

**FIRST AMENDMENT CENTER POLL**

**NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT OBAMA**

**Results are based on telephone interviews with 1,026 national adults, aged 18+, conducted by Gallup Jan. 20-21, 2010.**

Thinking now about news media coverage of President Obama,

1. How do you rate the job the news media has done as a watchdog of government in the first year of the Obama administration—as excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jan 20-21	8	26	37	27	2

2. Would you say the news media has done a—[ROTATED: better job, the same, (or a worse job)-- as watchdog of government in the first year of the Obama administration than the news media did for previous administrations?

	<u>Better job</u>	<u>The same</u>	<u>Worse job</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jan 20-21	21	43	31	5

3. In which of the following areas has the news media done the best job of reporting on the policies and practices of the Obama administration – [RANDOM ORDER: terrorism, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the economy, healthcare], or none of these?

	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Wars</u>	<u>Economy</u>	<u>Healthcare</u>	<u>None of these</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jan 20-21	6	15	20	24	30	6

4. Looking ahead, in which of the following areas would you most like to see the news media do a better job of reporting on the policies and practices of the Obama administration – [RANDOM ORDER: terrorism, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the economy, healthcare]?

	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Wars</u>	<u>Economy</u>	<u>Healthcare</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Jan 20-21	11	12	40	30	6

**For results based on the total sample of National Adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points. Interviews are conducted with respondents on land-line telephones and cellular phones. In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.**