CLINTON: A GROUP PORTRAIT

The bars on this spread show President Clinton's ratings when he took office, at his low point in June 1993, his high point in January 1994, and his current standing. Clinton's ratings are lower now than when he took office among virtually every group in the population.

Question: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

Percent who approve (national approval rating = 41%)

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Source: Surveys by the Gallup Organization for CNN and USA TODAY, latest that of October 18–19, 1994.
The president's rating has declined sharply in the West, among men, younger Americans, and Perot voters. Even among black Americans, a core Democratic group, the president has lost ground.

Percent who approve

**Bush voters**
- Jan. 1993: 24%
- June: 15%
- Jan. 1994: 25%
- October: 12%

**Perot voters**
- Jan. 1993: 41%
- June: 31%
- Jan. 1994: 29%
- October: 23%

**Clinton voters**
- Jan. 1993: 81%
- June: 80%
- Jan. 1994: 75%
- October: 73%

**Conservative**
- Jan. 1993: 37%
- June: 29%
- Jan. 1994: 45%
- October: 26%

**Moderate**
- Jan. 1993: 58%
- June: 36%
- Jan. 1994: 67%
- October: 47%

**Liberal**
- Jan. 1993: 74%
- June: 59%
- Jan. 1994: 67%
- October: 65%

**Suburban**
- Jan. 1993: 52%
- June: 43%
- Jan. 1994: 56%
- October: 37%

**Blacks**
- Jan. 1993: 73%
- June: 61%
- Jan. 1994: 76%
- October: 63%

**Whites**
- Jan. 1993: 51%
- June: 34%
- Jan. 1994: 55%
- October: 38%