

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## NOVEMBER WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Note: Q.3 and Q.18 should be cited as a Gallup poll.**

**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 19-21, 2010 with a random sample of ~1,037—adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.**

**For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.**

**Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.**

**Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.**

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18. From what you have heard, read, or remember about some of our past presidents, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following handled their job as president. How about--  
[RANDOM ORDER]

***2010 Nov 19-21***

***(sorted by "approve")***

	Approve	Disapprove
John F. Kennedy	85	10
Ronald Reagan	74	24
Bill Clinton	69	30
George H.W. Bush, president from 1989-1993	64	34
Gerald Ford	61	26
Jimmy Carter	52	42
Lyndon Johnson	49	36
George W. Bush, president from 2001-2009	47	51
Richard Nixon	29	65

***Retrospective approval trends begin on next page***

## Q.18 (RETROSPECTIVE JOB APPROVAL) CONTINUED

### FULL TRENDS: RETROSPECTIVE JOB APPROVAL RATINGS

#### A. George W. Bush, president from 2001-2009

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	47	51	1

#### B. Bill Clinton

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	69	30	1
2006 Jun 1-4	61	38	1
2002 Mar 18-20	51	47	2

#### C. George H.W. Bush, president from 1989-1993

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	64	34	2
2006 Jun 1-4 ^	56	42	3
2002 Mar 18-20 ^	69	26	5
2000 Feb 14-15 †	74	23	3
1999 Feb 8-9 †	76	22	2
1993 Nov 15-16 †	58	40	2

^ WORDING: The elder George Bush, father of the current president

† WORDING: George Bush

#### D. Ronald Reagan

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	74	24	2
2006 Jun 1-4	71	27	2
2002 Mar 18-20	73	22	5
2000 Feb 14-15	66	32	2
1999 Feb 8-9	71	27	2
1993 Nov 15-16	52	45	3
1992 Jun 4-8	50	47	3
1990 Nov 8-11	54	44	2

## Q.18 (RETROSPECTIVE JOB APPROVAL) CONTINUED

### E. Jimmy Carter

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	52	42	6
2006 Jun 1-4	61	34	5
2002 Mar 18-20	60	28	12
2000 Feb 14-15	64	31	5
1999 Feb 8-9	69	27	4
1993 Nov 15-16	45	50	5
1992 Jun 4-8	48	46	6
1990 Nov 8-11	45	52	3

### F. Gerald Ford

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	61	26	13
2006 Jun 1-4	60	26	14
2002 Mar 18-20	60	19	21
2000 Feb 14-15	66	25	9
1999 Feb 8-9	71	22	7
1993 Nov 15-16	50	33	17
1992 Jun 4-8	56	29	15
1990 Nov 8-11	55	34	11

### G. Richard Nixon

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	29	65	5
2006 Jun 1-4	28	65	6
2002 Mar 18-20	34	54	12
2000 Feb 14-15	31	65	4
1999 Feb 8-9	34	63	3
1993 Nov 15-16	37	56	7
1992 Jun 4-8	35	59	6
1990 Nov 8-11	32	62	6

## Q.18 (RETROSPECTIVE JOB APPROVAL) CONTINUED

### H. Lyndon Johnson

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	49	36	15
2006 Jun 1-4	41	41	18
2002 Mar 18-20	39	34	27
2000 Feb 14-15	48	39	13
1999 Feb 8-9	45	45	10
1993 Nov 15-16	35	43	22
1992 Jun 4-8	35	45	20
1990 Nov 8-11	40	43	17

### I. John F. Kennedy

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	85	10	6
2006 Jun 1-4	84	9	7
2002 Mar 18-20	83	7	10
2000 Feb 14-15	86	10	4
1999 Feb 8-9	85	13	2
1993 Nov 15-16	78	13	9
1992 Jun 4-8	76	14	10
1990 Nov 8-11	84	9	7