

Democrats' Approval of Obama Slipping: While President Barack Obama's job approval rating has declined this year to an average of 44% among all Americans, down about ten points since his monthly average in January and down about 22 points since he first took office in 2009, what is surprising is his recent decline among Democrats.

As Gallup [pointed out](#) this week, the president's average job approval rating with members of his own party is down thirteen points since last December's monthly average of 91%. The last time Mr. Obama's approval was this low with his base was between August and October of 2011. The difference this time is there is no presidential election to boost his numbers.

Mr. Obama's decline among Democrats is happening across the ideological spectrum. He's down ten points among liberal Democrats, fifteen points among moderate Democrats, and fourteen points among conservative Democrats. These numbers should not only make Democratic Senators up for reelection in red states – like Senator Kay Hagan of North Carolina, or Arkansas' Senator Mark Pryor – nervous, but Democrats in purple states as well.

While Mr. Obama has a 78% approval rating among all Democrats, the decline in his base may be a sign of a bigger danger for Mr. Obama. As Gallup points out, "loss of support from a president's core supporters is an ominous sign, as they are typically the last group to abandon the president when things go sour." Republicans have been long gone and independents have followed them. Mr. Obama's problems among Democrats may be evidence he will not be able to get independents back and his friends may continue to sour on his performance, no matter how harsh the president's attack on his political opposition may get.

