

# FOX NEWS POLL

## OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone August 11-12, 2009, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

LV = likely voters

Democrats n=353,  $\pm 5$ ; Republicans n=312,  $\pm 6$ ; Independents n=199,  $\pm 7$

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

	Approve	Dis-approve	(DK)		Approve	Dis-approve	(DK)
11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7	22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Democrats	87%	8	5	Democrats	92%	4	4
Republicans	16%	76	8	Republicans	24%	66	10
Independents	49%	44	7	Independents	57%	29	14
21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
Democrats	86%	8	6	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	17%	75	8	Republicans	23%	66	11
Independents	54%	36	10	Independents	52%	35	13
9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	88%	8	4	Democrats	92%	3	4
Republicans	28%	62	11	Republicans	30%	56	13
Independents	66%	26	9	Independents	61%	24	15
12-13 May 09	60%	30	9	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Democrats	93%	5	2	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	23%	63	13	Republicans	29%	53	18
Independents	57%	30	13	Independents	62%	19	19
				27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
				Democrats	85%	2	12
				Republicans	37%	36	27
				Independents	64%	16	19

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Hillary Clinton is doing as secretary of state?

	Approve	Dis-approve	(DK)
11-12 Aug 09	66%	24	10
Democrats	89%	5	6
Republicans	38%	49	13
Independents	69%	18	13
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	56%	23	21
Democrats	84%	6	10
Republicans	27%	45	28
Independents	50%	26	24

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	Approve	Dis- approve	(DK)		Approve	Dis- approve	(DK)
11-12 Aug 09	30%	59	11	19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10
Democrats	50%	40	10	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12
Republicans	14%	79	7	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
Independents	22%	62	16	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
RECENT TREND				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	11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7	13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11	16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13	18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11	14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12				

4. In the next congressional election in 2010, are you more likely to:  
 SCALE: 1. Vote for the Democrat to help Barack Obama pass his policies and programs  
 2. Vote for the Republican to provide a check on Obama's power  
 3. (Too soon to say) 4. (Don't know/Refused)

	-- Vote for --			
	Democrat	Republican	(Too soon)	(DK/Ref)
11-12 Aug 09	40%	40	15	5
Democrats	80%	7	10	3
Republicans	3%	86	8	3
Independents	28%	30	31	10
21-22 Jul 09	43%	38	15	4
Democrats	82%	3	13	2
Republicans	5%	83	10	1
Independents	34%	31	24	11
12-13 May 09	47%	35	14	4
Democrats	86%	6	7	2
Republicans	5%	81	11	3
Independents	35%	31	25	9
22-23 Apr 09	46%	33	17	4

5. If you were voting in an election and all you knew about the two competing candidates was that one was the current office holder and the other candidate would be new to the office -- who would you be more inclined to vote for?

SCALE: 1. Current office holder 2. New candidate 3. (Depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Current office holder	New candidate	(Depends)	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	30%	35	27	9
Democrats	43%	21	27	9
Republicans	18%	54	20	8
Independents	23%	30	37	9

6. 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?

	-- Satisfied --			-- Not satisfied --			(Don't know)
	TOTAL	Very	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvty	Not	
11-12 Aug 09	38%	6	32	61	32	29	2
Democrats	59%	10	49	39	29	10	2
Republicans	17%	2	15	82	36	46	1
Independents	35%	4	31	63	31	32	2
22-23 Apr 09	46%	16	30	53	26	27	1
Democrats	73%	26	47	26	19	7	1
Republicans	14%	3	11	86	36	50	1
Independents	40%	12	28	59	28	31	1
13-14 Jan 09	20%	3	17	79	35	44	1

7. Do you think things in the country get better when Congress is in session in Washington or is it better for the country when lawmakers are out of Washington?

SCALE: 1. In session in Washington 2. Out of Washington 3. (Don't know)

	In Washington	Out of Washington	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	40%	38	21
Democrats	56%	23	21
Republicans	27%	54	19
Independents	36%	39	25

8. So far, would you say Obama is doing a better job than you expected him to do, a worse job than you expected or is his job performance about what you expected it to be?

	Better than	Worse than	Same as	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	18%	23	57	1
Democrats	29%	8	61	2
Republicans	11%	35	53	1
Independents	12%	30	57	1
22-23 Apr 09	26%	16	56	2
Democrats	39%	4	56	1
Republicans	12%	34	52	3
Independents	17%	16	64	2

9. Would you like to see Barack Obama on television and in the news more often or less often than you do now?

	More often	Less often	(Same)	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	25%	49	21	5
Democrats	41%	27	27	5
Republicans	11%	73	11	5
Independents	22%	50	25	3
3-4 Mar 09	25%	36	33	5
Democrats	41%	19	36	4
Republicans	13%	63	22	2
Independents	16%	30	45	8

10. 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)
11-12 Aug 09	44%	49	7
Democrats	54%	37	9
Republicans	37%	58	5
Independents	40%	54	6
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	27%	66	7
Democrats	34%	59	7
Republicans	21%	73	6
Independents	23%	67	10
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

11. Do you think your taxes will go up or down under the Obama administration?

	Up	Down	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	75%	16	9
Democrats	57%	28	15
Republicans	95%	4	1
Independents	75%	13	11
13-14 Jan 09	60%	28	13
Democrats	42%	42	16
Republicans	81%	11	8
Independents	63%	24	13

12. 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
Democrats	46%	48	6
Republicans	7%	91	2
Independents	22%	71	7

13. Do you think President Obama is spending enough time trying to fix the economy or is he spending too much time blaming former President Bush?

SCALE: 1. Yes, spending enough time trying to fix economy 2. No, spending too much time blaming Bush 3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	55%	36	9
Democrats	82%	12	7
Republicans	27%	63	11
Independents	54%	37	9

14. So far only a small amount of the \$787 billion dollars in economic stimulus money has been spent. Which do you think would do more to boost the economy -- the government spending the rest of the stimulus money or the government returning the money to the taxpayers?

	Government spending the money	Returning money to taxpayers	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	19%	72	9
Democrats	29%	59	12
Republicans	8%	87	5
Independents	18%	70	12

15. Based on what you know about the health care reform legislation being considered right now, do you favor or oppose the plan?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	34%	49	16
Democrats	61%	21	18
Republicans	8%	81	10
Independents	27%	50	23
21-22 Jul 09	36%	47	16
Democrats	61%	22	17
Republicans	11%	80	9
Independents	33%	43	24

16. (If Favors, n=308 ±6) What is the MAIN reason you favor the reform plan?  
(OPEN-ENDED -- ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind
(Expanded access to health care for my family)	19%	20%	19%	18%
(It is better for children and the poor)	13	8	21	29
(Quality of health care would improve/Better care)	13	14	11	11
(Would lower my health care costs/Save me money)	11	14	8	4
(Everyone should have health care)	8	8	-	9
(System is broken/Need change or reform)	5	5	-	6
(Positive comments general)	3	3	2	-
(Insurance companies have too much control)	1	2	-	1
(Want government-run/Single-payer system)	1	2	-	-
(Would lower govt. costs/Decrease govt. spending)	1	-	-	3
(All of it)	14	13	30	6
(Other)	5	5	8	7
(Don't know)	5	5	2	6

17. (If Opposes, n=445 ±5) What is the MAIN reason you oppose the reform plan?  
(OPEN-ENDED -- ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind
(Quality of health care would get worse)	14%	24%	12%	9%
(Don't want or trust the govt. to run health care)	11	3	15	4
(Would raise my health care costs/Cost me money)	10	9	7	19
(Would increase deficit/Increase govt. spending)	8	8	8	10
(Reduced access to health care/Won't expand access)	8	11	5	11
(Would have to change insurance or plan)	4	4	5	2
(Plan going through too fast/Needs work)	3	4	4	1
(Moving toward socialism/Health care not a right)	4	1	5	3
(Would have to change doctors)	3	3	3	2
(Would restrict choices)	3	-	4	1
(Negative comments in general)	2	-	2	3
(Negative stories about govt. health care in UK, Canada, etc.)	2	1	1	4
(Don't want to pay for abortions)	1	2	1	2
(Hurt seniors/Destroy Medicare)	1	2	1	1
(Too expensive - general)	1	1	1	2
(Don't need reform)	1	1	2	-
(Raise taxes)	1	1	1	-
(Killing elderly/Genocide/End of life)	1	-	1	4
(Congress won't use it)	1	1	-	2
(Free care to illegal immigrants)	1	-	1	1
(All of it)	11	9	13	8
(Need more information)	3	5	2	3
(Other)	5	3	4	7
(Don't know)	3	7	2	2

18. Do you think most Americans would be better off or worse off under the health care reforms being considered or would the reforms not make much of a difference to most Americans across country?

	Better off	Worse off	No difference	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	34%	36	20	10
Democrats	59%	11	18	12
Republicans	9%	62	21	8
Independents	30%	39	22	9

19. Do you think you and your family would be better off or worse off under the health care reforms being considered or would the reforms not make much of a difference to your family?

	Better off	Worse off	No difference	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	20%	35	37	9
Democrats	37%	10	43	10
Republicans	6%	63	24	7
Independents	15%	33	44	9

20. What do you think should be the most important focus for health care reform? (READ LIST)

SCALE: 1. Ensuring all Americans have health insurance 2. Reducing the costs of health care 3. Improving health care coverage for the poor 4. Ensuring health care quality remains the same or improves 5. (All/Combination) 6. (Don't know)

	All Americans have insurance	Reduce costs	Improve coverage for poor	Quality same or improves	(All/Comb)	(DK)
11-12 Aug 09	22%	31	12	20	12	3
Democrats	32%	27	12	13	15	1
Republicans	11%	32	11	33	8	4
Independents	19%	39	13	11	15	3

21. What do you think should be the higher priority for the federal government right now -- cutting taxes or reforming health care?

	Cutting taxes	Reforming health care	(Both equal)	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	40%	49	9	2
Democrats	17%	72	10	2
Republicans	67%	23	8	2
Independents	39%	47	12	2

22. What do you think should be the higher priority for the federal government right now -- reducing the budget deficit or reforming health care?

	Reducing the deficit	Reforming health care	(Both equal)	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	57%	34	6	2
Democrats	34%	55	9	2
Republicans	81%	14	4	1
Independents	59%	32	5	3

23. If you were sick or seriously ill, would you rather receive medical care in the United States or in Canada?

	United States	Canada	(Both/Neither)	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	88%	6	2	4
Democrats	86%	7	1	5
Republicans	92%	3	3	2
Independents	88%	7	2	3

24. When you hear horror stories about what happens in government-run health care systems in other countries, do you think it could happen here under the health care plans that are being proposed or do you think those are rare occurrences that are being highlighted to discourage health care reform?  
 SCALE: 1. Could happen here 2. Rare occurrences 3. (Haven't heard stories) 4. (Don't know)

	Could happen here	Rare occurrences	(Haven't heard)	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	53%	38	3	5
Democrats	30%	60	4	6
Republicans	76%	19	1	4
Independents	58%	31	6	6

25. Which one of the following best describes how you feel about the government being more involved in your health care? (READ LIST)

	Reassured	Frightened	Angry	Indifferent	(Other)	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	19%	31	17	27	3	4
Democrats	37%	16	5	35	3	5
Republicans	3%	51	27	16	1	1
Independents	11%	28	18	32	6	3

26. The Obama administration has asked Americans if they get an email or see something on the web about health insurance reform that seems fishy, to send it to a White House email address. Proponents of this program say the White House is trying to fight misleading information being spread about health reform proposals. Critics of this program say it is asking neighbors to report on neighbors and accuse the White House of compiling an "enemies list." Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for the White House to ask people to do this?

	Appropriate	Inappropriate	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	36%	57	7
Democrats	49%	42	10
Republicans	18%	78	4
Independents	44%	51	6

27. At some recent town hall meetings on the proposed health care reform plans there have been angry protesters shouting at Democratic lawmakers -- do you think this is real, authentic outrage by concerned Americans or are these fake angry mobs planned by lobbyists and other opposition groups?

	Real outrage	Fake angry mobs	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	52%	29	10	10
Democrats	34%	44	11	11
Republicans	74%	14	6	6
Independents	49%	26	14	11

28. Do you feel like the government is getting involved in too many aspects of your life, is it not involved enough in your life or is there the right amount of government involvement in your life?

SCALE: 1. Involved in too many aspects 2. Not involved enough 3. Right amount 4. (Don't know)

	Involved in too many aspects	Not involved enough	Right amount	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	58%	8	31	3
Democrats	37%	10	51	3
Republicans	82%	4	13	1
Independents	58%	14	24	4

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47. What kind of changes do you think Barack Obama has made so far to former President Bush's foreign policy positions -- has he made major changes, minor changes or no real changes at all?

	Major changes	Minor changes	No real changes at all	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	29%	41	26	5
Democrats	39%	42	14	5
Republicans	23%	37	37	2
Independents	22%	43	29	7

48. Last week former President Bill Clinton went to North Korea to help obtain the release of two U.S. reporters who were arrested in March. Do you think U.S. relations with North Korea will improve following Clinton's trip there, will relations get worse or will Clinton's trip not make a difference?

	Will improve	Get worse	No difference	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	30%	7	59	4
Democrats	45%	3	48	5
Republicans	19%	13	65	3
Independents	25%	5	68	2

49. Do you think former President Bill Clinton's meeting with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il and securing the release of the two American journalists will encourage kidnapping of more Americans or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	19%	72	9
Democrats	13%	77	10
Republicans	30%	64	6
Independents	14%	76	10

50. Do you believe the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" should remain on U.S. currency and coins or should it be removed?

	Remain	Removed	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	90%	6	4
Democrats	86%	9	5
Republicans	98%	1	1
Independents	88%	6	6
29-30 Nov 05	93%	4	3
25-26 Apr 05	92%	5	3

51. Do you believe the phrase "under God" should remain in the Pledge of Allegiance or should it be removed?

	Remain	Removed	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	89%	7	4
Democrats	84%	12	4
Republicans	97%	2	-
Independents	88%	6	6
29-30 Nov 05	90%	7	3
27-28 Sep 05	89%	8	3



52. Do you think it should be legal or illegal to display the Ten Commandments on government property?

	Legal	Illegal	(Don't know)
11-12 Aug 09	74%	21	5
Democrats	65%	29	6
Republicans	89%	8	3
Independents	69%	27	4
29-30 Nov 05	76%	15	8
1-2 Mar 05	77%	14	9

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)
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4
9-10 Jun 09	40%	33	23	1
12-13 May 09	42%	30	24	2
22-23 Apr 09	42%	30	22	3
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	42%	33	20	3
3-4 Mar 09	40%	32	22	3
17-18 Feb 09	42%	35	18	3
27-28 Jan 09	44%	30	22	2
13-14 Jan 09	42%	32	21	2
9-10 Dec 08	43%	33	20	2
1-2 Nov 08 LV	42%	36	18	3
28-29 Oct 08 LV	41%	39	16	2
20-21 Oct 08 LV	43%	37	16	2
1-2 Nov 08	41%	36	18	4
28-29 Oct 08	40%	39	17	2
20-21 Oct 08	43%	36	16	2
8-9 Oct 08	41%	34	21	2
22-23 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2
8-9 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2
19-20 Aug 08	42%	35	20	1
22-23 Jul 08	42%	33	19	3
17-18 Jun 08	42%	35	16	3
28-29 Apr 08	44%	30	21	2
18-19 Mar 08	43%	30	21	3
19-20 Feb 08	43%	33	17	4
30-31 Jan 08	42%	33	20	2