



Interviews with 534 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on June 16, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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

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

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama has handled the oil spill off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico?

	June 16 <u>2010</u>	May 21-23 <u>2010</u>
Approve	41%	46%
Disapprove	59%	51%
No opinion	*	3%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the oil company called BP has handled the oil spill off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico?

	June 16 <u>2010</u>	May 21-23 <u>2010</u>
Approve	13%	24%
Disapprove	87%	76%
No opinion	*	1%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the federal government in general has handled the oil spill off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico?

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Approve	25%
Disapprove	74%
No opinion	1%

23. Do you think President Obama has been too tough, about right, or not tough enough in dealing with BP in regards to the oil spill?

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Too tough	5%
About right	26%
Not tough enough	67%
No opinion	2%

25. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of each of the following actions by the federal government: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Creating a fund of billions of dollars to compensate workers and businesses that have been affected by the oil spill that would be paid by BP but administered by a neutral party			
June 16, 2010	82%	18%	*

26. Who do you trust more to improve the situation in the Gulf of Mexico -- BP, or the federal government?

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BP	32%
Federal government	54%
Both equal (vol.)	2%
Neither	12%
No opinion	*

27. What do you think BP's top priority **should** be -- cleaning up oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and paying for the damage that the oil spill has caused, or protecting the interests of its investors and employees by making sure BP stays in business and makes a profit?

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Cleaning up oil spill	92%
Making a profit	7%
No opinion	1%

28. And just your best guess -- what do you think BP's top priority **will** be -- cleaning up oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and paying for the damage that the oil spill has caused, or protecting the interests of its investors and employees by making sure BP stays in business and makes a profit?

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Cleaning up oil spill	32%
Making a profit	67%
No opinion	1%