

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted February 21-23, 2010
 Margin of Error ±3.7%

1. President Obama said that he would cut the federal deficit in half by 2013. In your opinion, how likely is he to succeed in this pledge?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	23%
Not too likely	24%
Not at all likely	39%
Not sure	8%

2. How much responsibility do you think President Barack Obama has for the current size of the federal budget deficit?

Most	30%
Some	31%
Only a little	24%
None	10%
Not sure	6%

3. How much responsibility do you think former President George W. Bush has for the current size of the federal budget deficit?

Most	42%
Some	34%
Only a little	15%
None	4%
Not sure	5%

4. How concerned are you about the size of the federal budget deficit?

Very concerned	50%
Somewhat concerned	42%
Not very concerned	8%

5. When, if ever, do you think the federal budget deficit should be balanced?

Immediately	35%
Next year	11%
In a few years	47%
Not necessary to balance the budget	7%

6. Do you favor or oppose raising taxes to reduce the size of the federal budget deficit?

Favor raising taxes	28%
Oppose raising taxes	72%

7. Do you favor or oppose cutting government spending to reduce the size of the federal budget deficit?

Favor cutting spending	82%
Oppose cutting spending	18%

8. Would you say the U.S. is winning the war in Iraq?

Yes	33%
No	34%
Not sure	34%

9. At the end of 2012, do you think the United States will have more or fewer troops in Iraq than it has now?

More troops in Iraq than it has now	8%
About the same number of troops in Iraq as it has now	37%
Fewer troops in Iraq than it has now	55%

10. What do you think will eventually happen in Iraq?

The United States will win the war in Iraq.	38%
The United States will withdraw from Iraq without winning.	62%

11. Do you think most people in Iraq want to have U.S. troops in their country or would they like the U.S. to leave?

Most would like U.S. troops to stay	13%
About equally divided	32%
Most would like U.S. troops to leave	45%
Not sure	10%

12. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Iraq?

Yes	55%
No	31%
Not sure	15%

13. How much responsibility do you think President Barack Obama has for the current situation in Iraq today?

Most	9%
Some	32%
Only a little	30%
None	24%
Not sure	6%

14. How much responsibility do you think former President George W. Bush has for the current situation in Iraq today?

Most	68%
Some	19%
Only a little	5%
None	3%
Not sure	5%

15. Would you say the U.S. is winning the war in Afghanistan?

Yes 18%
No 36%
Not sure 46%

16. At the end of 2012, do you think the United States will have more or fewer troops in Afghanistan than it has now?

More troops in Afghanistan than it has now 25%
About the same number of troops in Afghanistan as it has now 47%
Fewer troops in Afghanistan than it has now 27%

17. What do you think will eventually happen in Afghanistan?

The United States will win the war in Afghanistan. 35%
The United States will withdraw from Afghanistan without winning. 65%

18. Do you think most people in Afghanistan want to have U.S. troops in their country or would they like the U.S. to leave?

Most would like U.S. troops to stay 12%
About equally divided 35%
Most would like U.S. troops to leave 38%
Not sure 14%

19. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

Yes 32%
No 45%
Not sure 23%

20. How much responsibility do you think President Barack Obama has for the current situation in Afghanistan today?

Most	19%
Some	39%
Only a little	23%
None	13%
Not sure	7%

21. How much responsibility do you think former President George W. Bush has for the current situation in Afghanistan today?

Most	47%
Some	32%
Only a little	9%
None	6%
Not sure	7%

22. Do you think Barack Obama has a clear plan for U.S. strategy in Afghanistan?

Yes	21%
No	48%
Not sure	31%

23. Do you think President Obama's strategy in Afghanistan will increase or decrease the chances of U.S. success there?

Increase the chances of success there	24%
Have no impact on the chances of success there	26%
Decrease the chances of success there	19%
Not sure	31%

24. Barack Obama said that he will start removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan in July 2011. How likely is it that he will be able to do this?

Very likely	10%
Somewhat likely	32%
Somewhat unlikely	25%
Very unlikely	23%
Not sure	10%

25. Below are some issues facing the country. For each one, indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling that issue.

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Opinion
The war in Iraq	18%	33%	18%	22%	10%
The economy	16%	25%	13%	39%	7%
Immigration	9%	22%	15%	32%	22%
The environment	15%	29%	15%	26%	15%
Terrorism	21%	25%	12%	30%	12%
Gay rights	14%	23%	13%	25%	25%
Education	19%	26%	17%	23%	16%
Health care	17%	23%	11%	41%	7%
Social security	13%	20%	16%	33%	19%
The budget deficit	12%	23%	14%	41%	10%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	33%	17%	23%	11%

26. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	47%	40%	10%	3%
The economy	86%	12%	2%	1%
Immigration	45%	32%	18%	5%
The environment	44%	38%	13%	5%
Terrorism	63%	27%	6%	4%
Gay rights	20%	24%	27%	29%
Education	61%	30%	6%	2%
Health care	72%	18%	7%	3%
Social security	64%	28%	6%	2%
The budget deficit	66%	26%	6%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	50%	38%	9%	3%

27. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

The war in Iraq	2%
The economy	37%
Immigration	3%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	20%
Social security	10%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	1%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	8%

29. Overall, do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	11%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	49%
Not sure	8%

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

Republican	33%
Lean Republican	5%
Lean Democrat	9%
Democrat	36%
Not Sure	18%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Not sure	15%

32. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	23%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	40%
Not sure	4%

33. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	47%
Not sure	4%

34. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	29%
About the same	34%
Lower	20%
Not sure	17%

35. Which of these words would you use to describe Barack Obama?

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	35%	35%	31%
Intelligent	63%	25%	13%
Religious	15%	58%	26%
Inspiring	42%	37%	20%
Patriotic	32%	45%	23%
Strong	33%	45%	22%
Bold	35%	46%	19%
Experienced	15%	39%	46%
Sincere	39%	34%	27%
Partisan	24%	53%	22%
Effective	21%	46%	33%
Unifying	18%	52%	30%
In Touch	28%	45%	27%
Realistic	31%	37%	32%
Decisive	25%	52%	23%

36. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	34%
Somewhat liberal	22%
Moderate	21%
Somewhat conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	18%

37. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	47%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	53%

38. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot	38%
Like somewhat	24%
Dislike	27%
Not sure	11%