



**Interviews with 1,046 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on February 18-19, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Approve	67%	76%
Disapprove	29%	23%
No opinion	4%	1%

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

2a. (IF APPROVE) Do you approve strongly, or only moderately?

2b. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove strongly, or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 1, 2a AND 2b COMBINED

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Approve strongly	40%
Approve moderately	27%
Disapprove moderately	10%
Disapprove strongly	19%
No opinion	4%

3. Regardless of whether you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama, do you think he has met your expectations for how he would handle his job as president, or has he exceeded your expectations, or has he fallen short of your expectations?

	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Met expectations	58%
Exceeded expectations	16%
Fallen short of expectations	23%
No opinion	2%

14. As you may know, Congress passed and President Obama has signed a bill that will attempt to stimulate the economy by increasing federal government spending and cutting taxes at a total cost to the government of about eight hundred billion dollars. Based on what you have read or heard about this, do you favor or oppose that bill?

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Favor bill	60%
Oppose bill	39%
No opinion	1%

15. Regardless of how you feel about the bill itself, how do you feel about the fact that this bill was passed by Congress within the first month of Obama's presidency? Do you consider the passage of this bill to be a major victory for Obama, a minor accomplishment for Obama, or not a positive achievement at all?

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Major victory	49%
Minor accomplishment	28%
Not a positive achievement	22%
No opinion	1%

16. Do you think that bill will or will not result in a significant improvement in the nation's economy?

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Significant improvement	53%
No significant improvement	44%
No opinion	2%

16. Do you think that bill will or will not result in a significant improvement in the nation's economy?

17. (IF IMPROVEMENT) Do you think that will happen almost immediately, within a few months, by the end of the year, some time in the next year, or do you think it will take longer than that?

#### QUESTIONS 16 AND 17 COMBINED

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Improve almost immediately	1%
Improve within a few months	5%
Improve by the end of the year	13%
Improve sometime in the next year	16%
Improve; take longer than a year	18%
Improve; don't know how long it will take	*
No improvement	44%
No opinion	2%

18. Do you think that bill will or will not result in a significant improvement in your own personal financial situation?

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2009

Significant improvement	31%
No significant improvement	67%
No opinion	2%

18. Do you think that bill will or will not result in a significant improvement in your own personal financial situation?

19. (IF IMPROVEMENT) Do you think that will happen almost immediately, within a few months, by the end of the year, some time in the next year, or do you think it will take longer than that?

#### QUESTIONS 18 AND 19 COMBINED

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Improve almost immediately	1%
Improve within a few months	4%
Improve by the end of the year	10%
Improve sometime in the next year	9%
Improve; take longer than a year	7%
Improve; don't know how long it will take	*
No improvement	67%
No opinion	2%