Interviewing: July 5-7, 2014

Sample: 1000 Adults nationwide online 681 registered voters nationwide online



The Economist/YouGov Poll Weekly Tracking

For immediate release



1. Approval of Obama as President – Historical

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

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	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
July 5-7, 2014	41%	56%	17%	24%	19%	37%	4%
June 28-30, 2014	45%	48%	16%	29%	13%	35%	7%
June 21-23, 2014	44%	52%	19%	25%	14%	38%	3%
June 14-16, 2014	41%	55%	17%	24%	17%	38%	4%
June 7-9, 2014	41%	54%	17%	24%	16%	38%	5%
May 31-June 2, 2014	41%	53%	16%	25%	16%	37%	6%
May 17-19, 2014	42%	53%	16%	26%	14%	39%	4%
May 10-12, 2014	43%	52%	16%	27%	16%	36%	4%
May 3-5, 2014	46%	49%	18%	28%	14%	35%	4%
April 26-28, 2014	45%	51%	17%	28%	18%	33%	4%
One Year Ago	41%	50%	15%	26%	15%	35%	9%

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	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
July 5-7, 2014	42%	56%	18%	24%	15%	41%	3%
June 28-30, 2014	46%	51%	17%	29%	12%	39%	4%
June 21-23, 2014	44%	54%	21%	23%	12%	42%	2%
June 14-16, 2014	43%	55%	18%	25%	11%	44%	2%
June 7-9, 2014	42%	55%	18%	24%	14%	41%	3%
May 31-June 2, 2014	42%	54%	17%	25%	14%	40%	4%
May 17-19, 2014	41%	57%	17%	24%	11%	46%	2%
May 10-12, 2014	45%	53%	18%	27%	13%	40%	2%
May 3-5, 2014	44%	53%	17%	27%	11%	42%	2%
April 26-28, 2014	45%	52%	18%	27%	15%	37%	3%
One Year Ago	43%	53%	18%	25%	12%	41%	5%



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

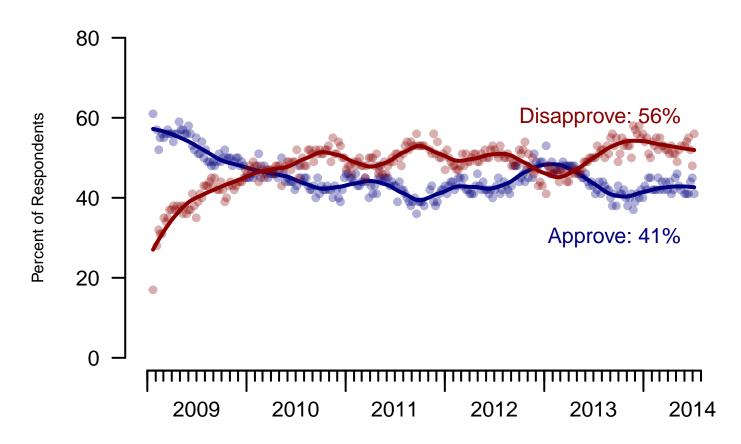


Figure 1: Obama Approval - All Adults



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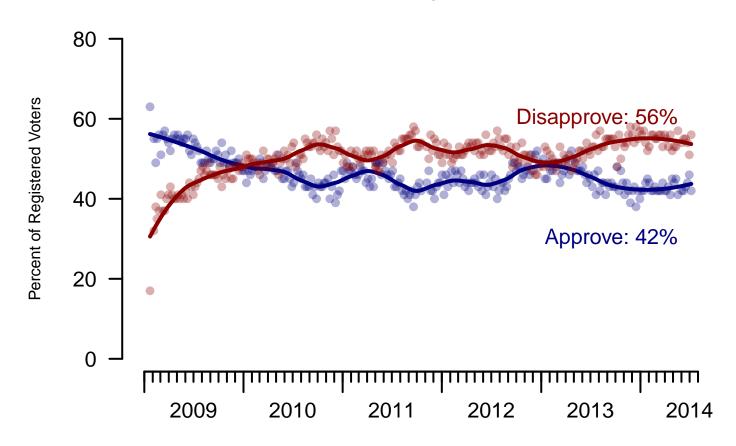


Figure 2: Obama Approval - Registered Voters



2. Approval of Obama as President – This Week – All Adults
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

			Α	ge			R	ace			Re	gion	
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North- east	Mid- west	South	West
Strongly approve	17%	15%	19%	15%	23%	12%	40%	15%	19%	23%	13%	20%	12%
Somewhat approve	24%	27%	25%	23%	17%	20%	39%	24%	28%	21%	24%	21%	29%
Somewhat													
disapprove	19%	24%	19%	18%	12%	20%	9%	27%	12%	19%	21%	21%	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%	30%	30%	44%	46%	45%	3%	29%	38%	34%	39%	34%	42%
Not sure	4%	4%	7%	1%	2%	2%	10%	5%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (198)	100% (316)	100% (353)	100% (130)	100% (678)	100% (143)	100% (113)	100% (63)	100% (138)	100% (216)	100% (380)	100% (263)

			Party ID			Ideology		Ge	nder	Fa	amily Incon	пе
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	17%	37%	7%	3%	35%	18%	5%	13%	21%	18%	17%	17%
Somewhat approve Somewhat	24%	38%	22%	7%	40%	30%	7%	28%	19%	24%	23%	26%
disapprove	19%	15%	22%	13%	13%	26%	16%	18%	20%	22%	19%	17%
Strongly disapprove	37%	6%	47%	75%	10%	22%	68%	38%	35%	32%	37%	38%
Not sure	4%	4%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%	3%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (371)	100% (280)	100% (253)	100% (253)	100% (343)	100% (352)	100% (473)	100% (524)	100% (387)	100% (335)	100% (148)



3. Approval of U.S. Congress – Historical

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

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	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
July 5-7, 2014	11%	64%	3%	8%	18%	26%	38%	8%
June 28-30, 2014	11%	63%	3%	8%	18%	19%	44%	8%
June 21-23, 2014	9%	67%	2%	7%	18%	24%	43%	6%
June 14-16, 2014	9%	69%	1%	8%	15%	22%	47%	6%
June 7-9, 2014	12%	65%	3%	9%	15%	23%	42%	8%
May 31-June 2, 2014	8%	66%	2%	6%	18%	28%	38%	7%
May 17-19, 2014	11%	67%	2%	9%	16%	27%	40%	7%
May 10-12, 2014	13%	66%	4%	9%	14%	22%	44%	8%
May 3-5, 2014	13%	64%	3%	10%	17%	26%	38%	7%
April 26-28, 2014	10%	65%	4%	6%	17%	23%	42%	7%
One Year Ago	7%	63%	1%	6%	16%	22%	41%	14%

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Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure						
11%	66%	3%	8%	17%	25%	41%	7%						
9%	72%	2%	7%	13%	22%	50%	6%						
9%	73%	2%	7%	14%	26%	47%	4%						
9%	73%	1%	8%	13%	21%	52%	4%						
10%	72%	2%	8%	13%	24%	48%	5%						
8%	74%	2%	6%	14%	30%	44%	4%						
9%	74%	1%	8%	13%	26%	48%	4%						
10%	72%	2%	8%	14%	23%	49%	4%						
10%	71%	2%	8%	16%	25%	46%	4%						
8%	71%	2%	6%	15%	24%	47%	5%						
7%	71%	1%	6%	13%	23%	48%	9%						
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Congress Approval "Do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?"

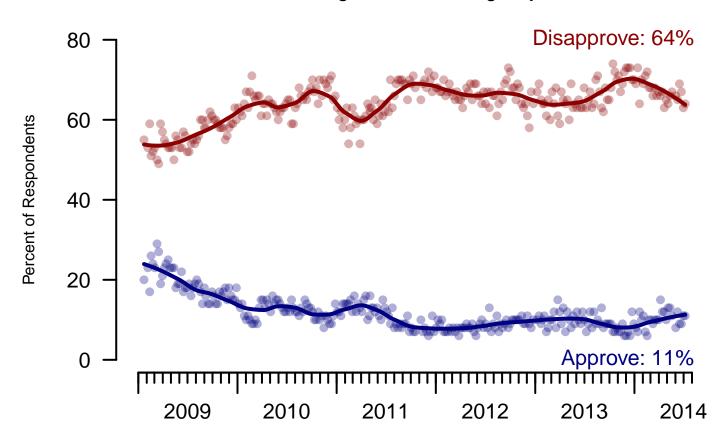


Figure 3: Congress Approval – All Adults



Congress Approval "Do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?"

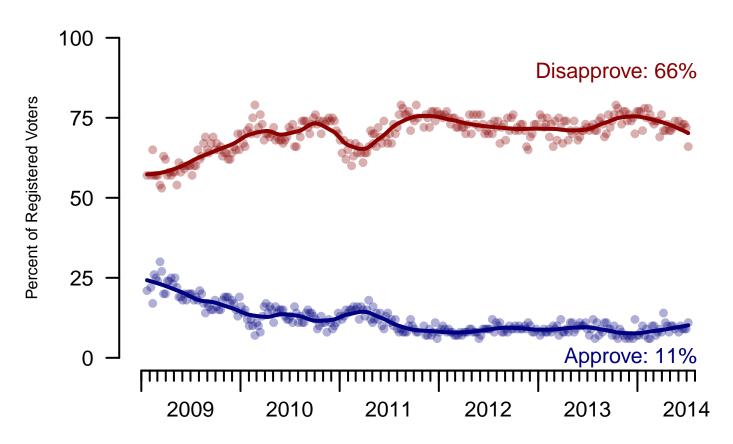


Figure 4: Congress Approval – Registered Voters



4. Approval of U.S. Congress – This Week – All AdultsOverall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

			А	ge			R	ace			Re	gion	
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North- east	Mid- west	South	West
Strongly approve	3%	6%	3%	1%	_	2%	5%	1%	8%	3%	0%	5%	2%
Somewhat approve Neither approve nor	8%	13%	7%	6%	6%	5%	18%	14%	9%	3%	8%	9%	9%
disapprove Somewhat	18%	20%	19%	18%	12%	18%	17%	22%	16%	15%	21%	21%	12%
disapprove	26%	23%	25%	26%	30%	28%	18%	23%	25%	26%	25%	26%	26%
Strongly disapprove	38%	25%	37%	43%	51%	40%	30%	35%	33%	43%	36%	31%	46%
Not sure	8%	13%	10%	5%	2%	8%	12%	5%	9%	9%	9%	8%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (199)	100% (316)	100% (353)	100% (130)	100% (679)	100% (143)	100% (113)	100% (63)	100% (140)	100% (217)	100% (378)	100% (263)

			Party ID			Ideology		Ge	nder	Fa	amily Incon	пе
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Somewhat approve	8%	8%	7%	12%	5%	8%	10%	9%	7%	10%	6%	8%
Neither approve nor												
disapprove	18%	18%	13%	18%	12%	20%	20%	17%	19%	21%	18%	16%
Somewhat												
disapprove	26%	21%	28%	34%	18%	22%	35%	24%	27%	29%	25%	22%
Strongly disapprove	38%	42%	45%	27%	55%	39%	26%	42%	34%	30%	42%	43%
Not sure	8%	7%	6%	6%	5%	9%	8%	5%	11%	8%	7%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(372)	(280)	(251)	(254)	(342)	(352)	(473)	(525)	(387)	(334)	(148)



5. Direction of country – Historical

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

		All Adults	
	Right	Wrong	Not
	Direction	Track	Sure
July 5-7, 2014	28%	57%	14%
June 28-30, 2014	28%	58%	13%
June 21-23, 2014	30%	59%	11%
June 14-16, 2014	25%	62%	12%
June 7-9, 2014	26%	62%	12%
May 31-June 2, 2014	28%	58%	13%
May 17-19, 2014	27%	59%	14%
May 10-12, 2014	26%	59%	15%
May 3-5, 2014	31%	56%	12%
April 26-28, 2014	32%	58%	11%
One Year Ago	26%	58%	17%

	Registered Voters						
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure				
July 5-7, 2014	28%	60%	13%				
June 28-30, 2014	29%	59%	12%				
June 21-23, 2014	29%	59%	11%				
June 14-16, 2014	27%	63%	10%				
June 7-9, 2014	26%	63%	11%				
May 31-June 2, 2014	28%	60%	12%				
May 17-19, 2014	26%	63%	11%				
May 10-12, 2014	28%	58%	14%				
May 3-5, 2014	28%	60%	11%				
April 26-28, 2014	30%	60%	10%				
One Year Ago	26%	60%	14%				



Direction of Country"Would you say things in this country today are generally headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?"

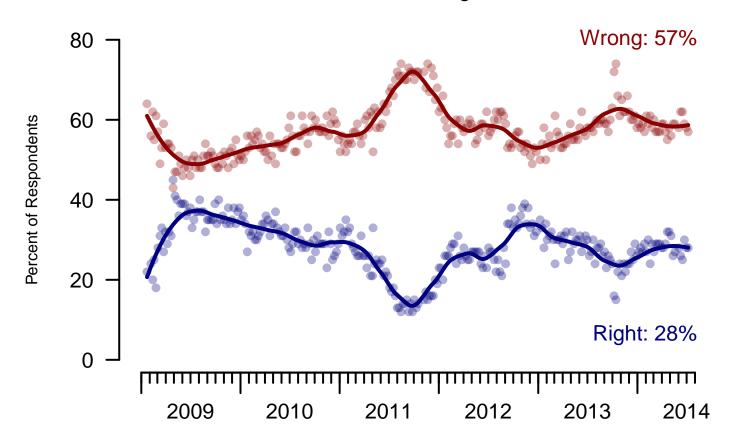


Figure 5: Direction of Country - All Adults



Direction of Country"Would you say things in this country today are generally headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?"

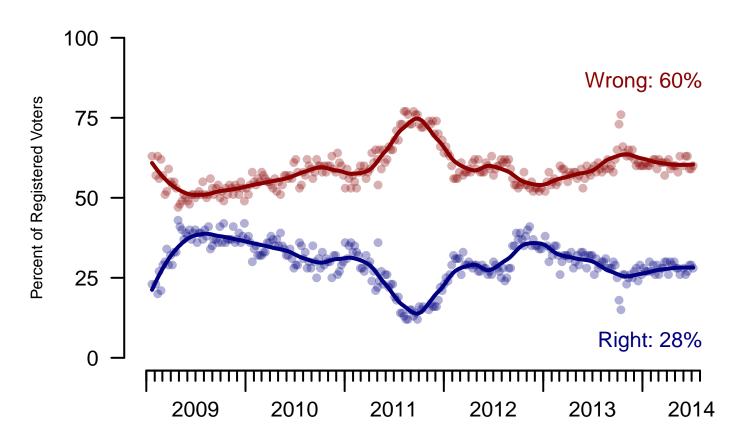


Figure 6: Direction of Country - Registered Voters



6. Direction of Country – This Week – All Adults

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

			А	ge			Race			Region			
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North- east	Mid- west	South	West
Generally headed in													
the right direction	28%	29%	30%	24%	33%	23%	46%	37%	34%	33%	24%	27%	31%
Off on the wrong													
track	57%	51%	55%	64%	57%	66%	31%	50%	41%	54%	67%	56%	52%
Not sure	14%	20%	15%	11%	10%	12%	22%	14%	25%	13%	9%	17%	17%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (998)	100% (201)	100% (316)	100% (352)	100% (129)	100% (677)	100% (144)	100% (114)	100% (63)	100% (140)	100% (216)	100% (379)	100% (263)

		Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-100	100+
Generally headed in												
the right direction	28%	49%	19%	12%	50%	34%	10%	31%	26%	28%	30%	31%
Off on the wrong												
track	57%	35%	68%	79%	33%	49%	81%	55%	59%	58%	60%	49%
Not sure	14%	17%	12%	9%	17%	17%	9%	14%	14%	14%	10%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(372)	(280)	(251)	(255)	(343)	(350)	(473)	(525)	(387)	(334)	(148)



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Fieldwork YouGov

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Target population U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.

Sampling method Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel us-

ing sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, political interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew

Religion in American Life Survey.

Weighting The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age,

gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.1 to 4.06,

with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.9.

Number of respondents 1,000

Margin of error $\pm 4.1\%$ (adjusted for weighting)

Margin of error (Registered Voters) \pm 4.5% (adjusted for weighting)

Survey mode Web-based interviews

Full results Available online at

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