



Interviews with 1,046 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on February 18-19, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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5. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 522 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Applies</u>	Does not <u>Apply</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Is a strong and decisive leader			
February 18-19, 2009	80%	19%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	64%	35%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	59%	39%	3%
Can bring the kind of change the country needs			
February 18-19, 2009	69%	29%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	75%	24%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	59%	41%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	56%	42%	2%
Is honest and trustworthy			
February 18-19, 2009	74%	23%	3%
December 19-21, 2008*	72%	26%	2%
Generally agrees with you on issues you care about			
February 18-19, 2009	63%	36%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	68%	31%	1%
Inspires confidence			
February 18-19, 2009	75%	24%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	82%	18%	*

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

5. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 524 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Applies</u>	Does not <u>Apply</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Shares your values			
February 18-19, 2009	67%	32%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	72%	28%	1%
Can end the partisan gridlock in Washington			
February 18-19, 2009	46%	48%	6%
June 26-29, 2008	31%	64%	5%
Has a clear plan for solving this country's problems			
February 18-19, 2009	64%	36%	*
Tough enough to handle a crisis			
February 18-19, 2009	73%	24%	3%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

6. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The Democratic Party				
February 18-19, 2009	58%	36%	*	5%
December 1-2, 2008	60%	34%	*	5%
November 6-9, 2008	62%	31%	1%	6%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	53%	42%	*	5%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	51%	40%	1%	8%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	59%	36%	*	4%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	52%	40%	1%	7%
April 28-30, 2008	56%	35%	1%	8%
January 9-10, 2008	55%	34%	2%	8%
June 22-24, 2007	51%	38%	1%	9%
March 9-11, 2007	51%	34%	1%	13%
November 3-5, 2006	53%	35%	*	11%
September 22-24, 2006	56%	39%	*	5%
The Republican Party				
February 18-19, 2009	39%	54%	*	7%
December 1-2, 2008	41%	52%	*	6%
November 6-9, 2008	38%	54%	1%	8%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	43%	51%	*	6%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	48%	45%	*	6%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	43%	50%	*	6%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	48%	46%	*	6%
April 28-30, 2008	38%	53%	1%	7%
January 9-10, 2008	41%	48%	2%	10%
June 22-24, 2007	36%	53%	1%	9%
March 9-11, 2007	42%	45%	1%	12%
November 3-5, 2006	38%	52%	1%	10%
September 22-24, 2006	44%	51%	*	5%

(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

(CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

The Republican Party

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 16-18	45	48	*	7
2005 Oct 13-16	40	50	2	8
2005 Sep 8-11	45	45	1	9
2005 Jul 22-24	46	45	1	8
2005 Apr 1-2	50	44	1	5
2005 Feb 25-27	51	42	1	6
2005 Feb 4-6	56	39	1	4
2004 Sep 13-15	55	41	*	4
2004 Sep 3-5	53	40	*	7
2004 Aug 23-25*	50	41	1	8
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	47	45	1	7
2004 Jul 19-21*	50	43	*	7
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	48	45	*	7
2004 Jan 2-5	52	40	1	7
2003 Sep 8-10	50	44	--	6
2003 Mar 29-30	56	33	1	10
2003 Jan 3-5	51	38	1	10
2002 Dec 16-17	51	38	1	10
2002 Nov 8-10	54	38	*	8
2002 Oct 21-22	53	35	*	12
2002 Sep 5-8	54	40	0	6
2002 Jul 26-28	55	36	*	9
2002 Jan 11-14	61	30	*	9
2001 Sep 7-10	47	48	*	5
2000 Nov 13-15	49	43	*	8
2000 Aug 4-5	54	37	1	8
2000 Jul 25-26	49	39	*	12
2000 Jan 7-10	53	41	*	6
1999 Nov 18-21	50	44	*	6
1999 Apr 30-May 2	47	44	*	9
1999 Feb 19-21	45	46	0	9
1999 Feb 12-13	40	54	1	5
1999 Feb 4-8	45	47	*	8
1999 Jan 8-10	40	52	*	8
1998 Dec 19-20	31	57	*	12
1998 Dec 15-16	43	47	2	8
1997 Oct 27-29	50	42	*	8
1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	50	45	*	5
1996 Aug 16-18**	55	41	1	2
1996 Aug 5-7**	51	44	*	5
1996 Apr 9-10	52	41	*	7
1995 Apr 17-19	52	42	*	6
1992 Jul 6-8**	53	39	*	8

*Asked of a half sample.

**Based on registered voters.

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

The Democratic Party

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 16-18	46	45	*	9
2005 Oct 13-16	52	36	2	10
2005 Sep 8-11	47	41	1	11
2005 Jul 22-24	52	38	1	9
2005 Apr 1-2	50	42	*	8
2005 Feb 25-27	52	41	1	6
2005 Feb 4-6	46	47	*	7
2004 Sep 13-15	49	45	--	6
2004 Sep 3-5	50	41	*	9
2004 Aug 23-25*	54	36	1	9
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	55	37	1	7
2004 Jul 19-21*	48	41	1	10
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	59	34	*	7
2004 Jan 2-5	47	44	*	9
2003 Sep 8-10	49	45	--	6
2003 Mar 29-30	49	39	1	11
2003 Jan 3-5	52	36	1	11
2002 Dec 16-17	52	37	1	10
2002 Nov 8-10	48	42	0	10
2002 Oct 21-22	58	30	*	12
2002 Sep 5-8	56	38	0	6
2002 Jul 26-28	55	34	*	11
2002 Jan 11-14	55	33	*	12
2001 Sep 7-10	56	38	*	6
2000 Nov 13-15	53	38	1	8
2000 Aug 4-5	53	38	1	8
2000 Jul 25-26	56	35	*	9
2000 Jan 7-10	61	33	*	6
1999 Nov 18-21	51	41	*	8
1999 Apr 30-May 2	53	37	1	9
1999 Feb 19-21	55	37	0	8
1999 Feb 12-13	56	38	*	6
1999 Feb 4-8	57	37	*	6
1999 Jan 8-10	57	35	*	8
1998 Dec 19-20	57	30	*	13
1998 Dec 15-16	58	32	2	8
1997 Oct 27-29	54	39	*	7
1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	60	36	*	4
1996 Aug 16-18**	55	41	1	3
1996 Aug 5-7**	57	38	1	4
1996 Apr 9-10	55	38	0	7
1995 Apr 17-19	51	43	*	6
1992 Jul 6-8**	54	38	*	8

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13. In general, would you rather see Barack Obama attempt to reach a bipartisan compromise on bills that he tries to get through Congress, or would you rather see him try to pass laws that he thinks are right for the country even if they aren't supported by Republicans?

Feb. 18-19
2009

Attempt to reach compromise	55%
Pass laws without GOP support	44%
No opinion	2%