



**Interviews with 1,030 adult Americans, including 953 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 19-21, 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?

	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>					
Approve	46%					
Disapprove	51%					
No opinion	3%					
	Feb. 12-15 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 22-24 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 8-10 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>
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 <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%

2. Apart from whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president, what do you think of Obama as a person? Would you say you approve of him or disapprove of him?

	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve	70%	76%	79%
Disapprove	25%	20%	17%
No opinion	5%	4%	4%

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George W. Bush

	<u>As a person</u>			<u>Job approval</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Nov 14-16	68	27	5	50	47	3
2001 Jul 10-11	70	25	5	57	35	8
2001 Feb 9-11	65	27	8	57	25	18
2001 Jan 5-7*	60	33	7	65	26	9

Bill Clinton

	<u>As a person</u>			<u>Job approval</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2001 Jan 5-7	41	54	5	65	31	4
2000 Jul 14-16	36	59	5	59	37	4
2000 Apr 28-30	29	63	8	59	39	2
2000 Mar 10-12	35	59	6	63	34	3
2000 Feb 25-27	32	63	5	57	39	4
2000 Jan 17-19	36	59	5	62	35	3
2000 Jan 7-10	31	64	5	63	35	2
1999 Oct 8-10	35	62	3	56	39	5

QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 COMBINED

	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve of Obama handling job and approve of him as person	44%	52%	58%
Approve of Obama handling job but don't approve of him as person	1%	1%	3%
Disapprove of Obama handling job but approve of him as person	24%	21%	19%
Disapprove of Obama handling job and don't approve of him as person	24%	19%	17%
No opinion	7%	7%	3%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>The economy</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	43%	54%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	44%	54%	2%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	46%	54%	1%
September 11-13, 2009	54%	45%	1%
August 28-31, 2009*	49%	51%	*
March 12-15, 2009	59%	40%	2%
<b>The situation in Iraq</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	51%	46%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	53%	43%	3%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009*	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	63%	35%	2%
<b>The situation in Afghanistan</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	55%	42%	3%
January 8-10, 2010	51%	47%	3%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	42%	56%	2%
August 28-31, 2009*	49%	46%	5%
March 12-15, 2009*	67%	29%	5%
<b>Terrorism</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	53%	45%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	50%	49%	1%
August 28-31, 2009*	52%	45%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	61%	35%	4%
<b>Health care policy</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	40%	58%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	40%	59%	1%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	42%	57%	2%
September 11-13, 2009	51%	47%	2%
August 28-31, 2009*	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	57%	41%	2%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Unemployment</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	45%	53%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	45%	54%	1%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009*	47%	52%	*
March 12-15, 2009*	64%	33%	3%
<b>The federal budget deficit</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	36%	62%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	36%	62%	1%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009*	39%	60%	2%
September 11-13, 2009	46%	51%	3%
August 28-31, 2009*	36%	63%	1%
March 12-15, 2009*	52%	47%	2%
<b>Environmental policy</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	55%	37%	8%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	62%	33%	5%
<b>Illegal immigration</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	37%	56%	7%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	36%	58%	6%
<b>Education</b>			
March 19-21, 2010	56%	41%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	65%	30%	5%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.