



**Interviews with 1,026 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on June 26-28, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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**FOR RELEASE: THURSDAY, JULY 9 AT 6 AM**

*(Question 1 was released previously.)*

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

June 26-28  
2009

Approve 61%  
Disapprove 37%  
No opinion 3%

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

June 26-28  
2009

Approve 79%  
Disapprove 17%  
No opinion 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

\* WORDING: Apart from whether you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his transition to the presidency, what do you think of Bush as a person? Would you say you approve or disapprove of him?

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

June 26-28  
2009

Approve of Obama handling job and approve of him as person	58%
Approve of Obama handling job but don't approve of him as person	3%
Disapprove of Obama handling job but approve of him as person	19%
Disapprove of Obama handling job and don't approve of him as person	17%
No opinion	3%

3. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think it applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does not Apply</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Is a strong and decisive leader</b>			
June 26-28, 2009	70%	28%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	80%	19%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008 (RV)	64%	35%	1%
March 14-16, 2008 (RV)	59%	39%	3%
<b>Generally agrees with you on issues you care about</b>			
June 26-28, 2009	56%	42%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	63%	36%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	68%	31%	1%
March 14-16, 2008	57%	41%	2%
<b>Inspires confidence</b>			
June 26-28, 2009	72%	27%	1%
February 18-19, 2009*	75%	24%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	82%	18%	*
<b>Has a clear plan for solving this country's problems</b>			
June 26-28, 2009	53%	45%	2%
February 18-19, 2009*	64%	36%	*
<b>Tough enough to handle a crisis</b>			
June 26-28, 2009	64%	33%	2%
February 18-19, 2009	73%	24%	3%
<b>Can manage the government effectively</b>			
June 26-28, 2009	61%	38%	1%
December 19-21, 2008*	76%	23%	1%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

4. Do you think it is good for the country or bad for the country that the Democratic party is in control of Congress?

	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 6-9 <u>2007*</u>	June 22-24 <u>2007</u>		
Good for country	50%	53%	57%		
Bad for country	41%	37%	31%		
Neither (vol.)	7%	8%	7%		
No opinion	2%	2%	5%		
	May 4-6 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 11 <u>2007</u>	Dec. 15-17 <u>2006</u>	Nov.17-19 <u>2006</u>
Good for country	51%	59%	58%	61%	67%
Bad for country	37%	29%	30%	32%	24%
Neither (vol.)	9%	6%	6%	4%	6%
No opinion	3%	6%	6%	4%	3%

\*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

CNN/TIME TREND

Do you think it will be good for the country or bad for the country that the Republican party will be in control of Congress?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Nov. 9-10, 1994	50%	26%	8%	16%