43%	49%	42%	48%	44%	48%	43%
Joe Biden	52%	32%	52%	32%	53%	32%	56%	32%	55%	32%

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

<b>BUSH APPROVAL</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/20</b>
Disapprove	67%	65%	64%	65%	65%
Approve	29%	31%	33%	32%	31%

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?

<b>GENERIC CONGRESSIONAL BALLOT</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/20</b>
Democratic	44%	43%	42%	42%	42%
Republican	38%	37%	39%	37%	37%

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?

<b>HEAD-TO-HEAD</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/20</b>
McCain-Palin	41%	40%	42%	41%	42%
Obama-Biden	49%	50%	49%	48%	47%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%

## Issues

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

<b>ECONOMY</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>10/18</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>10/20</b>
McCain	36%	37%	38%	37%	37%
Obama	50%	50%	46%	49%	48%

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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>	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20
McCain	43%	42%	40%	41%	41%
Obama	41%	43%	45%	46%	44%

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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>	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20
McCain	48%	47%	47%	47%	48%
Obama	40%	41%	41%	41%	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>	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20
McCain	35%	37%	39%	38%	39%
Obama	52%	52%	52%	51%	50%

**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>	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20
Democrat	41%	41%	41%	41%	40%
Republican	37%	36%	37%	36%	37%
Independent	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%

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A. Gender (BY OBSERVATION)

<u>GENDER</u>	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20
Female	52%	52%	52%	52%	52%
Male	48%	48%	48%	48%	48%