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**Employers Shed 247,000 Jobs**  
**Unemployment Rate Dips to 9.4%**  
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**HEALTH CARE BATTLE**  
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**Democrats Are So Scared**

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**Deficit Growing Concern for Public**  
**Cornyn: WH Builds 'Enemies List'**  
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**SOTOMAYOR CONFIRMED**  
**Senate Roll Call Vote: 68 - 31**  
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**Politics of the Sotomayor Vote**

**NATIONAL SECURITY**  
**Obama Counter-Terrorism Advisor**  
**Denounces Bush-Era Policies**  
**WH: 'War on Terrorism' is Over**  
**Struggles to Gauge Afghan Success**  
**Doubts Raised on Gitmo Closing**

**ELECTION 2009**  
**In NJ, Corzine Resurrects Bush**  
**Obama in VA: "Get Fired Up"**  
**Obama's Slide May Be Aiding GOP**  
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### RCP POLL AVERAGES

President Obama Job Approval

<b>RCP Average</b>	
Approve	53.8
Disapprove	40.5
<b>Spread +13.3</b>	

### Congressional Job Approval

<b>RCP Average</b>	
Approve	30.6
Disapprove	60.8
<b>Spread -30.2</b>	

### Generic Congressional Vote

<b>RCP Average</b>	
Democrats	43.3

**ObamaCare: Too Many Contradictions** - Ramesh Ponnuru, Time  
**Racial Fears Driving the Town Hall Mobs** - Paul Krugman, New York Times  
**Democrats Are Looking Desperate** - Peggy Noonan, Wall Street Journal  
**The Enthusiasm Gap** - Jonathan Cohn, The New Republic  
**Left Can't Fathom Why People Dislike Obamacare** - Ron Smith, Balt Sun  
**In a Wing-Nut World, Granny is Toast** - Ellen Goodman, Boston Globe  
**Obama Wasted His Honeymoon** - Michael Gerson, Washington Post  
**Obama's Mistakes Mirror Those of His Campaign** - John Dickerson, Slate  
**Speaker Pelosi & the Blue Dog Blues** - Kimberley Strassel, Wall St. Journal  
**State Races Seen as Test for Obama** - Adam Nagourney, New York Times  
**Healthcare Reform: A Better Plan** - Charles Krauthammer, Washington Post  
**Liberals Must Support Senate Health Plan** - Mort Kondracke, Roll Call  
**Kim Jong-il Plays 'Let's Make a Deal'** - Wesley Pruden, Washington Times  
**Clinton Derangement Syndrome, N. Korean Strain** - Joe Conason, Salon  
**Obama Fiddles While the World Burns** - Ralph Peters, New York Post  
**Why Al-Qaeda is Losing the War on Terror** - Thomas P.M. Barnett, Esquire  
**Dems Launch Offensive Against Citizens** - David Harsanyi, Denver Post  
**Latest Polls: NJ & VA Gov, Obama Approval** | **Videos: Latest Highlights**  
**Politics Nation: At Deeds Rally, Obama Knocks Republican Critics**

### Editorials

**Justice Sotomayor** - Washington Post  
**Money Running Out on Britain's Health System** - Times of London  
**Obama Should Veto Pork Laden Defense Bill** - San Antonio Express-News  
**Something Fishy in Venezuela** - Washington Times

### Energy Resource Center

**Prarie Grouse Could Hamper Wind Energy**  
**Pump Prices Are on the Rise**  
**Senate Denies Bid to Ax Rural Energy Grants**



### Political News & Analysis

**DeParle: Obama Open to Health Care Co-ops Idea** - Bloomberg  
**Emanuel Wants Groups to Stop Running Ads Against Dems** - Politico  
**Medicaid Costs Fuel Dispute Between States, Senate** - The Hill  
**Graham Backs Democratic Immigration Effort** - Wall Street Journal

### Transcripts & Speeches

**Obama's Remarks on Sotomayor's Confirmation** - Barack Obama  
**Obama's Speech in Wakarusa, Indiana** - Barack Obama  
**Interview with RNC Chairman Michael Steele** - The Situation Room  
**Panel on the Townhall Meeting Protestors** - Special Report w/Bret Baier  
**Secretary Clinton on the Journalists' Return** - Hillary Clinton

### Best Of The Blogs

**Winners and Losers on the Hill** - Ben Pershing, Capitol Briefing  
**Sotomayor Confirmed, Constitutional Debate Continues** - I. S., @Liberty  
**Republicans for Sotomayor and Lessons for Health Care** - C.B., Open Left  
**Seniors and Health Care Reform** - Ezra Klein, WaPo  
**Protests: 2005 vs. 2008** - Jon Henke, Next Right

### Real Clear World

**Can China Save the World?** - Bill Powell, Time  
**Mikheil Saakashvili's Sideshow** - Jonathan Steele, The Guardian  
**Iran's Theocracy Implodes** - Jamsheed Choksy, RealClearWorld  
**The Real Tragedy in Nigeria's Violence** - Jean Herskovits, Foreign Policy  
**Is Obama Reviving the Cold War?** - Douglas Feith & Abram Shulsky, WSJ

### Real Clear Markets

**TARP Has a Few Big Gains, Many Big Losses** - Allan Sloan, Washington Post  
**Ben Bernanke's Exit Dilemma** - George Melloan, Wall Street Journal  
**The Perfect Financial Storm Fallacy** - Vincent Reinhart, The American  
**Regulate Pay to Reduce Risk Taking** - Lucian Bebchuk, Financial Times  
**Why Foreign MBAs Are Disappearing** - Alison Damast, BusinessWeek

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**Burress Should Accept Plea and Serve His Time** - Jeffri Chadiha, ESPN

### Video Highlights



**Obama in Virginia: 'Get Fired Up'**  
**Rove On Dems Ducking Town Halls**  
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 The White House is adopting a tight-lipped stance on former President Clinton's ...

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 New Rasmussen survey in the New Jersey Governor's race has Republican Chris...

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 President Obama spoke from the Diplomatic Reception Room in the White House...

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Right Direction	38.6
Wrong Track	54.6
<b>Spread -16.0</b>	



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- Karl Rove, Wall Street Journal

#### The Public is Resisting Obama's Liberal Agenda

- Victor Davis Hanson, RCP

#### Too Much Government: Why Obama Might Fail

- Daniel Henninger, WSJ

#### Democrats Are Looking Desperate

- Peggy Noonan, Wall Street Journal

### LAST 7 DAYS

#### Impossible Health Care Promises

- John Stossel, ABC News

#### An Ongoing Misread of Obama's Poll Numbers

- David Paul Kuhn, RCP Blog

#### Sizing Up the 2010 Senate Contests

- Stuart Rothenberg, Roll Call

**Confidential Drug Test, With an Asterisk** - Doug Glanville, New York Times

**Legalized Sports Betting is Inevitable** - Art Spander, RealClearSports

**Top 10 Minor League Promotions** - RealClearSports

**Dealing Drugs to Save the Kids** - Justin George, St. Petersburg Times

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- Washington Post

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### How Big Pharma's Billy Tauzin Conned The White House Out Of \$76 Billion.

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