

Daily Presidential Tracking Poll

The Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll for Tuesday shows that 27% of the nation's voters Strongly Approve of the way that Barack Obama is performing his role as President. Forty percent (40%) Strongly Disapprove which gives Obama a Presidential Approval Index rating

of -13 ([see](#))[trends](#)

Seventy-five percent (75%) of voters are [angry at the policies of the federal government](#)

The Presidential Approval Index is calculated by subtracting the number who Strongly Disapprove from the number who Strongly Approve. It is updated daily at 9:30 a.m. Eastern (sign up for free [daily e-mail update](#)). Updates are also available on [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#)

Overall, 47% of voters say they at least somewhat approve of the President's performance. Fifty-three percent (53%) now disapprove.

In his bid for re-election, [Ohio Governor Ted Strickland continues to trail Republican challenger John Kasich](#)

[In the race to become Governor of Colorado](#)

[John Hickenlooper \(D\) has a slight advantage over Scott McInnis. Nevada](#)

Republican frontrunner Brian Sandoval has a double-digit lead in the Governor's race while Democrat Rory Reid leads two other GOP hopefuls.

Democratic political strategist Joe Trippi and the Weekly Standard's Bill Kristol don't agree on much, but both like Scott Rasmussen's new book.

In Search of Self-Governance "is dead-on in both its theory and timing," says Trippi. He adds that the book warns both Republican and Democratic politicians to "abandon business as usual or become endangered." See [what Kristol and others had to say](#)

In Search of Self-Governance is available from [Rasmussen Reports](#) [Amazon.com](#)
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Fifty-nine percent (59%) of [Americans continue to have a favorable opinion of Toyota](#)

Rasmussen Reports has polled on 2010 Senate races in [Nevada](#) [Colorado](#) [Arkansas](#) [Pennsylvania](#) [California](#) [Indiana](#) [Wisconsin](#) [Delaware](#) [Florida](#) [Illinois](#) [Kentucky](#) [Missouri](#) [New Hampshire](#) [North Dakota](#),
[Ohio](#) [Republican](#) [Ohio](#) [Illinois](#) [North Carolina](#) [Iowa](#).
advantage on the [Generic Congressional Ballot](#)

Rasmussen Reports has also released polls on the 2010 governor's races in [Arizona](#) [California](#) [Colorado](#) [Connecticut](#) [Florida](#) [Massachusetts](#) [Michigan](#) [Minnesota](#) [New York](#) [Ohio](#) [Pennsylvania](#) [South Carolina](#) [Wisconsin](#) [Texas](#)

Scott Rasmussen has recently had several columns published in the *Wall Street Journal* addressing how [President Obama is losing independent voters](#) [health care reform](#) [the President's approval](#) [Obama won the White House by](#) [campaigning like Scott Rumsfeld](#) [Ragan](#). your meeting, retreat, or conference, contact [Premiere Speakers Bureau](#) about his favorite place on earth or his time working with [hockey legend Gordie Howe](#).

It is important to remember that the Rasmussen Reports job approval ratings are based upon a sample of likely voters. Some other firms base their approval ratings on samples of all adults. President Obama's numbers are always several points higher in a poll of adults rather than likely voters. That's because some of the President's most enthusiastic supporters, such as young adults, are less likely to turn out to vote. It is also important to check the details of [questioning different times](#) [comparing approval ratings](#)

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Rasmussen Reports has been a pioneer in the use of automated telephone polling techniques, but many other firms still utilize their own operator-assisted technology (see [methodology](#)). Pollsters for Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton have cited our ["unchallenged record for both integrity and accuracy"](#)

Data from the

Washington Post confirms that Rasmussen Reports was well ahead of other media coverage on the [Massachusetts Senate race](#) in the 2009 New Jersey Governor's race, automated polls tended to be more accurate than operator-assisted polling techniques. On reviewing the state polling results from 2009, [Mickey Kaus offered this assessment](#)

"If you have a choice between Rasmussen and, say, the prestigious N.Y. Times, go with Rasmussen!" During Election 2008, liberal blogger Nate Silver said that the Rasmussen tracking poll ["would probably be the one I'd want with me on a desert island."](#)

In 2008, Obama won 53%-46% and our final poll showed Obama winning 52% to 46%. While we were pleased with the final result, Rasmussen Reports was especially pleased with the stability of our results. On every single day for the last six weeks of the campaign, our daily tracking showed Obama with a stable and solid lead attracting more than 50% of the vote.

An analysis by Pollster.com partner Charles Franklin found that despite identically sized three-day samples, [the Rasmussen daily tracking poll is less variable](#). During Election 2008, the Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll was the least volatile of all those tracking the race.

We also have provided a [summary of our 2008 state-by-state Presidential results](#)

In 2004 George W. Bush received 50.7% of the vote while John Kerry earned 48.3%. Rasmussen Reports was the only firm to project both candidates' totals within half a percentage point by projecting that Bush would win 50.2% to 48.5%. (see our [2004 results](#))

See also [our 2006 state results for Senate governor](#) and [Senate governor](#).

[Pollster.com](#) founder Mark Blumenthal noted that "independent analyses from the [National Council on Public Polls](#), the [American Association for Public Opinion Research](#), [Pew Research Center](#)

[Wall Street Journal](#) have [live show that one](#) horse-race _____ and [numbers produced by automated telephone surveys did at least as well as those from conventional live-interviewer surveys in predicting election outcomes](#)

Daily tracking results are collected via telephone surveys of 500 likely voters per night and reported on a three-day rolling average basis. The margin of sampling error?for the full sample of 1,500 Likely Voters--is +/- 3 percentage points with a 95% level of confidence. Results are also compiled on a [full-week basis and crosstabs for full-week results](#) [Premium Members](#)

Like all polling firms, Rasmussen Reports weights its data to reflect the population at large ([see methodology](#)). Other targets, Rasmussen Reports weights data by political party affiliation using a dynamic weighting process. While partisan affiliation is generally quite stable over time, there are a fair number of people who waver between allegiance to a particular party or independent status. Over the past five years, the number of Democrats in the country has increased while the number of Republicans has decreased.

Our baseline targets are established based upon [separate survey interviews with a sample of adults nationwide](#) _____ completed during the preceding three months (a total of 45,000 interviews) and targets are updated monthly. Currently, the baseline targets for the adult population are 35.6% Democrats, 33.1% Republicans, and 31.2% unaffiliated. Likely voter samples typically show a slightly smaller advantage for the Democrats.

A review [of past weeks](#) Saturday morning. Other stats on Obama are updated daily on the [Rasmussen Reports Obama By the Numbers](#) page. We also [review other recent demograph](#) from high-quality tracking polls. To get a sense of longer-term trends, check out our [month-by-month review of the President's numbers](#)