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The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Chairman**

**Telephone Survey of 1,000 Likely Voters Nationwide  
September 2008**

**conducted by  
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**TOPLINE DATA**

Field Dates: September 16-21, 2008  
Margin of Error: +/- 3.1%

A. Are you 18 years of age or older and currently registered to vote here as a Republican, Democrat, or Independent/ Unaffiliated or are you not registered to vote at all?

35% YES, REPUBLICAN  
40% YES, DEMOCRAT  
26% YES, INDEPENDENT/ UNAFFILIATED

B. In November of this year there will be an election to select the next President of the United States and Members of Congress. At this time do you plan to...(READ CHOICES)

93% DEFINITELY VOTE  
7% PROBABLY VOTE

## **AMERICA'S ECONOMY & MARKETS**

1. Which of the following do you consider the most critical issue facing America right now, meaning the one that is most important for the government to address or take action on?  
(READ AND ROTATED. ACCEPTED ONE RESPONSE)

47% THE ECONOMY AND JOB CREATION  
8% THE WAR IN IRAQ  
8% NATIONAL SECURITY/TERRORISM  
6% HEALTH CARE  
5% GOVERNMENT SPENDING  
5% GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS LIKE SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE, AND MEDICAID  
4% ENERGY PRICES AND AVAILABILITY  
2% TAXES  
2% THE ENVIRONMENT  
2% EDUCATION  
2% ABORTION  
2% IMMIGRATION  
2% OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)  
4% ALL OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED)  
\* NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
\* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

2. Who or what do you believe is most responsible for the current state of the U.S. economy?  
(READ AND ROTATED. ACCEPTED ONE RESPONSE.)

44% THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS – BY NOT LOWERING TAXES, INCREASING GOVERNMENT SPENDING, AND GROWING THE NATIONAL DEBT  
22% AMERICAN CITIZENS – BY BEING IRRESPONSIBLE WITH THEIR CREDIT, SPENDING TOO MUCH ON LUXURIES AND NOT NECESSITIES, AND SPENDING BEYOND THEIR MEANS  
11% THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK – BY SETTING WEAK FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICY  
10% PRIVATE COMPANIES – BY FIRING WORKERS AND NOT KEEPING THE PRICES OF THEIR GOODS UNDER CONTROL  
4% OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)  
4% ALL OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED)  
1% NONE OF THE ABOVE (VOLUNTEERED)  
4% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)  
\* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

6. As you may have heard, the federal government recently took over Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, two of the nation's largest mortgage companies. Combined, these two companies guarantee about 40% of U.S. home loan debt and have backed approximately up to 70% of mortgages in recent months. In essence, the two companies are now under government ownership and control. This move is estimated to cost taxpayers nearly \$25 billion. It is predicted that by taking over these mortgage firms, national and international markets stabilized and the housing and credit crises were minimized. Do you support or oppose the federal takeover of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae? (PROBED: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?)

**52% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)**

22% STRONGLY SUPPORT

30% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

**38% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)**

14% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

24% STRONGLY OPPOSE

3% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

7% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

7. JPMorgan Chase, an investment bank, recently purchased Bear Stearns, another investment bank, for \$236 million, which saved Bear Stearns from filing for bankruptcy. The Federal Reserve ensured this purchase by backing nearly \$30 billion in some of Bear Stearns "more riskier" investments with taxpayer dollars. Do you agree or disagree with the U.S. government's decision to guarantee the investments of a private investment bank? (PROBED: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT AGREE/DISAGREE?)

**27% TOTAL AGREE (NET)**

8% STRONGLY AGREE

19% SOMEWHAT AGREE

**65% TOTAL DISAGREE (NET)**

23% SOMEWHAT DISAGREE

42% STRONGLY DISAGREE

3% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

5% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

\* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

10. As you might know, U.S. automakers are attempting to get \$50 billion in loans from the federal government. Would you support or oppose federal loans to the auto industry? (PROBED: And would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT SUPPORT/OPPOSE?)

**30% TOTAL SUPPORT (NET)**

12% STRONGLY SUPPORT

18% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT

**60% TOTAL OPPOSE (NET)**

20% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE

40% STRONGLY OPPOSE

6% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

4% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

1% REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)

11. When a company faces a potential failure due to poor internal mismanagement, which of the following do you think would be the best solution? (READ AND ROTATED RESPONSES. ACCEPTED ONE ANSWER ONLY)

68% BANKRUPTCY FOR THE COMPANY, EVEN IF IT MEANS INVESTORS LOSE MONEY AND THERE IS HARM TO THE STOCK MARKET

19% GOVERNMENT SHOULD STEP IN AND SUPPORT THE COMPANIES WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO AVOID BANKRUPTCY AND PROTECT THE MONEY OF INVESTORS

2% NEITHER (VOLUNTEERED)

\* BOTH (VOLUNTEERED)

1% OTHER (VOLUNTEERED)

4% IT DEPENDS/NEED MORE INFORMATION (VOLUNTEERED)

6% DO NOT KNOW (VOLUNTEERED)

\* REFUSED (VOLUNTEERED)