

Poll: Obama respected by foreign leaders

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WASHINGTON -- More than 8-in-10 Americans said they think Barack Obama will represent the country well in his first overseas trip as president, a CNN poll indicated.

The CNN-Opinion Research Corp. poll released Tuesday also indicated 7-in-10 respondents said they thought leaders of other countries respect Obama, a difference from survey results concerning former President George W. Bush's standing in the world, when 49 percent said they believed foreign leaders respected Bush.

"Except for the period following the (Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist) attacks, that number never got any better for Bush," says CNN Polling Director Keating Holland. "Even among Republicans, a majority believes that other world leaders respect Obama."

Obama left Tuesday for a multi-nation visit to Europe, including a meeting of leaders of the Group of 20 industrialized countries Thursday in London.

The CNN-Opinion Research Corp. telephone poll was conducted March 12-15 with 1,019 adults. The margin of error is 3 percentage points.

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