Bloomberg Politics National Poll

Methodology

Sep 23 (Bloomberg) -- The Bloomberg Politics Poll, conducted September 18-21 for Bloomberg Politics by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, IA, is based on interviews with 1,001 U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone telephone numbers supplied by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were administered in English.

Percentages based on the full probability sample may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error. Responses were weighted by age and race to reflect the general population based on recent census data.

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Poll Questions

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing: [ITEM FROM LIST]?
(Begin with A. Rotate B through E.)

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
As president	**Sep-15**	**46**	**47**	**7**
	Apr-15	47	46	7
	Dec-14	39	52	9
	Jun-14	43	53	4
	Mar-14	48	48	4
	Dec-13	42	55	3
	Sep-13	45	49	6
	Jun-13	49	46	5
	Feb-13	55	40	5
	Dec-12	53	44	3
	Sep-12	49	46	5
	Jun-12	53	44	3
	Mar-12	48	47	5
	Sep-11	45	49	6
	Jun-11	49	44	7
	Mar-11	51	43	6
	Dec-10	47	48	5
	Oct-10	48	45	7
	Jul-10	52	44	4
	Mar-10	50	45	5
	Dec-09	54	41	5
	Sep-09	56	37	7

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
With the economy	**Sep-15**	**47**	**48**	**5**
	Apr-15	49	46	5
	Dec-14	42	53	5
	Jun-14	38	57	5
	Mar-14	43	53	4
	Dec-13	38	58	4
	Sep-13	38	56	6
	Jun-13	42	53	5
	Feb-13	47	49	4
	Dec-12	48	48	4
	Sep-12	41	53	6
	Jun-12	43	53	4
	Mar-12	41	56	3
	Sep-11	33	62	5
	Jun-11	39	57	4
	Mar-11	43	52	5
	Dec-10	41	54	5
	Oct-10	44	51	5
	Jul-10	44	52	4
	Mar-10	44	51	5
	Dec-09	45	50	5
	Sep-09	50	45	5
With health care	**Sep-15**	**44**	**51**	**5**
	Apr-15	43	53	4
	Dec-14	41	55	4
	Jun-14	38	58	4
	Mar-14	40	54	6
	Dec-13	37	60	3
	Sep-13	39	54	7
	Jun-13	40	56	4
	Jun-12	43	52	5
	Mar-12	40	54	6
	Sep-11	39	53	8
	Jun-11	45	50	5
	Mar-11	44	50	6
	Dec-10	44	51	5
	Oct-10	51	45	4
	Jul-10	46	51	3
	Mar-10	43	52	5
	Dec-09	40	53	7
	Sep-09	47	48	5
With negotiating with the Republican majority in the U.S. Congress	**Sep-15**	**35**	**52**	**13**
	Apr-15	35	54	11

[Note change in question language. Percentages given for reference, but not valid for direct comparison.]

With negotiating with the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives	Dec-14	32	56	12
	Jun-14	33	55	12
	Mar-14	37	51	12
	Dec-13	34	55	11
	Sep-13	39	46	15
	Jun-13	38	49	13
	Feb-13	42	44	14
	Dec-12	45	45	10
	Mar-12	41	48	11
	Sep-11	37	52	11
With handling the nuclear deal with Iran	**Sep-15**	**35**	**50**	**15**

Now, I'm going to mention some people and groups in the news recently. **[Previous wording: Now, I'd like to mention some major economic and political figures and groups.]** For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough to answer, just say so. **(Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)**

		Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Barack Obama, president of the United States	**Sep-15**	**50**	**47**	**22**	**29**	**17**	**30**	**3**
	Apr-15	52	45	20	32	17	28	3
	Dec-14	45	51	17	28	20	31	4
	Jun-14	44	52	18	26	18	34	4
	Mar-14	49	49	20	29	19	30	2
	Dec-13	46	52	19	27	17	35	2
	Sep-13	47	49	20	27	21	28	4
	Jun-13	53	44	25	28	14	30	3
	Feb-13	56	40	30	26	17	23	4
	Dec-12	55	42	31	24	14	28	3
	Sep-12	52	44	29	23	13	31	4
	Jun-12	55	42	25	30	17	25	3
	Mar-12	52	45	23	29	15	30	3
	Sep-11	50	47	21	29	19	28	3
	Jun-11	54	42	22	32	19	23	4
	Mar-11	55	41	22	33	19	22	4
	Dec-10	52	44	21	31	20	24	4
	Oct-10	55	40	25	30	18	22	5
	Jul-10	55	40	24	31	17	23	5
	Mar-10	53	42	25	28	19	23	5
	Dec-09	58	38	28	30	18	20	4
	Sep-09	61	36	32	29	16	20	3
Joe Biden, vice president of the United States*	**Sep-15**	**49**	**41**	**16**	**33**	**20**	**20**	**10**
	Apr-15	46	42	13	33	20	22	12
	Dec-14	45	43	12	33	20	23	12
	Dec-12	48	41	19	29	17	24	11
	Sep-12	42	45	16	26	21	24	13
	Jul-10	44	39	11	33	21	18	17
	Dec-09	44	37	12	32	20	17	19
The Democratic Party	**Sep-15**	**38**	**50**	**10**	**28**	**27**	**23**	**12**
	Apr-15	48	44	11	37	23	21	8
	Dec-14	41	50	12	29	28	22	9
	Mar-14	49	43	14	35	22	21	8
	Dec-13	43	49	11	32	26	23	8
	Sep-13	44	47	14	30	25	22	9
	Feb-13	47	43	16	31	23	20	10
	Dec-12	50	41	21	29	20	21	9
	Sep-12	46	45	19	27	20	25	9
	Jun-12	50	43	17	33	25	18	7
	Mar-12	47	46	13	34	24	22	7
	Sep-11	44	46	14	30	26	20	10
	Jun-11	48	42	13	35	26	16	10
	Mar-11	49	42	13	36	27	15	9
	Dec-10	48	43	14	34	25	18	9
	Oct-10	47	44	14	33	25	19	9
	Jul-10	45	43	14	31	23	20	12
	Mar-10	42	46	10	32	25	21	12
	Dec-09	47	44	13	34	24	20	9
	Sep-09	48	44	14	34	22	22	8

		Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Hillary Clinton, former U.S. Secretary of State*	Sep-15	**38**	**54**	**12**	**26**	**18**	**36**	**7**
	Apr-15	48	44	18	30	15	29	8
	Dec-14	52	42	21	31	16	26	6
	Jun-14	52	40	22	30	17	23	8
	Mar-14	56	38	22	34	17	21	6
	Jun-13	58	37	26	32	15	22	5
Hillary Clinton, the secretary of state	Dec-12	70	24	31	39	13	11	6
	Mar-12	59	33	22	37	19	14	8
	Sep-11	64	31	27	37	18	13	5
	Dec-10	65	29	21	44	17	12	6
	Oct-10	63	28	23	40	15	13	9
	Jul-10	61	31	22	39	18	13	8
	Dec-09	62	31	20	42	18	13	7
	Sep-09	62	32	24	38	18	14	6
Roman Catholic Pope Francis	Sep-15	**64**	**15**	**31**	**33**	**9**	**6**	**21**
	Dec-13	66	13	32	34	8	5	21

*See below for results among only party members and leaners.

Among Democrats and Democratic leaners; n=375.

		Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Hillary Clinton, former U.S. Secretary of State	Sep-15	**70**	**25**	**23**	**47**	**15**	**10**	**5**
Joe Biden, vice president of the United States	Sep-15	**80**	**14**	**30**	**50**	**7**	**7**	**6**
Bernie Sanders, U.S. senator from Vermont	Sep-15	**56**	**9**	**26**	**30**	**6**	**4**	**35**

[Asked only of Democrats and Democratic leaners; n=375. Margin of error: +/- 5.1 percentage points.]
Which one of the following Democrats would be your first choice for president? **(Read list and rotate.)**

- 25   Joe Biden
- \-   Lincoln Chafee
- 33   Hillary Clinton
- 1   Martin O'Malley
- 24   Bernie Sanders
- 2   Jim Webb
- 8   "Uncommitted" (VOL–**only** if respondent says the word "uncommitted.")
- 7   Not sure

I'm going to read stances some candidates have taken on key issues. For each, please tell me if you strongly agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or strongly disagree. **(Read list. Rotate.)**

	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
Climate change is a total hoax	31	65	17	14	20	45	4

Vice President Joe Biden is considering entering the race for the Democratic nomination for president. Do you want Joe Biden to enter the race, or prefer he stay out?

- 47   Want Biden in
- 37   Prefer he stay out
- 15   Not sure

For each of the following, please tell me if you have a realistic vision of that person being president of the United States. Just answer yes or no.

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Donald Trump	29	69	2
Carly Fiorina	33	58	9
Hillary Clinton	47	52	1
Bernie Sanders	34	60	6
Jeb Bush	40	57	3
Ben Carson	35	56	9
Marco Rubio	30	61	9

I'm going to mention some positions Pope Francis is taking that represent a change for Catholicism. For each, and regardless of whether you are Catholic, please tell me if you think this is a good direction or bad direction for the Catholic church to go. **(Read list. Rotate.)**

	Good Direction	Bad Direction	Not Sure
Authorizing priests to forgive women who have had abortions	79	15	6
Suggesting the Catholic church do more to harness the energy and compassion of women	84	8	8
Refusing to judge a gay person who searches for the Lord in good will	76	18	6
Denouncing the current economic system as "an economy of exclusion and inequality"	48	37	14
Chastising those who deny a human connection to climate change	33	56	11
Urging nations to be more welcoming of immigrants	70	25	6
Making it easier to get marriages annulled	60	33	7