

Interviews with 1,027 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on February 12-15, 2015. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Results in this document labeled "All Americans" or "Total" are based on this sample of 1,027 adults. This sample includes 626 interviews among landline respondents and 401 interviews among cell phone respondents.

Additional interviews were conducted among African-Americans, and combined with the African-Americans contacted in the initial sample of 1,027 for a total of 309 African-American respondents. The margin of sampling error for results based on this sample of African-Americans is plus or minus 5.5 percentage points.

Columns in this document labeled "Whites" show results only for the 733 respondents in the initial sample who described themselves as white in a question on racial background and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. (Sampling error for non-Hispanic whites is +/-3.5 percentage points.) Columns in this document labeled "Blacks" refer to all respondents who described themselves as black or African-American and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity.

Trend results for racial groups are shown only for polls which had enough African-American respondents to produce statistically valid results.

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

	App-	Disapp-	No		App-	Disapp-	- No
	rove	rove	<u>opinion</u>		rove	rove	opinion
ALL AMERICANS				Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%
Feb. 12-15, 2015	47%	51%	2%	Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%
				Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%
Dec. 18-21, 2014	48%	50%	2%	June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%
Nov. 21-23, 2014	44%	53%	3%	May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%
Oct. 24-26, 2014	45%	53%	3%	May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%
Sept. 25-28, 2014	44%	52%	4%	Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2014	43%	55%	2%	Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%
July 18-20, 2014	42%	55%	3%	March 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%
May 29-June 1, 2014	43%	55%	2%	March 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%
May 2-4, 2014	43%	55%	2%	Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%
March 7-9, 2014	43%	53%	4%	Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%
Jan. 31-Feb 2, 2014	45%	50%	5%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Dec. 16-19, 2013	41%	56%	3%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Nov. 18-20, 2013	41%	56%	3%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Oct. 18-20, 2013	44%	52%	4%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
Sept. 27-29, 2013	44%	53%	4%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
Sept. 6-8, 2013	45%	52%	3%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
June 11-13, 2013	45%	54%	1%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
May 17-18, 2013	53%	45%	2%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
April 5-7, 2013	51%	47%	3%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
March 15-17, 2013	47%	50%	3%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Jan. 14-15, 2013	55%	43%	2%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
Dec. 17-18, 2012	52%	43%	4%	March 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Nov. 16-18, 2012	52%	43%	5%	March 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Nov. 2-4, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Sept. 28-30, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Sept. 7-9, 2012	51%	44%	5%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
March 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
Oct.14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

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

	App-	Disapp-	No
	rove	rove	<u>opinion</u>
BLACKS			
Feb. 12-15, 2015	89%	10%	1%
July 16-21, 2010	93%	5%	1%
December 16-20, 2009	91%	8%	1%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	92%	6%	2%
May 16-18, 2009	96%	2%	2%
April 23-26, 2009	98%	2%	*
WHITES			
Feb. 12-15, 2015	34%	63%	3%
July 16-21, 2010	37%	61%	2%
December 16-20, 2009	42%	54%	3%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	49%	47%	4%
May 16-18, 2009	58%	37%	5%
April 23-26, 2009	56%	40%	4%

# 2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	Disapprove	No opinion
The economy			
Feb. 12-15, 2015	45%	54%	*
Nov. 21-23, 2014	45%	53%	2%
Sept. 25-28, 2014	42%	56%	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2014	43%	56%	1%
May 29-June 1, 2014	38%	61%	1%
September 6-8, 2013	43%	56%	2%
June 11-13, 2013	42%	57%	1%
April 5-7, 2013	44%	54%	2%
January 14-15, 2013	48%	51%	1%
November 11-13, 2011	35%	63%	2%
September 9-11, 2011	36%	61%	3%
August 24-25, 2011	34%	65%	1%
August 5-7, 2011	34%	64%	2%
May 24-26, 2011	41%	58%	1%
May 2, 2011	42%	56%	2%
March 18-20, 2011	39%	60%	1%
January 21-23, 2011	45%	54%	*
November 11-14, 2010	40%	58%	2%
September 1-2, 2010	40%	59%	2%
July 16-21, 2010	42%	57%	*
March 25-28, 2010	44%	55%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	43%	54%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	44%	54%	2%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	46%	54%	1%
September 11-13, 2009	54%	45%	1%
August 28-31, 2009*	49%	51%	*
March 12-15, 2009	59%	40%	2%

<sup>\*</sup>Asked of half sample

# (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 527 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: $\pm$ 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

# 2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (RANDOM ORDER)

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
Health care policy			
Feb. 12-15, 2015	41%	58%	1%
Nov. 21-23, 2014	43%	56%	1%
Sept. 25-28, 2014	42%	56%	2%
May 29-June 1, 2014	36%	63%	1%
September 6-8, 2013	42%	55%	3%
April 5-7, 2013	44%	54%	2%
January 14-15, 2013	50%	49%	2%
November 11-13, 2011	38%	59%	3%
May 24-26, 2011	40%	57%	2%
March 18-20, 2011	41%	58%	2%
January 21-23, 2011	44%	55%	1%
July 16-21, 2010	44%	54%	2%
March 25-28, 2010	45%	54%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	40%	58%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	40%	59%	1%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	42%	57%	2%
September 11-13, 2009	51%	47%	2%
August 28-31, 2009*	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	57%	41%	2%
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<sup>\*</sup>Asked of half sample

# (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 527 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: $\pm$ 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (RANDOM ORDER)

## Helping the middle class

Feb. 12-15, 2015	45%	55%	*
May 29-June 1, 2014	40%	58%	2%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009*	50%	49%	1%
March 12-15, 2009*	67%	32%	1%

<sup>\*</sup>Asked of half sample

5. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat poor	Very poor	No opinion	Total good	Total poor
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Feb. 12-15, 2015	407	4.407	2.40/	100/	*	400/	520/
All Americans	4%	44%	34%	18%	*	48%	52%
Blacks	7%	65%	23%	5%	*	72%	28%
Whites	3%	38%	38%	21%	4	41%	59%
Dec. 18-21, 2014	5%	46%	30%	19%	*	51%	49%
Oct. 24-26, 2014	5%	33%	37%	25%	*	38%	62%
Sept. 25-28, 2014	2%	40%	36%	21%	1%	42%	57%
July 18-20, 2014	4%	37%	33%	25%	*	41%	58%
May 2-4, 2014	2%	36%	33%	29%	*	38%	62%
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2014	1%	35%	36%	28%	*	36%	64%
Dec. 16-19, 2013	2%	30%	36%	32%	*	32%	68%
Oct. 18-20, 2013	1%	28%	35%	36%	*	29%	71%
Sept. 27-29, 2013	1%	32%	31%	36%	*	33%	67%
June 11-13, 2013	1%	34%	40%	25%	*	35%	65%
May 17-18, 2013	3%	30%	38%	29%	*	33%	67%
March 15-17, 2013	3%	28%	37%	32%	*	31%	69%
Dec. 17-18, 2012	1%	25%	37%	37%	*	26%	74%
Nov. 2-4, 2012*	3%	25%	35%	36%	1%	28%	71%
Sept. 28-30, 2012(RV)	1%	26%	39%	34%	*	27%	73%
Sept. 7-9, 2012(RV)	1%	31%	35%	33%	*	32%	68%
June 28-July 1, 2012	2%	25%	39%	34%	*	27%	73%
May 29-31, 2012	2%	29%	39%	30%	*	31%	69%
March 24-25, 2012	*	31%	42%	27%	*	31%	69%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	1%	17%	42%	38%	*	18%	80%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	1%	14%	34%	51%	*	15%	85%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	*	13%	39%	47%	1%	13%	86%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	1%	9%	40%	50%	*	10%	90%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	1%	13%	41%	44%	*	14%	85%
July 18-20, 2011	*	16%	38%	46%	*	16%	84%
June 3-7, 2011	1%	18%	40%	41%	*	19%	81%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	1%	17%	44%	38%	*	18%	82%
March 11-13, 2011	1%	15%	42%	42%	*	16%	84%
Jan. 14-16, 2011	1%	23%	40%	35%	1%	24%	75%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	1%	18%	81%
Sept. 1-2, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	*	18%	81%
July 16-21, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*	22%	78%

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5. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat poor	Very poor	No opinion	Total good	Total poor
	8004	<u> 8004</u>	<u>poor</u>	роот	<u>оринон</u>	8004	poor
May 21-23, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*	22%	78%
March 25-28, 2010	1%	20%	39%	39%	*	21%	78%
Feb. 12-15, 2010	2%	15%	39%	44%	*	17%	83%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	2%	18%	42%	38%	*	20%	80%
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*	20%	80%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*	18%	82%
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*	16%	84%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*	21%	79%
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*	20%	80%
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*	17%	83%
March 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*	11%	89%
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*	13%	86%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*	8%	93%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%	16%	83%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*	16%	84%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*	19%	81%
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*	25%	75%
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*	22%	78%
March 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*	26%	75%
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*	40%	59%
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%	46%	54%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*	54%	45%
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%	56%	43%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%	61%	39%
March 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%	52%	46%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%	63%	36%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%	49%	50%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%	62%	37%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*	59%	41%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*	44%	56%
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%	51%	47%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%	52%	47%

<sup>\*</sup>Asked of a half sample

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	Very good	Some- what good	Some- what poor	Very poor	Total good	Total poor		Very good	Some- what good	Some- what poor	Very poor	Total good	Total poor
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	59	41	2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	50	49
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	53	47	2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	57	42
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	50	49	2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	67	32
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	53	47	2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	80	19
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	52	47	2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	82	18
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	57	42	2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	85	14
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	44	56	2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	86	13
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	35	64	1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	84	16
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	34	65	1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	89	11
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	44	55	1998 July 7-8	29	50	15	5	79	20
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	41	58	1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	81	18
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	54	46	1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	81	19
2002 July 26-28	5	46	37	12	51	49	1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	81	19
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	58	42	1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	79	19
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	61	39	1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	69	30
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	57	42	•						
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6. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be --very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat poor	Very poor	No opinion	Total good	Total poor
Feb. 12-15, 2015							
All Americans	9%	47%	27%	15%	1%	56%	42%
Blacks	17%	56%	17%	8%	2%	73%	25%
Whites	5%	45%	32%	17%	1%	50%	49%
Oct. 24-26, 2014	7%	45%	29%	17%	2%	52%	46%
Dec. 16-19, 2013	5%	39%	29%	27%	1%	44%	56%
Oct. 18-20, 2013	4%	36%	26%	33%	2%	40%	59%
June 11-13, 2013	7%	43%	24%	25%	*	50%	49%
Sept. 7-9, 2012 (RV)	10%	57%	22%	9%	3%	67%	31%
June 28–July 1, 2012	9%	51%	26%	13%	2%	60%	39%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	5%	34%	34%	26%	1%	39%	60%
July 18-20, 2011	4%	36%	30%	29%	1%	40%	59%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	4%	48%	30%	16%	2%	52%	46%
Dec. 16-20, 2009	5%	53%	25%	18%	*	58%	43%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	8%	50%	26%	14%	1%	58%	40%
Apr. 23-26, 2009	7%	54%	27%	12%	1%	61%	39%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	6%	49%	29%	16%	1%	55%	45%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	4%	58%	29%	7%	3%	62%	36%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	6%	58%	25%	11%	1%	64%	36%
June 4-5, 2008	6%	46%	28%	18%	2%	52%	46%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	10%	50%	24%	14%	1%	60%	38%
Dec. 6-9, 2007	7%	43%	30%	19%	1%	50%	49%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	11%	51%	23%	13%	2%	62%	36%
Aug. 6-8, 2007	12%	48%	25%	13%	2%	60%	38%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	43%	28%	14%	5%	53%	42%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	48%	26%	10%	4%	61%	36%
Sept. 22-24, 2006	12%	50%	26%	9%	3%	62%	35%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	11%	45%	25%	17%	2%	56%	42%

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6. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

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	Very good	Some- what good	Some- what poor	Very poor	No opinion	Total good	Total poor
2006 Mar 10-12	15	45	25	12	3	60	37
2005 Sep 8-11*	8	41	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Apr 29-May 1	8	43	29	19	1	51	48
2004 Dec 17-19	17	43	24	15	1	60	39
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	18	49	18	11	4	67	29
2003 Dec 5-7	22	51	19	7	1	73	26
2003 Oct 10-12	12	52	22	12	2	64	34
2003 Mar 14-15	9	49	25	15	2	58	40
2003 Feb 24-26	9	46	26	16	3	55	42
2002 Dec 9-10	12	53	21	11	3	65	32
2002 Oct 21-22	7	58	21	9	5	65	30
2002 Sep 20-22	14	57	20	7	2	71	27
2002 Jun 28-30	13	58	21	6	2	71	27
2002 Apr 5-7	17	60	15	5	3	77	20
2002 Jan 11-14	15	63	16	5	1	78	21
2001 Dec 14-16	17	59	14	7	3	76	21
2001 Sep 21-22	21	56	15	5	3	77	20
2001 Apr 20-24	16	54	18	9	3	70	27
2001 Feb 9-11	18	53	21	6	2	71	27
2001 Jan 15-16	13	55	22	8	2	68	30
2000 Jun 6-7	24	56	10	5	5	80	15
2000 Mar 10-12	24	55	13	4	4	79	17
1999 Jun 25-27	21	55	15	7	2	76	22
1999 Jan 8-10	25	56	12	4	3	81	16
1998 July 7-8	19	54	14	7	6	73	21
1997 Oct 27-29	20	55	18	4	3	75	22

<sup>\*</sup> Asked of a half sample.

41. Do you think gays and lesbians do or do not have a constitutional right to get married and have their marriage recognized by law as valid?

	Feb. 12-15 2015	Aug. 6-10 2010*	May 14-17 2009
Yes	63%	49%	45%
No	36%	51%	54%
No opinion	1%	*	1%

<sup>\*</sup>Asked of half sample

QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO FEB 2015: Do you think gays and lesbians have a constitutional right to get married and have their marriage recognized by law as valid?

#### **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 1,027 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, 29% described themselves as Democrats, 23% described themselves as Republicans, and 48% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

In addition 172 interviews were conducted with African-Americans drawn from a separate sample of landline telephone numbers in areas where at least 30% of households are African American.

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.

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".

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

## Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men		White No	on-White			
Approve	47%	45%	50%	34%	75%			
Disapprove	51%	53%	49%	63%	25%			
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +/	/-6.0			
	m-1-1	18-	35-	50-	65.1	Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50 	Older	
Approve	47%	51%	52%	43%	39%	52%	41%	
Disapprove	51%	46%	45%	55%	59%	45%	57%	
No opinion	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
						_		
Approve	47%	49%	47%	42%	51%			
Disapprove	51%	49%	51%	56%	47%			
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	- Lib-	Mod-	Conser-	
	Total	crat	endent	lican	eral	erate	vative	
	47%	83%	43%		 71%	52%	28%	-
Approve Disapprove	4/s 51%	16%	438 548	11% 88%	716 26%	45%	71%	
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0		+/ <b>-</b> 5.5	+/-5.0	
Sampring Error	+/-3.0	+/-3.3	+/-4.5	+/-0.0	+/-0.0	+/-3.3	+/-5.0	
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban		Rural
Approve	47%	 56%	 39%	46%	48%	 55%	 47%	31%
Disapprove	51%	42%	57%	53%	50%	43%	50%	66%
No opinion	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5				′-6.5
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<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

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## A. The economy

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White		
Approve	45%	46%	45%	36%	65%		
Disapprove	54%	54%	55%	63%	35%		
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +/	-6.0		
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older
Approve	45%	41%	 52%	46%	42%	46%	44%
Disapprove	54%	59%	47%	53%	58%	54%	55%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	<b>-</b> /-5.0	+/-4.0
		Under	\$50K	No	Attended	i	
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College	_	
Approve	45%	45%	48%	39%	50%	_	
Disapprove	54%	55%	52%	61%	50%		
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	Lib-	Mod-	Conser-
	Total	crat	endent			erate	
Approve	45%	76%	43%	12%	68%	50%	27%
Disapprove	54%	23%	56%	888	31%	49%	73%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0
		North	Mid-				Sub-
	Total		west	South	West	Urban	urban Rural
Approve	45%	51%	42%	46%	43%	52%	46% 31%
Disapprove	54%	49%	56%	54%	57%	48%	54% 68%
No opinion	*	*	2%	*	*	*	1% 1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/ <b>-</b> 5.5	+/-4.5 +/-6.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

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

## B. Health care policy

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men			n-White			
Approve Disapprove No opinion Sampling Error	41% 58% 1% +/-4.5	43% 57% * +/-6.0 +	40% 59% 1%	31% 68% 1% -5.0 +/-	60% 39% * -8.0			
	Total	18- 34	35 <b>-</b> 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Approve Disapprove No opinion Sampling Error	41% 58% 1% +/-4.5	N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	39% 60% 1% +/-7.5	36% 63% 1% +/-7.5 +	45% 55% * /-7.0	38% 61% 1% +/-5.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Approve Disapprove No opinion Sampling Error	41% 58% 1% +/-4.5	40% 60% * +/-6.5	46% 54% * +/-6.5	38% 62% * +/-7.5	44% 55% 1% +/-5.0			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	-	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Approve Disapprove No opinion Sampling Error	41% 58% 1% +/-4.5	73% 27% * +/-8.0	38% 62% 1% +/-6.0	5% 95% 1% +/-8.5	N/A N/A N/A	49% 50% 1% +/-7.0	25% 75% * +/-7.0	
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban		Rural
Approve Disapprove No opinion Sampling Error	41% 58% 1% +/-4.5	N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A	35% 65% * +/-7.0	N/A N/A N/A	51% 49% *	38% 61% 1% +/-6.5	N/A N/A N/A

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

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

## F. Helping the middle class

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men		White No	on-White			
Approve	45%	44%	46%	33%	65%			
Disapprove	55%	55%	54%	66%	35%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0 +	-/-6.5 +/-	-5.0 +/	′ <b>-</b> 8.0			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older	
Approve	45%	N/A	N/A	46%	35%	47%	42%	
Disapprove	55%	N/A	N/A	54%	65%	52%	58%	
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5 +	<del>-</del> /-7.0	+/-5.5	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attended	1		
	Total		or more	College	College			
						-		
Approve	45%	46%	46%	40%	48%			
Disapprove	55%	54%	54%	60%	51%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0			
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	Lib-	Mod-	Conser-	_
	Total	crat	endent			erate		
								-
Approve	45%	79%	38%	13%	N/A	51%	29%	
Disapprove	55%	20%	62%	86%	N/A	48%	71%	
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	N/A	1%	*	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.5		+/-7.0	+/-7.0	
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
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Approve	45%	N/A	N/A	41%	N/A	55%	41%	N/A
Disapprove	55% *	N/A	N/A	59%	N/A	45%	59% *	N/A
No opinion		N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*		N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+	+/ <b>-</b> 7.5	+/-6.5	

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

Question 5
How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor or very poor?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White N	Non-White			
Very good	4%	 5%	4%	 3%	7%			
Somewhat good	44%	47%	40%	38%	56%			
Somewhat poor	34%	30%	38%	38%	26%			
Very poor	18%	17%	18%	21%	11%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 H	<del>-</del> /-6.0			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50	Older	
Very good	4%	4%	<b></b> 5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	
Somewhat good	44%	43%	48%	43%	41%	45%	42%	
Somewhat poor	34%	41%	27%	31%	39%	34%	34%	
Very poor	18%	13%	20%	22%	16%	16%	19%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College				
Very good	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%			
Somewhat good	44%	45%	43%	43%	44%			
Somewhat poor	34%	32%	37%	32%	36%			
Very poor	18%	19%	15%	22%	14%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
		Demo-	Indep-	_		Mod-	Conser-	-
	Total	crat	endent	licar		erate	vative	_
Very good	4%	8%	4%	19	6%	4%	3%	
Somewhat good	44%	57%	44%	288		48%	36%	
Somewhat poor	34%	30%	32%	438		33%	38%	
Very poor No opinion	18% *	6% *	20% *	278		15% *	23%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0		+/-5.5	+/-5.0	
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Very good	4%	4%	4%	 6%	4%	7%	3%	 2%
Somewhat good	44%	44%	45%	48%	37%	48%	44%	33%
Somewhat poor	34%	34%	34%	30%	40%	30%	36%	37%
Very poor	18%	18%	17%	16%	19%	15%	16%	27%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5 +	/-6.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

Question 6
Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor or very poor?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White 1	Non-White			
Very good	9%	12%	 7%	 5%	18%			
Somewhat good	47%	45%	49%	45%	52%			
Somewhat poor	27%	28%	27%	32%	19%			
Very poor	15%	14%	16%	17%	10%			
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	<b>-3.</b> 5	+/-6.0			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older	
Very good	9%	11%	 11%	 7%	<b></b> 7%	11%	7%	
Somewhat good	47%	46%	46%	47%	51%	46%	49%	
Somewhat poor	27%	30%	31%	22%	28%	30%	24%	
Very poor	15%	12%	12%	23%	12%	12%	19%	
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	_			
Very good	9%	11%	6%	10%	 9%			
Somewhat good	47%	46%	49%	48%	47%			
Somewhat poor	27%	26%	31%	24%	30%			
Very poor	15%	16%	14%	17%	14%			
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
		Demo-	Indep-	Repu	o- Lib-	Mod-	Conser	_
	Total	crat	endent	lica		erate		
Very good	9%	14%	8%			 8%	 7%	_
Somewhat good	47%	57%	46%	37	§ 54%	54%	38%	
Somewhat poor	27%	23%	27%	33	§ 25%	26%	32%	
Very poor	15%	5%	17%	23	88	12%	22%	
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	*	*	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.	0 +/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Very good	9%	8%	<b></b> 6%	11%	11%	13%	7%	8%
Somewhat good	47%	53%	54%	44%	41%	47%	48%	45%
Somewhat poor	27%	26%	23%	29%	32%	23%	32%	26%
Very poor	15%	13%	17%	15%	16%	16%	12%	20%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5 +	/-6.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

Question 41
Do you think gays and lesbians do or do not have a constitutional right to get married and have their marriage recognized by law as valid?

Base = Total Sample

	Tot		Women	White N	on-White			
Do have a constitutional			67%	62%	66%			
No constitutional right	36	8 40%	32%	37%	34%			
No opinion	1	.% 2%	1%	2%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.	0 + / - 4.5	+/-4.5 +/	′ <b>-3.</b> 5 +	/-6.0			
		18		50-		Under	50 and	
	Tot			64	65+	50	Older	
Do have a constitutional	right 63			<b></b> 55%	<b></b> 52%	70%	 54%	
No constitutional right	36			44%	45%	29%	44%	
No opinion	1			1%	3%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.			+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	
		Under		No	Attend	ed		
	Tot	,		College	_	е		
Do have a constitutional	right 63		67%	 56%	67	 %		
No constitutional right	36		32%	43%	31	=		
No opinion	1		1%	1%	2			
Sampling Error		0 +/-4.5		+/-5.5				
1 3								
		Demo	<ul> <li>Indep-</li> </ul>	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	er-
	Tot							
Do have a constitutional	right 63			 42%			43	
No constitutional right	36			55%			55	
No opinion	1			3%			3	
Sampling Error	+/-3.			+/-6.0			+/-5.	
Dampiing Diror	., 3.	., 3.3	., 1.3	., 0.0	., 0.0	., 3.3	., 3.	
		Nort	h Mid-				Sub-	
	Tot			South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Do have a constitutional	right 63			 57%	 67%	68%	64%	49%
No constitutional right	36			42%	31%	30%	34%	51%
No opinion		१३ *		425 18	2%	2%	2%	712
Sampling Error	+/-3.	-	20	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
bampiing birot	17-3.	0 1/-0.5	1, -0.5	., =3.3	1, -0.5	1, -3.3	17-4.5	1, -0.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%