

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll
Topline Results
Nov. 18 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 is in the field from October 23-31, 2009 collecting a small sample (+/- 95 respondents) each day. Reported results are weighted by state population. Frederick Boehmke, associate professor of political science in the University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, along with the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative conducted the poll. 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.

Sample Weighting:

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

SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS

(Percentages)

	Age....				
	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and Over	ALL
Age Distribution	6.3	29.0	30.6	34.2	100.0
Male	77.9	52.6	52.4	50.1	53.6
Female	22.1	47.4	47.6	49.9	46.4
Party ID					
Democrat	18.5	29.5	35.0	22.8	28.7
Independent	57.8	39.7	36.6	40.6	40.1
Republican	23.7	30.8	28.4	36.9	31.2
Ideology					
Liberal	23.1	13.2	24.2	21.2	20.0
Moderate	46.2	77.4	55.4	63.5	63.6
Conservative	30.7	9.4	20.4	15.2	16.4

PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barak Obama is handling his job as president?

<i>(Percentages)</i>	Age.....				
	18-35	36-54	55-69	70+	ALL
Approve	55.3	45.5	50.8	46.1	47.9
Disapprove	44.7	54.5	49.2	53.9	52.1

HEALTH CARE REFORM

*Which of the following statements comes closer to the way you feel about healthcare?
 Government reform of the nation's healthcare system is necessary to control costs and expand coverage. Government action on healthcare will do more harm than good.*

<i>(Percentages)</i>	Age.....				
	18-35	36-54	55-69	70+	ALL
Prefer Reform	39.0	47.0	53.1	45.0	47.8
Do More Harm	61.0	53.0	46.9	55.0	52.2

<i>(Percentages)</i>	Sex...		ALL
	Male	Female	
Prefer Reform	41.4	57.9	47.8
Do More Harm	58.6	42.1	52.2

<i>(Percentages)</i>	Education...				ALL
	High School Or less	Some College	College Degree	Post-College	
Prefer Reform	48.6	48.2	47.1	53.5	47.8
Do More Harm	51.4	51.8	53.0	46.5	52.2