

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

26 February 2010

Polling was conducted by telephone February 23-24, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

Democrats n=345, ± 5 ; Republicans n=329, ± 5 ; Independents n=155, ± 8

Questions 1-12 released separately.

13. All in all, would you rather have bigger government that provides more services or smaller government that provides fewer services?

	Bigger government, more services	Smaller government, fewer services	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	35%	58	7
Democrats	61%	30	8
Republicans	15%	81	4
Independents	22%	70	8
22-23 Apr 09	38%	50	13

Questions 14-15 released separately.

16. - 23. Now I'm going to read you a list of items, and I'd like you to rate your feelings for each one. Would you say you are fed up with and tired of [INSERT ITEM] or don't you feel that way? (RANDOMIZE)

*** SUMMARY CHART ***

	Fed up with	Don't feel that way	(Don't know/ Does not apply)
Partisan bickering in Washington	82%	15	3
The growing federal budget deficit	81%	16	3
Government Spending	73%	23	4
The health care reform debate	67%	30	3
Poor customer service	57%	38	5
People having loud cell phone conversations	53%	43	4
Snowstorms	36%	56	8
Your job	9%	72	19

	Fed up with	Don't feel that way	(Don't know/ Does not apply)
Partisan bickering in Washington			
23-24 Feb 10	82%	15	3
Democrats	82%	15	3
Republicans	80%	17	2
Independents	86%	11	3
27-28 Sep 05	77%	12	11

	Fed up with	Don't feel that way	(Don't know/ Does not apply)
The growing federal budget deficit			
23-24 Feb 10	81%	16	3
Democrats	67%	29	4
Republicans	90%	7	2
Independents	91%	7	2
Government spending			
23-24 Feb 10	73%	23	4
Democrats	51%	43	6
Republicans	92%	6	2
Independents	79%	18	2
The health care reform debate			
23-24 Feb 10	67%	30	3
Democrats	50%	47	3
Republicans	82%	16	2
Independents	70%	26	4
Poor customer service			
23-24 Feb 10	57%	38	5
Democrats	59%	37	4
Republicans	53%	42	5
Independents	60%	37	3
People having loud cell phone conversations			
23-24 Feb 10	53%	43	4
Democrats	57%	42	1
Republicans	46%	50	4
Independents	57%	39	4
Snowstorms			
23-24 Feb 10	36%	56	8
Democrats	39%	52	8
Republicans	36%	56	8
Independents	34%	56	10
Your job			
23-24 Feb 10	9%	72	19
Democrats	13%	67	21
Republicans	8%	78	15
Independents	4%	71	24
27-28 Sep 05	11%	61	28

Question 24 released separately.

25. In general, do you think Barack Obama believes in bigger government that provides more services, or does he believe in smaller government that provides fewer services?

	Bigger government, more services	Smaller government, fewer services	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	75%	12	12
Democrats	65%	18	16
Republicans	84%	9	7
Independents	80%	10	10
3-4 Mar 09	77%	11	13

Question 26 released separately.

27. A year ago Congress passed and President Obama signed the \$787 billion dollar federal stimulus bill into law. Recently President Obama stated that the stimulus program helped the country avoid dipping into an economic depression -- do you agree or disagree that the stimulus helped the country avoid a depression?

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	44%	51	4
Democrats	71%	26	3
Republicans	18%	78	4
Independents	44%	49	7

28. So far, only about one-third of the money budgeted as part of the economic stimulus plan has been spent. Do you think the rest of the money should be spent as planned or should the rest of the stimulus program be canceled and the money used to reduce the budget deficit?

	Spent as planned	Canceled to reduce deficit	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	31%	59	10
Democrats	54%	36	9
Republicans	11%	82	7
Independents	23%	64	13

29. President Obama has created a new bipartisan deficit commission to make recommendations about how to balance the national budget by 2015. How likely do you think it is that the commission will be able to get both political parties to work together and meet that goal: very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

	-- Likely --			--- Not likely ---			(Don't know)
	Total	Very	Smwht	Total	Not Very	Not	
23-24 Feb 10	26%	6	20	73	37	36	1
Democrats	35%	11	24	64	37	27	1
Republicans	16%	1	15	84	38	46	1
Independents	25%	5	20	74	34	40	1

30. Do you think government spending is being managed carefully or is government spending out of control?

SCALE: 1. Spending is being managed carefully 2. Spending is out of control
3. (Neither/In between) 4. (Don't know)

	Managed carefully	Spending is out of control	(Neither/ In between)	(DK)
23-24 Feb 10	14%	78	7	2
Democrats	28%	61	9	3
Republicans	2%	95	3	-
Independents	8%	82	10	-
22-23 Apr 09	22%	62	13	3

31. Overall, would you say you generally trust the federal government, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	37%	59	4
Democrats	54%	44	2
Republicans	24%	70	6
Independents	31%	67	2
17-18 Feb 09	41%	54	5
26-27 June 02	54%	36	10

32. - 35. Some people who are extremely concerned about the health of the U.S. economy have taken a number of actions. Please tell me whether you have taken any of the following actions out of concern the whole U.S. economic system could breakdown. Have you:

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
Purchased gold?			
23-24 Feb 10	6%	93	-
Democrats	6%	94	-
Republicans	6%	94	1
Independents	6%	94	-
Stocked up on food, bottled water, or other staples?			
23-24 Feb 10	18%	82	-
Democrats	16%	84	-
Republicans	19%	81	-
Independents	18%	82	-
Bought a gun or ammunition for protection?			
23-24 Feb 10	11%	87	1
Democrats	8%	91	1
Republicans	16%	84	1
Independents	10%	87	2
Taken money out of the stock market?			
23-24 Feb 10	20%	79	1
Democrats	16%	84	-
Republicans	24%	76	-
Independents	22%	78	-

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)
23-24 Feb 10	38%	37	17	5	3
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
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