

# Marist Poll June 2009

## National Tables

**Nature of the Sample: 1,142 U.S. Residents**

This survey of 1,142 United States residents was conducted on June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Residents 18 years of age and older were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Results are statistically significant at  $\pm 3\%$ . There are 1,028 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant at  $\pm 3\%$ . The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

|                  |                      | Registered Voters   |            |        |
|------------------|----------------------|---|------------|--------|
|                  |                      | Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president? |            |        |
|                  |                      | Approve   | Disapprove | Unsure |
|                  |                      | Row %   | Row %      | Row %  |
|                  | Registered Voters    | 56%   | 32%        | 12%    |
| Party ID         | Democrat             | 89%   | 6%         | 5%     |
|                  | Republican           | 23%   | 61%        | 16%    |
|                  | Independent          | 51%   | 32%        | 17%    |
| Region           | Northeast            | 70%   | 22%        | 9%     |
|                  | Midwest              | 55%   | 30%        | 15%    |
|                  | South                | 50%   | 38%        | 12%    |
|                  | West                 | 56%   | 31%        | 13%    |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000   | 58%   | 27%        | 15%    |
|                  | \$50,000 or more     | 58%   | 34%        | 8%     |
| Education        | Not college graduate | 56%   | 31%        | 13%    |
|                  | College graduate     | 56%   | 34%        | 10%    |
| Age              | 18 to 29             | 61%   | 25%        | 14%    |
|                  | 30 to 44             | 55%   | 35%        | 10%    |
|                  | 45 to 59             | 57%   | 29%        | 14%    |
|                  | 60 or older          | 55%   | 33%        | 12%    |
| Gender           | Men                  | 48%   | 40%        | 13%    |
|                  | Women                | 63%   | 24%        | 12%    |

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|                  |                      | Registered Voters   |                      |                  |        |
|------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|--------|
|                  |                      | Overall, would you describe the direction in which President Barack Obama is moving the country as: |                      |                  |        |
|                  |                      | Change for the better   | Change for the worse | No change at all | Unsure |
|                  |                      | Row %   | Row %                | Row %            | Row %  |
|                  | Registered Voters    | 49%   | 29%                  | 17%              | 5%     |
| Party ID         | Democrat             | 83%   | 4%                   | 10%              | 3%     |
|                  | Republican           | 14%   | 56%                  | 26%              | 4%     |
|                  | Independent          | 46%   | 30%                  | 16%              | 8%     |
| Region           | Northeast            | 61%   | 16%                  | 17%              | 7%     |
|                  | Midwest              | 49%   | 29%                  | 16%              | 6%     |
|                  | South                | 42%   | 34%                  | 20%              | 5%     |
|                  | West                 | 53%   | 31%                  | 13%              | 3%     |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000   | 50%   | 26%                  | 18%              | 6%     |
|                  | \$50,000 or more     | 54%   | 28%                  | 15%              | 3%     |
| Education        | Not college graduate | 50%   | 27%                  | 18%              | 5%     |
|                  | College graduate     | 49%   | 31%                  | 15%              | 5%     |
| Age              | 18 to 29             | 53%   | 22%                  | 24%              | 2%     |
|                  | 30 to 44             | 52%   | 25%                  | 17%              | 5%     |
|                  | 45 to 59             | 51%   | 28%                  | 17%              | 5%     |
|                  | 60 or older          | 47%   | 34%                  | 13%              | 6%     |
| Gender           | Men                  | 45%   | 34%                  | 16%              | 4%     |
|                  | Women                | 54%   | 23%                  | 17%              | 6%     |

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|   |                      | Registered Voters   |            |        |
|---|----------------------|---|------------|--------|
|   |                      | Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy? |            |        |
|   |                      | Approve   | Disapprove | Unsure |
|   |                      | Row %   | Row %      | Row %  |
|   | Registered Voters    | 53%   | 41%        | 6%     |
| Party ID  | Democrat             | 84%   | 10%        | 6%     |
|   | Republican           | 22%   | 72%        | 6%     |
|   | Independent          | 50%   | 45%        | 5%     |
| Region  | Northeast            | 64%   | 31%        | 4%     |
|   | Midwest              | 56%   | 37%        | 7%     |
|   | South                | 45%   | 50%        | 5%     |
|   | West                 | 56%   | 37%        | 7%     |
| Household Income  | Less than \$50,000   | 55%   | 41%        | 4%     |
|   | \$50,000 or more     | 56%   | 39%        | 5%     |
| Education   | Not college graduate | 54%   | 40%        | 6%     |
|   | College graduate     | 51%   | 42%        | 6%     |
| Age   | 18 to 29             | 51%   | 44%        | 5%     |
|   | 30 to 44             | 58%   | 40%        | 2%     |
|   | 45 to 59             | 55%   | 38%        | 7%     |
|   | 60 or older          | 50%   | 42%        | 8%     |
| Gender  | Men                  | 47%   | 48%        | 6%     |
|   | Women                | 59%   | 34%        | 6%     |
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|   |                      | Registered Voters  |   |        |
|---|----------------------|--|---|--------|
|   |                      | Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies? |   |        |
|   |                      | Economic conditions mostly inherited   | Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies | Unsure |
|   |                      | Row %  | Row %   | Row %  |
|   | Registered Voters    | 74%  | 18%   | 8%     |
| Party ID  | Democrat             | 88%  | 10%   | 2%     |
|   | Republican           | 63%  | 26%   | 11%    |
|   | Independent          | 68%  | 19%   | 13%    |
| Region  | Northeast            | 80%  | 12%   | 8%     |
|   | Midwest              | 77%  | 17%   | 6%     |
|   | South                | 68%  | 22%   | 10%    |
|   | West                 | 75%  | 17%   | 9%     |
| Household Income  | Less than \$50,000   | 71%  | 20%   | 9%     |
|   | \$50,000 or more     | 80%  | 14%   | 6%     |
| Education   | Not college graduate | 73%  | 19%   | 8%     |
|   | College graduate     | 74%  | 17%   | 10%    |
| Age   | 18 to 29             | 69%  | 18%   | 13%    |
|   | 30 to 44             | 72%  | 19%   | 9%     |
|   | 45 to 59             | 82%  | 12%   | 7%     |
|   | 60 or older          | 70%  | 22%   | 8%     |
| Gender  | Men                  | 75%  | 18%   | 8%     |
|   | Women                | 73%  | 18%   | 9%     |
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|   |                      | Americans  |                 |        |
|---|----------------------|--|-----------------|--------|
|   |                      | In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction? |                 |        |
|   |                      | Right direction  | Wrong direction | Unsure |
|   |                      | Row %  | Row %           | Row %  |
|   | Americans            | 50%  | 40%             | 10%    |
|   | Registered Voters    | 50%  | 40%             | 11%    |
| Party ID  | Democrat             | 83%  | 12%             | 6%     |
|   | Republican           | 17%  | 72%             | 11%    |
|   | Independent          | 45%  | 40%             | 15%    |
| Region  | Northeast            | 62%  | 30%             | 8%     |
|   | Midwest              | 52%  | 39%             | 9%     |
|   | South                | 40%  | 46%             | 14%    |
|   | West                 | 52%  | 40%             | 8%     |
| Household Income  | Less than \$50,000   | 51%  | 36%             | 12%    |
|   | \$50,000 or more     | 53%  | 39%             | 8%     |
| Education   | Not college graduate | 50%  | 40%             | 11%    |
|   | College graduate     | 50%  | 41%             | 8%     |
| Age   | 18 to 29             | 47%  | 37%             | 17%    |
|   | 30 to 44             | 51%  | 39%             | 10%    |
|   | 45 to 59             | 53%  | 38%             | 10%    |
|   | 60 or older          | 48%  | 44%             | 8%     |
| Gender  | Men                  | 45%  | 46%             | 9%     |
|   | Women                | 54%  | 35%             | 11%    |
| Marist Poll National Residents "N=1142 MOE +/- 3%" Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding. |                      |  |                 |        |