

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

23 July 2009

Polling was conducted by telephone July 21-22, 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=363, ± 5 ; Republicans n=303, ± 6 ; independents n=180, ± 7

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
Democrats	86%	8	6	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	17%	75	8	Republicans	23%	66	11
Independents	54%	36	10	Independents	52%	35	13
9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	88%	8	4	Democrats	92%	3	4
Republicans	28%	62	11	Republicans	30%	56	13
Independents	66%	26	9	Independents	61%	24	15
12-13 May 09	60%	30	9	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Democrats	93%	5	2	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	23%	63	13	Republicans	29%	53	18
Independents	57%	30	13	Independents	62%	19	19
22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8	27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
Democrats	92%	4	4	Democrats	85%	2	12
Republicans	24%	66	10	Republicans	37%	36	27
Independents	57%	29	14	Independents	64%	16	19

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Health care	43%	45	12
Democrats	74%	15	12
Republicans	12%	80	8
Independents	38%	41	20
The economy	50%	43	7
Democrats	82%	11	7
Republicans	15%	78	7
Independents	46%	46	8

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

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	Approve	approve	(DK)	Approve	approve	(DK)	
21-22 Jul 09	30%	60	10	19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10
Democrats	47%	42	11	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12
Republicans	15%	76	9	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
Independents	23%	66	11	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
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12-13 May 09	41%	49	10	9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	38%	52	10	25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
3-4 Mar 09	41%	48	10	11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
17-18 Feb 09	39%	50	10	21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
27-28 Jan 09	40%	46	14	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
13-14 Jan 09	23%	68	10	15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
9-10 Dec 08	20%	71	9	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
1-2 Nov 08	18%	75	7	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
1-2 Nov 08 LV	18%	75	7	27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
28-29 Oct 08	17%	76	6	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
28-29 Oct 08 LV	18%	77	5	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
20-21 Oct 08	19%	72	9	4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
20-21 Oct 08 LV	18%	73	8	10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
8-9 Oct 08	13%	77	10	12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9	29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8	8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17
19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7	11-12 Jul 06	25%	61	14
22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11	13-14 Jun 06	29%	59	12
17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13	16-18 May 06	27%	56	17
28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11	18-19 Apr 06	25%	52	23
18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12	14-15 Mar 06	29%	55	16

5. - 10. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals and institutions. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of an individual or institution, 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									
21-22 Jul 09	62%	33	5	-	20-21 Oct 08 RV	60%	34	6	-
Democrats	93%	5	2	-	8-9 Oct 08	60%	34	7	-
Republicans	25%	69	5	-	22-23 Sep 08	57%	33	10	-
Independents	64%	28	7	1	8-9 Sep 08	57%	36	7	-
9-10 Jun 09	64%	30	6	-	19-20 Aug 08	59%	35	6	-
22-23 Apr 09	68%	27	5	-	22-23 Jul 08	58%	33	8	-
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 LV	59%	38	3	-	13-14 Nov 07	50%	34	11	4
1-2 Nov 08 RV	57%	39	4	-	11-12 Sep 07	51%	25	16	8
28-29 Oct 08 LV	56%	40	3	-	26-27 Jun 07	46%	30	17	8
28-29 Oct 08 RV	56%	40	4	-	17-18 Apr 07	47%	23	19	11
20-21 Oct 08 LV	60%	35	4	-	30-31 Jan 07	41%	20	20	18

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
The Democratic Party									
21-22 Jul 09	50%	41	9	-	19-20 Feb 08	54%	36	10	-
Democrats	89%	6	5	-	25-26 Sep 07	50%	40	10	-
Republicans	11%	80	9	-	17-18 Apr 07	49%	39	11	1
Independents	40%	44	16	-	27-28 Mar 07	51%	37	12	1
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	54%	38	7	-	16-17 Jan 07	51%	35	13	1
28-29 Oct 08 LV	52%	44	5	-	10-11 Oct 06 LV	52%	38	10	-
28-29 Oct 08 RV	51%	43	6	-	8-9 Aug 06	47%	37	15	-
20-21 Oct 08 LV	53%	41	6	-	13-14 Dec 05	45%	39	15	1
20-21 Oct 08 RV	53%	40	7	-	25-26 Oct 05	46%	37	16	1
22-23 Jul 08	50%	40	10	-	29-30 Mar 05	46%	38	16	-
17-18 Jun 08	52%	37	10	1	21-22 Jan 04	51%	33	16	-

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
The Republican Party									
21-22 Jul 09	36%	53	11	-	19-20 Feb 08	43%	46	11	-
Democrats	17%	75	8	-	25-26 Sep 07	44%	47	9	1
Republicans	67%	23	10	-	17-18 Apr 07	42%	47	10	1
Independents	26%	55	19	-	27-28 Mar 07	42%	49	9	-
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	41%	50	10	-	16-17 Jan 07	39%	49	12	-
28-29 Oct 08 LV	46%	50	4	-	10-11 Oct 06 LV	42%	50	7	1
28-29 Oct 08 RV	45%	49	6	-	8-9 Aug 06	38%	51	11	1
20-21 Oct 08 LV	42%	50	7	1	13-14 Dec 05	43%	47	10	1
20-21 Oct 08 RV	42%	49	8	1	25-26 Oct 05	42%	43	14	1
22-23 Jul 08	38%	51	10	1	29-30 Mar 05	48%	38	13	-
17-18 Jun 08	41%	48	11	1	21-22 Jan 04	49%	35	16	-

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
Nancy Pelosi				
21-22 Jul 09	29%	47	14	10
Democrats	48%	21	17	14
Republicans	10%	74	10	6
Independents	24%	52	13	10
9-10 Jun 09	29%	47	13	11
27-28 Mar 07	37%	31	13	19
16-17 Jan 07	33%	24	23	20
10-11 Oct 06 LV	19%	26	13	43

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard		Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
Sarah Palin									
21-22 Jul 09	38%	51	8	3	28-29 Oct 08 LV	49%	46	4	1
Democrats	17%	73	7	3	28-29 Oct 08 RV	47%	47	5	1
Republicans	67%	21	10	2	20-21 Oct 08 LV	48%	44	6	2
Independents	33%	55	7	5	20-21 Oct 08 RV	46%	44	8	2
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	45%	45	8	1	8-9 Oct 08	47%	42	11	-
13-14 Jan 09	49%	40	9	2	22-23 Sep 08	47%	36	16	2
1-2 Nov 08 LV	45%	49	5	1	8-9 Sep 08	54%	27	16	4
1-2 Nov 08 RV	46%	47	5	1					

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14. Regardless of how you voted in the presidential election, would you say you want President Obama to succeed or not?

SCALE: 1. Yes, want him to succeed 2. No, do not want him to succeed

3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	84%	14	3
Democrats	97%	1	2
Republicans	67%	31	2
Independents	85%	10	5

For Reference: Regardless of how you voted in the presidential election, would you say you want President Bush to succeed or not?

SCALE: 1. Yes, want him to succeed 2. No, do not want him to succeed

3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Aug 06	63%	32	5
Democrats	40%	51	9
Republicans	90%	7	2
Independents	63%	34	3

15. President Obama has appointed over 30 czars to oversee the administration's top initiatives. Czars are advisors to the president who work outside of the cabinet and do not have to be confirmed by the Senate. Are you comfortable with the Obama administration's use of czars as advisors or are you concerned the administration is trying to get around Congressional oversight?

SCALE: 1. Comfortable with use of czars as advisors 2. Concerned administration is getting around oversight 3. (Combination) 4. (Don't know)

	Comfortable with use of czars	Concerned getting around oversight	(Combination)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	41%	46	5	8
Democrats	71%	17	4	9
Republicans	11%	79	4	6
Independents	32%	50	8	10

16. Do you think it is good management for the president to have over 30 czars plus about 20 cabinet-level staff members reporting to him, or would it be better to have fewer people reporting to the president?

	Good management	Better to have fewer	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	41%	51	8
Democrats	62%	31	6
Republicans	19%	72	8
Independents	36%	51	13

17. Do you favor or oppose the United States sending astronauts back to the moon?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	53%	40	7
Democrats	57%	37	5
Republicans	48%	42	10
Independents	48%	46	7

18. Which ONE of the following do you think is most important for the federal government to be working on right now?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Fixing the economy	36%	37%	38%	33%
2. Creating jobs	21	24	19	17
3. Reducing the deficit	12	5	18	17
4. Reforming health care	12	18	3	11
5. Handling the situation with Iran and North Korea	7	5	9	9
6. (All)	11	10	11	11
7. (None)	-	-	-	1
8. (Other)	1	1	-	1
9. (Don't know)	-	-	-	-

19. Do you think the United States should attempt to assassinate Usama bin Laden?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	50%	42	8
Democrats	40%	52	8
Republicans	63%	32	5
Independents	47%	39	13
19-20 Sept 01	66%	23	11

20. Since the 9-11 terrorist attacks, did you think it was the job of the CIA to kill senior Al Qaeda leaders, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	49%	34	17
Democrats	42%	39	19
Republicans	59%	28	13
Independents	50%	32	18

21. Do you think the Obama administration has a clear plan for fixing the economy?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	42%	53	6
Democrats	67%	26	7
Republicans	15%	82	3
Independents	32%	60	8

22. Do you think Congress has a clear plan for fixing the economy?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	21%	73	6
Democrats	36%	58	7
Republicans	8%	86	5
Independents	12%	80	8

23. Has the economic stimulus and spending plan that was passed in February been more or less effective than you expected it would be, or has it been about as effective as you expected?

SCALE: 1. More effective than expected 2. Less effective than expected

3. About as effective as expected 4. (Don't know)

	More	Less	As expected	(DK)
21-22 Jul 09	8%	43	45	5
Democrats	14%	31	49	6
Republicans	2%	55	40	3
Independents	5%	46	43	6

24. Who do you think is more responsible for the current state of the economy -- Barack Obama or George W. Bush? (ROTATE)

	Obama	Bush	(Both equally)	(Other)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	16%	61	5	14	4
Democrats	6%	87	1	4	2
Republicans	30%	34	8	20	8
Independents	10%	55	10	23	2

25. Who do you think is more responsible for the current size of the federal budget deficit -- Barack Obama or George W. Bush? (ROTATE)

	Obama	Bush	(Both equally)	(Other)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	28%	53	8	7	3
Democrats	9%	82	4	3	3
Republicans	53%	21	10	11	5
Independents	25%	47	16	11	2

26. Do you think the Obama administration has made the economy better or worse?

	Better	Worse	(No difference)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	40%	32	23	6
Democrats	65%	8	23	4
Republicans	16%	61	20	4
Independents	34%	28	26	12

27. If the Congress had not passed the economic stimulus and spending bill and instead done nothing, do you think the nation's economy would be in better shape than it is today, worse shape, or would the economy be in about the same shape as it is today?

SCALE: 1. Would be in better shape 2. Would be in worse shape
3. About the same shape 4. (Don't know)

	Better	Worse	About the same	(DK)
21-22 Jul 09	18%	36	41	5
Democrats	12%	49	34	5
Republicans	29%	17	50	4
Independents	13%	45	37	4

28. Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans who want a job have a job, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

SCALE: 1. Yes, is responsibility of federal government 2. No, is not the responsibility of the federal government 3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	34%	63	4
Democrats	47%	47	5
Republicans	22%	76	2
Independents	25%	71	3
17-18 Feb 09	51%	47	2

Thinking about the issue of health care now...

29. Do you think the Obama administration has a clear plan on health care?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	43%	51	6
Democrats	64%	31	5
Republicans	23%	73	5
Independents	35%	54	11

30. Do you want Congress to pass major health care reform legislation this year or would you rather Congress do nothing on health care for now?

SCALE: 1. Pass health care reform legislation 2. Do nothing on health care
3. (Don't know)

	Pass legislation	Do nothing	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	49%	48	3
Democrats	76%	21	3
Republicans	20%	78	3
Independents	47%	50	3

31. 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)
21-22 Jul 09	36%	47	16
Democrats	61%	22	17
Republicans	11%	80	9
Independents	33%	43	24

32. Do you favor or oppose the creation of a government-run health insurance plan that would compete in the market place against private insurance plans?

	Favor	Oppose	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	44%	48	7
Democrats	68%	25	7
Republicans	19%	74	6
Independents	40%	51	9

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

	Cost me money	Save me money	(About same as it does now)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	58%	24	9	8
Democrats	41%	38	11	10
Republicans	80%	7	6	7
Independents	58%	20	14	8

34. 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)
21-22 Jul 09	29%	45	17	9
Democrats	51%	21	18	9
Republicans	7%	76	9	7
Independents	21%	42	26	11

35. Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

SCALE: 1. Yes, is responsibility of federal government 2. No, is not the responsibility of the federal government 3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	51%	46	4
Democrats	76%	21	3
Republicans	23%	73	4
Independents	46%	50	4
17-18 Feb 09	66%	33	2

36. Do you think it is possible to have major health care reform without increasing the federal budget deficit?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	40%	54	5
Democrats	46%	47	7
Republicans	30%	66	3
Independents	43%	51	6

37. Do you think it is possible to have major health care reform without raising taxes?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	37%	60	3
Democrats	45%	52	4
Republicans	30%	69	2
Independents	35%	61	5

38. 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)
21-22 Jul 09	79%	1	18	2
Democrats	66%	2	30	2
Republicans	93%	1	5	1
Independents	81%	2	15	2
Income <\$50K	74%	2	21	3
Income \$50K+	84%	0	15	0

39. If you were sick or seriously ill, would you rather be in a government-run health care system or the current privately-run health care system?

	Government-run	Privately-run	(Either)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	19%	64	8	9
Democrats	32%	45	11	13
Republicans	4%	90	2	3
Independents	20%	59	12	10

40. What concerns you more about the health care reform plans being discussed right now -- that your health care costs will increase or that you will have to change your existing health care arrangements?

SCALE: 1. Your health care costs will increase 2. You will have to change your existing health care arrangements 3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Your costs will increase	Change your arrangements	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	36%	36	11	13	4
Democrats	41%	36	7	13	3
Republicans	34%	40	14	8	3
Independents	28%	32	14	19	6

41. Do you have health insurance?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	91%	9	-
Democrats	88%	12	-
Republicans	94%	6	-
Independents	94%	6	-
15-16 Jul 98	91%	8	1

42. (ASK IF HAS INSURANCE, n=821, ±3) How would you rate the quality of your current health insurance?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	39%	45	13	3	-
Democrats	29%	52	15	3	1
Republicans	46%	43	10	1	-
Independents	44%	36	15	5	-

43. How would you rate the quality of the health care you currently receive?

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(Don't have any)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	43%	40	10	3	3	1
Democrats	31%	47	14	4	4	1
Republicans	51%	38	7	1	3	-
Independents	56%	28	9	4	3	-

44. What do you think should be the higher priority for the federal government right now -- fixing the economy and creating jobs or reforming health care?

SCALE: 1. Fixing economy and creating jobs 2. Reforming health care 3. (Both equal) 4. (Don't know)

	Economy	Health care	(Both)	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	76%	12	10	2
Democrats	70%	17	12	1
Republicans	88%	3	6	3
Independents	72%	12	14	3

45. Do you think Congress has been moving too quickly, not quickly enough, or at about the right speed on health care reform?

	Too quickly	Not quickly enough	About right	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	36%	30	30	4
Democrats	14%	42	42	2
Republicans	60%	16	20	4
Independents	41%	29	25	5

46. If a government-run health insurance plan is ultimately established, do you think members of Congress and the president should be required to be part of that plan or can they have a separate plan as they do now?

SCALE: 1. Should be required to be part of public plan 2. Can have separate plan 3. (Don't know)

	Public plan	Separate plan	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	81%	15	4
Democrats	76%	20	4
Republicans	87%	9	4
Independents	83%	11	6

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50. Do you think members of Congress should be required to read and know the details of legislation before they can vote on it - even if the bill is thousands of pages long?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
21-22 Jul 09	92%	7	1
Democrats	92%	7	1
Republicans	93%	6	1
Independents	91%	9	1

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)
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
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
19-20 Feb 08	43%	33	17	4	3