

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone April 22 - 23, 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 = 375, ± 5 ; Republicans n = 270, ± 6 ; independents n = 194, ± 7
 Obama voters n = 477, ± 4.5 ; McCain voters n = 303, ± 6
 Sample A = 460, ± 5 and Sample B = 440, ± 5

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

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	Approve	approve	(DK)		Approve	approve	(DK)
22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	92%	4	4	Democrats	92%	3	4
Republicans	24%	66	10	Republicans	30%	56	13
Independents	57%	29	14	Independents	61%	24	15
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Democrats	90%	5	5	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	23%	66	11	Republicans	29%	53	18
Independents	52%	35	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 Joe Biden is doing as vice president?

	Approve	Disapprove (Don't know)	
22-23 Apr 09	53%	26	20
Democrats	81%	5	13
Republicans	24%	53	23
Independents	44%	30	26

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3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove (Don't know)	
22-23 Apr 09	50%	40	10
Democrats	80%	13	8
Republicans	19%	73	7
Independents	41%	43	16
17-18 Feb 09	46%	45	9
26-27 Jun 07	36%	49	15
24-25 Oct 06 LV	37%	46	17
26-27 Sep 06 LV	39%	48	13
2-3 May 06	36%	49	15
4-5 Apr 06	29%	51	20
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	36%	48	16

10-11 Jan 06	39%	41	20
8-9 Nov 05	33%	47	20

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	36%	52	12
Democrats	28%	62	10
Republicans	56%	36	8
Independents	26%	53	20
17-18 Feb 09	34%	56	10
26-27 Jun 07	30%	56	14
24-25 Oct 06 LV	34%	55	11
26-27 Sep 06 LV	34%	55	11
2-3 May 06	35%	53	12
4-5 Apr 06	29%	53	18
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	34%	53	13
10-11 Jan 06	37%	49	14
8-9 Nov 05	34%	50	16

5. - 7. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one of the following individuals. If you've never heard of a particular individual please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)

SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Barack Obama									
22-23 Apr 09	68%	27	5	-	8-9 Oct 08	60%	34	7	-
Democrats	95%	3	1	-	22-23 Sep 08	57%	33	10	-
Republicans	30%	61	9	-	8-9 Sep 08	57%	36	7	-
Independents	66%	26	7	1	19-20 Aug 08	59%	35	6	-
PAST TREND									
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	62%	32	6	-	17-18 Jun 08	58%	32	10	-
17-18 Feb 09	68%	25	7	-	28-29 Apr 08	47%	42	11	-
13-14 Jan 09	76%	15	9	-	19-20 Feb 08	54%	33	12	-
9-10 Dec 08	68%	24	8	-	18-19 Dec 07	49%	33	15	3
1-2 Nov 08	57%	39	4	-	13-14 Nov 07	50%	34	11	4
1-2 Nov 08 LV	59%	38	3	-	11-12 Sep 07	51%	25	16	8
28-29 Oct 08	56%	40	4	-	26-27 Jun 07	46%	30	17	8
28-29 Oct 08 LV	56%	40	3	-	17-18 Apr 07	47%	23	19	11
20-21 Oct 08	60%	34	6	-	30-31 Jan 07	41%	20	20	18
20-21 Oct 08 LV	60%	35	4	-					

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
Joe Biden									
22-23 Apr 09	59%	28	11	2	1-2 Nov 08 RV	55%	37	5	3
Democrats	87%	6	3	3	28-29 Oct 08 LV	55%	37	7	2
Republicans	27%	58	15	1	28-29 Oct 08 RV	53%	36	9	2
Independents	55%	27	17	1	20-21 Oct 08 LV	57%	33	7	2
PAST TREND									
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	51%	35	11	2	20-21 Oct 08 RV	56%	32	9	3
17-18 Feb 09	59%	29	11	1	8-9 Oct 08	57%	29	12	1
13-14 Jan 09	58%	24	14	4	22-23 Sep 08	48%	31	18	3
9-10 Dec 08	54%	30	13	3	8-9 Sep 08	51%	29	15	4
1-2 Nov 08 LV	56%	37	5	2	30-31 Aug 05	19%	16	27	37

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
Michelle Obama				
22-23 Apr 09	73%	16	10	-
Democrats	94%	2	4	-
Republicans	46%	36	18	-
Independents	72%	16	11	1
13-14 Jan 09	65%	15	19	1
20-21 Oct 08 LV	57%	28	11	3
20-21 Oct 08	56%	28	12	3
8-9 Sep 08	52%	29	18	2
17-18 Jun 08	44%	29	25	2

8. 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)
22-23 Apr 09	46%	33	17	4
Democrats	86%	5	7	2
Republicans	4%	78	15	3
Independents	33%	26	34	8

9. Are you still satisfied with how you voted in the 2008 presidential election or do you wish you had voted differently?

SCALE: 1. Still satisfied with my vote 2. Wish I had voted differently
3. (Mixed feelings) 4. (Don't know) 5. (Didn't vote)

	Still satisfied	Wish voted differently	(Mixed feelings)	(Don't know)	(Didn't vote)
22-23 Apr 09	88%	4	6	1	1
Obama voters	93%	3	2	1	-
McCain voters	85%	5	9	1	-

10. If the 2012 presidential election were held today, would you definitely vote to reelect Barack Obama, probably vote to reelect Obama, probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

SCALE: 1. Definitely vote to reelect Obama 2. Probably vote to reelect Obama
3. Probably vote for someone else 4. Definitely vote for someone else
5. (Too soon to say) 6. (Would not vote for anyone) 7. (Don't know)
8. (Refused)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind	Obama Voters
Vote to reelect Obama	52%	87	13	43	79
<i>Definitely</i>	37%	69	5	24	57
<i>Probably</i>	15%	18	8	19	22
Vote for someone else	31%	4	72	28	6
<i>Probably</i>	8%	3	19	4	4
<i>Definitely</i>	23%	1	53	24	2
(Too soon to say)	14%	7	12	27	14
(Would not vote for anyone)	1%	-	2	-	-
(Don't know)	1%	1	1	1	1
(Refused)	-%	-	-	1	-

11. 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?

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

	-- Satisfied --			-- Not satisfied --			
	TOTAL	Very	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvy	Not	(DK)
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

12. Looking ahead to the next 10 years in the United States, would you describe yourself as optimistic or pessimistic about the future of the country? Is that very (optimistic/pessimistic) or only somewhat (optimistic/pessimistic)?

	-- Optimistic --			-- Pessimistic --			
	TOTAL	Very	Smwht	TOTAL	Smwht	Vry	(DK)
22-23 Apr 09	70%	37	33	26	14	12	5
Democrats	86%	50	36	9	7	2	5
Republicans	50%	22	28	47	25	22	3
Independents	68%	31	37	26	13	13	6
13-14 Jan 09	77%	35	42	21	11	9	3
18-19 Apr 06	58%	25	33	35	18	17	7
28-29 Oct 03	73%	39	34	20	12	8	7
8-9 Oct 02* LV	82%	44	38	13	10	3	5
21-22 Apr 99	75%	33	42	21	15	6	4
7-8 Apr 99	79%	35	44	16	10	6	5

*October 2002 and previous: "Would you describe yourself as optimistic or pessimistic about the long-term future of the country?"

13. Next week President Obama will have been in office for 100 days. 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 expected		Worse than expected		Same as expected		(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	26%		16		56		2
Democrats	39%		4		56		1
Republicans	12%		34		52		3
Independents	17%		16		64		2
<i>Compare to President George W. Bush:</i>							
18-19 Apr 01	21%		7		69		3

14. How familiar are you with the decisions Barack Obama has made as president so far?

	Very familiar		Somewhat familiar		Not very familiar		Not at all familiar		(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	38%		54		6		2		-
Democrats	38%		58		3		1		-
Republicans	37%		50		8		4		1
Independents	40%		50		7		3		-

15. How satisfied do you think Barack Obama is with what he has accomplished in his first 100 days as president?

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

	-- Satisfied --			-- Not satisfied --			(DK)
	TOTAL	Very	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvty	Not	
22-23 Apr 09	78%	36	42	15	9	6	6
Democrats	91%	41	50	4	3	1	4
Republicans	65%	32	33	27	15	12	7
Independents	72%	30	42	19	13	6	8

16. And how satisfied are you with what Obama has accomplished in his first 100 days as president?

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

	-- Satisfied --			-- Not satisfied --			(DK)
	TOTAL	Very	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvty	Not	
22-23 Apr 09	69%	34	35	30	12	18	1
Democrats	95%	58	37	4	3	1	1
Republicans	33%	6	27	66	25	41	1
Independents	67%	26	41	31	11	20	2

17. Do you think Barack Obama's positions on the issues are:

SCALE: 1. Too liberal 2. Too conservative 3. About right 4. (Don't know)

	Too	Too	About	(Don't know)
	liberal	conservative	right	
22-23 Apr 09	35%	6	53	6
Democrats	9%	7	80	4
Republicans	69%	8	17	6
Independents	35%	3	52	10
1-2 Nov 08 LV	40%	3	53	4
1-2 Nov 08 RV	39%	3	53	5
28-29 Oct 08 LV	43%	3	50	4
28-29 Oct 08 RV	41%	3	50	6

18. As president, do you think Barack Obama's positions on the issues are more liberal or more conservative than you expected, or are his positions what you expected?

	More	More	As	(Don't know)
	liberal	conservative	expected	
22-23 Apr 09	23%	8	64	5
Democrats	17%	9	69	4
Republicans	31%	7	57	5
Independents	24%	7	64	5

19. Do you think Obama is more liberal or more conservative than most Americans?

	More	More	As	(Don't know)
	liberal	conservative	(Same as)	
22-23 Apr 09	54%	13	23	10
Democrats	43%	15	31	10
Republicans	73%	9	11	8
Independents	48%	13	27	12

20. Do you think Barack Obama is honest and trustworthy?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	73%	22	5
Democrats	94%	4	2
Republicans	43%	48	8
Independents	73%	20	7
8-9 Oct 08	60%	32	8
28-29 Apr 08	54%	35	11
13-14 Nov 07	58%	25	18
5-6 Jun 07	57%	20	22

21. Do you think Barack Obama's charm and charisma sometimes cover up his true intentions, or don't you feel that way?

SCALE: 1. Yes 2. No, don't feel that way 3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No, don't feel that way	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	40%	55	5
Democrats	19%	77	4
Republicans	68%	26	6
Independents	40%	55	5

22. Do you think Barack Obama is more of a talker or more of a doer?

	Talker	Doer	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	30%	43	22	3	3
Democrats	10%	63	25	1	1
Republicans	58%	23	11	3	4
Independents	30%	35	29	3	4
8-9 Sep 08*	49%	34	10	-	7

*8-9 Sep 2008 wording: "Do you think Barack Obama is a talker or a doer?"

23. 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)
22-23 Apr 09	57%	27	12	4
Democrats	82%	8	9	2
Republicans	29%	54	13	5
Independents	50%	28	17	5
3-4 Mar 09	58%	28	8	6

24. 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)
22-23 Apr 09	51%	40	9
Democrats	72%	21	6
Republicans	25%	67	8
Independents	45%	40	15
17-18 Feb 09	45%	46	9

(RANDOMIZE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS)

25. In the last few months, do you think Washington has become more partisan and divisive or more bipartisan and cooperative?

SCALE: 1. More partisan and divisive 2. More bipartisan and cooperative

3. (Neither/No change) 4. (Don't know)

	More partisan	More bipartisan	(Neither/ No change)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	43%	31	15	11
Democrats	32%	40	14	15
Republicans	56%	23	14	7
Independents	50%	23	19	8

26. In the last few months, do you think country as a whole has become more partisan and divisive or more bipartisan and cooperative?

SCALE: 1. More partisan and divisive 2. More bipartisan and cooperative

3. (Neither/No change) 4. (Don't know)

	More partisan	More bipartisan	(Neither/ No change)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	38%	39	13	11
Democrats	25%	50	11	14
Republicans	55%	24	13	8
Independents	42%	35	15	8

27. During the campaign, Obama talked about ending the partisan divide in Washington, while today some say the political parties are farther apart than ever. What do you think is more likely during Obama's presidency -- he will end the partisan divide or the parties will grow further apart?

	He will end partisan divide	Parties will grow further apart	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	38%	47	14
Democrats	59%	25	16
Republicans	14%	77	9
Independents	32%	50	18

28. In the months since Barack Obama became president, do you think he has been making policy changes too quickly, not quickly enough, or at about the right speed?

	Too quickly	Not quickly enough	About right	(Don't Know /Refused)
22-23 Apr 09	30%	12	53	4
Democrats	12%	12	73	3
Republicans	59%	13	24	5
Independents	27%	11	58	4
27-28 Jan 09*	24%	5	66	5

*"In the week since..."

29. All in all, would you rather have bigger government that provides more services or smaller government that provides fewer services?

	Bigger, more	Smaller, fewer	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	38%	50	13
Democrats	59%	29	11
Republicans	19%	72	9
Independents	28%	56	17

30. Since Obama took office, do you think the size of the government has gotten bigger, smaller or stayed the same?

	Bigger	Smaller	Same	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	42%	8	42	8
Democrats	35%	7	48	10
Republicans	55%	11	27	7
Independents	41%	5	47	7

31. What do you think is a greater potential threat to the country's future -- big business or big government?

	Big business	Big government	(Both/Same)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	30%	46	18	6
Democrats	47%	30	14	9
Republicans	15%	69	13	3
Independents	21%	44	31	4

32. What do you think Obama considers the greater potential threat to the country's future -- big business or big government?

	Big business	Big government	(Both/Same)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	50%	23	13	14
Democrats	46%	26	11	17
Republicans	59%	22	9	10
Independents	46%	20	22	13

33. Do you support or oppose the symbolic tea parties that were held across the nation on April 15 to protest high taxes and increased government spending?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know/ Never heard of them)
22-23 Apr 09	52%	31	17
Democrats	39%	42	19
Republicans	64%	22	13
Independents	55%	26	19

34. On a scale of excellent, good, only fair and poor, how would you rate economic conditions today?

SCALE: 1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Only fair 4. Poor 5. (Don't know)

	Ex.	Good	Fair	Poor	(DK)		Ex.	Good	Fair	Poor	(DK)
22-23 Apr 09	4%	8	30	57	1	11-12 Mar 03	1%	13	41	44	1
Democrats	7%	10	33	49	-	14-15 Jan 03	1%	12	46	40	1
Republicans	3%	6	28	63	1	8-9 Oct 02 LV	5%	20	44	30	1
Independents	2%	9	25	63	1	9-10 Jul 02	1%	23	51	24	1
13-14 Jan 09	1%	4	20	74	1	30 Apr-1 May 02	3%	27	53	16	1
22-23 Sep 08	1%	5	29	65	1	9-10 Jan 02	2%	26	47	22	3
9-10 Oct 07	8%	24	37	29	1	19-20 Sep 01	4%	25	45	24	2
24-25 Oct 06 LV	9%	33	38	19	1	11-12 Jul 01	4%	38	44	13	1
18-19 Apr 06	6%	22	42	30	1	18-19 Apr 01	4%	35	45	14	2
13-14 Dec 05	5%	26	38	29	2	14-15 Mar 01	3%	36	42	18	1
14-15 Dec 04	4%	28	43	24	1	21-22 Feb 01	5%	41	44	9	1
3-4 Oct 04 LV	4%	27	44	24	1	10-11 Jan 01	9%	50	29	10	2
3-4 Aug 04	6%	30	41	22	1	18-19 Oct 00 LV	19%	54	20	6	1
4-5 May 04	3%	28	41	26	2	28-29 Jun 00	13%	49	27	9	2
18-19 Feb 04	3%	25	39	32	1	20-21 Oct 99	3%	48	32	6	1
7-8 Jan 04	3%	31	42	22	2	28-29 Oct 98 LV	12%	57	24	6	1
18-19 Nov 03	2%	26	44	26	2	28-29 Oct 98	11%	54	25	8	2
23-24 Sep 03	1%	17	42	39	1	7-8 Oct 98 LV	10%	51	30	8	1
12-13 Aug 03	1%	15	40	43	1	7-8 Oct 98	11%	49	32	7	1
3-4 Jun 03	1%	19	48	31	1	9-10 Sep 98	12%	49	31	7	1
8-9 Apr 03	1%	20	47	30	2						

35. A year from now, do you think the economy will be better or worse? Is that a lot (better/worse) or only a little (better/worse)?

SCALE: 1. A lot better 2. A little better 3. A little worse 4. A lot worse
5. (Don't know) 6. (No change/The same)

	---- Better ----			---- Worse ----			(Don't know)	(No change /the same)
	TOTAL	Lot	Little	TOTAL	Little	Lot		
22-23 Apr 09	66%	19	47	26	13	13	4	4
Democrats	83%	30	53	11	6	5	2	4
Republicans	47%	8	39	44	25	19	5	3
Independents	64%	17	47	27	12	15	5	5
13-14 Jan 09	66%	12	54	25	15	10	4	5
4-5 May 04	55%	19	36	22	12	10	19	4
3-4 Dec 03	68%	28	40	18	10	8	8	6
8-9 Apr 03	66%	27	39	18	10	8	11	5
11-12 Mar 03	49%	16	33	34	17	17	14	3
14-15 Jan 03	59%	15	44	26	14	12	10	5
8-9 Oct 02 LV	64%	17	47	22	14	8	9	5
9-10 Jul 02	65%	17	48	21	14	7	9	5
30 Apr-1 May 02	69%	25	44	19	12	7	8	4
9-10 Jan 02	72%	29	43	14	11	3	8	6
19-20 Sep 01	65%	28	37	20	12	8	10	5
11-12 Jul 01	54%	15	39	27	17	10	10	9
18-19 Apr 01	52%	12	40	27	19	8	9	12
21-22 Feb 01	46%	9	37	34	23	11	12	8
10-11 Jan 01	36%	9	27	38	25	13	13	13
18-19 Oct 00 LV	38%	10	28	18	19	4	18	21
28-29 Jun 00	37%	7	30	32	23	9	17	14
28-29 Oct 98 LV	42%	10	32	36	24	12	10	12
28-29 Oct 98	42%	10	32	37	26	11	10	11
7-8 Oct 98 LV	43%	10	33	39	28	11	18	na
7-8 Oct 98	46%	10	36	37	26	11	17	na
30 Jun-1 Jul 98	52%	9	43	31	22	9	17	na

36. How would you rate your personal financial situation -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?

SCALE: 1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Only fair 4. Poor 5. (Don't know/refused)

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	8%	37	38	15	2
30-31 Jan 08	11%	45	32	12	1
18-19 Apr 06	10%	36	35	17	2
13-14 Dec 05	8%	40	34	16	2
14-15 Dec 04	7%	43	35	13	2
27-28 Oct 04 LV	16%	47	27	8	2
21-22 Sep 04 LV	15%	44	27	10	4
24-25 Aug 04 LV	13%	45	30	10	2
22-23 Jun 04	14%	48	25	11	2
3-4 Mar 04	14%	48	27	10	1
18-19 Nov 03	7%	40	37	13	3
23-24 Sep 03	5%	39	38	16	2
30 Jun-1 Jul 03	9%	48	29	12	2
8-9 Apr 03	9%	46	33	10	2

37. Are you better off or worse off financially today than you were in January?
Is that a lot (better/worse) or only a little (better/worse)?

SCALE: 1. A lot better 2. A little better 3. A little worse 4. A lot worse
5. (Don't know) 6. (No change/The same)

	---- Better ----			---- Worse ----			(Don't know)	(No change /the same)
	TOTAL	Lot	Little	TOTAL	Little	Lot		
22-23 Apr 09	34%	8	26	30	20	10	2	34
Democrats	44%	12	32	21	14	7	2	33
Republicans	22%	3	19	44	29	15	2	32
Independents	31%	6	25	28	17	11	3	38

38. Do you think government spending is being managed carefully or is government spending out of control?

SCALE: 1. Spending is being managed carefully 2. Spending is out of control
3. (Neither/In between) 4. (Don't know)

	Managed	Spending is	(Neither/	(DK)
	carefully	out of control	In between)	
22-23 Apr 09	22%	62	13	3
Democrats	39%	43	14	4
Republicans	7%	86	6	1
Independents	13%	65	18	4

39. All in all, do you think the actions Barack Obama has taken since becoming president will help or hurt the nation's economy, or will they not make much of a difference?

	Help	Hurt	Not much difference	(Don't know)
	22-23 Apr 09	52%	28	15
Democrats	78%	6	12	4
Republicans	18%	59	19	4
Independents	51%	29	16	4

40. And what about for you and your family -- will the actions Obama has taken since becoming president help or hurt your personal financial situation, or will they not make much of a difference?

	Help	Hurt	Not much difference	(Don't know)
	22-23 Apr 09	38%	25	33
Democrats	61%	9	28	2
Republicans	10%	48	37	5
Independents	35%	26	35	5

(SAMPLE A ONLY)

41a. Do you believe Barack Obama's three point six trillion dollar budget plan will help stabilize the nation's economy, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
	22-23 Apr 09	45%	42
Democrats	70%	17	14
Republicans	16%	75	8
Independents	41%	43	17

(SAMPLE B ONLY)

41b. Do you believe the recently passed three point six trillion dollar federal budget plan will help stabilize the nation's economy, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
	22-23 Apr 09	44%	42
Democrats	63%	21	16
Republicans	19%	76	5
Independents	43%	38	19

42. Does the recently passed three point six trillion dollar federal budget plan make you feel more or less secure about the nation's financial future?

	More secure	Less secure	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	37%	48	15
Democrats	60%	21	18
Republicans	11%	82	7
Independents	30%	52	18

43. Under the Obama administration, the government has taken a more active role in a number of U.S. industries, such as the banking industry and the auto industry -- do you approve or disapprove of the government expanding its role in this way?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	47%	48	6
Democrats	67%	27	5
Republicans	19%	76	5
Independents	44%	48	8

(ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS)

44. In which of the following areas do you think the Obama administration has done its best so far? (RANDOMIZE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Foreign policy	21%	27%	15%	18%
2. The economy	19	29	9	13
3. The environment	12	10	14	13
4. Health care	8	10	8	3
5. Terrorism	7	6	8	8
6. Energy	6	3	9	8
7. (Other)	2	2	2	4
8. (None)	14	2	25	20
9. (Don't know)	10	9	10	13

45. In which of the following areas do you think the Obama administration has done its worst so far? (RANDOMIZE)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. The economy	33%	24%	45%	35%
2. Health care	16	23	10	12
3. Terrorism	10	7	16	11
4. Foreign policy	8	6	10	9
5. Energy	6	9	4	3
6. The environment	4	5	1	5
7. (Other)	3	2	2	4
8. (None)	9	13	3	9
9. (Don't know)	11	11	8	12

46. How do you feel about the way Barack Obama is dealing with anti-American dictators such as Hugo Chavez and Fidel Castro -- is he doing the right thing and practicing good diplomacy or is he being too chummy and making the United States look weak?

SCALE: 1. Right thing, practicing good diplomacy 2. Too chummy, making U.S. look weak 3. (Don't know)

	Good diplomacy	Too chummy	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	55%	34	12
Democrats	79%	10	11
Republicans	20%	69	11
Independents	58%	30	12

47. Some people think that water-boarding and other forms of harsh interrogation techniques don't work, while others say those interrogation techniques gave the United States valuable information about Al Qaeda to stop additional attacks. Which do you agree with more -- harsh interrogation techniques are useless or that they can provide valuable information?
 SCALE: 1. They are useless 2. Provide valuable information 3. (Combination, depends on circumstances) 4. (Don't know)

	They are useless	Provide information	(Combo/ depends)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	27%	50	15	8
Democrats	40%	37	15	8
Republicans	16%	69	8	6
Independents	20%	50	21	9

48. Regardless of whether or not you think harsh interrogation techniques work, do you think the CIA should be allowed to use these techniques to obtain information from prisoners that might protect the United States from terrorist attacks?

	Yes	No	(Depends)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	52%	34	12	3
Democrats	41%	47	11	2
Republicans	69%	20	8	3
Independents	51%	28	17	4

49. If there were a possibility that another major terrorist attack on the scale of the September 11 attacks could be prevented, then do you think the CIA should be allowed to use these techniques to obtain information from prisoners?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	63%	28	9
Democrats	53%	38	9
Republicans	78%	16	6
Independents	63%	25	12

50. Do you approve or disapprove of the White House releasing memos detailing how the CIA interrogated top Al Qaeda operatives?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	40%	52	7
Democrats	53%	40	7
Republicans	25%	69	6
Independents	38%	55	7

51. Does the release of information on the methods used by the CIA to interrogate Al Qaeda terrorists make you feel safer or less safe?

	Safer	Less safe	(No difference)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	34%	39	22	4
Democrats	42%	28	26	4
Republicans	29%	54	13	4
Independents	26%	42	27	5

52. Do you think Barack Obama believes the United States is in a global war on terrorism?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	50%	37	13
Democrats	59%	26	15
Republicans	38%	52	10
Independents	47%	37	16

53. The Secretary of Homeland Security has stopped using the word terrorism and instead uses the phrase "man-caused disasters." Do you think President Obama should use the word terrorism when referring to threats from terrorists or should he say man-caused disasters?

	Terrorism	Man-caused disasters	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	74%	16	10
Democrats	67%	21	12
Republicans	85%	8	7
Independents	72%	17	11

54. Do you think the military prison at Guantanamo Bay should be closed, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	33%	53	14
Democrats	51%	32	17
Republicans	11%	80	9
Independents	28%	60	13
27-28 Jan 09	47%	45	8
14-15 Jun 05	22%	59	19

55. In talking about what might happen to detainees when the Guantanamo Bay prison is closed, recently National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair said some of the prisoners may be released in the United States and suggested it may be necessary to give them assistance for them to start a new life. Do you favor or oppose using taxpayer dollars to help prisoners released from Guantanamo Bay?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	19%	72	8
Democrats	30%	60	10
Republicans	8%	86	7
Independents	16%	78	5

56. As you may have heard, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano recently suggested that U.S. veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars might be susceptible for recruitment into rightwing extremists groups -- do you think she is right and it is a possibility, or do you think such a suggestion is an insult to veterans?

SCALE: 1. Possible veterans could be susceptible for recruitment 2. An insult to veterans to suggest it 3. (Combination/Depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Possible vets susceptible	Insulting to suggest	(Combination/Depends)	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	16%	63	10	10
Democrats	24%	52	11	13
Republicans	9%	78	7	7
Independents	15%	62	15	8

(SAMPLE A ONLY)

57a. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama administration sending additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	61%	31	9
Democrats	56%	35	9
Republicans	67%	23	10
Independents	60%	32	8

(SAMPLE B ONLY)

57b. Do you approve or disapprove of additional U.S. troops being sent to Afghanistan?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	51%	42	7
Democrats	39%	56	5
Republicans	62%	30	8
Independents	59%	31	10

(SAMPLE A ONLY)

58a. Do you think it is appropriate for President Obama to make public comments that are critical of past American policies while he is traveling overseas, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	40%	51	10
Democrats	54%	33	13
Republicans	17%	74	8
Independents	40%	52	8

(SAMPLE B ONLY)

58b. Do you think it is appropriate for the president of the United States to make public comments that are critical of past American policies while he is traveling overseas, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
22-23 Apr 09	38%	53	9
Democrats	51%	42	8
Republicans	23%	71	5
Independents	32%	57	10

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)
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
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