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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 7-11, 2013 with a random sample of **-1,510—** adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-725—**national adults in Form A, the maximum margins of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-785—**national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling 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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone telephone 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 to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2012 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2011 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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

**A. The economy**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	42	56	2
2013 Aug 7-11	35	62	3
2013 Jun 1-4	42	56	2
2013 Feb 7-10	39	60	1
2012 Nov 15-18	44	52	3
2012 Nov 3-4	45	53	2
2012 Aug 9-12	36	60	4
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.32 (OBAMA APPROVAL ON ISSUES) CONTINUED**

**B. Foreign affairs**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	42	54	4
2013 Aug 7-11	40	53	7
2013 Jun 1-4	43	52	5
2013 Feb 7-10	46	48	6
2012 Nov 15-18	47	46	8
2012 Nov 3-4	49	46	5
2012 Aug 9-12	48	45	8
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 situation in Syria**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	31	61	8

33. Thinking about the following characteristics and qualities, please say whether you think each applies or doesn't apply to Barack Obama. How about –[RANDOM ORDER]?

<i><u>2013 Sep 5-8</u></i> <i><u>(sorted by "applies")</u></i>	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>
Displays good judgment in a crisis	56	43
Understands the problems Americans face in their daily lives	56	43
Is honest and trustworthy	55	42
Is a strong and decisive leader	53	46
Can manage government effectively	47	52
Has a clear plan for solving the country's problems	38	59

### Q.33 (BARACK OBAMA PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS) CONTINUED

#### TREND RESULTS:

##### **A. Is a strong and decisive leader**

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	53	46	1
2013 Jun 20-24	53	47	*
2012 Jun 7-10	53	47	1
2011 Mar 25-27	52	47	1
2010 Mar 26-28	60	39	1
2009 Sep 11-13	66	33	2
2009 Jul 17-19	67	31	2
2009 Apr 20-21	73	25	2
2008 Oct 10-12	61	37	2
2008 Apr 18-20	55	39	6
2008 Mar 14-16	56	37	7

##### **B. Understands the problems Americans face in their daily lives**

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	56	43	1
2013 Jun 20-24	56	42	1
2012 Jun 7-10	58	41	1
2011 Mar 25-27	57	42	1
2010 Mar 26-28	56	43	1
2009 Sep 11-13	64	36	*
2009 Jul 17-19	66	33	1
2009 Apr 20-21	72	27	1
2008 Oct 10-12	73	26	1
2008 Apr 18-20	63	34	3
2008 Mar 14-16	67	30	3

##### **C. Has a clear plan for solving the country's problems**

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	38	59	3
2013 Jun 20-24	38	60	2
2012 Jun 7-10	40	59	2
2011 Mar 25-27	36	60	4
2008 Oct 10-12	51	46	3
2008 Apr 18-20	40	53	7
2008 Mar 14-16	41	53	6

### Q.33 (BARACK OBAMA PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS) CONTINUED

#### D. Is honest and trustworthy

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	55	42	3
2013 Jun 20-24	55	44	1
2012 Jun 7-10	60	38	2
2011 Mar 25-27	61	36	3
2008 Apr 18-20	60	32	8
2008 Mar 14-16	63	29	7

#### E. Can manage the government effectively

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	47	52	2
2013 Jun 20-24	44	54	2
2012 Jun 7-10	45	54	1
2010 Mar 26-28	49	49	2
2009 Sep 11-13	55	43	2
2009 Jul 17-19	59	39	2
2009 Apr 20-21	66	29	5
2008 Oct 10-12	55	41	4
2008 Apr 18-20	48	45	6
2008 Mar 14-16	48	45	7

#### F. Displays good judgment in a crisis

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Doesn't apply</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Sep 5-8	56	43	1
2013 Jun 20-24	58	41	1