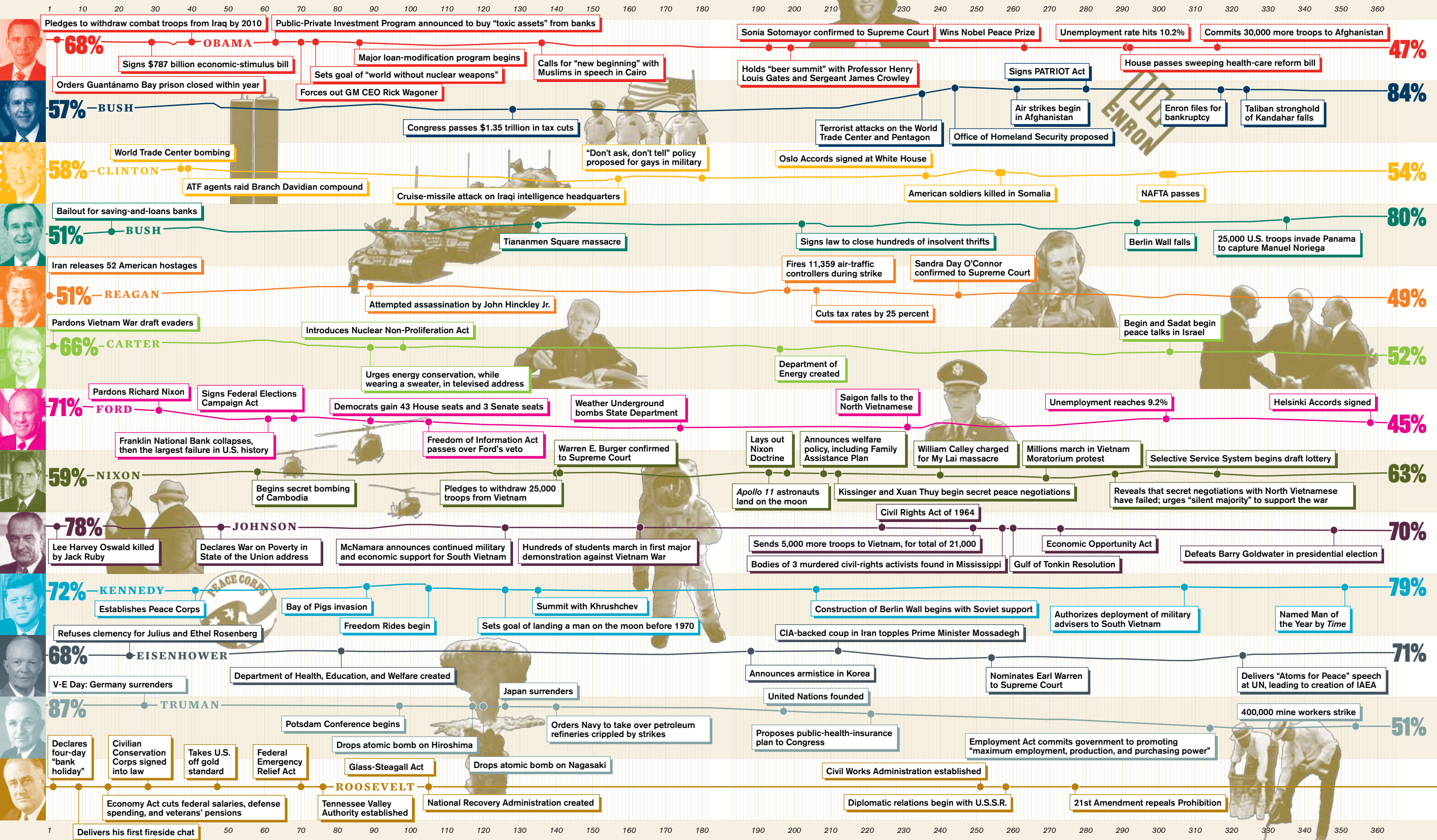


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Obama's approval ratings over his first year, in historical context

Presidents' approval ratings, as measured by Gallup, through their first 365 days. No approval-rating data available for Roosevelt.



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