



**Interviews with 1,136 adult Americans, including an oversample of African-Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on July 31-August 3, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 226 interviews among African-Americans (plus or minus 6.5 percentage points) and 773 non-Hispanic whites (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).**

**Columns in this document labeled "Whites" show results only for respondents who described themselves as white in a question on racial background and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. Columns in this document labeled "Blacks" refer to all respondents who described themselves as black or African-American regardless of their ethnic background.**

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

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

2. 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?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009*</u>
Thrilled	15%	19%	28%
Happy	41%	42%	40%
Don't care	12%	11%	15%
Unhappy	22%	20%	12%
Depressed	9%	7%	4%
No opinion	2%	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?

3. Do you consider the first six months of the Obama administration to be a success or a failure?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>
Success	51%
Failure	37%
Too soon to tell (vol.)	11%
No opinion	1%

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**Bush Administration First Six Months:** Do you consider the first six months of the Bush administration to be a -- [ROTATED: success (or a failure)]?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>Too soon to tell (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2001 Aug 3-5*	56	32	7	5

4. Since he became president, do you think Barack Obama has tried to handle more issues than he should have, or hasn't he done that?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
More issues than he should have	65%	55%
Has not done that	30%	43%
No opinion	4%	2%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/TIME TRENDS</u>			
	<u>More issues than should have</u>	<u>Has not done that</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
<b><i>Bill Clinton</i></b> 1993 Apr. 28-29	49%	40%	11%

5. In general, would you say that President Obama's views and proposed programs for the country are too liberal, not liberal enough, or just about right for the country?

	July 31-Aug 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Too liberal	40%	36%
Not liberal enough	8%	5%
Just about right	50%	58%
No opinion	2%	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/TIME TRENDS</u>				
	<u>Too liberal</u>	<u>Not liberal enough</u>	<u>Just about right</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
<b><i>Bill Clinton</i></b> 1993 May 26-27	41%	15%	35%	9%
1993 Jan. 13-14	24%	10%	58%	8%

6. Do you think the country would be better off if the Republicans controlled Congress, or if the Democrats controlled Congress?

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	34%	44%	15%	4%	3%
April 3-5, 2009	34%	49%	11%	3%	2%
January 12-15, 2009	31%	56%	10%	3%	1%

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	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Nov 11-13	34	46	12	2	6
2005 Oct 13-16	32	45	12	4	7
2005 May 20-22	36	47	9	2	6
2004 Oct 22-24*	41	45	4	3	7
2004 Mar 26-28	39	41	7	4	9
2002 Jul 29-31	38	39	9	5	9
2002 Jul 5-8	40	39	11	3	7
2002 Jan 11-14	44	43	3	3	7
2001 Oct 5-6	38	37	11	7	7
2001 Aug 3-5	34	43	10	6	7
2001 Apr 20-22	41	43	6	3	7
2001 Jan 5-7	39	41	7	5	8
1999 Jul 16-18	37	42	12	2	7
1999 Jun 25-27	41	41	11	2	5
1999 May 23-24	36	37	14	4	9
1998 Dec 15-16	30	41	13	5	11
1998 Sep 23-24	35	41	11	3	10
1997 Aug 22-25	37	40	11	4	8
1997 Jul 25-27	37	39	11	5	8
1997 Jun 26-29	34	40	12	4	10
1996 Oct 26-29**	39	42	7	2	10
1995 Dec 15-18	41	41	8	2	8
1995 Mar 27-29	45	33	10	4	8
1994 Oct 18-19	42	39	10	2	7

\* Asked of a half sample.

\*\* Based on likely 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>Barack Obama</b>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	64%	34%	*	2%
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>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	47%	33%	7%	13%
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"  
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	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Michelle Obama</b>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	67%	22%	1%	9%
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>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	61%	35%	*	4%
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%
<b>Ted Kennedy</b>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	51%	35%	3%	11%
February 18-19, 2009	53%	36%	4%	7%
Aug. 23-24, 2008^	56%	35%	2%	7%
February 1-3, 2008	47%	41%	4%	7%
April 21-23, 2006	44%	40%	3%	11%

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	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Sarah Palin</b>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	39%	48%	5%	8%
May 14-17, 2009	46%	43%	4%	7%
November 6-9, 2008	49%	43%	2%	6%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	51%	41%	2%	6%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	52%	40%	3%	5%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	53%	35%	4%	7%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	57%	27%	6%	10%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	38%	21%	20%	21%
<b>John McCain</b>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	51%	40%	2%	7%
May 14-17, 2009	58%	37%	*	5%
February 18-19, 2009	52%	40%	*	7%
November 6-9, 2008	61%	36%	*	3%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	56%	41%	*	3%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	54%	43%	*	3%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	57%	40%	*	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	60%	33%	*	6%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	59%	38%	*	3%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	61%	33%	*	6%
July 27-29, 2008 (RV)	62%	33%	1%	4%
June 26-29, 2008 (RV)	59%	37%	*	4%
April 28-30, 2008	55%	36%	1%	7%
February 1-3, 2008	53%	36%	3%	8%
January 9-10, 2008	54%	29%	5%	13%
September 7-9, 2007	47%	32%	7%	14%
June 22-24, 2007	46%	32%	9%	13%
March 9-11, 2007	47%	27%	12%	14%
November 3-5, 2006	52%	22%	11%	15%
September 22-24, 2006	50%	25%	14%	11%
April 21-23, 2006	46%	20%	17%	16%
<b>George W. Bush</b>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	34%	62%	*	4%
May 14-17, 2009	41%	57%	*	2%
February 18-19, 2009	33%	63%	*	4%
January 12-15, 2009	35%	60%	*	4%
Aug. 29-31, 2008	38%	61%	*	1%
September 22-24, 2006	46%	52%	*	1%
April 21-23, 2006	40%	57%	*	2%

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	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>The Republican Party</b>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	41%	50%	1%	8%
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%
<b>The Democratic Party</b>				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	52%	39%	1%	8%
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%

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**Hillary Clinton**

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

\*Asked of a half sample.

\*\*Based on likely voters.

\*\*\*Based on registered voters.

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

**Ted Kennedy**

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Jul 22-24^	48	38	6	8
2004 Jul 19-21 †	50	39	3	8
2004 Mar 26-28	42	47	3	8
2003 Jun 27-29 †	44	44	4	8
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	45	42	3	10
1996 Oct 26-29	43	45	1	11

^ WORDING: Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy.

† Asked of a half sample.

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**George W. Bush**

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
				<b><u>2005</u></b>			
2005 Dec 16-18	46	53	1	2001 Jun 8-10	62	36	2
2005 Jul 25-28	48	50	2	2001 Apr 20-22	65	32	3
2005 Apr 1-2	54	45	1	2001 Mar 9-11	63	32	5
2005 Feb 25-27	56	42	2	2001 Mar 5-7	69	28	3
2005 Feb 4-6	59	39	2	2001 Feb 19-21	67	27	6
				2001 Feb 1-4	64	33	3
				2001 Jan 15-16	62	36	2
				<b><u>2004</u></b>			
2004 Nov 19-21	60	39	1	<b><u>2000</u></b>			
2004 Oct 29-31	51	46	3	2000 Dec 15-17	59	36	5
2004 Oct 22-24*	53	44	3	2000 Dec 2-4	56	40	4
2004 Oct 14-16	55	44	1	2000 Nov 13-15	53	43	4
2004 Oct 9-10	51	46	3	2000 Nov 13-15**	54	43	3
2004 Oct 1-3	53	45	2	2000 Nov 4-5**	55	39	6
2004 Sep 13-15*	55	44	1	2000 Oct 24-26**	62	33	5
2004 Sep 3-5	55	44	1	2000 Oct 23-25**	60	35	5
2004 Aug 23-25	54	44	2	2000 Oct 20-22**	59	37	4
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	52	46	2	2000 Oct 5-7**	58	36	6
2004 Jul 19-21	52	46	2	2000 Sep 28-30**	55	38	7
2004 Jul 8-11	52	46	2	2000 Sep 15-17**	51	41	8
2004 Jun 21-23	53	45	2	2000 Aug 18-19	60	34	6
2004 Apr 16-18	56	42	2	2000 Aug 4-5	67	28	5
2004 Mar 26-28	57	41	2	2000 Jul 25-26	63	31	6
2004 Feb 16-17	56	42	2	2000 Jul 14-16	64	29	7
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	52	47	1	2000 Jun 23-25	60	31	9
2004 Jan 2-5	65	35	*	2000 Jun 6-7	64	29	7
				2000 Apr 28-30	61	33	6
				2000 Mar 10-12	63	32	5
				2000 Feb 25-27	57	35	8
				2000 Feb 20-21	58	35	7
				2000 Feb 4-6	63	31	6
				2000 Jan 17-19	66	26	8
				<b><u>1999</u></b>			
2002 Dec 16-17	68	30	2	1999 Dec 9-12	68	25	7
2002 Sep 23-26	70	28	2	1999 Oct 21-24	71	21	8
2002 Jul 26-28	71	26	3	1999 Oct 8-10	70	25	5
2002 May 20-22	80	18	2	1999 Sep 23-26	71	22	7
2002 Apr 29-May 1	79	19	2	1999 Aug 16-18	68	21	11
2002 Jan 11-14	83	15	2	1999 Jun 25-27	69	16	15
				1999 Apr 13-14	73	15	12
				1999 Feb 19-21	69	12	19
				<b><u>2001</u></b>			
2001 Nov 26-27	87	11	2				
2001 Aug 3-5	60	35	5				

\*Asked of a half sample.

\*\*Based on registered voters.

**John McCain**

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never heard of</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Jul 25-28	51	22	16	11
2004 Aug 23-25*	55	19	9	17
2004 Mar 26-28	53	21	13	13
2002 Apr 29-May 1**	53	21	11	15
2001 Jun 8-10**	60	21	10	9
2000 Apr 28-30**	61	18	6	15
2000 Mar 10-12**	57	28	6	9
2000 Feb 25-27**	66	18	5	11
2000 Feb 20-21**	65	17	7	11
2000 Feb 4-6**	67	12	8	13
2000 Jan 17-19**	51	17	10	22
1999 Dec 9-12**	57	11	14	18
1999 Oct 21-24**	37	12	30	21
1999 Apr 13-14**	35	12	28	25
1999 Feb 19-21**	27	8	44	21

\*Asked of a half sample.

\*\*WORDING: Arizona Senator John McCain

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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.

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	6%	6%
A	12%	18%
A-	4%	3%
B+	6%	8%
B	21%	20%
B-	5%	3%
C+	3%	3%
C	14%	12%
C-	3%	3%
D+	2%	1%
D	10%	12%
D-	2%	2%
F	14%	9%
No opinion	*	*
Average numerical value	2.33	2.52
Average letter grade	C+	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**

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	3%	4%
A	18%	19%
A-	1%	2%
B+	5%	6%
B	28%	24%
B-	2%	3%
C+	2%	2%
C	18%	18%
C-	2%	1%
D+	*	*
D	9%	9%
D-	2%	1%
F	8%	10%
No opinion	3%	2%
Average numerical value	2.54	2.54
Average letter grade	B-	B-

**b. Vice President Joe Biden**

	July 31-Aug 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	2%	2%
A	8%	13%
A-	1%	1%
B+	3%	4%
B	23%	23%
B-	3%	2%
C+	1%	2%
C	22%	21%
C-	2%	1%
D+	1%	1%
D	11%	14%
D-	1%	1%
F	15%	12%
No opinion	7%	4%
Average numerical value	2.08	2.23
Average letter grade	C	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. The Democratic leaders in Congress**

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	1%	2%
A	7%	9%
A-	1%	1%
B+	3%	3%
B	19%	21%
B-	2%	4%
C+	3%	2%
C	24%	21%
C-	4%	2%
D+	*	1%
D	12%	13%
D-	2%	1%
F	18%	19%
No opinion	3%	2%
Average numerical value	1.91	1.96
Average letter grade	C	C

**d. The Republican leaders in Congress**

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	1%	1%
A	4%	4%
A-	*	*
B+	1%	2%
B	14%	17%
B-	2%	3%
C+	2%	4%
C	33%	30%
C-	5%	3%
D+	1%	1%
D	16%	17%
D-	1%	1%
F	13%	14%
No opinion	5%	3%
Average numerical value	1.84	1.84
Average letter grade	C-	C-

(QUESTIONS 10 AND 11 ROTATED)

10. How would you grade the progress the Obama administration has made on the economy since January?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	3%	2%
A	10%	13%
A-	1%	2%
B+	4%	5%
B	16%	21%
B-	4%	3%
C+	4%	3%
C	18%	17%
C-	3%	2%
D+	1%	1%
D	11%	10%
D-	1%	1%
F	23%	20%
No opinion	2%	1%
Average numerical value	1.93	2.13
Average letter grade	C	C

11. How would you grade the progress the Obama administration has made on foreign affairs since January?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	2%	4%
A	15%	18%
A-	3%	3%
B+	3%	4%
B	18%	21%
B-	4%	1%
C+	2%	2%
C	20%	16%
C-	2%	1%
D+	*	*
D	10%	9%
D-	1%	1%
F	16%	17%
No opinion	4%	2%
Average numerical value	2.23	2.34
Average letter grade	C+	C+



12. How would you grade the job the Obama administration has done on health care since January?

July 31-Aug. 3  
2009

A+	2%
A	8%
A-	1%
B+	3%
B	18%
B-	2%
C+	2%
C	19%
C-	2%
D+	*
D	9%
D-	2%
F	28%
No opinion	3%
Average numerical value	1.77
Average letter grade	C-

13. Using the same 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 Congress has done since January? You may use pluses and minuses if you would like to do so.

July 31-Aug. 3  
2009

A+	1%
A	3%
A-	1%
B+	2%
B	14%
B-	5%
C+	4%
C	29%
C-	4%
D+	1%
D	17%
D-	3%
F	15%
No opinion	2%
Average numerical value	1.80
Average letter grade	C-

14. And how would you grade the job the two U.S. Senators from your state have done since January?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	2%	2%
A	7%	11%
A-	2%	1%
B+	4%	5%
B	20%	24%
B-	4%	4%
C+	2%	3%
C	28%	23%
C-	2%	2%
D+	*	1%
D	11%	10%
D-	1%	1%
F	10%	10%
No opinion	6%	5%
Average numerical value	2.18	2.30
Average letter grade	C+	C+

15. 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.

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
A+	3%	2%
A	10%	14%
A-	2%	1%
B+	3%	4%
B	17%	21%
B-	3%	2%
C+	1%	2%
C	20%	17%
C-	3%	3%
D+	*	1%
D	14%	10%
D-	3%	1%
F	18%	20%
No opinion	2%	2%
Average numerical value	2.00	2.10
Average letter grade	C	C

16. Do you approve or disapprove of how Obama has handled race relations since he became President?

July 31-Aug. 3, 2009  
Total   Blacks   Whites

Approve	61%	92%	56%
Disapprove	34%	6%	40%
No opinion	4%	2%	4%

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

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>June 26-28</u> <u>2009</u>	<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	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Somewhat good	19%	18%	16%	10%	11%
Somewhat poor	44%	39%	46%	41%	36%
Very poor	35%	41%	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

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	<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.

18. 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?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>	
Very good	8%	7%	6%	4%	
Somewhat good	50%	54%	49%	58%	
Somewhat poor	26%	27%	29%	29%	
Very poor	14%	12%	16%	7%	
No opinion	1%	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%

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	<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.

19. Do you think Barack Obama's policies have made the economy better, or don't you think so? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

July 31-Aug. 3  
2009

Made economy better	44%
Don't think so	51%
No opinion	5%

19. Do you think Barack Obama's policies have made the economy better, or don't you think so?  
20. (IF DON'T THINK SO) Do you think Barack Obama's policies will eventually make the economy better, or don't you think so? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

QUESTIONS 19 AND 20 COMBINED

July 31-Aug. 3  
2009

Made economy better (from Q19)	44%
Will make economy better	11%
Will not make economy better	40%
No opinion	5%

21. Do you think the Democrats or the Republicans are more responsible for the country's current economic problems? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 521 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Democrats	23%	21%	22%
Republican	44%	53%	50%
Both equally (vol.)	24%	22%	20%
Neither (vol.)	7%	4%	6%
No opinion	3%	1%	1%



22. As you may know, the U.S. went through a depression in the 1930s in which roughly one out of four workers were unemployed, banks failed across the country, and millions of ordinary Americans were temporarily homeless or unable to feed their families. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that another depression like that will occur in the U.S. within the next 12 months?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u>
Very likely	12%	12%	10%	12%
Somewhat likely	29%	33%	28%	29%
Not very likely	36%	36%	41%	35%
Not likely at all	22%	18%	20%	24%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%

23. Which of the following statements best describes you:

	July 31-Aug.3 <u>2009</u>	May 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
You or someone in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months	22%	20%	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	26%	21%	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	50%	58%	48%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%

24. Have you personally ever felt treated unfairly by the police or by a police officer specifically because of your race?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Yes	16%	56%	6%
No	84%	44%	94%
No opinion	*	*	*

FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
(ASKED OF BLACKS ONLY) Have you personally ever felt treated unfairly by the police or by a police officer specifically because you are black?			
Mar. 26- Apr, 2, 2008	46%	54%	*
Oct 5-7, 1994*	34%	62%	4%

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
(ASKED OF WHITES ONLY) Have you personally ever felt treated unfairly by the police or by a police officer specifically because you are white?			
Mar. 26- Apr, 2, 2008	11%	89%	*
Oct 5-7, 1994*	9%	90%	1%

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25. Next, we'd like to know how widespread you believe the problem of racism is against blacks among police officers in this country. Would you say it is very common, fairly common, fairly rare, or very rare?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>			<u>Mar. 26-Apr. 2, 2008</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Very common	16%	46%	11%	19%	48%	11%
Fairly common	36%	40%	36%	40%	33%	41%
Fairly rare	31%	7%	35%	26%	9%	32%
Very rare	13%	5%	14%	10%	8%	11%
No opinion	4%	2%	4%	5%	1%	5%

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	<u>Very common</u>	<u>Fairly common</u>	<u>Fairly rare</u>	<u>Very rare</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>October 5-7, 1995</u>					
TOTAL	14	40	26	10	10
Blacks	37	31	17	7	8
Whites	11	41	28	11	9

26. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Afghanistan?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Favor	41%	50%	53%	47%
Oppose	54%	48%	46%	51%
No opinion	5%	3%	1%	2%

  

	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>
Favor	52%	46%	44%	50%
Oppose	46%	52%	52%	48%
No opinion	2%	2%	4%	2%

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

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

FOR COMPARISON:  
CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b><i>Bill Clinton</i></b>			
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?

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

QUESTIONS 27, 28 AND 29 COMBINED

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Favor strongly	23%
Favor only moderately	27%
Oppose only moderately	12%
Oppose strongly	33%
No opinion	5%

30. If your member of Congress came to your community and held a town hall meeting or some other public forum where voters got a chance to speak, how likely is it that you would attend that event to tell your member of Congress what you think about health care? Would you be very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all to do that?

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2009

Very likely	41%
Somewhat likely	30%
Not very likely	16%
Not likely at all	13%
No opinion	*

31. From what you know of the health care proposals which Obama supports, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

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Those proposals would help you and your family if they became law	30%
Those proposals would help other families in this country, but would not help you and your family	44%
Those proposals would not help anyone in the country	20%
No opinion	6%

32. In any health care system, someone must make tough decisions that affect individual patients, such as which patients get certain treatments, when they get treated, and which treatments are ineffective or too expensive. If you had to choose, would you rather have those decisions made by people who work for insurance companies, or people who work for the government?

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2009

Insurance companies	40%
Government	40%
Mixed/both equal (vol.)	7%
No opinion	13%

33. Do you think it is or is not necessary to make major structural changes in the nation's health care system in order to make sure that all Americans have health insurance? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

July 31-Aug. 3  
2009

Necessary	77%
Not necessary	21%
No opinion	1%

34. Do you think it is or is not necessary to make major structural changes in the nation's health care system in order to reduce health care costs? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 521 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

July 31-Aug. 3  
2009

Necessary	74%
Not necessary	23%
No opinion	2%

35. We'd like to know how you feel about different aspects of health care for you and your family. Are you generally satisfied, or dissatisfied with each of the following: (RANDOM ORDER)

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 2-4 <u>2007</u>
The quality of health care you receive			
Satisfied	83%	82%	79%
Dissatisfied	16%	17%	20%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%
Your health insurance coverage			
Satisfied	74%	73%	69%
Dissatisfied	23%	26%	30%
No opinion	3%	1%	2%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u><i>The quality of the health care you receive</i></u>			
1993 May 10-12	81	17	2
<u><i>Your health insurance coverage</i></u>			
1993 May 10-12	70	25	5

\* QUESTION WORDING: Now, thinking about health care in the country as a whole, are you generally satisfied, or dissatisfied, with ...

36. As you may know, Sonia Sotomayor is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Sotomayor serving on the Supreme Court, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Vote in favor of Sotomayor	51%	47%
Not vote in favor	36%	40%
No opinion	14%	13%

FOR COMPARISON:  
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**Samuel Alito:** As you may know, Samuel Alito is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Alito serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 20-22	54	30	16
2006 Jan 6-8	49	30	21
2005 Dec 9-11	49	29	22
2005 Nov 7-10	50	25	25

**Harriet Miers:** As you may know, Harriet Miers is the person nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Miers serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	42	43	15
2005 Oct 13-16*	44	36	20

\* Asked of a half sample.

**John Roberts:** As you may know, John Roberts is a federal judge who has been nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Roberts serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Sep 16-18*	60	26	14
2005 Sep 8-11*	58	27	15
2005 Aug 28-30	52	26	22
2005 Aug 5-7**	51	28	21
2005 Jul 22-24**	59	22	19

\* WORDING: As you may know, John Roberts is a federal judge who has been nominated to serve as chief justice on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Roberts serving as chief justice on the Supreme Court, or not?

\*\*WORDING: As you may know, John Roberts is the person nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Roberts serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

**Ruth Bader Ginsburg:** Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a federal judge who has been nominated by President Clinton to serve on the United States Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Ginsburg serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 Jun 18-21	53	14	33

**Clarence Thomas:** Clarence Thomas is the federal judge nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Clarence Thomas serving on the Supreme Court, or not?

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1991 Jul 11-14	52	17	31

**Robert Bork:** Robert Bork is a federal judge who has been nominated by President Reagan to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Bork serving on the U.S. Supreme Court, or not?

	<u>Yes, vote in favor</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1987 Sep 1-13*	38	35	26
1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	31	25	44

\*Gallup for Times Mirror.



37. As you may know, Sonia Sotomayor is the federal judge who Barack Obama nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. Would you like to see the Senate vote in favor of Sotomayor serving on the Supreme Court, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 521 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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Vote in favor of Sotomayor	61%
Not vote in favor	31%
No opinion	8%

38. Now I have some questions about an incident in Massachusetts in which a professor named Henry Louis Gates, who is black, was arrested for disorderly conduct at his home by a police officer named James Crowley, who is white. Based on what you have heard or read about this incident, do you think the police officer, James Crowley, acted stupidly or don't you think so?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Acted stupidly	33%	59%	29%
Did not act stupidly	54%	29%	58%
No opinion	14%	12%	14%

39. And based on what you have heard or read about this incident, do you think the professor, Henry Louis Gates, acted stupidly or don't you think so?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Acted stupidly	53%	44%	58%
Did not act stupidly	30%	43%	27%
No opinion	16%	13%	15%

40. Who would you say you sympathize with more -- Henry Louis Gates, the professor who was arrested, or James Crowley, the police officer who arrested him?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Gates	33%	61%	29%
Police officer	41%	19%	45%
Both equally (vol.)	8%	4%	9%
Neither (vol.)	9%	8%	9%
No opinion	9%	8%	8%

41. Do you think a white homeowner would have been arrested if he had acted the same way in the same circumstances, or don't you think so?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Yes	59%	25%	66%
No	29%	64%	23%
Depends (vol.)	4%	3%	4%
No opinion	8%	8%	8%

42. As you may know, Barack Obama made some comments about this incident at a televised press conference. Based on what you have read or heard about Obama's comments, do you think Obama acted stupidly when he made them, or don't you think so?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Acted stupidly	54%	26%	63%
Did not act stupidly	32%	59%	25%
No opinion	14%	15%	13%

43. Did Obama's comments make you feel more favorable or less favorable toward him, or did those comments not change your view of Obama?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
More favorable	7%	13%	4%
Less favorable	28%	10%	33%
No change	59%	69%	57%
No opinion	6%	7%	5%

44. As you may know, Barack Obama had a beer at the White House with the professor who was arrested and the police officer who arrested him. Do you think that event was a good idea or a bad idea?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Good idea	58%	75%	53%
Bad idea	36%	20%	40%
No opinion	7%	6%	6%

45. Do you think this incident has taught Americans a lesson that will lead to better race relations in this country?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Taught a lesson	36%	44%	33%
Did not teach a lesson	58%	52%	61%
No opinion	6%	4%	6%

46. Would you say you were a fan of Michael Jackson, or not?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3, 2009</u>			<u>June 26-28</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>2009</u>
Yes, a fan	50%	81%	44%	51%
No, not a fan	48%	15%	54%	49%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%	*

47. Which of the following statements best describes you?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3</u>
	<u>2009</u>
You have health insurance provided by a private insurance company	58%
You are covered by Medicare	18%
You are covered by Medicaid	6%
You have no health coverage at all	12%
Other (vol.)	4%
No opinion	2%