



Interviews with 1,018 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on July 16-21, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Results in this document labelled "All Americans" or "Total" are based on this sample of 1,018 adults.

Additional interviews were conducted among African-Americans, and combined with the African-Americans contacted in the initial sample of 1,018 for a total of 308 African-American respondents. The margin of sampling error for results based on this sample of African-Americans is plus or minus 5.5 percentage points.

Additional interviews were also conducted among Hispanics, and combined with the Hispanics contacted in the initial sample of 1,018 for a total of 303 Hispanic respondents. The margin of sampling error for results based on this sample of Hispanics is plus or minus 5.5 percentage points.

Columns in this document labeled "Whites" show results only for the 757 respondents in the initial sample who described themselves as white in a question on racial background and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. (Sampling error for non-Hispanic whites is +/-3.5 percentage points.) Columns in this document labeled "Blacks" refer to all respondents who described themselves as black or African-American and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. Columns in this document labeled "Hispanics" refer to all respondents who described themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity regardless of their race.

Trend results for racial groups are shown only for polls which had enough African-American and Hispanic respondents to produce statistically valid results.

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

	<u>All Americans</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Hispanics</u>	<u>Whites</u>
<b>The economy</b>				
Approve	42%	85%	41%	34%
Disapprove	57%	15%	58%	66%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*

TREND FOR ALL AMERICANS

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>The economy</b>			
July 16-21, 2010	42%	57%	*
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%

17. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today?

	<u>ALL AMERICANS</u>	
	<u>July 16-21</u>	<u>May 21-23</u>
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
The economy	47%	45%
The federal budget deficit	13%	12%
Illegal immigration	9%	8%
Health care	8%	11%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	8%	6%
Education	6%	7%
Energy and environmental policies	3%	7%
Terrorism	4%	4%
Other (vol.)	2%	*
No opinion	1%	1%

	<u>July 16-21, 2010</u>		
	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Hispanics</u>	<u>Whites</u>
The economy	47%	34%	49%
The federal budget deficit	6%	9%	15%
Illegal immigration	5%	11%	8%
Health care	15%	7%	8%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	7%	13%	8%
Education	9%	10%	3%
Energy and environmental policies	1%	2%	3%
Terrorism	6%	7%	4%
Other (vol.)	2%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	4%	*

18. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>ALL AMERICANS</u>					
July 16-21, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*
May 21-23, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*
Mar. 25-28, 2010	1%	20%	39%	39%	*
Feb. 12-15, 2010	2%	15%	39%	44%	*
Jan. 8-10, 2010	2%	18%	42%	38%	*
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*
Mar. 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*
Mar. 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%

18. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>BLACKS</u>					
July 16-21, 2010	4%	45%	37%	14%	*
Dec. 16-20, 2009	4%	42%	33%	21%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	5%	38%	34%	22%	1%
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	9%	26%	66%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	2%	30%	43%	25%	*
<u>HISPANICS</u>					
July 16-21, 2010	1%	31%	33%	35%	*
<u>WHITES</u>					
July 16-21, 2010	*	16%	42%	42%	*
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	13%	40%	46%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	1%	15%	44%	39%	*
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	10%	37%	51%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	5%	37%	41%	17%	*

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
<u>ALL AMERICANS</u>							
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

\*Asked of a half sample.

21. Which do you think should be more important for the Obama administration: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	July 16-21 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Nov 6-9 <u>2008</u>
Reducing the deficit, even if it might slow down economic recovery	42%	40%	31%
Stimulating economic recovery, even if it might mean less deficit reduction	57%	57%	66%
No opinion	2%	3%	3%

22. Which do you think should be more important for the Obama administration: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 517 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	July 16-21 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>
Reduce deficit even if unemployment remains high	25%	25%
Create more jobs even if it means less deficit reduction	74%	74%
No opinion	1%	1%