



Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on January 22-24, 2010. 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?

	Jan. 22-24 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	
Approve	49%	51%	54%	48%	55%	
Disapprove	50%	48%	44%	50%	42%	
No opinion	*	1%	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%

3. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does not Apply</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Is honest and trustworthy			
January 22-24, 2010	59%	40%	1%
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009*	61%	38%	*
February 18-19, 2009*	74%	23%	3%
December 19-21, 2008*	72%	26%	2%
Is a strong and decisive leader			
January 22-24, 2010	60%	39%	1%
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009*	62%	37%	1%
June 26-28, 2009	70%	28%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	80%	19%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	64%	35%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	59%	39%	3%
Generally agrees with you on issues you care about			
January 22-24, 2010	50%	49%	*
June 26-28, 2009	56%	42%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	63%	36%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	68%	31%	1%
March 14-16, 2008	57%	41%	2%
Inspires confidence			
January 22-24, 2010	57%	43%	*
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009*	63%	37%	*
June 26-28, 2009	72%	27%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	75%	24%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	82%	18%	*
Can unite the country and not divide it			
January 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009*	51%	48%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	77%	21%	2%
*QUESTION WORDING IN 2008 AND 2009: "WILL UNITE THE COUNTRY AND NOT DIVIDE IT"			
Shares your values			
January 22-24, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009*	53%	47%	*
February 18-19, 2009*	67%	32%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	72%	28%	1%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

3. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does not Apply</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Can bring the kind of change the country needs			
January 22-24, 2010	53%	47%	*
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009*	54%	46%	*
February 18-19, 2009*	69%	29%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	75%	24%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	59%	41%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	56%	42%	2%
Is in touch with the problems ordinary Americans face in their daily lives			
January 22-24, 2010	56%	43%	*
Is a good speaker and communicator			
January 22-24, 2010	90%	10%	*
Is sincere in what he says			
January 22-24, 2010	63%	37%	*

4. Looking back on Barack Obama's first year in office, do you think he accomplished more than you expected, about as much as you expected, or less than you expected?

	<u>Jan. 22-24 2010</u>
More	12%
About as much	44%
Less	44%
No opinion	*

5. Do you think President Obama is doing a good job or a poor job keeping the important promises he made during the presidential campaign?

	Jan. 22-24 <u>2010</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
Good job	48%	68%
Poor job	52%	30%
No opinion	*	2%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

Bush	<u>Good job</u>	<u>Poor job</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 July 10-11	53	32	15
Clinton	<u>Good job</u>	<u>Poor job</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Jan 17-18	39	50	11
1993 May 12-13	33	55	12
1993 March 18	39	49	12
1993 Feb 18	44	38	18
1993 Feb 10-11	46	38	16

6. So far, would you say Barack Obama has had the right priorities, or that he hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems?

	Jan. 22-24 <u>2010</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
Has the right priorities	45%	63%
Hasn't paid enough attention to the most important problems	55%	35%
No opinion	*	1%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

Bush	<u>Right priorities</u>	<u>Not enough attention to most important problems</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Dec 30 – 2004 Jan 1	45	52	3
2003 Jan 15-16	48	47	5
2001 July 17-18	47	47	6
2001 May 23-24	46	49	5
Clinton	<u>Right priorities</u>	<u>Not enough attention to most important problems</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 May 12-13	39	56	5
1993 Apr 28-29	37	56	17

7. Do you think Barack Obama has paid more attention to the problems faced by middle class Americans or the problems faced by banks and other financial institutions?

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Middle class Americans	28%
Banks and other financial institutions	60%
Both equal/Neither (vol.)	11%
No opinion	2%