



**Interviews with 1,018 adult Americans, including 952 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 30 – November 1, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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**FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 6 AM**

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

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve	54%	55%	58%	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	45%	43%	40%	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%

  

	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Approve	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>The economy</b>			
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%
<b>Foreign affairs</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	51%	47%	2%
September 11-13, 2009	58%	38%	4%
August 28-31, 2009*	54%	42%	3%
March 12-15, 2009	66%	28%	6%
<b>Health care policy</b>			
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%
<b>The situation in Afghanistan</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	42%	56%	2%
August 28-31, 2009*	49%	46%	5%
March 12-15, 2009*	67%	29%	5%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Environmental policy</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	62%	33%	5%
<b>Helping the middle class</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	50%	49%	1%
March 12-15, 2009*	67%	32%	1%
<b>Medicare</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	47%	48%	5%
August 28-31, 2009*	46%	48%	5%
<b>Taxes</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	49%	50%	1%
September 11-13, 2009	52%	43%	5%
August 28-31, 2009*	45%	52%	2%
March 12-15, 2009*	62%	37%	1%
<b>The federal government's response to swine flu</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	57%	40%	3%

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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 512 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Illegal immigration</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	36%	58%	6%
<b>Unemployment</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	47%	52%	*
March 12-15, 2009*	64%	33%	3%
<b>The federal budget deficit</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	39%	60%	2%
September 11-13, 2009	46%	51%	3%
August 28-31, 2009*	36%	63%	1%
March 12-15, 2009*	52%	47%	2%
<b>The situation in Iraq</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	63%	35%	2%
<b>Helping senior citizens</b>			
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	50%	46%	4%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

3. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Applies</u>	Does not <u>Apply</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
<b>Is a strong and decisive leader</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	62%	37%	1%
June 26-28, 2009	70%	28%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	80%	19%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	64%	35%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	59%	39%	3%
<b>Inspires confidence</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	63%	37%	*
June 26-28, 2009	72%	27%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	75%	24%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	82%	18%	*
<b>Has a clear plan for solving this country's problems</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	45%	54%	*
June 26-28, 2009	53%	45%	2%
February 18-19, 2009*	64%	36%	*
<b>Can manage the government effectively</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	58%	42%	*
June 26-28, 2009	61%	38%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%
<b>Can bring the kind of change the country needs</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	54%	46%	*
February 18-19, 2009*	69%	29%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	75%	24%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	59%	41%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	56%	42%	2%
<b>Is honest and trustworthy</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	61%	38%	*
February 18-19, 2009*	74%	23%	3%
December 19-21, 2008*	72%	26%	2%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

3. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 512 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Applies</u>	Does not <u>Apply</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
<b>Shares your values</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	53%	47%	*
February 18-19, 2009*	67%	32%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	72%	28%	1%
<b>Cares about people like you</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	59%	41%	*
December 19-21, 2008*	73%	27%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	66%	33%	1%
June 26-29, 2008 (RV)	67%	31%	2%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	67%	32%	1%
<b>Is a person you admire</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	59%	41%	*
December 19-21, 2008*	67%	33%	1%
<b>Is not a typical politician</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	63%	36%	1%
<b>Is an effective world leader</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	53%	46%	2%
<b>Will unite the country and not divide it</b>			
Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2009	51%	48%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	77%	21%	2%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

4. In general, would you say that President Obama's views and proposed programs for the country are too liberal, not liberal enough, or just about right for the country?

	Oct. 30–Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	July 31–Aug 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Too liberal	42%	40%	36%
Not liberal enough	14%	8%	5%
Just about right	44%	50%	58%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%

5. Do you think the election of Barack Obama has or has not created significant changes in the country?

	Oct. 30–Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>
Yes	69%
No	29%
No opinion	2%

5. Do you think the election of Barack Obama has or has not created significant changes in the country?

6. (IF YES) Do you think the country has changed for the better or changed for the worse?

QUESTIONS 5 AND 6 COMBINED

	Oct. 30–Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>
Change for the better	40%
Change for the worse	27%
Change, not better or worse (vol.)	2%
No change (from Question 5)	29%
No opinion	2%

7. All in all, do you think Barack Obama has been a better president than George W. Bush, or do you think Bush was a better president than Obama has been?

Oct. 30–Nov. 1  
2009

Obama better	57%
Bush better	34%
No difference/both the same (vol.)	6%
No opinion	2%

8. And do you think Joe Biden has been a better vice president than Dick Cheney, or do you think Cheney was a better vice president than Biden has been?

Oct. 30–Nov. 1  
2009

Biden better	54%
Cheney better	38%
No difference/both the same (vol.)	6%
No opinion	2%