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## *New York Times Creates a Mythical America Rigs Obama Poll and Misleads Readers*

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On June 18, the *New York Times* published the results of its latest poll on President Barack Obama's administration, that it conducted in conjunction with CBS News. What the *Times* failed to tell its readers was that its editors rigged the poll much like the Ayatollah rigged the Iranian election. A look at the poll's sampling method reveals that the *Times* heavily weighted the poll in favor of Obama, showing the gap between his personal approval rating and the public's approval of his initiatives to be much smaller than it actually is.

Specifically, the *New York Times* poll surveyed twice as many Obama voters than McCain voters, as well as a significant number of non-voters (48 percent Obama voters; 25 percent McCain voters; 19 percent non-voters;

5 percent voters who wouldn't disclose their vote; 1 percent who voted for someone else; 1 percent don't know if they voted or not – some of these folks might be *Times*' editors). Sixteen percent of those surveyed by the *Times* are not even registered to vote.

In other words, the *Times* poll captured only 50 percent of McCain voters, while surveying 90 percent of Obama voters. The *Times* poll also surveyed one-fifth of the 40 percent of Americans who weren't interested enough eight months ago to care who became the next President of the U.S.

By comparison, the results of the *O'Leary Report/Zogby International 100 Days Poll* (published in the June 2009 issue of *The O'Leary Report*)  
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## **Independents and Small Business Owners Will Vote Against Congressmen Who Support a Second Stimulus**

Washington, D.C. — Last week, multiple news outlets reported that senior Obama administration officials and some members of Congress are mulling a second stimulus bill to jumpstart the economy. Americans resoundingly oppose a second dose of stimulus, according to a recent Zogby

International/*O'Leary Report* poll conducted June 10-13, 2009. The poll surveyed 4,420 voters and has a margin of error of plus-or-minus 1.5 percentage points.

The poll also found that any  
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also showed a gap between the President's personal approval rating and his performance on the issues, albeit a much larger gap. Why? Because the O'Leary/Zogby poll used an honest and accurate sampling method by only surveying Americans who voted in the 2008 presidential election, and weighting that sample to reflect the actual outcome of the election (53 percent Obama voters and 47 percent McCain voters).

The O'Leary Report's sample provides an accurate snapshot of the American voting public, whereas the Times' skewed sample paints a portrait of a mythical America that doesn't exist. To make matters worse, the Times failed to disclose the make-up of its sample in the article it published that detailed the poll's results. The article was unethical, fraudulent and based on a bogus poll paid for by the Times. This sort of manipulation makes a joke of their slogan: "The paper of record." More like: "The paper of the record we created."

Below is a comparison of both the New York Times' and The O'Leary Report's findings on similarly asked poll questions.

**Economy**

Both the Times and O'Leary/Zogby asked Americans if they approve or disapprove of how President Obama is handling the economy.

In the New York Times' manipulated sample: 57 percent approve of Obama's handling of the economy, 35 percent disapprove, and 7 percent are unsure.

In O'Leary/Zogby's accurate

sample: 38 percent approve of Obama's handling of the economy, 50 percent disapprove, and 12 percent are unsure.

**Guantanamo Bay**

Both the Times and the O'Leary/Zogby polls asked Americans whether the U.S. should close the Guantanamo Bay military detention facility and transfer the detainees somewhere else.

In the New York Times' manipulated sample: 43 percent favor keeping Gitmo up and running, 45 percent say close it down, and 12 percent are unsure.

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In O'Leary/Zogby's accurate sample: 54.7 percent favor keeping Gitmo up and running, 40.7 percent say close it down, and 4.6 percent are unsure.

Interestingly, even in the Times' mythical America, an overwhelming majority (80 percent) are either very or somewhat concerned that shipping Gitmo detainees to other nations could result in those detainees attacking America in the future, whereas only 20 percent do not have this concern. Even their manipulated sample gave them a number they didn't like, so the Ayatollahs on the Times' editorial board refused to report these results in their newspaper article.

**Capitalism vs. Socialism**

Both the Times and O'Leary/Zogby asked Americans similar questions regarding how large a role government should play in society.

The Times asked: "Which comes closer to your view: Government should do more to solve national problems, or Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals?"

In the Times' manipulated sample, 34 percent think the government should do more, 56 percent think the government is doing too much, and 10 percent are unsure.

O'Leary/Zogby asked Americans whether they prefer "a system in which the public or the state have ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods,"

or "a system in which wealth, and the means of producing wealth are privately owned and controlled rather than state owned."

In O'Leary/Zogby's accurate sample, 70 percent prefer a private system, 17 percent prefer

a state-run system, and 13 percent are unsure.

**Conclusion**

In the future, the New York Times really ought to disclose the full details behind its sampling method, especially when their sample is unnaturally weighted 2-1 with Obama voters over McCain voters, and a whopping one-fifth of their sample doesn't care enough to vote. Or better yet, the Times should seek to maintain credibility with its dwindling readership by properly weighting the sample in its polls.

When you're in the news business, you need to deliver news, not fiction. And judging by the Times' growing financial woes, Americans know the difference and are fleeing the Ayatollahs at The Gray Lady in droves. Total revenue for the Times declined 18.6 percent over the first quarter of this year, and the company is mired in \$1.3 billion worth of debt. ###

## Opposition to Second Stimulus

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congressmen who support a second stimulus bill may very well be forced to join the 15 million Americans currently in the unemployment line.

**Question 1:** Some members of Congress have said we need to jumpstart the economy with a second stimulus package. Do you favor or oppose Congress passing a second stimulus package?

A strong majority of Americans (63.2 percent) oppose a second stimulus package (46.6 percent "strongly oppose" and 16.6 percent "somewhat oppose"). Only 29 percent favor a second stimulus, and 7.9 percent are not sure.

In addition, a majority (54 percent)

of young voters aged 18 to 29 oppose a second stimulus. Three out of four Independent voters (74.3 percent) oppose a second stimulus, and 55.2 percent "strongly oppose" it. Only 18 percent of Independents favor a second stimulus package, and 7.7 percent are not sure.

A surprising number of Obama voters (38.2 percent) oppose a second stimulus, as does an overwhelming majority of small business owners (71.8 percent).

**Question 2:** Would you vote for or against your congressman in the next election if they are in favor of a second stimulus package, or does it make no difference to your vote?

Among all American voters, 44.7 percent say they would vote against their congressman if he or she supported a second stimulus package, while only 17.4 percent said they would vote for their congressman (25.9 percent said it would make no

difference, and 12 percent are not sure).

A majority of Independents (52.4 percent) say they would vote against their congressman, while only 9.8 percent said they would vote for their congressman (25.3 percent said it would make no difference, and 12.5 percent are not sure).

Congressmen who support a second stimulus bill would also lose the vote of 56 percent of small business owners, and gain the support of only 14.7 percent.

"These poll results provide the perfect blueprint for any congressman seeking early retirement," said *O'Leary Report* publisher Brad O'Leary. "The results also indicate that Americans have not forgotten the original stimulus bill and are still very unhappy with it. Were they happy with the first stimulus, they would not be so vehemently opposed to the mere notion of a second stimulus."###

## Obama Voters Oppose Bailout for Minority Broadcasters

### 65% of American Voters Say No to Bailout for Underperforming Radio Stations

Washington, D.C. — A group of minority radio broadcasters recently requested a bailout from the Obama administration and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner. According to the broadcasters, they "are close to becoming an extinct species" and have had trouble accessing capital markets, even in good economic times, because they are racial minorities.

The broadcasters' request comes on the heels of Democrats in Congress, led by House Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC) and Barney Frank (D-MA), Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, pressuring Geithner for a bailout of minority-owned radio stations in the interest of "promoting diversity" on the airwaves.

Zogby International and *The O'Leary Report* polled voters on this

issue when it first arose two months ago. The poll was conducted May 21-24, surveyed 4,037 voters, and has a margin of error of plus-or-minus 1.6 percentage points.

Zogby/O'Leary asked voters:

Several Democratic members of Congress have asked Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner to open up access to credit for minority-owned radio stations like the Treasury Department has done for GM and Chrysler. Do you support a bailout of minority-owned broadcasters?

A strong majority of American voters (65.4 percent) oppose a bailout for minority broadcasters and only 18 percent support it (16.6 percent are not sure). In addition, 42.1 percent of those

who voted for President Obama oppose a bailout for minority broadcasters and only 32.5 percent support it (25.5 percent are not sure).

The broadcasters' request comes at a time when Rep. Clyburn's daughter, Mignon Clyburn, is being nominated to serve as a commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC is the very agency charged with overseeing these same broadcasters who are seeking a bailout.

"Should Congressman Clyburn's daughter secure a spot on the FCC board, it is hard to imagine a scenario where she would not help further her father's agenda and secure a bailout for these unpopular broadcasters," said Brad O'Leary, publisher of *The O'Leary Report*.###

# What You May Have Missed...

## Obama's Failure in Russia

Obama returned from Russia having secured a nuclear treaty that does nothing but save Russia from spending money to catch-up with the U.S. nuclear arsenal. In essence, the President agreed to cut the U.S. nuclear arsenal down to a level that resembles the current Russian stockpile.

Such is what passes for tough negotiation in the Obama White House. At the same time, the President made no attempt to stop Russia from giving Iran nuclear technology and fuel to build up its arsenal against the West. So in sum, the U.S. gained nothing. Give President Obama an "A" for consistency though. His unilateral disarmament agreement dovetails perfectly with his recent European apology tour.

## Obama's Mad Science Czar

In April, President Obama declared: "We are restoring science to its rightful place. Under my administration, the days of science taking a back seat to ideology are over."

To make good on his promise, the President appointed John Holdren, a Harvard University professor, and certifiably mad scientist with a dangerous ideology, to be White House Science Czar.

Holdren once co-authored a book with infamous and discredited population-bomb Malthusians Paul and Anne Ehrlich, that advocates compulsory abortion, sterilization, and even calls for a "Planetary Regime" that would enforce these population control measures.

Here are some of Holdren's greatest hits from his tome:

- "Indeed, it has been concluded that compulsory population-control laws, even including laws requiring

compulsory abortion, could be sustained under the existing Constitution if the population crisis became sufficiently severe to endanger the society."

- "If some individuals contribute to general social deterioration by overproducing children, and if the need is compelling, they can be required by law to exercise reproductive responsibility—just as they can be required to exercise responsibility in their resource-consumption patterns."
- "Adding a sterilant to drinking water or staple foods is a suggestion that seems to horrify people more than most proposals for involuntary fertility control. Indeed, this would pose some very difficult political, legal, and social questions, to say nothing of the technical problems. No such sterilant exists today, nor does one appear to be under development. To be acceptable, such a substance would have to meet some rather stiff requirements: it must be uniformly effective, despite widely varying doses received by individuals, and despite varying degrees of fertility and sensitivity among individuals; it must be free of dangerous or unpleasant side effects; and it must have no effect on members of the opposite sex, children, old people, pets, or livestock."
- "One way to carry out this disapproval might be to insist that all illegitimate babies be put up for adoption—especially those born to minors, who generally are not capable of caring properly for a child alone. If a single mother really wished to keep her baby, she might be obliged to go through adoption proceedings and demonstrate her ability to support and care for it. Adoption proceedings probably should remain more difficult for single people than for married couples, in recognition of the relative difficulty of raising children alone. It would even be possible to require

pregnant single women to marry or have abortions, perhaps as an alternative to placement for adoption, depending on the society."

- "A program of sterilizing women after their second or third child, despite the relatively greater difficulty of the operation than vasectomy, might be easier to implement than trying to sterilize men. The development of a long-term sterilizing capsule that could be implanted under the skin and removed when pregnancy is desired opens additional possibilities for coercive fertility control. The capsule could be implanted at puberty and might be removable, with official permission, for a limited number of births."
- "Perhaps those agencies, combined with UNEP and the United Nations population agencies, might eventually be developed into a Planetary Regime—sort of an international superagency for population, resources, and environment. Such a comprehensive Planetary Regime could control the development, administration, conservation, and distribution of all natural resources, renewable or nonrenewable, at least insofar as international implications exist."
- "If this could be accomplished, security might be provided by an armed international organization, a global analogue of a police force. Many people have recognized this as a goal, but the way to reach it remains obscure in a world where factionalism seems, if anything, to be increasing. The first step necessarily involves partial surrender of sovereignty to an international organization."

## Mark Levin and Statism

Mark Levin's blockbuster book, "Liberty and Tyranny: A Conservative

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Manifesto,” is quickly approaching the one-million-copies-sold mark, and is well worth any conservative buying.

The book's tremendous popularity comes despite not having been reviewed by a single mainstream media outlet – a true testament to the power of talk radio and the nationwide hunger for an alternative to the philosophy of big government.

It is interesting to note that the phraseology Levin uses in the book confirms polling data that shows Americans do not believe that the Obama administration is leading us to “socialism,” per se. Polls show that only Republicans believe we're on the path to socialism, however, a broader cross-section of Americans believe that the Obama administration is pushing for “too much government control” over our lives. Levin uses the term “statism” to describe those who believe in an all-powerful, omnipresent government. This is a term that should resonate with Americans of all political persuasions.

Levin is certainly on to something. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), for the past 50 years federal spending has averaged 20 percent of GDP, with the budget deficit accounting for two percent of GDP. According to the CBO, by 2020, all the new policies of the Obama administration will put federal spending at 26 percent of GDP and our budget deficit at over seven percent of GDP. This means by 2020 we will need a total tax increase of 50 percent across the board to balance the budget.

### **Left-wing Blogs Defend New York Times**

The front page story of this issue of *The O'Leary Report* has caused quite a stir. Myriad left-wing blogs have rushed to the defense of the *New York Times* – doing their best to put a positive spin on the *Times*' fraudulent polling.

The bloggers' arguments can be summed up as follows:

- The *Times*' poll sample was accurate because most people can't remember who they voted for eight months ago;
- The *Times*' included so few McCain voters in its sample because those who voted for McCain are so happy with what Obama's doing that they won't admit they voted for McCain;
- There are not enough Republicans in the country to poll; and finally
- It's too hard to go to [www.olearyreport.com](http://www.olearyreport.com) and [www.zogby.com](http://www.zogby.com) to see the full details of our polling.

Essentially, they contend that the *New York Times* is incapable of using an accurate sample in its polling. However, this appears to be a problem that is unique to the *Times*. I guess when you're \$1.3 billion in debt you have to cut corners somewhere.

### **All-Star Reception for Obama?**

I recently attended the Major League Baseball All-Star game, and during the opening ceremonies, all former presidents and the current president made an appearance on the stadium Jumbotron.

If one were to judge the applause in baseball terms: Jimmy Carter's applause was like someone hitting a single; the applause for Bush 41 and Clinton was like that of someone hitting a double; Bush 43's applause was like a homerun; and Obama's applause was similar to that of a player hitting pop-up.

### **Fears of Increased Government Restrictions Drive Up Gun Sales**

Gun sales in America continue to thrive, thanks in large part to the

Obama White House and current leadership in Congress. Rasmussen recently polled Americans with the question: “Are gun sales in the United States up because of the fear of increased crime or fear of increased government restrictions on gun ownership?”

57% say fear of increased government restrictions  
23% say fear of increased crime  
21% are not sure

*Source: Rasmussen national survey of 1,000 adults, conducted June 24-25, 2009. Margin of error is plus-or-minus 3 percentage points.*

### **40% of Eligible Voters are Conservative, 21% are Liberal**

“How would you describe your political views – (very conservative, conservative, moderate, liberal, or very liberal)?”

#### **Among All Americans:**

Conservative: 40%  
Moderate: 35%  
Liberal: 21%

#### **Among Republicans:**

Conservative: 73%  
Moderate: 24%  
Liberal: 3%

#### **Among Democrats:**

Conservative: 22%  
Moderate: 40%  
Liberal: 38%

#### **Among Independents:**

Conservative: 34%  
Moderate: 45%  
Liberal: 20%

*Source: Results are based on aggregated Gallup Poll surveys of approximately 1,000 national adults, aged 18 and older, interviewed by telephone. Sample sizes for the annual*

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# Top Five Reasons Obamacare is Bad for *ALL* Americans

Imagine a United States where bureaucrats decide what doctor you're allowed to see and when – or a U.S. where your access to life-saving medical procedures and treatments is not dependent on your need, but rather, dependent upon whether or not a government cost-benefit analysis says you're worth it. Imagine calling for an ambulance and waiting hours upon hours for one to arrive – if one arrives at all – and then enduring a three-hour ride to the nearest hospital that can accommodate you.

Imagine an America where everyone has health *insurance*, but no one has health *care* – at least, no one has health care by any humane and reasonable definition of the term.

This is the course President Obama is charting for America, and the scenarios above are not hard to imagine, as every one of them is playing out right now in other nations that have employed universal health care systems.

The problems with Obamacare extend far beyond its propensity to destroy the quality of health care in America. Below are five reasons why Obamacare is bad for all Americans.

## 1. Obamacare is a solution in search of a problem.

The most pervasive figure tossed about in the health care debate is that 46 million Americans lack access to health insurance. The Obama administration cites this figure ad nauseam. But a closer look at these 46 million Americans reveals a far different story.

First, it is worth noting that there are 300 million people in America, so if 46 million of us lack insurance, this means 85 percent of Americans have insurance. So the Obama administration's massive plan to institute government-run health care in

the U.S. is aimed at 15 percent of the public.

Still, no one likes to think of 46 million Americans with no access to health care. But is this statistic entirely accurate? Hardly.

Ten million, or 22 percent, of these 46 million uninsured are not even Americans – they are undocumented residents. And, incidentally, if they show up in just about any hospital emergency room in the country, the law requires that they be treated, regardless



of their ability to pay for their treatment or if they have health insurance.

Of the remaining 36 million uninsured, 14 million are eligible for existing government insurance programs like Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program). Though they are eligible, they refuse to enroll in these programs for whatever reason. Still, the fact remains that they already have access to government-run health insurance.

A considerable number of the 46 million uninsured Americans (roughly 18 million) make over \$50,000 per year, and could afford some form of health insurance, but choose not to purchase any. A core segment of this population are young people, who are in good health, and who simply choose to spend their money elsewhere. Whether or not this is a wise decision is irrelevant. The fact is that there are numerous private, individual health

plans – some with premiums as low as \$100 per month, that are well within the financial grasp of these folks.

To recap, we started with 46 million unable to obtain health insurance. After accounting for non-American citizens, the number dropped to 36 million. After accounting for those who already qualify for various existing government-run health insurance programs, the number dropped to 22 million. And after accounting for those who are over 300 percent above the poverty line – and could afford health insurance if they chose to purchase it – the number drops to 4 million.

Now, there is certainly some overlap in the numbers and situations described above. So the total number of Americans who do not qualify for existing government-run health insurance programs, *and* who are too poor to afford health insurance on the market, is likely higher than 4 million. According to a comprehensive study conducted by Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, there are approximately 8 million Americans who fall into this narrow category.

In other words, the Obama administration wants to have the government control American medicine in order to bring health insurance to the 2.7 percent of Americans who are perpetually uninsured. By comparison, the Netherlands, which has universal health care for a population of only 16.5 million, still leaves 1.5 percent of its people uninsured.

## 2. Obamacare would raise the budget deficit significantly.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Obamacare would cost \$1 trillion over the next 10 years, significantly adding to the federal government's ballooning budget deficit. And according to the

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CBO, it would hardly be worth it.

The Congressional Budget Office found that Obama's health care overhaul would only result in a net decrease of 16 million people without health insurance – and that's using the phony "46 million uninsured" statistic explained above.

The CBO arrives at the 16 million figure by accounting for those who are currently "uninsured" and would therefore be captured under Obamacare, and those who currently have insurance but *would lose it* under Obama's plan and be forced into the government-run system.

So much for Obama's repeated promise: "If you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan. Period. No one will take it away. No matter what."

According to the CBO, millions of Americans will be forced out of their current health coverage plans and herded into Obamacare.

### 3. Obamacare would cost many Americans their jobs.

After the CBO announced Obamacare's \$1 trillion price tag, the President's administration and Senate Democrats went back to the drawing board to find a way to lower the cost. What they came up with is a massive new mandate and tax on employers that is sure to send unemployment levels (currently at 9.5 percent) even further through the roof.

Obama's new plan is to *require* any business with more than 25 employees to provide health insurance for all of its workers. Those who don't meet the requirement would have to pay a \$750 fine per employee.



Our nation's businesses would have two options to offset the costs of this colossal government mandate: drastically lower wages and layoff employees. Obamacare is the equivalent of throwing gasoline on an unemployment fire that is already burning out of control.

Perhaps Obama doesn't care so much if people have jobs, only that they have health insurance. In that case, future unemployed Americans can take comfort in knowing that although they may have no job or opportunities for employment, they will qualify for government-run health care under Medicaid.

### 4. Obamacare would significantly raise taxes on all Americans.

In addition to the job-killing tax on employers, Obama is eyeing myriad other tax schemes to cover the tab of his universal coverage plan. Recall that Obama repeatedly promised Americans making less than \$250,000 a year that "you will not see any of your taxes increase one single dime."

Of course, it took Obama only two weeks in office to break that promise by signing a massive new tax on cigarettes into law. Now that the seal has been broken, here are more tax increases Obama and congressional Democrats are considering to help pay for Obamacare:

- A 10 cent tax increase on the price of soda and other sugary drinks;
- A 3 percent payroll tax on employers' health care expenditures;
- A new tax on employer-provided health insurance benefits;
- A new tax on alcohol;
- Reducing the tax deduction on charitable

contributions for couples making more than \$250,000 a year (in other words, taxing charity);

- Increasing the top income tax rate to near 40 percent; and
- A costly new Value Added Tax (VAT tax) on all goods and services produced in the U.S.

### 5. Obamacare could kill you.

Government-run health care systems are not just bad ideas in theory, they are bad ideas in practice. One need look no farther than Great Britain to catch a glimpse of the nightmares government-run Obamacare has in store.

Cancer-survival rates in the U.K. are abysmal. For example, in Britain only 70 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer survive, and only 51 percent of Britons diagnosed with prostate cancer live to tell about it. In fact, Great Britain has the worst cancer survival rate in all of Europe.

The United States, on the other hand, has among the best cancer survival rates in the world. The survival rate for U.S. women diagnosed with breast cancer is 84 percent, and 92 percent of Americans diagnosed with prostate cancer survive.

In Britain, cancer patients languish on long waiting lists, sometimes for years, while government bureaucrats deliberate over who deserves treatment, and who does not. The British government has literally been reduced to rationing health care – and doing a poor job of it at that.

It isn't just cancer treatment that is in short supply in Britain. Virtually every ailment, from minor to major, from toothaches to terminal diseases, relegates British citizens (children and infants included) to long waiting lists and third rate treatment options.

Britain's grand experiment has shown the world that universal health coverage systems like Obamacare are not lifesavers – they are death sentences. ###

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compilations range from approximately 10,000 to approximately 40,000. For these results, one can say with 95% confidence that the maximum margin of sampling error is plus-or-minus 1 percentage point.

### Most Americans Oppose Obama's Takeover of GM

"Do you favor or oppose President Obama's decision to provide financial aid to General Motors in exchange for the majority of the stock and having a say in management?"

Favor: 35%  
Oppose: 56%  
Not Sure: 9%

Source: NBC/Wall Street Journal survey of 1,008 adults conducted June 12-15, 2009. Margin of error is plus-or-minus 3.1 percentage points.

### Most Americans "Pro-life" and Against Gay Marriage

Americans who consider themselves "Pro-life" as opposed to "Pro-choice" in 2004: 44%

Americans who consider themselves "Pro-life" as opposed to "Pro-choice" in 2009: 51%

Americans who say gay marriage should not be valid in 2004: 55%

Americans who say gay marriage should not be valid in 2009: 57%

Source: Gallup telephone survey of 1,011 national adults aged 18 and older, conducted June 14-17, 2009. The margin of sampling error is plus-or-minus 3 percentage points.

### More Americans See Democratic Party as "Too Liberal"

"In general, do you think the political views of the Democratic Party

are too conservative, too liberal, or about right?"

In 2008...

Too conservative: 8%  
Too liberal: 39%  
About right: 50%

In 2009...

Too conservative: 8%  
Too liberal: 46%  
About right: 42%

Source: Gallup survey of 1,011 national adults, aged 18 and older, conducted June 14-17, 2009. Margin of error is plus-or-minus 3 percentage points.

### Obama Economic Recovery Watch

"I think my initial measure of success is creating or saving 4 million jobs."  
- President Barack Obama, February 9, 2009

- Number of Americans Unemployed in January 2009: 13.0 million
- Number of Americans Unemployed in June 2009: 15.1 million
- Unemployment Rate at the end of January 2009: 7.6%
- Unemployment Rate at the end of June 2009: 9.5%

### GOP Makes Gains in Governors Races

Virginia update:

"The candidates for Governor this fall are Democrat Creigh Deeds and Republican Bob McDonnell. If the election was today, who would you vote for?"

Bob McDonnell: 49%  
Creigh Deeds: 43%  
Undecided: 8%

Source: Public Policy Polling survey of

617 likely general election voters from June 30 to July 2. The survey's margin of error is plus-or-minus 4.0%.

New Jersey update:

"Next November there will be an election for governor. I know it's early but who would you vote for in a race between Republican Chris Christie and Democrat Jon Corzine?"

Chris Christie: 45%  
Jon Corzine: 39%  
Undecided: 16%

Source: Public Policy Polling survey of 617 likely general election voters from June 30 to July 2. The survey's margin of error is plus-or-minus 4.0%.

Ohio update:

Only 46 percent of Ohio voters approve of the job first term Democratic Governor Ted Strickland is doing, down from 57 percent in a May 6 survey.

As a result, both potential Republican challengers have caught up to Strickland in a hypothetical head-to-head matchup. Republican Mike DeWine trails Strickland by only one percentage point among Ohio voters, 40 to 41 percent. Republican John Kasich trails Strickland 43 to 38 percent. In early May, Strickland held double-digit leads over both DeWine and Kasich.

Source: Quinnipiac University poll conducted June 26-July 1 of 1,259 Ohio voters, with a margin of error of plus-or-minus 2.8 percentage points.

Massachusetts update:

First term Democratic Governor Deval Patrick is losing ground to both of his potential Republican challengers, Christy Mihos and Charlie Baker.

In a hypothetical head-to-head matchup, Mihos bests Patrick 41 to 40 percent among likely voters. Against Baker, Patrick holds a tenuous 5 percent advantage (41 to 36 percent).

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## Michael Jackson Lauded for His Contribution to America

*Some perspective by the numbers...*

- ◆ In his will, Michael Jackson left millions of dollars to select family members and business partners. When Mother Theresa died, she left practically nothing in her will.
- ◆ Roughly 36 million Americans watched Jackson's memorial service either on television or online. 33 million tuned into Princess Diana's funeral in 1997. 500 million television viewers worldwide witnessed Neil Armstrong landing on the moon.
- ◆ The audience for Jackson's memorial service was only slightly higher than the average audience for Fox's "American Idol."
- ◆ Jackson's memorial service drew 20 percent of all American households with T.V. sets – the live verdict in Jackson's 2005 sexual abuse trial drew 21 percent of American households.
- ◆ Jackson's Facebook page boasts 7 million fans. President Obama's Facebook page has 6 million fans.
- ◆ Network talking heads' tribute to Jackson's contribution to America surpassed any tribute to Ronald Reagan when he left office.
- ◆ Many now project that Michael Jackson's albums will outsell the Bible.



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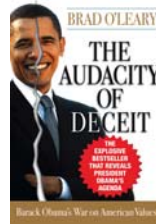
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*Source: Rasmussen survey of 500 likely voters conducted June 24, 2009. Margin of error is plus-or-minus 4.5 percentage points.*

### Most Americans Think the Federal Government Has "Too Much Power"

The number of Americans who are concerned that the Federal Government has too much power has increased over the past five years.

In 2004, 42 percent of Americans thought the Federal government had too much power. Today, that percentage has grown to 52 percent.

*Source: Gallup telephone survey of 1,011 national adults aged 18 and older, conducted June 14-17, 2009. The margin of sampling error is plus-or-minus 3 percentage points.*

### Obama's Presidential Approval Rating Dropping

The O'Leary/Zogby 100 Days Poll, published in the June issue of *The O'Leary Report*, showed that the American voting public generally disapproved of many of President Obama's actions and proposals to date. According to Rasmussen's Daily

Presidential Tracking Poll, this disapproval with Obama's actions is now taking its toll on his personal approval rating.

As of July 15, Obama's Presidential Approval Index rating is -8. Thirty-six percent of Americans strongly disapprove of the way President Obama is handling his job, and only 28 percent strongly approve.

*Source: Rasmussen 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 plus-or-minus 3 percentage points. ###*