

This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 10-12, 2009, among a random national sample of 1,007 adults (landline and cell-only respondents). The results from the full survey have a 3.5-point error margin. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, PA.

*= less than 0.5 percent

1 previously released.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

9/12/09 - Summary Table*

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
c. The threat of terrorism	55	31	24	34	12	23	11
d. International affairs	57	32	25	33	12	21	10
e. The situation in Afghanistan	55	23	33	37	17	21	7

a, b and f previously released.

*Full sample asked items a,b; half sample asked items c,d; other half sample asked items e,f.

Trend where available:

c. The threat of terrorism

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/12/09	55	31	24	34	12	23	11
6/21/09	57	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	7
4/21/09*	57	NA	NA	26	NA	NA	17

*Pew

d. International affairs

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/12/09	57	32	25	33	12	21	10
6/21/09	61	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	7
4/24/09	67	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	6
3/29/09	62	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	11

e. The situation in Afghanistan

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/12/09	55	23	33	37	17	21	7
8/17/09	60	25	35	33	14	19	7
7/18/09	62	33	29	30	13	17	8
4/24/09	63	NA	NA	26	NA	NA	11

3 previously released.

4. Who do you trust to do a better job handling [ITEM] - (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

d. The threat of terrorism (HALF SAMPLE)

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/12/09	49	39	2	7	3
6/21/09	55	34	2	6	3

5-39 previously released.

40. On another subject, all in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war in Afghanistan was worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Worth fighting -----			--- Not worth fighting ---			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/12/09	46	28	18	51	14	37	3
8/17/09	47	31	15	51	10	41	3
7/18/09	51	34	18	45	11	34	4
3/29/09	56	37	19	41	12	28	4
2/22/09	50	34	17	47	9	37	3
12/14/08	55	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	5
7/13/08	51	NA	NA	45	NA	NA	4
2/25/07	56	NA	NA	41	NA	NA	3

41. Do you think the number of U.S. military forces in Afghanistan should be (increased), (decreased), or kept about the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Kept about the same	No opinion
9/12/09	26	42	28	4
8/17/09	24	45	27	4
1/16/09	34	29	32	5

42. Do you think (the United States must win the war in Afghanistan in order for the broader war on terrorism to be a success), or do you think (the war on terrorism can be a success without the United States winning the war in Afghanistan)?

	US must win war in Afghanistan for success	Can be a success without US winning war in Afghanistan	No opinion
9/12/09	48	45	7
2/22/09	50	41	9
12/14/08	51	40	9
7/13/08	51	42	7

END