

# FOX NEWS POLL

## OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone December 14-15, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters Democrats n=314,  $\pm 5.5$ ; Republicans n=346,  $\pm 5$ ; Independents n=187,  $\pm 7$

### 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 (14-15 Dec 10)	40%	51	9
High (27-28 Jan 09)	65%	16	19
Low (14-15 Dec 10)	40%	51	9
Average	50%	42	

	Approve	Disapprove (DK)		Approve	Disapprove (DK)		
14-15 Dec 10	40%	51	9	13-14 Jul 10	43%	48	9
Democrats	75%	15	10	29-30 Jun 10	47%	45	9
Republicans	10%	85	5	8-9 Jun 10	46%	45	8
Independents	37%	48	15	18-19 May 10	45%	46	8
<b>TREND</b>				4-5 May 10	48%	43	9
26-28 Oct 10 RV	41%	50	9	20-21 Apr 10	46%	46	8
Democrats	79%	14	7	6-7 Apr 10	43%	48	9
Republicans	6%	86	8	16-17 Mar 10	46%	48	6
Independents	37%	49	14	23-24 Feb 10	47%	45	8
26-28 Oct 10 LV	40%	55	5	2-3 Feb 10	46%	47	7
11-13 Oct 10 RV	43%	47	9	12-13 Jan 10	50%	42	8
Democrats	78%	14	8	8-9 Dec 09	50%	44	7
Republicans	9%	86	4	17-18 Nov 09	46%	46	8
Independents	39%	47	14	27-28 Oct 09	50%	41	10
11-13 Oct 10 LV	43%	52	5	13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6
28-29 Sep 10	42%	49	9	29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8
Democrats	77%	11	12	15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8
Republicans	10%	86	5	11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7
Independents	35%	56	9	21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8
14-16 Sep 10	42%	52	6	9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8
Democrats	80%	14	6	12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Republicans	8%	88	4	22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Independents	39%	50	11	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
1-2 Sep 10	46%	48	6	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
10-11 Aug 10	43%	49	8	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
27-28 Jul 10	43%	50	7	27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19

2. What are your expectations for Barack Obama's presidency? Do you think he will be:

SCALE: 1. One of the country's greatest presidents 2. A good president  
 3. An average president 4. A below average president  
 5. One of the country's worst presidents 6. (Don't know)

	One of Greatest	Good	Average	Below average	One of Worst	(DK)
14-15 Dec 10	5%	24	33	19	15	3
Democrats	9%	48	31	9	1	3
Republicans	1%	6	31	31	29	2
Independents	6%	20	40	18	12	3
8-9 Dec 09	13%	30	24	12	16	5
Democrats	26%	51	15	3	1	3
Republicans	2%	9	33	22	30	5
Independents	8%	29	28	10	17	8
9-10 Dec 08	19%	43	23	5	6	4
Democrats	30%	56	10	1	1	2
Republicans	5%	27	40	10	13	5
Independents	18%	43	23	5	5	7

3. Just your best guess -- as of today, do you think Barack Obama will be re-elected president in 2012, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
14-15 Dec 10	29%	64	7
Democrats	49%	42	9
Republicans	10%	86	4
Independents	31%	63	7
8-9 Dec 09	44%	46	9
Democrats	71%	19	10
Republicans	20%	73	8
Independents	46%	44	10

4. Considering how President Obama has performed so far, do you think he deserves to be re-elected, or would the country probably be better off with someone else as president?

	Deserves to be re-elected	Better off with someone else	(Depends/ Too soon)	(Don't know)
14-15 Dec 10	35%	53	9	4
Democrats	67%	20	9	3
Republicans	7%	84	6	3
Independents	32%	50	12	6
1-2 Sep 10	38%	49	11	2
Democrats	73%	19	7	1
Republicans	9%	84	6	1
Independents	24%	48	24	4

For reference: Considering how President Bush has performed so far, do you think he deserves to be reelected or would the country probably be better off with someone else as president?

	Deserves to be re-elected	Better off with someone else	(Depends)	(Don't know)
29-30 Jul 03	47%	40	8	5
22-23 Aug 01	36%	42	13	9

5. Thinking about the 2012 presidential election, do you think having Republicans in control of the House of Representatives will:

SCALE: 1. Help President Obama win re-election because he will be more likely to govern from the center, or 2. Hurt President Obama's chance for re-election because Republicans can block his agenda 3. (Some of both) 4. (Don't know)

	Help Obama win	Hurt Obama's chance	(Some of both)	(Don't know)
14-15 Dec 10	24%	54	7	15
Democrats	27%	60	2	12
Republicans	21%	52	8	18
Independents	25%	52	12	12

6. Hypothetically, if you had to make the choice, who would you prefer as president right now -- George W. Bush or Barack Obama?

	Bush	Obama	(Neither)	(Don't know)
14-15 Dec 10	40%	48	9	3
Democrats	9%	85	4	2
Republicans	73%	13	9	4
Independents	31%	51	16	2
1-2 Sep 10	41%	49	8	2
Democrats	9%	87	3	1
Republicans	80%	11	7	2
Independents	32%	48	19	2

7. All in all, for you and your family, how do you feel about the year that is ending -- would you say 2010 has been a good year or a bad year?

	Good year	Bad year	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
14-15 Dec 10	40%	48	12	1
Democrats	50%	38	11	1
Republicans	32%	59	9	-
Independents	36%	44	19	-
8-9 Dec 09*	34%	50	14	1
Democrats	43%	39	17	1
Republicans	27%	62	10	1
Independents	33%	50	16	2

\*Wording: "...2009 has been..."

8. Do you expect next year to be a better or worse year for you?

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
14-15 Dec 10	69%	13	14	4
Democrats	79%	7	10	4
Republicans	60%	17	19	4
Independents	76%	10	11	3

9. Are you happy or unhappy about the outcome of the 2010 midterm elections? (If happy or unhappy) Is that very or only somewhat?

	Very happy	Somewhat happy	Somewhat unhappy	Very unhappy	(Don't care)	(Don't know)
14-15 Dec 10	19%	41	17	10	5	8
Democrats	7%	34	28	20	4	7
Republicans	32%	46	9	3	3	6
Independents	14%	44	15	7	7	12
3-4 Dec 02*	28%	35	17	10	-	10
Democrats	9%	31	30	21	-	10
Republicans	51%	35	5	1	-	8
Independents	16%	41	20	9	-	14

\*Wording: "...the 2002 midterm elections..." and "Don't care/Don't know" combined

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)
14-15 Dec 10	35%	38	21	4	2
26-28 Oct 10 RV	37%	37	18	5	3
26-28 Oct 10 LV	37%	41	17	4	2
11-13 Oct 10 RV	39%	34	19	5	3
11-13 Oct 10 LV	40%	39	15	4	2
28-29 Sep 10	39%	36	19	3	3
14-16 Sep 10	37%	41	17	3	2
1-2 Sep 10	39%	37	20	3	1
10-11 Aug 10	38%	40	17	3	2
27-28 Jul 10	37%	41	16	3	3
13-14 Jul 10	37%	38	18	4	3
29-30 Jun 10	38%	36	20	3	3
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
20-21 Apr 10	41%	36	18	2	2
6-7 Apr 10	40%	36	18	4	2
16-17 Mar 10	40%	37	18	4	2
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