



**Interviews with 1,006 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 3-5, 2008. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample also includes 919 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points) and 694 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).**

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26. Regardless of whether you favor or oppose the new government program, do you consider it MOSTLY a bailout for Wall Street or do you consider it MOSTLY an attempt to rescue the economy in order to help average Americans?

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Mostly as a bailout	53%
Mostly as a rescue	40%
Both/neither (vol.)	6%
No opinion	*

30. Based on what you have read or heard, do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not likely at all that the new program that Congress and the President recently approved will or will not do each of the following:

	<u>Very Likely</u>	<u>Somewhat Likely</u>	<u>Not very Likely</u>	<u>Not at all Likely</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Treat American taxpayers fairly</b>					
October 3-5, 2008	11%	30%	36%	23%	*
<b>Make sure that money that is supposed to help the economy doesn't go to the businesses and individuals who caused these problems in the first place</b>					
October 3-5, 2008	17%	36%	29%	17%	1%
<b>Help ordinary Americans who have mortgage problems keep their homes</b>					
October 3-5, 2008	12%	39%	30%	18%	1%
<b>Make sure that the government's money is spent properly and not wasted</b>					
October 3-5, 2008	12%	35%	31%	21%	*

31. The federal government will purchase investments from financial institutions that are in trouble and eventually sell those investments to different institutions. Do you think the government will eventually get back all of the money it spends on this program, will get most of it back, will get only a little of it back, or won't get any of that money back?

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All of it back	4%
Most of it back	25%
Only a little of it back	51%
Won't get any money back	20%
No opinion	*

33. How well do you think each of the following groups of people understand the cause of the current financial crisis and the bill that Congress passed -- very well, fairly well, not very well, or not well at all? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS ON THIS PAGE BASED ON 496 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 % PTS.)

	<u>Very Well</u>	<u>Fairly Well</u>	<u>Not very Well</u>	<u>Not well at all</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>You yourself</b> October 3-5, 2008	14%	46%	28%	11%	*
<b>Most members of Congress</b> October 3-5, 2008	30%	36%	24%	9%	*
<b>Financial and economic experts on Wall Street</b> October 3-5, 2008	44%	26%	20%	10%	*
<b>Financial and economic experts in the media</b> October 3-5, 2008	25%	37%	26%	12%	*