

# FOX NEWS POLL

## OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone March 3-4, 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=361,  $\pm 5$ ; Republicans n=285,  $\pm 6$ ; independents n=197,  $\pm 7$

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11	27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
Democrats	92%	3	4	Democrats	85%	2	12
Republicans	30%	56	13	Republicans	37%	36	27
Independents	61%	24	15	Independents	64%	16	19
17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14				
Democrats	90%	5	5				
Republicans	29%	53	18				
Independents	62%	19	19				

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
3-4 Mar 09	41%	48	10	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
Democrats	66%	26	8	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
Republicans	20%	72	8	23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22
Independents	33%	54	13	9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
RECENT TREND				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
22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11	11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13	13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11	16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12	18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10	14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16
30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12				

3. As of now, do you think Barack Obama is meeting, exceeding or falling below expectations?

	Meeting expectations	Exceeding expectations	Falling below expectations	(Too soon to tell)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	52%	14	23	10	1
Democrats	67%	23	4	5	-
Republicans	36%	4	48	11	1
Independents	52%	15	20	12	2
13-14 Jan 09	53%	14	11	20	2
Democrats	62%	20	3	14	2
Republicans	44%	6	21	28	1
Independents	50%	13	12	23	2

4. 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)
3-4 Mar 09	25%	36	33	5
Democrats	41%	19	36	4
Republicans	13%	63	22	2
Independents	16%	30	45	8

5. Do you think Barack Obama is keeping the promises he made during the campaign, or do you think he is drifting off course from what he promised?

	Keeping promises	Drifting off course	(Keeping some/ changing others)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	58%	28	8	6
Democrats	80%	10	6	4
Republicans	31%	52	8	9
Independents	61%	23	13	3

6. In general, do you think Barack Obama believes in bigger government that provides more services, or does he believe in smaller government that provides fewer services?

	Bigger government more services	Smaller government fewer services	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	77%	11	13
Democrats	76%	11	13
Republicans	85%	9	6
Independents	70%	11	19

7. If the economy improves over the next two years, who do you think will deserve the most credit -- the government or the private sector? (ROTATE)

	Government	Private sector	(Both)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	40%	35	17	8
Democrats	58%	18	18	6
Republicans	23%	57	10	9
Independents	35%	30	27	7

8. What do you think the recently passed economic stimulus and spending plan and Barack Obama's new budget plan are really intended to do? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Fix the nation's economy 2. Push the Democratic Party's agenda

3. (Both) 4. (Don't know)

	Fix the economy	Push the Democratic Party's agenda	(Both)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	55%	30	10	5
Democrats	79%	9	8	5
Republicans	27%	59	7	6
Independents	54%	25	18	3

9. Which of the following statements do you agree with more? (ROTATE)  
 SCALE: 1. I'd rather pay higher taxes to support a larger government that provides more services. 2. I'd rather pay lower taxes and have a smaller government that provides fewer services. 3. (Don't know)

	Higher taxes/ larger government	Lower taxes/ smaller government	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	35%	55	9
Democrats	57%	33	10
Republicans	12%	83	5
Independents	31%	57	12
24-25 Jan 06	34%	52	14
21-22 Jan 04	38%	45	17
6-7 May 03	34%	50	16
4-5 Oct 00	32%	52	16
7-8 Apr 98	30%	58	12
11-12 Jun 97	31%	58	11

10. Do you think all the doom and gloom talk and constant focus on the economy is actually making the economy worse, or is the talk not making much of a difference?

	Making economy worse	Not making a difference	(Making it better)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	55%	38	3	4
Democrats	44%	47	4	5
Republicans	69%	28	1	2
Independents	57%	36	4	3

11. Do you think raising taxes in an economic downturn is a good idea or a bad idea?

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	23%	69	8
Democrats	31%	58	11
Republicans	12%	86	2
Independents	26%	66	9
22-23 Sep 08	16%	74	11

12. In thinking about funding the federal government, which of the following statements do you believe?

SCALE: 1. The federal government has plenty of money of its own without using taxpayer dollars, or 2. The federal government is entirely funded by taxes and taxpayer dollars 3. (Neither) 4. (Don't know)

	Government has own money	Government funded by taxpayers	(Neither)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	24%	65	8	3
Democrats	26%	62	8	3
Republicans	21%	68	7	4
Independents	24%	67	6	3

13. Do you support or oppose raising taxes on households earning over \$250,000 a year and, at the same time, lowering taxes for most other households?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	66%	30	3
Democrats	86%	13	2
Republicans	41%	53	5
Independents	71%	27	2

14. What do you think the nation's economy needs more of right now -- the economic policies of Ronald Reagan or the economic policies of Barack Obama?

	Ronald Reagan	Barack Obama	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	40%	49	11
Democrats	14%	78	9
Republicans	76%	16	9
Independents	35%	50	15

15. Since last fall, the federal government has spent hundreds of billions of dollars to stabilize the nation's economy. Which of the following statements do you think best describes the actions the government has taken?

SCALE: 1. Government actions are basically working and without them things could have been a lot worse. 2. Government actions are basically failing and without them things would be the same as they are today or even better.

3. (Too soon to tell) 4. (Don't know)

	Government actions working	Government actions failing	(Too soon to tell)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	38%	44	14	4
Democrats	59%	24	12	4
Republicans	18%	67	11	4
Independents	32%	45	19	4

16. Do you think Vice President Joe Biden is the right person to oversee implementation of the stimulus and spending plan recently passed by Congress, or do you think there is someone better for the job?

SCALE: 1. Biden is the right person for the job 2. Someone else would be better

3. (Don't know)

	Biden right for the job	Someone else would be better	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	45%	41	14
Democrats	67%	22	10
Republicans	21%	65	14
Independents	44%	39	17

17. - 19. How likely do you think it is that the economic stimulus and spending bill will:

SCALE: 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Not very likely 4. Not at all likely

5. (Don't know)

	Likely		Not likely		DK
	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not	
Create new jobs?	26%	44	16	11	2
Democrats	40%	47	8	4	1
Republicans	11%	38	27	21	4
Independents	25%	46	16	10	3
Stabilize the housing market?	15%	43	24	15	3
Democrats	21%	60	12	4	3
Republicans	5%	26	39	28	2
Independents	19%	40	26	13	3
Reverse the stock market decline?	13%	37	24	20	6
Democrats	17%	53	16	8	6
Republicans	6%	18	34	38	4
Independents	15%	35	27	17	7

20. - 26. For each of the following items I read, please tell me whether you feel very confident about it, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident. First, how confident do you feel...

SCALE: 1. Very confident 2. Somewhat confident 3. Not very confident 4. Not at all confident 5. (Don't know) 6. (Not employed)

(RANDOMIZE)

\*\*\*\*\*SUMMARY CHART\*\*\*\*\*

	"Very" Confident
Your ability to pay your mortgage or rent	57%
Stability of the bank where you keep your money	53%
Making decisions about your personal financial investments	39%
Future security of your job	32%
Personal financial future	32%
The safety of your retirement funds	23%
U.S. stock market	11%

	- Confident -		- Not confident -		
	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not	(DK)
<b>In your ability to pay your mortgage or rent?</b>					
Democrats	57%	26	7	3	7
Republicans	58%	27	7	3	6
Independents	60%	25	5	2	8
22-23 Sep 08	54%	29	6	4	7
22-23 Sep 08	56%	29	6	3	7
<b>In the stability of the bank where you keep your money?</b>					
Democrats	53%	36	6	4	1
Republicans	56%	35	6	3	-
Independents	53%	35	6	4	2
22-23 Sep 08	50%	41	3	5	1
22-23 Sep 08	52%	35	8	3	1
22-23 Jul 08	60%	27	7	3	3
<b>About making decisions about your personal financial investments?</b>					
Democrats	39%	35	14	9	3
Republicans	40%	37	13	8	3
Independents	38%	37	15	7	2
22-23 Sep 08	40%	31	16	10	3
9-10 Oct 07	36%	40	16	5	3
9-10 Oct 07	46%	34	11	6	3
<b>About your own personal financial future?</b>					
Democrats	32%	47	13	6	2
Republicans	34%	47	13	6	2
Independents	31%	45	16	5	3
22-23 Sep 08	32%	51	10	6	1
9-10 Oct 07	32%	49	12	4	2
3-4 Jun 03	37%	43	13	6	2
9-10 Jan 02	26%	48	17	6	3
10-11 Jan 01	36%	45	11	3	5
19-20 May 99	32%	50	10	4	4
19-20 May 99	36%	47	11	2	4

	- Confident -		- Not confident -		
	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not	(DK)
In the safety of your retirement funds?	23%	30	25	16	6
Democrats	24%	33	23	14	6
Republicans	20%	26	31	18	4
Independents	25%	34	20	15	7
22-23 Sep 08	26%	39	19	12	4
In the U.S. stock market?	11%	30	31	21	7
Democrats	12%	32	29	19	9
Republicans	10%	30	33	22	4
Independents	14%	30	28	22	6
22-23 Sep 08	8%	38	28	20	6
9-10 Oct 07	21%	44	17	10	8
28-29 Oct 03	17%	43	21	12	7
8-9 Apr 03	12%	34	24	19	11
12-13 Mar 02	18%	35	19	15	13

	- Confident -		- Not confident -			(Not emp.)
	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not	(DK)	
About the future security of your job?	32%	28	10	5	2	23
Democrats	33%	27	12	4	2	22
Republicans	36%	29	8	4	2	22
Independents	26%	32	8	8	-	25
22-23 Sep 08	37%	27	10	5	20**	
9-10 Oct 07*	51%	31	9	5	4	
20-21 Oct 99*	62%	25	8	3	2	

\*Only asked of those who are employed

\*\* Sept 2008 Don't know & not employed combined

27. Do you think asking the wealthiest Americans to pay more in taxes is a good idea because it levels the economic and social playing field, or a bad idea because it punishes hard work and success?

SCALE: 1. Good idea because it levels the playing field 2. Bad idea because it punishes hard work and success 3. (Don't know)

	Good idea/ levels field	Bad idea/ punishes success	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	55%	39	6
Democrats	75%	21	4
Republicans	29%	66	5
Independents	60%	34	7

28. How much money would your family have to make in a year for you to consider yourself to be rich?

	3-4 Mar 09	6-7 Aug 97
1. (Less than \$50,000)	3%	5%
2. (\$51,000 - \$75,000)	6	10
3. (\$76,000 - \$100,000)	9	11
4. (\$101,000 - \$150,000)	9	18
5. (\$151,000 - \$250,000)	13	12
6. (\$251,000 - \$500,000)	20	8
7. (\$501,000 - \$1,000,000)	13	8
8. (Over \$1,000,000)	12	9
9. (Don't know)	15	19

29. In general, do you think rich people in this country are more likely to be:  
(ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Greedy people who only look out for themselves 2. Generous people who create jobs and give to charity 3. (Depends/Mixed) 4. (Don't know)

	Greedy	Generous	(Depends/Mixed)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	36%	36	25	3
Democrats	44%	24	29	2
Republicans	23%	57	17	3
Independents	39%	29	31	1

30. Do you agree or disagree with the following sentiment? You cannot make the poor rich by making the rich poor.

	Agree	Disagree	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	72%	22	5
Democrats	65%	28	8
Republicans	84%	14	2
Independents	69%	26	6
6-7 Aug 97	70%	22	8

31. How likely do you think it is that you or your spouse will have to delay retirement because of losses in 401(k) or retirement savings accounts?

SCALE: 1. Very likely 2. Somewhat likely 3. Not very likely 4. Not likely at all 5. (Already happened) 6. (Don't know/Refused)

	Likely		Not likely		(DK)	(Already happened)
	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not		
3-4 Mar 09	25%	24	19	16	9	7
Democrats	23%	28	16	16	9	7
Republicans	26%	20	22	18	8	6
Independents	22%	26	22	14	9	7
41-64 year olds	32%	29	14	15	6	5
8-9 Oct 02 LV	19%	17	16	30	13	5

32. Overall, whose judgment would you say you trust more when it comes to important national issues -- your own judgment or that of Members of Congress?  
(ROTATE)

	My own judgment	Members of Congress	(Depends)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	60%	27	10	3
Democrats	51%	35	10	4
Republicans	74%	15	8	3
Independents	55%	32	10	3

33. In general, do you believe Barack Obama's priorities and policies are more likely to significantly help the country or seriously harm the country?

	Significantly help	Seriously harm	(Neither/Mixed)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	63%	25	10	2
Democrats	90%	4	5	1
Republicans	32%	54	11	3
Independents	61%	22	14	2

34. Which of the following best describes your view of the federal government today?

SCALE: 1. Government is too big 2. Government is too small 3. Government is the right size 4. (Don't know)

	Too big	Too small	Right size	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	56%	9	31	4
Democrats	38%	12	46	4
Republicans	78%	5	16	2
Independents	55%	9	31	5

35. Do you think the Obama administration is portraying the economic crisis to be worse than it really is, not as bad as it really is, or is the administration giving a fairly accurate portrayal of the economic crisis?

SCALE: 1. Worse than it really is 2. Not as bad as it really is

3. Accurate portrayal 4. (Don't know)

	Worse than it is	Not as bad as it is	Accurate portrayal	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	23%	16	58	3
Democrats	13%	12	73	1
Republicans	37%	20	39	4
Independents	22%	18	58	2

36. Have you gone to the government's web site to see how the money in the economic stimulus and spending bill is being spent?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	25%	75	1
Democrats	22%	78	-
Republicans	28%	72	-
Independents	26%	72	2

37. Do you think it is possible the country -- meaning the United States government -- could go bankrupt?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	61%	36	4
Democrats	59%	38	3
Republicans	65%	31	4
Independents	58%	39	3

38. Do you favor or oppose limiting the number of terms members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, including your own senators and representatives, can serve?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	70%	24	6
Democrats	65%	30	5
Republicans	75%	18	7
Independents	72%	23	4
14-15 Jun 05	68%	21	11

39. Does Barack Obama seem more like a world leader or more like a celebrity? (ROTATE)

	World leader	Celebrity	(Both)	(Don't know)
3-4 Mar 09	49%	35	12	4
Democrats	73%	12	13	2
Republicans	18%	69	8	5
Independents	53%	28	15	4



Changing topics now ...

40. - 42. Please tell me whether or not you have done any of the following.  
Have you ever done a Google search of:

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
Yourself?	41%	59	1
Democrats	37%	62	-
Republicans	44%	56	1
Independents	43%	55	1
Someone you used to date?	18%	82	-
Democrats	22%	77	1
Republicans	14%	86	-
Independents	17%	83	-
Your neighbors?	11%	89	-
Democrats	13%	87	-
Republicans	10%	90	-
Independents	7%	93	-

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