



Interviews with 1,023 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 11-13, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample 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?

	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>	Jan. 21-23 <u>2011</u>	Jan. 14-16 <u>2011</u>	Dec. 17-19 <u>2010</u>		
Approve	50%	55%	53%	48%		
Disapprove	47%	44%	45%	48%		
No opinion	3%	1%	2%	4%		
	Nov. 11-14 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 27-30 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 5-7 <u>2010</u>	Sept. 21-23 <u>2010</u>	Sept. 1-2 <u>2010</u>	Aug. 6-10 <u>2010</u>
Approve	48%	46%	45%	42%	50%	47%
Disapprove	50%	51%	52%	54%	49%	51%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	4%	1%	2%
	July 16-21 <u>2010</u>	June 16 <u>2010</u>	May 21-23 <u>2010</u>	Apr. 9-11 <u>2010</u>	Mar. 25-28 <u>2010</u>	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>
Approve	47%	50%	51%	51%	51%	46%
Disapprove	50%	48%	46%	47%	48%	51%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%
	Feb. 12-15 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 22-24 <u>2010</u>	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	49%	49%	51%	54%	48%	55%
Disapprove	50%	50%	48%	44%	50%	42%
No opinion	1%	*	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%

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?

	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>	Oct. 27-30 <u>2010</u>	Aug. 6-10 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>
Too liberal	46%	46%	46%	46%
Not liberal enough	12%	13%	13%	10%
Just about right	39%	37%	39%	42%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	2%

	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%

7. Do you have more confidence in President Obama or in the Republicans in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today?

	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>
Obama	44%
Republicans in Congress	39%
Both equally (vol.)	5%
Neither (vol.)	10%
No opinion	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/TIME TRENDS</u>					
Do you have more confidence in President Clinton or in the Republicans in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today?					
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Republicans in Congress</u>	<u>Both equally (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
1998 Sep 23-24	53%	35%	3%	4%	5%
1998 Sep 16-17	52%	35%	2%	6%	5%
1998 Jan 14-15	46%	34%	3%	11%	6%
1997 Feb 5-6	48%	34%	5%	9%	4%
1996 May 8-9	45%	37%	3%	10%	5%
1995 Dec 6-7	49%	35%	3%	8%	5%
1995 Sep 13-14	41%	42%	2%	9%	6%
1995 Apr 27	41%	38%	5%	10%	6%
1995 Mar 29-30	42%	41%	3%	7%	7%
1995 Mar 22-23	36%	43%	3%	13%	5%
1994 Dec 7-8	30%	46%	3%	13%	8%

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	50%	46%	54%	41%	72%
Disapprove	47%	51%	44%	56%	25%
No Opinion	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	50%	N/A	47%	47%	45%	53%	46%
Disapprove	47%	N/A	50%	50%	52%	44%	51%
No Opinion	3%	N/A	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	50%	48%	51%	53%	47%
Disapprove	47%	48%	47%	43%	50%
No Opinion	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	50%	84%	46%	15%	81%	58%	28%
Disapprove	47%	14%	49%	82%	18%	37%	71%
No Opinion	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	5%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	50%	56%	51%	43%	52%	59%	48%	41%
Disapprove	47%	36%	47%	54%	46%	37%	48%	56%
No Opinion	3%	7%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	50%	11%	52%	78%
Disapprove	47%	88%	45%	18%
No Opinion	3%	1%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 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?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
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Too liberal	46%	50%	42%	55%	22%			
Not liberal enough	12%	11%	14%	9%	20%			
Just about right	39%	36%	41%	32%	56%			
No Opinion	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older	
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Too liberal	46%	N/A	46%	45%	49%	45%	46%	
Not liberal enough	12%	N/A	10%	12%	12%	13%	12%	
Just about right	39%	N/A	38%	41%	35%	39%	39%	
No Opinion	3%	N/A	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attended			
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
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Too liberal	46%	41%	50%	42%	48%			
Not liberal enough	12%	18%	9%	16%	9%			
Just about right	39%	38%	40%	38%	40%			
No Opinion	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5			
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	Lib-	Mod-	Conser-	
	Total	crat	endent	lican	eral	erate	vative	
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Too liberal	46%	13%	45%	84%	12%	37%	71%	
Not liberal enough	12%	16%	14%	6%	23%	10%	7%	
Just about right	39%	69%	37%	7%	64%	50%	18%	
No Opinion	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	4%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	
		North	Mid-	South	West	Urban	Sub-	
	Total	east	west				urban	
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Too liberal	46%	37%	49%	49%	46%	36%	47%	
Not liberal enough	12%	16%	7%	14%	11%	12%	13%	
Just about right	39%	45%	44%	32%	38%	48%	38%	
No Opinion	3%	2%	1%	5%	5%	4%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
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Too liberal	46%	88%	42%	16%				
Not liberal enough	12%	1%	14%	18%				
Just about right	39%	8%	42%	62%				
No Opinion	3%	3%	3%	5%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5				

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Question 7

Do you have more confidence in President Obama or in the Republicans in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama	44%	39%	49%	36%	67%
Republicans in Congress	39%	41%	38%	47%	20%
Both equally	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%
Neither	10%	14%	7%	12%	7%
No Opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	44%	N/A	42%	48%	41%	44%	45%
Republicans in Congress	39%	N/A	38%	40%	44%	37%	41%
Both equally	5%	N/A	5%	1%	4%	7%	2%
Neither	10%	N/A	14%	10%	8%	11%	9%
No Opinion	1%	N/A	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

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Obama	44%	44%	43%	46%	43%
Republicans in Congress	39%	37%	41%	37%	41%
Both equally	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%
Neither	10%	12%	10%	10%	11%
No Opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	44%	84%	40%	4%	79%	53%	20%
Republicans in Congress	39%	7%	35%	83%	10%	26%	67%
Both equally	5%	4%	7%	3%	7%	6%	3%
Neither	10%	5%	17%	6%	4%	14%	9%
No Opinion	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	44%	54%	44%	40%	43%	49%	47%	34%
Republicans in Congress	39%	32%	38%	45%	38%	33%	37%	50%
Both equally	5%	3%	6%	3%	9%	8%	3%	3%
Neither	10%	11%	12%	10%	8%	8%	12%	10%
No Opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	44%	6%	42%	80%
Republicans in Congress	39%	80%	36%	8%
Both equally	5%	3%	7%	2%
Neither	10%	9%	12%	9%
No Opinion	1%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

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