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This is why we cooperate with so many profiles - and just wait until 19 million Americans to read PEOPLE next week...

CNN/OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION POLL
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Interviews with 1,023 adult Americans conducted by telephone on March 11-13, 2011.

Nearly two-thirds of the American public has a favorable view of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton -- one of the highest ratings she has ever had. Her all-time high was just after her husband was impeached in December, 1998, when her favorable rating reached 67%, but before then, her favorable ratings hovered in the high 40's to mid 50's. As Senator, her ratings dipped as low as 44% and never got higher than the mid-50s, and her favorability hovered around the 50% mark throughout her presidential campaign. But after Barack Obama nominated her to be Secretary of State, her rating rose to 66% and has stayed consistently above the 60% level since then. Two of her fellow Cabinet officers -- Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Defense Secretary Robert Gates -- are less well-known, which means that their favorable ratings AND their unfavorable ratings are lower than Clinton's.

CNN/OPINION RESEARCH CORPORATION POLL
March 11-13
Opinion of Hillary Clinton
Favorable 65%
Unfavorable 31%

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March 11-13
Opinion of Timothy Geithner
Favorable 25%
Unfavorable 26%
Unsure 49%

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March 11-13
Opinion of Robert Gates
Favorable 52%
Unfavorable 17%