

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

12 August 2010

Polling was conducted by telephone August 10-11, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

Democrats n=345, ± 5 ; Republicans n=359, ± 5 ; Independents n=150, ± 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 (10-11 Aug 10)	43%	49	8
High (27-28 Jan 09)	65%	16	19
Low (27-28 Jul 10)	43%	50	7
Average	51%	40	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
10-11 Aug 10	43%	49	8	4-5 May 10	48%	43	9
Democrats	77%	19	5	Democrats	85%	9	7
Republicans	14%	81	6	Republicans	11%	82	6
Independents	42%	46	13	Independents	38%	45	17
TREND				20-21 Apr 10	46%	46	8
27-28 Jul 10	43%	50	7	Democrats	82%	12	5
Democrats	80%	15	5	Republicans	10%	82	7
Republicans	14%	80	6	Independents	39%	47	14
Independents	36%	56	8	6-7 Apr 10	43%	48	9
13-14 Jul 10	43%	48	9	16-17 Mar 10	46%	48	6
Democrats	76%	15	9	23-24 Feb 10	47%	45	8
Republicans	13%	80	8	2-3 Feb 10	46%	47	7
Independents	40%	48	13	12-13 Jan 10	50%	42	8
29-30 Jun 10	47%	45	9	8-9 Dec 09	50%	44	7
Democrats	84%	10	6	17-18 Nov 09	46%	46	8
Republicans	14%	78	8	27-28 Oct 09	50%	41	10
Independents	40%	48	13	13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6
8-9 Jun 10	46%	45	8	29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8
Democrats	79%	13	8	15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8
Republicans	13%	81	6	11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7
Independents	38%	52	10	21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8
18-19 May 10	45%	46	8	9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8
Democrats	79%	12	9	12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Republicans	12%	84	4	22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Independents	39%	48	14	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
				3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
				17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
				27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19

Questions 2-12 released separately

13. Do you think it would be better for the national economy if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in November? (ROTATE)

	Democrats	Republicans	(No difference/ Neither)	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	33%	42	18	8
Democrats	72%	6	14	7
Republicans	4%	80	10	5
Independents	17%	33	40	11
27-28 Jun 06	43%	35	15	7

Questions 14-15 released separately

16. Do you think the country is better off or worse off today than before Barack Obama was elected president, or is there not really much of a difference?

	Better off	Worse off	No difference	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	30%	38	30	2
Democrats	55%	9	35	1
Republicans	8%	69	22	1
Independents	31%	34	33	2

17. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the policies of the Obama administration?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	48%	47	5
Democrats	83%	14	4
Republicans	17%	80	3
Independents	44%	46	10

18. Some people say the policies of former President George W. Bush are mostly to blame for the economic difficulties the country is having today. Others say enough time has passed for President Barack Obama's policies to take effect and so his policies are mostly to blame. Which of these positions is closer to your own?

	Bush policies mostly to blame	Obama policies mostly to blame	(Combination/ equal)	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	47%	32	17	4
Democrats	82%	8	7	3
Republicans	14%	59	23	4
Independents	44%	26	24	5

19. Do you think it is right for the Obama administration to continue to blame the Bush administration for the condition of the economy or is it time for the Obama administration to start taking responsibility?

	Right to continue to blame Bush	Time for Obama to take responsibility	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	18%	76	7
Democrats	34%	57	9
Republicans	3%	95	2
Independents	19%	72	9

For reference: Do you think it is right for the Obama administration to continue to blame the Bush administration for the way things are going or is it time for the Obama administration to start taking responsibility?

SCALE: 1. Right to continue to blame Bush 2. Time for Obama to take responsibility 3. (Depends on the issue) 4. (Don't know)

	Right to blame Bush	Obama take responsibility	(Depends)	(Don't know)
20-21 Apr 10	21%	66	8	4
12-13 May 09*	21%	64	12	4

*Wording difference: "...blame the Bush administration for mistakes..."

20. Do you think the actions of the Obama administration have been more open and transparent to the public than previous administrations, less open and transparent, or has the Obama administration been about the same as previous administrations?

	More	Less	Same as	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	32%	25	40	3
Democrats	56%	4	39	2
Republicans	11%	44	42	3
Independents	31%	26	39	4

21. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama being a guest on the daytime television show "The View"?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	49%	30	21
Democrats	73%	15	13
Republicans	31%	47	22
Independents	36%	29	36

22. President Obama has had two solo news conferences at the White House this year. Do you think you learn more when the president holds a White House news conference or when he appears on a daytime television talk show?

SCALE: 1. News conferences 2. Talk shows 3. (Both/No difference)

4. (Don't learn from either/Don't watch either) 5. (Don't know)

	News conf.	Talk shows	(Both/ No diff.)	(Don't learn/ watch either)	(DK)
10-11 Aug 10	54%	18	11	12	5
Democrats	55%	24	11	6	4
Republicans	57%	14	8	16	6
Independents	51%	11	19	14	5

Changing topics...

23. Which of the following do you think best describes the condition of the nation's economy? Do you think the country is:

SCALE: 1. Still in a recession, and things could get worse

2. Still in a recession, but things are getting better 3. The recession is over, but another one could be coming, or 4. The recession is completely over and the economy is recovering 5. (Don't know)

	- Still in recession - Could get worse	Getting better	Another could be coming	-- Recession is over -- Economy recovering	(DK)
10-11 Aug 10	48%	40	6	3	3
Democrats	34%	54	5	4	3
Republicans	64%	27	5	2	2
Independents	45%	41	9	2	3

For reference: Do you think the country is currently in a recession?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
12-13 Jan 10	82%	16	2
Democrats	79%	20	1
Republicans	88%	10	2
Independents	82%	16	1

24. Do you think the country would have gone into an economic depression like the Great Depression if the government had not spent billions of dollars on a stimulus package, or did the country not go into a depression for other reasons?
 SCALE: 1. Stimulus prevented a depression 2. Country did not go into a depression for other reasons 3. (Combination) 4. (Country did go into depression) 5. (Don't know)

	Stimulus prevented depression	No depression for other reasons	(Combination)	(Did have depression)	(DK)
10-11 Aug 10	29%	51	8	2	10
Democrats	41%	38	7	2	11
Republicans	19%	67	7	1	7
Independents	29%	44	12	4	11

25. Do you believe the federal government has gotten so big it is hurting the future of the country, or don't you feel that way?

SCALE: 1. Yes, it is hurting the country 2. No, it is not hurting the country 3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	63%	32	5
Democrats	38%	54	8
Republicans	82%	16	2
Independents	68%	25	8

Questions 26-37 released separately

38. Have you already or are you planning on going on vacation away from your home this summer?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	52%	47	1
Democrats	52%	47	1
Republicans	51%	48	1
Independents	54%	43	3

39. (If no, n=419, ±5% ask:) What is the main reason you won't be taking a vacation this summer? Is it more because you don't have the time or don't have the money to go away this summer?

SCALE: 1. No time for vacation 2. No money for vacation 3. (Both) 4. (Other) 5. (Don't know)

	No time	No money	(Both)	(Other)	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	20%	51	14	14	2
Democrats	20%	55	11	11	2
Republicans	21%	48	15	14	1
Independents	17%	50	14	19	-

40. Do you feel resentful about the number of vacations the Obama family is taking this year, or is it no big deal?

	Resentful	No big deal	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	21%	74	5
Democrats	9%	90	1
Republicans	36%	57	7
Independents	18%	79	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)
10-11 Aug 10	38%	40	17	3
27-28 Jul 10	37%	41	16	3
13-14 Jul 10	37%	38	18	4
29-30 Jun 10	38%	36	20	3