



**Interviews with 814 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on January 14-15, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.**

**The sample includes 556 interviews among landline respondents and 248 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>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Jan. 14-15, 2013	55%	43%	2%	Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%
Dec. 17-18, 2012	52%	43%	4%	Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%
Nov. 16-18, 2012	52%	43%	5%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Nov. 2-4, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Sept. 28-30, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Sept. 7-9, 2012	51%	44%	5%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Mar. 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	Mar. 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	Mar. 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
July 18-20, 2011	45%	54%	2%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
Mar. 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%	March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
Mar. 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%	Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
				Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?  
 1a. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove because you think his policies and actions since he became president have been too liberal, or because you think his policies and actions have not been liberal enough?

QUESTIONS 1 AND 1a COMBINED

	Jan. 14-15 <u>2013</u>				
	Aug. 31-Sept. 3 <u>2012</u>	Mar. 24-25 <u>2012</u>	Aug. 5-7 <u>2011</u>	July 18-20 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>
Approve (from Question 1)	48%	51%	44%	45%	51%
Disapprove, too liberal	32%	35%	36%	38%	36%
Disapprove, not liberal enough	8%	8%	16%	13%	7%
Disapprove, unsure on (Question 1a)	5%	2%	2%	3%	4%
No opinion	7%	4%	2%	2%	3%

  

	Nov. 11-14 <u>2010</u>	July 16-21 <u>2010</u>	Mar. 25-28 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec 2-3 <u>2009</u>
Approve (from Question 1)	48%	47%	51%	54%	48%
Disapprove, too liberal	38%	38%	40%	34%	40%
Disapprove, not liberal enough	9%	9%	6%	8%	8%
Disapprove, unsure on (Question 1a)	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
No opinion	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as Vice President?

	Jan. 14-15 <u>2013</u>	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>
Approve	59%	54%
Disapprove	38%	40%
No opinion	3%	5%

17. Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws?

Jan. 14-15  
2013

Favor	55%
Oppose	44%
No opinion	1%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 May 21-22	52	43	5
2002 Oct 23-24	51	43	6
2000 Jan 12-13	59	35	6
1999 May 26-27	62	34	4
1996 Feb 24-27	48	47	5
1995 Oct 31-Nov 6	59	34	7
1993 Dec 2	70	27	3
1993 Mar 18	68	29	3
1989 Dec 15-22	51	38	11
1989 Feb 13-14	65	28	7

17. Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws?

17a. (IF FAVOR) Would you say you strongly favor stricter gun control laws, or only moderately favor them?

17b. (IF OPPOSE) Would you say you strongly oppose stricter gun control laws, or only moderately oppose them?

QUESTIONS 17, 17a AND 17b COMBINED

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2013

Strongly favor	37%
Moderately favor	18%
Moderately oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	27%
No opinion	1%

## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 814 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 34% described themselves as Democrats, 26% described themselves as Republicans, and 40% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

In the crosstabs, "No Gun in HH" refers to respondents who said that no one in their household owns a gun; "Gun in HH, Not Owner" refers to respondents who said that they do not own a gun but someone else in their household does; and "Owner of Gun" refers to respondents who said that they own a gun.

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	North east	Mid-west	South	West
Approve	55%	51%	59%	45%	77%	68%	54%	49%	54%
Disapprove	43%	48%	39%	54%	20%	31%	45%	50%	44%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	55%	61%	52%	51%	56%	57%	53%
Disapprove	43%	37%	46%	47%	43%	42%	46%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	55%	61%	50%	58%	53%
Disapprove	43%	37%	49%	42%	45%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	55%	92%	51%	13%	73%	62%	37%
Disapprove	43%	7%	47%	85%	25%	37%	61%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	No Gun in HH	Gun In HH, not owner	Owner of gun
Approve	55%	73%	49%	34%
Disapprove	43%	26%	46%	65%
No opinion	2%	1%	5%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 1/1A

Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Q1A. Do you disapprove because you think his policies and actions since he became president have been too liberal, or because you think his policies and actions have not been liberal enough?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	North east	Mid-west	South	West
Approve	55%	51%	59%	45%	77%	68%	54%	49%	54%
Disapprove -- too liberal	34%	40%	29%	44%	12%	26%	35%	41%	34%
Disapp - not liberal enough	7%	5%	8%	7%	5%	4%	7%	6%	10%
Disapp - unsure	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	4%	*
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	55%	61%	52%	51%	56%	57%	53%
Disapprove -- too liberal	34%	26%	37%	40%	36%	31%	38%
Disapp - not liberal enough	7%	8%	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%
Disapp - unsure	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	55%	61%	50%	58%	53%
Disapprove -- too liberal	34%	27%	42%	30%	38%
Disapp - not liberal enough	7%	8%	6%	9%	5%
Disapp - unsure	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	55%	92%	51%	13%	73%	62%	37%
Disapprove -- too liberal	34%	4%	40%	66%	11%	27%	57%
Disapp - not liberal enough	7%	2%	7%	11%	12%	7%	3%
Disapp - unsure	2%	*	*	8%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	No Gun in HH	Gun In HH, not owner	Owner of gun
Approve	55%	73%	49%	34%
Disapprove -- too liberal	34%	19%	38%	52%
Disapp - not liberal enough	7%	7%	4%	8%
Disapp - unsure	2%	*	3%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	5%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 12

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as Vice President?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	North east	Mid-west	South	West
Approve	59%	55%	63%	51%	75%	66%	60%	53%	60%
Disapprove	38%	43%	33%	46%	23%	32%	35%	46%	37%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	59%	67%	53%	56%	57%	61%	56%
Disapprove	38%	30%	43%	43%	40%	36%	42%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	59%	64%	55%	61%	57%
Disapprove	38%	34%	42%	36%	41%
No opinion	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	59%	87%	54%	31%	68%	70%	40%
Disapprove	38%	11%	43%	67%	30%	29%	56%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	No Gun in HH	Gun In HH, not owner	Owner of gun
Approve	59%	74%	57%	41%
Disapprove	38%	22%	42%	57%
No opinion	3%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.0

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 17

Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	North east	Mid-west	South	West
Favor	55%	44%	65%	48%	69%	62%	55%	50%	56%
Oppose	44%	55%	33%	51%	28%	37%	45%	49%	43%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	*	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	55%	52%	58%	51%	62%	55%	55%
Oppose	44%	47%	42%	46%	38%	45%	43%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	3%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	55%	61%	50%	53%	56%
Oppose	44%	37%	49%	46%	42%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Favor	55%	74%	55%	31%	73%	56%	41%
Oppose	44%	23%	45%	69%	26%	42%	57%
No opinion	1%	3%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	No Gun in HH	Gun In HH, not owner	Owner of gun
Favor	55%	73%	58%	30%
Oppose	44%	25%	42%	69%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 17/17A/17B

Q17. Do you favor or oppose stricter gun control laws?

Q17A. Would you say you strongly favor stricter gun control laws, or only moderately favor them?

Q17B. Would you say you strongly oppose stricter gun control laws, or only moderately oppose them?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	North east	Mid-west	South	West
Strongly favor	37%	28%	46%	32%	49%	44%	32%	35%	39%
Moderately favor	18%	16%	20%	16%	20%	18%	23%	15%	16%
Moderately oppose	17%	21%	13%	19%	13%	14%	17%	20%	17%
Strongly oppose	27%	34%	20%	33%	15%	23%	28%	29%	26%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	*	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Strongly favor	37%	31%	41%	35%	47%	36%	40%
Moderately favor	18%	21%	17%	16%	15%	19%	15%
Moderately oppose	17%	20%	12%	16%	20%	16%	18%
Strongly oppose	27%	27%	30%	30%	18%	28%	25%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	3%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-8.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Strongly favor	37%	42%	34%	38%	36%
Moderately favor	18%	19%	17%	15%	20%
Moderately oppose	17%	16%	19%	19%	15%
Strongly oppose	27%	21%	30%	26%	27%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Strongly favor	37%	55%	35%	16%	50%	39%	29%
Moderately favor	18%	19%	19%	14%	23%	17%	13%
Moderately oppose	17%	12%	20%	21%	11%	21%	16%
Strongly oppose	27%	11%	26%	48%	15%	22%	41%
No opinion	1%	3%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

	Total	No Gun in HH	Gun In HH, not owner	Owner of gun
Strongly favor	37%	56%	31%	14%
Moderately favor	18%	16%	27%	17%
Moderately oppose	17%	13%	21%	21%
Strongly oppose	27%	11%	22%	48%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.5	+/-5.0	+/-8.0	+/-6.0

\* percentage less than 1%