



Interviewing: June 26-29, 2010

Sample: 1,000 adults nationwide online

713 registered voters nationwide online

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# YUGOV/ECONOMIST POLL

## 2010 Weekly Tracking

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	<u>6/26-29/10</u>	<u>6/19-22/10</u>	<u>6/12-15/10</u>	<u>6/5-8/10</u>	<u>5/22-25/10</u>	<u>5/8-11/10</u>	<u>4/24-27/10</u>	<u>4/10-13/10</u>	<u>4/3-6/10</u>	<b>(WEEKLY) ONE YEAR AGO</b>
<b>TOTAL Strongly/Somewhat Approve</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>TOTAL Strongly/Somewhat Disapprove</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>
Strongly approve	17	19	19	20	18	20	21	22	21	<b>29</b>
Somewhat approve	25	25	25	25	26	30	24	24	25	<b>26</b>
Somewhat disapprove	14	14	15	14	13	14	15	13	11	<b>12</b>
Strongly disapprove	35	35	32	35	35	29	33	33	36	<b>23</b>
Not sure	8	7	9	7	8	7	7	8	7	<b>10</b>

**1. Approval of Obama as President**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Total	RV			Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		Yes	18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad		
Strongly approve	16.9%	18.9%	15.6%	18.3%	14.3%	12.4%	46.8%	18.4%	14.2%	19.4%	11.6%	22.3%	20.1%		
Somewhat approve	25.5%	24.2%	37.1%	23.5%	12.8%	23.5%	31.2%	35.7%	24.4%	26.4%	20.6%	29.8%	29.0%		
Somewhat disapprove	14.3%	11.4%	18.2%	14.2%	8.3%	15.6%	4.5%	15.5%	16.5%	12.4%	20.4%	9.0%	9.9%		
Strongly disapprove	34.9%	42.2%	16.9%	36.9%	58.4%	41.2%	5.9%	16.7%	37.7%	32.5%	34.1%	34.3%	37.4%		
Not sure	8.3%	3.3%	12.2%	7.1%	6.1%	7.3%	11.5%	13.6%	7.2%	9.4%	13.4%	4.7%	3.6%		
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (1,000)	100.0% (805)	100.0% (211)	100.0% (646)	100.0% (143)	100.0% (797)	100.0% (119)	100.0% (84)	100.0% (478)	100.0% (522)	100.0% (415)	100.0% (332)	100.0% (253)		

  

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	16.9%	35.6%	1.1%	11.4%	32.1%	20.5%	4.0%	13.2%	16.0%	16.3%	22.8%	17.2%	16.7%	19.0%
Somewhat approve	25.5%	45.5%	6.0%	23.1%	49.8%	33.5%	6.0%	26.2%	23.6%	25.1%	27.6%	27.9%	25.7%	22.7%
Somewhat disapprove	14.3%	9.3%	13.1%	20.0%	8.6%	20.4%	10.3%	19.2%	15.8%	14.1%	8.1%	14.4%	15.0%	18.1%
Strongly disapprove	34.9%	5.6%	76.3%	40.2%	5.4%	21.5%	76.8%	30.7%	34.9%	37.1%	35.2%	29.5%	37.9%	36.3%
Not sure	8.3%	4.0%	3.6%	5.2%	4.1%	4.2%	2.9%	10.6%	9.7%	7.4%	6.3%	11.2%	4.7%	3.9%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (1,000)	100.0% (353)	100.0% (260)	100.0% (293)	100.0% (222)	100.0% (306)	100.0% (355)	100.0% (191)	100.0% (233)	100.0% (368)	100.0% (208)	100.0% (359)	100.0% (389)	100.0% (136)

2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

	<u>6/26-29/10</u>	<u>6/19-22/10</u>	<u>6/12-15/10</u>	<u>6/5-8/10</u>	<u>5/22-25/10</u>	<u>5/8-11/10</u>	<u>4/24-27/10</u>	<u>4/10-13/10</u>	<u>4/3-6/10</u>	<b>(WEEKLY) ONE YEAR AGO</b>
<b>TOTAL Strongly/Somewhat Approve</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL Strongly/Somewhat Disapprove</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>52</b>
Strongly approve	1	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1
Somewhat approve	11	9	11	12	12	14	12	11	13	17
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	16	15	16	13	13	13	12	12	21
Somewhat disapprove	21	23	22	20	21	25	26	21	22	18
Strongly disapprove	43	40	41	42	41	39	39	43	42	34
Not sure	9	9	10	8	10	7	8	10	9	8



**3. Approval of U.S. Congress**

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

	RV		Age			Race			Gender		Education		
	Total	Yes	18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad
Strongly approve	1.4%	1.2%	1.8%	1.5%	0.6%	0.9%	5.4%	0.6%	1.0%	1.8%	2.1%	1.0%	0.5%
Somewhat approve	11.1%	10.7%	15.5%	10.6%	5.4%	9.2%	17.2%	19.7%	12.3%	10.0%	8.2%	14.8%	11.7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14.1%	11.5%	19.1%	13.5%	8.1%	12.2%	25.9%	16.0%	12.0%	16.0%	16.0%	13.8%	10.9%
Somewhat disapprove	20.9%	20.9%	24.2%	21.1%	15.0%	21.2%	19.8%	19.5%	17.8%	23.8%	19.2%	21.8%	23.0%
Strongly disapprove	43.1%	50.8%	23.5%	46.2%	65.3%	48.9%	15.4%	27.8%	50.4%	36.5%	40.0%	41.2%	51.8%
Not sure	9.3%	4.8%	16.0%	7.2%	5.7%	7.5%	16.2%	16.4%	6.5%	11.9%	14.4%	7.4%	2.1%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (995)	100.0% (802)	100.0% (209)	100.0% (644)	100.0% (142)	100.0% (793)	100.0% (118)	100.0% (84)	100.0% (477)	100.0% (518)	100.0% (412)	100.0% (331)	100.0% (252)

  

	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income			
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	1.4%	2.4%	0.9%	1.2%	1.2%	2.8%	0.7%	2.5%	2.0%	0.8%	0.7%	1.9%	1.5%	0.0%
Somewhat approve	11.1%	23.3%	3.7%	6.3%	21.6%	12.6%	4.3%	9.3%	8.6%	12.0%	14.3%	13.9%	9.2%	11.0%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14.1%	20.2%	8.3%	9.3%	15.9%	14.9%	7.3%	20.4%	12.8%	14.3%	9.0%	17.1%	12.0%	11.6%
Somewhat disapprove	20.9%	27.2%	13.5%	23.6%	29.8%	25.8%	12.7%	22.8%	20.3%	19.1%	23.0%	18.8%	24.7%	19.0%
Strongly disapprove	43.1%	19.0%	71.3%	52.8%	24.1%	36.4%	72.9%	32.1%	47.4%	44.2%	47.2%	35.3%	47.2%	53.4%
Not sure	9.3%	7.9%	2.3%	6.8%	7.4%	7.4%	2.0%	12.8%	8.9%	9.6%	5.9%	13.0%	5.4%	5.0%
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (995)	100.0% (351)	100.0% (260)	100.0% (292)	100.0% (221)	100.0% (306)	100.0% (353)	100.0% (190)	100.0% (233)	100.0% (365)	100.0% (207)	100.0% (357)	100.0% (388)	100.0% (136)

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3. If the 2010 elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

REGISTERED VOTERS

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	<u>6/26-29/10</u>	<u>6/19-22/10</u>	<u>6/12-15/10</u>	<u>6/5-8/10</u>	<u>5/22-25/10</u>	<u>5/8-11/10</u>	<u>4/24-27/10</u>	<u>4/10-13/10</u>	<u>4/3-6/10</u>	(WEEKLY) ONE YEAR AGO
<b>TOTAL Republican/Lean Republican</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>TOTAL Democrat/Lean Democrat</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>
Republican	40	39	38	39	39	36	39	40	39	36
Lean Republican	4	5	5	4	5	5	3	4	5	5
Lean Democrat	7	7	7	7	5	6	8	6	5	7
Democrat	38	38	40	40	40	42	40	43	42	41
Not sure	11	11	11	11	10	11	10	7	9	10

ALL ADULTS

	<u>6/26-29/10</u>	<u>6/19-22/10</u>	<u>6/12-15/10</u>	<u>6/5-8/10</u>	<u>5/22-25/10</u>	<u>5/8-11/10</u>	<u>4/24-27/10</u>	<u>4/10-13/10</u>	<u>4/3-6/10</u>	(WEEKLY) ONE YEAR AGO
<b>TOTAL Republican/Lean Republican</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>TOTAL Democrat/Lean Democrat</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>47</b>
Republican	34	35	33	34	34	31	34	35	34	28
Lean Republican	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	4	5	5
Lean Democrat	7	7	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	9
Democrat	38	37	37	37	36	38	39	39	37	38
Not sure	17	16	18	17	18	19	16	15	17	20



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Total	Yes	18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some Coll
33.9%	39.9%	22.5%	35.7%	46.8%	39.6%	4.1%	20.9%	39.1%	29.2%	32.4%	31.7%
5.0%	3.9%	3.8%	5.5%	5.4%	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	5.9%	7.1%	3.9%
6.7%	7.3%	8.1%	6.1%	6.5%	6.7%	7.6%	5.9%	5.0%	8.3%	5.2%	8.5%
37.5%	37.8%	48.0%	36.2%	24.6%	30.8%	73.1%	51.9%	35.7%	39.2%	29.6%	44.5%
16.8%	11.1%	17.6%	16.4%	16.7%	16.5%	15.1%	21.4%	16.2%	17.4%	25.8%	11.4%
100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
(988)	(798)	(209)	(636)	(143)	(790)	(116)	(82)	(474)	(514)	(409)	(329)

  

Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Far
	Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	
33.9%	2.5%	87.4%	32.1%	4.9%	20.4%	77.3%	31.6%	33.3%	36.8%	31.8%	25.1%
5.0%	1.0%	7.0%	8.0%	1.4%	5.2%	6.8%	6.4%	8.0%	4.0%	2.2%	5.2%
6.7%	9.8%	0.6%	8.1%	7.4%	11.9%	2.0%	4.7%	9.1%	6.6%	6.2%	6.1%
37.5%	83.8%	3.2%	23.8%	83.6%	45.1%	6.0%	37.3%	36.3%	34.6%	44.3%	40.6%
16.8%	2.9%	1.8%	27.9%	2.7%	17.5%	7.9%	20.1%	13.3%	18.0%	15.5%	22.9%

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4. Would you say things in this country today are...

	6/26-29/10	6/19-22/10	6/12-15/10	6/5-8/10	5/22-25/10	5/8-11/10	4/24-27/10	4/10-13/10	4/3-6/10	(WEEKLY) ONE YEAR AGO
Generally headed in the right direction	28	30	33	31	32	37	34	35	36	38
Off on the wrong track	58	55	54	54	54	49	51	50	52	46
Not sure	14	15	13	16	14	14	15	14	12	16

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**2. Direction of country**

Would you say things in this country today are...

	Total	RV			Age			Race			Gender		Education		
		Yes	18-29	30-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Male	Female	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad		
Generally headed in the right direction	27.7%	28.3%	33.2%	27.3%	19.5%	22.5%	53.3%	39.8%	28.7%	26.8%	19.9%	33.9%	34.1%		
Off on the wrong track	57.9%	60.8%	44.3%	61.6%	67.7%	65.5%	20.4%	39.4%	60.8%	55.4%	61.9%	54.1%	55.7%		
Not sure	14.4%	10.9%	22.5%	11.0%	12.8%	12.0%	26.3%	20.7%	10.6%	17.9%	18.2%	12.1%	10.2%		
Totals (Unweighted)	100.0% (996)	100.0% (804)	100.0% (210)	100.0% (644)	100.0% (142)	100.0% (793)	100.0% (119)	100.0% (84)	100.0% (476)	100.0% (520)	100.0% (412)	100.0% (332)	100.0% (252)		

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Region				Family Income		
		Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	Under 40	40-100	100+
Generally headed in the right direction	27.7%	57.3%	5.5%	19.2%	57.5%	31.5%	7.2%	26.3%	28.7%	24.6%	33.3%	27.5%	27.9%	33.2%
Off on the wrong track	57.9%	27.6%	90.5%	68.2%	26.8%	54.3%	89.7%	53.5%	63.1%	61.5%	50.0%	52.2%	63.7%	57.0%
Not sure	14.4%	15.1%	4.0%	12.6%	15.6%	14.1%	3.0%	20.2%	8.3%	13.9%	16.7%	20.3%	8.4%	9.8%
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