

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

22 April 2010

Polling was conducted by telephone April 20-21, 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=373, ± 5 ; Republicans n=328, ± 5 ; Independents n=160, ± 8

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 (20-21 Apr 10)	46%	46	8
High (27-28 Jan 09)	65%	16	19
Low (6-7 Apr 10)	43%	48	9
Average	53%	38	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
20-21 Apr 10	46%	46	8
Democrats	82%	12	5
Republicans	10%	82	7
Independents	39%	47	14
TREND			
6-7 Apr 10	43%	48	9
Democrats	80%	12	8
Republicans	7%	87	6
Independents	38%	49	13
16-17 Mar 10	46%	48	6
Democrats	80%	15	5
Republicans	12%	84	4
Independents	47%	45	8
23-24 Feb 10	47%	45	8
Democrats	82%	11	7
Republicans	14%	80	6
Independents	38%	51	12
2-3 Feb 10	46%	47	7
Democrats	81%	12	7
Republicans	14%	82	5
Independents	45%	47	8
12-13 Jan 10	50%	42	8
Democrats	84%	11	5
Republicans	13%	81	6
Independents	45%	38	16
8-9 Dec 09	50%	44	7
Democrats	86%	10	4
Republicans	18%	74	8
Independents	44%	48	8

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
17-18 Nov 09	46%	46	8
Democrats	85%	9	6
Republicans	15%	80	4
Independents	34%	51	15
27-28 Oct 09	50%	41	10
Democrats	84%	10	6
Republicans	15%	79	7
Independents	49%	34	17
13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6
Democrats	85%	12	3
Republicans	11%	82	6
Independents	42%	47	11
29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8
Democrats	84%	11	6
Republicans	16%	78	7
Independents	46%	41	13
15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8
Democrats	85%	10	5
Republicans	17%	72	11
Independents	51%	42	7
11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7
Democrats	87%	8	5
Republicans	16%	76	8
Independents	49%	44	7
21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8
Democrats	86%	8	6
Republicans	17%	75	8
Independents	54%	36	10

	Approve	Dis approve	(DK)
9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8
Democrats	88%	8	4
Republicans	28%	62	11
Independents	66%	26	9
12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Democrats	93%	5	2
Republicans	23%	63	13
Independents	57%	30	13
22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Democrats	92%	4	4
Republicans	24%	66	10
Independents	57%	29	14

	Approve	Dis approve	(DK)
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	23%	66	11
Independents	52%	35	13
3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	92%	3	4
Republicans	30%	56	13
Independents	61%	24	15
17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	29%	53	18
Independents	62%	19	19
27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
Democrats	85%	2	12
Republicans	37%	36	27
Independents	64%	16	19

Questions 2-5 released separately

6. - 9. How frustrated and upset are you with [ITEM] these days? (RANDOMIZE)

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not at all	(Don't know)
Democrats in Congress					
20-21 Apr 10	29%	18	31	20	2
Democrats	7%	7	47	37	2
Republicans	55%	24	16	4	1
Independents	26%	27	28	15	4
Republicans in Congress					
20-21 Apr 10	22%	21	39	17	2
Democrats	36%	22	29	11	1
Republicans	8%	16	50	25	1
Independents	15%	29	42	12	2
Incumbents in general					
20-21 Apr 10	22%	20	35	15	7
Democrats	12%	13	44	22	9
Republicans	30%	27	29	8	4
Independents	25%	24	29	16	6
President Obama					
20-21 Apr 10	25%	13	24	37	1
Democrats	4%	5	25	65	1
Republicans	51%	21	20	7	1
Independents	21%	16	26	35	2

Questions 10-12 released separately

13. Based on what you know, do you favor or oppose the Democratic plan for regulating Wall Street and the financial services industry?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	39%	39	22
Democrats	65%	14	21
Republicans	15%	70	15
Independents	34%	34	32

14. Whose responsibility do you think it is to keep large banks and the financial services industry in check, and rebuild public confidence in Wall Street -- regulators in Washington, the banks and corporations themselves, or investors?

SCALE: 1. Regulators in Washington 2. Banks & corporations themselves
3. Investors 4. (All equally) 5. (Neither) 6. (Don't know)

	Regulators	Banks & Corp.	Investors	(All)	(Neither)	(DK)
20-21 Apr 10	28%	25	30	10	2	6
Democrats	42%	21	20	10	1	6
Republicans	10%	33	42	8	1	5
Independents	34%	19	25	12	4	6

15. If General David Petraeus were 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	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	18%	16	26	41
Democrats	4%	29	31	35
Republicans	33%	2	21	43
Independents	18%	13	23	47

16. Thinking about the promises Barack Obama made during the campaign, all in all, do you think he is keeping most of the promises that he made, or breaking most of his promises?

	Keeping most	Breaking most	(Keeping some and breaking some)	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	46%	37	12	5
Democrats	73%	12	11	4
Republicans	22%	65	9	5
Independents	36%	39	20	4

17. Do you believe Barack Obama will keep his campaign promise not to raise taxes of any kind on families making less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year or do you think he will end up breaking that promise?

SCALE: 1. He will keep promise 2. He will break promise

3. (He has already broken promise) 4. (Don't know)

	Keep promise	Break promise	(Already broken)	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	34%	57	2	7
Democrats	59%	31	-	10
Republicans	8%	86	5	1
Independents	34%	59	1	6

For reference: During the presidential election, then candidate Obama said that if he were elected ninety-five percent of Americans "will not see their taxes increase by a single dime." Do you think Obama is going to keep that campaign promise or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	26%	69	5

18. Do you think it is right for the Obama administration to continue to blame the Bush administration for the way things are going or is it time for the Obama administration to start taking responsibility?

SCALE: 1. Right to continue to blame Bush 2. Time for Obama to take responsibility 3. (Depends on the issue) 4. (Don't know)

	Right to blame Bush	Obama take responsibility (Depends)	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	21%	66	8 4
Democrats	40%	42	11 6
Republicans	2%	95	2 1
Independents	19%	64	10 7
12-13 May 09*	21%	64	12 4

*Wording difference: "...blame the Bush administration for mistakes..."

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

19. Which political party do you think is more pro-big business and Wall Street -- the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	Democratic Party	Republican Party	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	17%	64	6	2	10
Democrats	14%	71	3	2	10
Republicans	20%	63	7	2	9
Independents	15%	56	12	4	13

20. Which political party do you think is more pro-big government -- the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	Democratic Party	Republican Party	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	58%	24	7	3	8
Democrats	47%	33	6	4	9
Republicans	74%	19	2	-	4
Independents	50%	15	15	7	13

21. Do you think the country is currently:

SCALE: 1. In an economic recession 2. In a downturn, but not a recession, or 3. Do you think the economy is doing okay? 4. (Don't know)

	Recession	Downturn	Economy is okay	(DK)
20-21 Apr 10	55%	33	11	2
Democrats	51%	34	14	2
Republicans	57%	33	8	2
Independents	56%	31	11	3
28-29 Apr 08	54%	38	6	2
22-23 Aug 01	23%	50	22	5
14-15 Mar 01	12%	63	22	3

22. What do you think is a greater potential threat to the country's future -- big business or big government?

	Big business	Big government	(Both/Same)	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	26%	57	13	5
Democrats	46%	35	14	5
Republicans	8%	86	4	2
Independents	20%	50	25	6
22-23 Apr 09	30%	46	18	6

23. Would you favor or oppose a national sales tax on top of income taxes to help reduce the federal budget deficit?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	17%	77	6
Democrats	23%	68	10
Republicans	10%	88	2
Independents	19%	77	4

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

24. Based on the Dow Jones Average, the U.S. stock market has increased from 6,500 up to 11,000 over the past year. Which one of the following do you think deserves the most credit for the rise in the stock market -- President Obama, former President George W. Bush, Congress, Wall Street, American consumers, or the regular ups and downs of the markets?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Ups and downs of markets	42%	36%	45%	50%
2. American Consumers	30	24	39	24
3. Obama	11	21	3	4
4. Wall Street	5	5	5	6
5. Bush	1	2	1	-
6. Congress	1	2	-	2
7. (Combination)	6	6	4	9
8. (None/Other)	1	1	1	1
9. (Don't know)	3	3	1	3

25. Who do you think is most responsible for the country's current high unemployment rates -- President Obama, former President George W. Bush, Congress, Wall Street, American workers, or the regular ups and downs of economic cycles?

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Ups and downs of economic cycle	31%	27%	38%	29%
2. Bush	18	33	5	11
3. Wall Street	12	17	7	11
4. Congress	11	4	15	16
5. Obama	8	3	16	4
6. American Workers	2	1	2	3
7. (Combination)	14	11	12	21
8. (None/Other)	2	1	3	2
9. (Don't know)	2	2	2	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)
20-21 Apr 10	41%	36	18	2
6-7 Apr 10	40%	36	18	4
16-17 Mar 10	40%	37	18	4
23-24 Feb 10	38%	37	17	5
2-3 Feb 10	36%	36	22	3
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4