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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  $\pm 4$  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.**

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26. How do you think each of the following presidents will go down in history -- as an outstanding president, above average, average, below average, or poor? [RANDOM ORDER]

<i>2012 Feb 2-5</i> <i>(sorted by "outstanding/above average")</i>	Outstanding/ above average	Average	Below average/ poor
Ronald Reagan	69	20	10
Bill Clinton	60	28	12
Barack Obama	38	26	35
George H.W. Bush	35	44	20
Jimmy Carter	25	34	38
George W. Bush	25	28	47
Gerald Ford	21	54	19
Richard Nixon	14	28	55

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**Q.26 (HISTORICAL VIEW OF PRESIDENTS) CONTINUED**

**FULL TRENDS:**

**A. Barack Obama**

	<u>Out-standing</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	10	28	26	17	18	1

**B. George W. Bush, president from 2001-2009**

	<u>Out-standing</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	7	18	28	22	25	*
2009 Jan 9-11	4	13	23	23	36	*
2006 Dec 8-10	4	15	27	25	29	*
2004 Jun 3-6	6	25	30	23	15	1

**C. Bill Clinton**

	<u>Out-standing</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	18	42	28	7	5	*
2009 Jan 9-11	13	37	29	10	10	*
2008 Aug 21-23 ^	13	36	29	10	11	1
2006 Dec 8-10	12	33	29	15	10	*
2004 Jun 3-6	9	29	31	18	13	*
2002 Jan 11-14 ^	12	27	32	11	17	1
2001 Jan 5-7 ^	15	32	30	11	11	1
2000 Jul 14-16 ^	6	27	39	13	14	1
2000 Feb 14-15 ^	8	29	34	12	16	1
1999 Aug 3-4	6	30	33	14	17	*
1999 Feb 8-9 ^	11	29	27	13	18	2
1998 Jan 24-25 ^	8	23	37	16	14	2
1998 Jan 23-24 ^	7	23	41	14	14	1
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2 ^	6	30	47	8	8	1

^ Asked as a stand-alone question

## Q.26 (HISTORICAL VIEW OF PRESIDENTS) CONTINUED

### D. George H.W. Bush, president from 1989-1993

	<u>Out- standing</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	6	29	44	11	9	1
2009 Jan 9-11	5	23	49	10	11	2
2006 Dec 8-10	5	27	50	10	8	*
2004 Jun 3-6	3	23	55	12	6	1
1999 Aug 3-4 ^	7	34	46	8	4	1
1993 Jan 8-11 ^	6	30	51	8	4	1

^ WORDING: George Bush

### E. Ronald Reagan

	<u>Out- standing</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	27	42	20	6	4	1
2009 Jan 9-11	25	39	26	4	5	2
2006 Dec 8-10	24	40	26	6	4	1
2004 Jun 3-6 ^	15	43	31	6	4	1
1999 Aug 3-4	12	42	34	7	6	*
1993 Jan 8-11	8	30	37	15	9	1
1988 Dec 27-29	17	42	25	9	5	2
1988 Sep 9-11	12	40	24	11	9	4
1987 Jul 10-13	9	28	35	16	10	3
1986 Mar 7-10	16	46	23	8	5	2
1985 Jan 25-28	15	40	27	9	5	4

^ Reagan passed away on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Interviewing from June 3-4 showed 12% giving him an outstanding rating, 41% above average, 33% average, 8% below average, and 5% poor.

### F. Jimmy Carter

	<u>Out- standing</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	5	20	34	22	16	3
2009 Jan 9-11	6	20	39	15	14	5
2006 Dec 8-10	11	27	38	13	9	3
2004 Jun 3-6	5	22	48	17	7	1
1999 Aug 3-4	6	24	50	13	5	2
1993 Jan 8-11	3	13	40	27	14	3
1981 Jan 30-Feb 2	5	19	37	26	11	2
1980 Dec 5-8	3	11	37	31	15	3

**Q.26 (HISTORICAL VIEW OF PRESIDENTS) CONTINUED****G. Gerald Ford**

	<u>Out- standing</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	5	16	54	15	4	6
2009 Jan 9-11	4	19	58	7	4	8
2006 Dec 8-10	6	17	60	9	3	5
2004 Jun 3-6	2	12	66	13	4	3
1976 Dec 10-13	5	20	50	15	7	4

**H. Richard Nixon**

	<u>Out- standing</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Feb 2-5	3	11	28	32	23	3
2009 Jan 9-11	2	13	32	23	25	4
2004 Jun 3-6	3	11	34	31	20	1
1999 Aug 3-4	4	18	35	24	17	2