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Siena New York Global Issues Poll:

82% of NY'ers – “World Conditions Have Worsened”

Majority Support Iraq Withdrawal, Talks with Iran, Off-Shore Drilling, Relations with Cuba

McCain vs. Obama: Supporters Live in Different Worlds

Loudonville, NY. As New Yorkers review the last two years, 82% say that conditions across the world have gotten worse. Looking forward, 32% believe that things in general will improve, but a majority says that the political, social and economic climate around the world will either stay the same or worsen according to a new poll of registered voters released today by the Siena Research Institute. By a majority of 58% to 33%, voters support beginning to withdraw troops from Iraq immediately and having all but a small force out of Iraq within 18 months. Nearly twice as many New Yorkers (53%) support direct talks with no preconditions with the leaders of Iran as oppose (27%) that step, two-thirds call for additional offshore drilling, and by 53% to 22% they advocate having normal and open relations with Cuba immediately. Senator Barack Obama leads Senator John McCain 44% to 26% with 25% undecided in the presidential contest. On many global issues, supporters of Obama and McCain are worlds apart.

While a majority of NY'ers support an immediate withdrawal from Iraq and by a margin of 61% to 29% do not support the notion that the United States military should remain in Iraq until that country can democratically govern itself, opinion is widely different between supporters of the two leading presidential contenders. Among those voters that support Obama, support for immediate withdrawal is at 78% and against an indefinite commitment to Iraq's democracy at 82%. Supporters of McCain oppose leaving Iraq 66% to 25% and support a continuing military presence by 2 to 1.

Among voters that would vote for Obama if the election were held today, by nearly 3 ½ to 1 they support direct talks with Iran's leaders; McCain's voters are evenly split on talks with Iran with 45% opposed and 43% in favor. Nearly 90% of the Arizona senator's supporters favor additional offshore oil drilling, but despite a plurality of the presumptive democratic nominee's supporters being in favor of drilling, they fail to reach 50%. By more than 4 to 1 Obama's voters call for immediate relations with Cuba while McCain voters only muster a small plurality, 46% to 32%.

“Obama voters, McCain voters, they just do not see Iraq, Iran and issues like offshore drilling and Cuba the same way,” according to SRI Director, Dr. Don Levy. “In each case the current 25% of voters that are undecided on the presidential race fall between McCain and Obama's supporters on issues. On Iraq the undecideds are closer to the Obama backers; on offshore drilling and Cuba, they lean towards the McCain supporters.”

Seventy-Eight percent of all New Yorkers (91% of McCain backers, 67% of Obama's) agree that although it is important to help people around the world that are in need, our first priority must be to effectively minimize terrorist threats to our country and its interests. But, only 15% of voters (23% of McCain's and 10% of Obama's) support actively spreading democracy to other nations, and 60% (71% of Obama's, 43% of McCain's) of New Yorkers do not think the United States should engage in any foreign wars unless part of a broad multi-nation coalition.

“Although most New Yorkers, especially John McCain's supporters believe it is wiser to be more concerned about Al Qaeda than global warming, a majority, especially Barack Obama's voters, would rather devote resources to fighting hunger and disease around the world than concentrate on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan,” Levy noted. “McCain's supporters by more than 3 to 1 agree that radical Islamic fundamentalism is the greatest danger our country faces in world today, but only 35% of Obama's backers feel the same way. And although a plurality of all New Yorkers, 42% to 35%, feel that the war in Afghanistan is more a threat to Americans than the war in Iraq and that we should increase our military forces in Afghanistan, there is no real difference between Obama's and McCain's supporters on this issue.”

Overall, New Yorkers are evenly split, 36% to 36% with 20% indicating that they do not have enough information, on whether the United States unfairly supports Israel more than the Palestinians. Jewish voters overwhelmingly disagree, McCain supporters tend to disagree while Obama supporters, African-Americans and Hispanic voters tend to agree that the United States unfairly supports Israel. And although a small plurality of Obama voters believe it is time the U.S. recognizes Hamas as the political leadership of the Palestinian people, New Yorkers overall disagree by 34% to 28% and McCain supporters disagree by 49% to 19%.

A majority of New York voters (52% to 35%) agree that it is time we further restrict the number of immigrants that come to the United States. Republicans, McCain supporters, suburbanites, upstaters and older voters strongly support restricting immigration, while Obama supporters, Democrats, and those with a college degree are evenly split.

Large majorities of New Yorkers support imposing sanctions on nations that develop nuclear facilities and refuse international inspections (73% to 14%), and they argue that ending genocide in Darfur should be a top priority of the American government (58% to 21%). A plurality of voters, 45% to 33% feel the United States needs to lessen its financial contribution to the United Nations. Support for lessening the financial contribution to the U.N. is 2 ½ to 1 among McCain backers while Obama supporters disagree and argue against cutting back the contribution by 45% to 32%. A majority of all New Yorkers (58% to 32%) including a majority of both Obama and McCain supporters are in favor of spending money to explore space or other planets.

Overwhelmingly across every demographic New Yorkers (70% to 5%) believe China ought to remove its troops from Tibet and allow that nation to be free and independent. Similarly, 71% of voters support the rights of indigenous, or native, peoples in their struggles against those governments that deny them in their quest for autonomy.

This SRI survey was conducted July 17-29, 2008 by telephone calls to 671 registered New York State voters. It has a margin of error of ± 3.8 percentage points. For more information, please call Dr. Don Levy at 518-783-2901. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: www.Siena.edu/SRI/issues_08.

1. As you think about the way things are going politically, socially and economically around the world, in general would you say that over the last couple of years conditions across the world have gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
better	4	3	7	2	3	5	6	4	5	4	4	8	5	5	2	5	3	0	8	4	5	4	2	6	3
about the same	13	7	23	11	6	20	14	10	17	13	14	8	5	7	10	16	14	13	11	16	12	13	13	17	8
worse	82	88	69	86	89	74	80	86	75	82	81	84	87	86	87	78	82	88	80	78	82	81	85	76	88
d/k	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	1

2. And as you consider the future, thinking about two years from today, do you think things in general across the world will have improved, stayed about the same, or will they get worse?

	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
improved	32	34	35	26	33	30	30	31	33	31	32	35	33	33	29	33	37	33	27	36	27	34	32	32	31
stayed the same	25	22	24	28	25	24	25	21	30	25	26	18	23	19	23	27	28	23	28	23	27	25	18	26	23
worse	31	30	29	31	29	31	33	32	28	31	29	31	38	38	34	27	25	34	27	32	32	29	28	30	32
d/k	13	15	12	14	13	15	11	16	9	13	13	17	5	10	14	14	11	10	19	8	14	11	22	12	14

I'm going to read you a series of statements that have been made about various national and international issues. For each tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, neither, disagree or strongly disagree. [ROTATE] If you are unfamiliar with an issue or if you do not have enough information about it, indicate that you "don't know."

3. The United States military should remain in Iraq until the Iraqis can successfully govern themselves as a democratic nation no matter how long it takes.

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Total Agree	29	12	59	26	15	52	31	25	32	30	32	16	28	33	29	27	33	28	36	27	27	26	41	34	24
Total Disagree	61	82	30	59	78	41	56	67	55	61	57	81	72	63	63	61	59	57	54	66	62	63	52	58	65
Strongly agree	7	2	18	3	3	14	9	8	9	5	7	5	3	3	7	8	7	13	8	9	8	7	3	9	6
Agree	22	9	41	23	12	38	22	17	23	25	24	11	26	30	22	18	26	15	28	17	19	19	38	25	19
Neither	6	5	7	8	6	5	8	4	11	5	8	1	0	1	4	9	6	11	6	6	6	6	6	6	7
Disagree	43	54	23	46	51	30	43	47	41	41	40	51	54	48	43	41	43	43	42	43	43	45	41	44	42
<u>Strongly disagree</u>	18	28	7	13	26	10	13	20	14	20	17	30	18	14	19	19	16	14	12	23	20	18	11	14	22
D/k	4	1	5	7	2	3	6	4	2	4	3	1	0	3	3	3	3	4	4	1	4	5	1	3	4

4. Our president should conduct direct talks, with no preconditions, with the leaders of Iran.

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Total Agree	53	62	43	50	56	49	51	52	48	58	56	57	41	46	55	55	54	41	55	50	55	52	56	54	53
Total Disagree	27	18	45	22	22	37	30	25	33	25	28	15	44	22	27	30	29	38	21	25	26	32	22	33	22
Strongly agree	6	7	4	4	6	6	5	6	6	5	6	8	0	4	7	5	6	3	2	5	7	4	6	6	6
Agree	48	55	39	46	50	43	46	46	42	53	50	49	41	42	48	49	49	38	53	45	48	48	49	48	47
Neither	5	5	1	9	6	3	6	6	7	3	5	4	5	3	4	6	5	8	4	4	6	5	5	4	6
Disagree	21	16	27	20	19	24	22	21	23	19	20	15	41	17	22	22	22	27	16	19	22	21	20	25	17
<u>Strongly disagree</u>	6	1	18	2	2	13	8	4	10	6	8	0	3	5	5	8	7	11	5	6	4	11	2	7	6
D/k	14	15	11	18	16	11	14	17	11	14	11	24	10	29	13	10	11	12	20	21	13	11	17	10	18

5. The United States government and its foreign policy should attempt to actively spread democracy to nations and peoples around the world, even if it requires military force.

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		Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	15	10	23	14	13	21	12	16	17	13	13	13	28	26	14	12	17	15	16	18	11	15	20	16	14
Total Disagree	74	81	63	79	79	68	79	73	74	79	76	76	72	66	75	79	74	69	74	71	77	77	72	77	74
Strongly agree	1	1	3	0	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	3	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1
Agree	13	9	20	14	12	18	12	14	15	12	12	10	28	24	13	10	16	14	14	17	10	13	19	14	13
Neither	5	3	7	5	3	7	6	5	6	5	7	4	0	2	6	6	6	10	4	4	7	5	2	5	6
Disagree	56	59	47	61	56	52	61	53	59	57	57	53	59	55	57	55	55	56	61	54	56	56	57	56	56
Strongly disagree	19	22	16	18	23	17	18	19	15	22	20	23	13	11	17	24	19	14	13	17	21	21	15	21	18
D/k	5	5	6	2	6	3	3	6	3	3	4	8	0	6	5	3	3	6	5	7	5	2	6	2	6

6. Our country should impose economic sanctions on nations that develop nuclear facilities and refuse international inspections.

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		Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	73	68	84	71	73	79	68	63	79	79	79	59	41	60	73	77	79	85	72	55	77	75	78	76	71
Total Disagree	14	17	6	14	12	9	20	19	9	12	10	16	41	16	13	13	11	7	14	21	13	12	11	15	13
Strongly agree	22	20	30	18	20	30	17	15	25	28	27	11	11	12	23	26	25	25	20	18	25	23	19	26	19
Agree	51	48	54	53	52	49	51	48	55	51	52	48	30	48	50	51	54	60	51	36	52	52	59	49	52
Neither	5	6	4	4	5	4	6	6	3	4	4	8	5	4	3	6	5	0	4	5	4	5	4	4	6
Disagree	12	14	5	13	11	8	18	17	8	10	9	15	38	14	11	12	10	7	12	19	12	10	9	12	12
Strongly disagree	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	1	3	0
D/k	9	9	6	12	10	8	6	12	9	5	7	18	14	19	10	4	5	8	11	19	6	8	7	6	11

7. It is time the United States recognize Hamas as the political leadership of the Palestinian people.

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		Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	28	33	19	25	28	22	31	27	24	30	25	33	30	33	22	28	24	15	29	27	24	29	33	32	22
Total Disagree	34	29	49	29	34	39	35	35	42	30	39	15	40	21	37	39	35	74	31	32	35	40	27	40	31
Strongly agree	3	3	1	1	2	1	4	3	1	3	2	3	0	3	1	3	2	0	1	0	3	3	2	3	2
Agree	25	29	18	23	25	21	27	24	22	27	23	31	30	30	21	25	22	15	28	27	21	25	31	30	20
Neither	10	11	7	11	11	11	8	10	8	10	10	14	8	5	10	12	10	5	12	8	12	10	5	9	11
Disagree	26	25	33	22	26	28	27	27	30	23	28	15	38	19	30	27	30	37	26	23	24	30	26	29	24
Strongly disagree	9	4	16	8	8	11	7	8	12	6	11	0	3	3	7	12	5	37	5	9	10	10	1	11	7
D/k	28	27	25	35	27	28	26	27	26	30	26	37	23	41	31	22	31	5	27	32	29	21	34	20	36

8. Ending genocide in Darfur must be a top priority of the American government.

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Total Agree	58	69	49	49	65	50	58	63	55	56	58	65	41	48	59	60	51	64	61	41	63	62	53	61	55
Total Disagree	21	16	31	19	17	27	23	15	24	26	22	10	41	17	19	24	24	19	19	33	18	21	19	24	19
Strongly agree	14	17	10	13	16	9	15	16	16	10	13	15	10	9	14	15	12	15	14	5	16	13	20	14	14
Agree	44	52	39	36	49	42	42	47	39	46	45	50	31	39	44	46	39	49	47	36	47	50	33	47	41
Neither	6	4	10	6	4	8	7	6	9	5	7	5	3	6	5	7	8	5	5	6	7	7	2	6	7
Disagree	18	14	26	18	14	22	20	13	19	22	18	9	36	16	16	20	21	15	16	26	16	17	18	19	17
Strongly disagree	3	2	6	2	3	5	3	2	5	3	4	1	5	1	3	4	3	4	4	7	2	4	1	5	2
D/k	14	10	10	26	14	14	12	16	13	13	13	19	15	29	17	8	17	11	14	20	11	10	26	9	19

9. Our country needs to lessen its financial contribution to the United Nations.

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	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	45	32	62	45	34	56	52	43	42	50	44	43	58	56	53	36	51	38	34	52	44	40	52	52	39
Total Disagree	33	45	25	24	42	26	28	37	34	30	33	32	29	19	27	43	26	42	42	25	31	41	29	36	31
Strongly agree	8	3	15	5	4	14	10	5	10	10	9	3	3	6	9	8	9	8	3	9	8	9	7	10	6
Agree	37	29	47	40	30	41	42	38	32	40	35	41	55	50	44	28	42	30	31	43	36	31	45	41	32
Neither	8	9	6	11	9	8	5	8	8	8	9	4	5	5	9	8	9	6	6	7	11	7	3	4	12
Disagree	29	37	23	21	34	24	26	31	29	26	29	27	26	17	24	36	24	38	38	22	25	36	28	29	28
Strongly disagree	5	8	2	2	8	2	2	6	4	4	4	5	3	2	3	7	2	4	4	3	7	5	1	6	3
D/k	14	14	7	21	16	10	15	12	17	13	13	22	8	20	10	14	13	14	18	16	14	12	16	9	19

10. The United States should begin withdrawing troops from Iraq immediately and have all but a small force out of Iraq within 18 months.

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	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	58	78	25	58	73	36	56	65	49	57	55	71	59	58	64	55	54	61	52	62	56	59	55	54	61
Total Disagree	33	15	66	27	20	56	31	27	37	35	36	22	33	30	28	36	36	28	38	27	34	31	39	37	28
Strongly agree	17	25	6	14	22	9	15	18	14	17	14	25	23	12	22	16	16	14	12	29	18	14	8	15	18
Agree	41	53	19	44	50	26	40	47	34	40	41	46	36	47	42	39	38	47	40	32	38	46	47	39	43
Neither	5	3	4	9	4	5	8	3	9	4	5	3	5	6	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	5	5	5	6
Disagree	25	14	46	22	17	41	23	22	25	27	27	20	31	25	22	26	29	22	27	20	26	23	32	28	21
Strongly disagree	8	1	20	5	3	15	9	5	12	8	9	1	3	5	6	9	7	6	12	7	8	8	6	9	7
D/k	4	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	6	3	4	5	3	6	3	4	4	6	4	5	5	5	1	3	5

11. Radical Islamic fundamentalism is the greatest danger our country faces in the world.

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Total Agree	45	35	66	40	41	53	44	38	53	46	49	27	36	50	49	41	50	56	44	29	43	48	58	49	41
Total Disagree	35	46	20	33	39	26	37	39	27	37	33	41	41	23	30	43	30	26	36	49	36	34	22	37	34
Strongly agree	10	3	23	6	6	16	9	8	12	10	12	1	3	5	10	11	11	18	6	9	7	13	8	13	7
Agree	35	31	43	33	35	37	35	30	41	36	38	25	33	45	38	30	39	38	38	20	36	35	49	37	34
Neither	9	7	10	11	7	13	9	8	12	8	9	11	8	6	10	9	11	8	7	7	12	10	3	7	11
Disagree	31	40	19	29	33	24	34	33	25	34	29	33	41	22	28	36	28	23	35	42	31	31	21	33	30
Strongly disagree	4	7	1	4	6	2	3	6	2	3	4	8	0	1	1	7	2	3	1	7	5	4	1	4	4
D/k	11	12	4	16	13	7	9	15	7	9	8	22	15	22	11	7	9	10	13	15	10	8	17	7	14

12. Rather than concentrating on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States should devote its resources to fighting hunger and disease around the world.

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	Total	Obama	McCain	Undecided	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up-State	White	Af./Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	52	70	25	50	63	34	54	60	47	49	48	63	51	53	51	52	49	40	49	65	48	53	51	47	57
Total Disagree	31	18	55	28	21	45	34	26	36	32	35	23	23	22	36	31	32	42	28	22	33	31	33	34	28
Strongly agree	13	20	5	9	17	5	12	16	10	11	11	19	10	8	11	16	9	14	10	19	12	13	9	9	16
Agree	39	50	21	41	45	29	42	44	37	37	37	44	41	46	40	36	39	26	39	45	36	40	41	37	41
Neither	13	10	16	17	13	16	11	12	13	15	14	10	15	14	11	14	16	14	14	8	17	12	13	16	10
Disagree	28	18	46	26	20	36	31	23	32	29	31	22	21	20	34	26	28	39	27	20	28	28	29	29	26
Strongly disagree	3	0	9	2	1	9	2	3	4	3	4	1	3	2	2	5	4	3	2	2	4	3	3	5	2
D/k	4	3	4	5	4	6	1	3	3	5	4	4	10	11	2	3	3	4	9	5	3	4	4	4	4

13. It would be wise to be concerned more about global warming than about terrorists like Al Qaeda.

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Total Agree	31	45	12	28	38	17	36	38	24	30	28	36	39	26	29	35	24	26	32	41	32	28	25	31	31
Total Disagree	53	39	80	49	44	71	50	46	62	54	57	44	50	53	54	52	60	60	55	48	53	55	53	56	50
Strongly agree	9	14	4	6	13	2	10	13	5	8	7	11	5	6	5	12	6	6	9	11	12	6	4	8	10
Agree	22	31	8	23	25	14	26	25	19	22	21	25	34	20	23	23	18	21	23	30	20	22	21	24	21
Neither	11	12	6	15	12	10	11	10	12	12	12	11	8	14	13	10	13	8	5	7	12	10	17	10	13
Disagree	41	38	49	41	39	50	36	37	47	41	42	41	47	44	43	39	47	42	42	36	40	45	42	44	39
Strongly disagree	12	1	31	8	5	21	14	8	14	13	14	3	3	8	11	13	13	18	13	12	13	11	11	12	11
D/k	4	3	2	8	6	2	3	6	2	4	3	9	3	8	4	3	3	6	8	3	2	6	5	2	6

14. I support having normal and open relations with Cuba immediately.

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	Total	Obama	McCain	Undecided	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up-State	White	Af./Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	53	63	46	44	57	46	54	55	53	51	54	48	67	45	50	57	49	60	52	48	47	58	60	66	40
Total Disagree	22	15	32	23	18	29	21	21	21	24	22	21	15	29	21	21	26	14	23	20	24	20	25	22	23
Strongly agree	8	11	6	4	8	7	10	8	10	7	8	5	10	3	7	11	8	6	3	5	6	13	6	10	6
Agree	45	51	40	40	49	39	44	47	43	44	46	43	56	42	42	47	41	54	50	43	42	45	54	56	34
Neither	11	9	10	15	10	9	13	10	13	9	11	13	5	9	10	12	11	13	10	13	11	10	7	7	14
Disagree	19	14	25	21	17	22	20	20	18	19	18	19	15	26	19	18	22	13	19	17	21	17	22	18	20
Strongly disagree	3	1	7	2	1	7	2	1	2	5	3	3	0	3	2	3	3	1	4	3	2	3	3	3	2
D/k	14	13	12	18	15	16	11	14	13	15	13	19	13	17	20	10	14	14	15	19	17	12	7	5	23

15. It is important to help people around the world that are in need, but our first priority must be to effectively minimize terrorist threats to our country and its interests.																									
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	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	78	67	91	82	72	87	77	73	82	79	79	77	74	84	84	73	83	78	79	76	78	74	88	76	80
Total Disagree	15	23	6	11	18	7	17	18	11	13	13	11	21	9	12	18	10	14	15	15	16	16	8	17	12
Strongly agree	20	10	34	22	13	29	21	16	28	19	22	15	15	17	20	21	23	21	18	21	20	19	21	19	21
Agree	58	58	57	60	59	58	56	58	54	60	58	62	59	67	64	51	60	58	62	55	58	55	67	57	59
Neither	5	7	3	5	7	4	5	5	5	6	5	9	5	4	3	7	5	5	4	6	5	7	2	6	5
Disagree	12	18	4	11	15	5	15	16	10	10	11	11	15	8	11	14	8	11	13	13	13	13	8	13	11
Strongly disagree	2	4	2	0	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	0	5	2	0	4	1	3	2	2	3	3	0	3	2
D/k	2	3	1	2	3	2	1	3	1	3	2	3	0	3	1	2	2	3	1	3	1	3	2	2	3
16. I support additional drilling for oil off the shores of the U.S.																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	66	48	89	70	56	86	64	56	69	75	72	54	66	75	73	59	78	63	61	64	63	68	75	66	67
Total Disagree	25	42	8	17	34	8	30	32	25	19	22	33	32	13	22	32	16	28	28	26	28	25	19	28	24
Strongly agree	21	7	42	23	12	38	19	16	23	26	24	9	13	20	23	21	25	26	21	16	21	21	25	22	21
Agree	45	41	47	47	43	47	45	40	47	49	48	45	53	54	50	38	53	36	40	47	41	46	49	44	46
Neither	4	4	1	6	5	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	3	3	5	3	4	4	4	5	4	2	3	4
Disagree	18	27	7	14	22	7	22	22	18	14	14	23	29	11	17	21	11	19	20	18	18	17	16	20	16
Strongly disagree	8	15	1	3	12	1	8	11	7	5	7	10	3	2	5	11	5	8	8	8	10	8	3	8	8
D/k	4	5	2	6	6	3	2	8	2	2	3	9	0	9	2	4	3	6	7	6	5	3	4	3	6
17. I do not think we should spend money trying to explore space or other planets.																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	32	28	29	37	30	31	31	31	33	31	29	38	38	43	38	24	33	28	35	32	32	28	38	24	38
Total Disagree	58	62	59	53	59	57	62	57	57	60	62	48	51	46	50	67	56	67	56	55	59	62	51	67	50
Strongly agree	6	4	6	9	5	7	8	6	4	8	6	6	13	8	7	5	5	8	5	10	7	6	2	5	7
Agree	25	24	24	27	26	24	23	25	29	23	23	31	26	36	30	19	28	19	29	22	25	22	36	19	31
Neither	8	9	9	7	9	10	6	9	8	7	7	11	10	7	8	8	9	6	5	11	8	9	4	7	9
Disagree	49	52	49	44	48	48	53	48	46	52	52	40	44	41	44	54	46	58	50	47	51	49	43	55	42
Strongly disagree	9	10	10	8	11	9	9	9	11	8	10	8	8	5	6	12	10	8	6	8	8	13	7	12	7
D/k	2	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	0	4	3	1	2	0	4	2	1	1	7	2	3
18. The war in Afghanistan is more of threat to Americans than the war in Iraq. We should increase our military forces in Afghanistan.																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	42	49	45	29	42	47	41	41	41	45	43	44	39	38	44	43	44	44	46	34	40	44	52	54	32
Total Disagree	35	33	31	42	37	29	36	37	33	35	33	38	39	42	35	33	32	35	28	42	36	33	28	31	39
Strongly agree	7	10	7	4	7	6	8	8	3	10	7	9	5	5	11	6	8	6	7	8	7	7	8	11	4
Agree	35	39	38	25	35	40	33	33	38	35	37	35	34	33	32	37	36	39	39	26	33	37	43	43	28
Neither	10	11	11	10	10	13	8	10	13	8	11	9	13	7	11	11	10	11	11	12	10	10	9	9	12
Disagree	30	29	26	36	33	25	31	33	26	30	28	35	39	38	30	28	27	33	26	37	32	29	21	26	34
Strongly disagree	5	3	5	6	4	5	6	3	6	5	6	3	0	3	5	5	5	1	2	5	3	5	7	5	4
D/k	12	8	13	20	11	11	15	12	13	12	13	9	8	13	11	13	14	10	15	12	14	12	11	6	18

19. I think it is time that we further restrict the number of immigrants that come to the United States.

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	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F	
Total Agree	52	42	63	57	44	63	54	46	59	54	53	45	51	70	57	44	63	32	50	43	48	56	62	52	52	
Total Disagree	35	43	27	32	43	25	36	39	30	35	35	35	38	21	31	42	24	49	42	42	42	37	34	28	37	34
Strongly agree	17	9	24	23	12	24	17	12	19	21	18	9	13	23	21	13	18	10	18	16	15	19	19	17	17	
Agree	35	34	39	33	31	40	37	34	41	33	35	36	38	47	36	31	44	22	32	27	33	37	43	35	35	
Neither	8	9	6	9	8	9	7	9	6	9	8	10	10	2	7	11	10	8	5	10	10	7	6	7	10	
Disagree	29	37	21	27	35	20	33	30	27	30	30	26	36	19	28	33	20	42	39	37	29	28	26	30	29	
Strongly disagree	6	6	6	5	8	5	4	9	3	4	5	9	3	2	3	9	4	7	3	5	8	6	2	7	5	
D/k	4	5	4	3	6	3	3	6	4	2	4	10	0	7	4	3	3	11	3	4	5	4	3	5	4	

20. I do not think the United States should engage in any foreign wars unless we are part of a broad multi-nation coalition.

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	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	60	71	43	58	66	47	64	58	55	65	58	72	58	60	64	57	61	46	58	52	60	64	57	56	63
Total Disagree	26	17	47	20	19	40	25	23	30	26	30	10	26	19	24	30	28	43	26	28	29	23	24	33	20
Strongly agree	14	17	11	12	16	9	15	12	10	18	13	19	11	10	13	16	16	6	11	14	16	14	9	15	13
Agree	46	54	32	46	50	38	48	46	45	46	45	53	47	50	51	41	45	40	47	37	44	51	47	41	50
Neither	6	7	3	9	5	6	6	8	8	3	5	10	11	2	5	8	5	6	6	8	6	5	5	6	6
Disagree	22	16	36	18	17	30	23	20	25	23	25	9	24	17	21	25	23	42	26	23	25	19	23	27	18
Strongly disagree	4	0	12	2	2	10	2	3	6	4	5	1	3	3	3	5	5	1	0	5	5	5	1	6	2
D/k	8	6	7	13	9	6	5	11	7	6	6	8	5	19	7	5	5	6	11	12	5	7	14	4	11

21. Our country must lead the way in establishing free trade between and among all nations by removing protective tariffs.

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	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	39	41	41	38	43	32	38	41	40	37	38	43	39	41	40	38	40	40	40	42	31	43	49	46	33
Total Disagree	33	30	36	31	29	41	34	26	32	40	35	22	32	31	32	34	35	31	27	30	34	33	29	32	33
Strongly agree	4	3	6	5	4	4	7	6	3	4	4	3	3	3	5	5	5	1	2	3	6	5	1	6	3
Agree	35	37	34	34	40	28	31	35	37	33	34	41	37	38	35	34	35	39	38	39	25	38	48	40	30
Neither	10	10	7	12	10	11	12	12	12	8	10	14	13	3	9	13	10	11	5	13	13	7	7	8	13
Disagree	29	27	31	27	26	35	29	23	28	34	31	20	26	26	27	30	30	28	26	25	32	27	25	28	29
Strongly disagree	4	3	6	5	3	6	5	3	4	6	5	1	5	5	4	4	3	2	5	2	6	4	5	4	
D/k	18	19	16	19	18	16	16	21	16	16	17	22	16	25	19	14	16	18	27	14	22	16	14	14	21

22. China ought to remove its troops from Tibet and allow that nation to be free and independent.

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Total Agree	70	76	69	57	73	66	72	70	67	71	70	70	76	64	69	73	70	71	67	68	67	73	71	73	66
Total Disagree	5	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	3	5	7	4	4	6	6	4	7	5	4	4	7	3
Strongly agree	18	21	20	11	18	16	23	17	20	17	20	15	8	11	19	20	18	19	13	19	19	20	11	19	17
Agree	51	55	49	46	55	50	49	52	47	54	51	54	68	53	50	52	52	51	54	48	48	53	60	54	49
Neither	7	5	6	9	6	8	6	9	7	5	7	9	5	5	7	7	8	8	3	8	8	7	2	6	8
Disagree	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	5	4	4	7	4	3	4	6	2
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
D/k	19	13	20	30	16	22	17	17	22	19	18	19	13	24	19	17	16	15	27	17	19	17	23	14	24

23. The United States unfairly supports Israel more than the Palestinians.																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	36	40	28	36	40	27	39	40	30	36	33	38	44	36	36	36	37	19	34	32	32	38	46	42	30
Total Disagree	36	33	51	26	35	42	34	35	46	29	41	18	31	28	33	41	32	78	29	30	38	39	27	41	31
Strongly agree	7	8	5	7	7	5	9	9	6	6	6	10	5	4	7	8	6	4	7	9	6	8	7	9	6
Agree	29	33	23	29	33	22	30	31	23	30	27	28	38	32	28	28	31	15	27	23	27	30	39	34	25
Neither	8	9	5	10	7	8	8	8	6	8	7	10	10	7	10	7	9	0	11	10	7	7	11	6	9
Disagree	27	27	36	20	26	30	30	29	31	23	30	14	28	26	29	27	27	51	25	25	27	29	27	31	24
Strongly disagree	9	5	15	6	10	12	4	6	15	6	10	4	3	2	4	14	5	27	4	5	12	10	0	10	7
D/k	20	18	16	28	18	23	19	16	18	26	19	35	15	29	22	16	23	3	27	28	23	16	16	11	29

24. In most cases, I support the rights of indigenous, or native, peoples in their struggles against those governments that deny them in their quest for autonomy.																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Total Agree	71	77	72	59	76	71	68	73	71	70	72	70	79	58	65	79	70	72	70	65	77	72	61	73	70
Total Disagree	9	8	7	12	6	10	9	7	8	11	8	6	5	13	11	5	9	7	11	9	5	9	16	9	8
Strongly agree	12	14	12	9	12	11	14	13	16	8	11	13	8	8	7	16	11	14	6	14	15	11	4	10	13
Agree	59	63	60	50	64	60	54	59	55	62	61	57	72	49	58	63	60	58	64	51	62	61	57	63	56
Neither	7	6	6	9	5	7	9	5	9	8	7	11	0	4	8	7	7	7	3	8	8	7	3	6	7
Disagree	8	7	6	11	6	8	7	6	7	9	7	6	5	11	10	5	7	7	9	9	4	8	14	8	7
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	1
D/k	13	9	15	20	13	12	14	16	13	11	13	13	15	25	15	8	14	14	17	18	10	12	20	11	15

If the presidential election were held today and your choices were, [Rotate] Barack Obama, John McCain, Ralph Nader or Bob Barr, who would you vote for?																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
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Obama	44	0	0	0	66	14	38	57	34	37	36	80	63	42	41	46	35	44	42	54	44	42	35	44	43
McCain	26	0	0	0	12	55	25	18	37	27	33	5	8	27	23	28	35	26	23	19	26	26	34	29	24
Nader	3	0	0	0	2	5	3	2	3	4	4	0	0	2	4	3	3	1	3	2	4	4	1	3	3
Barr	2	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	0	2	2	2	2	1	4	2	3	1	0	2	1
Undecided	25	0	0	0	20	23	31	22	24	29	25	14	29	28	29	22	25	26	28	23	23	27	31	22	29

Party affiliation																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
Democrat	45	68	20	35	0	0	0	61	39	33	39	78	59	48	40	48	38	74	40	42	47	45	45	41	50
Republican	26	9	54	24	0	0	0	12	31	36	32	8	15	24	25	27	32	13	34	19	27	27	29	28	24
Independent	24	21	23	29	0	0	0	21	26	26	25	10	23	20	30	22	27	13	20	32	23	25	17	27	21
Refused	5	2	3	12	0	0	0	5	4	4	4	4	3	8	5	3	3	1	6	6	3	3	8	4	5

Education																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
High school or less	18	17	18	19	19	17	15	21	12	19	16	24	26	0	0	0	20	6	23	25	9	17	34	18	17
Some college	30	29	27	35	26	29	37	26	27	36	29	28	41	0	0	0	32	21	28	35	29	28	31	31	29
Bachelors or above	52	55	55	44	55	54	48	53	61	44	55	48	33	0	0	0	48	74	49	39	62	54	34	50	54
refused	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Race/Ethnicity																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
White	71	59	89	70	61	87	75	46	80	89	0	0	0	64	68	76	80	99	65	54	69	79	79	71	71
Af./Am	12	22	2	6	20	3	5	24	6	3	0	0	0	16	11	11	6	0	20	19	12	9	10	12	12
Hispanic	6	8	2	6	8	3	6	11	5	1	0	0	0	8	8	4	9	0	4	17	6	3	0	6	5
Asian	2	3	2	2	2	1	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	3	3	1	1	2	2
other	6	5	2	10	7	4	7	8	3	5	0	0	0	7	8	4	3	1	4	4	7	5	6	6	5
refused	3	3	2	5	2	2	3	6	3	1	0	0	0	3	3	3	1	0	3	3	3	3	3	2	5
Religion																									
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Catholic	44	35	58	42	37	54	48	36	52	45	50	21	67	49	46	41	0	0	0	44	44	43	44	42	45
Jewish	11	11	11	11	17	5	6	14	17	3	15	0	0	3	7	15	0	0	0	8	11	13	9	11	10
Protestant	17	16	15	19	15	22	14	15	11	23	16	29	13	22	16	16	0	0	0	9	14	18	29	15	18
other	24	32	15	21	28	18	25	29	17	26	18	50	15	23	26	23	0	0	0	35	27	21	13	26	22
refused	4	5	2	7	3	1	7	6	4	3	2	0	5	3	4	5	0	0	0	3	5	5	4	5	4
Age																									
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18-34	15	18	11	13	14	11	20	17	11	15	11	24	43	21	17	11	15	11	8	0	0	0	0	16	14
35-49	38	38	38	34	39	39	36	39	35	37	36	39	40	19	36	45	38	38	31	0	0	0	0	33	42
50-64	33	32	33	35	33	34	35	29	41	31	36	24	18	32	31	34	33	39	36	0	0	0	0	36	30
65+	14	11	18	17	14	16	10	14	12	16	16	13	0	28	15	9	14	13	25	0	0	0	0	16	13
refused	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gender [observed]																									
	Candidate				Party			Region			Race/Ethnicity			Education			Religion			Age				Gender	
	Total	Obama	McCain	Undeci ded	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	NYC	Subs	Up- State	White	Af./ Am	Hisp.	HS, less	Some college	BS+	Cath.	Jwsh.	Prot.	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	M	F
male	49	49	54	42	44	53	55	49	45	51	49	49	54	51	50	47	47	51	44	52	42	53	54	0	0
female	51	51	46	58	56	47	45	51	55	49	51	51	46	49	50	53	53	49	56	48	58	47	46	0	0