



Interviews with 1,160 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 16-20, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>			
Approve	54%	48%	55%			
Disapprove	44%	50%	42%			
No opinion	2%	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%

4. Regardless of whether you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama, do you think he has met your expectations for how he would handle his job as president, or has he exceeded your expectations, or has he fallen short of your expectations?

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	May 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Met	39%	52%	58%
Exceeded	11%	17%	16%
Fallen short	48%	28%	23%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%

6. In general, do you hope that Barack Obama's policies will succeed or do you hope that his policies will fail?

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Succeed	71%	86%
Fail	22%	11%
Mixed (vol.)	6%	2%
No opinion	*	*

7. And in general, do you think it is more likely that Obama's policies will succeed or more likely that his policies will fail?

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Succeed	52%	64%
Fail	41%	32%
Mixed (vol.)	5%	3%
No opinion	2%	1%

20. As you may know, the U.S. Senate is considering a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have read or heard about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>
Favor	42%	36%
Oppose	56%	61%
No opinion	2%	4%

FOR COMPARISON

As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have heard or read about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>
Favor	46%
Oppose	49%
No opinion	5%

20. As you may know, the U.S. Senate is considering a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have read or heard about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?
21. (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose that bill because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal, or because you think its approach toward health care is not liberal enough?

QUESTIONS 20 AND 21 COMBINED

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>
Favor (from Q.20)	42%
Oppose, too liberal	39%
Oppose, not liberal enough	13%
Other (vol.)	2%
No opinion	4%

FOR COMPARISON

As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have heard or read about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it? (IF OPPOSE:) Do you oppose that bill because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal, or because you think its approach toward health care is not liberal enough?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>
Favor	46%
Oppose, too liberal	34%
Oppose, not liberal enough	10%
Oppose, other reason	3%
No opinion	8%

(QUESTIONS 22 AND 23 ROTATED)

22. Thinking about the health care and health insurance that is available to most Americans, do you think the proposals in the Senate bill would change things for the better, change things for the worse, or not make any real changes at all?

Dec. 16-20
2009

Change things for the better	34%
Change things for the worse	38%
No change	26%
No opinion	3%

23. Thinking about the health care and health insurance that is available to you and your immediate family, do you think the proposals in the Senate bill would change things for the better, change things for the worse, or not make any real changes at all?

Dec. 16-20
2009

Change things for the better	22%
Change things for the worse	37%
No change	39%
No opinion	2%