

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

15 October 2009

Polling was conducted by telephone October 13-14, 2009, 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=369, ± 5 ; Republicans n=333, ± 5 ; Independents n=148, ± 8

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6	12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Democrats	85%	12	3	Democrats	93%	5	2
Republicans	11%	82	6	Republicans	23%	63	13
Independents	42%	47	11	Independents	57%	30	13
29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8	22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Democrats	84%	11	6	Democrats	92%	4	4
Republicans	16%	78	7	Republicans	24%	66	10
Independents	46%	41	13	Independents	57%	29	14
15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
Democrats	85%	10	5	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	17%	72	11	Republicans	23%	66	11
Independents	51%	42	7	Independents	52%	35	13
11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	87%	8	5	Democrats	92%	3	4
Republicans	16%	76	8	Republicans	30%	56	13
Independents	49%	44	7	Independents	61%	24	15
21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Democrats	86%	8	6	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	17%	75	8	Republicans	29%	53	18
Independents	54%	36	10	Independents	62%	19	19
9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8	27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
Democrats	88%	8	4	Democrats	85%	2	12
Republicans	28%	62	11	Republicans	37%	36	27
Independents	66%	26	9	Independents	64%	16	19

2. - 5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing on the following issues? (READ AND RANDOMIZE LIST)

-- Summary --

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
The economy	48%	49	3
Iran	44%	43	13
Health care	42%	50	9
Afghanistan	41%	43	15

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Health care			
13-14 Oct 09	42%	50	9
Democrats	75%	16	8
Republicans	9%	85	6
Independents	36%	53	11
15-16 Sep 09	44%	48	8
21-22 Jul 09	43%	45	12
The economy			
13-14 Oct 09	48%	49	3
Democrats	78%	18	4
Republicans	17%	81	2
Independents	41%	56	4
15-16 Sep 09	55%	40	5
21-22 Jul 09	50%	43	7
Afghanistan			
13-14 Oct 09	41%	43	15
Democrats	63%	22	15
Republicans	20%	66	14
Independents	38%	46	17
15-16 Sep 09	51%	32	17
Iran			
13-14 Oct 09	44%	43	13
Democrats	70%	19	11
Republicans	19%	68	13
Independents	39%	47	14

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
13-14 Oct 09	24%	66	10	22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11
Democrats	41%	45	14	17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13
Republicans	9%	84	6	28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11
Independents	20%	77	4	18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12
RECENT TREND				19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10
15-16 Sep 09	27%	64	9	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12
11-12 Aug 09	30%	59	11	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
21-22 Jul 09	30%	60	10	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
12-13 May 09	41%	49	10	23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	38%	52	10	9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
3-4 Mar 09	41%	48	10	25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
17-18 Feb 09	39%	50	10	11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
27-28 Jan 09	40%	46	14	21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
13-14 Jan 09	23%	68	10	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
9-10 Dec 08	20%	71	9	15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
1-2 Nov 08	18%	75	7	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
1-2 Nov 08 LV	18%	75	7	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
28-29 Oct 08	17%	76	6	27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
28-29 Oct 08 LV	18%	77	5	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
20-21 Oct 08	19%	72	9	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
20-21 Oct 08 LV	18%	73	8	4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
8-9 Oct 08	13%	77	10	10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9	12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8	29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7	8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17

Questions 7 - 17 released separately

18. Which ONE of the following items do you think is most important for the federal government to be working on right now? (RANDOMIZE LIST)
 SCALE: 1. Fighting terrorism 2. Reforming health care 3. Reducing the deficit and government spending 4. Creating jobs 5. (All) 6. (Other) 7. (Don't know)

	Creating jobs	Deficit & Spending	Health Care	Fighting Terrorism	(All)	(Oth)	(DK)
13-14 Oct 09	40%	25	13	9	12	1	1
Democrats	44%	11	21	7	15	1	1
Republicans	33%	42	4	12	8	-	-
Independents	44%	20	13	6	15	1	1

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Now turning to health care ...

27. 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)
13-14 Oct 09	35%	54	10
Democrats	65%	23	12
Republicans	8%	86	6
Independents	23%	62	15
29-30 Sep 09	33%	53	14
15-16 Sep 09	38%	48	14
11-12 Aug 09	34%	49	16
21-22 Jul 09	36%	47	16

28. Thinking about health care reform, which one of the following actions would you prefer Congress take?

SCALE: 1. Reform the entire health care system 2. Focus reforms on providing health insurance to those who don't have it 3. Do nothing and leave the current system in place 4. (Don't know)

	Reform the entire system	Focus reforms on uninsured	Do nothing	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	27%	50	18	5
Democrats	37%	54	6	3
Republicans	15%	49	31	5
Independents	28%	45	21	6

29. Which would you prefer -- the current health care system or the health care plan proposed by the Democrats in Congress?

	Current health care system	Democrats' proposed plan	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	51%	34	15
Democrats	21%	61	18
Republicans	84%	7	9
Independents	53%	28	19

For Reference: Which would you prefer -- the current health care system or the health care plan proposed by President Obama?

	Current health care system	President Obama's proposed system	(Don't know)
15-16 Sep 09	46%	37	16

30. 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)
13-14 Oct 09	18%	36	40	5
Democrats	28%	12	55	5
Republicans	8%	61	25	6
Independents	17%	38	43	3
15-16 Sep 09	22%	36	35	6
11-12 Aug 09	20%	35	37	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)
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
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