

# Opinion Polls and Obama's Politics of Violence

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Mr. Obama is a fast learner. He acquired many Machiavellian tactics from his predecessors. When George W. Bush's polls were dipping, Bush and his cronies always had terror and low intensity conflicts on their minds to save them.

Mr. Obama has learned that the politics of violence and fear combined with empty rhetoric works well and might increase his numbers in the polls and keep him in office for a second term. Mr. Obama as a student of history also learned from the fate of the late president Kennedy that you would never oppose the intelligence community and the Military Industrial Complex in their ventures if you wish to remain alive. Two hard lessons that will definitely impact his policies and will lead his administration to promote additional terror alerts and low intensity conflicts to stay alive, as well as to distract the public from the economic woes and the prevalent and blatant corruption in every level of government that is comparable to that of the Roman Empire prior to its collapse.

President Obama's polls have been sliding since March 2009 after the infatuation and novelty period of his presidency has evaporated.

The public became quickly disillusioned and doubtful that the alleged face of change is nothing but another farce played by members of the global corporate elite on the proles, and that Obama is like every other president a tool in the hands of the money masters. The herds also realized that the choice between left and right is nothing but a game of rhetoric and demagoguery as well as an illusion that leads them to the same slaughter house.

Let's explore Mr. Obama's poll numbers since 2009 until the present, assuming that polls are reliable and are not manipulated or skewed to promote a specific political agenda. Rupert Murdoch's Wall Street Journal reported in March 13, 2009 that the overall Rasmussen Reports showed a 56%-43% approval, with a third strongly disapproving of the president's performance. The WSJ also edified that this was a substantial degree of polarization so early in the administration, where Mr. Obama has lost virtually all of his Republican support and a good part of his Independent support, and the trend was decidedly negative. [1].

In October 2009, Gallup recorded an average daily approval rating of 53 per cent for Mr. Obama for the third quarter of the year, a sharp drop from the 62 per cent he recorded from April of that year. [2].

On December 8, 2009, the McClatchy newspaper reported that president Barack Obama and the Democratic Party ended the year far weaker than they started it. According to a McClatchy-Ipsos poll Obama had the lowest approval rating of his presidency — 49 percent — slipping below 50 percent in the poll for the first time and entering a danger zone for

presidents heading into a midterm election year. [6].

Unfortunately, the Christmas/underwear bomber did not help elevate Mr. Obama's poll numbers as anticipated, because on January 6, 2010, Politico.com reported that President Barack Obama entered 2010 with one of the lowest approval ratings of any president heading into his second year, based on a new Gallup poll that was out that week. Fifty percent approved of how Obama has handled his job as president, the second lowest total since Gallup started polling. Obama beats only Ronald Reagan, who started 1982 with a 49 percent approval rating.

The president had a 44 percent disapproval rating.

Gallup's Lydia Saad stated that "President Obama has been walking the public opinion tightrope represented by the 50 approval job approval line since about mid-November 2009, with his rating wavering between 47 and 53." [3].

On March 18, 2010, A Gallup Poll reported that Americans' views of President Obama are the most negative since Obama took office last year — 46% approve and 48% disapprove in the latest Gallup Daily three-day average. Meanwhile, Congress' 16% approval rating is just two points above its all-time low. [4].

I guess Mr. Obama's options are limited and nothing is left for him to do but to open a fourth war front in Iran .

The correlation between polls and terror is fascinating. It appears that the lower the president's polls go, the higher the terror alerts become, and the more frequent the foiled bogus terror plots unravel. At the same time McCain's song parody of the Beach Boys "Bomb, Bomb, Bomb Iran " becomes the number one hit on the political chart as the war rhetoric escalates and intensifies.

If the politically complicit Hollywood is unable to distract the public with celebrities' scandals, sex, and affairs, terror and war will do the job instead. Patsies are being arrested and indicted starting with the Christmas/underwear bomber and ending with Jihad Jane, while a fake Al Qaeda Moslem operative like Adam Yahiye Gadhan (Adam Pearlman a Jew and an intelligence operative) makes the news often to bolster the idea of homegrown terrorism in the minds of the herds. It's uplifting to our American spirit to know that the tax payers' money that finances our government is truly paying off and keeping us safe by creating bigger government bureaucracies and more control over us, like in the case of our mighty and ethical Homeland Security (Ministry of lies).

What we clearly need next is another major low intensity conflict to revitalize the economy, to rally the public behind the president, and to enrich further the terrorism Industrial Complex and the Military Industrial Complex, while bankrupting the nation, and creating a pseudo-nationalistic-flag-waving frenzy that sweeps across the States. In the name of our Christian God we shall win another war and defeat the Iranian infidels and kill few millions of them, in order to reduce this planet's population, rob every oil well in the world, then, contain and humble the prospective Chinese bogey man, as well as castrate and isolate an old nemesis namely the Russian bear.

Not surprisingly, On March 14, 2010, the Scottish Sunday Herald revealed that the US government signed a contract in January to transport 10 ammunition containers to the

island. According to a cargo manifest from the US navy, this included 387 “Blu” bombs used for blasting hardened or underground structures. [5].

Experts say that they are being put in place for an assault on Iran ’s controversial nuclear facilities. There has long been speculation that the US military is preparing for such an attack, should diplomacy fail to persuade Iran not to make nuclear weapons. Although Diego Garcia is part of the British Indian Ocean Territory, it is used by the US as a military base under an agreement made in 1971. The agreement led to 2,000 native islanders being forcibly evicted to the Seychelles and Mauritius . The Sunday Herald also reported in 2007 that stealth bomber hangers on the island were being equipped to take bunker-buster bombs. [5].

“They are gearing up totally for the destruction of Iran ,” said Dan Plesch, director of the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy at the University of London , co-author of a recent study on US preparations for an attack on Iran . He also added that “ US bombers are ready today to destroy 10,000 targets in Iran in a few hours.” Plesch also argued that the preparations were being made by the US military, but it would be up to President Obama to make the final decision. He may decide that it would be better for the US to act instead of Israel .

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