

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

29 October 2009

Polling was conducted by telephone October 27-28, 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=358, ± 5 ; Republicans n=329, ± 5 ; Independents n=156, ± 8

Obama voters n=439, ± 5 ; McCain voters n=364, ± 5

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)		Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
27-28 Oct 09	50%	41	10	Republicans	28%	62	11
Democrats	84%	10	6	Independents	66%	26	9
Republicans	15%	79	7	12-13 May 09	60%	30	9
Independents	49%	34	17	Democrats	93%	5	2
13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6	Republicans	23%	63	13
Democrats	85%	12	3	Independents	57%	30	13
Republicans	11%	82	6	22-23 Apr 09	62%	29	8
Independents	42%	47	11	Democrats	92%	4	4
29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8	Republicans	24%	66	10
Democrats	84%	11	6	Independents	57%	29	14
Republicans	16%	78	7	31 Mar-1 Apr 09	58%	32	9
Independents	46%	41	13	Democrats	90%	5	5
15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8	Republicans	23%	66	11
Democrats	85%	10	5	Independents	52%	35	13
Republicans	17%	72	11	3-4 Mar 09	63%	26	11
Independents	51%	42	7	Democrats	92%	3	4
11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7	Republicans	30%	56	13
Democrats	87%	8	5	Independents	61%	24	15
Republicans	16%	76	8	17-18 Feb 09	60%	26	14
Independents	49%	44	7	Democrats	90%	5	5
21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8	Republicans	29%	53	18
Democrats	86%	8	6	Independents	62%	19	19
Republicans	17%	75	8	27-28 Jan 09	65%	16	19
Independents	54%	36	10	Democrats	85%	2	12
9-10 Jun 09	62%	31	8	Republicans	37%	36	27
Democrats	88%	8	4	Independents	64%	16	19

Questions 2-3 released separately

4. Overall, do you think the country is better off or worse off today than it was a year ago?

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	42%	43	14	2
Democrats	70%	16	13	1
Republicans	14%	72	13	2
Independents	40%	41	16	2

24-25 Jan 06 32% 48 15 5

Questions 5-8 released separately

9. How would you have voted in the 2008 presidential election, if you knew what you know now -- for Barack Obama or John McCain? (ROTATE CHOICES)

	Barack Obama	John McCain	(Other)	(Wouldn't have voted)	(Don't know /Refused)
27-28 Oct 09	48%	41	6	2	3
Democrats	88%	7	2	-	3
Republicans	7%	84	5	2	3
Independents	45%	34	13	3	4
Obama voters	89%	5	2	1	2
McCain voters	4%	89	4	1	1

Questions 10-11 released separately

12. Are you better off or worse off financially today than you were a year ago? Is that a lot (better/worse) or only a little (better/worse)?

	---- Better ----			---- Worse ----			(Don't know)	(No change /the same)
	TOTAL	Lot	Little	TOTAL	Little	Lot		
27-28 Oct 09	27%	7	20	41	22	19	-	33
Democrats	34%	10	24	32	19	13	-	33
Republicans	18%	4	14	46	25	21	-	36
Independents	24%	5	19	48	21	27	-	28
22-23 Apr 09*	34%	8	26	30	20	10	2	34

* April 2009 wording: "...than you were in January?"

13. Do you think terrorists are more or less likely to attack the United States today than they were a year ago?

	More likely	Less likely	(No change)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	42%	34	18	6
Democrats	23%	51	19	7
Republicans	66%	16	14	4
Independents	40%	32	25	3

14. Have you had disagreements with your family or friends over the proposed health care reforms?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	26%	74	1
Democrats	25%	74	1
Republicans	20%	79	1
Independents	39%	61	-

15. How satisfied are you with what Barack Obama has accomplished so far as president? (READ RESPONSES 1-4)

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

	-- Satisfied --			-- Not satisfied --			(Don't know)
	TOTAL	Very	Smwht	TOTAL	Ntvty	Not	
27-28 Oct 09	56%	19	37	43	16	27	2
Democrats	90%	37	53	9	6	3	1
Republicans	19%	3	16	80	27	53	1
Independents	55%	12	43	44	16	28	1
22-23 Apr 09*	69%	34	35	30	12	18	1

*April 2009 wording: "... has accomplished in his first 100 days as president?"

16. As of now, do you think Barack Obama is meeting, exceeding or falling below expectations?

	Meeting expectations	Exceeding expectations	Falling below expectations	(Too soon to tell)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	40%	8	47	4	1
Democrats	64%	14	17	4	1
Republicans	16%	2	79	2	1
Independents	40%	6	47	6	1
3-4 Mar 09	52%	14	23	10	1
13-14 Jan 09	53%	14	11	20	2

17. Do you think Barack Obama is governing more as a liberal, a moderate or as a conservative? (RANDOMIZE 1-3)

	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	47%	29	8	8	8
Democrats	27%	43	13	10	7
Republicans	73%	11	5	4	7
Independents	45%	34	4	14	3

18. Thinking about the promises Barack Obama made during the campaign, all in all, do you think he is keeping more promises than he is breaking or breaking more promises than he is keeping?

	Keeping more	Breaking more	(Too soon to tell)	(Keeping some/ changing others)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	44%	39	8	5	4
Democrats	76%	11	6	4	2
Republicans	15%	70	6	5	4
Independents	39%	36	13	7	6

For reference: 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
3-4 Mar 09	58%	28	8	6

19. 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)
27-28 Oct 09	39%	56	5
Democrats	64%	32	4
Republicans	15%	80	4
Independents	37%	57	6
22-23 Apr 09	51%	40	9
17-18 Feb 09	45%	46	9

20. How prepared do you think President Obama is to handle a crisis call to the White House at three in the morning?

	Very prepared	Somewhat prepared	Not very prepared	Not at all prepared	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	38%	27	12	19	4
Democrats	63%	26	4	4	3
Republicans	10%	29	24	33	4
Independents	43%	26	5	23	3

21. Who do you think is more determined to win the war in Afghanistan – President Obama or the leadership of the Taliban and Al Qaeda?

SCALE: 1. President Obama 2. Leadership of the Taliban and Al Qaeda

3. (Both) 4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	Obama	Taliban/ Al Qaeda	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	34%	47	4	3	11
Democrats	53%	26	4	4	13
Republicans	18%	68	1	3	10
Independents	23%	61	5	4	8

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

	Obama	Bush	(Both equally)	(Other)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	18%	58	9	12	3
Democrats	7%	85	2	4	2
Republicans	35%	29	14	18	4
Independents	11%	59	14	13	3
21-22 Jul 09	16%	61	5	14	4

23. How effective do you think the economic stimulus and spending plan that was passed in February has been -- very effective, somewhat effective, not very effective or not at all effective?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not very effective	Not at all effective	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	8%	40	26	24	2
Democrats	14%	58	17	9	2
Republicans	2%	20	37	39	2
Independents	7%	44	25	22	2

For reference: 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

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the government limiting the salaries of the highest paid executives at companies that received government bailout money last year?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	73%	23	3
Democrats	79%	18	3
Republicans	65%	33	2
Independents	80%	18	2

For reference: Do you think the federal government should be allowed to regulate the salaries of corporate executives at American companies that take taxpayer bailouts?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	64%	32	4

25. Some people say government involvement in setting executive salaries at companies that received bailout money may lead to the government trying to set executive salaries for other non-bailout businesses. Do you think that would be a good idea or a bad idea?

	Good idea	Bad idea	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	25%	67	8
Democrats	35%	55	10
Republicans	15%	82	3
Independents	26%	64	10

For reference: Do you think the federal government should ever be allowed to regulate the salaries of corporate executives at American companies?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	38%	56	6

Questions 26-28 released separately

29. In the United States these days, how important do you think it is for the media to be able to report the news without government involvement and control?

	Extremely important	Very important	Not very important	Not at all important	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	53%	38	5	3	2
Democrats	48%	41	5	3	2
Republicans	58%	34	4	2	1
Independents	54%	37	5	2	2

30. Recently, the Obama administration has tried to exclude reporters from at least one organization from interviewing administration officials. Some people say it's not fair for the administration to single out organizations and prevent them from gathering news because that threatens freedom of the press. Others say the administration has every right to control access to its officials, and this doesn't threaten freedom of the press since other news outlets can interview these officials. Which of these positions is closer to your own?

SCALE: 1. Not fair for the administration to deny access because it threatens freedom of the press 2. The administration has the right to control access and doing so does not threaten freedom of press 3. (Combination, depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Not fair/ threatens freedom	Right to control/ does not threaten	(Combination /depends)	(DK)
27-28 Oct 09	61%	26	8	4
Democrats	50%	38	8	4
Republicans	75%	15	8	2
Independents	66%	24	4	7

31. Have you heard about the Obama administration's criticism of FOX News Channel?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	59%	40	1
Democrats	53%	47	-
Republicans	67%	31	1
Independents	65%	35	-

32. (If "yes" to Q31, n=531) Who do you think is right in this debate?

SCALE: 1. FOX News Channel 2. The Obama administration 3. (Both)

4. (Neither) 5. (Don't know)

	FOX News	Obama	(Both)	(Neither)	(Don't know)
27-28 Oct 09	56%	29	4	5	7
Democrats	20%	60	7	5	8

Republicans	89%	2	1	4	5
Independents	48%	31	7	7	7

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)
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