



Interviews with 1,136 adult Americans, including an oversample of African-Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on July 31-August 3, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>				
Approve	56%	61%				
Disapprove	40%	37%				
No opinion	4%	3%				
	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Approve	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

2. How do you personally feel about the fact that Barack Obama is president? If you had to choose one of the following descriptions, would you say you feel thrilled, happy, don't care, unhappy or depressed?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009*</u>
Thrilled	15%	19%	28%
Happy	41%	42%	40%
Don't care	12%	11%	15%
Unhappy	22%	20%	12%
Depressed	9%	7%	4%
No opinion	2%	1%	*

*QUESTION WORDING: How do you personally feel about the fact that Barack Obama will soon be inaugurated as president? If you had to choose one of the following descriptions, would you say you feel thrilled, happy, don't care, unhappy or depressed?

3. Do you consider the first six months of the Obama administration to be a success or a failure?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>
Success	51%
Failure	37%
Too soon to tell (vol.)	11%
No opinion	1%

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Bush Administration First Six Months: Do you consider the first six months of the Bush administration to be a -- [ROTATED: success (or a failure)]?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>Too soon to tell (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2001 Aug 3-5*	56	32	7	5

4. Since he became president, do you think Barack Obama has tried to handle more issues than he should have, or hasn't he done that?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
More issues than he should have	65%	55%
Has not done that	30%	43%
No opinion	4%	2%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/TIME TRENDS</u>			
	<u>More issues than should have</u>	<u>Has not done that</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
<i>Bill Clinton</i> 1993 Apr. 28-29	49%	40%	11%

5. In general, would you say that President Obama's views and proposed programs for the country are too liberal, not liberal enough, or just about right for the country?

	July 31-Aug 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Too liberal	40%	36%
Not liberal enough	8%	5%
Just about right	50%	58%
No opinion	2%	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/TIME TRENDS</u>				
	<u>Too liberal</u>	<u>Not liberal enough</u>	<u>Just about right</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
<i>Bill Clinton</i> 1993 May 26-27	41%	15%	35%	9%
1993 Jan. 13-14	24%	10%	58%	8%

7. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Barack Obama				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	64%	34%	*	2%
April 23-26, 2009	69%	29%	*	2%
January 12-15, 2009	78%	17%	1%	4%
December 1-2, 2008	76%	21%	*	3%
November 6-9, 2008	75%	22%	*	3%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	63%	33%	*	3%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	62%	36%	*	2%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	63%	34%	*	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	60%	34%	*	6%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	64%	33%	*	2%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	60%	36%	*	3%
July 27-29, 2008 (RV)	63%	33%	*	4%
June 26-29, 2008 (RV)	63%	32%	*	4%
April 28-30, 2008	56%	38%	*	5%
February 1-3, 2008	58%	31%	2%	8%
January 9-10, 2008	55%	28%	6%	11%
September 7-9, 2007	49%	27%	10%	13%
June 23-24, 2007	47%	24%	14%	15%
March 9-11, 2007	44%	21%	19%	16%
November 3-5, 2006	36%	11%	37%	16%
Joe Biden				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	47%	33%	7%	13%
April 23-26, 2009	51%	34%	6%	9%
February 18-19, 2009	57%	29%	5%	9%
January 12-15, 2009	52%	26%	8%	13%
December 1-2, 2008	56%	28%	6%	10%
November 6-9, 2008	64%	25%	3%	8%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	56%	31%	4%	9%
October 3-5, 2008 (RV)	56%	32%	6%	7%
Sept. 19-21, 2008 (RV)	52%	31%	6%	11%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	51%	28%	7%	14%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	53%	25%	7%	15%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	38%	25%	12%	25%
July 27-29, 2008* (RV)	27%	22%	35%	16%

*QUESTION WORDING: "Delaware Senator Joe Biden"
(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

7. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Michelle Obama				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	67%	22%	1%	9%
April 23-26, 2009	73%	18%	1%	8%
January 12-15, 2009	69%	16%	3%	12%
December 1-2, 2008	67%	21%	1%	10%
October 17-19, 2008	56%	30%	2%	12%
Aug. 23-24, 2008	50%	32%	2%	15%
June 26-29, 2008	51%	28%	4%	17%
Hillary Clinton				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	61%	35%	*	4%
April 23-26, 2009	64%	34%	1%	2%
December 1-2, 2008	66%	33%	*	1%
August 29-31, 2008	58%	40%	*	1%
August 23-24, 2008	56%	40%	*	4%
July 27-29, 2008	56%	42%	*	2%
June 26-29, 2008	53%	44%	*	3%
April 28-30, 2008	51%	46%	*	3%
February 1-3, 2008	52%	44%	*	*
January 9-10, 2008	53%	39%	1%	7%
September 7-9, 2007	53%	39%	1%	7%
June 23-24, 2007	51%	44%	*	4%
March 9-11, 2007	49%	44%	2%	5%
November 3-5, 2006	51%	40%	3%	7%
September 23-24, 2006	50%	45%	2%	4%
April 21-23, 2006	50%	42%	2%	6%

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Hillary Clinton

	Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion		Favor- able	Unfavor- able	No opinion
2005				1998			
2005 Oct 21-23	54	41	5	1998 Aug 21-23	61	33	6
2005 Jul 25-28	53	43	4	1998 Aug 10-12	60	36	4
2005 May 20-22	55	39	6	1998 Aug 7-8	60	35	5
2005 Feb 25-27	53	41	6	1998 Feb 13-15	60	36	4
2004				1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	64	34	2
2004 Jul 19-21*	56	38	6	1998 Jan 24-25	61	33	6
2003				1997			
2003 Oct 24-26	51	44	5	1998 Jan 23-24	60	35	5
2003 Sep 19-21	54	40	6	1997 Dec 18-21	56	38	6
2003 Jun 27-29*	52	44	4	1997 Oct 27-29	61	34	5
2003 Jun 9-10	53	43	4	1997 Jun 26-29	51	42	7
2003 Mar 14-15	45	46	9	1997 Feb 24-26	51	42	6
2002				1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	55	39	6
2002 Dec 16-17	48	46	6	1997 Jan 10-13	56	37	7
2002 Sep 23-26	47	44	9	1996			
2001				1996 Oct 26-29***	49	43	8
2001 Aug 3-5	51	44	5	1996 Aug 28-29**	51	41	8
2001 Mar 5-7	44	53	3	1996 Aug 16-18**	47	48	5
2001 Feb 19-21	49	44	7	1996 Aug 5-7**	48	45	7
2001 Feb 1-4	52	43	5	1996 Jun 18-19	46	47	6
2000				1996 Mar 15-17	47	48	5
2000 Nov 13-15	56	39	5	1996 Jan 12-15	43	51	6
2000 Oct 25-28	52	43	5	1995			
2000 Aug 4-5	45	50	5	1995 Jul 7-9	50	44	6
2000 Feb 4-6	55	39	6	1995 Mar 17-19	49	44	7
1999				1995 Jan 16-18	50	44	6
1999 Dec 9-12	48	48	4	1994			
1999 Sep 23-26	56	40	4	1994 Nov 28-29	50	44	6
1999 Aug 3-4	56	41	3	1994 Sep 6-7	48	47	5
1999 Jul 22-25	62	35	3	1994 Jul 15-17	48	46	6
1999 Jun 25-27	56	42	2	1994 Apr 23-24	56	40	4
1999 Mar 5-7	65	31	4	1994 Mar 25-27	52	42	6
1999 Feb 19-21	65	30	5	1994 Mar 7-8	55	40	5
1999 Feb 4-8	66	31	3	1994 Jan 15-17	57	36	7
1998				1993			
1998 Dec 28-29	67	29	4	1993 Nov 2-4	58	34	8
1998 Oct 9-12***	63	33	4	1993 Sep 24-26	62	27	11
1998 Sep 14-15	61	33	6	1993 Aug 8-10	57	33	10

*Asked of a half sample.

**Based on likely voters.

***Based on registered voters.

2002-March 2003 WORDING: New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

17. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>July 31-Aug. 3</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>June 26-28</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Apr. 23-26</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Mar. 12-15</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Jan. 12-15</u> <u>2009</u>
Very good	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Somewhat good	19%	18%	16%	10%	11%
Somewhat poor	44%	39%	46%	41%	36%
Very poor	35%	41%	37%	48%	50%
No opinión	*	*	*	*	*

	<u>Dec. 19-21</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct. 3-5</u> <u>2008*</u>	<u>Sept. 19-21</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Aug 23-24</u> <u>2008</u>
Very good	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%
Somewhat good	6%	13%	14%	18%	21%
Somewhat poor	27%	29%	31%	34%	32%
Very poor	66%	54%	53%	47%	43%
No opinion	*	2%	*	*	*

	<u>June 4-5</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Mar. 14-16</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan. 14-17</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Dec. 6-9</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Sept. 7-9</u> <u>2007</u>
Very good	3%	4%	4%	6%	9%
Somewhat good	19%	22%	36%	40%	45%
Somewhat poor	39%	35%	40%	33%	28%
Very poor	39%	40%	19%	21%	17%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*

	<u>Aug. 6-8</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>May 4-6</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Mar. 9-11</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Nov. 3-5</u> <u>2006</u>
Very good	11%	18%	10%	15%	8%
Somewhat good	45%	43%	42%	48%	41%
Somewhat poor	26%	25%	31%	23%	32%
Very poor	17%	14%	15%	13%	18%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

	<u>Oct. 27-29</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Sep. 23-24</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Aug.30-Sep. 2</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Jun. 14-15</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>May 7-9</u> <u>2006</u>
Very good	13%	12%	9%	9%	10%
Somewhat good	49%	47%	35%	42%	42%
Somewhat poor	24%	26%	34%	31%	26%
Very poor	13%	15%	22%	16%	21%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	1%

*Asked of half sample

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

*Asked of a half sample.

18. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>	
Very good	8%	7%	6%	4%	
Somewhat good	50%	54%	49%	58%	
Somewhat poor	26%	27%	29%	29%	
Very poor	14%	12%	16%	7%	
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	3%	

	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	June 4-5 <u>2008</u>	Mar. 14-16 <u>2008</u>	Dec. 6-9 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 7-9 <u>2007</u>
Very good	6%	6%	10%	7%	11%
Somewhat good	58%	46%	50%	43%	51%
Somewhat poor	25%	28%	24%	30%	23%
Very poor	11%	18%	14%	19%	13%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Oct. 27-29 <u>2006</u>	Sep. 22-24 <u>2006</u>	Aug. 30-Sep. 2 <u>2006</u>
Very good	12%	10%	13%	12%	11%
Somewhat good	48%	43%	48%	50%	45%
Somewhat poor	25%	28%	26%	26%	25%
Very poor	13%	14%	10%	9%	17%
No opinion	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	15	45	25	12	3	60	37
2005 Sep 8-11*	8	41	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Apr 29-May 1	8	43	29	19	1	51	48
2004 Dec 17-19	17	43	24	15	1	60	39
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	18	49	18	11	4	67	29
2003 Dec 5-7	22	51	19	7	1	73	26
2003 Oct 10-12	12	52	22	12	2	64	34
2003 Mar 14-15	9	49	25	15	2	58	40
2003 Feb 24-26	9	46	26	16	3	55	42
2002 Dec 9-10	12	53	21	11	3	65	32
2002 Oct 21-22	7	58	21	9	5	65	30
2002 Sep 20-22	14	57	20	7	2	71	27
2002 Jun 28-30	13	58	21	6	2	71	27
2002 Apr 5-7	17	60	15	5	3	77	20
2002 Jan 11-14	15	63	16	5	1	78	21
2001 Dec 14-16	17	59	14	7	3	76	21
2001 Sep 21-22	21	56	15	5	3	77	20
2001 Apr 20-24	16	54	18	9	3	70	27
2001 Feb 9-11	18	53	21	6	2	71	27
2001 Jan 15-16	13	55	22	8	2	68	30
2000 Jun 6-7	24	56	10	5	5	80	15
2000 Mar 10-12	24	55	13	4	4	79	17
1999 Jun 25-27	21	55	15	7	2	76	22
1999 Jan 8-10	25	56	12	4	3	81	16
1998 Jul 7-8	19	54	14	7	6	73	21
1997 Oct 27-29	20	55	18	4	3	75	22

* Asked of a half sample.

19. Do you think Barack Obama's policies have made the economy better, or don't you think so? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

July 31-Aug. 3
2009

Made economy better	44%
Don't think so	51%
No opinion	5%

19. Do you think Barack Obama's policies have made the economy better, or don't you think so?
20. (IF DON'T THINK SO) Do you think Barack Obama's policies will eventually make the economy better, or don't you think so? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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July 31-Aug. 3
2009

Made economy better (from Q19)	44%
Will make economy better	11%
Will not make economy better	40%
No opinion	5%

21. Do you think the Democrats or the Republicans are more responsible for the country's current economic problems? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 521 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	July 31-Aug. 3 2009	May 14-17 2009	Jan. 12-15 2009
Democrats	23%	21%	22%
Republican	44%	53%	50%
Both equally (vol.)	24%	22%	20%
Neither (vol.)	7%	4%	6%
No opinion	3%	1%	1%

22. As you may know, the U.S. went through a depression in the 1930s in which roughly one out of four workers were unemployed, banks failed across the country, and millions of ordinary Americans were temporarily homeless or unable to feed their families. Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all that another depression like that will occur in the U.S. within the next 12 months?

	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 17-19 <u>2008</u>
Very likely	12%	12%	10%	12%
Somewhat likely	29%	33%	28%	29%
Not very likely	36%	36%	41%	35%
Not likely at all	22%	18%	20%	24%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%

23. Which of the following statements best describes you:

	July 31-Aug.3 <u>2009</u>	May 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>
You or someone in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months	22%	20%	23%
No one in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months, but you are worried that may happen in the near future	26%	21%	28%
No one in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months and you are not worried that will happen in the near future	50%	58%	48%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%