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# **CNN | ORC POLL**

**Interviews with 1,017 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 24-25, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 927 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).**

**The sample includes 805 interviews among landline respondents and 212 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
August 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%
August 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%
August 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%
July 18-20, 2011	45%	54%	2%
June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%
May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%
May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%
April 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%
April 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%
March 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%
March 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%
Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%
Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%
Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
August 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
April 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
March 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
August 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
April 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
April 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	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 situation in Libya</b>			
August 24-25, 2011	52%	40%	8%
May 24-26, 2011	45%	48%	7%
March 18-20, 2011	50%	41%	9%

5. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. military action in Libya?

	Aug. 24-25 <u>2011</u>	July 18-20 <u>2011*</u>
Favor	54%	35%
Oppose	43%	60%
No opinion	3%	5%

\*QUESTION WORDING: Do you favor or oppose the current U.S. military action in Libya?

6. Do you think the removal of Moammar Gadhafi from power would be a major achievement for the United States, a minor achievement, or not an achievement at all? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 504 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/-4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 24-25 <u>2011</u>
Major achievement	35%
Minor achievement	43%
Not an achievement at all	20%
No opinion	1%

CNN/ORC TREND FOR COMPARISON

<i>QUESTION WORDING: Do you consider the death of Osama bin Laden to be a major achievement for the United States, a minor achievement, or not an achievement at all?</i>				
	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 May 2	67%	23%	9%	*

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND FOR COMPARISON

<i>QUESTION WORDING: Do you consider finding Saddam Hussein to be a major achievement for the United States, a minor achievement, or not an achievement at all?</i>				
	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Dec 14	82%	11%	6%	1%

7. Do you think the outcome of the air strikes in Libya represents a victory for the United States, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/-4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Aug. 24-25 <u>2011</u>
Yes, a victory	34%
No, not a victory	60%
Too soon to tell (vol.)	4%
No opinion	2%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND FOR COMPARISON

<i>QUESTION WORDING: Do you think the outcome of the air strikes in Kosovo represents a victory for the United States, or not?</i>	Yes, <u>victory</u>	No, <u>not a victory</u>	Too soon <u>to tell (vol.)</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
1999 June 11-13	40%	53%	4%	3%

13. As a result of the recent confrontation in Libya and the way it has been resolved, do you think the United States now appears stronger or weaker to the rest of the world?

Aug. 24-25  
2011

Stronger	53%
Weaker	32%
No change (vol.)	12%
No opinion	3%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Stronger</u>	<u>Weaker</u>	<u>No change (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<i>QUESTION WORDING: As a result of the recent confrontation with Yugoslavia and the way it has been resolved, do you think the United States now appears stronger or weaker to the rest of the world?</i>				
1999 Jun 11-13	67	25	9	5
<i>QUESTION WORDING: As a result of the recent confrontation with Iraq and the way it has been resolved, do you think the United States now appears stronger or weaker to the rest of the world?</i>				
1998 Feb 24	57	26	11	6

32. If you had to choose, would you describe yourself more as a hawk, that is someone who believes that military force should be used frequently to promote U.S. policy; or as more of a dove, that is someone who believes the U.S. should rarely or never use military force?

Aug. 24-25      Sept. 22-24  
2011              2006

Hawk	44%	44%
Dove	52%	48%
No opinion	4%	7%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Hawk</u>	<u>Dove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Sept. 3-4, 2003	44	44	12
July 16-17, 2003	39	47	14
May 21-22, 2003	47	40	13

March 27, 2003	43	45	12
February 19-20, 2003	38	49	13

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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	45%	42%	48%	39%	61%		
Disapprove	54%	57%	51%	60%	38%		
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	45%	51%	44%	44%	39%	48%	42%
Disapprove	54%	48%	54%	56%	59%	51%	57%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	45%	49%	41%	43%	47%
Disapprove	54%	50%	58%	56%	52%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	45%	77%	41%	12%	71%	52%	21%
Disapprove	54%	22%	58%	88%	27%	46%	78%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	45%	51%	42%	42%	46%	55%	43%	34%
Disapprove	54%	48%	55%	58%	53%	45%	55%	64%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
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	45%	8%	42%	80%
Disapprove	54%	92%	56%	19%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 2E

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

E. The situation in Libya

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	52%	52%	52%	51%	55%
Disapprove	40%	41%	39%	41%	35%
No opinion	8%	8%	9%	8%	10%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	52%	45%	58%	56%	49%	51%	53%
Disapprove	40%	44%	34%	38%	44%	39%	40%
No opinion	8%	12%	8%	5%	8%	10%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	52%	52%	55%	43%	59%
Disapprove	40%	40%	37%	48%	33%
No opinion	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	52%	73%	50%	28%	71%	55%	38%
Disapprove	40%	20%	40%	65%	19%	39%	54%
No opinion	8%	8%	10%	7%	11%	7%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	52%	55%	53%	50%	50%	55%	52%	44%
Disapprove	40%	36%	41%	41%	41%	38%	40%	45%
No opinion	8%	9%	7%	9%	8%	7%	8%	11%
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	52%	26%	49%	78%
Disapprove	40%	67%	39%	18%
No opinion	8%	7%	12%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

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Question 5

Do you favor or oppose the U.S. military action in Libya?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	54%	52%	56%	53%	59%
Oppose	43%	44%	42%	44%	37%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	54%	54%	55%	52%	58%	55%	54%
Oppose	43%	44%	41%	44%	39%	43%	42%
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	54%	54%	53%	52%	56%
Oppose	43%	42%	44%	44%	41%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	54%	61%	48%	57%	55%	56%	53%
Oppose	43%	37%	48%	40%	43%	41%	43%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	54%	53%	50%	56%	57%	55%	53%	55%
Oppose	43%	43%	47%	42%	39%	40%	44%	43%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	5%	2%	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
Favor	54%	50%	55%	57%
Oppose	43%	46%	42%	40%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 6

Do you think the removal of Moammar Gadhafi from power would be a major achievement for the United States, a minor achievement, or not an achievement at all?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Major achievement	35%	32%	38%	37%	N/A
Minor achievement	43%	48%	39%	43%	N/A
Not an achievement	20%	19%	21%	18%	N/A
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Major achievement	35%	N/A	N/A	36%	35%	35%	36%
Minor achievement	43%	N/A	N/A	40%	35%	47%	38%
Not an achievement	20%	N/A	N/A	24%	28%	16%	26%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	*	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Major achievement	35%	36%	34%	41%	31%
Minor achievement	43%	39%	49%	39%	46%
Not an achievement	20%	23%	17%	20%	21%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Major achievement	35%	41%	27%	41%	N/A	35%	41%
Minor achievement	43%	38%	47%	43%	N/A	41%	39%
Not an achievement	20%	18%	26%	14%	N/A	23%	19%
No opinion	1%	3%	*	2%	N/A	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Major achievement	35%	N/A	40%	35%	N/A	38%	36%	N/A
Minor achievement	43%	N/A	45%	42%	N/A	39%	41%	N/A
Not an achievement	20%	N/A	14%	23%	N/A	20%	23%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	*	N/A	3%	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5		+/-8.5	+/-8.0		+/-8.5	+/-6.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Major achievement	35%	32%	37%	33%
Minor achievement	43%	44%	44%	41%
Not an achievement	20%	23%	17%	23%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

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Question 7

Do you think the outcome of the air strikes in Libya represents a victory for the United States, or not?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Victory	34%	35%	33%	31%	N/A
Not a victory	60%	60%	60%	61%	N/A
Too soon to tell	4%	4%	4%	4%	N/A
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Victory	34%	N/A	N/A	36%	42%	30%	39%
Not a victory	60%	N/A	N/A	58%	48%	65%	54%
Too soon to tell	4%	N/A	N/A	2%	7%	3%	4%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	4%	2%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Victory	34%	34%	34%	32%	35%
Not a victory	60%	60%	59%	62%	59%
Too soon to tell	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Victory	34%	44%	32%	25%	N/A	36%	30%
Not a victory	60%	50%	62%	68%	N/A	59%	59%
Too soon to tell	4%	4%	3%	4%	N/A	3%	6%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	3%	N/A	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.5		+/-7.5	+/-6.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Victory	34%	N/A	N/A	33%	N/A	35%	34%	N/A
Not a victory	60%	N/A	N/A	59%	N/A	58%	61%	N/A
Too soon to tell	4%	N/A	N/A	4%	N/A	4%	4%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	4%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Victory	34%	25%	32%	45%
Not a victory	60%	69%	61%	51%
Too soon to tell	4%	4%	4%	3%
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 13

As a result of the recent confrontation in Libya and the way it has been resolved, do you think the United States now appears stronger or weaker to the rest of the world?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Stronger	53%	52%	55%	52%	57%
Weaker	32%	31%	33%	31%	32%
No change	12%	13%	10%	13%	9%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Stronger	53%	55%	58%	52%	47%	56%	50%
Weaker	32%	35%	27%	32%	33%	31%	32%
No change	12%	8%	12%	13%	16%	10%	14%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Stronger	53%	57%	53%	53%	55%
Weaker	32%	32%	30%	36%	28%
No change	12%	9%	14%	9%	13%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Stronger	53%	69%	49%	42%	64%	59%	42%
Weaker	32%	20%	34%	44%	26%	25%	43%
No change	12%	8%	14%	12%	9%	12%	13%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Stronger	53%	55%	55%	49%	58%	56%	52%	49%
Weaker	32%	33%	27%	38%	27%	31%	31%	34%
No change	12%	10%	14%	11%	12%	10%	13%	13%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	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
Stronger	53%	34%	54%	68%
Weaker	32%	49%	33%	18%
No change	12%	14%	10%	12%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 32

If you had to choose, would you describe yourself more as a hawk, that is someone who believes that military force should be used frequently to promote U.S. policy, or as more of a dove, that is someone who believes the U.S. should rarely or never use military force?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Hawk	44%	47%	41%	43%	45%
Dove	52%	48%	56%	53%	52%
No opinion	4%	5%	3%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Hawk	44%	42%	44%	46%	44%	43%	45%
Dove	52%	56%	53%	49%	51%	55%	50%
No opinion	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Hawk	44%	46%	44%	44%	44%
Dove	52%	52%	53%	53%	52%
No opinion	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hawk	44%	35%	39%	65%	24%	43%	57%
Dove	52%	64%	56%	31%	74%	54%	38%
No opinion	4%	1%	5%	5%	2%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Hawk	44%	34%	45%	50%	45%	42%	42%	47%
Dove	52%	61%	52%	45%	53%	57%	54%	47%
No opinion	4%	5%	3%	5%	2%	2%	4%	6%
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
Hawk	44%	58%	48%	27%
Dove	52%	35%	50%	70%
No opinion	4%	7%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%