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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 4-7, 2011 with a random sample of **–1,319—**adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, including an oversample of **–376—**non-Hispanic blacks, consisting of **–88—**interviews done as part of the random national sample and **–288—**interviews with blacks who had previously participated in national Gallup Polls and agreed to be re-interviewed at a later date. The data from the national sample and re-interviews are combined and weighted to be demographically representative of the national adult population in the United States and to reflect the proper proportion of blacks in the overall population.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **– 376—**non-Hispanic blacks, the maximum margin of error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **– 796—**non-Hispanic whites, the maximum margin of error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **–1,204—** registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **– 347—**non-Hispanic black registered voters, the maximum margin of error is ± 7 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **– 746—**non-Hispanic white registered voters, the maximum margin of error is ± 5 percentage points.

Interviews for the random national sample are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

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

<i>2011 Aug 4-7</i>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
National adults	47	50	4
<i>Blacks</i>	84	12	4
<i>Whites</i>	40	56	4

National adult trend:

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>2011</u>				<u>2009</u>			
2011 Aug 4-7	47	50	4	2009 Dec 11-13	49	46	5
				2009 Nov 20-22	50	44	6
2011 Jul 15-17	45	50	5	2009 Nov 5-8	50	44	6
2011 Jul 7-10	43	51	5	2009 Oct 16-19	50	46	5
2011 Jun 9-12	44	49	7	2009 Oct 1-4	49	44	6
2011 May 12-15	52	44	3	2009 Sep 11-13	54	43	3
2011 May 5-8	54	40	5	2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	54	41	5
2011 Apr 20-23	47	48	5	2009 Aug 6-9	54	42	4
2011 Apr 7-11	43	51	6	2009 Jul 17-19	55	41	4
2011 Mar 25-27	47	48	5	2009 Jul 10-12	58	36	6
2011 Mar 3-6	44	48	8	2009 Jun 14-17	58	36	5
2011 Feb 2-5	52	43	5	2009 May 29-31	61	34	5
2011 Jan 14-16	47	49	4	2009 May 7-10	58	35	7
2011 Jan 7-9	47	47	6	2009 Apr 6-9	64	29	7
<u>2010</u>				2009 Mar 27-29	64	30	6
2010 Dec 10-12	46	50	4	2009 Mar 5-8	65	28	7
2010 Nov 19-21	42	54	4	2009 Feb 20-22	62	29	9
2010 Nov 4-7	44	50	6	2009 Feb 9-12	63	26	11
2010 Oct 28-31	45	49	6	2009 Jan 30-Feb 1	64	25	11
2010 Oct 7-10	45	49	6				
2010 Sep 13-16	44	52	4				
2010 Aug 27-30	43	53	4				
2010 Aug 5-8	46	48	6				
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	41	53	6				
2010 Jul 8-11	45	48	7				
2010 Jun 11-13	50	45	5				
2010 May 24-25	48	48	5				
2010 May 3-6	46	47	7				
2010 Apr 8-11	47	47	5				
2010 Mar 26-28	47	50	3				
2010 Mar 4-7	46	49	5				
2010 Feb 1-3	48	48	4				
2010 Jan 8-10	50	45	5				

2. Thinking about the presidential election in November 2012, are you more likely to vote for Barack Obama or for the Republican Party's candidate for president?

2A. *(If undecided or other)* As of today, do you lean more toward Obama or the Republican Party's candidate?

COMBINED RESULTS (Q.2/2A): BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

<i>2011 Aug 4-7</i>	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters	49	45	1	5
<i>Black RVs</i>	88	8	--	4
<i>White RVs</i>	42	52	1	5

Longer-term trend (Q.2 only, not including leaning follow-up question):

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>				
2011 Aug 4-7	45	39	5	12
2011 Jul 7-10	39	47	3	12
2011 Jun 9-12	39	44	6	12
2011 May 5-8	43	40	5	12
2011 Apr 20-23	41	41	5	13
2011 Feb 2-5 ^	45	45	4	6
2010 Feb 1-3 ^	44	42	3	11

^ WORDING: If Barack Obama runs for re-election in 2012, are you more likely to vote for Obama or for the Republican Party's candidate for president?

For comparison: George W. Bush Registered Voter Trend

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 Jan 2-5	51	38	2	9
2003 Dec 5-7	48	41	4	7
2003 Oct 24-26	46	43	6	5
2003 Sep 8-10	47	43	3	7
2003 Aug 25-26	51	39	4	6
2003 Jul 25-27	49	40	5	6
2003 Jul 18-20	46	42	3	9
2003 Jun 12-18	51	39	3	7
2003 Apr 22-23	49	36	3	12
2003 Mar 29-30	51	36	4	9
2003 Mar 14-15	45	42	5	8
2003 Feb 24-26	47	39	4	10
2002 Dec 16-17	51	37	3	9
2002 Oct 3-6	54	35	1	10
2002 Jul 29-31	51	34	3	12
2002 Jun 21-23	51	37	3	9
2002 Apr 29-May 1	56	32	3	9
2001 Oct 5-6	56	29	2	13

Q.2 (OBAMA RE-ELECTION) CONTINUED

For comparison: *George H.W. Bush Registered Voter Trend*

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1992 Jan 31-Feb 2	46	38	--	16
1992 Jan 3-6	39	43	--	18
1991 Dec 5-8	48	34	--	18
1991 Nov 14-17	48	36	--	16
1991 Oct 31-Nov 3	46	36	--	18
1991 Oct 10-13	49	32	--	19
1991 Sep 13-15	51	29	--	20
1991 Sep 5-8	52	29	--	19
1991 Aug 23-25	55	27	--	18
1991 Jun 13-16	53	30	--	17
1991 Apr 25-28	51	30	--	19
1991 Mar 7-10	67	17	--	16
1991 Feb 14-17	54	33	--	13

4. Please tell me whether you think each of the following political office-holders deserves to be re-elected, or not. How about -- [ROTATED]?

A. President Obama

<i>2011 Aug 4-7</i>	<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters	47	50	2
<i>Black RVs</i>	91	8	1
<i>White RVs</i>	39	58	3

Registered Voter and National adult trends:

	<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u><i>Registered Voters</i></u>				<u><i>National Adults</i></u>			
2011 Aug 4-7	47	50	2	2011 Aug 4-7	47	51	3
2011 May 12-15	47	51	2	2011 May 12-15	48	50	2
2010 Oct 14-17	37	57	6	2010 Oct 14-17	39	54	7
2010 Jun 11-13	46	51	3	2010 Jun 11-13	48	49	3
2010 May 24-25	48	49	3	2010 May 24-25	48	48	4
2010 Mar 26-28	46	50	4	2010 Mar 26-28	46	50	4

Officeholders deserve re-election trend continued on the next page

Q.4 (DESERVES RE-ELECTION) CONTINUED

B. The U.S. Representative in your Congressional District

<i>2011 Aug 4-7</i>	<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters	54	34	12
<i>Black RVs</i>	60	28	11
<i>White RVs</i>	54	35	11

Registered Voter and National adult trends:

	<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>Registered Voters</u>				<u>National Adults</u>			
2011 Aug 4-7	54	34	12	2011 Aug 4-7	56	32	12
2011 May 12-15	57	34	8	2011 May 12-15	56	32	11
2010 Oct 14-17	51	31	18	2010 Oct 14-17	48	32	21
2010 Jun 11-13	49	40	11	2010 Jun 11-13	47	39	13
2010 May 24-25	50	40	10	2010 May 24-25	50	38	12
2010 Mar 26-28	49	40	10	2010 Mar 26-28	49	40	11
2008 Oct 23-26	59	25	16	2008 Oct 23-26	58	25	18
2008 Jul 25-27	57	29	14	2008 Jul 25-27	55	28	17
2008 Feb 8-10	62	26	12	2008 Feb 8-10	63	24	14
2006 Oct 20-22	54	33	14	2006 Oct 20-22	53	31	16
2006 Oct 6-8	57	28	14	2006 Oct 6-8	55	28	17
2006 Jun 23-25	62	25	13	2006 Jun 23-25	61	24	14
2006 Apr 28-30	59	26	14	2006 Apr 28-30	59	26	15
2006 Jan 6-8	62	26	12	2006 Jan 6-8	60	27	13
2005 Oct 21-23	65	24	11	2005 Oct 21-23	63	24	13
2004 Oct 14-16	63	21	16	2004 Oct 14-16	62	21	17
2003 Oct 10-12	65	24	11	2003 Oct 10-12	64	22	14
2002 Sep 20-22	67	19	14	2002 Sep 20-22	64	19	17
2002 Apr 29-May 1	67	19	14	2002 Apr 29-May 1	66	18	16
2001 Aug 24-26	67	20	13	2001 Aug 24-26	64	20	16
2000 Sep 11-13	66	19	15	2000 Jan 7-10	67	15	18
2000 Jan 7-10	70	16	14	1998 Oct 9-12	68	16	16
1998 Oct 9-12	69	17	14	1998 Apr 17-19	64	19	17
1998 Apr 17-19	65	21	14	1997 Oct 27-29	62	18	20
1994 Nov 2-6	54	30	16	1997 Aug 22-25	63	21	16
1994 Oct 22-25	55	32	13	1996 May 9-12	65	22	13
1994 Oct 7-9	55	30	15	1996 Jan 12-15	62	21	17
1994 Jul 15-17	61	28	11	1994 Nov 2-6	53	29	18
1994 Mar 25-27	60	23	17	1994 Oct 22-25	54	30	16
1994 Feb 26-28	59	28	13	1994 Oct 18-19	57	29	14
1992 Oct 23-25	48	30	22	1994 Oct 7-9	54	29	17
1992 Sep 11-15	54	25	21	1994 Jul 15-17	60	27	13
1992 Jul 31-Aug 2	61	25	14	1994 Mar 25-27	60	23	17
1992 Apr 20-22	50	31	19	1994 Feb 26-28	59	28	13
1992 Apr 9-12	58	29	13	1993 Dec 17-19	59	26	15
1992 Mar 20-22	56	30	14	1993 Nov 2-4	62	19	19
1992 Jan 31-Feb 2	64	24	12	1993 Jul 19-21	58	25	17
1992 Jan 3-9	61	25	14	1991 Nov	58	25	17

Q.4 (DESERVES RE-ELECTION) CONTINUED

C. Most members of Congress

<i>2011 Aug 4-7</i>	<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters	21	70	9
<i>Black RVs</i>	30	64	6
<i>White RVs</i>	18	72	10

Registered Voter and National adult trends:

	<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Yes, deserves</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>Registered Voters</u>				<u>National Adults</u>			
2011 Aug 4-7	21	70	9	2011 Aug 4-7	24	67	9
2011 May 12-15	28	63	9	2011 May 12-15	30	61	9
2010 Oct 14-17	33	56	12	2010 Oct 14-17	33	54	13
2010 Jun 11-13	28	64	7	2010 Jun 11-13	30	62	8
2010 May 24-25	32	63	6	2010 May 24-25	32	62	7
2010 Mar 26-28	28	65	7	2010 Mar 26-28	28	65	6
2008 Oct 23-26	36	51	13	2008 Oct 23-26	36	50	14
2008 Jul 25-27	36	52	12	2008 Jul 25-27	36	50	14
2008 Feb 8-10	39	50	11	2008 Feb 8-10	41	47	11
2006 Oct 20-22	38	52	10	2006 Oct 20-22	39	51	10
2006 Oct 6-8	39	50	11	2006 Oct 6-8	39	49	11
2006 Jun 23-25	38	51	11	2006 Jun 23-25	39	50	12
2006 Apr 28-30	38	53	10	2006 Apr 28-30	37	52	11
2006 Jan 6-8	43	47	10	2006 Jan 6-8	42	47	11
2005 Oct 21-23	46	44	10	2005 Oct 21-23	45	44	11
2004 Oct 14-16	51	34	15	2004 Oct 14-16	51	33	16
2003 Oct 10-12	50	37	13	2003 Oct 10-12	51	35	14
2002 Sep 20-22	57	29	14	2002 Sep 20-22	57	28	15
2002 Apr 29-May 1	57	24	19	2002 Apr 29-May 1	58	22	20
2001 Aug 24-26	52	30	18	2001 Aug 24-26	51	31	18
2000 Sep 11-13	54	30	16	2000 Jan 7-10	55	31	14
2000 Jan 7-10	56	31	13	1998 Oct 9-12	58	26	16
1998 Oct 9-12	58	27	15	1998 Apr 17-19	56	28	16
1998 Apr 17-19	55	29	16	1997 Oct 27-29	50	29	21
1994 Nov 2-6	38	47	15	1997 Aug 22-25	56	27	17
1994 Oct 22-25	43	45	12	1996 May 9-12	50	35	15
1994 Oct 7-9	37	49	14	1996 Jan 12-15	47	38	15
1994 Jul 15-17	40	46	14	1994 Nov 2-6	39	45	16
1994 Mar 25-27	46	38	16	1994 Oct 22-25	43	44	13
1994 Feb 26-28	42	44	14	1994 Oct 18-19	44	42	14
1992 Oct 23-25	29	50	21	1994 Oct 7-9	37	48	15
1992 Sep 11-15	32	46	22	1994 Jul 15-17	41	43	16
1992 Jul 31 Aug 2	40	46	14	1994 Mar 25-27	46	38	16
1992 Apr 20-22	33	50	17	1994 Feb 26-28	42	44	14
1992 Apr 9-12	32	53	15	1993 Dec 17-19	38	47	15
1992 Mar 20-22	31	58	11	1993 Jul 19-21	39	46	15
1992 Jan 31-Feb 2	43	43	14	1991 Nov	38	48	14
1992 Jan 3-9	43	42	15				