



**Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans, including 928 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on November 13-15, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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**FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT NOON**

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

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Approve 55%  
Disapprove 42%  
No Opinion 3%

Oct. 30-Nov. 1    Oct. 16-18    Sept. 11-13    Aug. 28-31    July 31-Aug. 3    June 26-28  
2009                    2009                    2009                    2009                    2009                    2009

Approve	54%	55%	58%	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	45%	43%	40%	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%

May 14-17    Apr. 23-26    Apr. 3-5    Mar. 12-15    Feb. 18-19    Feb. 7-8  
2009                    2009                    2009                    2009                    2009

Approve	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

2. Apart from whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president, what do you think of Obama as a person? Would you say you approve of him or disapprove of him?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve	76%	79%
Disapprove	20%	17%
No opinion	4%	4%

FOR COMPARISON:  
CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

George W. Bush

	<u>As a person</u>			<u>Job approval</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Nov 14-16	68	27	5	50	47	3
2001 Jul 10-11	70	25	5	57	35	8
2001 Feb 9-11	65	27	8	57	25	18
2001 Jan 5-7*	60	33	7	65	26	9

Bill Clinton

	<u>As a person</u>			<u>Job approval</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2001 Jan 5-7	41	54	5	65	31	4
2000 Jul 14-16	36	59	5	59	37	4
2000 Apr 28-30	29	63	8	59	39	2
2000 Mar 10-12	35	59	6	63	34	3
2000 Feb 25-27	32	63	5	57	39	4
2000 Jan 17-19	36	59	5	62	35	3
2000 Jan 7-10	31	64	5	63	35	2
1999 Oct 8-10	35	62	3	56	39	5

QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 COMBINED

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve of Obama handling job and approve of him as person	52%	58%
Approve of Obama handling job but don't approve of him as person	1%	3%
Disapprove of Obama handling job but approve of him as person	21%	19%
Disapprove of Obama handling job and don't approve of him as person	19%	17%
No opinion	7%	3%

QUESTIONS 3 AND 4 COMBINED

3/4. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

	<u>Democratic Candidate</u>	<u>Republican Candidate</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>All Respondents</b>				
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	42%	7%	2%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	51%	41%	6%	2%
<b>Registered Voters</b>				
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	43%	6%	3%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	50%	44%	5%	2%

SELECTED TRENDS FOR REGISTERED VOTERS

	<u>Democratic Candidate</u>	<u>Republican Candidate</u>	<u>Neither/No Opinion</u>
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	53%	45%	2%
November 2-4, 2007	53%	42%	5%
November 3-5, 2006	58%	38%	4%
October 21-23, 2005*	50%	42%	8%
October 29-31, 2004*	49%	45%	6%
November 14-16, 2003*	46%	47%	7%
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2002*	49%	44%	7%
November 2-4, 2001*	45%	45%	10%
November 4-5, 2000*	50%	43%	7%
November 18-21, 1999*	47%	43%	10%
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1998*	50%	41%	9%
January 16-18, 1998*	51%	40%	9%
November 3-4, 1996*	48%	45%	7%
November 2-6, 1995*	46%	46%	8%
November 2-6, 1994*	47%	44%	9%
November 2-4, 1993*	49%	44%	7%

\*CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls

11. As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have heard or read about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

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2009

Favor	46%
Oppose	49%
No opinion	5%

11. As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have heard or read about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?
12. (IF OPPOSE:) Do you oppose that bill because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal, or because you think its approach toward health care is not liberal enough?

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Favor (from Q.11)	46%
Oppose, too liberal	34%
Oppose, not liberal enough	10%
Oppose, other reasons	3%
No opinion	8%

13. As you may know, the bill passed by the U.S. House requires approval by the U.S. Senate before it becomes law. Which of the following do you think the Senate should do:

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>
Consider the House bill this fall and make relatively minor changes before passing it into law	30%
Consider the House bill this fall but pass it into law only if major changes are made	22%
Start work on an entirely new bill that would not be ready until sometime next year	28%
Stop working on any bills that would change the country's health care system	17%
Other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	2%

### FOR COMPARISON

As you may know, several health care bills have been passed by committees in the U.S. House and Senate and they can be brought before Congress for debate and a final vote at any time. Which of the following do you think Congress should do:

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Continue working on those bills this fall and make relatively minor changes before passing final legislation	26%	25%
Continue working on those bills this fall but pass final legislation only if major changes are made	33%	28%
Start work on entirely new bills that would not be ready until sometime next year	24%	25%
Stop working on any bills that would change the country's health care system	15%	20%
Other (vol.)	*	*
No opinion	1%	2%

18. Just your best guess, how likely do you think it is that a bill similar to the one passed by the U.S. House will become law by the end of the year – very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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2009

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	37%
Somewhat unlikely	31%
Very unlikely	19%
No opinion	*

19. Just your best guess, how likely do you think it is that a bill similar to the one passed by the U.S. House will become law by the end of next year – very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Very likely	19%
Somewhat likely	40%
Somewhat unlikely	23%
Very unlikely	16%
No opinion	2%