

4 February 2010
Polling was conducted by telephone February 2-3, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of error of $\pm 3$ percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters
Democrats $n=326, \pm 5.5$; Republicans $n=322, \pm 5.5$; Independents $n=197, \pm 7$

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 (2-3 Feb 10)
46\% 47
High (27-28 Jan 09)
65\% 16
Low (2-3 Feb 10)
46\%
Average
55\%
$47 \quad 7$

|  | Dis <br> approve <br> (DK) |  |  |
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| 2-3 Feb 10 | Approve | app | 47 |
| Democrats | $81 \%$ | 12 | 7 |
| Republicans | $14 \%$ | 82 | 5 |
| Independents | $45 \%$ | 47 | 8 |
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| 12-13 Jan 10 | $50 \%$ | 42 | 8 |
| Democrats | $84 \%$ | 11 | 5 |
| Republicans | $13 \%$ | 81 | 6 |
| Independents | $45 \%$ | 38 | 16 |
| 8-9 Dec 09 | $50 \%$ | 44 | 7 |
| Democrats | $86 \%$ | 10 | 4 |
| Republicans | $18 \%$ | 74 | 8 |
| Independents | $44 \%$ | 48 | 8 |
| 17-18 Nov 09 | $46 \%$ | 46 | 8 |
| Democrats | $85 \%$ | 9 | 6 |
| Republicans | $15 \%$ | 80 | 4 |
| Independents | $34 \%$ | 51 | 15 |
| 27-28 Oct 09 | $50 \%$ | 41 | 10 |
| Democrats | $84 \%$ | 10 | 6 |
| Republicans | $15 \%$ | 79 | 7 |
| Independents | $49 \%$ | 34 | 17 |
| 13-14 Oct 09 | $49 \%$ | 45 | 6 |
| Democrats | $85 \%$ | 12 | 3 |
| Republicans | $11 \%$ | 82 | 6 |
| Independents | $42 \%$ | 47 | 11 |
| 29 Sep 09 | $50 \%$ | 42 | 8 |
| Democrats | $84 \%$ | 11 | 6 |
| Republicans | $16 \%$ | 78 | 7 |
| Independents | $46 \%$ | 41 | 13 |


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| 15-16 Sep 09 | $54 \%$ | 39 | 8 |
| Democrats | $85 \%$ | 10 | 5 |
| Republicans | $17 \%$ | 72 | 11 |
| Independents | $51 \%$ | 42 | 7 |
| 11-12 Aug 09 | $53 \%$ | 40 | 7 |
| Democrats | $87 \%$ | 8 | 5 |
| Republicans | $16 \%$ | 76 | 8 |
| Independents | $49 \%$ | 44 | 7 |
| 21-22 Jul 09 | $54 \%$ | 38 | 8 |
| Democrats | $86 \%$ | 8 | 6 |
| Republicans | $17 \%$ | 75 | 8 |
| Independents | $54 \%$ | 36 | 10 |
| 9-10 Jun 09 | $62 \%$ | 31 | 8 |
| Democrats | $88 \%$ | 8 | 4 |
| Republicans | $28 \%$ | 62 | 11 |
| Independents | $66 \%$ | 26 | 9 |
| 12-13 May 09 | $60 \%$ | 30 | 9 |
| Democrats | $93 \%$ | 5 | 2 |
| Republicans | $23 \%$ | 63 | 13 |
| Independents | $57 \%$ | 30 | 13 |
| 22-23 Apr 09 | $62 \%$ | 29 | 8 |
| Democrats | $92 \%$ | 4 | 4 |
| Republicans | $24 \%$ | 66 | 10 |
| Independents | $57 \%$ | 29 | 14 |
| 31 Mar-1 Apr 09 | $58 \%$ | 32 | 9 |
| Democrats | $90 \%$ | 5 | 5 |
| Republicans | $23 \%$ | 66 | 11 |
| Independents | $52 \%$ | 35 | 13 |


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| 3-4 Mar 09 | 63\% | 26 | 11 | 17-18 | Feb 09 | 60\% | 26 | 14 |
| Democrats | 92\% | 3 | 4 |  | mocrats | 90\% | 5 | 5 |
| Republicans | 30\% | 56 | 13 |  | publicans | 29\% | 53 | 18 |
| Independents | 61\% | 24 | 15 |  | dependents | 62\% | 19 | 19 |
|  |  |  |  | 27-28 | Jan 09 | 65\% | 16 | 19 |
|  |  |  |  |  | mocrats | 85\% | 2 | 12 |
|  |  |  |  |  | publicans | 37\% | 36 | 27 |
|  |  |  |  |  | dependents | 64\% | 16 | 19 |

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

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

| $* * *$ SUMMARY CHART | *** |
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|  | Favorable |
| Barack Obama | $51 \%$ |
| The Democratic Party | $42 \%$ |
| The Republican Party | $42 \%$ |
| George W. Bush | $38 \%$ |
| The Tea Party Movement | $35 \%$ |
| Nancy Pelosi | $24 \%$ |
| Rahm Emanuel | $14 \%$ |

Barack Obama

| Barack | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | Never heard |  |  |  | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | Never heard |
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| 2-3 Feb 10 | 51\% | 43 | 5 | - | 28-29 | Oct 08 | RV | 56\% | 40 | 4 | - |
| Democrats | 87\% | 8 | 4 | - | 20-21 | Oct 08 | LV | 60\% | 35 | 4 | - |
| Republicans | 17\% | 79 | 4 | - | 20-21 | Oct 08 | RV | 60\% | 34 | 6 | - |
| Independents | 50\% | 42 | 8 | - | 8-9 0 | ct 08 |  | 60\% | 34 | 7 | - |
| 17-18 Nov 09 | 54\% | 42 | 4 | - | 22-23 | Sep 08 |  | 57\% | 33 | 10 | - |
| 13-14 Oct 09 | 55\% | 41 | 4 | - | 8-9 S | ep 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 | - |
| 17-18 Nov 09 | 54\% | 42 | 4 | - | 28-29 | Apr 08 |  | 47\% | 42 | 11 | - |
| 31 Mar-1 Apr 09 | 62\% | 32 | 6 | - | 19-20 | Feb 08 |  | 54\% | 33 | 12 | - |
| 17-18 Feb 09 | 68\% | 25 | 7 | - | 18-19 | Dec 07 |  | 49\% | 33 | 15 | 3 |
| 13-14 Jan 09 | 76\% | 15 | 9 | - | 13-14 | Nov 07 |  | 50\% | 34 | 11 | 4 |
| 9-10 Dec 08 | 68\% | 24 | 8 | - | 11-12 | Sep 07 |  | 51\% | 25 | 16 | 8 |
| 1-2 Nov 08 LV | 59\% | 38 | 3 | - | 26-27 | Jun 07 |  | 46\% | 30 | 17 | 8 |
| 1-2 Nov 08 RV | 57\% | 39 | 4 | - | 17-18 | Apr 07 |  | 47\% | 23 | 19 | 11 |
| 28-29 Oct 08 LV | 56\% | 40 | 3 | - | 30-31 | Jan 07 |  | 41\% | 20 | 20 | 18 |

George W. Bush

|  | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | Never heard |  | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | Never heard |
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| 2-3 Feb 10 | 38\% | 55 | 6 | - | 25-26 Apr 05 | 52\% | 43 | 5 | - |
| Democrats | 14\% | 83 | 3 | - | 29-30 Mar 05 | 49\% | 43 | 7 | 1 |
| Republicans | 68\% | 24 | 8 | - | 1-2 Mar 05 | 54\% | 41 | 4 | - |
| Independents | 30\% | 60 | 9 | 1 | 11-12 Jan 05 | 53\% | 41 | 6 | - |
| RECENT TREND |  |  |  |  | 14-15 Dec 04 | 50\% | 43 | 7 | - |
| 13-14 Oct 09 | 41\% | 54 | 5 | - | 30-31 Oct 04 | 48\% | 47 | 5 | - |
| 13-14 Jan 09 | 49\% | 46 | 5 | - | 30-31 Oct 04 LV | 49\% | 46 | 5 | - |
| 9-10 Dec 08 | 34\% | 63 | 2 | - | 29-30 Oct 04 | 47\% | 46 | 7 | - |
| 22-23 Jul 08 | 30\% | 66 | 4 | - | 29-30 Oct 04 LV | 49\% | 45 | 6 | - |
| 17-18 Jun 08 | 35\% | 59 | 5 | - | 28-29 Oct 04 | 47\% | 45 | 8 | - |
| 28-29 Apr 08 | 35\% | 61 | 4 | - | 28-29 Oct 04 LV | 49\% | 44 | 7 | - |
| 19-20 Feb 08 | 35\% | 60 | 5 | - | 27-28 Oct 04 | 49\% | 45 | 6 | - |
| 18-19 Dec 07 | 39\% | 56 | 5 | - | 27-28 Oct 04 LV | 50\% | 44 | 6 | - |
| 13-14 Nov 07 | 40\% | 55 | 5 | - | 17-18 Oct 04 LV | 49\% | 45 | 6 | - |
| 11-12 Sep 07 | 39\% | 56 | 5 | - | 3-4 Oct 04 LV | 52\% | 43 | 5 | - |
| 26-27 Jun 07 | 37\% | 59 | 4 | - | 21-22 Sep 04 LV | 52\% | 43 | 5 | - |
| 15-16 May 07 | 41\% | 54 | 5 | - | 7-8 Sep 04 LV | 51\% | 43 | 6 | -- |
| 27-28 Mar 07 | 38\% | 59 | 4 | - | 24-25 Aug 04 LV | 50\% | 44 | 6 | - |
| 16-17 Jan 07 | 38\% | 58 | 4 | - | 3-4 Aug | 47\% | 45 | 8 | - |
| 10-11 Oct 06 LV | 43\% | 54 | 3 | - | 20-21 Jul 04 | 50\% | 42 | 8 | - |
| 8-9 Aug 06 | 39\% | 56 | 4 | - | 22-23 Jun 04 | 52\% | 41 | 7 | - |
| 16-18 May 06 | 40\% | 55 | 5 | - | 8-9 Jun 04 | 52\% | 41 | 7 | - |
| 7-8 Feb 06 | 46\% | 47 | 7 | - | 4-5 May 04 | 50\% | 42 | 8 | - |
| 13-14 Dec 05 | 45\% | 50 | 5 | - | 6-7 Apr 04 | 49\% | 44 | 7 | - |
| 25-26 Oct 05 | 45\% | 49 | 7 | - | 23-24 Mar 04 | 50\% | 43 | 7 | - |
| 30-31 Aug 05 | 47\% | 45 | 8 | 1 | 3-4 Mar 04 | 52\% | 40 | 8 | - |
| 12-13 Jul 05 | 48\% | 45 | 7 | - | 4-5 Feb 04 | 56\% | 37 | 7 | - |
| 14-15 Jun 05 | 52\% | 42 | 5 | - |  |  |  |  |  |


10. Do you think the Founding Fathers would approve or disapprove of how things are going in Washington these days?
Approve Disapprove (Don't know)

| 2-3 Feb 10 | $10 \%$ | 84 | 7 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Democrats | $15 \%$ | 77 | 8 |
| Republicans | $5 \%$ | 92 | 3 |
| Independents | $8 \%$ | 81 | 11 |

Questions 11-15 released separately
16. Overall, do you feel like the federal government is trying to do too much these days, too little, or about the right amount?

| Too much | Too little | About right | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $57 \%$ | 17 | 21 | 4 |
| $34 \%$ | 26 | 34 | 5 |
| $81 \%$ | 9 | 7 | 3 |
| $56 \%$ | 18 | 22 | 4 |

## Question 17 released separately

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS
18. Do you think Democrats in Washington really want to find a way to work with Republicans, or not?

|  | Yes | No | (Mixed/Depends) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | $36 \%$ | 55 | 5 | 5 |
| Democrats | $58 \%$ | 32 | 5 | 5 |
| Republicans | $15 \%$ | 78 | 3 | 4 |
| Independents | $33 \%$ | 57 | 6 | 4 |

19. Do you think Republicans in Washington really want to find a way to work with Democrats and President Obama, or not?

|  | Yes | No | (Mixed/Depends) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | $28 \%$ | 62 | 6 | 3 |
| Democrats | $18 \%$ | 76 | 3 | 3 |
| Republicans | $40 \%$ | 49 | 8 | 3 |
| Independents | $29 \%$ | 61 | 7 | 3 |

20. 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) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | $49 \%$ | 41 | 8 | 2 |
| Democrats | $82 \%$ | 8 | 8 | 1 |
| Republicans | $18 \%$ | 76 | 5 | 2 |
| Independents | $47 \%$ | 39 | 12 | 2 |

21. President Obama says he thinks we need to change the way politics is conducted in Washington and look for compromises. Do you think President Obama is trying to reach out to Republicans to compromise and change politics in Washington or is he more concerned with enacting Democratic policies? SCALE: 1. Trying to reach out to Republicans 2. More concerned with enacting Democratic policies 3. (Depends on issue) 4. (Don't know)

Trying to reach More concerned
out to GOP with Dem policies (Depends) (Don't know)
2-3 Feb 10
Democrats
44\%

18\%
Independents 41\%

| 41 | 8 | 8 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 14 | 7 | 6 |
| 70 | 6 | 6 |
| 37 | 12 | 9 |

22. Over the last year, do you believe Republicans have or have not offered alternative ideas to legislation proposed by Democrats?

Yes, No, (Have on some issues,

|  | they have | they haven't | not on others) | (Don't know) |
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| 2-3 Feb 10 | $46 \%$ | 40 | 6 | 8 |
| Democrats | $27 \%$ | 61 | 5 | 7 |
| Republicans | $68 \%$ | 20 | 5 | 7 |
| Independents | $44 \%$ | 39 | 9 | 8 |

23. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court reversed certain campaign finance laws on the basis that they violated free speech, and ruled the first amendment allows unrestricted corporate and union spending on campaign advertisements. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court decision?

| Approve | Disapprove | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $27 \%$ | 53 | 19 |
| $20 \%$ | 61 | 19 |
| $34 \%$ | 44 | 22 |
| $30 \%$ | 57 | 14 |

24. During last week's State of the Union speech, President Obama criticized a recent decision by the Supreme Court while several of the justices were in the audience. Do you think President Obama's actions are better described as appropriate and part of his job, or in poor taste and unnecessary?

Appropriate, In poor taste, part of his job unnecessary (Don't know)

| $2-3$ Feb 10 | $51 \%$ | 40 | 9 |
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| Democrats | $76 \%$ | 15 | 9 |
| Republicans | $25 \%$ | 67 | 8 |
| Independents | $53 \%$ | 35 | 11 |

25. Do you think President Obama blames the Bush administration too much, not enough, or about the right amount for the country's current situation?

|  | Too much | Not enough | About right | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | $45 \%$ | 17 | 35 | 3 |
| Democrats | $11 \%$ | 34 | 53 | 2 |
| Republicans | $79 \%$ | 3 | 15 | 3 |
| Independents | $45 \%$ | 13 | 38 | 4 |

26. Do you think President Obama is better described as a Washington insider or as a Washington outsider?

Washington insider Washington outsider (Don't know)

| $2-3$ Feb 10 | $37 \%$ | 48 | 15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Democrats | $28 \%$ | 56 | 16 |
| Republicans | $50 \%$ | 38 | 11 |
| Independents | $33 \%$ | 49 | 18 |

27. Who do you think is more frustrated with the partisan gridlock in Washington -- the American people or President Obama? (ROTATE) (If says "Both" ask, "Well, if you had to pick one ...")

|  | American people | President | Obama | (Both) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | $71 \%$ | 12 | 14 | (Don't know) |
| $\quad$ Democrats | $62 \%$ | 17 | 18 | 3 |
| Republicans | $82 \%$ | 10 | 5 | 4 |
| Independents | $70 \%$ | 11 | 18 | 3 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  |

28. For the most part, do you think the president should try to follow the views of the American public when making decisions, or should the president do what he thinks is the right thing to do, regardless of what the public thinks?

Follow the views Do what he

|  | of the public | thinks is right | (Depends) | (Don't know) |
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| 2-3 Feb 10 | $64 \%$ | 23 | 10 | 3 |
| Democrats | $51 \%$ | 34 | 13 | 2 |
| Republicans | $76 \%$ | 15 | 6 | 4 |
| Independents | $60 \%$ | 23 | 15 | 2 |

Questions 29-34 released separately
Moving on...
35. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?

|  | Favor | Oppose | (Don't know) |
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| 2-3 Feb 10 | $61 \%$ | 30 | 9 |
| Democrats | $82 \%$ | 15 | 3 |
| Republicans | $44 \%$ | 46 | 10 |
| Independents | $62 \%$ | 26 | 13 |
| 12-13 Aug 03 | $64 \%$ | 25 | 11 |
| 12-13 Jan 00 | $57 \%$ | 30 | 13 |

Questions 36-38 released separately
Now, changing topics...
39. Whose wife do you feel most sorry for? (Randomize 1-3)

SCALE: 1. The wife of South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford, who had an affair with an Argentinean woman he called his soul mate 2. The wife of John Edwards, who had a child with another woman while his wife was suffering from cancer 3. The wife of Tiger Woods, who had many affairs and now reportedly checked into a sex-addiction clinic 4. (None of them) 5. (All equally) 6. (Don't know) Wife of Wife of Wife of Sanford Edwards Woods (None) (All) (DK)

| 2-3 Feb 10 | $5 \%$ | 49 | 10 | 10 | 19 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Democrats | $3 \%$ | 57 | 10 | 8 | 15 | 7 |
| Republicans | $7 \%$ | 47 | 11 | 8 | 21 | 6 |
| Independents | $7 \%$ | 46 | 7 | 13 | 19 | 8 |

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)

2-3 Feb 10
12-13 Jan 10
8-9 Dec 09
17-18 Nov 09
27-28 Oct 09
13-14 Oct 09
29-30 Sep 09
15-16 Sep 09
11-12 Aug 09
21-22 Jul 09
9-10 Jun 09
12-13 May 09
22-23 Apr 09
31 Mar-1 Apr 09

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