



Interviews with 1,021 adult Americans, including 955 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on January 8-10, 2010. 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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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>		
Approve	51%	54%	48%	55%		
Disapprove	48%	44%	50%	42%		
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	3%		
	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%

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

2a. (IF APPROVE) Do you approve strongly, or only moderately?

2b. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove strongly, or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 1, 2a AND 2b COMBINED

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Approve strongly	26%	33%	40%
Approve moderately	25%	20%	27%
Disapprove moderately	12%	11%	10%
Disapprove strongly	36%	34%	19%
No opinion	1%	2%	4%

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The economy			
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%
Foreign affairs			
January 8-10, 2010	51%	46%	3%
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%
The situation in Iraq			
January 8-10, 2010	53%	43%	3%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009*	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	63%	35%	2%
The situation in Afghanistan			
January 8-10, 2010	51%	47%	3%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	42%	56%	2%
August 28-31, 2009*	49%	46%	5%
March 12-15, 2009*	67%	29%	5%
Terrorism			
January 8-10, 2010	50%	49%	1%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	N/A	N/A	N/A
August 28-31, 2009*	52%	45%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	61%	35%	4%
Health care policy			
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%

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Taxes			
January 8-10, 2010	44%	53%	3%
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%
Unemployment			
January 8-10, 2010	45%	54%	1%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009*	47%	52%	*
March 12-15, 2009*	64%	33%	3%
The federal budget deficit			
January 8-10, 2010	36%	62%	1%
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%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

4. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that Barack Obama has the personality and leadership qualities a President should have.

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	
Agree	64%	66%	75%	
Disagree	35%	33%	24%	
No opinion	*	1%	1%	

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008*</u>	June 4-5 <u>2008</u>	Jan. 14-17 <u>2008</u>
Agree	66%	64%	63%	59%
Disagree	34%	36%	36%	38%
No opinion	*	1%	1%	3%

*Asked of a half sample.

5. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with Barack Obama on the issues that matter most to you.

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	
Agree	49%	48%	57%	
Disagree	50%	51%	41%	
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008*</u>	June 4-5 <u>2008</u>	Jan. 14-17 <u>2008</u>
Agree	60%	56%	56%	54%
Disagree	40%	43%	43%	43%
No opinion	*	1%	1%	3%

*Asked of a half sample.

6. 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?

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 30–Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Too liberal	46%	42%	40%	36%
Not liberal enough	10%	14%	8%	5%
Just about right	42%	44%	50%	58%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%

7. Do you consider the first year of the Obama administration to be a success or a failure?

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009*</u>
Success	47%	51%
Failure	48%	37%
Too soon to tell (vol.)	4%	11%
No opinion	1%	1%

*QUESTION WORDING: Do you consider the first six months of the Obama administration to be a success or a failure?

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Bush Administration First Year: *Do you consider the first year of the Bush administration to be a success or a failure?*

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>Too soon to tell (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 Jan. 25-27	83	11	3	3

13. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today? (RANDOM ORDER)

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
The economy	47%	40%	41%	51%	55%	63%
Health care	15%	17%	20%	13%	9%	9%
The federal budget deficit	11%	13%	15%	14%	10%	8%
Terrorism	11%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	7%	16%	8%	8%	9%	6%
Education	5%	7%	8%	4%	6%	5%
Energy and environmental policies*	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%
Other (vol.)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion (vol.)	*	*	*	*	1%	*

*QUESTION WORDING: Prior to Dec. 2-3, 2009 asked only as "Energy policy"

14a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	<u>Jan. 8-10</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Oct. 16-18</u> <u>2009*</u>	<u>Apr. 3-5</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Feb. 7-8</u> <u>2009*</u>
Approve	27%	29%	35%	29%
Disapprove	72%	69%	63%	71%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	*

	<u>Oct. 3-5</u> <u>2008*</u>	<u>Sept. 19-21</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>July 27-29</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct. 12-14</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Oct. 6-8</u> <u>2006</u>
Approve	23%	22%	22%	22%	28%
Disapprove	76%	78%	77%	75%	63%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	3%	9%

GALLUP AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

<u>2006</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>	<u>DK</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>Dis</u>	<u>DK</u>
2006 Mar 13-16	27	65	8	2002 Dec 5-8	50	40	10	1998 Dec 15-16	42	52	6	1993 Nov 2-4	24	69	8
2006 Feb 6-9	25	65	10	2002 Nov 11-14	47	39	14	1998 Nov 13-15	41	54	5	1993 Aug 8-10	23	69	8
2006 Jan 9-12	27	67	7	2002 Oct 3-6	50	40	10	1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	44	47	9	1993 Jul 19-21	24	65	11
<u>2005</u>				2002 Sep 5-8	52	40	8	1998 Oct 9-12	47	46	7	1993 Feb 26-28	27	54	19
2005 Dec 5-8	29	63	8	2002 Aug 5-8	46	43	11	1998 Oct 6-7	44	48	8	<u>1992</u>			
2005 Nov 7-10	29	63	8	2002 Jul 26-28	53	36	11	1998 Sep 11-12	55	36	9	1992 Mar 3 ^	18	78	3
2005 Oct 13-16	29	64	7	2002 Jul 9-11	54	36	10	1998 May 8-10	44	48	8	<u>1991</u>			
2005 Sep 12-15	35	59	6	2002 Jun 3-6	52	38	10	1998 Apr 17-19	49	40	11	1991 Oct 10-13	40	54	6
2005 Aug 8-11	36	58	6	2002 May 6-9	57	33	10	1998 Feb 13-15	57	33	10	1991 Jul 25-28	32	53	15
2005 Jul 7-10	36	58	6	2002 Apr 8-11	57	34	9	1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	56	35	9	<u>1990</u>			
2005 Jun 6-8	34	59	7	2002 Mar 4-7	63	28	9	1998 Jan 16-18	42	47	11	1990 Nov 2-4	26	63	11
2005 May 2-5	35	57	8	2002 Feb 4-6	62	28	10	<u>1997</u>				1990 Oct 25-28	24	68	8
2005 Apr 4-7	38	54	8	2002 Jan 7-9	62	29	9	1997 Dec 18-21	39	52	9	1990 Oct 18-21	23	64	13
2005 Mar 7-10	37	53	10	<u>2001</u>				1997 Oct 27-29	36	53	11	1990 Oct 11-14	28	65	7
2005 Feb 7-10	45	48	7	2001 Dec 6-9	72	19	9	1997 Aug 22-25	41	48	11	<u>1988</u>			
2005 Jan 3-5	43	48	9	2001 Nov 8-11	73	19	8	1997 Jul 25-27	34	57	9	1988 Sep 9-11	42	42	16
<u>2004</u>				2001 Oct 11-14	84	10	6	1997 May 6-7	32	58	10	<u>1987</u>			
2004 Dec 5-8	41	50	9	2001 Sep 7-10	42	44	14	1997 Apr 18-20	30	59	11	1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	42	49	9
2004 Nov 7-10	41	52	7	2001 Aug 16-19	50	37	13	1997 Feb 24-26	37	48	15	<u>1986</u>			
2004 Oct 11-14	40	51	9	2001 Aug 3-5	47	42	11	1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	36	51	13	1986 Apr 11-14	42	37	21
2004 Sep 13-15	41	52	7	2001 Jul 19-22	49	37	14	1997 Jan 10-13	41	49	10	<u>1983</u>			
2004 Aug 9-11	40	52	8	2001 Jun 11-17	51	34	15	<u>1996</u>				1983 Apr 29-May 2	33	43	24
2004 Jul 8-11	40	53	7	2001 May 10-14	49	34	17	1996 Oct 26-29	34	51	15	<u>1982</u>			
2004 Jun 3-6	41	52	7	2001 Apr 6-8	55	32	13	1996 Aug 5-7	39	49	12	1982 Jun 11-14	29	54	17
2004 May 2-4	41	52	7	2001 Mar 5-7	55	28	17	1996 May 9-12	30	65	5	<u>1981</u>			
2004 Apr 5-8	43	51	6	2001 Feb 1-4	53	32	15	1996 Apr 9-10	35	57	8	1981 Jun 19-22	38	40	22
2004 Mar 8-11	42	51	7	2001 Jan 10-14	50	40	10	<u>1995</u>				<u>1980</u>			
2004 Feb 9-12	41	51	8	<u>2000</u>				1995 Sep 22-24	30	61	9	1980 Jun 13-16	25	56	19
2004 Jan 12-15	48	45	7	2000 Dec 2-4	56	34	10	1995 Aug 28-30	30	60	10	<u>1979</u>			
<u>2003</u>				2000 Oct 6-9	49	42	9	1995 Jul 7-9	35	55	10	1979 Jun 1-4	19	61	20
2003 Dec 11-14	43	50	7	2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	48	42	10	1995 May 11-14	34	57	9	<u>1978</u>			
2003 Nov 3-5	43	51	6	2000 May 18-21	39	52	9	1995 Apr 17-19	37	54	9	1978 Sep 8-11	29	49	22
2003 Oct 6-8	41	51	8	2000 Jan 7-10	51	42	7	1995 Mar 27-29	31	61	8	<u>1977</u>			
2003 Sep 8-10	40	53	7	<u>1999</u>				1995 Mar 17-19	32	59	9	1977 Sep 9-12	35	44	21
2003 Aug 4-6	45	46	9	1999 Sep 23-26	37	56	7	1995 Feb 24-26	35	53	12	1977 Aug 5-8	36	44	20
2003 Jul 7-9	49	45	6	1999 Jul 13-14	39	51	10	1995 Feb 3-5	38	53	9	1977 Jun 3-6	34	42	24
2003 Jun 12-15	50	41	9	1999 Jun 11-13	41	53	6	1995 Jan 16-18	33	52	15	1977 May 20-23	40	40	20
2003 May 5-7	49	44	7	1999 Apr 13-14	45	47	8	<u>1994</u>				1977 Mar 25-28	36	42	22
2003 Apr 7-9	58	33	9	1999 Feb 12-13	41	54	5	1994 Dec 28-30	23	66	11	<u>1976</u>			
2003 Mar 3-5	48	44	8	1999 Jan 15-17	50	46	4	1994 Oct 22-25	23	70	7	1976 Jan 23-26	24	58	18
2003 Feb 3-6	50	39	11					1994 Oct 7-9	21	73	6	<u>1975</u>			
2003 Jan 13-16	49	40	11					1994 Jul 15-17	27	65	8	1975 Oct 31-Nov 3	28	54	18
								1994 Mar 25-27	29	63	8	1975 Jun 27-30	29	54	17
								1994 Feb 26-28	28	66	6	1975 Apr 18-21	38	48	14
												1975 Feb 28-Mar 3	32	50	18
												<u>1974</u>			
												1974 Oct 11-14	35	43	22
												1974 Aug 16-19	47	34	19
												1974 Apr 12-15	30	47	23