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Interviews with 1,073 adult Americans, including an oversample of African-Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on May 16-18, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 505 interviews among African-Americans (plus or minus 4.5 percentage points) and 501 non-Hispanic whites (plus or minus 4.5 percentage points).

Columns in this document labeled "Whites" show results only for respondents who described themselves as white in a question on racial background and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. Columns in this document labeled "Blacks" refer to all respondents who described themselves as black or African-American regardless of their ethnic background.

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Approve	66%	58%	96%
Disapprove	29%	37%	2%
No opinion	5%	5%	1%

	<u>Apr. 23-26</u>	<u>Apr. 3-5</u>	<u>Mar. 12-15</u>	<u>Feb. 18-19</u>	<u>Feb. 7-8</u>
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>
Approve	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

5. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (RANDOM ORDER)

ALL AMERICANS

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The economy	59%	33%	6%	2%	*
Unemployment	51%	37%	10%	2%	*
The federal budget deficit	47%	33%	15%	4%	1%
Terrorism	46%	35%	16%	3%	*
Health care	45%	34%	16%	6%	*
The situation in Iraq	35%	39%	20%	5%	*
The situation in Afghanistan	35%	42%	17%	5%	1%
Inflation	34%	36%	21%	7%	2%
The problems facing banks and other financial institutions	34%	36%	21%	8%	*
Abortion	22%	18%	27%	31%	1%
Race relations	18%	26%	34%	21%	1%
Gay marriage	16%	13%	21%	49%	1%

BLACKS

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The economy	61%	32%	5%	2%	*
Unemployment	58%	38%	2%	2%	*
Health care	57%	36%	3%	4%	*
The federal budget deficit	57%	27%	7%	9%	*
Terrorism	54%	28%	13%	5%	*
The situation in Iraq	45%	31%	12%	11%	1%
The situation in Afghanistan	45%	30%	10%	14%	1%
The problems facing banks and other financial institutions	44%	37%	12%	8%	*
Inflation	43%	36%	11%	8%	1%
Race relations	41%	31%	17%	10%	*
Abortion	33%	23%	15%	29%	1%
Gay marriage	23%	15%	16%	46%	1%

5. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The economy					
May 16-18, 2009	59%	33%	6%	2%	*
<i>Whites</i>	58%	32%	7%	2%	*
<i>Blacks</i>	61%	32%	5%	2%	*
February 18-19, 2009	70%	25%	3%	2%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	61%	33%	5%	2%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	58%	35%	6%	1%	*
*Jan. 14-17, 2008	45%	41%	12%	2%	*
*Nov. 2-4, 2007	34%	48%	16%	2%	*
*May 4-6, 2007	33%	46%	16%	4%	*
January 19-21, 2007	38%	41%	18%	3%	1%
**October 27-29, 2006	33%	40%	21%	5%	*
**October 13-15, 2006	33%	45%	18%	4%	1%
**September 22-24, 2006	32%	42%	21%	4%	*
**August 2-3, 2006	40%	42%	15%	3%	*
**May 16-17, 2006	33%	44%	18%	4%	1%

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2006 Jan 20-22	46%	41%	11%	1%	*
**2006 Jan 6-8	38%	45%	14%	1%	1%
2005 Dec 9-11	47%	34%	17%	2%	*
**2005 Oct 21-23	43%	41%	15%	1%	*
2005 Apr 1-2	41%	46%	11%	1%	1%
2005 Feb 4-6	44%	44%	11%	1%	*
2004 Dec 17-19	40%	46%	13%	1%	*
2003 Jan 3-5	49%	42%	8%	1%	*
**2002 Sep 20-22	37%	44%	17%	2%	*
**2002 Aug 19-21	34%	44%	17%	3%	2%
2002 May 28-29	38%	45%	14%	2%	1%
2002 Jan 11-14	44%	43%	11%	1%	1%
2001 Oct 5-6	54%	36%	10%	*	*
2001 Jan 10-14	34%	51%	12%	2%	1%

***QUESTION WORDING:** How important will each of the following be to your vote for President -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important?

****QUESTION WORDING:** How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (August and September, 2002 wording: "Economic conditions")

5. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The situation in Iraq					
May 16-18, 2009	35%	39%	20%	5%	*
<i>Whites</i>	38%	36%	22%	5%	*
<i>Blacks</i>	45%	31%	12%	11%	1%
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** Sept. 20-22, 2002	42%	36%	15%	6%	1%
**2002 Aug 19-21	32%	41%	18%	7%	2%

The situation in Afghanistan

May 16-18, 2009	35%	42%	17%	5%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	38%	41%	16%	4%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	45%	30%	10%	14%	1%
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**QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (August and September, 2002 wording: "The possibility of war with Iraq")

5. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Terrorism					
May 16-18, 2009	46%	35%	16%	3%	*
<i>Whites</i>	47%	34%	15%	3%	*
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**2002 Aug 19-21	45%	37%	12%	5%	1%
2002 May 28-29	53%	35%	9%	2%	1%
2002 Jan 11-14	62%	31%	5%	1%	1%
2001 Oct 5-6	70%	25%	45	1%	*

***QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for President -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? RESULTS FOR REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY.**

****QUESTION WORDING: How important will each of the following be to your vote for Congress this year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (August, September 2002 wording: "The war on terrorism")**

5. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Health care					
May 16-18, 2009	45%	34%	16%	6%	*
<i>Whites</i>	42%	34%	17%	7%	*
<i>Blacks</i>	57%	36%	3%	4%	*
February 18-19, 2009	48%	29%	17%	6%	*
*October 17-19, 2008	44%	38%	13%	4%	*
*June 26-29, 2008	47%	36%	14%	3%	*
*Jan. 14-17, 2008	41%	36%	19%	4%	*
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2005 Apr 1-2	46%	42%	9%	2%	1%
2005 Feb 4-6	49%	39%	11%	1%	*
2004 Dec 17-19	42%	45%	12%	1%	*
2003 Jan 3-5	45%	36%	17%	1%	1%
**2002 Sept. 20-22	35%	39%	22%	4%	*
2001 Jan. 10-14	38%	47%	12%	2%	*

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	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Unemployment					
May 16-18, 2009	51%	37%	10%	2%	*
<i>Whites</i>	51%	33%	12%	3%	*
<i>Blacks</i>	58%	38%	2%	2%	*

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Unemployment

2004 Dec 17-19*	35	42	17	5	1
2003 Jan 3-5*	39	41	18	2	*

* Asked of a half sample.

Inflation

May 16-18, 2009	34%	36%	21%	7%	2%
<i>Whites</i>	34%	35%	22%	8%	2%
<i>Blacks</i>	43%	36%	11%	8%	1%

The problems facing banks and other financial institutions

May 16-18, 2009	34%	36%	21%	8%	*
<i>Whites</i>	33%	32%	25%	10%	*
<i>Blacks</i>	44%	37%	12%	8%	*

Race relations

May 16-18, 2009	18%	26%	34%	21%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	15%	24%	35%	24%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	41%	31%	17%	10%	*

5. How important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- will it be extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Moderately Important</u>	<u>Not that Important</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The federal budget deficit					
May 16-18, 2009	47%	33%	15%	4%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	45%	33%	18%	3%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	57%	27%	7%	9%	*
January 19-21, 2007	37%	37%	20%	4%	1%

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The federal budget deficit

2004 Dec 17-19*	35	42	18	3	2
2003 Jan 3-5*	32	36	25	5	2
2002 May 28-29 *	25	37	28	8	2
2002 Jan 11-14	30	35	28	5	2

* Asked of a half sample.

Abortion

May 16-18, 2009	22%	18%	27%	31%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	23%	14%	27%	34%	2%
<i>Blacks</i>	33%	23%	15%	29%	1%

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Abortion

2004 Dec 17-19 *	19	22	24	32	3
2003 Jan 3-5*	17	20	26	34	3
2001 Jan 10-14	19	30	29	19	3

* Asked of a half sample.

Gay marriage

May 16-18, 2009	16%	13%	21%	49%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	18%	11%	19%	51%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	23%	15%	16%	46%	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

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Same-sex marriages or civil unions

2005 Feb 4-6	23	17	21	38	1
2004 Dec 17-19*	16	19	17	46	2

* Asked of a half sample.

6. Regardless of whether you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama, do you think he has met your expectations for how he would handle his job as president, or has he exceeded your expectations, or has he fallen short of your expectations?

	<u>Met</u>	<u>Exceeded</u>	<u>Fallen Short</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
May 16-18, 2009	52%	17%	28%	2%
<i>Whites</i>	46%	16%	35%	2%
<i>Blacks</i>	63%	30%	6%	1%
Feb. 18-19, 2009	58%	16%	23%	2%

7. Thinking specifically about the effect of Barack Obama's election as president on relations between black and whites in this country, do you think his election is the start of a new era of better race relations, or do you think his election will result in some improvement in race relations, but not start a new era, or do you think his election will create no real change in race relations in this country, or do you think that his election will make race relations worse?

	<u>New era in Race relations</u>	<u>Some improvement</u>	<u>No real improvement</u>	<u>Race relations worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 16-18, 2009	24%	45%	24%	7%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	19%	46%	26%	8%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	44%	37%	16%	2%	*
January 12-15, 2009	28%	44%	21%	6%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	25%	44%	24%	6%	*
<i>Blacks</i>	44%	36%	13%	5%	2%
November 6-9, 2008	34%	43%	14%	9%	*
<i>Whites</i>	31%	44%	15%	10%	*
<i>Blacks</i>	51%	45%	3%	1%	*

8. Thinking about how the American public has judged Barack Obama during his presidency so far, do you think Obama is being held to a higher standard than previous presidents because he is black, or do you think he is being held to a lower standard than previous presidents because he is black, or do you think his race has not affected how the American public views Obama?

	<u>Higher standard</u>	<u>Lower standard</u>	<u>Race will have no affect</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 16-18, 2009	33%	12%	54%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	27%	13%	58%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	57%	8%	34%	1%
January 12-15, 2009*	33%	8%	58%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	29%	9%	61%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	53%	5%	42%	*

**QUESTION WORDING: Thinking about how the American public will judge Barack Obama during his presidency, do you think Obama will be held to a higher standard than previous presidents because he is black, or do you think he will be held to a lower standard than previous presidents because he is black, or do you think his race will not affect how the American public views Obama?*

9. How serious a problem do you think racial discrimination against blacks is in this country -- a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not too serious, or not at all serious?

	<u>Very Serious</u>	<u>Somewhat Serious</u>	<u>Not too Serious</u>	<u>Not at all Serious</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
May 16-18, 2009	23%	37%	29%	11%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	17%	39%	30%	13%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	55%	28%	14%	2%	*
November 6-9, 2008	13%	41%	33%	12%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	8%	41%	38%	12%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	38%	48%	9%	4%	*
March 26-April 2, 2008	17%	46%	27%	9%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	11%	46%	32%	10%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	43%	44%	9%	3%	*
January 14-17, 2008	19%	44%	29%	7%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	12%	45%	33%	9%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	56%	34%	9%	1%	*

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	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Somewhat serious</u>	<u>Not too serious</u>	<u>Not at al serious</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>Total</u>					
1996 Aug 5-7	23	46	22	5	4
1996 Jul 25-28	22	48	24	5	1
1996 Jul 18-21	25	47	22	4	2
1996 Jun 27-30	26	48	20	3	3
1995 Oct 5-7	23	52	17	4	4
<u>Blacks</u>					
2000 Aug 4-6 (RV)	60	32	6	*	2
1995 October 5-7	45	36	11	2	6

(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

10. Do you think that relations between blacks and whites will always be a problem for the United States, or that a solution will eventually be worked out?

	<u>Always a problem</u>	<u>Solution will be worked out</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
May 16-18, 2009	43%	54%	3%
<i>Whites</i>	42%	56%	2%
<i>Blacks</i>	45%	50%	5%
January 12-15, 2009	45%	55%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	41%	59%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	52%	47%	*
November 6-9, 2008	43%	56%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	41%	57%	2%
<i>Blacks</i>	44%	55%	1%
March 26-April 2, 2008	42%	56%	2%
<i>Whites</i>	41%	57%	2%
<i>Blacks</i>	51%	48%	1%
January 14-17, 2008	44%	55%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	43%	57%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	52%	47%	1%

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	<u>Always a problem</u>	<u>Eventually worked out</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>All Adults</u>			
2005 Jun 6-25	46	50	4
2004 Jun 9-30	45	51	4
2002 Dec 9-2003 Feb 11	47	50	3
2001 Mar 23-May 16	47	48	5
1999 Sep 24-Nov 16	52	44	4
1998 Aug 13-Oct 26	56	41	3
1997 Jan 4-Feb 28	55	42	3
1995 Oct 19-22	68	29	3
1995 Oct 5-7	54	41	5
1993 Aug 23-25	53	44	3
<u>Blacks</u>			
2005 Jun 6-25	57	41	2
2004 Jun 9-30	57	41	2
2002 Dec 9-2003 Feb 11	59	39	2
2001 Mar 23-May 16	66	32	2
1999 Sep 24-Nov 16	59	36	5
1998 Aug 13-Oct 26	58	38	4
1997 Jan 4-Feb 28	58	38	4
1995 Oct 19-22	64	33	3
1995 Oct 5-7	55	41	4
1993 Aug 23-25	55	44	1
<u>Whites</u>			
2005 Jun 6-25	46	51	3
2004 Jun 9-30	44	52	4
2005 Jun 6-25	45	52	3
2004 Jun 9-30	44	52	4
2002 Dec 9-2003 Feb 11	46	51	3
2001 Mar 23-May 16	45	50	5
1999 Sep 24-Nov 16	51	45	4
1998 Aug 13-Oct 26	57	41	2
1997 Jan 4-Feb 28	54	42	4
1995 Oct 19-22	68	29	3
1995 Oct 5-7	55	40	5
1993 Aug 23-25	53	44	3

11. Do you think relations between blacks and whites in the U.S. have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed the same since Barack Obama became president?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Gotten better	32%	30%	37%
Gotten worse	6%	6%	2%
Stayed the same	59%	61%	60%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%

BASED ON 110 WHITES AND 156 BLACKS WHO HAVE CHILDREN AGE 18 AND YOUNGER --
 SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 7% PTS. FOR WHITES AND +/-8% PTS FOR BLACKS.

12. Do you expect your children will be better off or worse off than you when they reach your current stage of life?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>			<u>Mar. 26-Apr. 2, 2008</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Better off	66%	59%	86%	71%	70%	73%
Worse off	28%	36%	7%	21%	23%	17%
Same (vol.)	6%	4%	7%	5%	5%	9%
No opinion	*	*	*	3%	2%	1%

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	<u>Better</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2000 Aug 11-12	64	6	23	7

13. Would you say you feel financially secure enough to provide sufficiently for your children, or don't you feel that way?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>			<u>Mar. 26-Apr. 2, 2008</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Yes, feel financially secure	64%	69%	51%	68%	72%	55%
No do not	34%	31%	42%	30%	27%	42%
No opinion	2%	*	6%	1%	1%	3%

14. Please tell me whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not confident at all about each of the following?

	<u>Very Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not too Confident</u>	<u>Not confident At All</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
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a. (ASKED OF ALL) Your ability to maintain your current standard of living over the next year

May 16-18, 2009	41%	37%	16%	6%	*
<i>Whites</i>	38%	38%	16%	8%	*
<i>Blacks</i>	57%	31%	10%	2%	*
Mar. 12-15, 2009	39%	42%	15%	4%	*
Mar. 14-16, 2008	45%	38%	12%	4%	*

b. (ASKED OF ALL) Your ability to maintain your current standard of living over the next ten years

May 16-18, 2009	31%	44%	17%	7%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	29%	44%	18%	9%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	50%	32%	15%	3%	1%
Mar. 12-15, 2009	38%	43%	14%	4%	1%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	34%	40%	18%	6%	1%

c. Your ability to meet your monthly mortgage payments for the duration of that mortgage (BASED ON 273 WHO HAVE A MORTGAGE -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 6 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

May 16-18, 2009	52%	38%	4%	5%	1%
<i>Whites</i>	51%	40%	3%	5%	1%
<i>Blacks</i>	46%	46%	4%	1%	3%
Mar. 12-15, 2009	50%	39%	5%	5%	1%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	58%	32%	6%	4%	1%

- d. Your ability to pay off all of your debts, including college loans, car payments and credit cards, but not including any mortgage (ASKED OF THOSE WITH A MORTGAGE)
- e. Your ability to pay off all of your debts, including college loans, car payments and credit cards(ASKED OF THOSE WITH NO MORTGAGE)

	<u>Very Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat Confident</u>	<u>Not too Confident</u>	<u>Not confident At All</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
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COMBINED RESPONSE FOR ITEMS D AND E:

May 16-18, 2009	55%	30%	7%	5%	4%
<i>Whites</i>	57%	28%	6%	4%	5%
<i>Blacks</i>	49%	38%	9%	3%	2%
Mar. 12-15, 2009	50%	34%	7%	6%	3%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	56%	27%	10%	4%	2%

- f. The chances that your current employer will NOT have to lay YOU off in the next six months (BASED ON 308 WHO ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 5.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

May 16-18, 2009	60%	23%	8%	7%	2%
<i>Whites</i>	65%	21%	7%	5%	2%
<i>Blacks</i>	54%	24%	18%	2%	3%
Mar. 12-15, 2009	57%	29%	9%	3%	2%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	69%	16%	10%	5%	1%

15. Which of the following statements best describes you:

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>			<u>Apr. 23-26 2009</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	
You or someone in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months	20%	19%	23%	23%
No one in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months, but you are worried that may happen in the near future	21%	21%	21%	28%
No one in your household has lost a job in the past 12 months and you are not worried that will happen in the near future	58%	59%	52%	48%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	1%

16. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
You feel as if you have achieved the American dream	44%	49%	32%
You have not achieved the American dream but you feel that you will do so eventually	38%	33%	55%
You feel that you will never achieve the American dream	15%	16%	12%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%

17. Do you think the current recession has hurt whites more than blacks, or hurt blacks more than whites, or do you think the recession has had the same effect on whites and blacks?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Hurt whites more than blacks	8%	7%	9%
Hurt blacks more than whites	12%	11%	18%
Has had the same effect on both	80%	82%	72%
No opinion	1%	1%	*

18. (ASKED OF BLACKS ONLY) Have you yourself ever been a victim of discrimination because you are black or not?

	May 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 26-Apr. 2 <u>2008</u>	Dec. 5-7 <u>2006</u>
Yes	53%	56%	51%
No	46%	43%	48%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%

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Have you yourself ever been a victim of discrimination because you are black?

	Feb. 19-20 <u>2003</u>	Sept 23-Oct.2 <u>1997</u>
Yes	51%	53%
No	44%	45%
Not sure	5%	2%

18. (ASKED OF BLACKS ONLY) Have you yourself ever been a victim of discrimination because you are black or not?

19. (IF YES) Have you been a victim of discrimination in the past five years, or has that not happened to you in the past five years?

QUESTIONS 18 AND 19 COMBINED

	May 16-18 <u>2009</u>
Victim in past five years	24%
Victim but not in past five years	29%
Not a victim (from Q18)	46%
No opinion	1%

20. Looking back over the last ten years, do you think the quality of life for black men has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>			<u>Mar. 26-Apr. 2, 2008</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Better	55%	58%	36%	56%	60%	35%
Same	32%	31%	39%	29%	29%	28%
Worse	10%	8%	23%	12%	9%	35%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%

21. Looking back over the last ten years, do you think the quality of life for black women has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>			<u>Mar. 26-Apr. 2, 2008</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Better	63%	65%	60%	69%	70%	65%
Same	28%	28%	33%	24%	23%	23%
Worse	6%	4%	8%	5%	5%	10%
No opinion	3%	3%	*	2%	2%	2%

22. Who do you think is treated more harshly in this country's criminal justice system -- blacks or whites -- or are they treated about the same?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Blacks treated more harshly	50%	43%	71%
Whites treated more harshly	3%	4%	1%
Both races treated the same	46%	53%	26%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%

	<u>Mar. 26-Apr. 2, 2008</u>			<u>Oct. 12-14, 2007</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Blacks treated more harshly	50%	44%	75%	52%	47%	79%
Whites treated more harshly	1%	2%	*	3%	3%	1%
Both races treated the same	46%	53%	24%	43%	48%	19%
No opinion	2%	2%	*	2%	3%	*

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Blacks treated more harshly			
July 20-23, 1995	49	77	45
October 13-18, 1993	40	70	35
Whites treated more harshly			
July 20-23, 1995	5	0	6
October 13-18, 1993	4	0	5
About the same			
July 20-23, 1995	41	21	44
October 13-18, 1993	53	24	57
No opinion			
July 20-23, 1995	5	2	5
October 13-18, 1993	3	2	3

23. Do you think whites have an unfair economic advantage over blacks in this country, or don't you think so?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Whites have an unfair economic advantage over blacks	34%	29%	52%
Whites do not have an unfair economic advantage over blacks	64%	68%	46%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%

24. Think back to a time several years ago when the 2008 presidential election had not gotten under way and Barack Obama was a relatively unknown politician who had not begun his presidential campaign. At that time, if you had been asked to make a realistic assessment of the chances that someone who is black would ever be elected president of the United States, how would you have responded? Would you have said that it was very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely or not likely at all that someone who is black would become president in your lifetime?

	<u>May 16-18, 2009</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>Blacks</u>
Very likely	31%	35%	24%
Somewhat likely	34%	36%	24%
Not very likely	19%	16%	22%
Not likely at all	15%	12%	29%
No opinion	*	1%	*

25. (ASKED OF BLACKS ONLY) How important is it to you to buy products or services from businesses that are owned and operated entirely by blacks -- very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

May 16-18
2009

Very important	28%
Somewhat important	27%
Not very important	14%
Not important at all	31%
No opinion	*

26. (ASKED OF BLACKS ONLY) Suppose there were two businesses that provided the same quality of products or services. If one were owned by blacks but it charged more money, how likely is it that you would spend your money with that business -- very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

May 16-18
2009

Very likely	10%
Somewhat likely	23%
Not very likely	25%
Not likely at all	41%
No opinion	1%