

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone June 8-9, 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=373, ± 5 ; Republicans n=305, ± 6 ; Independents n=165, ± 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 (8-9 June 10)	46%	45	8
High (27-28 Jan 09)	65%	16	19
Low (6-7 Apr 10)	43%	48	9
Average	52%	39	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
8-9 Jun 10	46%	45	8	23-24 Feb 10	47%	45	8
Democrats	79%	13	8	Democrats	82%	11	7
Republicans	13%	81	6	Republicans	14%	80	6
Independents	38%	52	10	Independents	38%	51	12
TREND				2-3 Feb 10	46%	47	7
18-19 May 10	45%	46	8	Democrats	81%	12	7
Democrats	79%	12	9	Republicans	14%	82	5
Republicans	12%	84	4	Independents	45%	47	8
Independents	39%	48	14	12-13 Jan 10	50%	42	8
4-5 May 10	48%	43	9	8-9 Dec 09	50%	44	7
Democrats	85%	9	7	17-18 Nov 09	46%	46	8
Republicans	11%	82	6	27-28 Oct 09	50%	41	10
Independents	38%	45	17	13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6
20-21 Apr 10	46%	46	8	29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8
Democrats	82%	12	5	15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8
Republicans	10%	82	7	11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7
Independents	39%	47	14	21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8
6-7 Apr 10	43%	48	9	9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8
Democrats	80%	12	8	12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Republicans	7%	87	6	22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Independents	38%	49	13	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
16-17 Mar 10	46%	48	6	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	80%	15	5	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Republicans	12%	84	4	27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
Independents	47%	45	8				

Questions 2-10 released separately

11. Do you favor or oppose increasing offshore drilling for oil and gas in U.S. coastal areas?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
8-9 Jun 10	44%	48	8
Democrats	28%	67	5
Republicans	62%	29	8
Independents	52%	38	10
18-19 May 10	54%	38	8
4-5 May 10	60%	33	7
6-7 Apr 10 (n=444, ±5)	70%	22	8
11-12 Aug 09*	72%	24	4
22-23 Jul 08*	71%	23	6

*Wording: Thinking now about the energy situation, please tell me if you favor or oppose the following ways to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil and make the United States more energy independent. [RANDOMIZE]
Increasing offshore drilling in U.S. coastal areas

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

12. Do you approve or disapprove of how the Obama administration is dealing with the oil spill in the gulf coast?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
8-9 Jun 10	38%	51	11
Democrats	60%	31	9
Republicans	14%	74	12
Independents	34%	55	12
18-19 May 10	44%	36	20
4-5 May 10	50%	29	21

13. Do you approve or disapprove of how British Petroleum or BP, the oil company in charge of the oil rig, is dealing with the oil spill in the gulf coast?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
8-9 Jun 10	13%	79	8
Democrats	9%	84	7
Republicans	17%	74	9
Independents	14%	80	7

14. Do you think the Obama administration could have done more and taken action more quickly when responding to the oil spill, or do you think the administration did as much as it could as fast as it could?

	Could have done more, and faster	Did as much as it could as fast as it could	(Don't know)
8-9 Jun 10	57%	37	6
Democrats	43%	53	4
Republicans	72%	21	7
Independents	63%	31	6

15. Do you think President Obama is spending too much time, too little time, or about the right amount of time on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	(Don't know)
8-9 Jun 10	4%	40	45	10
Democrats	3%	29	61	8
Republicans	6%	55	28	10
Independents	3%	41	43	12

For reference: Do you think President Bush is spending too much time, too little time, or about the right amount of time on hurricane relief?

	Too much	Too little	Right amount	(Don't know)
27-28 Sep 05	12%	27	51	10

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

16. Thinking about the Gulf oil spill crisis, Do you think the Obama administration is up to the job of fixing the problem or is the administration in over its head?

	Up to the job	In over its head	(Don't know)
8-9 Jun 10	36%	54	10
Democrats	54%	35	10
Republicans	19%	75	6
Independents	27%	59	14

17. Do you think the oil company British Petroleum, or BP, is up to the job of fixing the problem or is BP in over its head?

	Up to the job	In over its head	(Don't know)
8-9 Jun 10	25%	68	7
Democrats	23%	72	5
Republicans	29%	65	6
Independents	26%	64	9

I'm going to ask you about a few different reactions you might have had when thinking about the gulf oil spill.

18. How angry are you at those responsible?

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

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	(DK)
8-9 Jun 10	52%	31	8	7	3
Democrats	57%	27	6	7	3
Republicans	44%	38	8	7	2
Independents	56%	27	10	6	1

19. How heartbroken are you about the people and wildlife affected?

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

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	(DK)
8-9 Jun 10	76%	19	2	2	1
Democrats	81%	16	-	2	1
Republicans	72%	22	2	2	1
Independents	74%	18	5	1	2

20. How worried are you about the economic impact of the spill?

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

	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	(DK)
8-9 Jun 10	69%	23	4	3	1
Democrats	68%	25	4	3	-
Republicans	73%	19	4	3	1
Independents	69%	27	2	2	-

21. Which one of the following groups do you think is most responsible for the oil spill? (ROTATE 1-4)

SCALE: 1. The oil company British Petroleum for not being prepared for a leak
 2. The federal government for allowing offshore drilling in deep coastal waters
 3. Environmental groups for opposing drilling on land and in shallow waters closer to the shoreline
 4. American consumers for relying on such large quantities of oil and gas
 5. (All)
 6. (Don't know)

	British Petroleum	Federal Government	Environmental Groups	Consumers	(All)	(DK)
8-9 Jun 10	58%	7	10	8	10	6
Democrats	64%	9	4	12	8	4
Republicans	56%	6	17	4	9	8
Independents	52%	5	13	7	16	6

22. - 25. I'm going to read you a list of words and phrases, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think it describes President Obama's response to the oil spill, or not.

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
Aggressive			
8-9 Jun 10	28%	68	5
Democrats	46%	49	5
Republicans	10%	86	4
Independents	22%	73	5
Compassionate			
8-9 Jun 10	60%	34	6
Democrats	75%	19	6
Republicans	43%	51	6
Independents	57%	38	6
Fast-acting			
8-9 Jun 10	30%	65	5
Democrats	49%	45	5
Republicans	13%	83	4
Independents	20%	76	4
Strong leadership			
8-9 Jun 10	42%	53	5
Democrats	69%	27	4
Republicans	16%	80	5
Independents	33%	60	7

26. Which one of the following do you feel best describes the lesson the country has learned about future drilling from the current oil spill in the Gulf Coast?

SCALE: 1. Drilling should be done in extremely remote areas to limit damage from potential spills
 2. Drilling should be done either in shallow waters or on land so problems can be more easily addressed
 3. Drilling should be seriously limited in the future
 4. (Volunteered: Drilling should not be done at all)
 5. (Don't know)

	Drill in remote areas	Drill in shallows/land	Seriously limited	(Should not be done)	(DK)
8-9 Jun 10	14%	40	31	1	14
Democrats	15%	32	43	1	9
Republicans	10%	50	18	1	21
Independents	16%	44	27	1	12

27. Attorney General Eric Holder has opened a criminal investigation into possible negligence in the ongoing Gulf oil spill crisis at the same time BP is being asked to clean up the spill. Do you think it is a good idea to start a criminal investigation right now, or should the investigation be delayed until BP has cleaned up the oil?

SCALE: 1. Good idea to start criminal investigation now 2. Investigation should be delayed until after clean up 3. (Don't know)

	Good idea to start criminal investigation now	Delay investigation	(Don't know)
8-9 Jun 10	41%	55	4
Democrats	51%	46	2
Republicans	28%	69	3
Independents	41%	54	5

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)
8-9 Jun 10	41%	34	18	3	3
18-19 May 10	39%	35	20	3	3
4-5 May 10	41%	37	18	2	2