Interviews with 1,023 adult Americans, including 954 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on February 12-15, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters 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?

	Feb. 12-15 2010	Jan. 22-24 2010	Jan. 8-10 2009	Dec. 16-20 2009	Dec. 2-3 2009	Nov. 13-15 2009
Approve	49%	49%	51%	54%	48%	55%
Disapprove	50%	50%	48%	44%	50%	42%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	3%

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 2009	Oct. 16-18 2009	Sept. 11-13 2009	Aug. 28-31 2009	July 31-Aug. 3 2009	June 26-28 2009
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 2009	Apr. 23-26 2009	Apr. 3-5 2009	Mar. 12-15 2009	Feb. 18-19 2009	Feb. 7-8 2009
Approve	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 COMBINED

2/3. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

	Democratic candidate	Republican candidate	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
All Respondents				
February 12-15, 2010	46%	46%	5%	3%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	45%	46%	6%	2%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	42%	7%	2%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	51%	41%	6%	2%
Registered Voters				
February 12-15, 2010	45%	47%	6%	2%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	45%	48%	6%	1%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	43%	6%	3%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	50%	44%	5%	2%

(ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 522 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/-4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

4. Please tell me whether you think each of the following political officeholders deserves to be re-elected or not: (RANDOM ORDER)

	Yes, deserves re-election	No, does not deserve re-election	No opinion
The U.S. representative in your congressional district			
All Americans			
February 12-15, 2010	50%	44%	6%
Registered Voters			
February 12-15, 2010	51%	44%	4%
October 17-19, 2008	55%	38%	7%
October 6-8, 2006	52%	31%	17%
Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2006	57%	33%	10%
Most members of Congress			
All Americans			
February 12-15, 2010	35%	62%	3%
Registered Voters			
February 12-15, 2010	34%	63%	3%
October 17-19, 2008 RV	37%	58%	5%
October 6-8, 2006 RV	34%	51%	15%
Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2006 RV	42%	52%	7%

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	The U.S. Representative in your congressional district				Most members of Congress		
National Adults	Yes, deserves	No, does not	No opinion	***National Adults***	Yes, deserves	No, does not	No opinion
2006 Jan 6-8	60	27	13	2006 Jan 6-8	42	47	11
2005 Oct 21-23	63	24	13	2005 Oct 21-23	45	44	11
2004 Oct 14-16	62	21	17	2004 Oct 14-16	51	33	16
2003 Oct 10-12	64	22	14	2003 Oct 10-12	51	35	14
2002 Sep 20-22	64	19	17	2002 Sep 20-22	57	28	15
2002 Apr 29-May 1	66	18	16	2002 Apr 29-May 1	58	22	20
2001 Aug 24-26	64	20	16	2001 Aug 24-26	51	31	18
2000 Jan 7-10	67	15	18	2000 Jan 7-10	55	31	14
1998 Oct 9-12	68	16	16	1998 Oct 9-12	58	26	16
1998 Apr 17-19	64	19	17	1998 Apr 17-19	56	28	16
1997 Oct 27-29	62	18	20	1997 Oct 27-29	50	29	21
1997 Aug 22-25	63	21	16	1997 Aug 22-25	56	27	17
1996 May 9-12	65	22	13	1996 May 9-12	50	35	15
1996 Jan 12-15	62	21	17	1996 Jan 12-15	47	38	15
1994 Nov 2-6	53	29	18	1994 Nov 2-6	39	45	16
1994 Oct 22-25	54	30	16	1994 Oct 22-25	43	44	13
1994 Oct 18-19	57	29	14	1994 Oct 18-19	44	42	14
1994 Oct 7-9	54	29	17	1994 Oct 7-9	37	48	15
1994 Jul 15-17	60	27	13	1994 Jul 15-17	41	43	16
1994 Mar 25-27	60	23	17	1994 Mar 25-27	46	38	16
1994 Feb 26-28	59	28	13	1994 Feb 26-28	42	44	14
1993 Dec 17-19	59	26	15	1993 Dec 17-19	38	47	15
1993 Nov 2-4	62	19	19				
1993 Jul 19-21	58	25	17	1993 Jul 19-21	39	46	15
1991 Nov	58	25	17	1991 Nov	38	48	14

5. Please tell me whether you think each of the following political officeholders deserves to be re-elected or not: (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Yes, deserves re-election	No, does not deserve re-election	No opinion
Most Democratic members of Congress			
All Americans			
February 12-15, 2010	43%	54%	3%
Registered Voters			
February 12-15, 2010	41%	56%	3%
October 17-19, 2008	50%	46%	5%
October 6-8, 2006	50%	35%	14%
Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2006	53%	41%	6%
Most Republican members of Congress			
All Americans			
February 12-15, 2010	39%	56%	5%
Registered Voters			
February 12-15, 2010	41%	56%	3%
October 17-19, 2008	36%	59%	5%
October 6-8, 2006	36%	51%	13%
Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2006	38%	57%	5%

6. Do you think Barack Obama deserves to be reelected, or not?

	Feb. 12-15, 2010 All Americans	Feb. 12-15, 2010 Registered Voters
Yes, deserves reelection	44%	44%
No, does not deserve reelection	52%	52%
No opinion	4%	4%

49. If you were asked to use one of these names for your social class, which would you say you belong in -- the upper class, the middle class, or the working class?

	Feb. 12-15 2010
Upper class	4%
Middle class	44%
Working class	52%
No opinion	*

50. Now I'd like you to describe Barack Obama as a person using those same classifications. Think about Obama's personal experiences before he became president and his overall outlook on life rather than the lifestyle that all presidents have while they are in the White House. Thinking about the kind of person you believe Obama is, which would you say he belongs in -- the upper class, the middle class, or the working class?

	Feb. 12-15 2010
Upper class	45%
Middle class	42%
Working class	12%
No opinion	2%