

# "THE FIRST 100 DAYS - INTEGRITY, LEADERSHIP, TRUST"

A LICHTMAN/CAPPS STUDY

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## OVERVIEW

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### PERFORMANCE

		NEGATIVE			POSITIVE		
1. Rate performance of Barack Obama in his first 100 days?		29.2	15.9	<b>45.1</b>	18.7	35.5	<b>54.1</b>
2. Rate performance of Democrats in the 111th Congress in their first 100 days?		44.4	16.6	<b>61.0</b>	30.0	7.7	<b>37.7</b>
3. Rate performance of Republicans in the 111th Congress in their first 100 days?		45.4	29.7	<b>75.1</b>	18.7	3.8	<b>22.4</b>

### TOP QUALITIES VOTERS SAY COUNTRY NEEDS MOST FROM PRESIDENT

5. Obama - Honesty		29.0	12.1	<b>41.1</b>	15.0	42.6	<b>57.6</b>
6. Obama - Integrity		29.3	11.6	<b>40.8</b>	14.0	44.1	<b>58.1</b>
10. Obama - Leadership		26.7	13.2	<b>39.9</b>	17.6	41.7	<b>59.2</b>

### ADDITIONAL QUALITIES

7. Obama - Fairness		26.9	14.6	<b>41.6</b>	16.6	40.8	<b>57.4</b>
8. Obama - Intelligence		12.4	9.2	<b>21.6</b>	19.8	57.6	<b>77.4</b>
11. Obama - Vision for the country		35.7	7.8	<b>43.4</b>	13.6	41.5	<b>55.0</b>

### OBAMA'S LEADERSHIP

15. Obama's leadership - Fixing the Economy		37.5	12.0	<b>49.5</b>	24.6	24.8	<b>49.4</b>
16. Obama's leadership - Bringing troops home from the Middle East		20.9	20.1	<b>41.0</b>	35.7	20.7	<b>56.4</b>
18. Obama's leadership - Reforming health care		32.8	15.7	<b>48.5</b>	25.4	20.8	<b>46.2</b>
19. Obama's leadership - Stabilizing or cutting taxes		42.5	10.7	<b>53.2</b>	20.6	23.3	<b>43.9</b>

### OBAMA / CONGRESS

5. Obama - Honesty		29.0	12.1	<b>41.1</b>	15.0	42.6	<b>57.6</b>
21. Congress - Honesty		50.4	25.0	<b>75.4</b>	19.4	3.5	<b>23.0</b>
6. Obama - Integrity		29.3	11.6	<b>40.8</b>	14.0	44.1	<b>58.1</b>
22. Congress - Integrity		51.4	25.4	<b>76.8</b>	18.2	3.5	<b>21.7</b>
9. Obama - Transparency		32.6	14.6	<b>47.3</b>	24.0	26.4	<b>50.4</b>
23. Congress - Transparency		54.4	25.7	<b>80.1</b>	14.4	3.4	<b>17.8</b>
20. Obama's leadership - Restoring the public's trust in government		40.3	8.0	<b>48.4</b>	19.8	30.5	<b>50.3</b>
25. Congress - Restoring the public's trust in government		57.1	24.0	<b>81.0</b>	13.8	3.8	<b>17.7</b>
17. Obama's leadership - Working with Congress		20.3	15.1	<b>35.4</b>	32.4	30.3	<b>62.7</b>
24. Congress - Working with the president		22.9	29.5	<b>52.4</b>	32.0	13.2	<b>45.2</b>

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OBAMA'S ABILITY	No confidence		Complete confidence	
	2	3	2	3
12. Obama's ability - Unite the country	37.6	13.9	51.5	27.0
13. Obama's ability - Improve America's image in the world	27.8	11.9	39.6	14.9
14. Obama's ability - Improve international relations by meeting with foreign leaders.	28.9	13.4	42.4	15.0

### 28. Based on his performance in his first 100 days as president, how confident are you that Obama has the character and the courage to do the right thing in handling a crisis?

Very confident	43.1	
Somewhat confident	12.4	55.4
Not very confident	10.1	
Not at all confident	32.7	42.9

### 4. How confident are you that Obama is moving the country in the right direction?

Very confident	35.3	
Somewhat confident	16.9	52.2
Not very confident	8.2	
Not at all confident	38.9	47.1

### 26. Based on his performance in his first 100 days as president, do you believe Obama makes decisions based on what's best for the country or based on what helps him politically?

Best for the country		49.8
Helps him politically		44.6

### 27. Based on his performance in his first 100 days as president, how satisfied are you with the leadership of Obama?

Very satisfied	38.8	
Somewhat satisfied	14.2	53.0
Somewhat dissatisfied	7.3	
Not at all satisfied	38.6	46.0

### 29. Based on his performance in his first 100 days as president, how optimistic are you that Obama will live up to Americans' expectations?

Much more optimistic	27.6	
Somewhat more optimistic	21.7	49.3
Somewhat less optimistic	11.7	
Much less optimistic	35.9	47.6