

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone September 29-30, 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=369, ± 5 ; Republicans n=333, ± 5 ; Independents n=150, ± 8

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8	12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Democrats	84%	11	6	Democrats	93%	5	2
Republicans	16%	78	7	Republicans	23%	63	13
Independents	46%	41	13	Independents	57%	30	13
15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8	22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Democrats	85%	10	5	Democrats	92%	4	4
Republicans	17%	72	11	Republicans	24%	66	10
Independents	51%	42	7	Independents	57%	29	14
11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
Democrats	87%	8	5	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	16%	76	8	Republicans	23%	66	11
Independents	49%	44	7	Independents	52%	35	13
21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Democrats	86%	8	6	Democrats	92%	3	4
Republicans	17%	75	8	Republicans	30%	56	13
Independents	54%	36	10	Independents	61%	24	15
9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Democrats	88%	8	4	Democrats	90%	5	5
Republicans	28%	62	11	Republicans	29%	53	18
Independents	66%	26	9	Independents	62%	19	19
				27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
				Democrats	85%	2	12
				Republicans	37%	36	27
				Independents	64%	16	19

2. If Hillary Clinton had won the election, do you think she would be doing a better or worse job as president than Barack Obama is doing?

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	27%	28	25	21
Democrats	22%	27	28	23
Republicans	34%	29	20	17
Independents	25%	24	25	25

3. Do you think Barack Obama's travel and speaking schedule makes him look more like he is a candidate on the campaign trail or more like he is the president of the United States?

SCALE: 1. Candidate on the campaign trail 2. President of the United States

3. (Don't know)

	Candidate	President	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	43%	49	8
Democrats	15%	78	8
Republicans	72%	19	9
Independents	47%	48	5

4. Do you think President Obama apologizes too much to the rest of the world for past U.S. policies?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	51%	45	5
Democrats	26%	71	3
Republicans	77%	18	5
Independents	54%	39	7

5. Do you think the Obama administration is proposing more government spending than American taxpayers can afford, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	65%	29	6
Democrats	39%	55	7
Republicans	90%	7	3
Independents	74%	18	8

6. Do you think the size of the national debt is so large it is hurting the future of the country?

	Yes it is	No it isn't	(Depends)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	78%	17	2	2
Democrats	64%	30	3	3
Republicans	92%	6	1	1
Independents	85%	13	1	2

7. When thinking about the national debt, which of the following would you rather do? Would you rather: [ROTATE OPTIONS 1 and 2]

SCALE: 1. Cut spending now so future generations don't have to pay

2. Keep spending at current levels and let future generations pay

3. (Don't know)

	Cut spending	Keep spending	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	77%	14	9
Democrats	62%	24	14
Republicans	93%	5	2
Independents	76%	11	13

8. In order to have enough money for government spending, the Congress must soon vote to raise the country's debt limit from \$7 trillion dollars to \$9 trillion dollars. Which of the following is closer to your opinion on this?

SCALE: 1. In times of recession and war, we have no choice--we have to raise the debt limit to fund necessary government spending; or

2. Federal spending is out of control and we must take a stand now and not raise the debt limit. 3. (Combination, depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Raise the debt limit	Not raise the debt limit	(Combination, depends)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	25%	66	6	3
Democrats	44%	46	7	3
Republicans	8%	86	5	2
Independents	17%	72	8	4

9. - 17. For each one of the following, please tell me whether you are worried about that issue or not. Are you worried about [ITEM]? [RANDOMIZE LIST]

	Worried	Not worried	(Don't know)
The federal government spending too much	79%	21	1
Democrats	59%	40	1
Republicans	97%	3	-
Independents	88%	11	1
The increasing size of the federal deficit	77%	20	3
Democrats	64%	33	2
Republicans	90%	9	2
Independents	82%	15	3
Iran developing a nuclear weapons program	77%	22	1
Democrats	71%	28	1
Republicans	85%	13	2
Independents	74%	25	1
Leaving the country worse off for future generations	74%	24	2
Democrats	57%	40	2
Republicans	89%	11	-
Independents	85%	14	1
Increasing involvement by the federal government in private industries	63%	35	2
Democrats	41%	56	2
Republicans	86%	12	2
Independents	64%	33	3
The increasing concentration of power in Washington	59%	38	3
Democrats	34%	62	4
Republicans	82%	16	1
Independents	66%	28	6
Someone in your family losing their job in the next six months	52%	48	1
Democrats	49%	50	1
Republicans	55%	44	1
Independents	50%	49	-
A terrorist attack happening in the United States in the next six months	47%	52	1
Democrats	34%	66	-
Republicans	62%	37	1
Independents	49%	49	2
An H1N1 or swine flu epidemic hitting the United States	42%	56	1
Democrats	50%	49	-
Republicans	35%	63	2
Independents	39%	61	-

18. Do you support or oppose the U.S. military action in Afghanistan?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	64%	27	9
Democrats	49%	39	13
Republicans	80%	14	5
Independents	66%	26	7

For reference: Do you support or oppose the U.S. war in Afghanistan?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know)
15-16 Sep 09	46%	45	9

19. What do you think is the right thing to do in Afghanistan -- send more U.S. troops and do what it takes to win, or bring home the U.S. troops as soon as possible?

SCALE: 1. Send more troops 2. Bring the troops home
3. (Continue current policies and troop levels) 4. (Don't know)

	Send more	Bring home	(Continue)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	43%	43	6	8
Democrats	27%	59	6	8
Republicans	60%	30	5	5
Independents	46%	36	10	9

For reference:

Do you support or oppose sending additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know)
15-16 Sep 09	41%	50	9

(SAMPLE A ONLY) 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

(SAMPLE B ONLY) 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

20. When Barack Obama was a candidate campaigning for the presidency, he spoke of the urgent need to finish the fight in Afghanistan, which he called the central front on the war on terrorism. Do you think that, as president, Obama is doing what it takes to win in Afghanistan?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	37%	50	13
Democrats	58%	26	16
Republicans	14%	76	10
Independents	35%	53	12

21. How important do you think the U.S. military action in Afghanistan is to preventing terrorist attacks against the United States?

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

	---- Important ----			--- Not important ---			(DK)
	Total	Extmly	Very	Total	Smwht	Not	
29-30 Sep 09	60%	25	35	36	27	9	4
Democrats	50%	21	29	44	32	12	6
Republicans	74%	32	42	25	20	5	1
Independents	56%	20	36	40	29	11	4

22. Who do you trust more to decide next steps in Afghanistan -- the president or U.S. military commanders? (ROTATE)

	The president	U.S. military commanders	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	20%	66	9	2	2
Democrats	37%	45	14	2	3
Republicans	4%	90	3	2	2
Independents	14%	68	14	4	1

23. Recently, authorities broke up a terrorist cell that was plotting the most serious terrorist attacks on American soil since the September eleventh attacks. Do you support or oppose using harsh interrogation techniques on the suspects who were captured to learn more about their plans and connections?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	66%	29	5
Democrats	51%	43	6
Republicans	81%	15	4
Independents	71%	26	3

24. Do you think Barack Obama has been too tough on Iran or not tough enough?

	Too tough	Not tough enough	(About right)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	6%	69	16	9
Democrats	8%	55	25	11
Republicans	3%	88	5	4
Independents	5%	67	19	9
9-10 Jun 09	5%	66	17	12
Democrats	8%	57	24	11
Republicans	3%	80	5	12
Independents	3%	59	26	11

25. Do you think Iran can be stopped from working on a nuclear weapons program without the use of military force, or will the U.S. eventually need to take military action to stop Iran from getting nuclear weapons?

	Without military force	Military action will be necessary	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	29%	59	13
Democrats	36%	52	12
Republicans	19%	69	12
Independents	34%	53	13

26. Do you support or oppose the United States taking military action to keep Iran from getting nuclear weapons?

	Support	Oppose	(Depends)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	61%	28	6	5
Democrats	53%	36	6	5
Republicans	73%	18	3	5
Independents	55%	31	10	4

For reference: Do you think the United States should take military action to keep Iran from developing or trying to develop a nuclear weapons program?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
25-26 Jan 05	41%	46	13

Questions 27-35 held for release

36. Based on what you know about the community organization ACORN and its activities, do you think ACORN is best described as a helpful, law-abiding organization or as a harmful, corrupt organization?

	Helpful, law-abiding	Harmful, corrupt	(Never heard of)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	14%	47	20	20
Democrats	23%	27	26	24
Republicans	5%	68	12	15
Independents	9%	47	20	24

37. Who do you think should have more power under the law -- environmental activist groups or individual property owners? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Environmental activist groups 2. Individual property owners
3. (Both equally) 4. (Don't know)

	Environmental groups	Property owners	(Both equally)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	11%	71	11	7
Democrats	19%	56	13	12
Republicans	4%	86	7	3
Independents	7%	75	12	7

38. Do you think the Obama administration is blaming the Bush administration too often or not often enough?

	Too often	Not often enough	(About the right amount)	(Don't know)
29-30 Sep 09	47%	36	12	6
Democrats	17%	63	15	5
Republicans	79%	9	6	5
Independents	47%	32	16	5

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)
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
8-9 Sep 08	41%	34	21	2	2
19-20 Aug 08	42%	35	20	1	2