

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

4 February 2010

Polling was conducted by telephone February 2-3, 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=326, ± 5.5 ; Republicans n=322, ± 5.5 ; Independents n=197, ± 7

Questions 1-16 released separately

17. Thinking about the condition of the national economy, do you think the worst is over or is the worst yet to come?

	Worst is over	Worst is yet to come	(Don't know)
2-3 Feb 10	37%	56	6
Democrats	49%	45	6
Republicans	28%	67	5
Independents	32%	61	7
11-12 Aug 09	44%	49	7
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	27%	66	7
13-14 Jan 09	29%	63	8
22-23 Sep 08	26%	62	12
29-30 Jul 03	47%	41	12
20-21 May 03	43%	47	10

Questions 18-28 released separately

29. Do you think passing another government stimulus plan would help create new jobs, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
2-3 Feb 10	25%	65	10
Democrats	44%	42	14
Republicans	10%	86	4
Independents	21%	66	13

30. Which do you think is more likely to stimulate the economy and get the country out of recession?

	Increasing government spending	Cutting taxes	(Neither)	(Don't know)
2-3 Feb 10	13%	66	12	9
Democrats	22%	54	14	10
Republicans	4%	82	9	6
Independents	17%	63	12	8
20-21 Oct 08 LV	20%	60	12	9
20-21 Oct 08 RV	20%	59	11	10
12-13 Dec 01	16%	57	14	13
14-15 Nov 01*	22%	54	12	12

*Wording: "...and keep the country from experiencing a long recession."

31. Which do you think is more likely to stimulate the economy -- targeted tax cuts for specific income groups and businesses or across the board tax cuts for all Americans?

SCALE: 1. Targeted tax cuts for specific groups and businesses 2. Across the board tax cuts for all Americans 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Targeted	board	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
2-3 Feb 10	35%	52	4	4	5
Democrats	48%	41	4	3	4
Republicans	23%	67	3	2	5
Independents	35%	48	6	7	3

32. President Obama has proposed a three-year federal spending freeze, which does not include programs such as national security, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Some people say the spending freeze is an important step in controlling the deficit. Other people say the freeze is just a gimmick because it only affects a small portion of government spending and starts next year, which is after budgets have already been increased. Which of these views is closer to your own?

SCALE: 1. The spending freeze is an important step in reducing the federal deficit 2. The spending freeze is just a gimmick that won't really help the deficit 3. (Combination) 4. (Don't know)

	Important	Gimmick	(Combination)	(Don't know)
2-3 Feb 10	37%	47	5	10
Democrats	57%	26	6	12
Republicans	18%	72	3	7
Independents	41%	44	7	8

33. After American taxpayers bailed out the troubled banks and firms on Wall Street, many of them are back to giving out bonuses to employees. Which one of the following best describes how you feel about the big banks and Wall Street these days -- do you feel angry, worried, or are you okay with how the major financial institutions are working these days?

	Angry	Worried	Okay	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
2-3 Feb 10	56%	27	9	5	2
Democrats	68%	22	4	4	2
Republicans	49%	31	13	6	2
Independents	50%	28	13	8	2

34. In the new budget proposal, it is estimated that the federal deficit will reach over one point five trillion dollars. Which one of the following best describes how you feel about the size of the deficit -- does it make you feel angry, worried, or are you okay with the deficit reaching that level?

	Angry	Worried	Okay	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
2-3 Feb 10	32%	54	8	5	2
Democrats	18%	62	11	7	2
Republicans	43%	52	2	3	1
Independents	38%	45	10	5	2

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)
2-3 Feb 10	36%	36	22	3	3
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