

Newsweek Poll
Princeton Survey Research Associates International

Final Topline Results
(6/28/10)

N = 964 adults, 18+
Margins of error: plus or minus 3.8
Interviewing dates: 6/23-24/10

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Results based on smaller subgroups are subject to larger margins of sampling error. Sample size and margins of error for these subgroups are included in a separate methodology statement.

An asterisk () indicates a value less than 1%.*

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FEBRUARY 2010 TREND RESULTS FOR QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 AND TREND DATES FOR QUESTION 3 HAVE BEEN UPDATED IN THIS DOCUMENT TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY INCORRECT DATA RELEASED ON JUNE 25, 2010.*****

Questions 1 and 2 asked in random order based on form split.

*1. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>DK</u>	
CURRENT TOTAL	27	69	4	=100
TRENDS ¹				
2/17-18/10	19	73	8	=100
4/1-2/09	22	69	9	=100
1/14-15/09	20	72	8	=100
12/3-4/08	21	72	7	=100
10/08-09/08 Financial meltdown	10	86	4	=100
6/18-19/08	14	80	6	=100
2/6-7/08	24	69	7	=100
8/1-2/07	24	69	7	=100
7/11-12/07	27	68	5	=100
7/2-3/07	24	67	9	=100
6/18-19/07	26	68	6	=100
5/2-3/07 Bush veto of Iraq funding bill	25	71	4	=100
3/14-15/07	28	64	8	=100
1/17-18/07	30	62	8	=100
12/6-7/06	31	59	10	=100
10/5-6/06 Foley scandal	25	67	8	=100
8/10-11/06	26	67	7	=100
5/11-12/06 NSA wiretapping	23	71	6	=100
3/16-17/06	30	64	6	=100
11/10-11/05	26	68	6	=100
9/8-9/05 Hurricane Katrina	28	66	6	=100
8/2-4/05	36	54	10	=100
10/21-22/04	40	56	4	=100
5/13-14/04 Prisoner abuse scandal	30	62	8	=100
4/8-9/04	36	59	5	=100
1/8-9/04	46	47	7	=100
12/18-19/03 Saddam's capture	46	47	7	=100
10/9-10/03	40	54	6	=100
4/03 Iraq War begins	50	41	9	=100
7/02	46	46	8	=100
9/01 Terrorist attacks	57	34	9	=100
6/01	43	52	5	=100
1/01	55	41	4	=100
6/00	47	45	8	=100
8/99	56	39	5	=100
9/98	54	42	4	=100
1/97	38	58	4	=100
3/96	28	70	2	=100
6/95	25	73	2	=100
8/94	24	71	5	=100
6/92 Recession	14	84	2	=100
3/91 Gulf War Victory	66	31	3	=100
9/90	37	58	5	=100
9/88	56	40	4	=100
11/85	51	46	3	=100

¹ Full trendline from 11/06 to present; earlier trends selected. Trends from 4/03, 6/00-6/01 and 6/95-8/99 from Pew Research Center; 11/85-6/92 from Gallup.

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*2. We'd like your opinion of the job performance of some political officeholders. First, what about Barack Obama? Do you approve or disapprove of the way he is handling his job as president? Next, what about **(INSERT ITEM—READ AND ROTATE B & C)**? Do you approve or disapprove of the way they are handling their job?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK</u>	
a. Barack Obama				
CURRENT TOTAL	48	46	6	=100
Republicans	18	78	4	=100
Democrats	83	13	4	=100
Independents	43	50	7	=100
TRENDS ²				
2/17-18/10	48	40	12	=100
1/14-17/10 ³	49	38	13	=100
7/16-19/09 ⁴	57	32	11	=100
4/1-2/09	61	27	12	=100
3/4-5/09	58	26	16	=100
b. Republicans in Congress				
CURRENT TOTAL	35	54	11	=100
Republicans	62	30	8	=100
Democrats	18	70	12	=100
Independents	28	61	11	=100
c. Democrats in Congress				
CURRENT TOTAL	35	53	12	=100
Republicans	10	83	7	=100
Democrats	68	18	14	=100
Independents	24	62	14	=100

² Through February 2010, trends were a standalone question: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?"

³ January 2010 trends from PSRAI.

⁴ July 2009 trends from PSRAI.

- *3. We'd like your opinion of the way Barack Obama is handling certain aspects of his job. (First,) what about...
(INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

ALWAYS READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling this issue or problem?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>DK</u>	
a. The economy				
CURRENT TOTAL	38	58	4	=100
TRENDS				
4/1-2/09	48	41	11	=100
b. The situation in Iraq				
CURRENT TOTAL	41	51	8	=100
TRENDS				
4/1-2/09	57	27	16	=100
c. The situation in Afghanistan				
CURRENT TOTAL	37	53	10	=100
TRENDS				
4/1-2/09	55	27	18	=100
d. The war on terrorism				
CURRENT TOTAL	44	48	8	=100
e. Reform of the financial and banking industries				
CURRENT TOTAL	36	53	11	=100
f. Health care				
CURRENT TOTAL	43	51	6	=100
g. The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico				
CURRENT TOTAL	33	60	7	=100

- *4. On another subject... Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	<u>Basically content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	<u>DK</u>	
CURRENT TOTAL	21	52	24	3	=100
TRENDS ⁵					
3/11-21/10	19	56	21	4	=100
12/12/06-1/21/07	21	58	16	5	=100
9/21/06-10/4/06	21	54	20	5	=100
3/17-21/04	32	52	13	3	=100
11/13-19/01	53	34	8	5	=100
6/14-28/00	28	53	13	6	=100
2/9-14/00	33	54	10	3	=100
9/25/97-10/31/97	29	56	12	3	=100

⁵ Trends 9/97-10/97 thru 3/10 are from Pew Research Center.

*5. Do you think the United States is winning or losing the war on terrorism?

	<u>Winning</u>	<u>Losing</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	<u>DK</u>	
CURRENT TOTAL	29	43	19	9	=100
TRENDS ⁶					
7/25-29/07	40	39	12	9	=100
11/1-4/06 RVs	46	33	10	11	=100
9/6-10/06	39	41	9	11	=100
10/27-30/04 RVs	45	31	10	14	=100
10/1-3/04	46	31	9	14	=100
9/8-14/04	52	28	9	11	=100

6. Do you think the United States is winning or losing... (INSERT ITEM—READ AND ROTATE)?

	<u>Winning</u>	<u>Losing</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	<u>DK</u>	
a. The war in Iraq	42	34	15	9	=100
b. The war in Afghanistan	26	46	19	9	=100

7. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's decision to relieve General Stanley McChrystal of his command in Afghanistan?

<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>	<u>Ind</u>
50 Approve	32	68	49
35 Disapprove	55	18	34
15 Don't know	13	14	17
100	100	100	100

QUESTIONS 8 THRU 16, D7-D7A, 17-25 REPORTED SEPARATELY

Now I have just a few more questions so we can describe the people who took part in our survey...

D2. In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

29	Republican
34	Democrat
30	Independent
4	(VOL.) No party/Not interested in politics
*	(VOL.) Other party
3	Don't know
100	

END OF INTERVIEW – THANK RESPONDENT:

That completes the interview. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

⁶ Trends 9/04 thru 7/07 are from Pew Research Center. Results are based on Total respondents unless otherwise indicated. The abbreviation RVs indicates the trend figures are based on registered voters.

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Methodology Statement
(6/25/10)

This poll was conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International from June 23-24, 2010. Telephone interviews were conducted with a nationally representative sample of 964 adults, 18 years and over, including 800 adults from national random digit dial (RDD) sample and an additional 164 18-44 year olds screened from national RDD sample. Results are weighted so that the sample demographics match Census Current Population Survey parameters for gender, age, education, race, region, and population density. The overall margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for results based on 964 adults. Results based on smaller subgroups are subject to larger margins of sampling error.

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NEWSWEEK POLL: DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE	
	<u>Total</u> (n=964) %
<u>Gender</u>	
Men	48
Women	52
<u>Age</u>	
18-29	18
30-49	38
50-64	25
65+	18
Undesignated	1
<u>Party ID</u>	
Republican	29
Democrat	34
Independent	30
Other/Don't know	7
<u>Education</u>	
College graduate	29
Some college	25
No college	45
Undesignated	1
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	
White, non-Hispanic	71
Total Non-White	27
Black	11
Hispanic	11
Asian	2
Other/Mixed race	3
Undesignated	2

An asterisk () indicates a value less than 1%.*