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Now, I would like to read a list of several political figures. For each one, please tell me if you recognize the name, and if you do, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person. The first name is _____? Do you recognize the name?

[IF YES, ASK] Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of (him/her)?

[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK] Would that be very or generally?

[ROTATE Qs]	<u>DON'T</u> <u>RECOG</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>FAVOR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY</u> <u>UNFAV</u>	<u>REF</u> <u>UNDEC</u>
John McCain	0%	24%	48%	44%	28%	8%
Barack Obama	0%	33%	56%	34%	22%	10%
Sarah Palin	2%	27%	46%	40%	24%	13%
Joe Biden	5%	24%	52%	31%	16%	12%

Do you think the U.S. economy is getting stronger, getting weaker, or staying about the same?

- 2% Getting stronger
- 80% Getting weaker
- 17% Staying about the same
- 1% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Do you think that your personal or family financial situation is getting stronger, getting weaker, or staying about the same?

- 6% Getting stronger
- 47% Getting weaker
- 47% Staying about the same
- 0% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Next, I would like to ask how you would vote for President in the November 4th election.

If the election were held today, would you vote for **[ROTATE]** John McCain the Republican, Barack Obama the Democrat, Ralph Nader the Independent, or Bob Barr the Libertarian?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which candidate would you lean toward, **[ROTATE]** Obama, McCain, Nader or Barr?]

43%	Vote for Barack Obama the Democrat	
5%	Lean toward Barack Obama -----	48% Total Obama
35%	Vote for John McCain the Republican	
3%	Lean toward John McCain -----	38% Total McCain
1%	Vote for Ralph Nader the Independent	
1%	Lean toward Nader -----	2% Total Nader
1%	Vote for Bob Barr the Libertarian	
0%	Lean toward Barr -----	1% Total Barr
12%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

How much have you been following the situation with national banking system and financial markets – very closely, somewhat closely, only a little or not at all?

41%	Very closely	
39%	Somewhat closely -----	80% Closely
15%	Only a little	
5%	Not at all -----	20% Not Closely
0%	Undecided/Don't know/Refused	

Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose the federal government taking action to intervene in the private sector, either by guaranteeing loans to for-profit corporations, or by more direct takeover of those troubled companies? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: “Would that be Strongly or Somewhat?”]**

11%	Strongly Favor	
30%	Somewhat favor -----	41% Total Favor
20%	Somewhat oppose	
23%	Strongly oppose -----	43% Total Oppose
16%	Undecided/DK/Refused	

More specifically . . . **[ROTATE Qs]**

Because of the troubled financial situation with the two largest federally chartered mortgage finance companies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac – who handle more than half of all home loans – the federal government recently assumed control of these mortgage lenders. This move, committing up to an estimated \$200 billion in federal revenue to cover potential losses, was made in an attempt to bring some stability to an already shaky housing market. Based on what you know about this action, did you favor or oppose the action to assume federal government control of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly or somewhat?]**

18% Strongly favor
 32% Somewhat favor ----- **50% Total Favor**
 18% Somewhat oppose
 22% Strongly oppose ----- **40% Total Oppose**
 10% Undecided/DK/Refused

In another action . . .

The federal government authorized up to \$85 billion in loans and financial assistance to one of the largest international insurance companies, called A.I.G., or the American International Group, as another means to bring back confidence in the U.S. economy. Based on what you know about this action, did you favor or oppose the decision to provide financial assistance to A.I.G.? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly or somewhat?]**

15% Strongly favor
 25% Somewhat favor ----- **40% Total Favor**
 21% Somewhat oppose
 25% Strongly oppose ----- **46% Total Oppose**
 14% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

In the latest developments, the Bush administration through the United States Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve, along with the leaders of Congress, are working on a comprehensive plan to shore up the entire private financial sector of the economy. While the exact outline of the plan has to be worked out, the plan would commit up to an estimated \$700 billion to assist a wide collection of large private companies such as banks and investment firms, in order to avoid a collapse in the financial markets – which some experts say could be quite severe. Based on what you know about this action, do you favor or oppose a plan to provide this large-scale federal financial assistance to the private sector? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: Would that be strongly or somewhat?]**

13% Strongly favor
 31% Somewhat favor ----- **44% Total Favor**
 17% Somewhat oppose
 24% Strongly oppose ----- **41% Total Oppose**
 15% Undecided/DK/Refused

Because of these recent events with our banking system and financial markets, what do you think the chances are that the United States could be headed for another Great Depression? Do you think it is very likely that we are headed for another Great Depression, somewhat likely, only a little likely or not really likely at all?

- 25% Very likely
- 36% Somewhat likely ----- **61% Likely**
- 20% Only a little likely
- 16% Not likely at all ----- **36% Little/Not Likely**
- 3% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

How concerned are you about the possible impact on our nation's economy of the failures of several banking institutions and our financial markets – very concerned, somewhat concerned, only a little concerned or not really concerned at all?

- 57% Very concerned
- 31% Somewhat concerned ----- **88% Total Concerned**
- 8% Only a little concerned
- 3% Not concerned at all ----- **11% Little/Not concerned**
- 1% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Thinking about the amount of federal regulations that there are in place to control the actions of banks, lending institutions and our financial markets, do you think there are currently enough federal regulations in place to deal with the actions of our financial institutions, should there be more regulations, or, should there be fewer regulations? **[IF MORE/FEWER, ASK: Would that be much or somewhat?]**

- 31% There should be much more regulations
- 25% There should be somewhat more regulations ----- **56% Total More Regulations**
- 21% There are currently enough regulations
- 8% There should be somewhat fewer regulations
- 2% There should be much fewer regulations ----- **10% Total Fewer Regulations**
- 13% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Based on what you know about the comments and plans to address the problems with our banking system and financial markets, which candidate do you think has proposed a plan to address the situation that is closer to your views about the issue **[ROTATE]** Barack Obama or John McCain?

- 42% Barack Obama
- 32% John McCain
- 11% Neither **(VOLUNTEERED)**
- 2% Both **(VOLUNTEERED)**
- 13% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Turning to the issue of foreign affairs...

Overall, which candidate [ROTATE] Barack Obama or John McCain, has proposed policies dealing with foreign affairs issues that come closer to your view?

42% Barack Obama
 45% John McCain
 3% Neither (**VOLUNTEERED**)
 1% Both (**VOLUNTEERED**)
 9% Undecided/Don't know/Refused

Now I would like to read more specific descriptions of foreign affairs issues. For each one I describe, please tell me whether you think [ROTATE] John McCain the Republican or Barack Obama the Democrat will do a better job of handling that issue?

[ROTATE Qs]	<u>John McCain Republican</u>	<u>Barack Obama Democrat</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Ref/ Undec</u>
Striking the proper balance between using diplomacy and using the possible threat of military power or economic sanctions in dealing with Russia.	41%	46%	3%	10%
Improving the image of the United States throughout the world	33%	53%	3%	9%
Dealing with the war in Afghanistan	46%	45%	2%	7%
Dealing with the ongoing effort to protect America from another terrorist attack	50%	38%	4%	8%
Dealing with international trade issues and the problems of a global economy	35%	51%	2%	12%
Dealing with the war in Iraq	45%	46%	2%	7%
Working with other countries to fight international terrorism	47%	42%	3%	8%
Dealing with the growing influence of Iran	45%	41%	3%	11%

Next I would like to ask you about two proposals that will appear before Michigan voters this November. The first ballot question is **[ROTATE Qs]**

A proposal to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical purposes. Based on what you know or may have heard about this proposal, if the election were held today, would you vote YES to support the ballot proposal to allow the use of medical marijuana, or would you vote NO to oppose it?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which way would you lean, **[ROTATE]** Yes, to support the proposal or No to oppose it?]

54% YES
 5% Lean Yes ----- **59% Total Yes**
 35% NO
 2% Lean No ----- **37% Total No**
 4% Undecided/Refused

The other question on the ballot is . . .

A proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan. Based on what you know or may have heard about this proposal, if the election were held today, would you vote YES to support the ballot proposal to amend the constitution to address the issue of stem cell research or would you vote NO to oppose it?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide right now, which way would you lean, **[ROTATE]** Yes, to support the proposal or No to oppose it?]

47% YES
 3% Lean Yes ----- **50% Total Yes**
 31% NO
 1% Lean No ----- **32% Total No**
 18% Undecided/Refused

Do you think of yourself as pro-choice, meaning that you support allowing women to have the right to an abortion, or do you consider yourself pro-life, meaning that you oppose abortions except where it is necessary to save the life of the mother?

47% Pro-choice
 46% Pro-life
 7% Undecided/Don't know/Refused