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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted February 2-5, 2012 with a random sample of –1,029— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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.

Interviews 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 2011 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.

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

2012 Feb 2-5

(sorted by "approve")

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TREND RESULTS

A. The economy

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
2012 Feb 2-5	38	59	3
2011 Nov 3-6	30	67	3
2011 Aug 11-14	26	71	3
2011 May 12-15	37	60	3
2011 Mar 25-27	39	58	3
2011 Feb 2-5	37	60	3
2010 Nov 19-21	35	63	2
2010 Aug 5-8	38	59	3
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	39	59	2
2010 Mar 26-28	37	61	2
2010 Feb 1-3	36	61	3
2010 Jan 8-10	40	56	3
2009 Nov 20-22	44	53	3
2009 Sep 11-13	46	51	2
2009 Aug 6-9	48	49	3
2009 Jul 17-19	47	49	4
2009 May 29-31	55	42	3
2009 Mar 27-29	56	39	5
2009 Feb 9-12	59	30	11

Q.6 (OBAMA APPROVAL ON ISSUES) CONTINUED

B. Foreign affairs

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	48	46	6
2011 Nov 3-6	49	44	7
2011 Aug 11-14	42	51	6
2011 May 12-15	51	43	7
2011 Mar 25-27	46	47	6
2011 Feb 2-5	48	45	7
2010 Nov 19-21	45	49	6
2010 Aug 5-8	44	48	8
2010 Mar 26-28	48	46	6
2010 Feb 1-3	51	44	5
2010 Jan 8-10	47	47	6
2009 Aug 6-9	53	40	8
2009 Jul 17-19	57	38	6
2009 May 29-31	59	32	8
2009 Mar 27-29	61	28	10
2009 Feb 9-12	54	22	24

C. The federal budget deficit

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	32	63	5
2011 Nov 3-6	26	67	7
2011 Aug 11-14	24	71	5
2011 May 12-15	32	63	5
2011 Mar 25-27	33	61	7
2011 Feb 2-5	27	68	5
2010 Nov 19-21	32	64	4
2010 Aug 5-8	31	64	5
2010 Mar 26-28	31	64	5
2010 Feb 1-3	32	64	4
2009 Sep 11-13	38	58	4
2009 Jul 17-19	41	55	4
2009 May 29-31 ^	46	48	6
2009 Mar 27-29	49	44	6

^ Asked of a half sample

Q.6 (OBAMA APPROVAL ON ISSUES) CONTINUED

D. The situation in Afghanistan

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	49	45	6
2011 Nov 3-6	48	44	7
2011 Aug 11-14	38	55	6
2011 May 12-15	53	42	5
2011 Feb 2-5	47	46	7
2010 Nov 19-21	44	49	7
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	36	57	7
2010 Feb 1-3	48	47	5
2009 Nov 20-22	35	55	9
2009 Sep 11-13	49	42	9
2009 Jul 17-19	56	34	11

E. Health care policy

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	41	56	2
2011 Nov 3-6	41	55	4
2011 Mar 25-27	40	56	4
2011 Feb 2-5	40	56	3
2010 Aug 5-8	40	57	3
2010 Mar 26-28	42	54	4
2010 Feb 1-3	36	60	4
2010 Jan 8-10	37	58	5
2009 Nov 20-22	40	53	7
2009 Sep 11-13	43	52	5
2009 Aug 6-9	43	49	8
2009 Jul 17-19	44	50	6

F. Creating Jobs

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	40	58	2
2011 Nov 3-6	36	60	4
2011 Aug 11-14	29	65	5
2009 Nov 20-22	40	55	5

Q.6 (OBAMA APPROVAL ON ISSUES) CONTINUED

G. Taxes

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	45	51	4
2011 Feb 2-5	42	54	4
2010 Nov 19-21	38	57	6
2010 Aug 5-8	41	54	5
2009 Jul 17-19	45	48	7

H. The environment

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	53	39	7
2010 Jul 27-Aug 1	43	51	5
2009 Sep 11-13 ^	54	33	13

^ Asked of a half sample

I. National defense

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	53	42	6

J. Relations with China

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	39	46	15

K. Foreign Trade

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	38	48	14