

**Obama Approval Down in Every State:** President Barack Obama's job approval rating fell seven points since last week, from 53% on February 27 to 48% on March 6. This is almost ten points lower than the average approval rating (57%) of his first year in office in 2009. This situation is worse in the individual states, with Mr. Obama's average approval lower in 2012 than it was in his first year in office, according to Gallup's recently released "State of the States" report, and was down by double digits in almost half the country.

Mr. Obama saw his 2009 rating fall the most in North Dakota (-22.4 points) and Utah (-19.9). It dropped more than the national average in 24 states (MO, AK, IN, SD, KY, KS, WV, NE, WY, IL, OK, TN, AL, AR, SC, VA, CT, MN, MA, MT, OR, AZ, PA, MD) with a decline between 15 and 10 points. He saw his rating drop the least in Colorado (-6.3) and Delaware (-5), and 22 states (ME, NV, CA, NY, ID, MI, RH, NC, FL, NM, VT, OH, NH, LA, IA, WI, TX, DC, NJ, MS, WA, HI) had a smaller decline than that of the national average.

Mr. Obama saw a double-digit decline in both conservative states like Oklahoma (-12.8), and blue states like Illinois (-12.9). Mr. Obama's rating today stands 11 points below President Bill Clinton's 59% rating at this point in his second term, largely because Mr. Obama overplayed his hand on sequester by hyping its impact and appearing to suggest no waste, fraud or inefficiency could be cut from the federal budget. If he hews to this course, his approval may drop more.

| PRESIDENT OBAMA'S GALLUP JOB APPROVAL RATING, AVG OF 2009 VS 2012 |      |      |                   |
|---|------|------|-------------------|
| STATE   | 2009 | 2012 | 2009-2012 DECLINE |
| North Dakota  | 55.3 | 32.9 | -22.4             |
| Utah  | 47.8 | 27.9 | -19.9             |
| Missouri  | 55.5 | 40.6 | -14.9             |
| Alaska  | 46   | 31.4 | -14.6             |
| Indiana   | 55.3 | 40.8 | -14.5             |
| South Dakota  | 55.8 | 42.2 | -13.6             |
| Kentucky  | 52.8 | 39.3 | -13.5             |
| Kansas  | 51.4 | 38.1 | -13.3             |
| West Virginia   | 45.9 | 32.6 | -13.3             |
| Nebraska  | 50.2 | 37   | -13.2             |
| Wyoming   | 41.6 | 28.5 | -13.1             |
| Illinois  | 65.2 | 52.3 | -12.9             |
| Oklahoma  | 48   | 35.2 | -12.8             |
| Tennessee   | 51.8 | 39.1 | -12.7             |
| Alabama   | 49.1 | 36.9 | -12.2             |
| Arkansas  | 49.2 | 37.2 | -12               |

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| South Carolina       | 56.1 | 44.2 | -11.9 |
| Virginia             | 57.7 | 45.9 | -11.8 |
| Connecticut          | 66.7 | 55.6 | -11.1 |
| Minnesota            | 61.5 | 50.4 | -11.1 |
| Massachusetts        | 66.8 | 56   | -10.8 |
| Montana              | 48.1 | 37.5 | -10.6 |
| Oregon               | 57.6 | 47.1 | -10.5 |
| Arizona              | 54.7 | 44.3 | -10.4 |
| Pennsylvania         | 57.4 | 47   | -10.4 |
| Maryland             | 68.5 | 58.2 | -10.3 |
| Georgia              | 55.6 | 45.6 | -10   |
| Maine                | 59.4 | 49.8 | -9.6  |
| Nevada               | 55.9 | 46.3 | -9.6  |
| California           | 63.7 | 54.2 | -9.5  |
| New York             | 67.2 | 57.9 | -9.3  |
| NATIONAL AVERAGE     | 57.2 | 48   | -9.2  |
| Idaho                | 43.3 | 34.2 | -9.1  |
| Michigan             | 60.2 | 51.2 | -9    |
| Rhode Island         | 66.6 | 57.7 | -8.9  |
| North Carolina       | 55.4 | 46.6 | -8.8  |
| Florida              | 56.8 | 48.1 | -8.7  |
| New Mexico           | 55.9 | 47.2 | -8.7  |
| Vermont              | 67.7 | 59.1 | -8.6  |
| Ohio                 | 55.3 | 46.8 | -8.5  |
| New Hampshire        | 54.6 | 46.2 | -8.4  |
| Louisiana            | 50   | 41.7 | -8.3  |
| Iowa                 | 57.7 | 49.5 | -8.2  |
| Wisconsin            | 57.7 | 49.7 | -8    |
| Texas                | 51.9 | 44   | -7.9  |
| District of Columbia | 90.2 | 82.4 | -7.8  |
| New Jersey           | 63   | 55.3 | -7.7  |
| Mississippi          | 51.8 | 44.4 | -7.4  |
| Washington           | 58.4 | 51.3 | -7.1  |
| Hawaii               | 70.8 | 64.2 | -6.6  |
| Colorado             | 52.3 | 46   | -6.3  |
| Delaware             | 61.1 | 56.1 | -5    |