



Interviews with 1,010 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 28-31, 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?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	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%

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

2a. (IF APPROVE) Do you approve strongly, or only moderately?

2b. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove strongly, or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 1, 2a AND 2b COMBINED

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Approve strongly	33%	40%
Approve moderately	20%	27%
Disapprove moderately	11%	10%
Disapprove strongly	34%	19%
No opinion	2%	4%

3. Do you think the policies being proposed by Barack Obama will move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Right direction	52%	63%	67%
Wrong direction	46%	35%	31%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%

(QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 ROTATED)

4. Do you think the policies being proposed by the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House and Senate would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Direction</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
August 28-31, 2009	52%	45%	3%
May 14-17, 2009	57%	40%	3%
September 7-9, 2007	50%	39%	11%
April 10-12, 2007	49%	39%	12%
January 19-21, 2007	51%	31%	17%
December 15-17, 2006	49%	39%	12%
October 13-15, 2006	53%	35%	12%
August 2-3, 2006	41%	44%	15%

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	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	44	43	14
2005 Feb 4-6	41	43	16
2002 Nov 8-10	47	36	17
2001 Aug 24-26	51	36	13

5. Do you think the policies being proposed by the Republican leaders in the U.S. House and Senate would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>May 14-17</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Oct. 13-15</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Aug. 2-3</u> <u>2006</u>
Right direction	43%	39%	36%	43%
Wrong direction	49%	53%	53%	43%
No opinion	8%	8%	12%	15%

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	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	40	50	10
2005 Feb 4-6	50	36	14
2001 Aug 24-26	49	38	13
1999 Oct 8-10	54	35	11
1998 Nov 13-15	43	40	17
1998 Oct 23-25	47	33	20
1998 Jul 7-8	43	28	29
1997 Dec 18-21	44	36	20
1997 Apr 18-20	46	39	15
1996 Apr 9-10	45	41	14
1995 Dec 15-18	44	44	12
1995 Nov 6-8	44	41	15
1995 Sep 22-24	41	44	15
1995 Mar 27-29	53	37	10
1995 Feb 24-26	52	33	15
1994 Nov 28-29	55	27	18

1994-1999: Asked as a stand alone question.

(QUESTIONS 6 AND 7 ROTATED)

6. In your view, is Barack Obama doing enough to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress, or not?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Yes, doing enough	51%	62%	74%
No, not enough	46%	36%	25%
No opinion	3%	2%	1%

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	Yes, doing <u>enough</u>	No, not doing <u>enough</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Sept 13-14, 1995	51	38	11

QUESTION WORDING: In your view, is President Clinton doing enough to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress, or not?

7. In your view, are the Republicans in Congress doing enough to cooperate with the Barack Obama, or not?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Yes, doing enough	36%	37%	39%
No, not enough	60%	61%	60%
No opinion	4%	2%	1%

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	Yes, doing <u>enough</u>	No, not doing <u>enough</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Sept 13-14, 1995	31	57	12

QUESTION WORDING: In your view, are the Republicans in Congress doing enough to cooperate with President Clinton, or not?

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 502 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The economy			
August 28-31, 2009	49%	51%	*
March 12-15, 2009	59%	40%	2%
Foreign affairs			
August 28-31, 2009	54%	42%	3%
March 12-15, 2009	66%	28%	6%
The situation in Afghanistan			
August 28-31, 2009	49%	46%	5%
March 12-15, 2009*	67%	29%	5%
Terrorism			
August 28-31, 2009	52%	45%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	61%	35%	4%
Health care policy			
August 28-31, 2009	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	57%	41%	2%
Taxes			
August 28-31, 2009	45%	52%	2%
March 12-15, 2009*	62%	37%	1%
The federal budget deficit			
August 28-31, 2009	36%	63%	1%
March 12-15, 2009*	52%	47%	2%
Race relations			
August 28-31, 2009	66%	26%	8%
Medicare			
August 28-31, 2009	46%	48%	5%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

9. Do you think the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress would do a better job of dealing with each of the following issues and problems? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The economy				
August 28-31, 2009	39%	52%	8%	1%
October 20-22, 2006	41%	53%	5%	2%
October 6-8, 2006	35%	54%	6%	4%
September 22-24, 2006	39%	51%	7%	3%
August 18-20, 2006	38%	52%	7%	2%
Foreign affairs				
August 28-31, 2009	44%	47%	7%	2%
The situation in Afghanistan				
August 28-31, 2009	40%	48%	10%	2%
Terrorism				
August 28-31, 2009	52%	39%	7%	2%
October 20-22, 2006	48%	42%	7%	3%
October 6-8, 2006	40%	45%	8%	6%
September 22-24, 2006	47%	41%	9%	4%
August 18-20, 2006	48%	38%	11%	3%
Health care				
August 28-31, 2009	42%	51%	6%	1%
September 22-24, 2006	32%	57%	7%	4%
August 18-20, 2006	31%	58%	8%	3%
Taxes				
August 28-31, 2009	47%	47%	6%	*
The federal budget deficit				
August 28-31, 2009	46%	46%	6%	2%
Race relations				
August 28-31, 2009	24%	65%	7%	4%
Medicare				
August 28-31, 2009	39%	52%	7%	2%

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	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	No difference (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
The economy				
2006 Mar 10-12	38	53	4	5
2005 Oct 21-23	38	50	9	3
2003 Jul 18-20	36	53	7	4
2003 Jan 3-5	43	42	10	5
2002 Jul 26-28	37	42	13	8
2002 Jun 28-30	44	40	10	6
2002 May 28-29*	43	34	13	10
Foreign affairs				
2003 Jul 18-20	46	41	7	6
2003 Jan 3-5	51	34	10	5
2002 Oct 21-22	47	33	10	10
2002 Sept 20-22*	49	33	10	8
2002 May 28-29*	46	27	15	12
Terrorism				
2006 Mar 10-12	45	41	7	7
2005 Oct 21-23	49	38	9	4
2003 Jul 18-20	55	29	10	6
2003 Jan 3-5*	55	27	13	5
2002 Oct 21-22	52	23	14	11
2002 Sep 20-22*	56	27	10	7
2002 Jun 28-30	57	22	13	8
2002 May 28-29*	51	19	19	11
Health care				
2005 Oct 21-23	30	59	7	4
2003 Jan 3-5**	35	50	9	6
2002 Oct 21-22	29	52	11	9
2002 Sept 20-22	26	61	7	6
**WORDING: Health care costs				
Taxes				
2003 Oct 21-23	41	49	6	4
2003 Jan 3-5 *	46	40	10	4
2002 Sep 20-22 *	38	50	6	6
2002 May 28-29 *	43	36	11	10
The federal budget deficit				
2003 Jul 18-20	37	50	7	6
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	39	43	11	7
2002 May 28-29 ^	40	36	13	11

*Asked of a half sample.

10. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today? (RANDOM ORDER)

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
The economy	41%	51%	55%	63%
Health care	20%	13%	9%	9%
The federal budget deficit	15%	14%	10%	8%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	8%	8%	9%	6%
Education	8%	4%	6%	5%
Terrorism	5%	5%	6%	5%
Energy policy	2%	4%	3%	2%
Other (vol.)	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion (vol.)	*	*	1%	*

11. (IF ECONOMY) And which of those items I just mentioned is the most important issue OTHER THAN THE ECONOMY facing the country today?

QUESTIONS 10 AND 11 COMBINED

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Health care	33%	27%
Deficit	25%	23%
Wars	15%	21%
Education	12%	11%
Terrorism	10%	10%
Energy	4%	6%
Other (vol.)	1%	2%
No opinion (vol.)	*	1%

12. These days, would you say that you are very angry, somewhat angry, not too angry, or not angry at all about the way the government in Washington is working?

Aug. 28-31
2009

Very angry	30%
Somewhat angry	34%
Not too angry	20%
Not at all angry	16%
No opinion	1%

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	<u>Very angry</u>	<u>Somewhat angry</u>	<u>Not too angry</u>	<u>Not at all angry</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Oct 17-19	26	46	14	12	1

12. These days, would you say that you are very angry, somewhat angry, not too angry, or not angry at all about the way the government in Washington is working?
13. (IF VERY OR SOMEWHAT ANGRY) Would you say you are angrier at the Democrats or at the Republicans?

QUESTIONS 12 AND 13 COMBINED

Aug. 28-31
2009

Angry at Democrats	28%
Angry at Republicans	17%
Angry at both equally (vol.)	16%
Angry at neither party (vol.)	1%
Not angry (from Q12)	36%
No opinion	1%

14. From the news stories about Barack Obama that you have read or seen since he became president, do you think the news media have been too critical of Obama, not critical enough, or have they been fair in their treatment of Obama?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Too critical	25%	18%
Not critical enough	36%	26%
Fair	37%	55%
No opinion	1%	2%

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	<u>Too critical</u>	<u>Not critical enough</u>	<u>Fair in treatment</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Clinton				
1993 Feb 10-11	26	15	55	4

15. How well are things going in the country today -- very well, fairly well, pretty badly or very badly?

	<u>Very Well</u>	<u>Fairly Well</u>	<u>Pretty Badly</u>	<u>Very Badly</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Very+ Fairly Well</u>	<u>Pretty+ Very Badly</u>
August 28-31, 2009	2%	28%	46%	23%	1%	30%	69%
May 14-17, 2009	3%	25%	45%	26%	*	28%	71%
April 3-5, 2009	3%	20%	51%	26%	*	23%	77%
February 18-19, 2009	3%	18%	47%	32%	*	21%	79%
December 1-2, 2008	2%	18%	39%	40%	*	20%	79%
November 6-9, 2008	2%	14%	45%	38%	*	16%	83%
October 17-19, 2008	3%	22%	42%	33%	*	25%	75%
October 3-5, 2008	3%	17%	45%	35%	*	20%	80%
Aug 23-24, 2008	3%	28%	35%	34%	*	31%	69%
July 27-29, 2008	3%	21%	47%	29%	*	24%	76%
Apr. 28-30, 2008	4%	26%	35%	35%	1%	30%	70%
Nov. 2-4, 2007	8%	34%	35%	23%	*	42%	58%
April 10-12, 2007	8%	40%	34%	17%	1%	48%	51%
January 11, 2007	8%	49%	30%	12%	1%	57%	42%
November 3-5, 2006	9%	42%	30%	18%	1%	51%	48%
October 6-8, 2006	12%	37%	30%	19%	2%	49%	49%
Sept. 29-October 2, 2006	8%	43%	26%	23%	*	51%	49%
August 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	37%	29%	25%	*	46%	54%
August 2-3, 2006	8%	47%	29%	15%	1%	55%	44%
May 5-7, 2006	8%	38%	33%	20%	1%	46%	53%

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	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Pretty badly</u>	<u>Very badly</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Very/fairly well</u>	<u>Very/pretty badly</u>
2006 Feb 9-12	5	47	33	14	1	52	47
2005 Nov 11-13	5	44	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Sep 8-11*	6	44	36	14	*	50	50
2005 Jul 23-24	9	49	28	13	1	58	41
2005 Apr 1-2	9	52	28	10	1	61	38
2005 Jan 7-9	8	50	28	13	1	58	41
2004 Oct 29-31*	12	43	27	17	1	55	44
2004 Oct 9-10	8	46	33	13	*	54	46

* Asked of a half sample.

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	Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly		Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly		Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly
2004 May 12-13	60	39	2000 Oct 25-26	79	19	1998 Jan 14-15	65	32
2004 Apr 8	63	36	2000 Oct 12-13	76	22	1997 Oct 30	67	31
2004 Feb 5-6	52	47	2000 Oct 4-5	77	22	1997 Sep 10-11	63	34
2004 Jan 14-15	53	46	2000 Sep 6-7	79	19	1997 Jul 30-31	69	29
2003 Dec 30-Jan 1	49	49	2000 Aug 9-10	77	21	1997 Jun 4-5	64	34
2003 Nov 18-19	52	46	2000 Jul 26-27	74	24	1997 May 7-8	63	35
2003 Sep 3-4	49	49	2000 Jun 14-15	72	27	1997 Apr 16-17	62	37
2003 Jul 16-17	57	42	2000 Mar 8-9	76	22	1997 Mar 11-12	57	41
2003 May 21-22	60	39	2000 Feb 2-3	78	17	1997 Feb 26-27	64	35
2003 Mar 27	63	36	2000 Jan 12-13	81	19	1997 Feb 5-6	67	33
2003 Feb 19-20	52	47	2000 Jan 5-6	80	19	1997 Jan 8-9	63	35
2003 Feb 6	53	46	1999 Nov 10-11	68	30	1996 Oct	67	32
2003 Jan 15-16	49	49	1999 Jul 14-15	70	28	1996 Jun	61	37
2002 Dec 17-18	54	45	1999 Jun 9-10	69	31	1996 Jun	62	37
2002 Nov 13-14	56	42	1999 May 26-27	61	37	1996 Feb	53	44
2002 Oct 23-24	49	49	1999 Mar 25	70	29	1996 Jan	48	50
2002 Aug 28-29	57	41	1999 Mar 4	73	26	1996 Jan	48	50
2002 Jul 10-11	59	39	1999 Jan 20-21	77	22	1995 Dec	54	44
2002 Jun 19-20	57	41	1999 Jan 7	74	25	1995 Oct	46	52
2002 May 22-23	64	35	1998 Dec 17-18	60	38	1995 Oct	47	51
2002 Apr 10-11	61	38	1998 Oct 14-15	78	21	1995 Sep	50	49
2002 Mar 13-14	69	29	1998 Sep 23-24	72	26	1995 Sep	50	49
2002 Jan 23-24	66	34	1998 Sep 16-17	72	25	1995 Aug	47	52
2001 Dec 19-20	64	34	1998 Aug 18	77	21	1995 Jul	51	47
2001 Nov 7-8	63	35	1998 Jul 30	68	31	1995 Jun	53	47
2001 Oct 12	65	33	1998 Jun 30-Jul 1	67	31	1995 Jun	45	51
2001 Sep 27	59	38	1998 Jun 26-Jul 5	55	44	1995 May	50	49
2001 Sep 13	45	53	1998 May 18-19	66	30	1995 Apr	46	52
2001 Jul 17-18	70	29	1998 Apr 8-9	70	30	1995 Mar	52	46
2001 May 23-24	65	33	1998 Mar 18-19	76	25	1995 Mar	49	48
2001 Feb 7-8	71	28	1998 Feb 4-5	74	25	1995 Feb	54	44
2001 Jan 10-11	73	24	1998 Jan 28-29	79	19	1995 Jan	58	41
2000 Nov 10	74	25	1998 Jan 22	68	31	1995 Jan	56	43

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	Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly		Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly		Very/ fairly well	Very/ pretty badly
1995 Jan	54	44	1992 Feb	35	62	1985 Sep	67	33
1994 Dec	55	44	1992 Jan	29	71	1985 Jul	70	31
1994 Nov	49	48	1992 Jan	35	64	1985 Apr	69	32
1994 Oct	50	49	1992 Jan	36	64	1984 Dec	74	26
1994 Oct	51	47	1991 Dec	29	71	1984 Oct	74	26
1994 Sep	45	53	1991 Nov	36	64	1984 Sep	71	30
1994 Sep	46	53	1991 Oct	42	56	1984 Aug	68	32
1994 Sep	42	57	1991 Oct	42	58	1984 Jan	67	32
1994 Aug	42	58	1991 Sep	49	49	1983 Dec	60	40
1994 Aug	45	52	1991 Aug	53	47	1983 Sep	56	45
1994 Aug	49	50	1991 Jun	53	47	1983 Jun	58	41
1994 Jul	51	48	1991 May	53	47	1983 Mar	46	55
1994 Jun	49	49	1991 Apr	56	42	1982 Dec	35	65
1994 Jun	56	41	1991 Apr	59	41	1982 Oct	40	60
1994 May	48	51	1991 Mar	74	26	1982 Jun	40	60
1994 May	49	50	1991 Feb	58	42	1982 Mar	39	62
1994 Apr	47	52	1991 Jan	39	61	1981 Dec	43	58
1994 Apr	53	44	1990 Dec	45	55	1981 Sep	53	47
1994 Mar	48	49	1990 Nov	42	58	1981 May	51	50
1994 Mar	49	50	1990 Oct	38	62	1981 Jan	26	74
1994 Feb	47	51	1990 Oct	41	59	1980 Oct	32	68
1994 Jan	52	47	1990 Oct	42	58	1980 Aug	30	70
1993 Dec	48	50	1990 Sep	52	48	1980 May	21	79
1993 Nov	45	54	1990 Aug	55	45	1980 Mar	24	76
1993 Oct	40	58	1990 Jul	55	45	1980 Jan	34	65
1993 Oct	39	58	1990 May	61	37	1979 Dec	36	64
1993 Oct	41	59	1990 Apr	62	38	1979 Oct	36	68
1993 Sep	47	52	1990 Mar	62	38	1979 Aug	31	70
1993 Sep	42	57	1990 Feb	70	30	1979 Apr	36	65
1993 Aug	39	58	1990 Jan	67	33	1978 Oct	56	44
1993 Aug	41	57	1989 Oct	62	38	1978 May	49	51
1993 Jun	41	56	1989 Jun	61	39	1978 Mar	53	47
1993 May	40	58	1989 Jan	69	31	1977 Nov	64	35
1993 May	43	56	1988 Oct	70	31	1977 Jul	69	31
1993 Apr	45	53	1988 Sep	73	27	1977 May	65	35
1993 Mar	48	50	1988 Apr	64	40	1977 Mar	69	31
1993 Feb	48	49	1988 Mar	65	33	1976 Oct	56	44
1993 Feb	48	49	1988 Feb	60	37	1976 Sep	57	44
1993 Jan	53	45	1988 Jan	62	38	1976 Aug	60	40
1993 Jan	47	52	1987 Oct	58	42	1976 Jun	50	50
1992 Oct	35	65	1987 Aug	61	39	1976 Apr	52	48
1992 Sep	32	68	1987 May	64	37	1976 Jan	46	55
1992 Aug	35	63	1987 Feb	61	40	1975 May	40	61
1992 Jul	31	67	1987 Jan	61	39	1975 Jan	23	78
1992 Jun	35	62	1986 Sep	63	37	1974 Sep	30	70
1992 Jun	33	65	1986 Jul	69	31	1974 Mar	29	71
1992 May	30	68	1986 May	65	34			
1992 Apr	33	65	1986 Apr	67	32			
1992 Mar	33	66	1985 Nov	70	31			

16. Do you generally support or oppose President Obama's overall economic plan?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Support	52%	58%	65%
Oppose	46%	39%	34%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%

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	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Mixed (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>Bill Clinton</u>				
1993 June 29-30	44%	49%	2%	5%
1993 May 21-23	44%	45%	5%	6%
1993 Apr 22-24	55%	39%	2%	4%
1993 March 22-24	55%	34%	6%	5%
1993 Feb 26-28	59%	29%	6%	6%
1993 Feb 17	79%	16%	4%	1%

17. Do you think the economy is in a recession, or not?

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>May 14-17</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Dec. 1-2</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct. 17-19</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Aug. 29-31</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>June 26-29</u> <u>2008</u>
Yes	87%	90%	89%	76%	73%	75%
No	12%	10%	10%	23%	26%	25%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*

	<u>Apr. 28-30</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Mar. 14-16</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Feb. 1-3</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan. 9-10</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Dec. 6-9</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Oct. 12-14</u> <u>2007</u>
Yes	79%	74%	66%	61%	57%	46%
No	19%	25%	31%	37%	42%	51%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 Jan 2-5	32	66	2
2003 Apr 22-23	56	41	3
2003 Mar 24-25	41	54	5
2002 Nov 22-24	52	45	3
2002 Oct 3-6*	55	40	5
2002 Jul 29-31	46	50	4
2002 Jun 28-30	52	45	3
2002 May 6-9	45	53	2
2002 Apr 8-11	45	52	3
2002 Mar 8-9*	56	38	6
2001 Nov 8-11	59	38	3
2001 Oct 11-14	49	49	2
2001 Sep 21-22	52	43	5
2001 Sep 7-10	51	43	6
2001 May 10-14	33	62	5
2001 Apr 6-8	42	52	6
2001 Mar 5-7*	31	64	5
2001 Feb 1-4*	44	49	7
1994 May 20-22	35	61	4
1994 Feb. 26-28	34	62	4
1993 Dec 4-6	45	50	5
1992 Sept 11-15	79	19	2
1992 Jan. 3-6	84	14	2
1991 March	81	16	4

* Asked of a half sample.

17. Do you think the economy is now in a recession, or not?
 18. (IF YES:) Do you think we are in a mild recession, or a moderate recession, or a serious recession?

QUESTIONS 17 AND 18 COMBINED

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u>	June 26-29 <u>2008</u>	Mar. 14-16 <u>2008*</u>
Serious recession	36%	42%	32%	27%	29%
Moderate recession	39%	35%	30%	29%	29%
Mild recession	12%	12%	14%	19%	16%
Not in a recession (from Q.17)	12%	10%	23%	25%	25%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%

*Asked of half sample

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	<u>Serious recession</u>	<u>Moderate recession</u>	<u>Mild recession</u>	<u>No, not in recession</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Apr 22-23	10	25	21	41	3

LOS ANGELES TIMES TRENDS

2002 Dec 12-15	13	24	24	35	4
2002 Aug 22-25	11	23	25	36	5
2002 Jan 31-Feb 2	18	34	29	15	4
2001 Sep 13-14	9	19	23	41	8
1997 Sep 6-9	7	16	12	59	6
1997 Feb 5-6	6	14	13	62	5
1996 Oct 24-27	12	15	16	52	5
1996 Sep 7-10	8	14	16	53	9
1996 Aug 3-6	11	15	19	47	8
1995 Jun 9-11	12	20	21	39	8
1995 Mar 15-19	13	18	20	45	4
1994 Jul 23-26	16	20	17	41	6
1994 Apr 16-19	12	22	17	44	5
1994 Jan 15-19	20	20	18	37	5
1993 Dec 4-7	22	26	18	29	5
1993 Sep 25-28	29	27	16	24	4
1993 Jun 12-14	25	27	18	26	4
1993 Feb 18-19	25	25	15	30	5
1993 Jan 14-17	27	27	17	25	4
1992 Oct 24-26	46	30	12	9	3
1992 Oct 2-5	45	26	15	11	3
1992 Aug 20-21	45	27	16	9	3
1992 Aug 12-14	45	31	13	8	3
1992 Jul 7-9	42	33	12	10	3
1992 Mar 27-29	35	31	18	13	3
1992 Jan 31-Feb 2	41	34	14	8	3
1991 Nov 21-24	33	35	17	12	3
1991 Sep 21-25	30	33	19	14	4
1991 Jun 28-30	32	33	18	14	3
1991 Mar 9-11	21	38	29	9	3
1991 Feb 15-17	23	33	28	13	3

19. Do you think the Democrats or the Republicans are more responsible for the country's current economic problems? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 502 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Democrats	27%	23%	21%	22%
Republican	41%	44%	53%	50%
Both equally (vol.)	26%	24%	22%	20%
Neither (vol.)	4%	7%	4%	6%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	1%

20. Do you think Barack Obama's policies have improved economic conditions, worsened economic conditions, or had no effect on economic conditions in the country? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>
Improved economic conditions	39%	37%
Worsened economic conditions	34%	23%
No effect on economic conditions	27%	40%
No opinion	1%	*

21. How likely is it that there will be further acts of terrorism in the United States over the next several weeks -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Dec. 1-2</u> <u>2008</u>				
Very likely	9%	9%				
Somewhat likely	25%	27%				
Not too likely	42%	45%				
Not at all likely	22%	17%				
No opinion	1%	1%				
	<u>Sept. 5-7</u> <u>2008*</u>	<u>June 26-29</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Aug. 6-8</u> <u>2007*</u>	<u>May 4-6</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Aug 18-20</u> <u>2006*</u>
Very likely	7%	8%	9%	11%	9%	16%
Somewhat likely	23%	27%	32%	27%	29%	38%
Not too likely	43%	45%	42%	37%	41%	31%
Not at all likely	27%	20%	17%	23%	18%	13%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	3%	2%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

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	<u>Very</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
2006 Jan 20-22*	14	35	38	11	2
2005 Jul 22-24	12	45	32	10	1
2005 Jul 7-10	12	43	35	9	1
2005 Jun 16-19	4	31	45	18	2
2005 Jan 7-9*	8	31	44	15	2
2004 Dec 17-19*	10	38	39	12	1
2004 Jul 19-21*	12	39	34	11	4
2004 Jan 9-11*	7	39	36	16	2
2003 Aug 25-26*	10	44	35	10	1
2003 Jul 18-20*	7	33	41	16	3
2003 May 19-21	12	45	32	8	3
2003 Mar 22-23	21	52	20	6	1
2003 Feb 7-9*	16	50	23	9	2
2002 Sep 13-16*	12	44	31	10	3
2002 Sep 2-4	12	48	28	9	3
2002 Jul 5-8*	15	41	30	12	2
2002 May 20-22*	21	44	25	7	3
2002 Mar 8-9*	9	43	32	13	3
2001 Dec 14-16*	17	45	27	8	3
2001 Nov 2-4*	24	50	16	6	4
2001 Oct 19-21*	40	45	10	3	2
2001 Oct 7**	41	42	9	4	4
2001 Sep 21-22**	22	44	24	8	2

*Asked of a half sample.

**WORDING: How likely is it that there will be further terrorist attacks in the United States over the next several weeks -
- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

22. How likely is it that there will be further acts of terrorism in your community over the next several weeks -- very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>Aug. 28-31 2009</u>	<u>Sept. 5-7 2008*</u>	<u>Aug. 6-8 2007</u>	<u>Aug. 18-20 2006</u>
Very likely	4%	3%	5%	4%
Somewhat likely	6%	11%	11%	7%
Not too likely	32%	31%	38%	32%
Not at all likely	57%	54%	44%	56%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%

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	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Jan 7-9*	2	8	38	52	*
2004 Jan 9-11*	3	8	36	51	2
2003 Aug 25-26*	4	10	34	51	1
2002 Jul 5-8*	4	13	34	48	1
2002 Mar 8-9*	2	10	35	52	1
2001 Nov 2-4*	3	20	41	32	4

* Asked of a half sample.

23. How much confidence do you have in the Obama administration to protect U.S. citizens from future acts of terrorism -- a great deal, a moderate amount, not much or none at all?

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A great deal	27%
A moderate amount	36%
Not much	19%
None at all	17%
No opinion	*

FOR COMPARISON:

**CNN/OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS
ON BUSH ADMINISTRATION**

How much confidence do you have in the Bush administration to protect U.S. citizens from future acts of terrorism -- a great deal, a moderate amount, not much, or none at all?

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Moderate amount</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Aug. 18-20*	22	37	23	18	*
2006 Jan 20-22	30	34	22	13	1
2005 Jul 7-10	23	38	24	14	1
2005 Jun 16-19	23	38	21	17	1
2005 Feb 4-6	38	35	16	10	1
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1**	31	33	21	15	*
2004 Jul 19-21**	27	40	18	15	*
2003 May 19-21**	35	44	15	5	1

* August, 2006 results from CNN/Opinion Research Corporation poll. All other results from CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls.

**Asked of a half sample.

24. Thinking back to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, generally speaking, do you think things in the country are completely back to normal, somewhat back to normal but not completely, or not yet back to normal?
25. (IF NOT COMPLETELY BACK TO NORMAL:) Do you think the country will ever completely return to normal at some point in the future, or don't you feel that way?

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2009 Sep. 7-9
2007 Aug. 30-Sep. 2
2006

QUESTION 24

The country is completely back to normal	7%	5%	2%
The country is somewhat back to normal	49%	49%	41%
The country is not back to normal	44%	46%	57%
No opinion	*	*	*

QUESTIONS 24 AND 25 COMBINED

The country is completely back to normal	7%	5%	2%
The country not back to normal but will be	32%	30%	29%
The country not back to normal and never will be	60%	63%	70%
No opinion	1%	2%	*

CNN/TIME (2002, 2003) AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP (2005) TRENDS

	The country is completely back to <u>normal</u>	The country is somewhat back to <u>normal</u>	The country is not back to <u>normal</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
QUESTIONS 25				
August 28-30, 2005	4%	42%	54%	*
Sept. 2-4, 2003	5%	40%	54%	1%
August 28-29, 2002	4%	44%	52%	*

	The country is completely back to normal	The country is not back to normal but will be	The country will never be back to <u>normal</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
QUESTIONS 25 AND 25A COMBINED				
August 28-30, 2005	4%	29%	63%	4%
Sept. 2-4, 2003	5%	38%	52%	5%
August 28-29, 2002	4%	39%	54%	3%

26. As you may know, the Attorney General has appointed a special prosecutor to investigate whether CIA employees used harsh interrogation procedures when questioning suspected terrorists that went beyond the actions that the Bush administration had authorized. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?

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Good idea	49%
Bad idea	50%
No opinion	2%

27. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Favor	48%	50%	51%
Oppose	51%	45%	45%
No opinion	2%	5%	4%

FOR COMPARISON:
CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<i>Bill Clinton</i>			
1994 Jul 15-17	40%	55%	5%
1994 Jun 25-28	43%	49%	8%
1994 May 20-22	46%	49%	5%
1994 Apr 16-18	43%	47%	10%
1994 Mar 28-30	44%	47%	9%
1994 Feb 26-28	46%	48%	6%
1994 Jan 28-30	57%	38%	5%
1994 Jan 15-17	56%	38%	6%
1993 Nov 19-21	52%	41%	7%
1993 Nov 2-4	52%	40%	8%
1993 Oct 28-30	45%	45%	10%
1993 Sep 24-26	59%	33%	8%
1993 Sep 10-12*	54%	31%	14%

*WORDING: From what you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Bill Clinton's ideas about reforming health care?

27. From everything you have heard or read so far, do you favor or oppose Barack Obama's plan to reform health care?
28. (IF FAVOR) Do you favor that plan strongly or only moderately?
29. (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose that plan strongly or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 27, 28 AND 29 COMBINED

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>
Favor strongly	25%	23%
Favor only moderately	23%	27%
Oppose only moderately	10%	12%
Oppose strongly	41%	33%
No opinion	2%	5%

30. As you may know, several health care bills have been passed by committees in the U.S. House and Senate and they can be brought before Congress for debate and a final vote at any time. Which of the following do you think Congress should do:

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Continue working on those bills this fall and make relatively minor changes before passing final legislation	25%
Continue working on those bills this fall but pass final legislation only if major changes are made	28%
Start work on entirely new bills that would not be ready until some time next year	25%
Stop working on any bills that would change the country's health care system	20%
Other	*
No opinion	2%

(QUESTIONS 31 AND 32 ROTATED)

31. How likely are you to vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress in your district if that person generally SUPPORTS Barack Obama's policies on health care -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

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2009

Very likely	31%
Somewhat likely	22%
Not too likely	10%
Not likely at all	36%
No opinion	1%

32. How likely are you to vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress in your district if that person generally OPPOSES Barack Obama's policies on health care -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

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2009

Very likely	18%
Somewhat likely	32%
Not too likely	22%
Not likely at all	27%
No opinion	1%

33. Do you think the country's health care system needs a great deal of reform, only some reform, or no reform at all? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 502 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 2-4 <u>2007</u>
Great deal	45%	55%	62%
Only some	46%	40%	32%
No reform at all	7%	5%	6%
No opinion	1%	*	*

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	June 30– July 1 <u>1998</u>	Feb. – Mar. <u>1995</u>	Aug- Sept. <u>1994</u>	April <u>1993</u>
Great deal	52	50	51	63
Only some	40	44	38	34
No reform at all	4	4	9	3
Not sure	4	2	2	-

34. Do you think the problems in the country's health care system will eventually affect most Americans if they are not addressed, or do you think that most Americans will continue to get good health care even if those problems are not addressed? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Eventually affect most Americans	65%
Continue to get good health care	32%
No opinion	3%

35. Which would make you feel more secure -- the current health care system in this country, or the health care system proposed by President Obama?

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Current health care system	52%
Obama's proposed system	44%
No opinion	4%

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	<u>Current system</u>	<u>Clinton's proposed system</u>	<u>Both equal (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1993 Sept 23	30	52	2	5	11

36. From what you know of the health care reforms which the Administration is working on, do you think the amount you pay for medical care would increase, decrease, or remain the same?

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2009 2009

Increase	55%	54%
Decrease	19%	17%
Remain the same	24%	26%
No opinion	2%	3%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Remain the same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Mar 2-3	70%	9%	17%	4%
1994 Jan 17-18	59%	11%	24%	6%
1993 Oct 28	58%	8%	23%	11%
1993 Sept 23	61%	9%	25%	5%
1993 Sept 8-9	56%	16%	23%	5%

37. From what you know of those health care reforms, do you think you and your family would, in general, be better off, worse off or about the same?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Better off	21%	20%
Worse off	38%	35%
About the same	40%	44%
No opinion	*	1%

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	<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Aug 17-18	20%	31%	45%	4%
1994 July	15%	31%	50%	4%
1994 Jan	18%	29%	50%	3%
1993 Oct	20%	29%	48%	3%
1993 Sept	20%	21%	57%	2%

38. And from what you know of those health care reforms, do you think senior citizens who are currently on Medicare would, in general, be better off, worse off or about the same?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Better off	26%
Worse off	43%
About the same	30%
No opinion	1%

39. In general, do you think you understand most of the major points in Obama's health care proposals, or are you confused by what you have read or heard about the plan so far?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Understand	59%	51%
Confused	40%	46%
No opinion	1%	2%

40. Now thinking specifically about the health insurance plans available to most Americans, would you favor or oppose creating a public health insurance option administered by the federal government that would compete with plans offered by private health insurance companies?

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2009

Favor	55%
Oppose	41%
No opinion	4%

40. Now thinking specifically about the health insurance plans available to most Americans, would you favor or oppose creating a public health insurance option administered by the federal government that would compete with plans offered by private health insurance companies?

41. (IF FAVOR) Do you favor this strongly or only moderately

42. (IF OPPOSE) Do you oppose this strongly or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 40, 41 AND 42 COMBINED

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2009

Favor strongly	27%
Favor moderately	28%
Oppose moderately	11%
Oppose strongly	30%
No opinion	4%

43. Do you think Barack Obama does or does not want the federal government to eventually take over all aspects of the health care system in this country?

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2009

Does	53%
Does not	42%
No opinion	5%

44. As you may know, over the past month there have been a lot of angry debates and protests about health care at town hall meetings and other public forums held by members of Congress. Have the events at those town hall meetings made you more likely or less likely to support the health care policies proposed by Barack Obama, or have the events at those town hall meetings not affected your views on health care?

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More likely	19%
Less likely	18%
No effect	62%
No opinion	1%

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

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>July 31-Aug. 3</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>May 14-17</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Apr. 3-5</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Feb. 18-19</u> <u>2009</u>
Favor	42%	41%	50%	53%	47%
Oppose	57%	54%	48%	46%	51%
No opinion	2%	5%	3%	1%	2%

	<u>Dec. 1-2</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>July 27-29</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Sept. 22-24</u> <u>2006</u>
Favor	52%	46%	44%	50%
Oppose	46%	52%	52%	48%
No opinion	2%	2%	4%	2%

46. Do you think the United States is winning or not winning the war in Afghanistan?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>
Is winning	35%	31%	36%
Is not winning	62%	64%	60%
No opinion	4%	5%	4%

47. Do you think the United States can or cannot win the war in Afghanistan?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Can win	59%	62%
Cannot win	40%	35%
No opinion	1%	3%

48. Which of the following statements comes closest to your views about the H1N1 flu, sometimes referred to as "swine flu":

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>May 14-17</u> <u>2009*</u>
You are worried that you or someone in your immediate family will get that flu	39%	17%
In the past few months, you had been worried that you or someone in your immediate family would get that flu, but you are not worried any longer	17%	20%
You were never worried that you or someone in your family would get that flu	44%	63%
No opinion	*	*

*Asked of half of the sample

49. How confident are you that the federal government can prevent a nationwide swine flu epidemic -- very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not confident at all?

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>
Very confident	15%
Somewhat confident	44%
Not very confident	22%
Not confident at all	18%
No opinion	1%

50. Would you, or any other members of your household, plan to get inoculated against swine flu if these shots became available?

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>
Yes	66%
No	32%
No opinion	3%

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1976 Aug 20-23	53%	17%	30%

51. Just your best guess -- do you think that the government and private industry can or cannot produce enough swine flu vaccine to inoculate all Americans who want to get a swine flu shot?

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2009

Can	50%
Cannot	48%
No opinion	1%

52. What is your view of the Cash for Clunkers program, which allowed people to trade in cars with low gas mileage and get about four thousand dollars off the purchase of a new car? Would you describe that program as a success or a failure?

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Success	55%
Failure	40%
Mixed	3%
No opinion	2%