



**Interviews with 1,023 adult Americans, including 935 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on May 21-23, 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?

	May 21-23 <u>2010</u>	Apr. 9-11 <u>2010</u>	Mar. 25-28 <u>2010</u>	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>
Approve	51%	51%	51%	46%
Disapprove	46%	47%	48%	51%
No opinion	3%	2%	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%

2. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that Barack Obama has the personality and leadership qualities a President should have.

	<u>May 21-23</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Jan. 8-10</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Oct. 16-18</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Apr. 23-26</u> <u>2009</u>
Agree	65%	64%	66%	75%
Disagree	35%	35%	33%	24%
No opinion	*	*	1%	1%

  

	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Sept. 19-21</u> <u>2008*</u>	<u>June 4-5</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan. 14-17</u> <u>2008</u>
Agree	66%	64%	63%	59%
Disagree	34%	36%	36%	38%
No opinion	*	1%	1%	3%

\*Asked of a half sample.

3. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with Barack Obama on the issues that matter most to you.

	<u>May 21-23</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Jan. 8-10</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Oct. 16-18</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Apr. 23-26</u> <u>2009</u>
Agree	48%	49%	48%	57%
Disagree	50%	50%	51%	41%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%

  

	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Sept. 19-21</u> <u>2008*</u>	<u>June 4-5</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan. 14-17</u> <u>2008</u>
Agree	60%	56%	56%	54%
Disagree	40%	43%	43%	43%
No opinion	*	1%	1%	3%

\*Asked of a half sample.

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

QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 COMBINED

	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Registered Voters</b>				
May 21-23, 2010	47%	46%	6%	1%
April 9-11, 2010	50%	46%	4%	1%
March 25-28, 2010	45%	49%	4%	2%
March 19-21, 2010	45%	48%	5%	2%
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%
<b>All Respondents</b>				
May 21-23, 2010	48%	44%	8%	1%
April 9-11, 2010	50%	45%	4%	2%
March 25-28, 2010	46%	48%	4%	2%
March 19-21, 2010	46%	46%	6%	3%
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%

6. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	<u>Extremely Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Very Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Somewhat Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not too Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not at all Enthusiastic</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b><u>ALL REGISTERED VOTERS</u></b>						
May 21-23, 2010	17%	25%	29%	15%	14%	*
March 25-28, 2010	24%	21%	32%	12%	11%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	20%	20%	35%	16%	10%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	22%	20%	32%	16%	9%	*
<b><u>Registered Democrats</u></b>						
May 21-23, 2010	10%	22%	35%	18%	15%	*
March 25-28, 2010	17%	19%	40%	14%	9%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	13%	18%	42%	17%	10%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	17%	25%	34%	17%	6%	1%
<b><u>Registered Republicans</u></b>						
May 21-23, 2010	25%	29%	24%	12%	10%	*
March 25-28, 2010	32%	23%	24%	10%	11%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	25%	24%	30%	14%	7%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	26%	17%	33%	16%	8%	*
<b><u>ALL RESPONDENTS</u></b>						
May 21-23, 2010	15%	22%	29%	16%	17%	*
March 25-28, 2010	22%	20%	33%	12%	13%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	19%	19%	35%	16%	11%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	21%	20%	32%	16%	10%	*
<b><u>Democrats</u></b>						
May 21-23, 2010	9%	20%	35%	18%	17%	*
March 25-28, 2010	15%	18%	41%	14%	10%	1%
January 8-10, 2010	13%	17%	42%	17%	10%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	15%	24%	36%	17%	9%	*
<b><u>Republicans</u></b>						
May 21-23, 2010	22%	27%	24%	15%	12%	*
March 25-28, 2010	30%	23%	26%	9%	12%	*
January 8-10, 2010	23%	23%	32%	14%	8%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	29%	17%	29%	14%	11%	*

*Trends for comparison on next page*

FOR COMPARISON

How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting **for President** this year -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	<u>Extremely Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Very Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Somewhat Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not too Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not at all Enthusiastic</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b><u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u></b>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	37%	32%	16%	7%	8%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	34%	24%	23%	11%	8%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	30%	30%	23%	11%	6%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	31%	27%	19%	15%	8%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	26%	23%	28%	13%	11%	*
June 4-5, 2008	23%	27%	24%	14%	12%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	37%	26%	24%	8%	4%	*
June 23-24, 2007	26%	28%	27%	13%	6%	*
<b><u>Republicans</u></b>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	28%	32%	19%	9%	12%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	24%	26%	27%	12%	10%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	26%	28%	26%	15%	4%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	24%	25%	23%	19%	9%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	22%	21%	30%	16%	11%	*
June 4-5, 2008	13%	24%	27%	21%	15%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	33%	24%	29%	9%	5%	*
June 23-24, 2007	27%	25%	27%	16%	6%	*
<b><u>Democrats</u></b>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	45%	34%	13%	4%	3%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	45%	23%	20%	7%	5%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	36%	30%	21%	6%	6%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	37%	30%	17%	11%	6%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	30%	26%	25%	11%	7%	*
June 4-5, 2008	32%	31%	21%	8%	8%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	41%	27%	22%	6%	3%	*
June 23-24, 2007	28%	32%	27%	9%	4%	*

7. Do you think the country would be better off if the Republicans controlled Congress, if the Democrats controlled Congress, or would the country be the same regardless of which party controlled Congress?

	May 21-23 <u>2010</u>	Nov. 3-5 <u>2006</u>
Republicans	28%	20%
Democrats	27%	39%
Same regardless	44%	37%
No opinion	1%	3%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	Same regardless	No opinion
2004 Mar 5-7	25	31	39	5
2002 Nov 8-10	28	22	47	3
2002 Oct 31-Nov 3	25	27	42	6
1998 Oct 23-25	24	22	48	6

8. Would you be more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who President Obama supports, or more likely to vote for a candidate who President Obama opposes?

May 21-23  
2010

ALL RESPONDENTS

Obama supports	44%
Obama opposes	41%
No difference/both equal (vol.)	13%
No opinion	2%

REGISTERED VOTERS

Obama supports	43%
Obama opposes	43%
No difference/both equal (vol.)	13%
No opinion	1%

9. Would you be more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who the Tea Party movement supports, or more likely to vote for a candidate who the Tea Party movement opposes?

May 21-23  
2010

ALL RESPONDENTS

Tea Party supports	43%
Tea Party opposes	40%
No difference/both equal (vol.)	10%
No opinion	6%

REGISTERED VOTERS

Tea Party supports	44%
Tea Party opposes	41%
No difference/both equal (vol.)	10%
No opinion	5%

48. Now I'd like you to think about all political offices at the federal, state and local level. Often when you vote for these offices, you must choose between an incumbent who is running for re-election to an office he or she already holds, and a challenger who does not hold that office. In general, are you more likely to vote for the incumbent running for re-election or more likely to vote for the challenger who does not hold that office?

	May 21-23 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>
Incumbent	30%	32%
Challenger	47%	46%
No difference (vol.)	20%	18%
No opinion	3%	4%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>	<u>No diff. (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Feb 10	26	41	17	16