

Quinnipiac university Poll

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OBAMA GOES OUT WITH HIGHEST MARKS IN FOUR YEARS, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; MOST SAY HE'S 'GOOD' OR 'GREAT' PRESIDENT

American voters approve 50 – 43 percent of the job President Barack Obama is doing, his highest score since a 53 – 40 percent approval rating December 6, 2012, right after he won reelection, according to a Quinnipiac University national poll released today.

President Obama has been a “great” president, 22 percent of voters say, while 33 percent say he has been a “good” president, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Another 23 percent say “not so good” and 22 percent say he has been a “bad” president.

Obama’s policies have helped the nation’s economy, 44 percent of voters say, as 38 percent say his policies have hurt the economy and 16 percent say his policies haven’t made a difference.

But only 21 percent of voters say Obama’s policies have helped their personal financial situation, as 33 percent say these policies have hurt them personally and 44 percent say they’ve made no difference.

While both the Democratic and Republican parties get negative favorability ratings, for the first time in two years, the Republican Party does better, with a negative 38 – 50 percent favorability, compared to the Democrats’ 35 – 56 percent score.

This is the Republicans’ best favorability score since a negative 38 – 49 percent rating in a November 26, 2014, Quinnipiac University poll, the last time the GOP outscored the Democrats. Today’s favorability rating is the Democrats’ worst since a 34 – 53 percent score September 28, 2015.

“President Barack Obama’s final score card is a passing grade overall, but barely,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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“Are the GOP's favorability scores an endorsement of President-elect Donald Trump's change agent status? It could well be that despite Obama's largely positive exit numbers Americans say it's time to turn the page,” Malloy added.

Only 27 percent of American voters are “very satisfied” or “somewhat satisfied” with the way things are going in nation today, while 72 percent are “somewhat dissatisfied” or “very dissatisfied.”

A total of 39 percent of voters say the American economy is “excellent” or “good,” while 60 percent say it is “not so good” or “poor.” This is the best score on the economy since December, 2003, when 40 percent of voters said the economy was “excellent” or “good.”

The economy is getting better, 30 percent of voters say, while 24 percent say it is getting worse and 45 percent say it is staying about the same.

They are better off than they were a year ago, 39 percent of voters say, as 30 percent say they are worse off and 29 percent say they are the same.

From November 17 – 20, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,071 voters nationwide with a margin of error of +/- 3 percentage points. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado, North Carolina, Georgia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Approve	50%	13%	89%	50%	47%	52%	51%	33%
Disapprove	43	80	9	40	46	41	43	59
DK/NA	7	7	2	10	7	7	6	9

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Approve	62%	49%	46%	46%	38%	44%	41%	70%
Disapprove	30	44	48	48	56	48	51	23
DK/NA	9	7	6	6	6	8	7	7

5. Is your opinion of the Democratic Party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Favorable	35%	5%	77%	25%	30%	39%	37%	24%
Unfavorable	56	91	17	60	64	49	56	67
Hvn't hrd enough	6	3	5	8	4	8	4	6
REFUSED	3	1	1	6	2	4	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Favorable	28%	38%	34%	40%	25%	35%	30%	45%
Unfavorable	60	57	55	53	71	55	62	41
Hvn't hrd enough	9	2	7	5	2	8	5	8
REFUSED	3	3	4	2	2	3	2	5

6. Is your opinion of the Republican Party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Favorable	38%	79%	10%	30%	42%	35%	34%	51%
Unfavorable	50	17	82	49	49	51	58	38
Hvn't hrd enough	7	2	6	12	6	9	5	7
REFUSED	5	2	1	9	3	6	3	5

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Favorable	36%	39%	38%	38%	45%	41%	43%	27%
Unfavorable	51	54	46	49	48	47	47	57
Hvn't hrd enough	8	5	10	7	5	7	6	11
REFUSED	4	2	5	6	2	6	4	6

7. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Very satisfied	5%	3%	8%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Smwht satisfied	22	13	30	23	21	22	22	18
Smwht dissatisfied	30	31	27	32	34	27	28	32
Very dissatisfied	42	50	34	40	37	45	44	45
DK/NA	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Very satisfied	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	4%	4%	7%
Smwht satisfied	25	21	21	20	16	22	19	27
Smwht dissatisfied	38	30	26	29	36	25	30	30
Very dissatisfied	31	44	46	41	41	47	44	35
DK/NA	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1

11. How would you rate Barack Obama as the President of the United States; would you say that he has been a great president, a good president, a not so good president, or a bad president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Great	22%	2%	47%	19%	16%	27%	24%	11%
Good	33	14	43	40	35	32	33	27
Not so good	23	39	8	21	25	21	20	30
Bad	22	45	1	19	23	20	22	32
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Great	21%	24%	23%	19%	12%	21%	17%	33%
Good	46	32	28	30	32	29	30	42
Not so good	22	22	23	22	26	24	25	18
Bad	10	20	26	28	30	25	27	7
DK/NA	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-

12. Do you think President Obama's policies have helped the nation's economy, hurt the nation's economy, or haven't made a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Helped	44%	8%	84%	44%	40%	48%	44%	29%
Hurt	38	70	7	36	41	36	37	51
No difference	16	21	7	18	19	14	16	18
DK/NA	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Helped	53%	43%	44%	40%	33%	38%	36%	64%
Hurt	23	40	42	42	47	43	45	20
No difference	24	16	12	14	19	15	17	15
DK/NA	-	1	2	3	1	3	2	1

13. Do you think President Obama's policies have helped your personal financial situation, hurt your personal financial situation, or haven't made a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Helped	21%	2%	46%	16%	19%	23%	22%	15%
Hurt	33	59	5	33	37	30	32	44
No difference	44	39	47	49	44	45	45	40
DK/NA	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Helped	27%	20%	21%	19%	16%	20%	18%	29%
Hurt	26	31	38	33	42	36	39	18
No difference	43	48	41	46	41	43	42	50
DK/NA	5	-	-	2	-	1	1	4

48. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							Yes	No
Excellent	2%	-	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Good	37	13	60	42	37	38	47	26
Not so good	37	48	27	36	39	35	34	40
Poor	23	39	8	20	23	24	17	33
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	2	1	1

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		COLLEGE DEG	
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom	Wht	NonWht
Excellent	-	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Good	47	36	36	34	36	36	36	42
Not so good	31	38	37	36	39	35	37	35
Poor	22	23	25	25	24	26	25	19
DK/NA	-	1	1	2	-	2	1	1

49. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Better	30%	16%	46%	27%	30%	29%	33%	23%
Worse	24	33	12	26	22	26	18	31
The same	45	51	40	47	47	43	47	46
DK/NA	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	-

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Better	40%	26%	30%	25%	30%	26%	27%	35%
Worse	22	23	26	24	23	26	25	22
The same	37	49	44	49	47	46	47	41
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	-	2	1	1

50. Would you say that you are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	WHITE.....	
							COLLEGE DEG	Yes
Better off	39%	30%	51%	37%	43%	36%	43%	28%
Worse off	30	39	19	29	30	29	24	37
SAME (VOL)	29	29	28	31	24	32	31	32
DK/NA	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	3

	AGE IN YRS.....				WHITE.....		Wht	NonWht
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Men	Wom		
Better off	56%	49%	30%	23%	40%	32%	35%	48%
Worse off	19	22	39	36	31	31	31	27
SAME (VOL)	17	27	30	40	27	36	32	22
DK/NA	8	2	-	1	2	2	2	4