



Interviews with 1,012 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on September 11-13, 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?

	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	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	58%	53%	56%	61%	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	40%	45%	40%	37%	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The economy			
September 11-13, 2009	54%	45%	1%
August 28-31, 2009	49%	51%	*
March 12-15, 2009	59%	40%	2%
Foreign affairs			
September 11-13, 2009	58%	38%	4%
August 28-31, 2009	54%	42%	3%
March 12-15, 2009	66%	28%	6%
Health care policy			
September 11-13, 2009	51%	47%	2%
August 28-31, 2009	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	57%	41%	2%
Taxes			
September 11-13, 2009	52%	43%	5%
August 28-31, 2009	45%	52%	2%
March 12-15, 2009*	62%	37%	1%
The federal budget deficit			
September 11-13, 2009	46%	51%	3%
August 28-31, 2009	36%	63%	1%
March 12-15, 2009*	52%	47%	2%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

6. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care?

	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Favor	51%	48%	50%	51%
Oppose	46%	51%	45%	45%
No opinion	3%	2%	5%	4%

FOR COMPARISON:
CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>Bill Clinton</u>			
1994 Jul 15-17	40%	55%	5%
1994 Jun 25-28	43%	49%	8%
1994 May 20-22	46%	49%	5%
1994 Apr 16-18	43%	47%	10%
1994 Mar 28-30	44%	47%	9%
1994 Feb 26-28	46%	48%	6%
1994 Jan 28-30	57%	38%	5%
1994 Jan 15-17	56%	38%	6%
1993 Nov 19-21	52%	41%	7%
1993 Nov 2-4	52%	40%	8%
1993 Oct 28-30	45%	45%	10%
1993 Sep 24-26	59%	33%	8%
1993 Sep 10-12*	54%	31%	14%

*WORDING: From what you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Bill Clinton's ideas about reforming health care?

6. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care?
7. (IF FAVOR) Do you favor that plan strongly or only moderately?
8. (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose that plan strongly or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 6, 7 AND 8 COMBINED

	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>
Favor strongly	26%	25%	23%
Favor moderately	25%	23%	27%
Oppose moderately	14%	10%	12%
Oppose strongly	32%	41%	33%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%

9. From what you know of the health care reforms which the Administration is working on, do you think the amount you pay for medical care would increase, decrease, or remain the same?

	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Increase	47%	55%	54%
Decrease	16%	19%	17%
Remain the same	35%	24%	26%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Remain the same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Mar 2-3	70%	9%	17%	4%
1994 Jan 17-18	59%	11%	24%	6%
1993 Oct 28	58%	8%	23%	11%
1993 Sept 23	61%	9%	25%	5%
1993 Sept 8-9	56%	16%	23%	5%

10. From what you know of those health care reforms, do you think you and your family would, in general, be better off, worse off or about the same?

	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Better off	21%	21%	20%
Worse off	35%	38%	35%
About the same	43%	40%	44%
No opinion	1%	*	1%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Aug 17-18	20%	31%	45%	4%
1994 July	15%	31%	50%	4%
1994 Jan	18%	29%	50%	3%
1993 Oct	20%	29%	48%	3%
1993 Sept	20%	21%	57%	2%

11. And from what you know of those health care reforms, do you think senior citizens who are currently on Medicare would, in general, be better off, worse off or about the same?

	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Better off	24%	26%
Worse off	37%	43%
About the same	36%	30%
No opinion	3%	1%

12. How likely is it that Obama and Congress will be able to make substantial progress toward passing health care reform by the end of 2009 -- is that very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely?

	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>
Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	37%
Somewhat unlikely	26%
Very unlikely	22%
No opinion	1%

LOS ANGELES TIMES TREND

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Somewhat unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 Sep 25-28	17	44	24	12	3

QUESTION WORDING: How likely is it that Clinton and Congress will be able to make substantial progress toward passing health care reform by the end of 1994 -- is that very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely?

13. In reacting to President Obama's health care proposals, do you think the Republicans are generally offering constructive criticism, or are they being obstructionist for mostly political reasons?

Sept. 11-13
2009

Constructive	35%
Obstructionist	61%
No opinion	5%

LOS ANGELES TIMES TREND

	<u>Constructive</u>	<u>Obstructionist</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 July 23-26	28	57	15
1993 Sep 25-28	36	48	16

QUESTION WORDING: In reacting to President Clinton's health care proposals, do you think the Republicans are generally offering constructive criticism, or are they being obstructionist for mostly political reasons?

Based on what you have read or heard about Obama's health care plan, please tell me whether you think each of the following would or would not happen if that plan became law.

14. If Obama's plan became law, do you think senior citizens or seriously-ill patients would die because government panels would prevent them from getting the medical treatment they needed?

Sept. 11-13
2009

Would happen	41%
Would not happen	57%
No opinion	2%

15. If Obama's plan became law, do you think the federal government would or would not eventually take over all aspects of the country's health care system?

Sept. 11-13
2009

Would happen	55%
Would not happen	42%
No opinion	2%

16. If Obama's plan became law, do you think that the federal government would or would not provide insurance to illegal immigrants?

Sept. 11-13
2009

Would happen	47%
Would not happen	49%
No opinion	4%

17. If Obama's plan became law, do you think the federal budget deficit would or would not increase?

Sept. 11-13
2009

Would happen	74%
Would not happen	24%
No opinion	2%

18. As you may know, President Obama presented his health care reform proposals to Congress and the American people in a broadcast address last Wednesday evening. How much do you know about the details of President Obama's health care proposals -- a great deal, a good amount, only some, or not much at all?

Sept. 11-13
2009

Great deal	11%
Good amount	32%
Only some	37%
Not much	20%
No opinion	*

LOS ANGELES TIMES TREND

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Good amount</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 Sep 25-28	6	15	39	39	1

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, President Clinton presented his health care reform proposals to Congress and the American people in a broadcast address last Wednesday evening. How much do you know about the details of President Clinton's health care proposals -- a great deal, a good amount, only some, or not much at all?

19. During that address, a Republican member of the U.S. House shouted that Obama had lied while Obama was speaking. Do you think that was appropriate behavior or inappropriate behavior?

Sept. 11-13
2009

Appropriate	15%
Inappropriate	85%
No opinion	1%

20. And just your best guess -- based on what you have read or heard about that address, do you think Obama lied while he was speaking to Congress on Wednesday night, or don't you think so?

Sept. 11-13
2009

Obama lied	32%
Don't think so	60%
No opinion	8%