



Interviews with 1,010 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 28-31, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	2%	4%	3%

	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	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	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

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

2a. (IF APPROVE) Do you approve strongly, or only moderately?

2b. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove strongly, or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 1, 2a AND 2b COMBINED

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Approve strongly	33%	40%
Approve moderately	20%	27%
Disapprove moderately	11%	10%
Disapprove strongly	34%	19%
No opinion	2%	4%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 502 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The economy			
August 28-31, 2009	49%	51%	*
March 12-15, 2009	59%	40%	2%
Foreign affairs			
August 28-31, 2009	54%	42%	3%
March 12-15, 2009	66%	28%	6%
The situation in Afghanistan			
August 28-31, 2009	49%	46%	5%
March 12-15, 2009*	67%	29%	5%
Terrorism			
August 28-31, 2009	52%	45%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	61%	35%	4%
Health care policy			
August 28-31, 2009	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	57%	41%	2%
Taxes			
August 28-31, 2009	45%	52%	2%
March 12-15, 2009*	62%	37%	1%
The federal budget deficit			
August 28-31, 2009	36%	63%	1%
March 12-15, 2009*	52%	47%	2%
Race relations			
August 28-31, 2009	66%	26%	8%
Medicare			
August 28-31, 2009	46%	48%	5%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

14. From the news stories about Barack Obama that you have read or seen since he became president, do you think the news media have been too critical of Obama, not critical enough, or have they been fair in their treatment of Obama?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Too critical	25%	18%
Not critical enough	36%	26%
Fair	37%	55%
No opinion	1%	2%

TIME/CNN/YANKELOVICH TRENDS

	<u>Too critical</u>	<u>Not critical enough</u>	<u>Fair in treatment</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Clinton				
1993 Feb 10-11	26	15	55	4