



GfK Custom Research
North America



THE AP-GfK POLL

Conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media

Interview dates: May 28-June 1, 2009

Interviews: 1,000 adults

Margin of error: +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.

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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08	10/16/08- 10/20/08	09/5/08- 09/10/08
Right direction	48	48	40	35	32	36	17	26
Wrong direction	46	44	49	54	60	56	78	70
Don't know	6	7	11	11	8	8	5	4
Refused	-	1	*	*	*	-	1	-

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,101 N=1,217

CUR2./

CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09*	12/03/08- 12/08/08*
Total Approve	64	64	67	74	73
Strongly approve	38	38	37	43	41
Somewhat approve	22	22	23	26	27
Lean approve	5	5	8	5	5
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	2	2	4	4	5
Total Disapprove	32	30	24	15	14
Lean disapprove	5	4	4	3	2
Somewhat disapprove	6	5	4	5	5
Strongly disapprove	21	22	16	7	6
Don't know	2	3	5	6	8
Refused	*	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000

* NOTE: Trend comparisons based on the question worded, "Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the transition to the presidency."

CUR4./

CUR5. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

IF "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

IF "NEITHER," ASK: If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

	5/28/09-6/1/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	2/12/09-2/17/09	12/03/08-12/08/08	11/06/08-11/10/08	10/16/08-10/20/08
Total Approve	38	38	31	24	21	22
Strongly approve	5	7	6	3	2	4
Somewhat approve	28	26	21	18	15	15
Lean approve	5	5	5	3	4	4
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	3	2	5	2	3	1
Total Disapprove	55	57	59	67	71	74
Lean disapprove	5	3	4	3	6	7
Somewhat disapprove	19	20	20	26	25	24
Strongly disapprove	31	34	35	38	40	43
Don't know	4	2	4	7	5	2
Refused	*	*	*	1	1	0

Based on: *N=1,000* *N=1,000* *N=1,001* *N=1,000* *N=1,001* *N=1,101*

CUR6. Is your opinion of former Vice President Dick Cheney favorable, unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about Dick Cheney to have an opinion?

[INTERVIEWER:

FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK: Is that strongly or somewhat favorable?

FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK: Is that strongly or somewhat unfavorable?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Total Favorable	23
Strongly favorable	12
Somewhat favorable	12
Total Unfavorable	44
Somewhat unfavorable	12
Strongly unfavorable	32
Haven't heard enough about him	32
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on: *N=975*

SUP1. As you may know, Supreme Court Justice David Souter is retiring, and President Obama has nominated Sonia Sotomayor to replace him. Is your opinion of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor favorable, unfavorable, or haven't you heard enough about Sonia Sotomayor yet to have an opinion?

[INTERVIEWER:

FOR EACH "FAVORABLE," ASK: Is that strongly or somewhat favorable?

FOR EACH "UNFAVORABLE," ASK: Is that strongly or somewhat favorable?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Total Favorable	34
Strongly favorable	21
Somewhat favorable	14
Total Unfavorable	18
Somewhat unfavorable	6
Strongly unfavorable	12
Haven't heard enough about her	39
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	9
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,000

SUP2. Do you think the U.S. Senate should confirm or should not confirm Sonia Sotomayor as a Supreme Court Justice?

SUP2a. (IF NOT "NOT SURE" OR "REFUSED" IN SUP2) Do you feel strongly or not strongly about that?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Should Confirm	50
Feel strongly	35
Do not feel strongly	16
Should Not Confirm	22
Feel strongly	17
Do not feel strongly	5
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	27
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on:

N=1,000

Terrorism and Torture

TOR1. How do you feel about the use of torture against suspected terrorists to obtain information about terrorism activities? Can that... [READ EACH ITEM.]
 [PROGRAMMER: REVERSE FIRST 4 SCALE ITEMS (PUNCHES 1-4) FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE. RECORD ORDER IN DATASET]

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Often be justified	20
Sometimes be justified	32
Rarely be justified	18
Never be justified	29
(DO NOT READ) Don't know	1
(DO NOT READ) Refused	*

Based on: *N=1,000*

TER1. How often do you worry about becoming a victim of terrorism? Would you say frequently, occasionally, rarely, or never?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Total Frequently/Occasionally	35
Frequently	13
Occasionally	23
Total Rarely/Never	65
Rarely	36
Never	29
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on: *N=1,000*

TER2. How concerned are you about the chance that you or your family might be a victim of a terrorist attack? Would you say a great deal, somewhat, not too much, or not at all?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Total Great Deal/Somewhat	35
A great deal	10
Somewhat	25
Total Not Too Much/Not at all	65
Not too much	35
Not at all	29
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,000

TER3. And when it comes to terrorism, how confident are you that President Barack Obama will be able to handle this issue effectively? Very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Total Confident	70
Very confident	36
Somewhat confident	34
Total Not Confident	29
Not too confident	14
Not at all confident	15
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,000

GTM1. Do you approve, disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of Barack Obama's decision to close the US military prison in Guantanamo Bay within a year?

FOR EACH "APPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

FOR EACH "DISAPPROVE," ASK: Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

GTM1a. [IF NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE IN GTM1, ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving Barack Obama's decision to close the US military prison in Guantanamo bay within a year?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Total Approve	47
Strongly approve	30
Somewhat approve	14
Lean approve	3
[VOL] Neither—don't lean	1
Total Disapprove	47
Lean disapprove	2
Somewhat disapprove	10
Strongly disapprove	35
Don't know	5
Refused	*

Based on:

N=1,000

GTM2. If suspected terrorists are moved from Guantanamo Bay to high-security prisons in the United States, how concerned would you be about the chance that those terrorists might escape? Would you be very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Total Concerned	54
Very concerned	33
Somewhat concerned	21
Total Not Concerned	46
Not too concerned	21
Not at all concerned	25
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	1
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-

Based on:

N=1,000

Abortion

AB1. Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion? Abortion should be... [READ EACH ITEM.]

	5/28/09- 6/1/09
Legal in Most/All Cases	51
Legal in all cases	19
Legal in most cases	33
Illegal in Most/All Cases	45
Illegal in most cases	24
Illegal in all cases	20
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on:

N=1,000

Affirmative Action

[PROGRAMMER: PLEASE RANDOMLY ROTATE ORDER OF AA1 AND AA2]

AA1. Do you generally favor or oppose affirmative action programs for women?

[INTERVIEWER:

FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly or somewhat favor?

FOR EACH "OPPOSE," ASK: Is that strongly or somewhat oppose?

	5/28/09- 6/1/09
Total Favor	63
Strongly favor	33
Somewhat favor	30
Total Oppose	29
Somewhat oppose	15
Strongly oppose	14
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on:

N=975

AA2. Do you generally favor or oppose affirmative action programs for racial and ethnic minorities?

[INTERVIEWER:

FOR EACH "FAVOR," ASK: Is that strongly or somewhat favor?

FOR EACH "OPPOSE," ASK: Is that strongly or somewhat oppose?

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Total Favor	56
Strongly favor	24
Somewhat favor	32
Total Oppose	36
Somewhat oppose	17
Strongly oppose	19
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	8
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Based on:

N=975

Economy/Finances

ECO1. Would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in the stock market?

	5/28/09-6/1/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	12/03/08-12/08/08	11/06/08-11/10/08	10/16/08-10/20/08
Good time to invest	43	41	33	39	38
Bad time	52	53	58	51	58
Don't know	5	5	9	10	4
Refused	*	*	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,101

ECO2. And would you say that now is a good or bad time to invest in real estate?

	5/28/09-6/1/09	4/16/09-4/20/09	12/03/08-12/08/08	11/06/08-11/10/08	10/16/08-10/20/08
Good time to invest	74	64	56	55	53
Bad time	25	32	37	38	43
Don't know	2	4	7	6	4
Refused	*	-	*	*	*

Based on:

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,000

N=1,001

N=1,101

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?

PARTY ID INITIAL RESPONSE:

	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08
Total Democrat	36	36	38	39	36	40
Total Republican	23	18	22	21	26	24
[VOL] Independent	25	26	23	22	23	23
[VOL] None	15	18	16	17	14	12
Don't know	1	*	*	1	1	1
Refused	1	1	*	*	*	*

Based on: *N=1,000* *N=1,000* *N=1,001* *N=1,001* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

PID1/

PID2. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or none of these?

IF "Democrat," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?

IF "Republican," ASK: Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?

IF "Independent" OR "None," ASK: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	5/28/09- 6/1/09	4/16/09- 4/20/09	2/12/09- 2/17/09	1/09/09- 1/14/09	12/03/08- 12/08/08	11/06/08- 11/10/08
Total Democrat	46	46	46	47	44	48
Democrat – strong	20	16	18	19	17	21
Democrat – moderate	15	20	20	18	19	19
Independent – lean Democratic	11	10	9	9	8	8
None – lean Democratic	*	*	*	1	1	-
Total Republican	32	28	30	27	33	34
Republican – strong	11	9	9	8	13	13
Republican – moderate	12	9	13	12	13	11
Independent – lean Republican	9	9	8	7	7	10
None – lean Republican	*	*	*	1	*	-

[VOL] Independent – don't lean	5	7	6	7	8	5
[VOL] None – don't lean	-	-	-	-	-	-
[VOL] Other	*	*	*	*	*	-
Don't know	17	19	17	18	15	14
Refused	-	-	-	-	-	-

Based on: *N=1,000* *N=1,000* *N=1,001* *N=1,001* *N=1,000* *N=1,001*

The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM1. What is your marital status? Are you... [IF SAY "SINGLE," CLARIFY/SPECIFY BELOW:]

	5/28/09-6/1/09
Married/Living as Married/Co-Habiting,	58
Separated,	3
Divorced,	10
Widowed, or	7
Never Married?	22
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*

Based on:

N=1,000

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed?

Less than high school graduate	12
High school graduate	31
Technical/trade school	4
Some college	24
College graduate	14
Some graduate school	2
Graduate degree	11
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,000

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	20
30-49	37
50-64	24
65+	17
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,000

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

Urban area	23
Suburban area	42
Rural area	33
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

Own	64
Rent	26
Other arrangement	8
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18, or not?

Yes	35
No	65
Don't know	-
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,000

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home that I could have reached you on for this call? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

No lines	21
One Line	73
Two lines	4
Three or more lines	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Based on:

N=1,000

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

None	16
One	61
Two	14
Three or more	7
Don't know	1
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM10. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

Landline	30
Cell phone	38
Both equally	32
Don't know	*
Refused	-

Based on:

N=663

DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

None	57
One	27
Two	9
Three or more	6
Don't know	-
Refused	*

Based on:

N=200

DM12. Do you consider yourself a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born-again/evangelical	40
No	56
Don't know	2
Refused	2

Based on:

N=1,000

DM13. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination?

Protestant	29
Catholic	20
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Other religion [SPECIFY]	22
Don't belong to religious denomination	23
Don't know	*
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,000

DM14. [IF "OTHER RELIGION" IN DM13, ASK:] Do you consider yourself a Christian, or not?

Yes, a Christian	86
No, not a Christian	14
Don't know	*
Refused	-

Based on:

N=180

DM15. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

Never	17
Less often than a few times a year	14
A few times a year	19
Once or twice a month	12
Once a week	23
More than once a week	12
Don't know	*
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,000

DM16. [ASK EVERYONE] Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

Yes	13
No	86
Don't know	-
Refused	2

Based on: *N=1,000*

DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO [D16=1], ASK:] In addition to being Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO [D16=2], ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White	73
Black, African-American, or Negro	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Asian Indian	1
Native Hawaiian	*
Chinese	*
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	*
Samoan	-
Japanese	-
Korean	*
Vietnamese	*
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	*
Some other race [SPECIFY]	6
Don't know	1
Refused	3
Multiple races [DO NOT READ]	2

Based on: *N=1,000*

DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher? [READ LIST]

Below \$50,000	47
\$50,000+	47
Don't know	1
Refused	5

Based on:

N=1,000

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	10
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	6
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	8
\$150,000 or more	7
Don't know	3
Refused	9

Based on:

N=1,000

DM21. Do you currently own stocks, bonds, or mutual funds?

Yes	40
No	56
Don't know	*
Refused	3

Based on:

N=1,000

[ASK DM21 ONLY IF YES IN DM21:]

DM22. In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in your investments—buying or selling stocks or mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsored 401K plan? Would you say...

None	51
1	12
2	10
3	6
4	4
5-9 times	5
10-14 times	3
15-19 times	1
20-24 times	2
25 times or more	3
Don't know	4
Refused	1

Based on:

N=511

DM25. INTERVIEWER RECORD Respondent's Gender:

Male	49
Female	51

Based on:

N=1,000

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	23
South	37
West	22

Based on:

N=1,000

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted April May 28th – June 1st, 2009, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1000 adults age 18 or older. The interviews were conducted with 800 respondents on landlines and 200 on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The survey sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2008 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2008 Spring estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkpoll.com>.