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Interviews with 1,011 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on December 18-21, 2014. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 660 interviews among landline respondents and 351 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>
Dec. 18-21, 2014	48%	50%	2%	Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%
Nov. 21-23, 2014	44%	53%	3%	Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%
Oct. 24-26, 2014	45%	53%	3%	June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%
Sept. 25-28, 2014	44%	52%	4%	May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%
Sept. 5-7, 2014	43%	55%	2%	May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%
July 18-20, 2014	42%	55%	3%	Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%
May 29-June 1, 2014	43%	55%	2%	Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%
May 2-4, 2014	43%	55%	2%	March 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%
March 7-9, 2014	43%	53%	4%	March 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%
Jan. 31-Feb 2, 2014	45%	50%	5%	Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%
Dec. 16-19, 2013	41%	56%	3%	Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%
Nov. 18-20, 2013	41%	56%	3%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Oct. 18-20, 2013	44%	52%	4%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Sept. 27-29, 2013	44%	53%	4%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Sept. 6-8, 2013	45%	52%	3%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
June 11-13, 2013	45%	54%	1%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
May 17-18, 2013	53%	45%	2%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
April 5-7, 2013	51%	47%	3%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
March 15-17, 2013	47%	50%	3%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
Jan. 14-15, 2013	55%	43%	2%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
Dec. 17-18, 2012	52%	43%	4%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Nov. 16-18, 2012	52%	43%	5%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
Nov. 2-4, 2012	51%	45%	4%	March 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Sept. 28-30, 2012	49%	48%	3%	March 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Sept. 7-9, 2012	51%	44%	5%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
March 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%	Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
				Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

2. Regardless of whether you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama, do you think he has met your expectations for how he would handle his job as president, or has he exceeded your expectations, or has he fallen short of your expectations?

	Dec. 18-21 <u>2014</u>	Jan. 14-15 <u>2013</u>			
Met	31%	40%			
Exceeded	12%	13%			
Fallen short	56%	46%			
No opinion	1%	2%			
	Sept. 9-11 <u>2011</u>	Sept. 21-23 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	May 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Met	32%	32%	39%	52%	58%
Exceeded	7%	9%	11%	17%	16%
Fallen short	60%	56%	48%	28%	23%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%

(QUESTIONS 3 AND 4 ROTATED)

3. Do you think the policies being proposed by Barack Obama will move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
December 18-21, 2014	46%	49%	5%
December 16-19, 2013	43%	54%	3%
January 21-23, 2011	52%	47%	2%
January 14-16, 2011	50%	46%	3%
December 17-19, 2010	55%	32%	3%
January 22-24, 2010	49%	49%	2%
August 28-31, 2009	52%	46%	2%
May 14-17, 2009	63%	35%	2%
February 18-19, 2009	67%	31%	2%

4. Do you think the policies being proposed by the Republican leaders in the U.S. House and Senate would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
December 18-21, 2014	43%	49%	9%
December 16-19, 2013	38%	54%	9%
September 23-25, 2011	40%	56%	4%
July 18-20, 2011	37%	58%	4%
January 21-23, 2011	46%	50%	4%
December 17-19, 2010	44%	51%	4%
December 16-20, 2009	42%	53%	5%
August 28-31, 2009	43%	49%	8%
May 14-17, 2009	39%	53%	8%
October 13-15, 2006	36%	53%	12%
August 2-3, 2006	43%	43%	15%

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	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	40	50	10	1997 Apr 18-20	46	39	15
2005 Feb 4-6	50	36	14	1996 Apr 9-10	45	41	14
2001 Aug 24-26	49	38	13	1995 Dec 15-18	44	44	12
1999 Oct 8-10	54	35	11	1995 Nov 6-8	44	41	15
1998 Nov 13-15	43	40	17	1995 Sep 22-24	41	44	15
1998 Oct 23-25	47	33	20	1995 Mar 27-29	53	37	10
1998 Jul 7-8	43	28	29	1995 Feb 24-26	52	33	15
1997 Dec 18-21	44	36	20	1994 Nov 28-29	55	27	18

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,011 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, 28% described themselves as Democrats, 22% described themselves as Republicans, and 50% 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	48%	44%	53%	39%	67%
Disapprove	50%	55%	46%	59%	31%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
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	48%	59%	42%	45%	42%	52%	44%
Disapprove	50%	38%	57%	54%	57%	47%	55%
No opinion	2%	3%	*	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	48%	52%	44%	48%	48%	56%	46%	36%
Disapprove	50%	46%	55%	49%	51%	44%	51%	63%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	48%	84%	46%	6%	76%	55%	19%
Disapprove	50%	15%	51%	93%	22%	42%	81%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	*	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	48%	53%	47%	39%	60%	56%	46%	36%
Disapprove	50%	45%	51%	61%	39%	44%	51%	63%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 2

Regardless of whether you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama, do you think he has met your expectations for how he would handle his job as president, or has he exceeded your expectations, or has he fallen short of your expectations?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Met expectations	31%	28%	34%	28%	38%
Exceeded expectations	12%	11%	12%	8%	19%
Fallen short	56%	61%	52%	64%	40%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	2%
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
Met expectations	31%	36%	36%	26%	22%	36%	24%
Exceeded expectations	12%	12%	11%	11%	14%	11%	12%
Fallen short	56%	50%	53%	63%	63%	51%	63%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Met expectations	31%	34%	28%	33%	29%	36%	31%	24%
Exceeded expectations	12%	12%	10%	12%	11%	13%	9%	11%
Fallen short	56%	52%	62%	54%	59%	50%	58%	64%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Met expectations	31%	49%	30%	11%	48%	30%	18%
Exceeded expectations	12%	25%	8%	3%	14%	13%	8%
Fallen short	56%	25%	61%	85%	36%	56%	74%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Met expectations	31%	32%	34%	24%	38%	36%	31%	24%
Exceeded expectations	12%	11%	11%	13%	11%	13%	9%	11%
Fallen short	56%	56%	55%	62%	49%	50%	58%	64%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 3

Do you think the policies being proposed by Barack Obama will move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Move in right direction	46%	41%	51%	36%	68%
Move in wrong direction	49%	55%	43%	59%	27%
No opinion	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%
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
Move in right direction	46%	57%	39%	41%	45%	49%	43%
Move in wrong direction	49%	38%	56%	54%	53%	46%	53%
No opinion	5%	6%	5%	5%	2%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Move in right direction	46%	53%	38%	47%	45%	53%	46%	34%
Move in wrong direction	49%	41%	57%	48%	51%	41%	51%	61%
No opinion	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	6%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Move in right direction	46%	81%	43%	9%	73%	49%	22%
Move in wrong direction	49%	15%	51%	88%	24%	43%	75%
No opinion	5%	4%	6%	3%	3%	8%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Move in right direction	46%	47%	47%	40%	54%	53%	46%	34%
Move in wrong direction	49%	46%	48%	58%	40%	41%	51%	61%
No opinion	5%	8%	5%	2%	7%	6%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 4

Do you think the policies being proposed by the Republican leaders in the U.S. House and Senate will move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Move in right direction	43%	44%	41%	50%	24%
Move in wrong direction	49%	48%	49%	41%	67%
No opinion	9%	8%	10%	8%	9%
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
Move in right direction	43%	38%	39%	46%	48%	38%	47%
Move in wrong direction	49%	53%	51%	45%	46%	52%	46%
No opinion	9%	9%	10%	8%	5%	10%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Move in right direction	43%	40%	47%	43%	42%	41%	42%	48%
Move in wrong direction	49%	49%	47%	49%	49%	51%	48%	45%
No opinion	9%	11%	6%	8%	9%	8%	10%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Move in right direction	43%	12%	41%	85%	19%	39%	66%
Move in wrong direction	49%	83%	47%	10%	73%	51%	27%
No opinion	9%	5%	12%	6%	8%	10%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Move in right direction	43%	39%	42%	49%	37%	41%	42%	48%
Move in wrong direction	49%	53%	53%	42%	51%	51%	48%	45%
No opinion	9%	8%	5%	9%	11%	8%	10%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

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