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Numbers for Obama, Democrats Tick Up Nationally

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's newest national poll finds the overall political climate improving slightly for Democrats over the last month: Barack Obama's approval ratings have ticked up a little bit, the Obamacare rollout is getting better reviews, and the party's retaken the lead on the generic Congressional ballot.

Barack Obama's approval rating stands at 43/51 this month, the best it's been since a 46/50 standing in October. He's improved a net 6 points after hitting a record low in PPP's polling in December at 41/55. Nevertheless Obama still has big problems with independents, coming in at 30/62 with them.

Perceptions of the Obamacare rollout are still negative, but they're at least improving. In late January only 32% of voters said they felt the rollout had been successful, compared to 62% who rated it unsuccessful. Now 39% say they think the rollout's been a success to 56% who give it low marks. Overall 39% of voters support the Affordable Care Act to 48% who are opposed, numbers pretty much consistent with what we've found since 2009.

Democrats have reclaimed the lead on the generic Congressional ballot, 43/40, after trailing 42/40 on it in January. Congressional Democrats have poor approval numbers, at a 35/56 spread, but that puts them far ahead of Congressional Republicans who come in at 23/67. One key difference is that Democrats are at least happy with their own party in Congress, giving it a 66/21 approval, while Republicans give their own a negative assessment at 43/48.

“Things still aren't great for Democrats,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But they're better than they've been since the government shutdown.”

The minimum wage issue continues to play out well for Democrats. 56% of voters support increasing it to \$10 an hour, compared to only 38% opposed. We've also found support for this everywhere that we've polled on the state level. Democrats (83/12) almost unanimously favor the increase, and 29% of Republicans do as well.

PPP surveyed 1,152 registered voters from March 6th to 9th. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 2.9%. 80% of interviews for the poll were conducted over the phone with 20% interviewed over the internet to reach respondents who don't have landline telephones.





National Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 51%
Not sure 6%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Democrats are doing?

Approve 35%
Disapprove..... 56%
Not sure 9%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congressional Republicans are doing?

Approve 23%
Disapprove..... 67%
Not sure 10%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress overall is doing?

Approve 8%
Disapprove..... 84%
Not sure 8%

Q5 Do you approve or disapprove of the job your own member of Congress is doing?

Approve 39%
Disapprove..... 45%
Not sure 17%

Q6 If there was an election for the U.S. House today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate from your district?

Democrat 43%
Republican..... 40%
Not sure 17%

Q7 Do you approve or disapprove of the Affordable Care Act?

Approve 39%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 12%

Q8 Do you think the implementation of the Affordable Care Act so far has been very successful, somewhat successful, somewhat unsuccessful, very unsuccessful, or are you not sure?

Very successful..... 11%
Somewhat successful 28%
Somewhat unsuccessful 16%
Very unsuccessful..... 40%
Not sure 5%

Q9 Would you support or oppose raising the minimum wage to \$10 an hour?

Support 56%
Oppose 38%
Not sure 7%

Q10 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Koch brothers?

Favorable..... 17%
Unfavorable 36%
Not sure 47%

Q11 Do you agree or disagree with the selection of '12 Years a Slave' as Best Picture in this year's Oscars?

Agree 32%
Disagree 16%
Not sure 52%





Q12 In the last presidential election, did you vote for Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 42%
Someone else/Don't remember 9%

Q13 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 13%
Somewhat liberal 18%
Moderate..... 29%
Somewhat conservative..... 23%
Very conservative 18%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 41%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q16 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 9%
White 73%
African-American 12%
Other..... 6%

Q17 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 23%
46 to 65..... 42%
Older than 65..... 23%

Q18 Mode

Phone 80%
Internet 20%





	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	80%	7%	7%
Disapprove	51%	12%	92%	72%
Not sure	6%	7%	1%	21%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Cong. Dems Approval				
Approve	35%	65%	6%	4%
Disapprove	56%	22%	92%	75%
Not sure	9%	13%	3%	21%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	23%	10%	38%	26%
Disapprove	67%	84%	50%	54%
Not sure	10%	6%	12%	20%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Congress Approval				
Approve	8%	11%	6%	1%
Disapprove	84%	81%	86%	88%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	11%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Your Congressman Approval				
Approve	39%	43%	40%	9%
Disapprove	45%	41%	45%	60%
Not sure	17%	15%	15%	31%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democrat	43%	80%	6%	10%
Republican	40%	7%	81%	30%
Not sure	17%	13%	13%	59%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
ACA Approval				
Approve	39%	74%	5%	11%
Disapprove	48%	10%	88%	72%
Not sure	12%	16%	7%	17%





	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
ACA Implementation				
Very successful	11%	20%	2%	1%
Somewhat successful	28%	49%	7%	12%
Somewhat unsuccessful	16%	17%	13%	23%
Very unsuccessful	40%	7%	75%	60%
Not sure	5%	7%	3%	5%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Support/Oppose \$10 Min. Wage				
Support	56%	85%	24%	42%
Oppose	38%	10%	69%	47%
Not sure	7%	5%	7%	11%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Koch Brothers Favorability				
Favorable	17%	8%	29%	7%
Unfavorable	36%	55%	16%	24%
Not sure	47%	36%	55%	69%

	Base	2012 Vote		
		Barack Obama	Mitt Romney	Someone else/Don't remember
Agree/Disagree w/ '12 Yrs. a Slave' as Best Pic?				
Agree	32%	50%	13%	20%
Disagree	16%	9%	24%	19%
Not sure	52%	41%	63%	61%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	43%	80%	74%	51%	12%	9%
Disapprove	51%	13%	19%	39%	85%	90%
Not sure	6%	8%	7%	10%	3%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. Dems Approval						
Approve	35%	70%	58%	38%	11%	9%
Disapprove	56%	19%	29%	47%	83%	90%
Not sure	9%	11%	13%	15%	5%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Cong. GOP Approval						
Approve	23%	23%	13%	13%	34%	39%
Disapprove	67%	69%	83%	75%	56%	50%
Not sure	10%	8%	5%	12%	11%	10%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Congress Approval						
Approve	8%	17%	9%	6%	3%	9%
Disapprove	84%	70%	86%	85%	91%	80%
Not sure	8%	12%	5%	9%	6%	10%





	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Your Congressman Approval						
Approve	39%	56%	40%	33%	32%	42%
Disapprove	45%	29%	45%	45%	54%	43%
Not sure	17%	14%	14%	22%	14%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Cong. Ballot						
Democrat	43%	85%	75%	51%	12%	5%
Republican	40%	7%	13%	26%	68%	80%
Not sure	17%	8%	13%	23%	19%	15%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
ACA Approval						
Approve	39%	79%	70%	47%	9%	7%
Disapprove	48%	11%	18%	34%	81%	88%
Not sure	12%	10%	12%	19%	10%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
ACA Implementation						
Very successful	11%	37%	11%	6%	4%	7%
Somewhat successful	28%	36%	53%	40%	8%	3%
Somewhat unsuccessful	16%	12%	18%	18%	22%	5%
Very unsuccessful	40%	9%	15%	29%	62%	82%
Not sure	5%	6%	3%	7%	4%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Support/Oppose \$10 Min. Wage						
Support	56%	87%	78%	67%	34%	20%
Oppose	38%	8%	19%	24%	58%	75%
Not sure	7%	5%	3%	9%	8%	6%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Koch Brothers Favorability						
Favorable	17%	19%	6%	10%	19%	35%
Unfavorable	36%	47%	56%	44%	22%	13%
Not sure	47%	35%	38%	46%	60%	52%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Agree/Disagree w/ '12 Yrs. a Slave' as Best Pic?						
Agree	32%	65%	47%	36%	14%	8%
Disagree	16%	8%	14%	11%	23%	25%
Not sure	52%	27%	39%	53%	63%	68%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	42%	44%
Disapprove	51%	50%	53%
Not sure	6%	8%	3%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. Dems Approval			
Approve	35%	34%	36%
Disapprove	56%	54%	59%
Not sure	9%	13%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cong. GOP Approval			
Approve	23%	18%	29%
Disapprove	67%	68%	66%
Not sure	10%	14%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congress Approval			
Approve	8%	8%	8%
Disapprove	84%	80%	88%
Not sure	8%	11%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Your Congressman Approval			
Approve	39%	38%	39%
Disapprove	45%	39%	51%
Not sure	17%	23%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democrat	43%	43%	42%
Republican	40%	36%	45%
Not sure	17%	21%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
ACA Approval			
Approve	39%	40%	39%
Disapprove	48%	44%	53%
Not sure	12%	16%	8%





	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
ACA Implementation			
Very successful	11%	9%	13%
Somewhat successful	28%	29%	26%
Somewhat unsuccessful	16%	18%	14%
Very unsuccessful	40%	36%	45%
Not sure	5%	8%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose \$10 Min. Wage			
Support	56%	58%	53%
Oppose	38%	36%	40%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Koch Brothers Favorability			
Favorable	17%	12%	22%
Unfavorable	36%	34%	38%
Not sure	47%	54%	40%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Agree/Disagree w/ '12 Yrs. a Slave' as Best Pic?			
Agree	32%	33%	30%
Disagree	16%	14%	19%
Not sure	52%	53%	51%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	43%	76%	11%	30%
Disapprove	51%	16%	86%	62%
Not sure	6%	8%	2%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. Dems Approval				
Approve	35%	66%	8%	19%
Disapprove	56%	21%	89%	69%
Not sure	9%	13%	3%	12%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cong. GOP Approval				
Approve	23%	13%	43%	15%
Disapprove	67%	79%	48%	71%
Not sure	10%	8%	9%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congress Approval				
Approve	8%	11%	8%	4%
Disapprove	84%	79%	84%	92%
Not sure	8%	10%	9%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Your Congressman Approval				
Approve	39%	45%	41%	27%
Disapprove	45%	38%	44%	56%
Not sure	17%	17%	16%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Cong. Ballot				
Democrat	43%	82%	8%	27%
Republican	40%	8%	80%	38%
Not sure	17%	10%	12%	35%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
ACA Approval				
Approve	39%	69%	8%	34%
Disapprove	48%	15%	83%	56%
Not sure	12%	17%	8%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
ACA Implementation				
Very successful	11%	21%	2%	4%
Somewhat successful	28%	40%	9%	34%
Somewhat unsuccessful	16%	17%	15%	16%
Very unsuccessful	40%	13%	70%	45%
Not sure	5%	8%	4%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose \$10 Min. Wage				
Support	56%	83%	29%	47%
Oppose	38%	12%	64%	45%
Not sure	7%	5%	7%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Koch Brothers Favorability				
Favorable	17%	9%	25%	18%
Unfavorable	36%	51%	19%	34%
Not sure	47%	40%	56%	48%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Agree/Disagree w/ '12 Yrs. a Slave' as Best Pic?				
Agree	32%	53%	15%	20%
Disagree	16%	10%	23%	17%
Not sure	52%	37%	61%	63%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Obama Approval					
Approve	43%	59%	35%	75%	52%
Disapprove	51%	38%	60%	15%	37%
Not sure	6%	3%	5%	10%	11%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. Dems Approval					
Approve	35%	40%	29%	65%	35%
Disapprove	56%	55%	65%	12%	40%
Not sure	9%	6%	6%	22%	25%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Cong. GOP Approval					
Approve	23%	32%	23%	18%	18%
Disapprove	67%	63%	68%	68%	62%
Not sure	10%	6%	9%	13%	20%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Congress Approval					
Approve	8%	21%	5%	12%	10%
Disapprove	84%	74%	88%	67%	81%
Not sure	8%	5%	7%	21%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Your Congressman Approval					
Approve	39%	42%	39%	41%	28%
Disapprove	45%	45%	46%	36%	42%
Not sure	17%	12%	15%	22%	30%





	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democrat	43%	64%	34%	74%	52%
Republican	40%	21%	49%	11%	19%
Not sure	17%	15%	17%	15%	29%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
ACA Approval					
Approve	39%	60%	33%	64%	40%
Disapprove	48%	31%	58%	10%	32%
Not sure	12%	9%	9%	26%	28%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
ACA Implementation					
Very successful	11%	26%	5%	34%	13%
Somewhat successful	28%	33%	26%	32%	37%
Somewhat unsuccessful	16%	17%	16%	15%	16%
Very unsuccessful	40%	21%	50%	5%	24%
Not sure	5%	3%	3%	14%	9%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose \$10 Min. Wage					
Support	56%	64%	50%	80%	68%
Oppose	38%	34%	44%	11%	23%
Not sure	7%	2%	6%	9%	10%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Koch Brothers Favorability					
Favorable	17%	32%	17%	8%	11%
Unfavorable	36%	39%	34%	44%	38%
Not sure	47%	30%	49%	48%	51%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African-American	Other
Agree/Disagree w/ '12 Yrs. a Slave' as Best Pic?					
Agree	32%	44%	25%	62%	29%
Disagree	16%	13%	18%	10%	15%
Not sure	52%	43%	57%	29%	57%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	43%	52%	39%	44%	39%
Disapprove	51%	35%	53%	51%	59%
Not sure	6%	13%	8%	5%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cong. Dems Approval					
Approve	35%	39%	28%	38%	33%
Disapprove	56%	36%	60%	57%	62%
Not sure	9%	25%	12%	6%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cong. GOP Approval					
Approve	23%	30%	27%	19%	25%
Disapprove	67%	48%	63%	75%	66%
Not sure	10%	22%	11%	6%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congress Approval					
Approve	8%	18%	7%	6%	6%
Disapprove	84%	66%	83%	89%	85%
Not sure	8%	17%	10%	5%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Your Congressman Approval					
Approve	39%	37%	27%	43%	45%
Disapprove	45%	36%	54%	45%	38%
Not sure	17%	27%	19%	12%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Cong. Ballot					
Democrat	43%	54%	38%	44%	39%
Republican	40%	20%	40%	40%	50%
Not sure	17%	25%	22%	16%	11%





	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
ACA Approval					
Approve	39%	52%	36%	40%	36%
Disapprove	48%	28%	51%	51%	52%
Not sure	12%	20%	13%	10%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
ACA Implementation					
Very successful	11%	29%	11%	7%	7%
Somewhat successful	28%	25%	26%	30%	28%
Somewhat unsuccessful	16%	18%	14%	17%	15%
Very unsuccessful	40%	22%	44%	42%	43%
Not sure	5%	7%	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose \$10 Min. Wage					
Support	56%	66%	58%	54%	50%
Oppose	38%	30%	36%	38%	43%
Not sure	7%	4%	5%	7%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Koch Brothers Favorability					
Favorable	17%	30%	13%	15%	17%
Unfavorable	36%	30%	35%	38%	36%
Not sure	47%	40%	52%	47%	47%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Agree/Disagree w/ '12 Yrs. a Slave' as Best Pic?					
Agree	32%	50%	29%	32%	25%
Disagree	16%	11%	14%	16%	21%
Not sure	52%	39%	57%	52%	54%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Obama Approval			
Approve	43%	41%	48%
Disapprove	51%	55%	38%
Not sure	6%	4%	15%





	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Cong. Dems Approval			
Approve	35%	35%	34%
Disapprove	56%	60%	42%
Not sure	9%	6%	24%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Cong. GOP Approval			
Approve	23%	23%	24%
Disapprove	67%	70%	55%
Not sure	10%	7%	21%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Congress Approval			
Approve	8%	6%	17%
Disapprove	84%	88%	68%
Not sure	8%	7%	15%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Your Congressman Approval			
Approve	39%	40%	34%
Disapprove	45%	46%	38%
Not sure	17%	14%	28%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Generic Cong. Ballot			
Democrat	43%	39%	56%
Republican	40%	45%	20%
Not sure	17%	15%	24%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
ACA Approval			
Approve	39%	38%	44%
Disapprove	48%	52%	32%
Not sure	12%	9%	23%





	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
ACA Implementation			
Very successful	11%	9%	18%
Somewhat successful	28%	28%	27%
Somewhat unsuccessful	16%	15%	19%
Very unsuccessful	40%	44%	26%
Not sure	5%	4%	10%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Support/Oppose \$10 Min. Wage			
Support	56%	52%	70%
Oppose	38%	42%	22%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Koch Brothers Favorability			
Favorable	17%	14%	26%
Unfavorable	36%	38%	26%
Not sure	47%	47%	48%

	Base	Mode	
		Phone	Internet
Agree/Disagree w/ '12 Yrs. a Slave' as Best Pic?			
Agree	32%	27%	51%
Disagree	16%	18%	8%
Not sure	52%	55%	42%

