

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

18 March 2010

Polling was conducted by telephone March 16-17, 2010, 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=356, ± 5 ; Republicans n=329, ± 5 ; Independents n=164, ± 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 (16-17 Mar 10)	46%	48	6
High (27-28 Jan 09)	65%	16	19
Low (16-17 Mar 10)	46%	48	6
Average	54%	37	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
16-17 Mar 10	46%	48	6
Democrats	80%	15	5
Republicans	12%	84	4
Independents	47%	45	8
TREND			
23-24 Feb 10	47%	45	8
Democrats	82%	11	7
Republicans	14%	80	6
Independents	38%	51	12
2-3 Feb 10	46%	47	7
Democrats	81%	12	7
Republicans	14%	82	5
Independents	45%	47	8
12-13 Jan 10	50%	42	8
Democrats	84%	11	5
Republicans	13%	81	6
Independents	45%	38	16
8-9 Dec 09	50%	44	7
Democrats	86%	10	4
Republicans	18%	74	8
Independents	44%	48	8
17-18 Nov 09	46%	46	8
Democrats	85%	9	6
Republicans	15%	80	4
Independents	34%	51	15
27-28 Oct 09	50%	41	10
Democrats	84%	10	6
Republicans	15%	79	7
Independents	49%	34	17
13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
Democrats	85%	12	3
Republicans	11%	82	6
Independents	42%	47	11
29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8
Democrats	84%	11	6
Republicans	16%	78	7
Independents	46%	41	13
15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8
Democrats	85%	10	5
Republicans	17%	72	11
Independents	51%	42	7
11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7
Democrats	87%	8	5
Republicans	16%	76	8
Independents	49%	44	7
21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8
Democrats	86%	8	6
Republicans	17%	75	8
Independents	54%	36	10
9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8
Democrats	88%	8	4
Republicans	28%	62	11
Independents	66%	26	9
12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Democrats	93%	5	2
Republicans	23%	63	13
Independents	57%	30	13

	Approve	Dis approve (DK)	
22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Democrats	92%	4	4
Republicans	24%	66	10
Independents	57%	29	14
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	23%	66	11
Independents	52%	35	13

	Approve	Dis approve (DK)	
3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	92%	3	4
Republicans	30%	56	13
Independents	61%	24	15
17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	29%	53	18
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 Congress is doing?

	Approve	Dis approve (DK)		Approve	Dis approve (DK)		
16-17 Mar 10	18%	76	7	22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9
Democrats	28%	63	10	8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8
Republicans	10%	87	3	19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7
Independents	14%	80	6	22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11
RECENT TREND				17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13
23-24 Feb 10	14%	80	6	28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11
2-3 Feb 10	22%	69	8	18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12
12-13 Jan 10	27%	63	10	19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10
8-9 Dec 09	33%	59	8	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12
17-18 Nov 09	26%	63	11	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
13-14 Oct 09	24%	66	10	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
15-16 Sep 09	27%	64	9	23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22
11-12 Aug 09	30%	59	11	9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
21-22 Jul 09	30%	60	10	25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
12-13 May 09	41%	49	10	11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	38%	52	10	21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
3-4 Mar 09	41%	48	10	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
17-18 Feb 09	39%	50	10	15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
27-28 Jan 09	40%	46	14	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
13-14 Jan 09	23%	68	10	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
9-10 Dec 08	20%	71	9	27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
1-2 Nov 08	18%	75	7	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
1-2 Nov 08 LV	18%	75	7	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
28-29 Oct 08	17%	76	6	4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
28-29 Oct 08 LV	18%	77	5	10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
20-21 Oct 08	19%	72	9	12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
20-21 Oct 08 LV	18%	73	8	29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
8-9 Oct 08	13%	77	10	8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Nancy Pelosi is doing as speaker of the House?

	Approve	Dis approve (DK)	
16-17 Mar 10	31%	57	13
Democrats	56%	28	16
Republicans	9%	83	8
Independents	25%	65	10

4. When a U.S. Senator or Member of Congress feels strongly about a major issue and that issue is dividing the nation, what do you think they should do? (READ AND ROTATE RESPONSES 1 AND 2)

SCALE: 1. Stick to their principles and vote their conscience
 2. Give in a little and try to find a compromise with the other side
 3. (Depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Vote their conscience	Find a compromise	(Depends)	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	32%	55	9	4
Democrats	21%	68	7	3
Republicans	43%	44	10	3
Independents	36%	52	6	6

Questions 5-7 released separately.

8. Do you feel your views are represented by the federal government right now, or not?

	Yes they are	No they aren't	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	21%	75	4
Democrats	35%	58	7
Republicans	7%	92	1
Independents	19%	78	3

9. Which one of following people do you have the most respect for -- President Barack Obama, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, or Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Roberts? (ROTATE)

	President Obama	Speaker Pelosi	Chief Justice Roberts	(All)	(None)	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	46%	3	37	2	9	3
Democrats	76%	4	12	3	4	2
Republicans	14%	2	67	1	12	4
Independents	48%	2	35	1	11	3

10. In general, do you think Barack Obama has the right ideas or the wrong ideas for America's future?

	Right ideas	Wrong ideas	(Some of both)	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	52%	41	5	2
Democrats	84%	8	4	3
Republicans	18%	77	4	1
Independents	53%	36	8	3

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

11. Do you think Congress cares what the American people want and tries to follow the will of the people, or do you think Congress does whatever it wants to do?

	Congress cares what Americans want	Congress does whatever it wants to do	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	17%	79	3
Democrats	25%	71	4
Republicans	13%	85	1
Independents	11%	86	3

12. Do you think the Obama administration is in touch with what the American people want, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	46%	50	3
Democrats	80%	17	3
Republicans	14%	84	2
Independents	42%	52	6

13. So far, do you think the Obama administration has started to bring real change to Washington or is it more of the same partisan politics?

	Real change	More of the same	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	33%	63	4
Democrats	50%	46	4
Republicans	18%	79	3
Independents	33%	61	6
27-28 Oct 09	39%	56	5
22-23 Apr 09	51%	40	9
17-18 Feb 09	45%	46	9

14. Do you think Barack Obama is on television too much, about the right amount or is Obama not on television often enough?

	Too much	About right	Not often enough	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	31%	50	11	9
Democrats	12%	65	15	8
Republicans	49%	37	5	10
Independents	33%	47	13	7
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	31%	54	8	7

Questions 15-22 released separately

23. 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)
16-17 Mar 10	35%	55	10
Democrats	66%	23	12
Republicans	6%	88	6
Independents	34%	53	13
12-13 Jan 10	39%	51	10
8-9 Dec 09	34%	57	9
17-18 Nov 09	35%	51	14
13-14 Oct 09	35%	54	10
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

24. (If opposed, Q23=2, n=493) Which one of the following comes closest to describing the MAIN reason you oppose the health care legislation?
 SCALE: 1. It is too big and tries to do too much too quickly 2. It will cost too much 3. It will reduce the quality of health care 4. (All)
 5. (No public option) 6. (Other) 7. (Don't know)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. It is too big and tries to do too much too quickly	19%	31%	17%	11%
2. It will cost too much	22	17	24	20
3. It will reduce the quality of health care	30	37	28	31
4. (All)	26	11	28	32
5. (No public option)	-	-	-	-
6. (Other)	2	3	1	5
7. (Don't know)	1	1	1	3

25. Which one of the following do you think would be the best course of action for Congress to take on health care reform legislation this year -- pass the current health care reforms that are being considered, toss out the current legislation and start over, or do nothing on health care for now?
 SCALE: 1. Pass the current health care reform legislation 2. Toss out the current legislation and start over 3. Do nothing on health care for now
 4. (Don't know)

	Pass current			
	Reform	Start over	Do nothing	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	30%	46	19	4
Democrats	58%	27	10	5
Republicans	7%	61	29	4
Independents	22%	59	14	5
2-3 Feb 10	23%	47	23	7

26. Do you think the quality of health care for you and your family would be better or worse under the health care reforms being considered?

	Better	Worse	(No difference)	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	27%	52	14	8
Democrats	52%	21	18	8
Republicans	4%	83	8	4
Independents	19%	50	18	13
8-9 Dec 09	28%	52	15	6
21-22 Jul 09	29%	45	17	9

27. For you personally, do you think the health care reforms being considered would cost you money or save you money?

	Cost	Save	(About same as	(Don't know)
	me money	me money	it does now)	
16-17 Mar 10	66%	22	7	6
Democrats	39%	41	12	7
Republicans	91%	4	2	3
Independents	69%	15	7	9
8-9 Dec 09	64%	23	7	6
21-22 Jul 09	58%	24	9	8

28. If major health care reform legislation is passed, do you think your taxes will increase, decrease or stay about the same?

	Increase	Decrease	Stay about the same	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	75%	2	20	3
Democrats	53%	4	38	5
Republicans	95%	-	4	1
Independents	77%	5	13	4
21-22 Jul 09	79%	1	18	2

29. Some Americans choose not to buy health insurance even though they can afford it. The president's plan requires all Americans who can afford it to have some form of health insurance or else pay a penalty. Failure to pay the penalty would result in an even larger fine, a jail sentence of up to one-year, or both. Do you think the government should be able to require all Americans who can afford it to have health insurance or pay a penalty, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	29%	68	3
Democrats	48%	47	4
Republicans	11%	88	1
Independents	26%	71	4
29-30 Sep 09	33%	62	5

For reference: Some Americans choose not to buy health insurance even though they can afford it. Do you think the government should be able to require all Americans who can afford it to have some form of health insurance, even if they don't want it?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
15-16 Sep 09	42%	54	3

30. Do you think passing health care legislation will create jobs, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	36%	56	8
Democrats	49%	38	12
Republicans	21%	74	5
Independents	38%	56	6

31. Do you think passing health care legislation will boost the nation's economy, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	30%	64	6
Democrats	56%	36	8
Republicans	7%	88	4
Independents	25%	71	5

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

32. Some people say President Obama is truly trying to find a middle ground with Republicans on health care, while others say he is only pushing the Democratic agenda. Which of these positions is closer to your own?

SCALE: 1. Obama is truly trying to find middle ground with Republicans

2. Obama is only pushing the Democratic agenda 3. (In between/Mixed)

4. (Don't know)

	Middle ground	Pushing agenda	(In between /Mixed)	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	43%	48	4	5
Democrats	73%	18	4	5
Republicans	14%	83	1	2
Independents	41%	43	10	6

33. Some people say Republicans in Congress are truly trying to find a middle ground with President Obama on health care, while others say they only want to block President Obama's agenda for political advantage. Which of these positions is closer to your own?

SCALE: 1. Republicans are truly trying to find middle ground with Obama
 2. Republicans are only trying to block President Obama's agenda
 3. (Republicans are only pushing the Republican agenda) 4. (In between/Mixed)
 5. (Don't know)

	Middle ground	Block Obama	Pushing agenda	(In between /Mixed)	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	31%	55	4	5	5
Democrats	15%	75	4	2	3
Republicans	52%	38	2	4	4
Independents	29%	49	7	9	5

34. Which one of the following comes closest to what you would like to see lawmakers do next if Congress passes a health care bill -- would you like lawmakers to repeal the bill, expand the bill, or leave it as is?

	Repeal	Expand	Leave as is	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	45%	29	18	9
Democrats	14%	51	24	11
Republicans	77%	9	8	6
Independents	45%	24	22	9

35. Which one of the following comes closest to what you would like to see lawmakers do next if Congress DOESN'T pass a health care bill this year -- would you like lawmakers to: (READ RESPONSES 1-3)

SCALE: 1. Keep trying to pass the current bill 2. Start over from scratch with a new bill 3. Drop it and work on other issues 4. (Don't know)

	Keep trying	Start over	Drop it	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	19%	42	36	2
Democrats	37%	42	18	3
Republicans	4%	43	52	1
Independents	16%	40	40	3

36. Based on what you know, do you think Nancy Pelosi and Congressional Democrats are playing by the rules to get health care legislation passed or are they changing the rules?

	Playing by the rules	Changing the rules	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	31%	53	16
Democrats	53%	27	19
Republicans	11%	78	11
Independents	29%	57	14

37. Some people think President Obama is showing strong leadership in his efforts to pass health care legislation by staying the course even in the face of opposition, while other people think he is showing stubbornness by ignoring opposition to the health care proposals and moving ahead anyway. Which is closer to your view?

SCALE: 1. President is showing leadership 2. President is showing stubbornness
 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Leadership	Stubbornness	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
16-17 Mar 10	47%	45	4	2	2
Democrats	79%	14	3	2	3
Republicans	15%	79	3	2	1
Independents	47%	42	7	-	3

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)
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
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4	2
9-10 Jun 09	40%	33	23	1	2
12-13 May 09	42%	30	24	2	2
22-23 Apr 09	42%	30	22	3	4
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	42%	33	20	3	2
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