

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

10 December 2009

Polling was conducted by telephone December 8-9, 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=338, ± 5 ; Republicans n=341, ± 5 ; Independents n=164, ± 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 (8-9 Dec 09)	50%	44	7
High (27-28 Jan 09)	65%	16	19
Low (17-18 Nov 09)	46%	46	8
Average	56%	35	

	Approve	Disapprove	(DK)
8-9 Dec 09	50%	44	7
Democrats	86%	10	4
Republicans	18%	74	8
Independents	44%	48	8
17-18 Nov 09	46%	46	8
Democrats	85%	9	6
Republicans	15%	80	4
Independents	34%	51	15
27-28 Oct 09	50%	41	10
Democrats	84%	10	6
Republicans	15%	79	7
Independents	49%	34	17
13-14 Oct 09	49%	45	6
Democrats	85%	12	3
Republicans	11%	82	6
Independents	42%	47	11
29-30 Sep 09	50%	42	8
Democrats	84%	11	6
Republicans	16%	78	7
Independents	46%	41	13
15-16 Sep 09	54%	39	8
Democrats	85%	10	5
Republicans	17%	72	11
Independents	51%	42	7
11-12 Aug 09	53%	40	7
Democrats	87%	8	5
Republicans	16%	76	8
Independents	49%	44	7
21-22 Jul 09	54%	38	8
Democrats	86%	8	6

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

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

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
Afghanistan			
8-9 Dec 09	49%	44	7
Democrats	62%	31	6
Republicans	38%	55	7
Independents	48%	46	7
13-14 Oct 09	41%	43	15
15-16 Sep 09	51%	32	17
Economy			
8-9 Dec 09	45%	52	3
Democrats	80%	18	2
Republicans	17%	80	3
Independents	33%	62	4
13-14 Oct 09	48%	49	3
15-16 Sep 09	55%	40	5
21-22 Jul 09	50%	43	7
Job creation			
8-9 Dec 09	42%	52	6
Democrats	71%	25	4
Republicans	18%	77	5
Independents	35%	57	8
Health care			
8-9 Dec 09	39%	54	7
Democrats	73%	17	10
Republicans	10%	86	4
Independents	31%	63	5
13-14 Oct 09	42%	50	9
15-16 Sep 09	44%	48	8
21-22 Jul 09	43%	45	12
Federal deficit			
8-9 Dec 09	33%	58	9
Democrats	65%	25	10
Republicans	8%	86	6
Independents	21%	70	9

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as vice president?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	38%	35	27
Democrats	67%	14	19
Republicans	15%	55	30
Independents	28%	37	35
9-10 Jun 09	49%	32	19
22-23 Apr 09	53%	26	20

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Hillary Clinton is doing as Secretary of State?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	66%	22	12
Democrats	91%	5	4
Republicans	45%	40	15
Independents	64%	17	19
11-12 Aug 09	66%	24	10

31 Mar-1 Apr 09 56% 23 21

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

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	Approve	approve	(DK)	Approve	approve	(DK)
8-9 Dec 09	33%	59	8	19-20 Aug 08	20%	73 7
Democrats	51%	38	10	22-23 Jul 08	21%	68 11
Republicans	20%	74	5	17-18 Jun 08	19%	69 13
Independents	22%	70	7	28-29 Apr 08	22%	67 11
RECENT TREND				18-19 Mar 08	20%	67 12
17-18 Nov 09	26%	63	11	19-20 Feb 08	22%	68 10
13-14 Oct 09	24%	66	10	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66 12
15-16 Sep 09	27%	64	9	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60 15
11-12 Aug 09	30%	59	11	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61 14
21-22 Jul 09	30%	60	10	23-24 Oct 07	25%	54 22
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

10. 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)
8-9 Dec 09	39%	42	14	4
Democrats	84%	6	8	2
Republicans	5%	86	8	2
Independents	29%	34	29	9
17-18 Nov 09	39%	42	15	5
Democrats	82%	5	9	4
Republicans	5%	81	10	3
Independents	23%	43	28	5
27-28 Oct 09	39%	40	16	5
Democrats	80%	7	12	1
Republicans	3%	84	11	3
Independents	30%	31	31	9
13-14 Oct 09	38%	42	15	4
Democrats	78%	8	12	1
Republicans	3%	86	9	1
Independents	22%	35	31	13
15-16 Sep 09	40%	35	17	7
Democrats	77%	7	10	6
Republicans	5%	79	12	5
Independents	29%	28	36	7

-- Vote for --				
	Democrat	Republican	(Too soon)	(DK/Ref)
11-12 Aug 09	40%	40	15	5
Democrats	80%	7	10	3
Republicans	3%	86	8	3
Independents	28%	30	31	10
21-22 Jul 09	43%	38	15	4
Democrats	82%	3	13	2
Republicans	5%	83	10	1
Independents	34%	31	24	11
12-13 May 09	47%	35	14	4
Democrats	86%	6	7	2
Republicans	5%	81	11	3
Independents	35%	31	25	9
22-23 Apr 09	46%	33	17	4
Democrats	86%	5	7	2
Republicans	4%	78	15	3
Independents	33%	26	34	8

11. What are your expectations for Barack Obama's presidency? Do you think he will be:

SCALE: 1. One of the country's greatest presidents 2. A good president
3. An average president 4. A below average president 5. One of the country's worst presidents 6. (Don't know)

	One of Greatest	Good	Average	Below average	One of Worst	(DK)
8-9 Dec 09	13%	30	24	12	16	5
Democrats	26%	51	15	3	1	3
Republicans	2%	9	33	22	30	5
Independents	8%	29	28	10	17	8
9-10 Dec 08	19%	43	23	5	6	4
Democrats	30%	56	10	1	1	2
Republicans	5%	27	40	10	13	5
Independents	18%	43	23	5	5	7

12. Just your best guess -- as of today, do you think Barack Obama will be re-elected president in 2012, or not?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	44%	46	9
Democrats	71%	19	10
Republicans	20%	73	8
Independents	46%	44	10

13. All in all, for you and your family how do you feel about the year that is ending -- would you say 2009 has been a good year or a bad year?

	Good year	Bad year	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	34%	50	14	1
Democrats	43%	39	17	1
Republicans	27%	62	10	1
Independents	33%	50	16	2

14. Which ONE of the following do you think is most important for the federal government to be working on right now? (RANDOMIZE 1-7)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Fixing the economy	27%	26%	31%	20%
2. Creating jobs	26	31	20	31
3. Reforming health care	10	16	6	8
4. Handling Iraq and Afghanistan	8	7	10	5
5. Reducing the deficit	7	3	10	8
6. Cutting taxes	6	2	10	9
7. Addressing global warming	2	4	1	2
8. (All)	12	11	11	15
9. (Other)	1	1	-	1
10. (Don't know)	1	-	1	1

15. Which do you think would do more to help create jobs right now -- cutting taxes on individuals and small businesses, or passing a new government stimulus plan focused on job creation?

SCALE: 1. Cutting taxes on individuals and small businesses 2. Passing a government job creation plan 3. (Both) 4. (Don't know)

	Cutting taxes	Passing job plan	(Both)	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	50%	38	5	7
Democrats	26%	62	6	6
Republicans	69%	22	4	5
Independents	59%	26	5	9

16. What do you think should happen with the estimated two hundred billion dollars that is left over from the federal government's bank bailouts -- should it be used to pay for other government programs, to reduce the federal deficit, or should it be returned to taxpayers? (ROTATE)

	Pay for other programs	Reduce the deficit	Returned to taxpayers	(Other)	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	14%	41	40	3	2
Democrats	25%	34	35	4	2
Republicans	5%	45	46	3	2
Independents	10%	47	37	1	4

17. What do you think President Obama would like to do with the extra bank bailout money -- save it for an emergency, spend it on government programs that might help him politically in 2010 and 2012, or return it to taxpayers?

	Save it for emergency	Spend it on programs	Return it to taxpayers	(Other)	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	8%	55	25	2	9
Democrats	11%	40	37	3	10
Republicans	5%	70	17	3	6
Independents	6%	61	22	1	10

Questions 18-46 released separately

47. How confident are you the Secret Service can protect President Obama from harm -- extremely confident, very confident, somewhat confident or not at all confident?

	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not at all confident	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	22%	37	32	7	2
Democrats	22%	38	34	4	1
Republicans	23%	36	29	10	2
Independents	24%	38	32	5	1

27-28 Jan 09	28%	38	26	6	2
Democrats	30%	37	27	4	1
Republicans	29%	36	26	8	2
Independents	25%	44	22	7	2

48. Who do you blame more for the uninvited couple gaining access to the White House and the president and the vice president at the recent State Dinner -- the White House staff or the Secret Service?

SCALE: 1. White House Staff 2. Secret Service 3. (Both White House and Secret Service) 4. (The couple only) 5. (Other) 6. (Don't know)

	White House Staff	Secret Service	(Both)	(Couple)	(Other)	(DK)
8-9 Dec 09	37%	35	17	2	1	8
Democrats	27%	44	20	1	1	8
Republicans	46%	29	12	2	1	9
Independents	38%	28	22	4	1	7

49. Have you ever crashed a party -- that is, have you ever attended an event that you weren't invited to attend?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
8-9 Dec 09	17%	82	1
Democrats	20%	79	1
Republicans	16%	83	-
Independents	17%	82	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)
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2
21-22 Jul 09	40%	34	20	4
9-10 Jun 09	40%	33	23	1