



Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans, including 935 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 25-28, 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. 25-28 <u>2010</u>	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>
Approve	51%	46%
Disapprove	48%	51%
No opinion	1%	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%

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
2. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove because you think his policies and actions since he became president have been too liberal, or because you think his policies and actions have not been liberal enough?

QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 COMBINED

	Mar. 25-28 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>
Approve (from Question 1)	51%	54%	48%
Disapprove, too liberal	40%	34%	40%
Disapprove, not liberal enough	6%	8%	8%
Disapprove, unsure on Question 2	2%	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	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>
The economy			
March 25-28, 2010	44%	55%	1%
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%
Foreign affairs			
March 25-28, 2010	51%	44%	4%
March 19-21, 2010	N/A	N/A	N/A
January 8-10, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	51%	47%	2%
September 11-13, 2009	58%	38%	4%
August 28-31, 2009*	54%	42%	3%
March 12-15, 2009	66%	28%	6%
Health care policy			
March 25-28, 2010	45%	54%	1%
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%
Abortion			
March 25-28, 2010	40%	47%	13%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

9. Suppose the 2012 presidential election were being held today. If Barack Obama runs for re-election, are you more likely to vote for Obama, the Democrat, or for the Republican party's candidate for President?
10. (IF UNSURE:) As of today, do you lean more to Obama, the Democrat, or to a Republican candidate?

QUESTIONS 9 AND 10 COMBINED

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered Voters				
March 25-28, 2010	47%	48%	4%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	47%	47%	4%	2%
All Respondents				
March 25-28, 2010	48%	47%	4%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	48%	46%	4%	2%

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FOR COMPARISON

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<u>GEORGE W. BUSH</u>				
<i>Registered Voters</i>				
(RV) 2003 Dec 5-7	48	41	4	7
(RV) 2003 Oct 24-26	46	43	6	5
(RV) 2003 Sep 8-10	47	43	3	7
(RV) 2003 Aug 25-26	51	39	4	6
(RV) 2003 Jul 25-27	49	40	5	6
(RV) 2003 Jul 18-20	46	42	3	9
(RV) 2003 Jun 12-18	51	39	3	7
(RV) 2003 Apr 22-23	49	36	3	12
(RV) 2003 Mar 29-30	51	36	4	9
(RV) 2003 Mar 14-15	45	42	5	8
(RV) 2003 Feb 24-26	47	39	4	10
(RV) 2002 Dec 16-17	51	37	3	9
(RV) 2002 Oct 3-6	54	35	1	10
(RV) 2002 Jul 29-31	51	34	3	12
(RV) 2002 Jun 21-23	51	37	3	9
(RV) 2002 Apr 29-May 1	56	32	3	9
(RV) 2001 Oct 5-6	56	29	2	13
QUESTION WORDING: If George W. Bush runs for re-election in 2004, in general, are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president?				
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<u>BILL CLINTON</u>				
<i>Registered Voters</i>				
1994 DEC. 2-5	39	53	N/A	8
1994 Mar 28-30	44	59	N/A	7
QUESTION WORDING: Suppose the 1996 presidential election were being held today. If Bill Clinton runs for re-election, are you more likely to vote for Clinton, the Democrat, or for the Republican Party's candidate for president? As of today, do you lean more to Clinton, the Democrat, or to a Republican candidate?				
<u>GEORGE H.W. BUSH</u>				
(RV) 1992 Jan 31-Feb 2	46	38	16	
(RV) 1992 Jan 3-6	39	43	18	
(RV) 1991 Dec 5-8	48	34	18	
(RV) 1991 Nov 14-17	48	36	16	
(RV) 1991 Oct 31-Nov 3	46	36	18	
(RV) 1991 Oct 10-13	49	32	19	
(RV) 1991 Sep 13-15	51	29	20	
(RV) 1991 Sep 5-8	52	29	19	
(RV) 1991 Aug 23-25	55	27	18	
(RV) 1991 Jun 13-16	53	30	17	
(RV) 1991 Apr 25-28	51	30	19	
(RV) 1991 Mar 7-10	67	17	16	
(RV) 1991 Feb 14-17	54	33	13	
QUESTION WORDING: If George Bush runs for re-election in 1992, in general are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president?				