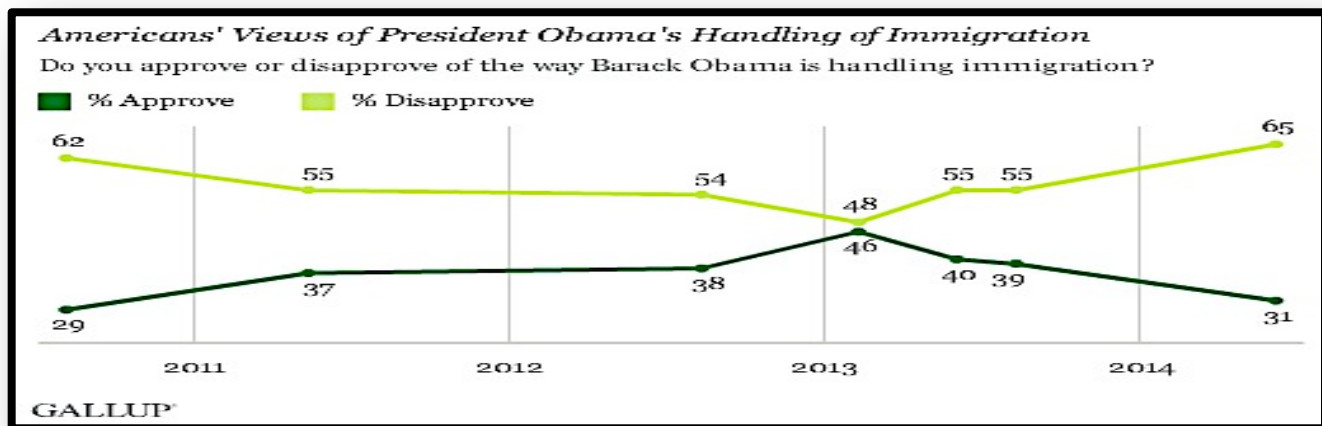


Two In Three Americans Disapprove Of Obama's Handling Of Immigration: President Barack Obama took to the podium Monday to blame Republicans for failing to address the country's broken immigration system and pledged to act on his own without Congressional authorization by the end of the summer. But a new Gallup poll shows Americans are not confident in how he is handling the issue.



Sixty-five percent of Americans told Gallup they disapprove of the way Mr. Obama is handling immigration, up ten points from August 2013 and his highest disapproval number on this topic since Gallup began asking this question in 2010. Only 31% said they approve of how he is handling the matter, just above his 2010 approval of 29%.

Mr. Obama's approval on this issue has dropped across party lines. It is no surprise only 8% of Republicans and 25% of Independents approve of the way the president is handling immigration today, down from his 15% and 33% approval with each group last August. What is unexpected is that it has also fallen among Democrats, falling to 60% today (down eight points from last year's 68%), a sign that his blame game, caustic rhetoric, and executive overreaches not only undermine solving the problem, but also undermine the confidence of his own base that he is competent on this issue.

