

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

15 October 2009

Polling was conducted by telephone October 13-14, 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=148, ± 8

Obama Voters n=412, ± 5

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

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

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

-- Summary --

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
The economy	48%	49	3
Iran	44%	43	13
Health care	42%	50	9
Afghanistan	41%	43	15

	Approve	Disapprove (Don't know)	
Health care			
13-14 Oct 09	42%	50	9
Democrats	75%	16	8
Republicans	9%	85	6
Independents	36%	53	11
15-16 Sep 09	44%	48	8
21-22 Jul 09	43%	45	12
The economy			
13-14 Oct 09	48%	49	3
Democrats	78%	18	4
Republicans	17%	81	2
Independents	41%	56	4
15-16 Sep 09	55%	40	5
21-22 Jul 09	50%	43	7
Afghanistan			
13-14 Oct 09	41%	43	15
Democrats	63%	22	15
Republicans	20%	66	14
Independents	38%	46	17
15-16 Sep 09	51%	32	17
Iran			
13-14 Oct 09	44%	43	13
Democrats	70%	19	11
Republicans	19%	68	13
Independents	39%	47	14

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

	Dis			Dis			
	Approve	approve	(DK)	Approve	approve	(DK)	
13-14 Oct 09	24%	66	10	22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11
Democrats	41%	45	14	17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13
Republicans	9%	84	6	28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11
Independents	20%	77	4	18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12
RECENT TREND				19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10
15-16 Sep 09	27%	64	9	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12
11-12 Aug 09	30%	59	11	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
21-22 Jul 09	30%	60	10	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
12-13 May 09	41%	49	10	23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	38%	52	10	9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
3-4 Mar 09	41%	48	10	25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
17-18 Feb 09	39%	50	10	11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
27-28 Jan 09	40%	46	14	21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
13-14 Jan 09	23%	68	10	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
9-10 Dec 08	20%	71	9	15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
1-2 Nov 08	18%	75	7	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
1-2 Nov 08 LV	18%	75	7	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
28-29 Oct 08	17%	76	6	27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
28-29 Oct 08 LV	18%	77	5	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
20-21 Oct 08	19%	72	9	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21
20-21 Oct 08 LV	18%	73	8	4-5 Nov 06 LV	29%	57	13
8-9 Oct 08	13%	77	10	10-11 Oct 06 LV	31%	63	6
22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9	12-13 Sep 06 LV	29%	53	18
8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8	29-30 Aug 06	24%	61	15
19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7	8-9 Aug 06	24%	58	17

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the United Nations is doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	35%	43	22
Democrats	50%	29	22
Republicans	20%	56	23
Independents	29%	49	22
25-26 Sep 07	34%	48	18
1-2 Mar 05	32%	46	22
23-24 Sep 03	31%	52	17
25-26 Feb 03	40%	42	18
30 Apr-1 May 02	42%	33	25

8. - 12. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals and groups. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of one please just say so. (RANDOMIZE)
SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of

Barack Obama

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
13-14 Oct 09	55%	41	4	-	20-21 Oct 08 RV	60%	34	6	-
Democrats	90%	9	1	-	8-9 Oct 08	60%	34	7	-
Republicans	17%	76	6	-	22-23 Sep 08	57%	33	10	-
Independents	50%	42	8	-	8-9 Sep 08	57%	36	7	-
21-22 Jul 09	62%	33	5	-	19-20 Aug 08	59%	35	6	-
9-10 Jun 09	64%	30	6	-	22-23 Jul 08	58%	33	8	-
22-23 Apr 09	68%	27	5	-	17-18 Jun 08	58%	32	10	-
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	62%	32	6	-	28-29 Apr 08	47%	42	11	-
17-18 Feb 09	68%	25	7	-	19-20 Feb 08	54%	33	12	-
13-14 Jan 09	76%	15	9	-	18-19 Dec 07	49%	33	15	3
9-10 Dec 08	68%	24	8	-	13-14 Nov 07	50%	34	11	4
1-2 Nov 08 LV	59%	38	3	-	11-12 Sep 07	51%	25	16	8
1-2 Nov 08 RV	57%	39	4	-	26-27 Jun 07	46%	30	17	8
28-29 Oct 08 LV	56%	40	3	-	17-18 Apr 07	47%	23	19	11
28-29 Oct 08 RV	56%	40	4	-	30-31 Jan 07	41%	20	20	18
20-21 Oct 08 LV	60%	35	4	-					

George W. Bush

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard		Favorable	Unfavorable	Can't say	Never heard
13-14 Oct 09	41%	54	5	-	11-12 Sep 07	39%	56	5	-
Democrats	16%	80	4	-	26-27 Jun 07	37%	59	4	-
Republicans	74%	20	6	-	15-16 May 07	41%	54	5	-
Independents	33%	64	3	-	27-28 Mar 07	38%	59	4	-
RECENT TREND					16-17 Jan 07	38%	58	4	-
13-14 Jan 09	49%	46	5	-	10-11 Oct 06 LV	43%	54	3	-
9-10 Dec 08	34%	63	2	-	8-9 Aug 06	39%	56	4	-
22-23 Jul 08	30%	66	4	-	16-18 May 06	40%	55	5	-
17-18 Jun 08	35%	59	5	-	7-8 Feb 06	46%	47	7	-
28-29 Apr 08	35%	61	4	-	13-14 Dec 05	45%	50	5	-
19-20 Feb 08	35%	60	5	-	25-26 Oct 05	45%	49	7	-
18-19 Dec 07	39%	56	5	-	30-31 Aug 05	47%	45	8	1
13-14 Nov 07	40%	55	5	-	12-13 Jul 05	48%	45	7	-

Nancy Pelosi

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
13-14 Oct 09	30%	53	9	9
Democrats	54%	24	11	11
Republicans	9%	79	7	5
Independents	20%	61	10	8
21-22 Jul 09	29%	47	14	10
9-10 Jun 09	29%	47	13	11
27-28 Mar 07	37%	31	13	19
16-17 Jan 07	33%	24	23	20
10-11 Oct 06 LV	19%	26	13	43

ACORN - The Association of Community
Organizations for Reform Now

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
13-14 Oct 09	14%	52	13	22
Democrats	24%	34	14	29
Republicans	4%	71	9	15
Independents	9%	51	18	22
9-10 Jun 09	17%	31	17	35
20-21 Oct 08 LV	17%	37	15	30
20-21 Oct 08 RV	17%	36	16	31

David Letterman

	Favor able	Unfav orable	Can't say	Never heard
13-14 Oct 09	45%	39	15	2
Democrats	58%	28	12	2
Republicans	29%	53	17	1
Independents	44%	40	15	1

13. In the next congressional election in 2010, are you more likely to: (Read 1-2) 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)
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
11-12 Aug 09	40%	40	15	5
21-22 Jul 09	43%	38	15	4
12-13 May 09	47%	35	14	4
22-23 Apr 09	46%	33	17	4

14. If the 2012 presidential election were held today, would you definitely vote to reelect Barack Obama, probably vote to reelect Obama, probably vote for someone else, or definitely vote for someone else?

SCALE: 1. Definitely vote to reelect Obama 2. Probably vote to reelect Obama
 3. Probably vote for someone else 4. Definitely vote for someone else
 5. (Too soon to say) 6. (Would not vote for anyone) 7. (Don't know)
 8. (Refused)

	Vote to - Reelect Obama -			Vote for - Someone else -			(Too soon)	(Not vote)	(DK)	(Ref)
	Total	Def	Prob	Total	Prob	Def				
13-14 Oct 09	43%	26	17	48	14	34	7	-	2	-
Democrats	78%	50	28	13	6	7	6	-	2	-
Republicans	6%	4	2	88	22	66	3	-	2	-
Independents	35%	20	15	48	18	30	14	2	2	-
Obama Voters	81%	53	28	10	7	3	7	-	2	-
22-23 April 09	52%	37	15	31	8	23	14	1	1	-
Democrats	87%	69	18	4	3	1	7	-	1	-
Republicans	13%	5	8	72	19	53	12	2	1	-
Independents	43%	24	19	28	4	24	27	-	1	1
Obama Voters	79%	57	22	6	4	2	14	-	1	-

15. Do you think Barack Obama is a strong and decisive leader?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	60%	37	3
Democrats	87%	12	1
Republicans	30%	65	5
Independents	56%	41	3

For Reference: Now I'm going to read some words and phrases that could be used to describe a political candidate. Please tell me if you think each one describes the candidate or not. Do you think Barack Obama is a strong leader?

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
13-14 Nov 07	48%	36	16
5-6 Jun 07	49%	26	25

16. Do you think President Obama is getting good advice from his advisors or is he listening to the wrong people?

	Getting good advice	Listening to the wrong people	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	38%	45	17
Democrats	66%	18	16
Republicans	10%	75	14
Independents	29%	48	24

17. Compared to last year, do you think the country is more politically divided today, or not?

	More politically divided	Not more divided	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	64%	31	5
Democrats	53%	42	5
Republicans	78%	18	4
Independents	61%	32	7

18. Which ONE of the following items do you think is most important for the federal government to be working on right now? (RANDOMIZE LIST)
 SCALE: 1. Fighting terrorism 2. Reforming health care 3. Reducing the deficit and government spending 4. Creating jobs 5. (All) 6. (Other) 7. (Don't know)

	Creating jobs	Deficit & Spending	Health Care	Fighting Terrorism	(All)	(Oth)	(DK)
13-14 Oct 09	40%	25	13	9	12	1	1
Democrats	44%	11	21	7	15	1	1
Republicans	33%	42	4	12	8	-	-
Independents	44%	20	13	6	15	1	1

19. For you and your family, does it feel like the economy is getting better or worse?

	Better	Worse	(Same)	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	37%	43	19	1
Democrats	50%	33	16	1
Republicans	25%	51	22	2
Independents	31%	50	18	1
9-10 Oct 07	22%	53	23	2
18-19 Apr 06	21%	56	20	3
18-19 May 04	31%	49	17	3
18-19 Feb 04	36%	41	21	2
21-22 Jan 04	44%	34	19	3
14-15 Oct 03	35%	45	18	2

Questions 20-35 released separately

36. Do you think Barack Obama deserved to win the Nobel Peace Prize?

	Yes, deserved	No, did not	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	29%	65	6
Democrats	54%	38	7
Republicans	5%	91	4
Independents	19%	74	7

37. Do you think the Nobel Prize committee gave the peace prize to Barack Obama more because they thought he deserved it or more because they hoped he would think twice before using military force in the future?

SCALE: 1. Because Obama deserved it 2. Hoped Obama would think twice about using military 3. (Mixed) 4. (Don't know)

	Deserved	Think about using military	(Mixed)	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	32%	44	8	16
Democrats	55%	28	6	10
Republicans	12%	59	9	20
Independents	18%	53	8	20

And finally...

38. The Obama administration is criticizing FOX News Channel for its coverage of the administration. If the disagreement between the Obama administration and FOX News Channel continues, who do you think will come out on top?

SCALE: 1. The Obama administration 2. FOX News Channel 3. (Neither) 4. (Don't know)

	Administration	FOX News	(Neither)	(Don't know)
13-14 Oct 09	39%	43	6	12
Democrats	56%	20	8	16
Republicans	26%	65	3	6
Independents	27%	48	10	15

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)
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