



**Interviews with 534 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on June 16, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points.**

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*(NOTE: Question 1 released at noon on Thursday.)*

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

	<u>June 16 2010</u>	<u>May 21-23 2010</u>	<u>Apr. 9-11 2010</u>	<u>Mar. 25-28 2010</u>	<u>Mar. 19-21 2010</u>	
Approve	50%	51%	51%	51%	46%	
Disapprove	48%	46%	47%	48%	51%	
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	
	<u>Feb. 12-15 2010</u>	<u>Jan. 22-24 2010</u>	<u>Jan. 8-10 2009</u>	<u>Dec. 16-20 2009</u>	<u>Dec. 2-3 2009</u>	<u>Nov. 13-15 2009</u>
Approve	49%	49%	51%	54%	48%	55%
Disapprove	50%	50%	48%	44%	50%	42%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	3%
	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1 2009</u>	<u>Oct. 16-18 2009</u>	<u>Sept. 11-13 2009</u>	<u>Aug. 28-31 2009</u>	<u>July 31-Aug. 3 2009</u>	<u>June 26-28 2009</u>
Approve	54%	55%	58%	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	45%	43%	40%	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%
	<u>May 14-17 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 23-26 2009</u>	<u>Apr. 3-5 2009</u>	<u>Mar. 12-15 2009</u>	<u>Feb. 18-19 2009</u>	<u>Feb. 7-8 2009</u>
Approve	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

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	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis-approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>George W. Bush</b>			
2005 Oct 28-30	41	56	3
2005 Oct 24-26	41	56	3
2005 Oct 21-23	42	55	3
2005 Oct 13-16	39	58	3
2005 Sep 26-28	45	50	5
2005 Sep 16-18	40	58	2
2005 Sep 12-15	45	52	3
2005 Sep 8-11	46	51	3
2005 Aug 28-30	45	52	3
2005 Aug 22-25	40	56	4
2005 Aug 8-11	45	51	4
2005 Aug 5-7	45	51	4
2005 Jul 25-28	44	51	5
2005 Jul 22-24	49	48	3
2005 Jul 7-10	49	48	3

2. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does not Apply</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Is a strong and decisive leader</b>			
June 16, 2010	53%	46%	1%
January 22-24, 2010	60%	39%	1%
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009*	62%	37%	1%
June 26-28, 2009	70%	28%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	80%	19%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	64%	35%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	59%	39%	3%

<b>Inspires confidence</b>			
June 16, 2010	56%	43%	1%
January 22-24, 2010	57%	43%	*
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009*	63%	37%	*
June 26-28, 2009	72%	27%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	75%	24%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	82%	18%	*

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	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does not Apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>George W. Bush: Strong and Decisive Leader</b>			
2005 Oct. 28-30	52	47	1
2005 Sept. 16-18	49	51	*
2005 Sept. 8-11	52	47	1
2005 Aug. 28-30	60	40	*
2005 July 22-24	62	37	1
2005 Jan. 14-16	61	37	2
<b>George W. Bush: Inspires Confidence</b>			
2005 Sept. 8-11	46	53	1
2005 Aug. 28-30	47	52	1
2005 Jan. 14-16	50	49	1

2. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does not Apply</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Can manage the government effectively</b>			
June 16, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	58%	42%	*
June 26-28, 2009	61%	38%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%
<b>Tough enough to handle a crisis</b>			
June 16, 2010	53%	47%	*
June 26-28, 2009	64%	33%	2%
February 18-19, 2009	73%	24%	3%
<b>Is sincere in what he says</b>			
June 16, 2010	64%	35%	1%
January 22-24, 2010	63%	37%	*
<b>Cares about people like you</b>			
June 16, 2010	60%	40%	*
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	59%	41%	*
December 19-21, 2008*	73%	27%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	66%	33%	1%
June 26-29, 2008 (RV)	67%	31%	2%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	67%	32%	1%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

24. Would you say that you are very confident, fairly confident, not very confident, or not confident at all that the federal government will be able to do each of the following:

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Fairly confident</u>	<u>Not very confident</u>	<u>Not confident at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Prevent another oil spill like the one in the Gulf of Mexico</b>					
June 16, 2010	9%	32%	34%	24%	*
<b>Restore the Gulf of Mexico to the same condition it was in before the oil spill</b>					
June 16, 2010	8%	23%	35%	33%	1%
<b>Make sure that BP will pay for all the damage that it has caused in the Gulf of Mexico</b>					
June 16, 2010	18%	29%	32%	21%	*
<b>Reduce the country's dependence on oil for its energy needs</b>					
June 16, 2010	12%	24%	36%	27%	*

29. Did you happen to watch or listen to any of Obama's speech on the oil spill on Tuesday night, or not?

June 16  
2010

Yes	32%
No	68%
No opinion	*

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Did you happen to watch or listen to any of Obama's speech on Afghanistan on Tuesday night, or not?

Dec. 2-3  
2009

Yes	42%
No	58%
No opinion	*

30. (IF WATCHED SPEECH:) What was your overall reaction to President Obama's speech -- very positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative, or very negative? (BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH 222 PEOPLE WHO WATCHED OR LISTENED TO OBAMA'S SPEECH -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/-6.5 % POINTS)

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Very positive	25%
Somewhat positive	28%
Somewhat negative	25%
Very negative	22%
Both/mixed (vol.)	1%
No opinion	*