



Interviews with 1,038 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 16-18, 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?

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	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>
Approve	55%	58%	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	43%	40%	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	2%	2%	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%

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

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	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	66%	75%	66%	64%	63%	59%
Disagree	33%	24%	34%	36%	36%	38%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	3%

*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.

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008*</u>
Agree	48%	57%	60%	56%
Disagree	51%	41%	40%	43%
No opinion	2%	2%	*	1%

*Asked of a half sample.

4. 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>
Barack Obama				
October 16-18, 2009	60%	39%	*	1%
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%
Joe Biden				
October 16-18, 2009	45%	40%	7%	8%
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"
(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

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	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Michelle Obama				
October 16-18, 2009	64%	26%	*	9%
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%
Hillary Clinton				
October 16-18, 2009	65%	32%	*	3%
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%

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	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Bill Clinton				
October 16-18, 2009	64%	33%	*	4%
December 1-2, 2008	60%	38%	*	2%
August 23-24, 2008	53%	44%	*	2%
June 26-29, 2008	51%	46%	*	3%
April 28-30, 2008	53%	43%	1%	3%
February 1-3, 2008	55%	42%	*	3%
June 23-24, 2007	60%	36%	*	3%
March 9-11, 2007	58%	36%	1%	5%
September 23-24, 2006	60%	37%	*	3%
April 21-23, 2006	57%	38%	*	4%

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Hillary Clinton

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

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Bill Clinton

	Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion		Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion
2005				1998			
2005 Oct 21-23	60	38	2	1998 Jun 5-7	61	36	3
2005 Feb 4-6	56	41	3	1998 Mar 20-22	60	35	5
2004				1998 Mar 16	60	37	3
2004 Jul 19-21*	54	43	3	1998 Feb 20-22	64	34	2
2004 Jun 21-23	53	44	3	1998 Feb 13-15	58	39	3
2003				1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	65	34	1
2003 Jun 9-10	54	45	1	1998 Jan 28	63	32	5
2003 Mar 14-15	46	51	3	1998 Jan 25-26	53	43	4
2002				1998 Jan 24-25	58	39	3
2002 Sep 23-26	47	49	4	1998 Jan 23-24	57	40	3
2001				1997			
2001 Nov 26-27	48	47	5	1997 Dec 18-21	58	37	5
2001 Aug 3-5	49	48	3	1997 Oct 27-29	62	35	3
2001 Apr 20-22	48	50	2	1997 Oct 3-5	56	40	4
2001 Mar 5-7	39	59	2	1997 Sep 25-28	61	35	4
2001 Feb 19-21	42	55	3	1997 Sep 6-7	63	32	5
2001 Feb 1-4	51	48	1	1997 Jul 25-27	62	35	3
2000				1997 Jun 26-29	59	37	4
2000 Dec 2-4	57	41	2	1997 Apr 18-20	60	38	2
2000 Nov 13-15	57	41	2	1997 Mar 24-26	63	34	3
2000 Oct 25-28	54	44	2	1997 Feb 24-26	61	34	5
2000 Sep 15-17**	46	48	6	1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	64	32	4
2000 Aug 18-19	48	48	4	1997 Jan 10-13	65	31	4
2000 Aug 4-5	42	54	4	1997 Jan 3-5	60	36	4
2000 Apr 28-30	47	51	2	1996			
1999				1996 Nov 3-4***	56	40	4
1999 Dec 9-12	45	53	2	1996 Nov 2-3***	57	38	5
1999 Sep 23-26	54	45	1	1996 Nov 1-2***	58	37	5
1999 Aug 3-4	52	46	2	1996 Oc31-Nv 1***	59	37	4
1999 Jul 22-25	57	41	2	1996 Oct 30-31***	60	37	4
1999 Jun 25-27	48	50	2	1996 Oct 26-29***	58	38	4
1999 Apr 30-May 2	53	45	2	1996 Oct 19-20***	59	36	5
1999 Apr 13-14	51	47	2	1996 Oct 18-19***	58	37	5
1999 Mar 5-8	54	43	3	1996 Oct 17-18***	61	34	5
1999 Feb 19-21	55	43	2	1996 Oct 16-17***	58	38	4
1999 Feb 4-8	55	44	1	1996 Oct 15-16***	58	38	4
1999 Jan 8-10	58	40	2	1996 Oct 14-15***	59	36	5
1998				1996 Oct 13-14***	58	36	6
1998 Dec 28-29	56	42	2	1996 Oct 12-13***	60	35	5
1998 Dec 4-6	56	40	4	1996 Oct 11-12***	62	35	3
1998 Nov 20-22	57	40	3	1996 Oct 5-6***	62	33	5
1998 Oct 9-12	54	43	3	1996 Oct 4-5***	60	34	6
1998 Sep 14-15	51	47	2	1996 Oct 3-4***	58	37	5
1998 Aug 21-23	55	43	2	1996 Oct 2-3***	60	37	3
1998 Aug 20	53	43	4	1996 Sep 27-29***	63	33	4
1998 Aug 18	55	42	3	1996 Sep 3-5***	59	35	6
1998 Aug 10-12	60	38	2	1996 Sep 2-4***	61	34	5
1998 Aug 7-8	58	40	2				

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Bill Clinton (continued)

	Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion		Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion
<u>1996</u>				<u>1994</u>			
1996 Sep 2-4**	62	33	5	1994 Dec 28-30	48	49	3
1996 Ag30-Sep1**	61	35	4	1994 Nov 28-29	50	47	3
1996 Aug 28-29**	60	34	6	1994 Sep 6-7	47	50	3
1996 Aug 16-18**	57	41	2	1994 Jul 15-17	49	48	3
1996 Aug 14-15**	58	37	5	1994 Apr 22-24	56	41	3
1996 Aug 5-7*	60	37	3	1994 Mar 25-27	56	40	4
1996 Jul 18-21	62	35	3	1994 Mar 7-8	59	38	3
1996 Jun 18-19	60	36	4	1994 Jan 15-17	60	37	3
1996 May 28-29	59	38	3	1994 Jan 6-8	62	35	3
1996 May 9-12	60	39	1	<u>1993</u>			
1996 Mar 15-17	58	38	4	1993 Nov 19-21	55	41	4
1996 Feb 23-25	60	37	3	1993 Nov 15-16	56	38	6
1996 Jan 12-15	54	44	2	1993 Nov 2-4	54	42	4
<u>1995</u>				1993 Sep 24-26	63	32	5
1995 Nov 6-8	59	38	3	1993 Aug 8-10	53	42	5
1995 Sep 22-24	55	41	4	1993 Jul 19-21	51	45	4
1995 Aug 4-7	51	44	5	1993 Jun 5-6	48	44	8
1995 Jul 7-9	57	40	3	1993 Apr 22-24	63	32	5
1995 Apr 17-19	56	42	1	1993 Jan 29-31	65	27	8
1995 Mar 17-19	51	45	4	1993 Jan 18-19	66	26	8
1995 Jan 16-18	56	42	2	<u>1992</u>			
				1992 Nov 10-11	58	35	7

*Asked of a half sample
 **Based on registered voters.
 ***Based on likely voters.

5. Would you say Barack Obama has done anything that made you angry since he became president, or not?

Oct. 16-18
2009

Yes, he has	48%
No, he has not	52%
No opinion	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

Would you say George W. Bush has done anything that made you angry since he became president, or not?

	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Feb. 9-12 <u>2006</u>	Mar. 5-7 <u>2004</u>	Jan. 9-11 <u>2004</u>	Nov. 14-16 <u>2003</u>
Yes	67%	61%	53%	51%	53%
No	32%	38%	46%	48%	46%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Source: Jan., 2007: CNN/Opinion Research Corporation polls; all others: CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls.

39. As you may know, the Norwegian Nobel Committee recently awarded the Nobel Peace Prize to Barack Obama. Do you approve or disapprove of that committee's decision to award the prize to Obama?

Oct. 16-18
2009

Approve	42%
Disapprove	56%
No opinion	2%

40. Do you think Obama has accomplished enough so far to deserve the Nobel Peace Prize, or don't you think so?

Oct. 16-18
2009

Accomplished enough	32%
Do not think so	67%
No opinion	1%

41. Regardless of how you feel about Obama, do you feel proud that a U.S. President won the Nobel Peace Prize, or don't you feel that way?

Oct. 16-18
2009

Feel proud	70%
Do not feel proud	29%
No opinion	1%