

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone January 12-13, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of ± 3 percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

LV = likely voters

Democrats n=352, ± 5 ; Republicans n=307, ± 6 ; Independents n=182, ± 7

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

*** President Obama Job Ratings Summary ***

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Latest (12-13 Jan 10)	50%	42	8
High (27-28 Jan 09)	65%	16	19
Low (17-18 Nov 09)	46%	46	8
Average	55%	35	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
12-13 Jan 10	50%	42	8	Independents	49%	44	7
Democrats	84%	11	5	21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8
Republicans	13%	81	6	Democrats	86%	8	6
Independents	45%	38	16	Republicans	17%	75	8
8-9 Dec 09	50%	44	7	Independents	54%	36	10
Democrats	86%	10	4	9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8
Republicans	18%	74	8	Democrats	88%	8	4
Independents	44%	48	8	Republicans	28%	62	11
17-18 Nov 09	46%	46	8	Independents	66%	26	9
Democrats	85%	9	6	12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Republicans	15%	80	4	Democrats	93%	5	2
Independents	34%	51	15	Republicans	23%	63	13
27-28 Oct 09	50%	41	10	Independents	57%	30	13
Democrats	84%	10	6	22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Republicans	15%	79	7	Democrats	92%	4	4
Independents	49%	34	17	Republicans	24%	66	10
13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6	Independents	57%	29	14
Democrats	85%	12	3	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
Republicans	11%	82	6	Democrats	90%	5	5
Independents	42%	47	11	Republicans	23%	66	11
29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8	Independents	52%	35	13
Democrats	84%	11	6	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Republicans	16%	78	7	Democrats	92%	3	4
Independents	46%	41	13	Republicans	30%	56	13
15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8	Independents	61%	24	15
Democrats	85%	10	5	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Republicans	17%	72	11	Democrats	90%	5	5
Independents	51%	42	7	Republicans	29%	53	18
11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7	Independents	62%	19	19
Democrats	87%	8	5	27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
Republicans	16%	76	8	Democrats	85%	2	12

Republicans	37%	36	27	Independents	64%	16	19
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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

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	Approve	approve	(DK)	Approve	approve	(DK)	
12-13 Jan 10	27%	63	10	19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7
Democrats	46%	42	12	22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11
Republicans	8%	88	3	17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13
Independents	18%	66	16	28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11
RECENT TREND				18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12
8-9 Dec 09	33%	59	8	19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10
17-18 Nov 09	26%	63	11	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12
13-14 Oct 09	24%	66	10	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
15-16 Sep 09	27%	64	9	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
11-12 Aug 09	30%	59	11	23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22
21-22 Jul 09	30%	60	10	9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
12-13 May 09	41%	49	10	25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	38%	52	10	11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
3-4 Mar 09	41%	48	10	21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
17-18 Feb 09	39%	50	10	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
27-28 Jan 09	40%	46	14	15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
13-14 Jan 09	23%	68	10	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
9-10 Dec 08	20%	71	9	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
1-2 Nov 08	18%	75	7	27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
1-2 Nov 08 LV	18%	75	7	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
28-29 Oct 08	17%	76	6	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
28-29 Oct 08 LV	18%	77	5	4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
20-21 Oct 08	19%	72	9	10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
20-21 Oct 08 LV	18%	73	8	12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
8-9 Oct 08	13%	77	10	29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9	8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8				

3. Another way to think about performance is to give grades like students get in school, A, B, C, D and F. Next week President Obama will have been in office for one year -- what grade would you give him? Please feel free to add a plus or minus to your grade choice.

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
A	11%	21%	1%	6%
(A+ 3%)		7	-	2
(A 6%)		11	1	3
(A- 2%)		3	-	1
B	36%	55%	12%	41%
(B+ 9%)		16	1	11
(B 21%)		32	6	24
(B- 6%)		7	5	6
C	25%	19%	30%	28%
(C+ 6%)		6	5	9
(C 14%)		11	16	15
(C- 5%)		2	9	4
D	15%	3%	33%	7%
(D+ 2%)		-	4	-
(D 9%)		2	21	5
(D- 4%)		1	8	2
F	12%	1%	23%	14%
Don't know	2	1	1	3

Questions 4-6 released separately

7. How satisfied are you with the way things are going in the country today -- are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied?

SCALE: 1. Very satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Not very satisfied 4. Not at all satisfied 5. (Don't know)

	-- Satisfied --			-- Not satisfied --			
	TOTAL	Vry	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvy	Not	(DK)
12-13 Jan 10	35%	2	33	64	37	27	-
Democrats	55%	3	52	44	30	14	1
Republicans	15%	1	14	85	46	39	-
Independents	32%	-	32	67	36	31	-
11-12 Aug 09	38%	6	32	61	32	29	2
22-23 Apr 09	46%	16	30	53	26	27	1
13-14 Jan 09	20%	3	17	79	35	44	1

8. Overall, do you think the country is better off or worse off today than it was a year ago?

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	45%	39	13	3
Democrats	71%	16	11	2
Republicans	13%	73	12	2
Independents	50%	32	15	3
27-28 Oct 09	42%	43	14	2
24-25 Jan 06	32%	48	15	5

9. Are you and your family better off or worse off today than you were a year ago?

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	28%	33	39	-
Democrats	40%	21	39	-
Republicans	16%	48	36	-
Independents	21%	33	45	-

10. As of now, do you think Barack Obama is meeting, exceeding or falling below expectations?

	Meeting expectations	Exceeding expectations	Falling below expectations	(Too soon to tell)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	36%	6	50	6	2
Democrats	58%	10	23	8	1
Republicans	11%	2	84	2	2
Independents	35%	5	48	10	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	8	47	4	1
3-4 Mar 09	52%	14	23	10	1
13-14 Jan 09	53%	14	11	20	2

11. Is President Obama a stronger leader than you expected, a weaker leader, or about what you expected?

	Stronger leader than expected	Weaker leader than expected	Same as expected	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	14%	20	62	4
Democrats	25%	10	61	3
Republicans	5%	32	60	3
Independents	11%	18	68	3
17-18 Nov 09	17%	23	57	3

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

12. If John McCain had become president, do you think he would be doing a better job, a worse job, or about the same kind of job as President Obama?

	Better	Worse	Same as	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	26%	40	27	7
Democrats	5%	68	24	4
Republicans	55%	9	29	7
Independents	22%	39	30	9

13. If Hillary Clinton had become president, do you think she would be doing a better job, a worse job, or about the same kind of job as President Obama?

	Better	Worse	Same as	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	25%	21	48	6
Democrats	21%	18	57	4
Republicans	29%	27	40	4
Independents	27%	20	43	11

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19. Which ONE of the following issues do you want President Obama to focus on this year? (RANDOMIZE 1-4)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. The economy and jobs	48%	47%	52%	44%
2. Health care	12	18	5	15
3. Terrorism and national security	11	3	20	13
4. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	7	8	8	4
5. (None of these/Other)	3	1	4	3
6. (All)	18	23	11	21
7. (Don't know)	-	-	1	-

20. On a scale of excellent, good, only fair and poor, how would you rate economic conditions today?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	1%	7	39	52	1
Democrats	2%	14	45	39	-
Republicans	-%	2	31	66	1
Independents	1%	5	41	51	2
22-23 Apr 09	4%	8	30	57	1
13-14 Jan 09	1%	4	20	74	1
22-23 Sep 08	1%	5	29	65	1
9-10 Oct 07	8%	24	37	29	1
24-25 Oct 06 LV	9%	33	38	19	1
18-19 Apr 06	6%	22	42	30	1
13-14 Dec 05	5%	26	38	29	2
14-15 Dec 04	4%	28	43	24	1
3-4 Oct 04 LV	4%	27	44	24	1
3-4 Aug 04	6%	30	41	22	1
4-5 May 04	3%	28	41	26	2
18-19 Feb 04	3%	25	39	32	1
7-8 Jan 04	3%	31	42	22	2
18-19 Nov 03	2%	26	44	26	2
23-24 Sep 03	1%	17	42	39	1
12-13 Aug 03	1%	15	40	43	1
3-4 Jun 03	1%	19	48	31	1
8-9 Apr 03	1%	20	47	30	2
11-12 Mar 03	1%	13	41	44	1
14-15 Jan 03	1%	12	46	40	1

8-9 Oct 02 LV	5%	20	44	30	1
9-10 Jul 02	1%	23	51	24	1
30 Apr-1 May 02	3%	27	53	16	1
9-10 Jan 02	2%	26	47	22	3
19-20 Sep 01	4%	25	45	24	2
11-12 Jul 01	4%	38	44	13	1
18-19 Apr 01	4%	35	45	14	2
14-15 Mar 01	3%	36	42	18	1
21-22 Feb 01	5%	41	44	9	1
10-11 Jan 01	9%	50	29	10	2
18-19 Oct 00 LV	19%	54	20	6	1
28-29 Jun 00	13%	49	27	9	2
20-21 Oct 99	3%	48	32	6	1
28-29 Oct 98 LV	12%	57	24	6	1
28-29 Oct 98	11%	54	25	8	2
7-8 Oct 98 LV	10%	51	30	8	1
7-8 Oct 98	11%	49	32	7	1
9-10 Sep 98	12%	49	31	7	1

21. Do you think the Obama administration has made the economy better or worse?

	Better	Worse	(No difference)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	40%	36	21	3
Democrats	69%	9	21	1
Republicans	12%	70	14	3
Independents	35%	31	30	4
21-22 Jul 09	40%	32	23	6

22. Do you think the country is currently in a recession?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	82%	16	2
Democrats	79%	20	1
Republicans	88%	10	2
Independents	82%	16	1

23. Who do you think is more responsible for the current state of the economy -
- President Obama, former President Bush or Congress? (ROTATE)

	Obama	Bush	Congress	(Combination)	(Other)	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	6%	36	30	20	5	2
Democrats	4%	61	16	13	5	2
Republicans	9%	13	50	23	4	2
Independents	7%	28	27	29	7	1

For reference: Who do you think is more responsible for the current state of the economy
-- Barack Obama or George W. Bush? (ROTATE)

	Obama	Bush	(Both equally)	(Other)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	18%	58	9	12	3
21-22 Jul 09	16%	61	5	14	4

24. Do you think Americans are starting to rely too much on the government and not enough on themselves?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	73%	24	4
Democrats	60%	36	4
Republicans	88%	9	2
Independents	70%	25	5
17-18 Feb 09	76%	20	3

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3	4
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4	2
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4	1
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3	2
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4	3
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4	2
9-10 Jun 09	40%	33	23	1	2
12-13 May 09	42%	30	24	2	2
22-23 Apr 09	42%	30	22	3	4
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	42%	33	20	3	2
3-4 Mar 09	40%	32	22	3	3
17-18 Feb 09	42%	35	18	3	2
27-28 Jan 09	44%	30	22	2	2
13-14 Jan 09	42%	32	21	2	4
9-10 Dec 08	43%	33	20	2	2
1-2 Nov 08 LV	42%	36	18	3	1
28-29 Oct 08 LV	41%	39	16	2	1
20-21 Oct 08 LV	43%	37	16	2	2
1-2 Nov 08	41%	36	18	4	1
28-29 Oct 08	40%	39	17	2	2
20-21 Oct 08	43%	36	16	2	3