

Interviews with 824 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on April 9-10, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

FOR RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 AT 6 AM
2. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. (RANDOM ORDER)

|  | Applies | Does not Apply | No Opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Is a strong and decisive leader |  |  |  |
| April 9-10, 2011 | 53\% | 46\% | 1\% |
| January 14-16, 2011 | 57\% | 43\% | * |
| 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\% |
| Can manage the government effectively |  |  |  |
| April 9-10, 2011 | 45\% | 55\% | 1\% |
| 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\% |
| Cares about people like you |  |  |  |
| April 9-10, 2011 | 57\% | 41\% | 1\% |
| January 14-16, 2011 | 57\% | 42\% | 1\% |
| 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\% |
| Generally agrees with you on issues you care about |  |  |  |
| April 9-10, 2011 | 47\% | 52\% | 1\% |
| January 14-16, 2011 | 47\% | 52\% | 1\% |
| January 22-24, 2010 | 50\% | 49\% | * |
| June 26-28, 2009 | 56\% | 42\% | 1\% |
| February 18-19, 2009* | 63\% | 36\% | 1\% |
| December 19-21, 2008* | 68\% | 31\% | 1\% |
| March 14-16, 2008 | 57\% | 41\% | 2\% |
| Has a vision for the country's future |  |  |  |
| April 9-10, 2011 | 68\% | 31\% | 1\% |
| March 14-16, 2008 | 71\% | 28\% | 1\% |

4. When it comes to dealing with the tough choices involved both in cutting programs to reduce the budget deficit and still maintaining needed federal programs, whose approach do you prefer: the Republicans in Congress or President Obama's?

|  | Apr. 9-10 | Mar. 18-20 | Mar. 11-13 | Jan. 14-16 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ |  |
| Republicans in Congress | $43 \%$ |  | $45 \%$ |  | $47 \%$ |
| Obama | $48 \%$ |  | $46 \%$ |  | $43 \%$ |
| Neither (vol.) | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $46 \%$ |  |
| Both (vol.) | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |  |
| No opinion | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |  |
|  |  |  |  | $3 \%$ |  |

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Clinton administration: When it comes to dealing with the tough choices involved BOTH in cutting programs to reduce the budget deficit AND still maintaining needed federal programs, whose approach do you prefer: the Republicans' in Congress or President Clinton's?

> 1998 Jan 6-7
> 1997 Jul 25-27
> 1995 Dec $15-18$
> 1995 Jul $7-9$

| Republicans <br> in Congress |
| :---: |
| 39 |
| 38 |
| 38 |
| 48 |


| Clinton |
| :---: |
| 43 |
| 49 |
| 52 |
| 42 |


| Neither <br> $($ vol. $)$ | Both <br> $($ vol. $)$ | No <br> opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 2 | 10 |
| 6 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 3 | 2 | 5 |

The events of the past few days have dealt with this year's budget, but during that time Republican leaders in Congress also announced their proposals for the federal budget for next year and beyond. Here are a few questions specifically about that budget.
14. In your view, do current Republican proposals to cut spending go too far, or not?

Apr. 9-10 Jan. 21-23
$\underline{2011} \underline{2011}$

| Too far | $47 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Not too far | $51 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| No opinion | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ |

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Too far $\quad$| Not |
| :---: |
| too far |$\quad$ No opinion

| 1995 Nov 6-8 | 57 | 36 | 7 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995 July 7-9 | 43 | 48 | 9 |
| 1995 Mar 27-29 | 42 | 52 | 6 |
| 1995 Feb 24-26 | 39 | 51 | 10 |
| 1994 Dec $28-30$ | 19 | 68 | 13 |

15. Do Republican proposals to cut spending apply fairly to all groups in society, or do they unfairly favor some groups more than others?

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| Fair | $29 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Unfair | $68 \%$ |
| No opinion | $2 \%$ |

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|  | Fair | Unfair | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1995 Feb 24-26 | 22 | 69 | 9 |
| 1994 Dec $28-30$ | 21 | 69 | 10 |

16. As far as you know, would the current Republican proposals to cut spending affect you or someone in your immediate family, or would they only affect other people?

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$\underline{2011}$

| Affect you | $69 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Only affect others | $28 \%$ |
| No opinion | $2 \%$ |

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| Only affects <br> others | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: |
| 33 | 6 |

46. Do you think the Democratic party should renominate Barack Obama as the party's candidate for president in 2012, or do you think the Democratic party should nominate a different candidate for president in 2012?

|  | Apr. 9-10 <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> $\underline{2011}$ | Mar. 11-13 | Jan. 21-23 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Renominate Obama | $83 \%$ |  | $\underline{2011}$ |
| Different candidate | $16 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| No opinion | $1 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
|  |  | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |


|  | Dec. 17-19 | Oct. 27-30 | Aug. 6-10 | Mar 19-21 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2010}$ |  |  |
| Renominate Obama | $78 \%$ |  | $73 \%$ | $74 \%$ |  |  |
| Different candidate | $19 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $76 \%$ |  |  |
| No opinion | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $20 \%$ |  |  |
|  |  | FOR COMPARISON <br> CNN/TIME TREND |  |  |  |  |


| November 9-10, 1994 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| BILL CLINTON |  |
| Renominate Clinton | 57\% |
| Different candidate | 32\% |
| No opinion | 11\% |
| QUESTION WORD the party's candidate candidate for Presid | e Democratic nk the Dem |

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Question 2A
Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.
A. Is a strong and decisive leader

Base $=$ Total Sample


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Question 2B
Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.
B. Can manage the government effectively

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White No | n-White |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Applies to Obama | 45\% | 39\% | 50\% | 38\% | 63\% |  |  |  |
| Does not apply to Obama | 55\% | 60\% | 50\% | 61\% | 37\% |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | * | 1\% | * |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 +/ | /-4.0 +/ | -8.0 |  |  |  |
|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 18- \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35- \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $50-$ | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 an Older |  |
| Applies to Obama | 45\% | N/A | 46\% | 49\% | 39\% | 45\% | 45\% |  |
| Does not apply to Obama | 55\% | N/A | 53\% | 51\% | 61\% | 54\% | 55\% |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | N/A | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 |  | +/-8.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-4.0 |  |
|  |  | Under | \$50K | No | Attended |  |  |  |
|  | Total | \$50K | or more | College | College |  |  |  |
| Applies to Obama | 45\% | 46\% | 46\% | 43\% | 47 |  |  |  |
| Does not apply to Obama | 55\% | 54\% | 54\% | 56\% | 53 |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | * | 1\% | 1 | \% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-4.0 |  |  |  |
|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Demo- } \\ & \text { crat } \end{aligned}$ | Indep endent | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { p- } & \text { Repub- } \\ \text { it } & \text { lican } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Con |  |
| Applies to Obama | 45\% | 78\% | 35\% | 14\% | 70\% | 50\% |  |  |
| Does not apply to Obama | 55\% | 22\% | 64\% | 85\% | 29\% | 50\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-5 |  |
|  | Total | North east | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
| Applies to Obama | 45\% | 52\% | 50\% | 36\% | 46\% | 50\% | 43\% | 40\% |
| Does not apply to Obama | 55\% | 48\% | 50\% | 63\% | 53\% | 49\% | 56\% | 59\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | * | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 | +/-7.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-7.0 |
|  |  | Tea Pty | Tea Pty | Tea Pty |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | Support | Neutral | Oppose |  |  |  |  |
| Applies to Obama | 45\% | 17\% | 47\% | 76\% |  |  |  |  |
| Does not apply to Obama | 55\% | 82\% | 53\% | 23\% |  |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | * | 1\% |  |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.0 |  |  |  |  |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 2C
Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.
C. Cares about people like you

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 2D
Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.
D. Generally agrees with you on issues you care about

Base = Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 2E
Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each one applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama.
E. Has a vision for the country's future

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

Question 4

When it comes to dealing with the tough choices involved both in cutting programs to reduce the budget deficit and still maintaining needed federal programs, whose approach do you prefer: the Republicans in Congress or President Obama's?

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Republicans in Congress | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | --------- |
| Obama | $43 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Neither | $48 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| Both | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| No opinion | $1 \%$ | $*$ | $2 \%$ | $*$ | $3 \%$ |
| Sampling Error | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $*$ |
| N | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-4.0$ | $+/-8.0$ |


|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35- \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50- \\ & 64 \end{aligned}$ | $65+$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | 50 and Older |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Republicans in Congress | 43\% | N/A | 45\% | 39\% | 48\% | 44\% | 43\% |
| Obama | 48\% | N/A | 48\% | 53\% | 42\% | 46\% | 49\% |
| Neither | 7\% | N/A | 7\% | 6\% | 6\% | 8\% | 6\% |
| Both | 1\% | N/A | * | 1\% | 4\% | * | 2\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | N/A | * | 1\% | * | 2\% | 1\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 |  | +/-8.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-4.0 |
|  | Total | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Under } \\ \$ 50 \mathrm{~K} \end{array}$ | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ <br> or more | No College | Atten Colle |  |  |
| Republicans in Congress | 43\% | 39\% | 47\% | 43\% |  |  |  |
| Obama | 48\% | 53\% | 44\% | 50\% |  |  |  |
| Neither | 7\% | 5\% | 7\% | 3\% |  |  |  |
| Both | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 | -6.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-4 |  |  |



* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 14
In your view, do current Republican proposals to cut spending go too far, or not?
Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 15
Do Republican proposals to cut spending apply fairly to all groups in society, or do they unfairly favor some groups more than others?

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 16
As far as you know, would the current Republican proposals to cut spending affect you or someone
in your immediate family, or would they only affect other people?
Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Affect you | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | -------- |
| Only affect others | $69 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $81 \%$ |
| No opinion | $28 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Sampling Error | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
|  | $+/-3.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-4.0$ | $+/-8.0$ |

Affect you
Only affect others
No opinion
Sampling Error

Affect you
Only affect others
No opinion
Sampling Error

|  | Total | Democrat | Independent | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Repul } \\ & \text { lican } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Affect you | 69\% | 69\% | 66\% | 75 |
| Only affect others | 28\% | 28\% | 31\% | 24 |
| No opinion | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1 |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-6.5 |
|  | Total | North east | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mid- } \\ & \text { west } \end{aligned}$ | South |
| Affect you | 69\% | 55\% | 66\% | 77\% |
| Only affect others | 28\% | 39\% | 34\% | 21\% |
| No opinion | 2\% | 6\% | 1\% | 2\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.5 | +/-7.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-6.0 |
|  | Total | Tea Pty <br> Support | Tea Pty <br> Neutral | Tea Pty Oppose |
| Affect you | 69\% | 69\% | 71\% | 68\% |
| Only affect others | 28\% | 26\% | 28\% | 31\% |
| No opinion | 2\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% |

Sampling Error

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 46
Do you think the Democratic party should renominate Barack Obama as the party's candidate for president in 2012, or do you think the Democratic party should nominate a different candidate for president in 2012?

Base $=$ Democrats

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Renominate Obama | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | --------- |
| Different candidate | $83 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $84 \%$ | $81 \%$ | N/A |
| No opinion | $16 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $18 \%$ | N/A |
| Sampling Error | $1 \%$ | $\star$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | N/A |
|  | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-8.0$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-6.0$ |  |


|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 18- \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35- \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50- \\ & 64 \end{aligned}$ | $65+$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Under } \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | 50 and Older |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Renominate Obama | 83\% | N/A | N/A | 87\% | N/A | N/A | 83\% |
| Different candidate | 16\% | N/A | N/A | 12\% | N/A | N/A | 15\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | N/A | N/A | 1\% | N/A | N/A | 1\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-5.0 |  |  | +/-8.0 |  |  | +/-6.0 |
|  | Total | Under \$50K | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ <br> or more | No College | Attended College |  |  |
| Renominate Obama | 83\% | 83\% | 86\% | N/A | 85\% |  |  |
| Different candidate | 16\% | 17\% | 12\% | N/A | 13\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 2\% | N/A | 2\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-5.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-7.5 |  | +/-6.0 |  |  |
|  | Total | Democrat | Independent | Republican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Conservative |
| Renominate Obama | 83\% | 89\% | 70\% | N/A | 90\% | 83\% | N/A |
| Different candidate | 16\% | 10\% | 30\% | N/A | 9\% | 16\% | N/A |
| No opinion | 1\% | 2\% | * | N/A | 2\% | 1\% | N/A |
| Sampling Error | +/-5.0 | +/-6.0 | +/-8.5 |  | +/-8.5 | +/-7.5 |  |

Sampling Error
$+/-5.0$


|  | Tea Pty | Tea Pty | Tea Pty |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Total | Support | Neutral | Oppose |
| ----- | ------- | ------ | ------ |
| $83 \%$ | N/A | N/A | $90 \%$ |
| $16 \%$ | N/A | N/A | $9 \%$ |
| $1 \%$ | N/A | N/A | $1 \%$ |
| $+/-5.0$ |  |  | $+/-6.5$ |

* percentage less than 1\%


[^0]:    * percentage less than 1\%

