

University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll – Topline Results

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October 2011 poll of Iowa respondents

Sample: 778 participants, margin of error for full sample is plus or minus 3.6 percent.

The Hawkeye Poll was conducted Oct. 12-19 by the Hawkeye Poll Cooperative, comprised of UI faculty and students in the University of Iowa Department Of Political Science. The faculty adviser for the poll is UI Associate Professor of Political Science Frederick Boehmke. The poll is carried out with the cooperation and facilities of the Iowa Social Science Research Center, directed by UI Sociology Professor Kevin Leicht. The poll is a teaching, research, and service project of the UI Department of Political Science. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Provost fund the poll.

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Respondent Identification: A household sample was acquired of households in each of Iowa's five Congressional districts. An initial attempt was made on answering the phone to reach the "youngest male who is 18 years or older." Alternatively, a female age 18 or older was interviewed. All who stated they were over age 18 and willing to participate in the survey were included.

Weighting: The survey was weighted according to Congressional district partisanship.

Approval or Disapproval of Obama's performance as president: Respondents were asked the following question: "Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president?" They received the following choices: "Strongly Approve," "Approve," "Neutral," "Disapprove," and "Strongly Disapprove."

Feelings about Obama: Respondents were asked the following question: I would like to ask some questions about how you feel about President Obama or his policies. I will ask you about some feelings and would like you to say if you have experienced each feeling often, occasionally, rarely, or never about President Obama. Let's begin:

For Barack Obama or his policies, how often does he make you feel:

Hopeful about him
Enthusiastic about him
Afraid of him
Worried or anxious about him

Respondents received the following choices: "Often," "Occasionally," "Rarely," and "Never."

* All topline results equal approximately 100 percent.

Approval of Obama's performance as president by age

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and Up	Total
Strongly Approve	4.0%	2.0%	6.1%	8.2%	5.5%
Approve	15.3%	26.5%	32.9%	26.0%	28.2%
Neutral	29.4%	21.1%	13.5%	19.0%	18.0%
Disapprove	33.0%	24.6%	21.4%	18.4%	22.0%
Strongly Disapprove	15.7%	25.3%	26.0%	26.9%	25.4%
Don't Know	2.6%	0.5%	0.1%	1.63%	0.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Approval of Obama's performance as president by education

	Less than 8 th grade	Less than High school	High School	Vocational
Strongly approve	52.5%	22.7%	4.0%	4.6%
Approve	47.5%	20.5%	26.2%	24.2%
Neutral	0.0%	24.6%	19.7%	19.3%
Disapprove	0.0%	0.0%	22.7%	23.4%
Strongly Disapprove	0.0%	25.3%	25.9%	28.4%
Don't know	0.0%	6.9%	1.5%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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	Some College	Received a 4-year Degree	Post College	Total
Strongly approve	4.6%	7.7%	2.7%	5.50%
Approve	25.3%	28.8%	37.9%	28.2%
Neutral	17.8%	17.5%	14.7%	18.0%
Disapprove	24.7%	18.2%	26.7%	22.0%
Strongly Disapprove	27.0%	27.32%	18.0%	25.4%
Don't know	0.6%	0.5%	0.0%	0.9%
Total	100.0%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Approval of Obama's performance as president by income

	Less than \$10,000	\$10,000 or under	\$20,000 or under	\$30,000 or under
Strongly approve	37.9%	13.4%	5.2%	3.8%
Approve	15.0%	9.8%	34.5%	26.9%
Neutral	14.9%	32.5%	16.9%	16.5%
Disapprove	15.7%	24.8%	13.5%	24.6%
Strongly Disapprove	16.5%	19.5%	29.9%	27.7%
Don't Know	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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	\$40,000 or under	\$50,000 or under	\$75,000 or under	\$100,000 or under
Strongly approve	1.6%	6.7%	5.3%	3.8%
Approve	36.5%	30.3%	30.4%	28.7%
Neutral	14.8%	17.2%	16.9%	18.4%
Disapprove	24.9%	21.4%	22.8%	22.3%
Strongly Disapprove	22.2%	24.1%	24.6%	26.8%
Don't know	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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	\$150,000 or more	Total
Strongly approve	1.7%	5.8%
Approve	30.9%	29.2%
Neutral	15.1%	16.8%
Disapprove	30.0%	22.5%
Strongly Disapprove	21.4%	24.8%
Don't Know	0.9%	0.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Approval of Obama's performance as president by feelings of fear

	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	Total
Strongly approve	0.0%	0.0%	5.5%	7.5%	5.5%
Approve	0.7%	7.0%	15.0%	38.7%	28.2%
Neutral	2.8%	11.2%	34.5%	20.0%	18.0%
Disapprove	21.0%	38.3%	27.6%	19.3%	22.0%
Strongly Disapprove	75.5%	43.5%	13.1%	13.8%	25.4%
Don't know	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.7%	0.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Approval of Obama's performance as president by levels of hope

	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	Total
Strongly approve	20.3%	2.9%	0.7%	0.4%	5.5%
Approve	61.2%	45.0%	2.1%	2.4%	28.2%
Neutral	13.5%	33.7%	19.1%	2.9%	18.0%
Disapprove	3.23%	16.1%	47.2%	26.4%	22.0%
Strongly Disapprove	1.1%	1.9%	29.6%	67.5%	25.4%
Don't know	0.7%	0.4%	1.2%	0.5%	0.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Levels of hope by partisanship

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
Often	46.8%	2.0%	16.1%	21.8%
Occasionally	42.1%	13.4%	33.1%	29.9%
Rarely	7.5%	29.3%	21.7%	19.4%
Never	2.8%	54.5%	27.8%	27.8%
Don't know	0.8%	0.8%	1.3%	1.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Levels of hope by ideology

	Liberal	Conservative	In-between	Don't know	Total
Often	51.2%	4.9%	24.9%	0.0%	21.8%
Occasionally	32.5%	14.2%	41.7%	47.7%	29.9%
Rarely	10.4%	25.3%	17.8%	52.3%	19.4%
Never	5.0%	55.3%	13.9%	0.0%	27.8%
Don't know	0.9%	0.3%	1.7%	0.0%	1.1%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Fear of Obama by partisanship

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Total
Often	0.3%	27.8%	14.1%	13.8%
Occasionally	4.8%	19.5%	7.2%	10.2%
Rarely	6.5%	7.5%	8.0%	7.3%
Never	88.2%	44.0%	69.5%	67.7%
Don't know	0.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Fear of Obama by ideology

	Liberal	Conservative	In-between	Don't know	Total
Often	1.7%	28.7%	6.3%	0.0%	13.8%
Occasionally	4.4%	16.0%	7.8%	0.0%	10.2%
Rarely	4.5%	6.4%	9.2%	0.0%	7.3%
Never	89.4%	47.4%	76.0%	100.0%	67.7%
Don't know	0.0%	1.5%	0.7%	0.0%	1.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Levels of hope by age

	18-34	35-54	55-69	70 and over	Total
Often	6.4%	17.4%	24.3%	25.3%	21.8%
Occasionally	42.1%	26.2%	29.6%	31.2%	29.9%
Rarely	21.5%	25.9%	18.6%	14.4%	19.4%
Never	27.7%	29.3%	26.9%	27.8%	27.8%
Don't know	2.4%	1.2%	0.4%	1.3%	1.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%