



**Interviews with 1,012 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 18-20, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample 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?

	<u>Mar. 18-20 2011</u>	<u>Mar. 11-13 2011</u>	<u>Jan. 21-23 2011</u>	<u>Jan. 14-16 2011</u>	<u>Dec. 17-19 2010</u>	
Approve	51%	50%	55%	53%	48%	
Disapprove	47%	47%	44%	45%	48%	
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	
	<u>Nov. 11-14 2010</u>	<u>Oct. 27-30 2010</u>	<u>Oct. 5-7 2010</u>	<u>Sept. 21-23 2010</u>	<u>Sept. 1-2 2010</u>	<u>Aug. 6-10 2010</u>
Approve	48%	46%	45%	42%	50%	47%
Disapprove	50%	51%	52%	54%	49%	51%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	4%	1%	2%
	<u>July 16-21 2010</u>	<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	47%	50%	51%	51%	51%	46%
Disapprove	50%	48%	46%	47%	48%	51%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%
	<u>Feb. 12-15 2010</u>	<u>Jan. 22-24 2010</u>	<u>Jan. 8-10 2010</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%

2. 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 18-20, 2011	39%	60%	1%
January 21-23, 2011	45%	54%	*
November 11-14, 2010	40%	58%	2%
September 1-2, 2010	40%	59%	2%
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%
<b>Foreign affairs</b>			
March 18-20, 2011	54%	43%	3%
January 21-23, 2011	57%	40%	3%
November 11-14, 2010	49%	46%	5%
March 25-28, 2010	51%	44%	4%
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%
<b>Health care policy</b>			
March 18-20, 2011	41%	58%	2%
January 21-23, 2011	44%	55%	1%
July 16-21, 2010	44%	54%	2%
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%

2. 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 federal budget deficit</b>			
March 18-20, 2011	36%	62%	2%
January 21-23, 2011	38%	60%	2%
November 11-14, 2010	36%	61%	3%
July 16-21, 2010	36%	62%	2%
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>Energy policy</b>			
March 18-20, 2011	47%	46%	7%
January 21-23, 2011	49%	43%	8%
March 12-15, 2009	63%	33%	4%
<b>The situation in Libya</b>			
March 18-20, 2011	50%	41%	9%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

Question 1

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	51%	42%	58%	39%	79%
Disapprove	47%	55%	40%	58%	19%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	51%	N/A	50%	44%	43%	57%	43%
Disapprove	47%	N/A	49%	54%	55%	41%	54%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	51%	53%	51%	48%	53%
Disapprove	47%	45%	48%	49%	46%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	51%	82%	45%	17%	77%	58%	32%
Disapprove	47%	17%	52%	80%	22%	40%	67%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	51%	56%	49%	45%	56%	64%	47%	41%
Disapprove	47%	43%	48%	53%	42%	35%	50%	56%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	51%	10%	55%	83%
Disapprove	47%	89%	42%	16%
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 2A

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling:

A. The economy

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Approve	39%	35%	43%	30%	61%		
Disapprove	60%	64%	56%	68%	39%		
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	39%	N/A	35%	37%	36%	41%	37%
Disapprove	60%	N/A	64%	62%	63%	58%	62%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	39%	40%	40%	36%	41%
Disapprove	60%	59%	59%	63%	57%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	39%	70%	32%	9%	66%	43%	22%
Disapprove	60%	29%	67%	90%	34%	54%	78%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	39%	45%	38%	35%	39%	50%	36%	31%
Disapprove	60%	54%	59%	64%	60%	50%	62%	66%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	1%	1%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	39%	6%	40%	69%
Disapprove	60%	94%	58%	30%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 2B

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling:

B. Foreign affairs

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	54%	47%	60%	46%	73%
Disapprove	43%	50%	36%	50%	25%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	54%	N/A	52%	49%	39%	61%	45%
Disapprove	43%	N/A	45%	50%	56%	35%	52%
No opinion	3%	N/A	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	54%	55%	55%	51%	56%
Disapprove	43%	41%	43%	45%	41%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	54%	83%	47%	26%	77%	64%	34%
Disapprove	43%	16%	49%	70%	23%	33%	62%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	54%	55%	50%	52%	58%	62%	53%	46%
Disapprove	43%	41%	44%	45%	40%	37%	43%	50%
No opinion	3%	4%	5%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	54%	18%	58%	83%
Disapprove	43%	82%	36%	16%
No opinion	3%	*	6%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 2C

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling:

C. Health care policy

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
Approve	41%	37%	44%	32%	61%			
Disapprove	58%	61%	55%	65%	38%			
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0			

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	41%	N/A	37%	35%	40%	43%	37%
Disapprove	58%	N/A	62%	64%	57%	56%	61%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	41%	44%	38%	39%	42%
Disapprove	58%	54%	62%	59%	57%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	41%	71%	33%	12%	66%	48%	21%
Disapprove	58%	28%	65%	87%	34%	49%	78%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	41%	43%	42%	33%	48%	50%	39%	33%
Disapprove	58%	56%	55%	65%	51%	49%	60%	64%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	41%	10%	38%	76%
Disapprove	58%	89%	60%	23%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 2D

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling:

D. The federal budget deficit

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Approve	36%	31%	41%	28%	55%		
Disapprove	62%	68%	57%	70%	43%		
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	36%	N/A	34%	34%	34%	37%	34%
Disapprove	62%	N/A	65%	64%	63%	61%	64%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	36%	39%	37%	35%	36%
Disapprove	62%	59%	62%	63%	62%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	36%	66%	28%	7%	60%	40%	22%
Disapprove	62%	32%	69%	92%	39%	57%	77%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	36%	40%	37%	32%	35%	47%	32%	31%
Disapprove	62%	58%	60%	67%	63%	53%	66%	66%
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	36%	5%	35%	68%
Disapprove	62%	95%	62%	31%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 2E

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling:

E. Energy policy

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Approve	47%	42%	50%	40%	65%		
Disapprove	46%	51%	42%	52%	30%		
No opinion	7%	7%	8%	8%	5%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	47%	N/A	48%	40%	38%	53%	39%
Disapprove	46%	N/A	46%	54%	54%	40%	54%
No opinion	7%	N/A	7%	6%	9%	8%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	47%	48%	48%	45%	48%
Disapprove	46%	44%	45%	46%	46%
No opinion	7%	8%	7%	9%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	47%	73%	36%	27%	64%	57%	29%
Disapprove	46%	20%	55%	67%	28%	36%	64%
No opinion	7%	7%	8%	6%	8%	8%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	47%	54%	45%	39%	52%	55%	46%	38%
Disapprove	46%	39%	43%	55%	43%	41%	45%	55%
No opinion	7%	7%	12%	6%	5%	4%	9%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	47%	15%	52%	70%
Disapprove	46%	80%	40%	22%
No opinion	7%	5%	8%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 2F

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling:

F. The situation in Libya

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Approve	50%	47%	52%	46%	61%		
Disapprove	41%	44%	38%	44%	32%		
No opinion	9%	9%	10%	10%	8%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	50%	N/A	54%	47%	45%	53%	46%
Disapprove	41%	N/A	40%	42%	45%	39%	43%
No opinion	9%	N/A	6%	11%	10%	8%	11%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	50%	48%	55%	43%	56%
Disapprove	41%	44%	37%	48%	35%
No opinion	9%	8%	8%	10%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	50%	73%	44%	27%	68%	56%	35%
Disapprove	41%	20%	44%	63%	24%	33%	57%
No opinion	9%	6%	12%	9%	8%	11%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	50%	52%	53%	48%	46%	54%	52%	39%
Disapprove	41%	38%	37%	45%	41%	38%	37%	52%
No opinion	9%	10%	9%	7%	13%	8%	10%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	50%	26%	51%	76%
Disapprove	41%	68%	37%	19%
No opinion	9%	6%	13%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%