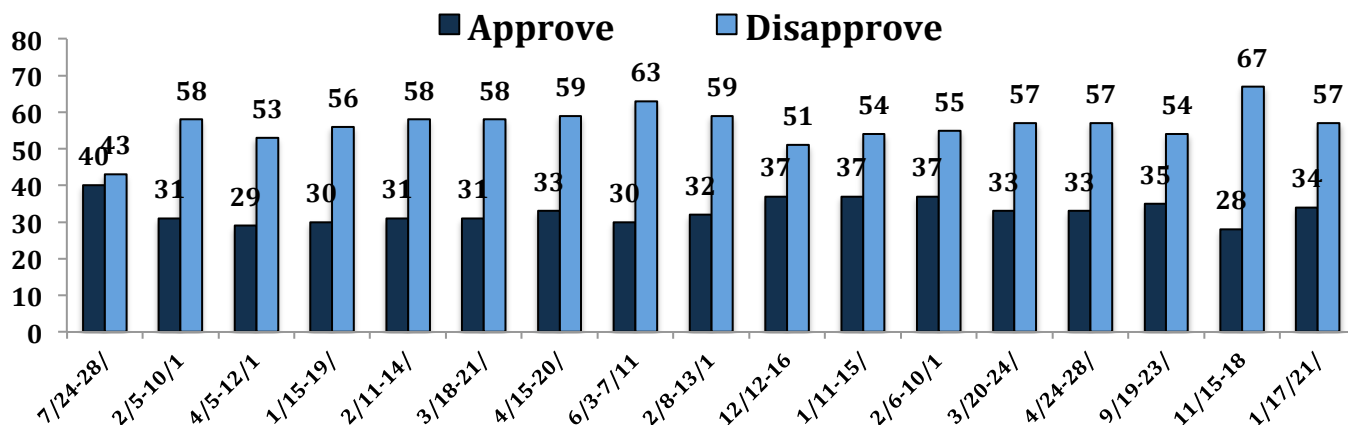


**Democrats' Approval Deficit on Handling the Budget Deficit:** This week President Barack Obama released his \$3.9 trillion FY15 budget that over the next decade calls for more spending and higher taxes. The White House spinners argue this will help fix the deficit, but that is a stretch for Americans to believe. Only 34% of Americans approve of Mr. Obama's handling of the budget deficit while 57% disapprove, according to a January 21 CBS News [poll](#). Mr. Obama's approval ratings on the deficit issue have been poor during his entire presidency.

*Do You Approve Or Disapprove Of The Way Barack Obama Is Handling The Federal Deficit?*



It is not just Mr. Obama who receives low marks on this issue. When a March 2 ABC News/Washington Post [poll](#) asked which party they trust on the issue, 39% of adults said Republicans and just 37% said Democrats. Republicans have held the edge on this issue since they took control of the House of Representatives in 2010. Considering the press has described Mr. Obama's latest budget as a "campaign document," and a "play to rally the base," it is likely Republicans will maintain the advantage on this issue in this year's elections as well.

*Which Political Party Do You Trust To Do A Better Job Handling The Federal Budget Deficit?*

