CNN/OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION POLL
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Interviews with 1,015 adult Americans contacted by telephone on June 3-7, 2011

Barack Obama's overall approval rating has dropped as a growing number of Americans worry that the U.S. is likely to slip into another Great Depression within the next 12 months. More than eight in ten Americans say that the economy is in poor shape, a number that has stubbornly remained at that level since March. And overall economic conditions remains issue number one to voters, with other economic issues -- unemployment, gas prices and the federal deficit -- taking three of the remaining four spots in the top five. Obama's approval rating is now 48%, down six points since late May. Far and away his biggest drop has come among Republicans. In May, over a quarter approved of Obama's handling of his job, but that is down to 14% now -- a clear indication that any advantage he gained from taking out Osama bin Laden has faded with time. Obama's strength remains his personal appeal -- three-quarters of all Americans say they approve of him personally, including a plurality of Republicans. But positive views of the president's personality may be trumped by economic jitters. 48% say that another Great Depression is likely to occur in the next year -- the highest that figure has ever reached. Just under half live in a household where someone has lost a job or are worried that unemployment may hit them in the near future. Not surprisingly, with that much economic angst, the economy is the number one issue, the only one that more than half of the public says will be extremely important to their vote for president next year. Nearly all issues that at least four in ten say will be extremely important to their vote are domestic issues. Terrorism also makes that list, but Afghanistan is fairly low and Libya is tied for dead last out of the 15 issues tested. Abortion and gay marriage also rank very low, indicating that 2012 may be an election shaped more by bread-and-butter issues than social and moral concerns.

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How Obama is Handling
His Job as President

	Now	May 24-26
Approve	48%	54%
Disapprove	48%	48%

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Approve of How Obama is
Handling His Job as President

	Now	May 24-26

Republicans	14%	27%
Independents	42%	47%
Democrats	82%	85%

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

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How You Feel About
Obama as a Person?

Approve	75%
Disapprove	20%

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How You Feel About
Obama as a Person?

	Approve	Disapprove
Republicans	48%	47%
Independents	76%	17%
Democrats	95%	4%

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QUESTION: Apart from whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president, what do you think of Obama as a person? Would you say you approve of him or disapprove of him?

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Economic Condition Today

Good	19%
Poor	81%

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

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Another Great Depression

Likely in Next 12 Months?

Yes	48%
No	51%

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Another Great Depression
Likely in Next 12 Months

Now	48%
2009	41%
2008	38%

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QUESTION: As you may know, the U.S. went through a depression in the 1930s in which roughly one out of four workers were unemployed, banks failed across the country, and millions of ordinary Americans were temporarily homeless or unable to feed their families. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that another depression like that will occur in the U.S. within the next 12 months?

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Anyone in Household Lost a Job
In Past 12 Months?

Yes	18%
No, but worried it will happen	30%
No, and not worried it will happen	51%

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QUESTION: Which of the following statements best describes you -- you or someone in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months, no one in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months, but you are worried that may happen in the near future, or no one in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months and you are not worried that will happen in the near future

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Extremely Important to
Your Vote for President

Economy	51%
Unemployment	45%

Health care	45%
Gas prices	43%
Federal deficit	44%

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Extremely Important to
Your Vote for President

Terrorism	42%
Taxes	37%
Medicare	37%
Inflation	35%
Illegal immigration	29%

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Extremely Important to
Your Vote for President

Afghanistan	27%
Gun policy	21%
Abortion	20%
Gay marriage	17%
Libya	17%

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How Important is the Economy
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	51%
Very important	41%
Moderately important	6%
Not that important	2%

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How Important is the
Situation in Afghanistan
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	27%
Very important	36%

Moderately important	27%
Not that important	9%

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How Important is Terrorism
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	42%
Very important	33%
Moderately important	16%
Not that important	8%

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How Important is Health Care
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	45%
Very important	41%
Moderately important	10%
Not that important	3%

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How Important is the Deficit
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	44%
Very important	35%
Moderately important	14%
Not that important	7%

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How Important is Abortion
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	20%
Very important	23%
Moderately important	25%
Not that important	32%

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How Important is Medicare
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	37%
Very important	42%
Moderately important	17%
Not that important	5%

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How Important are Gas Prices
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	43%
Very important	36%
Moderately important	17%
Not that important	4%

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How Important are Taxes
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	37%
Very important	40%
Moderately important	18%
Not that important	5%

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How Important is Illegal Immigration
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	29%
Very important	33%
Moderately important	26%
Not that important	12%

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How Important is Gay Marriage
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	17%
Very important	17%
Moderately important	21%
Not that important	45%

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How Important is the
Situation in Libya
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	17%
Very important	26%
Moderately important	34%
Not that important	20%

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How Important is Gun Policy
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	21%
Very important	27%
Moderately important	30%
Not that important	20%

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How Important is Unemployment
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	45%
Very important	42%
Moderately important	10%
Not that important	3%

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How Important is Inflation
To Your Vote for President?

Extremely important	35%
Very important	33%
Moderately important	23%
Not that important	8%

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QUESTION: How important will each of the following issues be to your vote for President next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? The economy The situation in Afghanistan Terrorism Health care The federal budget deficit Abortion Medicare Gas prices Taxes Illegal immigration Gay marriage The situation in Libya Gun policy Unemployment Inflation