## FOXNEWSHPOLL OPINION DYNAMICS

30 September 2010
Polling was conducted by telephone September 28-29, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of $\pm 3$ percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters
Democrats $\mathrm{n}=354, \pm 5$; Republicans $\mathrm{n}=322$, $\pm 5.5$; Independents $\mathrm{n}=175, \pm 7$

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 (28-29 Sep 10)
High (27-28 Jan 09)
42\% 49 9
Low (14-16 Sep 10)
42\%
Average

|  | Approve | Dis approve | (DK) |  | Approve | Dis approve | (DK) |
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| 28-29 Sep 10 | 42\% | 49 | 9 | 29-30 Jun 10 | 47\% | 45 | 9 |
| Democrats | 77\% | 11 | 12 | 8-9 Jun 10 | 46\% | 45 | 8 |
| Republicans | 10\% | 86 | 5 | 18-19 May 10 | 45\% | 46 | 8 |
| Independents | 35\% | 56 | 9 | 4-5 May 10 | 48\% | 43 | 9 |
| TREND |  |  |  | 20-21 Apr 10 | 46\% | 46 | 8 |
| 14-16 Sep 10 | 42\% | 52 | 6 | 6-7 Apr 10 | 43\% | 48 | 9 |
| Democrats | 80\% | 14 | 6 | 16-17 Mar 10 | 46\% | 48 | 6 |
| Republicans | 8\% | 88 | 4 | 23-24 Feb 10 | 47\% | 45 | 8 |
| Independents | 39\% | 50 | 11 | 2-3 Feb 10 | 46\% | 47 | 7 |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | 46\% | 48 | 6 | 12-13 Jan 10 | 50\% | 42 | 8 |
| Democrats | 80\% | 15 | 5 | 8-9 Dec 09 | 50\% | 44 | 7 |
| Republicans | 14\% | 83 | 3 | 17-18 Nov 09 | 46\% | 46 | 8 |
| Independents | 40\% | 50 | 10 | 27-28 Oct 09 | 50\% | 41 | 10 |
| 10-11 Aug 10 | 43\% | 49 | 8 | 13-14 Oct 09 | 49\% | 45 | 6 |
| Democrats | 77\% | 19 | 5 | 29-30 Sep 09 | 50\% | 42 | 8 |
| Republicans | 14\% | 81 | 6 | 15-16 Sep 09 | 54\% | 39 | 8 |
| Independents | 42\% | 46 | 13 | 11-12 Aug 09 | 53\% | 40 | 7 |
| 27-28 Jul 10 | 43\% | 50 | 7 | 21-22 Jul 09 | 54\% | 38 | 8 |
| Democrats | 80\% | 15 | 5 | 9-10 Jun 09 | 62\% | 31 | 8 |
| Republicans | 14\% | 80 | 6 | 12-13 May 09 | 60\% | 30 | 9 |
| Independents | 36\% | 56 | 8 | 22-23 Apr 09 | 62\% | 29 | 8 |
| 13-14 Jul 10 | 43\% | 48 | 9 | 31 Mar-1 Apr 09 | 58\% | 32 | 9 |
| Democrats | 76\% | 15 | 9 | 3-4 Mar 09 | 63\% | 26 | 11 |
| Republicans | 13\% | 80 | 8 | 17-18 Feb 09 | 60\% | 26 | 14 |
| Independents | 40\% | 48 | 13 | 27-28 Jan 09 | 65\% | 16 | 19 |


3. Right now, how interested are you in the November elections?

| i | Extremely interested | Very interested | Somewhat interested | Not at all interested | (Don't know) |
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| 28-29 Sep 10 | 35\% | 34 | 24 | 7 | (Don't |
| Democrats | 29\% | 31 | 32 | 9 | - |
| Republicans | 41\% | 37 | 18 | 3 | - |
| Independents | S 37\% | 34 | 18 | 11 | - |
| 14-16 Sep 10 | 31\% | 31 | 30 | 9 | - |
| Democrats | 22\% | 28 | 38 | 10 | 1 |
| Republicans | 42\% | 33 | 20 | 5 | - |
| Independents | S 24\% | 30 | 33 | 13 | 1 |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | 29\% | 31 | 29 | 10 | 1 |
| Democrats | 19\% | 33 | 36 | 12 | 1 |
| Republicans | 40\% | 30 | 23 | 7 | - |
| Independents | S 27\% | 31 | 28 | 12 | 1 |
| 10-11 Aug 10 | 29\% | 29 | 34 | 8 | - |
| 27-28 Jul 10 | 31\% | 31 | 28 | 9 | 1 |
| 13-14 Jul 10 | 28\% | 29 | 34 | 8 | 1 |
| 29-30 Jun 10 | 29\% | 28 | 32 | 9 | 2 |
| 8-9 Jun 10 | 27\% | 28 | 31 | 13 | 1 |
| 18-19 May 10 | 30\% | 31 | 29 | 10 | 1 |
| 4-5 May 10 | 27\% | 31 | 32 | 10 | 1 |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 30\% | 27 | 31 | 11 | - |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 31\% | 27 | 30 | 11 | 1 |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | 28\% | 29 | 32 | 10 | 1 |

4. If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district or the Republican candidate in your district? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

|  | Democratic Candidate |  |  | Republican <br> - Candidate |  |  | (Other) | (Undecided/ Don't know) |
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|  | Total | Vote/ | Lean | Total | Vote | Lean |  |  |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | 38\% | 35 | 3 | 44 | 40 | 4 | 5 | 13 |
| Democrats | 82\% | 77 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Republicans | 3\% | 3 | - | 89 | 83 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Independents | 22\% | 17 | 5 | 37 | 32 | 5 | 15 | 25 |
| Extremely/Very Interested | 36\% | 33 | 3 | 51 | 47 | 4 | 4 | 9 |
| 14-16 Sep 10 | 40\% | 36 | 4 | 46 | 41 | 5 | 3 | 11 |
| Democrats | 85\% | 79 | 6 | 6 | 6 | - | 1 | 8 |
| Republicans | 5\% | 4 | 1 | 91 | 83 | 8 | - | 5 |
| Independents | 30\% | 24 | 6 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 13 | 27 |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | 37\% | 33 | 4 | 46 | 42 | 4 | 4 | 13 |
| Democrats | 82\% | 74 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Republicans | 1\% | 1 | - | 93 | 87 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| Independents | 21\% | 18 | 3 | 35 | 27 | 8 | 14 | 31 |
| 10-11 Aug 10 | 37\% | 34 | 3 | 44 | 41 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| 27-28 Jul 10 | 36\% | 33 | 3 | 47 | 42 | 5 | 3 | 13 |
| 13-14 Jul 10 | 37\% | 33 | 4 | 41 | 38 | 3 | 4 | 18 |
| 29-30 Jun 10 | 40\% | 36 | 4 | 42 | 38 | 4 | 4 | 13 |
| 8-9 Jun 10 | 41\% | 37 | 4 | 38 | 32 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| 18-19 May 10 | 41\% | 37 | 4 | 41 | 35 | 6 | 5 | 14 |
| 4-5 May 10 | 40\% | 35 | 5 | 42 | 37 | 5 | 4 | 14 |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 38\% | 35 | 3 | 42 | 38 | 4 | 4 | 15 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 39\% | 35 | 4 | 43 | 38 | 5 | 4 | 15 |
| 16-17 Mar 10 | 38\% | 34 | 4 | 42 | 38 | 4 | 6 | 14 |


6. Which of the following best describes how the Tea Party movement will affect your vote for Congress this year? Will your vote be:
SCALE: 1. Primarily to express support for the Tea Party movement
2. In part to express support for the Tea Party
3. In part to express opposition to the Tea Party
4. Primarily to express opposition to the Tea Party
5. Or will the Tea Party movement not be a factor in your vote?
6. (Don't know)

7. Which of the following best describes how the policies of the Obama administration will affect your vote for Congress this year? Will your vote be: SCALE: 1. Primarily to express support for Obama administration policies
2. In part to express support for Obama policies
3. In part to express opposition to Obama policies
4. Primarily to express opposition to Obama policies
5. Or are the policies of the Obama administration not a factor in your vote?
6. (Don't know)

|  | To | Support | Obama | To | Oppose O |  | Not a |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Primarily | Part | Total | Primarily | Part | factor | (DK) |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | 34\% | 21 | 13 | 41 | 26 | 15 | 21 | 4 |
| Democrats | 64\% | 42 | 22 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 3 |
| Republicans | 5\% | 2 | 3 | 80 | 53 | 27 | 13 | 1 |
| Independents | 30\% | 15 | 15 | 41 | 26 | 15 | 25 | 4 |
| 13-14 Jul 10 | 33\% | 19 | 14 | 41 | 27 | 14 | 20 | 5 |
| 10-11 Oct 06 LV* | 31\% | 17 | 14 | 41 | 14 | 27 | 22 | 5 |

8. Regardless of how you plan to vote, which political party -- the Democrats or the Republicans -- do you think has the best ideas for solving the country's problems right now? (ROTATE)
SCALE: 1. The Democratic Party 2. The Republican Party 3. (Both)
9. (Neither)
10. (Tea Party) 6. (Don't know)

|  | Democratic | Republican | (Both) | (Neither) | (Tea) | (DK) |
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| 28-29 Sep 10 | $33 \%$ | 34 | 4 | 20 | 2 | 7 |
| Democrats | $69 \%$ | 6 | 5 | 14 | - | 5 |
| Republicans | $2 \%$ | 74 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 5 |
| Independents | $21 \%$ | 25 | 6 | 36 | 4 | 8 |

9. Do you think President Obama is doing a good job or a bad job listening to the American people?

|  | Good job | Bad job | (Mixed) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | $46 \%$ | 43 | 9 | 2 |
| Democrats | $78 \%$ | 11 | 10 | 2 |
| Republicans | $13 \%$ | 79 | 7 | 1 |
| Independents | $44 \%$ | 42 | 11 | 2 |
| $2-3$ Feb 10 | $49 \%$ | 41 | 8 | 2 |

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS
10. Do you think Democrats in Congress are doing a good job or a bad job listening to the American people?

| Good job | Bad job | (Mixed) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $27 \%$ | 59 | 11 | 4 |
| $53 \%$ | 29 | 15 | 4 |
| $6 \%$ | 88 | 4 | 3 |
| $19 \%$ | 66 | 10 | 5 |

11. Do you think Republicans in Congress are doing a good job or a bad job listening to the American people?

| Good job | Bad job | (Mixed) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $27 \%$ | 55 | 13 | 5 |
| $17 \%$ | 66 | 11 | 6 |
| $41 \%$ | 42 | 12 | 4 |
| $22 \%$ | 56 | 18 | 4 |

ROTATE NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS
12. If Michelle Obama campaigns for a candidate, would you be much more likely to vote for that candidate, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for that candidate?

| likely -- |  |  | -- Less likely -- |  |  | ( No | (Don't know/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Much | Smwht | Total | Much | Smwht | difference) | Refused) |
| 29\% | 12 | 17 | 45 | 32 | 13 | 22 | 4 |
| 57\% | 27 | 30 | 18 | 11 | 7 | 18 | 7 |
| 8\% | 2 | 6 | 77 | 58 | 19 | 14 | 1 |
| 14\% | 4 | 10 | 44 | 27 | 17 | 39 | 4 |

13. If Barack Obama campaigns for a candidate, would you be much more likely to vote for that candidate, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for that candidate?
-- More likely --
Total Much Smwht

| 28-29 Sep 10 | $35 \%$ | 17 | 18 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Democrats | $68 \%$ | 37 | 31 |
| Republicans | $8 \%$ | 2 | 6 |
| Independents | $19 \%$ | 5 | 14 |
| 13-14 Jul 10 | $39 \%$ | 21 | 18 |


| - Less |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Total | Much | Smwht |
| Tot |  |  |
| 48 | 37 | 11 |
| 16 | 9 | 7 |
| 83 | 68 | 15 |
| 48 | 39 | 9 |
| 49 | 37 | 12 |

(No (Don't know/
difference)
Refused)

For reference: Are you more or less likely to vote for a candidate if President Obama campaigns for them?

|  | More | Less | (No | (Don't |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | likely | likely | 45 | 23 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | $29 \%$ | 48 | 26 | 3 |
| $11-12$ Jul $06^{*}$ | $21 \%$ |  | 5 |  |

*Wording:"...if President Bush campaigns for them."
14. If Sarah Palin campaigns for a candidate, would you be much more likely to vote for that candidate, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for that candidate?

| -- | More | likely |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Much | Smwht |
| $32 \%$ | 12 | 20 |
| $14 \%$ | 6 | 8 |
| $57 \%$ | 21 | 36 |
| $24 \%$ | 8 | 16 |
| $37 \%$ | 15 | 22 |


| $-\quad$ Less | likely | -- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Much | Smwht |
| 51 | 38 | 13 |
| 74 | 63 | 11 |
| 26 | 11 | 15 |
| 44 | 32 | 12 |
| 51 | 40 | 11 |


(Don't know/ difference) Refused)

| 28-29 Sep 10 | $32 \%$ | 12 | 20 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Democrats | $14 \%$ | 6 | 8 |
| Republicans | $57 \%$ | 21 | 36 |
| Independents | $24 \%$ | 8 | 16 |
| 13-14 Jul 10 | $37 \%$ | 15 | 22 |

For reference: Are you more or less likely to vote for a candidate if Sarah Palin campaigns for them?

|  | More | Less | (No |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | likely | likely | difference) | (Don't know) |
| $6-7$ Apr 10 | $25 \%$ | 51 | 20 | 3 |

15. If Bill Clinton campaigns for a candidate, would you be much more likely to vote for that candidate, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to vote for that candidate?

| More | li | y | -- Less likely -- |  |  | ( N | (Don't know/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Much | Smwht | Total | Much | Smwht | difference) | Refused) |
| 39\% | 17 | 22 | 40 | 28 | 12 | 18 | 3 |
| 67\% | 31 | 36 | 16 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 2 |
| 18\% | 8 | 10 | 68 | 50 | 18 | 12 | 2 |
| 25\% | 10 | 15 | 40 | 28 | 12 | 33 | 2 |
| 45\% | 23 | 22 | 41 | 26 | 15 | 11 | 2 |

Questions 16-25 released separately.

Changing topics now ...

27. (If very or somewhat familiar, $n=418 \pm 5$ ) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the "Pledge to America"?

|  | Favorable | Unfavorable | (Too soon) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | $46 \%$ | 35 | 9 | 9 |
| Democrats | $23 \%$ | 58 | 9 | 11 |
| Republicans | $70 \%$ | 14 | 8 | 8 |
| Independents | $47 \%$ | 32 | 13 | 9 |

Moving on ...
28. Thinking about the health care law that was passed earlier this year, would you favor repealing the new law to keep it from going into effect, or would you oppose repealing the new law?

| Favor repealing | Oppose repealing | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $46 \%$ | 42 | 12 |
| $24 \%$ | 63 | 12 |
| $72 \%$ | 20 | 8 |
| $44 \%$ | 42 | 13 |
| $44 \%$ | 43 | 12 |

29. Thinking about the tax cuts passed during George W . Bush's term that are set to expire this year, would you favor or oppose continuing the tax cuts for those making less than $\$ 250,000$ a year?

Favor Oppose (Don't know)

| $28-29$ Sep 10 | $76 \%$ | 18 | 6 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Democrats | $65 \%$ | 28 | 7 |
| Republicans | $86 \%$ | 8 | 6 |
| Independents | $79 \%$ | 17 | 4 |

30. And would you favor or oppose continuing the Bush tax cuts for all Americans -including those making $\$ 250,000$ or more a year?

|  | Favor | Oppose | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | $45 \%$ | 48 | 7 |
| Democrats | $28 \%$ | 65 | 7 |
| Republicans | $68 \%$ | 25 | 7 |
| Independents | $41 \%$ | 52 | 8 |

31. If taxes go up on people considered wealthy -- that is, those making $\$ 250,000$ or more a year -- do you think that would help or hurt the nation's economy, or would it not make much of a difference either way?

|  | Help | Hurt | No difference | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | $33 \%$ | 27 | 35 | 4 |
| Democrats | $47 \%$ | 12 | 36 | 5 |
| Republicans | $20 \%$ | 46 | 31 | 3 |
| Independents | $27 \%$ | 26 | 44 | 3 |

32. Congress will soon vote on whether to continue the tax cuts passed during George W. Bush's term. Would you prefer the vote in Congress be taken after the November elections, to separate it from politics, or before the elections, so lawmakers can be held accountable in the midterm elections for how they vote on the tax cuts?

|  | After <br> the elections | Before <br> the elections | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | $26 \%$ | 65 | 9 |
| Democrats | $28 \%$ | 63 | 9 |
| Republicans | $28 \%$ | 68 | 5 |
| Independents | $24 \%$ | 64 | 12 |

33. Some people believe raising taxes is a necessity because of the size of the federal deficit. Others believe raising taxes is a mistake because it will hurt the economy. Which comes closer to your view -- is raising taxes right now a necessity or a mistake?

Necessity Mistake (Mixed) (Don't know)

| $28-29$ Sep 10 | $19 \%$ | 71 | 7 | 3 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Democrats | $30 \%$ | 58 | 7 | 5 |
| Republicans | $7 \%$ | 88 | 2 | 2 |
| Independents | $20 \%$ | 64 | 13 | 3 |

34. Thinking about the federal government's economic stimulus plan, about half of that money -- nearly four hundred billion dollars -- hasn't been spent yet. Would you favor or oppose legislation that would stop the government from spending the remaining stimulus money?

|  | Favor | Oppose | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | $54 \%$ | 36 | 10 |
| Democrats | $35 \%$ | 53 | 11 |
| Republicans | $70 \%$ | 24 | 6 |
| Independents | $58 \%$ | 30 | 12 |

35. For you and your family, does it feel like the recession is over, or does it feel like the country is still in a recession?
SCALE: 1. Feels like the recession is over 2. Feels like the country is still in a recession 3. (Don't know)

Recession is over Still in recession (Don't know)
28-29 Sep $10 \quad 10 \%$
Democrats 12\% 85
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Republicans 10\% 87
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36. Compared to two years ago, are you and your family better off, worse off, or about the same?

| Better off | Worse off | About the same | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11 \%$ | 37 | 52 | - |
|  | $13 \%$ | 32 | 55 |
|  | 40 | 50 | - |
| ts | $9 \%$ | 42 | 49 |

For reference: Are you and your family better off or worse off today than you were a year ago?

|  | Better |
| :--- | :---: |
| 8-9 Jun 10 | $23 \%$ |
| 12-13 Jan 10 | $28 \%$ |

Worse
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(Same - vol.)
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12-13 Jan 10
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Changing topics on ...
37. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: the federal government has gotten totally out of control and will threaten the country's basic liberties unless American voters clean house and commit to drastic change.

|  | Agree | Disagree | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $28-29$ Sep 10 | $67 \%$ | 28 | 5 |
| Democrats | $46 \%$ | 48 | 6 |
| Republicans | $86 \%$ | 11 | 3 |
| Independents | $76 \%$ | 18 | 6 |

38. Regardless of whether you support the Tea Party movement or not, do you support or oppose the main issues the Tea Party has raised -- specifically calling for lower taxes, less government spending and less government regulation?

|  | Support | Oppose | (Don't |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 28-29 Sep 10 | $70 \%$ | 22 | 8 |
| Democrats | $49 \%$ | 40 | 11 |
| Republicans | $91 \%$ | 5 | 4 |
| Independents | $75 \%$ | 17 | 8 |
| 10-11 Aug 10* | $71 \%$ | 22 | 8 |

* August 2010 Wording: "... specifically calling for lower taxes and less government?"

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)

28-29 Sep 10
14-16 Sep 10
1-2 Sep 10
10-11 Aug 10
27-28 Jul 10
13-14 Jul 10
29-30 Jun 10
8-9 Jun 10
18-19 May 10

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