

The logo for the CNN | ORC Poll. It features the text "CNN | ORC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font on a light gray background. Below this, the word "POLL" is written in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font on a solid black background.

Interviews with 1,022 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 7-9, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 875 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points) and 709 interviews among likely voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points).

The sample includes 765 interviews among landline respondents and 257 interviews among cell phone respondents.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 4 PM

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

	<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Sept. 7-9, 2012	51%	44%	5%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
Mar. 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	Mar. 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	Mar. 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
July 18-20, 2011	45%	54%	2%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
Mar. 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
Mar. 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%	March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
				Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
				Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

20. As you may know, the presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Romney</u>	No difference <u>(vol.)</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Likely Voters Sept. 7-9, 2012	59%	34%	2%	5%
Registered Voters Sept. 7-9, 2012	62%	32%	2%	4%

FOR COMPARISON

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Barack Obama, or John McCain?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>McCain</u>	No difference <u>(vol.)</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
Likely Voters Sept. 19-21, 2008	59%	34%	5%	1%
Registered Voters Sept. 19-21, 2008	59%	34%	6%	1%

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	<u>Sept. 24-26, 2004</u>	<u>Oct. 1-3, 2004</u>	<u>Oct. 9-10, 2004</u>
Kerry	39%	48%	54%
Bush	52%	41%	36%
No difference	3%	4%	5%
No opinion	6%	7%	5%

QUESTION WORDING: Sept. 24-26, 2004: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates? Oct. 1-3, 2004: As you may know, next Friday, October 8, George W. Bush and John Kerry will debate in a town hall format in which average citizens from the audience will ask the candidates questions. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in this presidential debate? Oct. 9-10: As you may know, George W. Bush and John Kerry will debate economic and domestic policy issues on Wednesday, October 13. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in this presidential debate?

	<u>Sept. 4-6, 2000</u>
Gore	44%
Bush	36%
No difference	4%
No opinion	16%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Al Gore or George W. Bush?

	<u>Oct. 1-2, 1996</u>
Clinton	71%
Dole	19%
No difference	2%
No opinion	8%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Bill Clinton or Bob Dole?

	<u>Sept. 11-15, 1992</u>
Clinton	46%
Bush	38%
No difference	4%
No opinion	12%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Bill Clinton or George Bush?

	<u>Sept. 7-10, 1984</u>
Reagan	61%
Mondale	22%
No difference	7%
No opinion	10%

QUESTION WORDING: As you may know, the presidential and vice presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Walter Mondale or Ronald Reagan?

Question 5

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	Reg. Voters	
Approve	51%	48%	55%	40%	78%	51%	
Disapprove	44%	49%	39%	56%	17%	46%	
No opinion	5%	3%	6%	4%	6%	3%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-3.5	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	51%	57%	56%	46%	46%	56%	46%
Disapprove	44%	39%	39%	49%	50%	39%	50%
No opinion	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	51%	58%	45%	53%	51%
Disapprove	44%	36%	51%	41%	45%
No opinion	5%	5%	3%	6%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	51%	91%	44%	6%	81%	57%	32%
Disapprove	44%	6%	48%	92%	15%	38%	66%
No opinion	5%	3%	8%	2%	4%	5%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	51%	63%	49%	48%	49%	64%	49%	41%
Disapprove	44%	35%	47%	48%	44%	33%	46%	52%
No opinion	5%	3%	4%	5%	8%	3%	5%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

* percentage less than 1%

Likely Voters

Question 20

As you may know, the presidential candidates will hold televised debates later this fall. Who do you think is likely to do a better job in the presidential debates -- Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Base = Likely voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters
Obama	59%	58%	59%	51%	87%	59%
Romney	34%	34%	34%	41%	9%	34%
No difference	2%	2%	2%	3%	*	2%
No opinion	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.5	+/-3.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	59%	N/A	64%	59%	49%	65%	55%
Romney	34%	N/A	34%	32%	40%	32%	36%
No difference	2%	N/A	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%
No opinion	5%	N/A	2%	5%	8%	2%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	59%	65%	55%	60%	59%
Romney	34%	29%	38%	34%	34%
No difference	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
No opinion	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	59%	91%	55%	18%	91%	69%	34%
Romney	34%	5%	34%	75%	5%	25%	58%
No difference	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%
No opinion	5%	2%	8%	4%	3%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	59%	69%	57%	51%	63%	72%	54%	51%
Romney	34%	25%	38%	41%	29%	25%	39%	38%
No difference	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%
No opinion	5%	4%	4%	5%	6%	3%	5%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-8.0

* percentage less than 1%