



Interviews with 1,041 adult Americans, including 965 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 2-3, 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?

	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>				
Approve	48%	55%				
Disapprove	50%	42%				
No opinion	2%	3%				
	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	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	54%	55%	58%	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	45%	43%	40%	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	1%	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%

QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 COMBINED

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
2. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove because you think his policies and actions since he became president have been too liberal, or because you think his policies and actions have not been liberal enough?

	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>
Approve (from Question 1)	48%
Disapprove, too liberal	40%
Disapprove, not liberal enough	8%
Disapprove, unsure on Question 2	2%
No opinion	2%

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

	<u>Dec. 2-3 2009</u>	<u>Nov. 13-15 2009</u>	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1 2009</u>			
Favor	46%	45%	40%			
Oppose	51%	52%	58%			
No opinion	2%	3%	2%			
	<u>Oct. 16-18 2009</u>	<u>Sept. 11-13 2009</u>	<u>Aug. 28-31 2009</u>	<u>July 31-Aug. 3 2009</u>	<u>May 14-17 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 3-5 2009</u>
Favor	41%	39%	42%	41%	50%	53%
Oppose	57%	58%	57%	54%	48%	46%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%
	<u>Feb. 18-19 2009</u>	<u>Dec. 1-2 2008</u>	<u>July 27-29 2008</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21 2007</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24 2006</u>	
Favor	47%	52%	46%	44%	50%	
Oppose	51%	46%	52%	52%	48%	
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	

19. Regardless of how you feel about the war in general, do you favor or oppose President Obama's plan to send about 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan in an attempt to stabilize the situation there?

	<u>Dec. 2-3 2009</u>
Favor	62%
Oppose	36%
No opinion	2%

FOR COMPARISON

Regardless of how you feel about the war in general, do you favor or oppose President Bush's plan to send about 20,000 more U.S. troops to Iraq in an attempt to stabilize the situation there?

	<u>Mar. 9-11 2007</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21 2007</u>	<u>Jan. 11 2007</u>
Favor	37%	35%	32%
Oppose	59%	63%	66%
No opinion	4%	2%	3%

20. President Obama also announced that he plans to start removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan in the summer of 2011. Thinking specifically about that policy and not about Obama's decision to announce it at this time, do you favor or oppose Obama's plan to start removing troops from Afghanistan in 2011?

Dec. 2-3
2009

Favor	66%
Oppose	32%
No opinion	2%

21. And regardless of how you feel about the plan to start removing troops in 2011, do you think it was a good idea or a bad idea for Obama to announce that policy at this time?

Dec. 2-3
2009

Good idea	39%
Bad idea	59%
No opinion	2%

22. And just your best guess -- do you think conditions in Afghanistan will or will not be good enough in the summer of 2011 for the U.S. to start removing troops?

Dec. 2-3
2009

Conditions will be good enough	33%
Conditions will not be good enough	61%
No opinion	6%

30. Whose policies do you blame for the problems that the U.S. is currently facing in Afghanistan -- the policies of George W. Bush or the policies of Barack Obama?

Dec. 2-3

2009

Bush	64%
Obama	17%
Both equal/Neither (vol.)	18%
No opinion	1%

31. And if the current situation facing the U.S. in Afghanistan does not improve by the summer of 2011, whose policies would you blame for that -- the policies of George W. Bush, or the policies of Barack Obama?

Dec. 2-3

2009

Bush	34%
Obama	54%
Both equal/Neither (vol.)	12%
No opinion	1%