



Obama Administration Gets Negative Marks in First 100 Days

President personally popular; proposals & appointees aren't

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Washington, D.C. — A recent CNN/Opinion Research Poll shows that President Obama continues to enjoy 63 percent approval rating. His cabinet choices and their proposals are a disappointment to Americans, however, according to a Zogby International/*O'Leary Report* 100-Days Poll.

The poll covered a broad range of questions from frozen credit markets and gun control to energy and media diversity. “Sooner or later the public’s opposition to the President’s proposals will eventually take its toll on his job approval numbers. The dichotomy between President Obama’s personal popularity and his unpopular proposals cannot continue. How long will the President ride a wave of popularity if his objectives are out-of-synch with most Americans?” asked Brad O’Leary, president and publisher of *The O’Leary Report* and author of *Shut Up, America! The End of Free Speech* (WND Books).

Results of the Zogby International/*O’Leary Report* Poll reveal fissures in the Obama Administration’s agenda:

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner recently told a congressional oversight panel that the credit markets may be thawing following their deep freeze.

Q. How would you rate President Obama's job at un-freezing the credit markets for small businesses who need loans to expand or survive?

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| Excellent | 14% |
| Good | 24% |
| Fair | 18% |
| Poor | 36% |
| Not sure | 8% |

Q. Thinking about the Tea Party demonstrations that took place on April 15th to protest the growth in taxes and federal government spending, do you...?

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| Strongly support the beliefs of the organizers | 45% |
| Somewhat support them | 12% |
| Somewhat oppose their beliefs | 12% |
| Strongly oppose them | 27% |
| Not sure | 4% |

Attorney General Eric Holder & Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel:

Obama's anti-gun duo of Attorney General Eric Holder and Rahm Emanuel, the President's Chief of Staff continue to call for gun control.

Q. Do you think new gun laws should be passed or do you think we should enforce the laws already on the books.

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| New gun laws should be passed | 25% |
| Enforce the laws already on the books | 71% |
| Not sure | 4% |

Rahm Emanuel recently told the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence that he'd take on the NRA in a proposal to make everyone on the "No-Fly" ineligible to buy a gun.

Q. The President's Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, recently stated that the 1 million people the government put on the "no fly" list should be prohibited from purchasing a gun, even if they are not guilty of a felony or crime and they may not even be the correct person who is targeted by the list. With respect to the "no fly" list which statement do you support – A or B?

A: People on the no fly list should be prohibited from buying a gun
B: People on the no-fly list should be prohibited from buying a gun only if they are convicted of a crime

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| Statement A | 20% |
| Statement B | 69% |
| Not sure | 11% |

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano

Q. The Department of Homeland Security recently issued a report to 850,000 law enforcement officers that focused on the potential terrorist threat from disgruntled veterans and people dedicated to a single issue, such as abortion and the Second Amendment. Do you think these groups are. . .?

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| This statement is inappropriate and these people are not a threat to America | 58% |
| This is a good warning and these people are dangerous | 27% |
| No opinion | 15% |

Acting FCC Chairman Michael Copps / FCC Chairman Designate Julius Genachowski

The FCC is moving ahead with its plan to increase its diversity of ownership and diversity of content with the first hearings scheduled for May 7th. Genachowski and Regulatory czar Cass Sunstein also favor a fairness doctrine for the Internet.

Q. Senator Durbin recently offered an amendment in the U.S. Senate that requires the Federal Communications Commission to take actions to encourage and promote diversity in communication media ownership. Opponents say the move would threaten the breakup of radio networks that largely carry conservative talk radio shows like Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

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| Support | 41% |
| Oppose | 51% |
| Not sure | 8% |

Q. The Federal Communications is entertaining the idea of re-instituting advisory boards to determine the needs and interests of their communities, to promote localism and diversity. These boards, appointed by the FCC and would monitor what is said over the radio and report back if they were offended by the talk show hosts and their guests. Critics argue that such a proposal is nothing more than a back door implementation of the Fairness Doctrine. Do you support or oppose the FCC's efforts to reinstitute advisory boards?

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| Support | 21% |
| Oppose | 66% |
| Not sure | 13% |

Q. Four members of the U.S. Senate recently introduced a bill that would allow the President of the United States to turnoff the Internet nationally in the event of an emergency but without defining what constitutes a national emergency. Do you support or oppose this bill?

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| Support | 5% |
| Oppose | 82% |
| Not sure | 13% |

Energy Secretary Steven Chu

On Earth Day, Secretary Chu warmly embraced the administration's cap-and-trade proposal, stating, "We must state in no uncertain terms we have a responsibility to our children to curb emissions from fossil fuels..."

Q. President Obama wants to impose cap-and-trade laws that would limit the total carbon dioxide emissions allowed to be released into the environment. These laws would turn carbon dioxide into a commodity allowing those that pollute less to sell credits to those that pollute more. These credits would be traded on commodities markets. According to congressional testimony given by the Director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, "decreasing emissions would also impose costs on the economy – much of those costs will be passed along to consumers in the form of higher prices for energy and energy intensive goods." Some have estimated these costs to be \$800 to \$1300 more per household by 2015. Knowing this, do you support or oppose cap-and-trade laws?

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| Support | 30% |
| Oppose | 57% |
| Not sure | 13% |

Q. Which course of action should America take with regards to energy policy?

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| Make energy cheaper by developing all sources of U.S. energy, including coal, nuclear power, offshore drilling and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge | 54% |
| Reduce America's production of fossil fuels that might cause global warming | 40% |
| Not sure | 6% |

Education Secretary Arne Duncan

Last month, Education Secretary Arne Duncan let Congress kill a District of Columbia voucher program while he was sitting on evidence of its success.

Q. President Obama's Education Secretary recently rescinded 200 scholarships previously awarded through the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, a school choice program that allows low-income students to attend private schools. Despite a Department of Education study that showed the program is a great success, the Obama administration wants to bring the program to an end and return those students to public schools in Washington, D.C.. Do you agree or disagree with the Obama administration?

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| Agree | 23% |
| Disagree | 61% |
| Not sure | 16% |

The O'Leary Report/Zogby poll was conducted April 24-27 of 3,937 voters nationwide and has a margin of error of plus-or-minus 1.6 percentage points. Slight weights were added to party, age, race, gender, education to more accurately reflect the population. Margins of error are higher in sub-groups.

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