

## **GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

### **GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: ECONOMY AND PERSONAL FINANCE**

**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 9-12, 2015 with a random sample of **-1,015—**adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of **-472--** adults employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is **±6** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-625--** stock owners, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-363--** retirees, the margin of sampling error is **±7** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-652--** non-retirees, the margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-688--** homeowners, the margin of sampling error is **±5** 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 2014 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2014 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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36. 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]?

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**(sorted by “applies”)**

|  | <u>Applies</u> | <u>Doesn't apply</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------------|
| Understands the problems Americans face in their daily lives | 53             | 45                   |
| Is honest and trustworthy                                    | 53             | 45                   |
| Is a strong and decisive leader                              | 46             | 52                   |
| Can manage government effectively                            | 44             | 55                   |
| Has a clear plan for solving the country's problems          | 36             | 61                   |

#### **TREND RESULTS:**

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

|                | <u>Applies</u> | <u>Doesn't apply</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2015 Apr 9-12  | 46             | 52                   | 2                 |
| 2014 Jun 5-8   | 45             | 53                   | 2                 |
| 2013 Nov 7-10  | 47             | 51                   | 2                 |
| 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                 |

**Q.36 (BARACK OBAMA PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS) CONTINUED****B. Understands the problems Americans face in their daily lives**

|                | <u>Applies</u> | <u>Doesn't apply</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2015 Apr 9-12  | 53             | 45                   | 2                 |
| 2014 Jun 5-8   | 48             | 50                   | 2                 |
| 2013 Nov 7-10  | 54             | 45                   | 1                 |
| 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> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2015 Apr 9-12  | 36             | 61                   | 2                 |
| 2014 Jun 5-8   | 34             | 65                   | 1                 |
| 2013 Nov 7-10  | 38             | 60                   | 1                 |
| 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                 |

**D. Is honest and trustworthy**

|                | <u>Applies</u> | <u>Doesn't apply</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2015 Apr 9-12  | 53             | 45                   | 2                 |
| 2014 Jun 5-8   | 47             | 51                   | 2                 |
| 2013 Nov 7-10  | 50             | 47                   | 3                 |
| 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                 |

**Q.36 (BARACK OBAMA PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS) CONTINUED****E. Can manage the government effectively**

|                | <u>Applies</u> | <u>Doesn't apply</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2015 Apr 9-12  | 44             | 55                   | 2                 |
| 2014 Jun 5-8   | 39             | 60                   | 2                 |
| 2013 Nov 7-10  | 42             | 57                   | 2                 |
| 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                 |