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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...

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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.

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Opinion of Hillary Clinton

Favorable 65%

Unfavorable 31%

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Opinion of Timothy Geithner

Favorable 25%

Unfavorable 26%

Unsure 49%

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Opinion of Robert Gates

Favorable 52%

Unfavorable 17%