

Americans Would Decline Obama’s Campaign Help: President Barack Obama’s job approval rating has steadily declined and is now at 39% in Gallup’s latest daily tracking. It is no secret that many vulnerable Democratic incumbents avoid the president when he visits their states or districts, and a new Fox News poll revealed most Americans would do the same if they were Democrats running for office. When asked, “Imagine for a moment that you were running for elected office as a Democratic candidate this year – would you want President Obama to campaign for you, or not?” 57% of Americans said they would not, while just 41% said they would.

Not surprisingly, almost all self-identified Republicans (88%), Tea Partiers (85%) and conservatives (74%) would reject the president’s campaign help, but only three demographic groups had more respondents who would want his help compared to those who did not: blacks (84% compared to 12% who would not), self-identified Democrats (69% to 29%) and liberals (66% to 32%). Other coveted voting groups are also saying “no, thanks” to the president. Self-identified independents (66% no to 32% yes), women voters (59% no to 39% yes), Hispanics (53% no to 46% yes) and Millennials (52% no to 46% yes) said they would not want Mr. Obama campaigning for them if they were running today as a Democrat. Not exactly the numbers one would expect from voters part of Mr. Obama’s base in 2012. Democrats can scare women, Millennials and Hispanics about voting for Republicans, but growing frustration with the president and his policies is likely to continue undermining his standing with these voters in November.

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