

**University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll - Topline Results**  
**Dec. 8, 2009**  
**October 2009 Poll of U.S. Respondents**

**Sample:** 772 Respondents, nationwide. Margin of error for full sample is +/- 3.5 percent

The October 2009 Hawkeye Poll was in the field Oct. 23-31, 2009 collecting a small sample (+/- 95 respondents) each day. Frederick Boehmke, associate professor of political science in the University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, conducted the poll with the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative. The poll was carried out by with the cooperation and facilities of the UI Social Science Research Center, directed by Professor Kevin Leicht, UI Department of Sociology.

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**Respondent Identification:** A household sample was acquired of households throughout the United States. An initial attempt was made on answering the phone to reach the youngest male who is 18 years or older. Alternatively, an available female over age 18 was interviewed. All of those who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included.

**Weighting:** The survey was weighted according to state population over the age of 18.

**SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS**

*How would you rate economic conditions in this country today, very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?*

	Current Economic Performance...				
	Very Good	Somewhat Good	Somewhat Poor	Very Poor	ALL
<i>(Percentage reporting response)</i>	1.0	13.2	46.3	39.6	100
	Current Economic Performance...				
	Very Good	Somewhat Good	Somewhat Poor	Very Poor	ALL
<i>(Percentage reporting presidential approval)</i>					
Approve	79.9	53.3	61.0	32.1	51.4
Disapprove	20.1	46.7	39.1	67.9	48.6

*Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?*

	Future Economic Performance...				
	Very Good	Somewhat Good	Somewhat Poor	Very Poor	ALL
<i>(Percentage reporting response)</i>	2.6	46.6	32.8	17.9	100

	Future Economic Performance...				
	Very Good	Somewhat Good	Somewhat Poor	Very Poor	ALL
<i>(Percentage reporting presidential approval)</i>					
Approve	80.8	72.5	30.6	12.4	48.8
Disapprove	19.2	27.5	69.4	87.7	51.2

	Partisanship...			
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	ALL
<i>(Percentage reporting future economic performance)</i>				
Very Good	5.2	1.5	1.8	2.6
Somewhat Good	65.1	43.7	31.1	45.9
Somewhat Poor	24.0	26.9	49.3	33.0
Very Poor	5.7	28.0	17.9	18.5

*How much should the minimum wage be per hour? Just tell me the amount you think is appropriate in dollars and cents.*

	Current Economic Performance...				
	Very Good	Somewhat Good	Somewhat Poor	Very Poor	ALL
<i>(Percentage reporting minimum wage)</i>					
Less than \$7.25	11.4	3.2	2.3	7.8	4.7
\$7.25	0.0	8.2	1.4	1.4	1.8
More than \$7.25	88.6	88.6	96.3	92.1	93.5