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For the first time since last spring, Barack Obama's steadily declining job rating has shown a modest improvement. And while his signature legislative accomplishment – the 2010 health care law – remains unpopular, Obama engenders much more public confidence on health care policy than do Republican leaders in Congress.

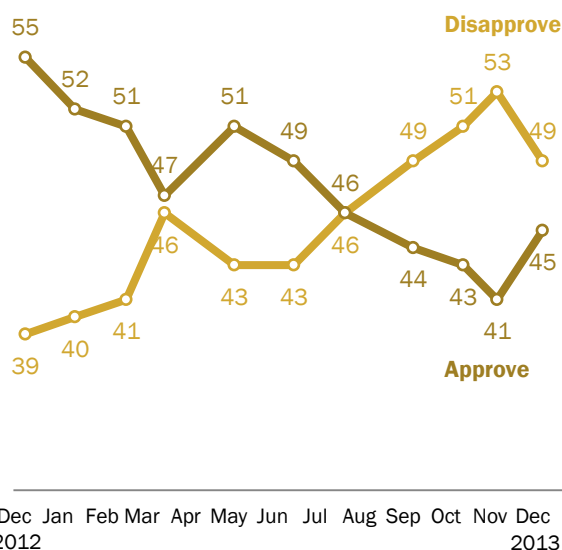
The flawed rollout of the health care law has registered with the public, with an increasing number of Americans saying its effect on the country so far has been negative. However, assessments of the law's future impact are little changed and, if anything, have become slightly more positive.

The national survey by the Pew Research Center and USA TODAY, conducted Dec. 3-8 among 2,001 adults, finds that despite the recent uptick in Obama's job rating, his standing with the public is much worse today than it was at the start of the year. The percentage viewing Obama as “not trustworthy” has risen 15 points since January – from 30% to 45%. There has been a comparable increase in the share saying he is “not able to get things done” (from 37% to 51%).

Yet, Obama's job rating has reversed a six-month slide. Currently, 45% approve of the way he is handling his job as president while 49% disapprove. [In early November](#), amid the widely criticized rollout of health care exchanges and the Healthcare.gov website, 41% approved of his job performance and 53% disapproved. His job rating had been as high as 51% in May and 55% in December 2012, shortly after he won reelection.

Obama's Job Rating Rises as Difficult Year Draws to a Close

Obama's job rating since reelection ...



Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013.

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Currently, 41% approve of the 2010 health care law while 54% disapprove. That is little changed from surveys conducted in October and September, before controversies erupted over the health care website glitches and cancellation of some individual health care plans. The public is divided over whether the law's problems can be fixed:

44% say the health care law has faced short-term problems that can be resolved, while 50% say the problems show "fundamental flaws in the law."

There has been a rise in the percentage of Americans who say that the health care law has had a negative effect on the country – from 38% in September to 49% in the current survey. Just 23% say the law's impact has been mostly positive, little changed from September, while 22% say it has not had much of an effect, down from 31% three months ago.

Yet, views of the health law's future impact have become somewhat more positive since September. Currently, 39% expect the law will have a mostly positive impact in coming years while 45% see a mostly negative impact. In September, 35% expected a mostly positive impact and 47% said its effects would be mostly negative.

[The September survey, also conducted with USA TODAY](#), found that opponents of the health care law were divided over next steps. Overall, 27% of the public said that elected officials who oppose the law should make it work as well as possible, while about as many (23%) said they should do what they can to make it fail. In the current survey, however, significantly more want elected officials to make the law work (29%) than to make it fail (19%).

Despite the widespread public criticism about many aspects of the rollout of the health care law – for example, just 30% say the health care exchanges are working well – far more Americans express confidence in Obama than Republican congressional leaders to do the right thing when it comes to health care policy.

More Say Health Care Law Having Negative Effects on the Country

	Sept 2013	Dec 2013	Change
<i>View of 2010 health care law</i>	%	%	
Approve	42	41	-1
Disapprove	53	54	+1
<i>So far, health care law's effect on the country has been ...</i>			
Mostly positive	24	23	-1
Mostly negative	38	49	+11
Not much of an effect	31	22	-9
<i>Looking ahead, effect on the country in coming years will be ...</i>			
Mostly positive	35	39	+4
Mostly negative	47	45	-2
Not much of an effect	14	11	-3

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q45, Q50 & Q51.
Don't know responses not shown.

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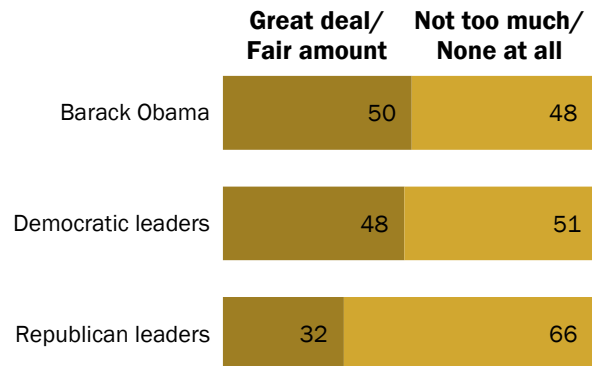
The public does not give Obama a strong vote of confidence on health care policy; while 50% have a great deal or some confidence in him, nearly as many (48%) express little or no confidence. However, just 32% have at least some confidence in GOP leaders while about twice as many (66%) have little or no confidence in them on health policy.

The survey finds that Obama’s job ratings on major issues such as health care policy and the economy remain in negative territory. Roughly four-in-ten approve of his handling of health care policy (42%) and the economy (40%) while majorities disapprove (55% health care policy, 53% the economy). Still, Obama’s rating on the economy has risen 11 points since early last month, when it reached an all-time low.

Opinions about several of Obama’s personal traits and characteristics have become more negative since earlier in the year. Obama continues to get strong ratings for being seen as standing up for what he believes in – fully 76% describe Obama this way. Majorities also view Obama as a “good communicator” (68%) and as “someone who cares about people like me” (58%). The percentage saying Obama stands up for his beliefs has fallen six points since January, while there have been eight-point declines in positive views of Obama for his communication abilities and empathy.

More Confidence in Obama than GOP Leaders on Health Policy

Confidence in each to do the right thing on health care policy (%)

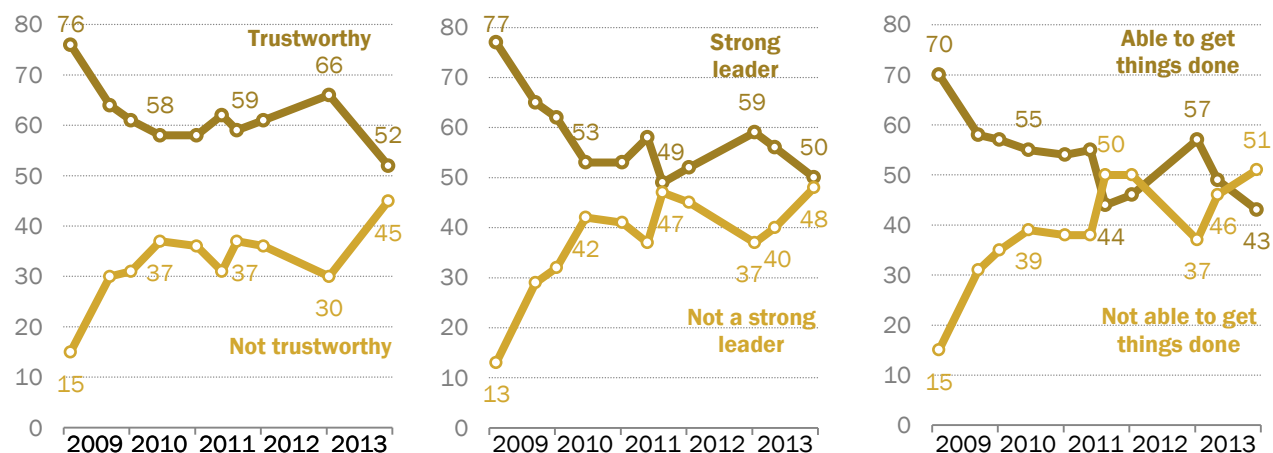


Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q55a-c.

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Views of Obama's Honesty, Leadership, Effectiveness

% rating Obama as ...



Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q20a,d,e.

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But Obama's weakest ratings come on perceptions of his effectiveness, leadership and honesty – and negative views on all three traits have increased by double digits since the start of 2013. Currently, 43% say Obama is able to get things done, while more (51%) say he is not able to accomplish things. In January, more viewed Obama as able to get things done, by 57% to 37%.

Half of Americans (50%) see Obama as a strong leader while 48% do not. Only once before have views of Obama's leadership abilities been divided, in August 2011 following the fractious debate over raising the debt ceiling. At the start of 2013, 59% viewed Obama as a strong leader while just 37% disagreed.

And the percentage viewing Obama as trustworthy has fallen 14 points since the start of the year, from 66% to 52%. This is Obama's lowest rating for trustworthiness since he took office. This decline in Obama's credibility may well reflect public reactions to his promise that if people like their current health care plans they would be able to keep them under the Affordable Care Act. The public is evenly divided over whether Obama deliberately misled the public with this pledge: 47% say he was deliberately misleading about whether people would be able to keep their existing health plans while 47% say he did not mislead the public.

Views of Obama

After a period of steady decline, Barack Obama's overall job approval has edged up to 45% from a low of 41% in early November. Yet even with this uptick, Obama's job approval is 10-points down from a year ago, following his re-election.

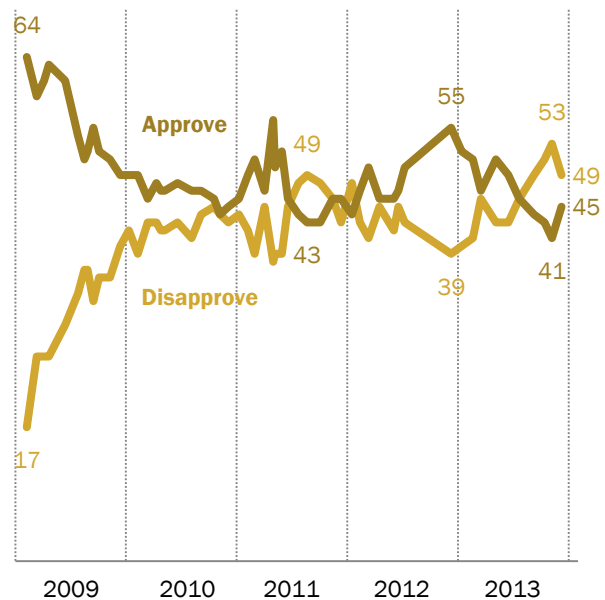
Overall, the president's performance rating is comparable to where it stood in September of this year – before the government shutdown and launch of the health care exchanges. It is also similar to the ratings he received in late 2011 following that year's debt ceiling debate, and in late 2010 around that year's midterm election in which Republicans regained a majority in the House of Representatives.

Obama continues to receive negative ratings from a majority of Republicans (83% disapprove, 13% approve) and independents (57% disapprove, 36% approve), while most Democrats (81% approve, 15% disapprove) continue to support the president.

For more details on Obama's job approval ratings, see the detailed tables at the back of this report.

Obama Approval Up from Personal Low

% who ... of the way Obama is handling his job as president



Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q1.

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Economic Ratings Up From Record Low

After hitting to an all-time low in November, Obama's job ratings on the economy are back to where they were earlier in the year. About four-in-ten (42%) approve of the way the president is handling the economy, while 53% disapprove. In early November, just 31% gave Obama high marks for the way he was handling the economy, while 65% gave him a negative rating.

Obama's ratings on health care have been far more stable in recent months, with more continuing to disapprove (55%) than approve (40%) of his performance in this area.

The public is nearly evenly divided on Obama's handling of Iran; 39% approve and 44% disapprove. In November, before the multilateral agreement aimed at freezing Iran's nuclear development program, 37% approved and more than half (53%) disapproved of the president's handling of Iran. The difference is that more offer no opinion on this issue today (17%) than last month (10%).

On the federal budget deficit, 34% approve of how Obama is handling the deficit, compared with 58% who disapprove. Obama's ratings on the deficit have been consistently negative since shortly after he took office in 2009.

Obama's Economic Ratings Recover, Health Care Ratings Stable

(Approve/Disapprove) of the way Obama is handling...

	Sept	Nov	Dec
	%	%	%
Economy			
Approve	43	31	42
Disapprove	52	65	53
Health care			
Approve	41	37	40
Disapprove	53	59	55
Dealing with Iran	June	Nov	Dec
Approve	45	37	39
Disapprove	41	53	44

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q6F1.

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Obama's Personal Image

The steepest declines in Obama's personal ratings come with respect to his honesty and effectiveness. At the start of the year, 57% described the president as "able to get things done" while 37% said he was not. Today, just 43% describe Obama as able to get things done, while 51% say this doesn't apply.

The drop in the share who see Obama as "trustworthy" is comparable: from 66% in January to 52% today. Meanwhile, the share saying he is not trustworthy is up from 30% to 45%.

This is the first time in Obama's presidency that public confidence has fallen to this level. At 52%, the share describing the president as trustworthy is below the previous low of 58% in 2010 and 2011. In a February 2009 survey, just after he took office, 76% described Obama as trustworthy.

Similarly, fewer now say the president is a "good communicator," down to 68% from 76% at the start of the year, and a previous low of 75% in 2011. When he first took office, fully 92% described Obama as a good communicator.

When it comes to several other traits, current views of the president match previous lows reached in August of 2011 following that summer's debate over raising the nation's debt ceiling. For example, 50% now describe Obama as a "strong leader," down from 59% at the start of the year and about equal to the 49% who called Obama a strong leader in August of 2011.

Over 2013, Obama Loses Most Ground on Honesty and Effectiveness

	Jan	May	Dec	Jan-Dec change
	%	%	%	
Stands up for what he believes in	82	76	76	-6
A good communicator	76	--	68	-8
Cares about people like me	66	--	58	-8
In touch with what is going on in the government	--	--	57	--
Trustworthy	66	--	52	-14
A strong leader	59	56	50	-9
A good manager	--	--	46	--
Able to get things done	57	49	43	-14
Overall job approval	52	51	45	-7

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q20.

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Overall Views of Health Care Law

The 2010 health care law remains unpopular with the public: 54% say they disapprove of the law while 41% approve. Opinion has changed little over the past three months, and the law remains divisive across a range of demographic and partisan groups.

As was the case in September, before the launch of the online health care exchanges, whites overwhelmingly disapprove of the law (64%-30%). Support is higher among Hispanics (52%) and blacks (81%). Three months ago, Hispanics approved of the law by a 61%-33% margin, and blacks supported it 91%-8%.

Across all age groups, more disapprove than approve of the 2010 health care law. Young people (ages 18-29) were divided over the law earlier this fall and were one of the groups most supportive of the law, dating back to its passage in 2010. In the current survey, 54% of those under 30 disapprove of the law, while 41% approve.

As many college graduates approve (48%) as disapprove (48%) of the health care law. Among those without a college degree, more disapprove than approve.

Partisan divides over the Affordable Care Act are wide, with broad majorities of Republicans against the law and Democrats for it. However, the percentage of Republicans who disapprove of the law (89%) is somewhat larger than the share of Democrats who approve of it (73%). Independents disapprove of the law by a wide 61%-34% margin.

Views of the law are similar among those who

Most Young People Now Disapprove of 2010 Health Law

	Approve %	Disapprove %	DK %
Total	41	54	5=100
Men	38	58	4=100
Women	44	51	5=100
White	30	64	5=100
Black	81	17	2=100
Hispanic	52	44	4=100
18-29	41	54	5=100
30-49	41	56	2=100
50-64	43	52	5=100
65+	38	54	8=100
College grad+	48	48	4=100
Some college	34	61	5=100
HS or less	42	53	5=100
<i>Family income</i>			
\$75,000 or more	42	55	3=100
\$30,000-\$75,000	40	54	5=100
Less than \$30,000	43	53	4=100
Republican	9	89	1=100
Democrat	73	21	6=100
Independent	34	61	5=100
Currently insured	41	55	5=100
Currently uninsured	44	52	5=100

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q45.

Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic;

Hispanics are of any race.

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currently have health insurance (41% approve, 55% disapprove) and those who do not (44% approve, 52% disapprove).

Impact of the Law: Current and Future

A majority of Americans (60%) continue to say that the health care law hasn't had much of an effect on them or their family, little changed from 63% who said this in September.

However, when asked about the impact on the country as a whole, nearly half (49%) say the law has had a negative effect on the country so far, up 11 points since September. The percentage saying the law has had a positive impact remains low (23%) and has changed little since then.

Republicans (+15 points) and independents (+14 points) have both become much more likely to see the law's impact so far as mostly negative. There has been little change among Democrats.

Looking forward, views of the overall impact of the law in the coming years are more divided: 45% think the law will have a mostly negative effect, 39% think it will be mostly positive, and 11% don't think it will have much of an effect. In September, somewhat fewer (35%) said the law would have a positive impact on the country in coming years.

More Say Health Care Law is Having Negative Impact on Country

<i>So far, how has the health care law affected ...</i>	Sept 2013	Dec 2013	Change
You and your family	%	%	
Mostly positive	17	15	-2
Mostly negative	20	23	+3
Not much of an effect	63	60	-3
The country as a whole			
Mostly positive	24	23	-1
Mostly negative	38	49	+11
Not much of an effect	31	22	-9
<i>In the coming years, how will the health care law affect ...</i>			
You and your family			
Mostly positive	25	26	+1
Mostly negative	41	38	-3
Not much of an effect	31	32	+1
The country as a whole			
Mostly positive	35	39	+4
Mostly negative	47	45	-2
Not much of an effect	14	11	-3

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q47-Q51. Don't know responses not shown.

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What Should Officials Opposed to the Law Do Now?

Among those who disapprove of the health care law overall, more say that elected officials opposed to the law should do what they can to make it work as well as possible rather than do what they can to make the law fail.

Overall, 54% of the public disapproves of the health care law and this percentage breaks into two groups: the larger share (29% of the public of the public overall) disapproves of the law and wants officials to do what they can to make it work; a somewhat smaller percentage (19% of public) opposes the law and wants elected officials to make it fail. In September, about equal percentages opposed the law and wanted it to fail (23%) as opposed it and wanted it to work as well as possible (27%).

Republicans are divided on this question: 41% disapprove of the law and say elected officials opposed to it should do what they can to make it work as well as possible, while 40% disapprove of the law and want officials to make it fail.

Among Republicans and Republican leaners who agree with the Tea Party, fully 60% oppose the law and want elected officials to do what they can to make it fail, compared with just 25% who oppose the law and want officials to try and make it work. Among Republicans who do not agree with the Tea Party, the balance of opinion is reversed (47% oppose and make it work, 28% oppose and make it fail).

More Opponents of Health Care Law Want Elected Officials to Make It Work, Not Fail

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Among Rep/Rep lean	
					Tea Party	Not Tea
2010 health care law ...	%	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	41	9	73	34	2	15
Disapprove	54	89	21	61	98	83
<i>Elected officials should try to*</i>						
Make law work as well as possible	29	41	16	34	25	47
Make it fail	19	40	3	20	60	28
Don't know	6	9	2	7	13	8
Don't know	5	1	6	5	1	3
	100	100	100	100	100	100

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q54.

* Asked of those who disapprove of health care law, based on total.

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More Have Confidence in Obama than GOP Leaders on Health Care

In spite of the unpopularity of the health care law, the public expresses more confidence in Barack Obama and Democratic congressional leaders than in Republican leaders when it comes to health care policy.

Half (50%) have a great deal or fair amount of confidence in Obama to do the right thing on health care policy; about as many (48%) say they have confidence in Democratic leaders in Congress. By contrast, just 32% say they are confident that Republican leaders in Congress will do the right thing when it comes to health care policy.

Democrats are more likely than Republicans to express confidence in their party leaders on the issue of health care policy. Fully 85% of Democrats have confidence in Obama on health care and 82% have a great deal or fair amount of confidence in congressional Democrats. By contrast, 60% of Republicans have confidence in Republican leaders in Congress to do the right thing on health care policy; 39% do not have confidence in their party leaders.

Twice as many independents express confidence in Obama (46%) to do the right thing when it comes to health care than in Republican leaders (23%); 40% of independents have confidence in Democratic leaders on health care.

Obama Has Wide Advantage in Confidence on Health Care Policy

Confidence in each to do right thing on health care policy

	Great deal/ Fair amount	Not much/ None	DK
<i>Barack Obama</i>	%	%	%
Total	50	48	1=100
Republican	12	88	0=100
Democrat	85	13	2=100
Independent	46	53	1=100
<i>Republican leaders in Congress</i>			
Total	32	66	1=100
Republican	60	39	1=100
Democrat	19	79	2=100
Independent	23	76	1=100
<i>Democratic leaders in Congress</i>			
Total	48	51	1=100
Republican	15	85	*=100
Democrat	82	16	2=100
Independent	40	59	1=100

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Low Marks for Health Care Exchanges

Most Americans continue to say that the health insurance exchanges are not working well.

About six-in-ten (58%) say the exchanges are working not too or not at all well, while 30% say the exchanges are working fairly (26%) or very well (4%).

These ratings are slightly worse than just after the Healthcare.gov website went live online. When asked a similar question in the second [week of October](#), 46% said the online exchanges were not working well, while 29% gave the exchanges a positive review (25% didn't offer an opinion).

Those without health insurance offer more positive views of the exchanges than do those who have health insurance. Still, majorities in both groups (54% of the uninsured, 59% of the insured) say they are not working well.

There continues to be a large partisan gap in views of the exchanges. Republicans say the exchanges are not working well (78%). But even among Democrats, only about half (48%) have positive views of the exchanges.

Impressions of the online exchanges among young people (38% going very/fairly well, 47% not too/at all well) are somewhat less negative than the impressions of older Americans.

How Well Are Health Care Exchanges Working?

	Very/ Fairly well	Not too/ Not at all well	DK
	%	%	%
Total	30	58	12=100
White	21	65	14=100
Black	60	30	10=100
18-29	38	47	16=100
30-49	28	62	10=100
50-64	27	61	12=100
65+	28	58	13=100
Republican	12	78	10=100
Democrat	48	40	12=100
Independent	25	63	11=100
Currently insured	28	59	13=100
Currently uninsured	38	54	8=100
<i>State health care exchange is ...</i>			
State-based*	32	56	12=100
Federal-run	28	59	12=100

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q56.

* Includes state-federal partnerships (state data from Kaiser Family Foundation.)

Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Public Spreads Blame for Health Care Troubles

When asked about reasons why the health care law has encountered problems, the public cites managerial shortcomings by the Obama administration and flaws in the law itself as major reasons, but also points to the complexity of the health insurance system and opposition from politicians trying to undermine the law.

Roughly six-in-ten Americans (58%) say the complexity of the U.S. health insurance system is a major reason why the new law has faced problems. And more than half of the public also points to poor management by the Obama administration (56%) and flaws in the law itself (55%) as major reasons. Half (50%) say efforts to undermine the law by politicians who oppose it are a major reason why the law has faced problems.

About as many Democrats (54%) as Republicans (63%) hold the view that the insurance system's complexity is a major reason for the law's problems. But partisans are sharply divided on the other three measures.

Eight-in-ten Republicans (80%) say mismanagement by the administration is a major reason for the law's problems so far, compared with 33% of Democrats. Similarly, 78% of Republicans – but just 34% of Democrats – believe that flaws in the law itself are a major reason it has faced problems. About six-in-ten independents mention each as a major reason.

Among Democrats, the most persuasive reason why the law has faced problems is that politicians who oppose the law are trying to undermine it; for Republicans and independents, this gets the least support of the four reasons given. Nearly three-quarters of Democrats (74%) name politicians' attempts to undermine the law as a major reason, compared with 23% of Republicans and 47% of independents.

Many Causes Seen for Problems with Health Care Law

How much of a reason is each for law's problems?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
<i>Complexity of health insurance system</i>				
Major reason	58	63	54	60
Minor reason	22	21	26	20
Not a reason	13	10	14	14
<i>Poor management by Obama administration</i>				
Major reason	56	80	33	63
Minor reason	26	11	39	24
Not a reason	13	5	22	10
<i>Flaws in health care law itself</i>				
Major reason	55	78	34	60
Minor reason	27	12	39	26
Not a reason	12	7	20	8
<i>Politicians who oppose law trying to undermine it</i>				
Major reason	50	23	74	47
Minor reason	23	37	14	25
Not a reason	22	35	8	25

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q61. Don't know responses not shown.

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Half of the public (50%) believes that problems with the law are long-term problems that show fundamental flaws in the law, while 44% say that the problems are short-term problems that can be resolved.

Republicans overwhelmingly (78%) say that the problems with the law are long-term, while 68% of Democrats say they are short-term.

Independents are divided: 52% say the problems are long-term and show fundamental flaws in the law, while 43% say they are short-term and can be resolved.

Public Divided over Whether Law's Problems Can Be Resolved

<i>Problems with health care law, are mainly ...</i>	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Short-term problems that can be resolved	44	15	68	43
Long-term problems that reflect fundamental flaws	50	78	25	52
Both/Neither (Vol.)/DK	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	100	100	100	100

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q57.

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Did Obama Administration Deliberately Mislead Public?

In the wake of concerns about Americans who received cancellation notices from their health insurers, the public is divided over whether the Obama administration deliberately misled Americans about whether they would be able to keep their existing health care plan. Nearly half (47%) says the administration did deliberately mislead the public on this issue, while the same percentage (47%) says it did not.

Opinion among Republicans (73% deliberately misled, 21% did not) is the mirror image of opinion among Democrats (22% deliberately misled, 72% did not). Among independents, 52% say the administration misled the public, 44% say it did not.

Wide Partisan Divides Over Whether Admin. Deliberately Misled Public

Did Obama admin. deliberately mislead the public about whether people could keep existing health care plans?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Deliberately misled	47	73	22	52
Did not	47	21	72	44
DK	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
	100	100	100	100

Survey conducted Dec. 3-8, 2013. Q59.

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About the Survey

The analysis for this report is based on telephone interviews conducted December 3-8, 2013 among a national sample of 2,001 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (1,000 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,001 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 523 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2011 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status and relative usage of landline and cell phones (for those with both), based on extrapolations from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus...
Total sample	2,001	2.6 percentage points
Form 1	977	3.6 percentage points
Form 2	1024	3.6 percentage points
Republican	539	4.9 percentage points
Form 1	276	6.9 percentage points
Form 2	263	7.0 percentage points
Democrat	655	4.5 percentage points
Form 1	314	6.4 percentage points
Form 2	341	6.2 percentage points
Independent	711	4.3 percentage points
Form 1	336	6.2 percentage points
Form 2	375	5.9 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL TABLE

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Q1: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	November 2013				December 2013			
	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Nov N	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Dec N
	%	%	%		%	%	%	
TOTAL	41	53	6	2003	45	49	6	2001
SEX								
Men	40	55	6	1005	44	50	5	968
Women	43	52	6	998	46	47	7	1033
AGE								
18-49	43	51	6	801	46	48	6	802
50+	39	56	5	1164	45	50	6	1159
DETAILED AGE								
18-29	48	44	8	285	45	46	8	289
30-49	40	55	5	516	46	49	4	513
50-64	40	55	5	636	47	48	6	609
65+	38	57	5	528	42	53	5	550
GENDER BY AGE								
Men 18-49	40	54	6	433	45	49	6	420
Men 50+	39	56	4	554	44	51	5	536
Women 18-49	46	48	6	368	47	47	6	382
Women 50+	39	55	5	610	46	48	6	623
RACE								
White, non-Hispanic	31	65	5	1460	33	62	5	1481
Black, non-Hispanic	82	12	6	195	89	7	4	191
Hispanic	60	32	8	186	59	35	6	192
EDUCATION								
College grad+	43	53	5	849	50	45	5	779
Some college	39	55	6	492	37	56	7	571
High school or less	42	52	6	651	48	46	6	646
FAMILY INCOME								
\$75,000+	38	57	5	629	43	52	5	570
\$30,000-\$74,999	40	55	5	610	45	51	5	631
Less than \$30,000	47	47	6	511	50	44	6	545
RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE								
Total Protestants	36	61	3	967	40	56	4	1068
White NH evang. Prot.	15	83	1	391	18	78	4	466
White NH mainline Prot.	33	64	3	337	29	66	5	349
Total Catholic	46	48	6	425	47	47	6	429
White NH Cath.	29	66	5	280	33	60	7	283
Unaffiliated	47	45	8	404	55	37	8	346
ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES								
Weekly or more	35	61	4	729	42	53	5	779
Less than weekly	44	49	6	1244	47	46	6	1204
REGION								
Northeast	53	42	5	333	55	38	7	338
Midwest	37	57	7	457	40	53	6	460
South	39	56	5	725	42	53	4	748
West	40	55	6	488	47	46	7	455

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL TABLE (CONT.)

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Q1: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handing his job as president?

	November 2013				December 2013			
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Nov <u>N</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Dec <u>N</u>
	%	%	%		%	%	%	
REGISTERED VOTER								
Yes, certain	39	56	5	1605	43	51	5	1579
Not registered	47	45	9	398	50	42	8	422
PARTY ID								
Republican	10	88	2	530	13	83	4	539
Democrat	78	17	5	607	81	15	4	655
Independent	32	61	7	746	36	57	8	711
PARTY WITH LEANERS								
Rep/Lean Rep	10	87	3	876	13	83	3	896
Dem/Lean Dem	72	22	6	869	76	18	6	923
IDEOLOGY								
Conservative	22	75	3	818	29	68	3	849
Moderate	48	45	7	711	48	45	7	637
Liberal	68	27	5	396	72	22	5	423
PARTY AND IDEOLOGY								
Conservative Republican	7	92	2	393	9	89	2	403
Mod/Lib Republican	17	82	2	128	22	71	7	125
Mod/Cons Democrat	72	22	6	335	76	20	5	366
Liberal Democrat	87	10	3	256	90	8	3	264
TEA PARTY (REP/REP LEAN)								
Agree	2	96	2	383	3	95	2	322
Disagree/No opinion	16	81	3	469	19	78	4	552
AMONG WHITES								
Men	30	65	5	729	32	63	5	713
Women	31	64	5	731	34	60	6	768
18-49	28	66	5	508	32	63	6	515
50+	33	63	4	930	35	61	5	938
College grad+	38	59	3	675	43	52	5	619
Some college or less	27	67	6	780	29	66	5	860
Male college grad+	35	63	3	351	36	59	5	310
Female college grad+	41	56	3	324	49	45	6	309
Male some college or less	28	66	6	376	30	65	5	401
Female some college or less	27	68	6	404	28	66	6	459
\$75,000+	32	65	3	508	37	57	6	462
\$30,000-\$74,999	31	64	4	465	31	63	5	482
Less than \$30,000	28	65	7	302	33	63	5	349
Republican	6	93	1	468	6	91	4	478
Democrat	72	23	5	356	75	20	5	384
Independent	27	66	7	563	27	66	7	554
Northeast	42	54	4	248	45	48	7	253
Midwest	29	65	6	363	30	63	7	383
South	24	71	4	504	24	72	4	541
West	32	63	5	345	41	55	4	304

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ASK ALL:

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Approve	Dis- Approve	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	49	6	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	39	10
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	41	53	6	Feb 2-7, 2011	49	42	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	51	6	Jan 5-9, 2011	46	44	10
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	44	49	8	Dec 1-5, 2010	45	43	13
Jul 17-21, 2013	46	46	7	Nov 4-7, 2010	44	44	12
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	43	7	Oct 13-18, 2010	46	45	9
May 1-5, 2013	51	43	6	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	44	9
Mar 13-17, 2013	47	46	8	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	47	41	12
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	51	41	7	Jun 8-28, 2010	48	41	11
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	40	7	Jun 16-20, 2010	48	43	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	39	6	May 6-9, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	50	43	7	Apr 21-26, 2010	47	42	11
Jun 7-17, 2012	47	45	8	Apr 8-11, 2010	48	43	9
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	46	42	11	Mar 10-14, 2010	46	43	12
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	45	9	Feb 3-9, 2010	49	39	12
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	41	9	Jan 6-10, 2010	49	42	10
Feb 8-12, 2012	47	43	10	Dec 9-13, 2009	49	40	11
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	48	8	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	51	36	13
Dec 7-11, 2011	46	43	11	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	52	36	12
Nov 9-14, 2011	46	46	8	Sep 10-15, 2009	55	33	13
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	48	9	Aug 20-27, 2009	52	37	12
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	49	7	Aug 11-17, 2009	51	37	11
Jul 20-24, 2011	44	48	8	Jul 22-26, 2009	54	34	12
Jun 15-19, 2011	46	45	8	Jun 10-14, 2009	61	30	9
May 25-30, 2011	52	39	10	Apr 14-21, 2009	63	26	11
May 5-8, 2011	50	39	11	Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	61	26	13
May 2, 2011 (WP)	56	38	6	Mar 9-12, 2009	59	26	15
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	47	45	8	Feb 4-8, 2009	64	17	19

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ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.1=1,2):

Q.2 Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

BASED ON TOTAL:

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				(VOL.) DK/Ref
	Total	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Total	Very strongly	Not so strongly	(VOL.) DK/Ref	
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	45	26	16	3	49	39	9	1	6
Jun 12-16, 2013	49	31	17	2	43	33	10	*	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	52	35	15	2	40	31	8	1	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	46	30	15	2	45	36	8	1	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	44	27	15	2	48	35	12	1	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	43	26	15	2	48	34	13	1	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	26	15	2	49	38	11	1	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	51	32	18	2	39	29	10	1	10
Jan 5-9, 2011	46	27	16	2	44	30	13	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	47	28	17	2	44	32	11	1	9

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	
Jun 16-20, 2010	48	29	17	2	43	31	11	1	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	30	15	3	42	30	11	1	10
Apr 14-21, 2009	63	45	13	5	26	18	8	*	11

NO QUESTIONS 3-5**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:**

Now thinking about how Barack Obama is handling some issues ...

Q.6 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling [INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS] How about [NEXT ITEM]? [REPEAT INTRODUCTION AS NECESSARY]

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Health care policy			
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	40	55	5
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	37	59	3
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	41	53	6
	Jan 6-9, 2011	45	47	8
	Jun 16-20, 2010	42	50	7
	Apr 21-26, 2010	40	51	9
	Mar 10-14, 2010	39	52	9
	Jan 6-10, 2010	38	52	10
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	47	10
	July 22-26, 2009	42	43	14
	April 14-21, 2009	51	26	23
b.F1	The economy			
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	31	65	3
	Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	43	52	5
	Jun 12-16, 2013	44	50	5
	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	40	56	4
	Mar 7-11, 2012	43	53	4
	Jan 11-16, 2012	38	59	4
	Nov 9-14, 2011	35	58	6
	Aug 17-21, 2011	34	60	6
	May 2, 2011	40	55	4
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	39	56	6
	Jan 6-9, 2011	42	51	7
	Jun 16-20, 2010	43	51	5
	May 6-9, 2010	41	51	8
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	54	8
	Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
	Jan 6-10, 2010	42	51	7
	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	52	5
	Jul 22-26, 2009	38	53	9
	Jun 10-14, 2009	52	40	8
	Apr 14-21, 2009	60	33	7
	Feb 4-8, 2009	56	24	20
c.F1	The federal budget deficit			
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
	Mar 7-11, 2012	36	58	7
	Jan 11-16, 2012	34	62	5
	Nov 9-14, 2011	34	57	9
	Aug 17-21, 2011	32	60	9

Q.6 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	33	59	8
Jan 6-9, 2011	35	53	12
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	56	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	32	58	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	31	58	11
Jul 22-26, 2009	32	53	15
April 14-21, 2009	50	38	12
d.F1 Dealing with Iran			
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	39	44	17
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	37	53	10
Jun 12-16, 2013	45	41	13
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	40	14
Jan 11-16, 2012	48	41	11
Jan 6-9, 2011	42	39	19
Apr 21-26, 2010	38	43	19
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	40	17

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

Q.7 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F2 Republican leaders in Congress			
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Jan 5-9, 2011 ¹	34	43	22
Nov 4-7, 2010	41	37	22
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15

¹ Question wording for Nov. 4-7, 2010, and Jan. 5-9, 2011, was: "Do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

Q.7 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 ²	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17

² From December, 1994 through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

Q.7 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
b.F2 Democratic leaders in Congress			
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
May 1-5, 2013	32	59	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 ³	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
November, 2006 ⁴	50	21	29
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21

³ In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

⁴ Question wording in November, 2006 and December, 1994 was: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

Q.7 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2001	50	28	22
December, 1994	52	28	20

NO QUESTIONS 8-11, 15**QUESTIONS 12-14 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:**

Next,

Q.16 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/ Ref
a.F1 The Republican Party								
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9

Q.16 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b.F1 The Democratic Party								
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8

Q.16 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
c.F1 Congress								
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12

Q.16 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7

RANDOMIZE Q.17F2 WITH Q.18F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Thinking about the nation's economy...

Q.17F2 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

			Only		(VOL.)
	Excellent	Good	fair	Poor	DK/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1

Q.17F2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 ⁵	2	29	42	26	1

⁵ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

RANDOMIZE Q.17F2 WITH Q.18F2**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Thinking about your own personal finances...

Q.18F2 How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1

Q.18F2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
<i>U.S. News</i> : January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
<i>U.S. News</i> : October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
<i>U.S. News</i> : August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
<i>U.S. News</i> : May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
<i>U.S. News</i> : January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

Q.19 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to dealing with the economy – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F2 Barack Obama					
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	17	30	20	31	1
Sep 12-16, 2012 ⁶	22	32	16	27	2
Dec 9-13, 2009 ⁷	20	32	17	27	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	21	38	18	21	2
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	32	38	13	13	4
Jan 7-11, 2009	33	42	14	7	4
b.F2 Republican leaders in Congress					
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	5	31	34	29	1
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	7	31	33	24	5
c.F2 Democratic leaders in Congress					
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	8	34	31	26	2
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	17	38	21	19	5

ASK ALL:

Q.20 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Barack Obama. (First,) does Barack Obama impress you as...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**?

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

	<u>A strong leader</u>	<u>Not a strong leader</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F1 Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	50	48	1	1
May 1-5, 2013	56	40	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	59	37	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	52	45	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	49	47	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	58	37	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	53	41	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	53	42	2	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	62	32	2	3
Sep 10-15, 2009	65	29	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	77	13	1	9

⁶ Sep 12-16, 2012 item was asked about confidence in Obama and in Mitt Romney. In Sep 12-16, 2012 and earlier, item asked about confidence "when it comes to fixing the economy."

⁷ In December, September and January of 2009, economy was asked in a list of issues.

Q.20 CONTINUED...

	A good manager	Not a good manager	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
b.F1				
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	46	51	1	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
March, 2006: <i>G.W. Bush</i>	35	57	1	7
	Stands up for what he believes in	Doesn't stand up for what he believes in	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
c.F1				
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	76	19	2	3
May 1-5, 2013	76	19	1	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	82	14	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	75	19	1	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	71	22	1	5
May 25-30, 2011	75	18	1	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	77	16	1	5
	Trustworthy	Not trustworthy	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
d.F1				
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	52	45	1	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	30	1	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	36	*	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	59	37	1	3
May 25-30, 2011	62	31	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	58	36	2	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	37	1	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	61	31	2	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	64	30	2	5
Feb 4-8, 2009	76	15	1	8
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:				
	Able to get things done	Not able to get things done	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
e.F2				
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	43	51	3	3
May 1-5, 2013	49	46	2	3
Jan 9-13, 2013	57	37	1	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	46	50	2	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	50	2	4
May 25-30, 2011	55	38	3	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	54	38	3	5
June 16-20, 2010	55	39	2	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	57	35	3	5
Sep 10-15, 2009	58	31	3	8
Feb 4-8, 2009	70	15	2	13
	A good communicator	Not a good communicator	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
f.F2				
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	68	28	2	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	76	21	1	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	78	20	*	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	75	22	1	2
May 25-30, 2011	75	20	1	3
Jan 5-9, 2011	75	21	1	4
Jun 16-20, 2010	77	20	2	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	14	1	2
Sep 10-15, 2009	83	13	1	3

Q.20 CONTINUED...

	<u>A good communicator</u>	<u>Not a good communicator</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
Feb 4-8, 2009	92	6	*	2	
	<u>Someone who cares about people like me</u>	<u>Someone who doesn't care about people like me</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
g.F2					
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	58	38	2	2	
Jan 9-13, 2013	66	31	*	3	
Jan 11-16, 2012	61	35	1	3	
Aug 17-21, 2011	63	31	1	5	
May 25-30, 2011	64	30	*	5	
Jan 5-9, 2011	60	34	1	5	
Jun 16-20, 2010	60	35	2	3	
Jan 6-10, 2010	64	30	1	4	
Sep 10-15, 2009	68	25	1	6	
Feb 4-8, 2009	81	14	1	4	
	<u>Liberal</u>	<u>Middle of the road</u>	<u>Conservative</u>	(VOL.) <u>None particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
h.F2					
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	48	31	14	2	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	37	13	1	6
May 25-30, 2011	40	32	16	3	9
Jan 6-10, 2010	42	36	14	1	7
Sep 10-15, 2009	44	36	9	2	9
Feb 4-8, 2009	38	40	13	2	7

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

Q.21F2 Would you describe Barack Obama as being in touch or as being out of touch with what is going on in the government?

(U)		G. W. Bush <u>Mar 2006</u>	Reagan <u>ABC News/Wash Post</u> <u>Aug 1987</u>
Dec 3-8 2013			
57	In touch	36	51
41	Out of touch	56	47
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	3

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Q.22F1 Since the start of 2009 when Barack Obama became president, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?

(U)		<u>USA Today/Gallup</u> Feb 16-19 <u>2012</u>
Dec 3-8 2013		
46	Success	44
48	Failure	50
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Since the start of 2001 when George W. Bush became president, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Gallup/USA Today: April, 2008	27	69	4
CNN/ORC: August, 2007	40	57	3

Q.22F1 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
CNN/ORC: January, 2007	39	55	6
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2006	46	52	2
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 2005	42	55	3
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: August, 2005	47	51	2

Since the start of 1993 when Bill Clinton became president, in general, would you say his presidency has been a success or a failure?

	<u>Success</u>	<u>Failure</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: August, 2000	68	29	3
Gallup: Late January, 1999	77	20	3
Gallup: Mid-January, 1999	81	16	3
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 1998	71	25	4
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 1997	70	25	5

NO QUESTIONS 23-29, 32, 37-44**QUESTIONS 30-31, 33-36 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.45 Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	41	54	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	52	7
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	42	53	5
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 ⁸	47	43	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	48	9
Apr 4-15, 2012	41	49	10
Mar 7-11, 2012	47	45	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	41	48	11
Nov 4-7, 2010	43	47	10
Sep 9-12, 2010	38	45	17
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	46	10
Jul 8-11, 2010	35	47	17
Apr 1-5, 2010	40	44	16

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

As of right now, do you generally favor or generally oppose the health care bills being discussed in Congress?

	<u>Generally favor</u>	<u>Generally oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 11-21, 2010	40	47	13
Mar 10-14, 2010	38	48	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	50	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	39	48	13
Dec 9-13, 2009 ⁹	35	48	17
Nov 12-15, 2009	42	39	19

⁸ Prior to September 2013, the question asked about "the health care legislation." In addition, the reference to when the law was passed has changed over time: January 2011 referenced the legislation passed "last year," November 2010 used "earlier this year," September through July, 2010 used "in March," and April 2010 used "last month."

⁹ Prior to January 2010, the question asked about "health care proposals" rather than "health care bills."

Q.45 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	Generally favor	Generally oppose	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	38	47	15
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	34	47	19
Sep 10-15, 2009	42	44	14
Aug 20-27, 2009	39	46	15
Jul 22-26, 2009	38	44	18

NO QUESTION 46**ASK ALL:**

Q.47 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on you and your family?

(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
15	Mostly positive	17
23	Mostly negative	20
60	Not much of an effect	63
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK ALL:

Q.48 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on you and your family over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect you much either way?

(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
26	Mostly positive	25
38	Mostly negative	41
32	Not much of an effect	31
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

NO QUESTION 49**ASK ALL:**

Now thinking about the effect of the 2010 health care law on the country as a whole...

Q.50 So far, that is up until today, has the health care law had a mostly positive, mostly negative, or not much of an effect on the country as a whole?

(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
23	Mostly positive	24
49	Mostly negative	38
22	Not much of an effect	31
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7

ASK ALL:

Q.51 And looking ahead, do you think the overall effect of the health care law on the country as a whole over the coming years will be mostly positive, mostly negative, or will it not affect the country much either way?

(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
39	Mostly positive	35
45	Mostly negative	47
11	Not much of an effect	14
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

NO QUESTIONS 52-53**ASK IF 'DISAPPROVE OF THE HEALTH CARE LAW' (Q.45=2):**

Q.54 What do you think elected officials who oppose the health care law should do now that the law has started to take effect? Should they **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** or should they **[ITEM]**?

BASED ON TOTAL:

(U) Dec 3-8 <u>2013</u>		(U) Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
54	<i>NET Disapprove of health care law (Q.45)</i>	53
29	Do what they can to make the law work as well as possible	27
19	Do what they can to make the law fail	23
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4
46	<i>Approve of health care law/ Don't know (Q.45)</i>	47

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Q.55 How much confidence do you have in **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** to do the right thing when it comes to health care policy – a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	None <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F1	Barack Obama					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	23	28	16	32	1
	<i>Dealing with health care reform</i>					
	Dec 9-13, 2009 ¹⁰	19	25	19	32	5
	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	20	30	21	27	2
	Aug 20-27, 2009	26	30	21	22	3
b.F1	Republican leaders in Congress					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	5	27	33	33	1
	<i>Dealing with health care reform</i>					
	Aug 20-27, 2009	7	32	36	21	4
c.F1	Democratic leaders in Congress					
	Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	13	35	24	26	1
	<i>Dealing with health care reform</i>					
	Aug 20-27, 2009	12	33	28	24	4

¹⁰ In Dec 2009 and Oct 2009, "Dealing with health care reform" was an item asked in a list of similar political items; the question asked only about Barack Obama, not Republican and Democratic leaders.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:

Q.56F2 As you may know, the government has set up health insurance exchanges around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. Just your impression, as of today, how well are these online health insurance exchanges working? **[READ IN ORDER]**

(U)		Oct 9-13	
Dec 3-8		2013 ¹¹	
<u>2013</u>			
4	Very well	7	
26	Fairly well	22	
27	Not too well	23	
30	Not at all well	24	
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	25	

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Q.57F1 Do you think the problems the health care law has faced are mainly **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

(U)	
Dec 3-8	
<u>2013</u>	
44	Short-term problems that can be resolved
50	Long-term problems that show fundamental flaws in the law
3	Both/Neither (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.58 Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or are you not covered at this time? **[READ IF NECESSARY: A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid]**

	Covered	Not	
	by health	covered	(VOL.)
	<u>insurance</u>	<u>by health</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
		<u>insurance</u>	
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	81	19	*
Oct 9-13, 2013	81	18	1
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	81	19	*
Jan 6-10, 2010	83	17	*
Dec 9-13, 2009	83	16	*
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	80	20	*
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	80	20	*
Jul 22-26, 2009	81	19	*
Jun 10-14, 2009	81	18	*

¹¹ In Oct 2013, the question read "Just your impression, how well have the online health insurance exchanges been working?" The preceding question read "As you may know, as part of the 2010 health care law the government has set up health insurance exchanges around the country that people can use to compare plans and purchase health insurance. From what you've read and heard is there a health insurance exchange available to people in your state, or not?"

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=977]:

Q.59F1 Do you think the Obama administration deliberately misled the American public about whether people would be able to keep their existing health care plans under the health care law, or not?

(U)
Dec 3-8
2013
47 Yes, deliberately misled
47 No, did not
6 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the American public about whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, or not?

	Yes, <u>misled</u>	No, <u>did not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
CNN/ORC: March, 2013	54	44	2
CNN/ORC: December, 2011	57	41	2
USA Today/Gallup: February, 2008	53	42	5
CNN/ORC: March, 2007	54	40	7
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: March, 2006 ¹²	51	46	3
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: January 2006	53	46	1
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: October, 2005	53	45	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: July, 2005	51	47	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: April, 2005	50	48	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: October, 2004	47	51	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: July, 2004	45	52	3
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: February, 2004	43	54	3
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: July, 2003	39	58	3
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: Late June, 2003	37	61	2
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: Mid-June, 2003	31	64	5
USA Today/Gallup/CNN: Early June, 2003	31	67	2

NO QUESTION 60**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,024]:**

Q.61 How much do you think each of the following has to do with the problems the health care law has faced. First, do you think **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is a major reason, minor reason or not a reason why the health care law has faced problems? How about **[ITEM]**? Is this a major reason, minor reason or not a reason why the health care law has faced problems?

		Major <u>reason</u>	Minor <u>reason</u>	Not a <u>reason</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.F2	Poor management by the Obama administration Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	56	26	13	6
b.F2	Flaws in the health care law itself Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	55	27	12	6
c.F2	Politicians who oppose the law trying to undermine it Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	50	23	22	4
d.F2	The complexity of the health insurance system Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	58	22	13	7

NO QUESTIONS 62-66**QUESTIONS 67-69 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

¹² In March, 2006 and earlier question asked "Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the American public about whether Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, or not?"

QUESTIONS 70-71, 80-88, 94-95, 98 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 72-79, 89-93, 96-97****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	29	46	3	*	2	19	18
Jun 12-16, 2013	23	33	39	3	*	2	17	15
May 1-5, 2013	25	32	37	2	1	3	14	16
Mar 13-17, 2013	26	33	34	3	1	3	14	15
Feb 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Yearly Totals								
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=896]:

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion either way	(VOL.) Haven't heard of	(VOL.) Refused	Not heard of/ DK
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ¹³	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

¹³ In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
