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# **POLL**

**Interviews with 1,035 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on December 16-19, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample also includes 950 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points)**

**The sample includes 733 interviews among landline respondents and 302 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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- App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No No opinion</u>
Dec. 16-19, 2013	41%	56%	3%				
				Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%
Nov. 18-20, 2013	41%	56%	3%	Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%
Oct. 18-20, 2013	44%	52%	4%	March 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%
Sept. 27-29, 2013	44%	53%	4%	March 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%
Sept. 6-8, 2013	45%	52%	3%	Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%
June 11-13, 2013	45%	54%	1%	Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%
May 17-18, 2013	53%	45%	2%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
April 5-7, 2013	51%	47%	3%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
March 15-17, 2013	47%	50%	3%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Jan. 14-15, 2013	55%	43%	2%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
Dec. 17-18, 2012	52%	43%	4%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
Nov. 16-18, 2012	52%	43%	5%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
Nov. 2-4, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
Sept. 28-30, 2012	49%	48%	3%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
Sept. 7-9, 2012	51%	44%	5%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	March 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	March 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
March 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
July 18-20, 2011	45%	54%	2%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%	March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%	Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%	Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

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

	Dec. 16-19 <u>2013</u>	Jan. 14-15 <u>2013</u>			
Approve (from Question 1)	41%	55%			
Disapprove, too liberal	40%	34%			
Disapprove, not liberal enough	12%	7%			
Disapprove, unsure on Question 1a	5%	2%			
No opinion	3%	2%			
	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%

14. As you may know, last week the House of Representatives passed legislation that will fund the federal government for the next two years, and the Senate passed a version of that budget agreement on Wednesday. Based on what you have read or heard about this bill, do you approve or disapprove of that budget agreement?\*

Dec. 16-19  
2013

Approve	46%
Disapprove	42%
No opinion	12%

*\*QUESTION WORDING ON DECEMBER 16-18: "As you may know, last week the House of Representatives passed legislation that would fund the federal government for the next two years, and the Senate is now considering that budget agreement. Based on what you have read or heard about this bill, do you approve or disapprove of that budget agreement?" Interviewing on December 18 began before final Senate passage of the budget legislation.*

## METHODOLOGY

A total of 1035 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, 33% described themselves as Democrats, 24% described themselves as Republicans, and 43% 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".

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	41%	37%	45%	30%	64%
Disapprove	56%	59%	52%	68%	29%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	2%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	41%	45%	37%	42%	36%	42%	40%
Disapprove	56%	50%	59%	55%	63%	54%	58%
No opinion	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	41%	45%	38%	36%	44%
Disapprove	56%	51%	59%	60%	53%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	41%	75%	32%	8%	69%	46%	20%
Disapprove	56%	20%	64%	92%	24%	50%	79%
No opinion	3%	5%	4%	*	7%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	41%	50%	39%	36%	41%	56%	35%	31%
Disapprove	56%	46%	56%	61%	58%	41%	62%	66%
No opinion	3%	4%	5%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	41%	16%	34%	72%
Disapprove	56%	84%	62%	24%
No opinion	3%	*	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

\* 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
Approve	41%	37%	45%	30%	64%
Disapprove - too liberal	40%	44%	35%	49%	18%
Disapprove - not liberal enough	12%	11%	13%	13%	9%
Disapprove - unsure	5%	5%	5%	6%	2%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	2%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	41%	45%	37%	42%	36%	42%	40%
Disapprove - too liberal	40%	33%	39%	39%	51%	36%	44%
Disapprove - not liberal enough	12%	12%	13%	12%	9%	13%	11%
Disapprove - unsure	5%	5%	7%	4%	3%	6%	3%
No opinion	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	41%	45%	38%	36%	44%
Disapprove - too liberal	40%	31%	47%	35%	43%
Disapprove - not liberal enough	12%	16%	8%	18%	7%
Disapprove - unsure	5%	5%	4%	7%	3%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-ocrat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	41%	75%	32%	8%	69%	46%	20%
Disapprove - too liberal	40%	8%	46%	73%	5%	33%	67%
Disapprove - not liberal enough	12%	10%	12%	14%	16%	12%	8%
Disapprove - unsure	5%	3%	6%	5%	3%	5%	5%
No opinion	3%	5%	4%	*	7%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	41%	50%	39%	36%	41%	56%	35%	31%
Disapprove - too liberal	40%	32%	43%	41%	43%	30%	45%	43%
Disapprove - not liberal enough	12%	12%	6%	15%	12%	10%	12%	13%
Disapprove - unsure	5%	3%	7%	5%	3%	*	5%	10%
No opinion	3%	4%	5%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	41%	16%	34%	72%
Disapprove - too liberal	40%	74%	38%	14%
Disapprove - not liberal enough	12%	7%	16%	9%
Disapprove - unsure	5%	3%	8%	1%
No opinion	3%	*	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%





Question 14

As you may know, last week the House of Representatives passed legislation that would fund the federal government for the next two years, and the Senate passed a version of that budget agreement on Wednesday. Based on what you have read or heard about this bill, do you approve or disapprove of that budget agreement?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	46%	45%	48%	44%	52%
Disapprove	42%	44%	39%	46%	34%
No opinion	12%	11%	13%	11%	14%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	46%	39%	46%	51%	53%	42%	52%
Disapprove	42%	44%	43%	40%	39%	43%	40%
No opinion	12%	18%	11%	9%	7%	14%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	46%	43%	50%	40%	51%
Disapprove	42%	42%	41%	46%	39%
No opinion	12%	15%	10%	14%	11%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	46%	65%	42%	28%	57%	49%	38%
Disapprove	42%	23%	47%	58%	26%	38%	53%
No opinion	12%	12%	11%	14%	17%	12%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	46%	50%	49%	44%	44%	52%	45%	44%
Disapprove	42%	42%	40%	43%	42%	35%	44%	43%
No opinion	12%	7%	12%	14%	14%	13%	11%	13%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	46%	29%	40%	69%
Disapprove	42%	62%	44%	23%
No opinion	12%	8%	16%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

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