



**Interviews with 2,019 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on April 23-26, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 2 percentage points.**

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Approve	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

2. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that Barack Obama has the personality and leadership qualities a President should have.

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008*</u>	June 4-5 <u>2008</u>	Jan. 14-17 <u>2008</u>
Agree	75%	66%	64%	63%	59%
Disagree	24%	34%	36%	36%	38%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	3%

\*Asked of a half sample.

FOR COMPARISON

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that George W. Bush has the personality and leadership qualities a president should have.		
	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>
Agree	46%	43%
Disagree	52%	55%
No opinion	2%	2%

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George W. Bush	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	49	50	1
2005 May 20-22*	52	45	3
2004 Oct 22-24	57	41	2
2004 Oct 1-3	57	42	1
2004 Sep 3-5	59	41	*
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	55	43	2
2004 Jul 19-21	55	44	1
2004 Mar 5-7	57	40	3
2004 Jan 9-11	66	33	1
2003 Sep 19-21	59	40	1
2003 Jun 27-29	64	35	1
2002 Jan 25-27	79	19	2
2001 Aug 10-12	57	41	2
2001 Jun 8-10	54	42	4
2000 Aug 18-19	64	32	4
2000 Aug 11-12	65	28	7
2000 Aug 4-5	70	26	4
2000 Jul 25-26	62	32	6
2000 Apr 7-9	61	30	9
2000 Jan 17-19	65	28	7

\*Asked of a half sample.

3. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with Barack Obama on the issues that matter most to you.

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008*</u>
Agree	57%	60%	56%
Disagree	41%	40%	43%
No opinion	2%	*	1%

\*Asked of a half sample.

**FOR COMPARISON**

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with George W. Bush on the issues that matter the most to you.		
	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>
Agree	35%	41%
Disagree	62%	57%
No opinion	3%	2%

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<b>George W. Bush</b>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	41	57	2
2005 May 20-22*	40	57	3
2004 Oct 22-24	49	49	2
2004 Oct 1-3	50	49	1
2004 Sep 3-5	50	48	2
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	48	51	1
2004 Jul 19-21	47	50	3
2004 Mar 5-7	48	49	3
2004 Jan 9-11	55	44	1
2003 Sep 19-21	46	51	3
2003 Jun 27-29	53	46	1
2002 Jan 25-27	71	25	4
2001 Aug 10-12	52	42	6
2001 Jun 8-10	49	47	4

\*\*Asked of a half sample.

4. How do you personally feel about the fact that Barack Obama is president? If you had to choose one of the following descriptions, would you say you feel thrilled, happy, don't care, unhappy or depressed?

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009*</u>
Thrilled	19%	28%
Happy	42%	40%
Don't care	11%	15%
Unhappy	20%	12%
Depressed	7%	4%
No opinion	1%	*

\*QUESTION WORDING: How do you personally feel about the fact that Barack Obama will soon be inaugurated as president? If you had to choose one of the following descriptions, would you say you feel thrilled, happy, don't care, unhappy or depressed?

(QUESTIONS 5 AND 6 ROTATED)

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic leaders in Congress are handling their job?

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Feb 7-8 <u>2009*</u>	Nov. 6-9 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 3-5 <u>2008*</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008</u>
Approve	43%	60%	47%	34%	44%	36%
Disapprove	53%	39%	50%	64%	54%	63%
No opinion	5%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%

\*Asked of half sample

**FOR COMPARISON:**

*Do you approve or disapprove of what the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House and Senate have done so far this year?*

	Dec. 6-9 <u>2007</u>	Oct.12-14 <u>2007</u>	June 22-24 <u>2007</u>	May 4-6 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>
Approve	39%	43%	42%	49%	47%
Disapprove	56%	51%	49%	44%	40%
No opinion	6%	6%	9%	7%	13%

*Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic leaders in Congress are handling the transition from Republican to Democratic control of Congress?*

	Dec. 15-17 <u>2006</u>
Approve	61%
Disapprove	28%
No opinion	12%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republican leaders in Congress are handling their job?

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Feb 7-8 <u>2009*</u>	Nov. 6-9 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 3-5 <u>2008*</u>
Approve	31%	44%	24%	27%
Disapprove	65%	55%	73%	71%
No opinion	4%	1%	3%	2%

\*Asked of half sample

7. 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>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Barack Obama</b>				
April 23-26, 2009	69%	29%	*	2%
January 12-15, 2009	78%	17%	1%	4%
December 1-2, 2008	76%	21%	*	3%
November 6-9, 2008	75%	22%	*	3%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	63%	33%	*	3%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	62%	36%	*	2%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	63%	34%	*	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	60%	34%	*	6%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	64%	33%	*	2%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	60%	36%	*	3%
July 27-29, 2008 (RV)	63%	33%	*	4%
June 26-29, 2008 (RV)	63%	32%	*	4%
April 28-30, 2008	56%	38%	*	5%
February 1-3, 2008	58%	31%	2%	8%
January 9-10, 2008	55%	28%	6%	11%
September 7-9, 2007	49%	27%	10%	13%
June 23-24, 2007	47%	24%	14%	15%
March 9-11, 2007	44%	21%	19%	16%
November 3-5, 2006	36%	11%	37%	16%
<b>Joe Biden</b>				
April 23-26, 2009	51%	34%	6%	9%
February 18-19, 2009	57%	29%	5%	9%
January 12-15, 2009	52%	26%	8%	13%
December 1-2, 2008	56%	28%	6%	10%
November 6-9, 2008	64%	25%	3%	8%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	56%	31%	4%	9%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	56%	32%	6%	7%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	52%	31%	6%	11%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	51%	28%	7%	14%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	53%	25%	7%	15%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	38%	25%	12%	25%
July 27-29, 2008* (RV)	27%	22%	35%	16%

\*QUESTION WORDING: "Delaware Senator Joe Biden"  
(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

7. 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>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Michelle Obama</b>				
April 23-26, 2009	73%	18%	1%	8%
January 12-15, 2009	69%	16%	3%	12%
December 1-2, 2008	67%	21%	1%	10%
October 17-19, 2008	56%	30%	2%	12%
Aug. 23-24, 2008	50%	32%	2%	15%
June 26-29, 2008	51%	28%	4%	17%
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>				
April 23-26, 2009	64%	34%	1%	2%
December 1-2, 2008	66%	33%	*	1%
August 29-31, 2008	58%	40%	*	1%
August 23-24, 2008	56%	40%	*	4%
July 27-29, 2008	56%	42%	*	2%
June 26-29, 2008	53%	44%	*	3%
April 28-30, 2008	51%	46%	*	3%
February 1-3, 2008	52%	44%	*	*
January 9-10, 2008	53%	39%	1%	7%
September 7-9, 2007	53%	39%	1%	7%
June 23-24, 2007	51%	44%	*	4%
March 9-11, 2007	49%	44%	2%	5%
November 3-5, 2006	51%	40%	3%	7%
September 23-24, 2006	50%	45%	2%	4%
April 21-23, 2006	50%	42%	2%	6%

7. 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>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>The Democratic Party</b>				
April 23-26, 2009	51%	44%	*	4%
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%
<b>The Republican Party</b>				
April 23-26, 2009	39%	55%	*	6%
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

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**Hillary Clinton**

	Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion		Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion
				<b>1998</b>			
<b>2005</b>				1998 Aug 21-23	61	33	6
2005 Oct 21-23	54	41	5	1998 Aug 10-12	60	36	4
2005 Jul 25-28	53	43	4	1998 Aug 7-8	60	35	5
2005 May 20-22	55	39	6	1998 Feb 13-15	60	36	4
2005 Feb 25-27	53	41	6	1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	64	34	2
<b>2004</b>				1998 Jan 24-25	61	33	6
2004 Jul 19-21*	56	38	6	<b>1997</b>			
<b>2003</b>				1998 Jan 23-24	60	35	5
2003 Oct 24-26	51	44	5	1997 Dec 18-21	56	38	6
2003 Sep 19-21	54	40	6	1997 Oct 27-29	61	34	5
2003 Jun 27-29*	52	44	4	1997 Jun 26-29	51	42	7
2003 Jun 9-10	53	43	4	1997 Feb 24-26	51	42	6
2003 Mar 14-15	45	46	9	1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	55	39	6
<b>2002</b>				1997 Jan 10-13	56	37	7
2002 Dec 16-17	48	46	6	<b>1996</b>			
2002 Sep 23-26	47	44	9	1996 Oct 26-29***	49	43	8
<b>2001</b>				1996 Aug 28-29**	51	41	8
2001 Aug 3-5	51	44	5	1996 Aug 16-18**	47	48	5
2001 Mar 5-7	44	53	3	1996 Aug 5-7**	48	45	7
2001 Feb 19-21	49	44	7	1996 Jun 18-19	46	47	6
2001 Feb 1-4	52	43	5	1996 Mar 15-17	47	48	5
<b>2000</b>				1996 Jan 12-15	43	51	6
2000 Nov 13-15	56	39	5	<b>1995</b>			
2000 Oct 25-28	52	43	5	1995 Jul 7-9	50	44	6
2000 Aug 4-5	45	50	5	1995 Mar 17-19	49	44	7
2000 Feb 4-6	55	39	6	1995 Jan 16-18	50	44	6
<b>1999</b>				<b>1994</b>			
1999 Dec 9-12	48	48	4	1994 Nov 28-29	50	44	6
1999 Sep 23-26	56	40	4	1994 Sep 6-7	48	47	5
1999 Aug 3-4	56	41	3	1994 Jul 15-17	48	46	6
1999 Jul 22-25	62	35	3	1994 Apr 23-24	56	40	4
1999 Jun 25-27	56	42	2	1994 Mar 25-27	52	42	6
1999 Mar 5-7	65	31	4	1994 Mar 7-8	55	40	5
1999 Feb 19-21	65	30	5	1994 Jan 15-17	57	36	7
1999 Feb 4-8	66	31	3	<b>1993</b>			
<b>1998</b>				1993 Nov 2-4	58	34	8
1998 Dec 28-29	67	29	4	1993 Sep 24-26	62	27	11
1998 Oct 9-12***	63	33	4	1993 Aug 8-10	57	33	10
1998 Sep 14-15	61	33	6				

\*Asked of a half sample.

\*\*Based on likely voters.

\*\*\*Based on registered voters.

2002-March 2003 WORDING: New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.



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**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.

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**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

\*Asked of a half sample

\*\*Based on registered voters.

8. Using a grading scale of A, B, C, D, and F, where A is excellent and F is very poor and using any of the grades in between, how would you grade the job Barack Obama has done as president so far? Would you give him an A, B, C, D, or F? You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

Apr. 23-26  
2009

A+	6%
A	18%
A-	3%
B+	8%
B	20%
B-	3%
C+	3%
C	12%
C-	3%
D+	1%
D	12%
D-	2%
F	9%
No opinion	*
Average numerical value	2.52
Average letter grade	B-

9. Using the same grading scale, how would you rate the job each of the following have done since the start of the Obama administration in January: You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

**a. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton**

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	4%
A	19%
A-	2%
B+	6%
B	24%
B-	3%
C+	2%
C	18%
C-	1%
D+	*
D	9%
D-	1%
F	10%
No opinion	2%
Average numerical value	2.54
Average letter grade	B-

**b. Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner**

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	1%
A	8%
A-	1%
B+	3%
B	18%
B-	2%
C+	2%
C	23%
C-	2%
D+	*
D	10%
D-	1%
F	16%
No opinion	13%
Average numerical value	1.99
Average letter grade	C

9. Using the same grading scale, how would you rate the job each of the following have done since the start of the Obama administration in January: You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

**c. Vice President Joe Biden**

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	2%
A	13%
A-	1%
B+	4%
B	23%
B-	2%
C+	2%
C	21%
C-	1%
D+	1%
D	14%
D-	1%
F	12%
No opinion	4%
Average numerical value	2.23
Average letter grade	C+

**d. The Democratic leaders in Congress**

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	2%
A	9%
A-	1%
B+	3%
B	21%
B-	4%
C+	2%
C	21%
C-	2%
D+	1%
D	13%
D-	1%
F	19%
No opinion	2%
Average numerical value	1.96
Average letter grade	C

9. Using the same grading scale, how would you rate the job each of the following have done since the start of the Obama administration in January: You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

**e. The Republican leaders in Congress**

Apr. 23-26  
2009

A+	1%
A	4%
A-	*
B+	2%
B	17%
B-	3%
C+	4%
C	30%
C-	3%
D+	1%
D	17%
D-	1%
F	14%
No opinion	3%
Average numerical value	1.84
Average letter grade	C-

(QUESTIONS 10 AND 11 ROTATED)

10. How would you grade the progress the Obama administration has made on the economy since January? You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

Apr. 23-26  
2009

A+	2%
A	13%
A-	2%
B+	5%
B	21%
B-	3%
C+	3%
C	17%
C-	2%
D+	1%
D	10%
D-	1%
F	20%
No opinion	1%
Average numerical value	2.13
Average letter grade	C

11. How would you grade the progress the Obama administration has made on foreign affairs since January? You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

Apr. 23-26  
2009

A+	4%
A	18%
A-	3%
B+	4%
B	21%
B-	1%
C+	2%
C	16%
C-	1%
D+	*
D	9%
D-	1%
F	17%
No opinion	2%
Average numerical value	2.34
Average letter grade	C+

12. Using the same grading scale, how would you rate the job each of the following have done since the start of the Obama administration in January: You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

**a. The U.S. House of Representatives**

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	*
A	6%
A-	*
B+	2%
B	23%
B-	3%
C+	3%
C	30%
C-	2%
D+	*
D	13%
D-	1%
F	10%
No opinion	5%
Average numerical value	2.07
Average letter grade	C

**b. The U.S. Senate**

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	1%
A	5%
A-	*
B+	2%
B	24%
B-	4%
C+	4%
C	28%
C-	3%
D+	*
D	13%
D-	1%
F	10%
No opinion	4%
Average numerical value	2.07
Average letter grade	C



12. Using the same grading scale, how would you rate the job each of the following have done since the start of the Obama administration in January: You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

**c. The two U.S. Senators from your state**

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	2%
A	11%
A-	1%
B+	5%
B	24%
B-	4%
C+	3%
C	23%
C-	2%
D+	1%
D	10%
D-	1%
F	10%
No opinion	5%
Average numerical value	2.30
Average letter grade	C+

13. And how would you grade the job the media has done in reporting on Congress and the Obama administration since January? You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	2%
A	14%
A-	1%
B+	4%
B	21%
B-	2%
C+	2%
C	17%
C-	3%
D+	1%
D	10%
D-	1%
F	20%
No opinion	2%
Average numerical value	2.10
Average letter grade	C

14. Do you think President Obama is doing a good job or a poor job keeping the important promises he made during the presidential campaign?

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Good job 68%  
Poor job 30%  
No opinion 2%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

<b>Bush</b>	<u>Good job</u>	<u>Poor job</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 July 10-11	53	32	15
<b>Clinton</b>	<u>Good job</u>	<u>Poor job</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Jan 17-18	39	50	11
1993 May 12-13	33	55	12
1993 March 18	39	49	12
1993 Feb 18	44	38	18
1993 Feb 10-11	46	38	16

15. So far, would you say Barack Obama has had the right priorities, or that he hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems?

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Has the right priorities 63%  
Hasn't paid enough attention to the most important problems 35%  
No opinion 1%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

<b>Bush</b>	<u>Right priorities</u>	<u>Not enough attention to most important problems</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Dec 30 – 2004 Jan 1	45	52	3
2003 Jan 15-16	48	47	5
2001 July 17-18	47	47	6
2001 May 23-24	46	49	5
<b>Clinton</b>	<u>Right priorities</u>	<u>Not enough attention to most important problems</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 May 12-13	39	56	5
1993 Apr 28-29	37	56	17

16. Do you think big business does or does not have too much influence over the decisions made by the Obama administration? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1005 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Yes, does	53%
No, does not	43%
No opinion	4%

FOR COMPARISON

Do you think big business does or does not have too much influence over the decisions made by the Bush administration?	
Oct. 13-15 2006	
Yes, does	79%
No, does not	19%
No opinion	2%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

<b>Bush Administration</b>	<u>Yes, does</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 28-Mar 1	73	23	4
2005 Aug 28-30	70	25	5
2004 Oct 9-10 ^	61	35	4
2002 Jul 26-28 ^	69	24	7
2002 Jun 28-30 ^	63	32	5
2002 Jan 11-14	63	31	6
2001 Jul 10-11	67	26	7
2001 Apr 20-22	63	30	7

^ Asked of a half sample.

17. Do you think big financial institutions such as major banks and insurance companies do or do not have too much influence over decisions made by the Obama administration? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1014 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Do	58%
Do not	37%
No opinion	5%

18. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today? (RANDOM ORDER)

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
The economy	55%	63%
The federal budget deficit	10%	8%
Health care	9%	9%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	9%	6%
Education	6%	5%
Terrorism	6%	5%
Energy policy	3%	2%
Other (vol.)	1%	1%
No opinion (vol.)	1%	*

19. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Apr. 23-26</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Mar. 12-15</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Jan. 12-15</u> <u>2009</u>		
Very good	1%	1%	2%		
Somewhat good	16%	10%	11%		
Somewhat poor	46%	41%	36%		
Very poor	37%	48%	50%		
No opinión	*	*	*		
	<u>Dec. 19-21</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct. 3-5</u> <u>2008*</u>	<u>Sept. 19-21</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Aug 23-24</u> <u>2008</u>
Very good	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%
Somewhat good	6%	13%	14%	18%	21%
Somewhat poor	27%	29%	31%	34%	32%
Very poor	66%	54%	53%	47%	43%
No opinion	*	2%	*	*	*
	<u>June 4-5</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Mar. 14-16</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan. 14-17</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Dec. 6-9</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Sept. 7-9</u> <u>2007</u>
Very good	3%	4%	4%	6%	9%
Somewhat good	19%	22%	36%	40%	45%
Somewhat poor	39%	35%	40%	33%	28%
Very poor	39%	40%	19%	21%	17%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*
	<u>Aug. 6-8</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>May 4-6</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Mar. 9-11</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Nov. 3-5</u> <u>2006</u>
Very good	11%	18%	10%	15%	8%
Somewhat good	45%	43%	42%	48%	41%
Somewhat poor	26%	25%	31%	23%	32%
Very poor	17%	14%	15%	13%	18%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	<u>Oct. 27-29</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Sep. 23-24</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Aug.30-Sep. 2</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Jun. 14-15</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>May 7-9</u> <u>2006</u>
Very good	13%	12%	9%	9%	10%
Somewhat good	49%	47%	35%	42%	42%
Somewhat poor	24%	26%	34%	31%	26%
Very poor	13%	15%	22%	16%	21%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	1%

\*Asked of half sample

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

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

\*Asked of a half sample.

20. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>
Very good	7%	6%	4%
Somewhat good	54%	49%	58%
Somewhat poor	27%	29%	29%
Very poor	12%	16%	7%
No opinion	1%	1%	3%

	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	June 4-5 <u>2008</u>	Mar. 14-16 <u>2008</u>	Dec. 6-9 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 7-9 <u>2007</u>
Very good	6%	6%	10%	7%	11%
Somewhat good	58%	46%	50%	43%	51%
Somewhat poor	25%	28%	24%	30%	23%
Very poor	11%	18%	14%	19%	13%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Oct. 27-29 <u>2006</u>	Sep. 22-24 <u>2006</u>	Aug. 30-Sep. 2 <u>2006</u>
Very good	12%	10%	13%	12%	11%
Somewhat good	48%	43%	48%	50%	45%
Somewhat poor	25%	28%	26%	26%	25%
Very poor	13%	14%	10%	9%	17%
No opinion	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%

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

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	15	45	25	12	3	60	37
2005 Sep 8-11*	8	41	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Apr 29-May 1	8	43	29	19	1	51	48
2004 Dec 17-19	17	43	24	15	1	60	39
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	18	49	18	11	4	67	29
2003 Dec 5-7	22	51	19	7	1	73	26
2003 Oct 10-12	12	52	22	12	2	64	34
2003 Mar 14-15	9	49	25	15	2	58	40
2003 Feb 24-26	9	46	26	16	3	55	42
2002 Dec 9-10	12	53	21	11	3	65	32
2002 Oct 21-22	7	58	21	9	5	65	30
2002 Sep 20-22	14	57	20	7	2	71	27
2002 Jun 28-30	13	58	21	6	2	71	27
2002 Apr 5-7	17	60	15	5	3	77	20
2002 Jan 11-14	15	63	16	5	1	78	21
2001 Dec 14-16	17	59	14	7	3	76	21
2001 Sep 21-22	21	56	15	5	3	77	20
2001 Apr 20-24	16	54	18	9	3	70	27
2001 Feb 9-11	18	53	21	6	2	71	27
2001 Jan 15-16	13	55	22	8	2	68	30
2000 Jun 6-7	24	56	10	5	5	80	15
2000 Mar 10-12	24	55	13	4	4	79	17
1999 Jun 25-27	21	55	15	7	2	76	22
1999 Jan 8-10	25	56	12	4	3	81	16
1998 Jul 7-8	19	54	14	7	6	73	21
1997 Oct 27-29	20	55	18	4	3	75	22

\* Asked of a half sample.



21. Now let's return to the same grading scale we used before, where A is excellent and F is very poor. Using that scale, grade how well you feel things are going in the country today. Would you give an A, B, C, D, or F? You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so

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2009

A+	1%
A	2%
A-	*
B+	2%
B	11%
B-	3%
C+	3%
C	30%
C-	6%
D+	2%
D	27%
D-	2%
F	11%
No opinion	*
Average numerical value	1.67
Average letter grade	C-

22. And grade how well you feel things were going in the country during the last administration under President Bush. Would you give an A, B, C, D, or F? You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

Apr. 23-26  
2009

A+	*
A	2%
A-	*
B+	1%
B	10%
B-	3%
C+	3%
C	18%
C-	4%
D+	1%
D	19%
D-	4%
F	34%
No opinion	*
Average numerical value	1.24
Average letter grade	D+

23. Which of the following statements best describes you:

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2009

You or someone in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months	23%
No one in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months, but you are worried that may happen in the near future	28%
No one in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months and you are not worried that will happen in the near future	48%
No opinion	1%

23a. With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 29-31 <u>2008</u>	June 22-24 <u>2007</u>
Pro-choice	49%	53%	50%
Pro-life	45%	44%	44%
Don't know what the terms mean (vol.)	1%	2%	2%
Mixed/both/neither (vol.)	3%	2%	4%
No opinion	1%	*	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Pro-choice</u>	<u>Pro-life</u>	<u>Mixed/ Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Don't know what terms mean (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	53	42	1	2	2
2005 Aug 28-30	54	38	3	2	3
2005 Jul 22-24	51	42	3	3	1
2004 Oct 14-16	52	41	2	3	2
2001 Aug 3-5	52	39	4	3	2
2001 Jul 10-11	50	40	4	3	3
2001 Feb 9-11	55	38	5	1	1
2000 Oct 6-9	47	45	3	2	3
2000 Jul 14-16	50	40	4	2	4
1996 Jul 18-21	48	40	5	4	3
1996 Mar 15-17	56	37	3	2	2

NOTE: Trends taken only from polls where pro-life/pro-choice was asked as a stand-alone question. Separate trend exists for polls when asked following questions on abortion.

24. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of global warming: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1005 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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2009

Global warming is occurring and the federal government can take steps which would slow the rate of global warming or eventually stop it altogether	54%
Global warming is occurring but the federal government cannot do anything to slow it down or stop it	27%
Global warming is not occurring	17%
No opinion	2%

25. A proposal called "cap and trade" would allow the federal government to limit the emissions from industrial facilities such as power plants and factories that some people believe cause global warming. Companies that exceed the limit could avoid fines or higher taxes by paying money to other companies that produced fewer emissions than allowed. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1014 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Favor	44%
Oppose	51%
No opinion	5%

(QUESTIONS 25 AND 26 COMBINED)

25. A proposal called "cap and trade" would allow the federal government to limit the emissions from industrial facilities such as power plants and factories that some people believe cause global warming. Companies that exceed the limit could avoid fines or higher taxes by paying money to other companies that produced fewer emissions than allowed. Would you favor or oppose this proposal? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1014 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)
26. (IF FAVOR) Do you think the "cap and trade" proposal would reduce global warming, or do you think it would help reduce air pollution in general but would not affect global warming directly?

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Favor, reduce global warming	18%
Favor, reduce pollution, not global warming	23%
Oppose	51%
No opinion	8%

27. As you may know, the Bush administration authorized the use of harsh interrogation procedures, including the procedure known as waterboarding, when the U.S. captured suspected terrorists. Based on what you have read or heard, do you approve or disapprove of the Bush administration's decision to use those procedures while questioning suspected terrorists?

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Approve	50%
Disapprove	46%
No opinion	3%

28. And regardless of whether you approve or disapprove of the use of those procedures, do you think any of those procedures were a form of torture, or don't you think so?

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Form of torture	60%
Not a form of torture	36%
No opinion	3%

29. Do you think that Congress should or should not conduct an investigation of the Bush administration officials who authorized the use of those procedures? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1005 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Should	42%
Should not	57%
No opinion	1%

30. Do you think that Congress should or should not conduct an investigation of the military and intelligence personnel who used those procedures after the Bush administration authorized their use? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1005 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Should	34%
Should not	65%
No opinion	1%

31. Do you think that an independent panel should or should not conduct an investigation of the Bush administration officials who authorized the use of those procedures? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1014 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Should	42%
Should not	55%
No opinion	2%

32. Do you think that an independent panel should or should not conduct an investigation of the military and intelligence personnel who used those procedures after the Bush administration authorized their use? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1014 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Should	33%
Should not	64%
No opinion	2%

33. Do you think marriages between gay and lesbian couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1005 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>
Should be recognized as valid	44%	44%
Should not be recognized as valid	54%	55%
No opinion	2%	1%

34. If a state's government does not legally recognize marriages between gays or lesbians, do you think that state should or should not allow gay and lesbian couples to form civil unions which would give them some of the legal rights of married couples? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1005 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
Should	60%
Should not	38%
No opinion	2%

35. Do you favor or oppose the policy sometimes called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in which the U.S. military does not ask new recruits whether they are gay or lesbian, but prohibits gays and lesbians from serving in the military if they reveal their sexual orientation? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1014 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Favor	48%
Oppose	47%
No opinion	5%

(QUESTIONS 35 AND 36 COMBINED)

35. Do you favor or oppose the policy sometimes called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in which the U.S. military does not ask new recruits whether they are gay or lesbian, but prohibits gays and lesbians from serving in the military if they reveal their sexual orientation? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 1014 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 3 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)
36. (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose that policy because you think it is too lenient toward gays and lesbians or because you think it treats gays and lesbians too harshly?

Apr. 23-26  
2009

Favor	48%
Oppose, too lenient	8%
Oppose, treats too harshly	37%
No opinion	7%

37. Do you happen to have a family member or close friend who is gay or lesbian?

Apr. 23-26      Aug. 6-8  
2009              2007

Yes	49%	45%
No	51%	55%
No opinion	*	*

CNN/TIME TREND

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
1998 Oct. 14-15	41	57	2
1994 June 15-16	32	66	2