



Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans, including 928 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on November 13-15, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

5. Which of the following comes closer to your view of the budget deficit -- the government should run a deficit if necessary when the country is in a recession and is at war, or the government should balance the budget even when the country is in a recession and is at war?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	Jan 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Run a deficit	30%	33%
Balance the budget	67%	65%
No opinion	4%	1%

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	Run a deficit <u>if necessary</u>	Balance <u>the budget</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
(NA) 2002 Jan 11-14*	51	46	3

*Asked of half sample

6. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Nov. 13-15</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Oct. 16-18</u> <u>2009</u>			
Very good	1%	2%			
Somewhat good	17%	14%			
Somewhat poor	39%	42%			
Very poor	43%	42%			
No opinion	*	*			
	<u>July 31-Aug. 3</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>June 26-28</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Apr. 23-26</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Mar. 12-15</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Jan. 12-15</u> <u>2009</u>
Very good	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Somewhat good	19%	18%	16%	10%	11%
Somewhat poor	44%	39%	46%	41%	36%
Very poor	35%	41%	37%	48%	50%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
	<u>Dec. 19-21</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct. 30-Nov. 1</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Oct. 3-5</u> <u>2008*</u>	<u>Sept. 19-21</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Aug 23-24</u> <u>2008</u>
Very good	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%
Somewhat good	6%	13%	14%	18%	21%
Somewhat poor	27%	29%	31%	34%	32%
Very poor	66%	54%	53%	47%	43%
No opinion	*	2%	*	*	*
	<u>June 4-5</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Mar. 14-16</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Jan. 14-17</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>Dec. 6-9</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Sept. 7-9</u> <u>2007</u>
Very good	3%	4%	4%	6%	9%
Somewhat good	19%	22%	36%	40%	45%
Somewhat poor	39%	35%	40%	33%	28%
Very poor	39%	40%	19%	21%	17%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*
	<u>Aug. 6-8</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>May 4-6</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Mar. 9-11</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Jan. 19-21</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Nov. 3-5</u> <u>2006</u>
Very good	11%	18%	10%	15%	8%
Somewhat good	45%	43%	42%	48%	41%
Somewhat poor	26%	25%	31%	23%	32%
Very poor	17%	14%	15%	13%	18%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	<u>Oct. 27-29</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Sep. 23-24</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Aug. 30-Sep. 2</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Jun. 14-15</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>May 7-9</u> <u>2006</u>
Very good	13%	12%	9%	9%	10%
Somewhat good	49%	47%	35%	42%	42%
Somewhat poor	24%	26%	34%	31%	26%
Very poor	13%	15%	22%	16%	21%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	1%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

*Asked of a half sample.

7. Do you think the Democrats or the Republicans are more responsible for the country's current economic problems? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Democrats	27%	27%	23%	21%	22%
Republican	38%	41%	44%	53%	50%
Both equally (vol.)	27%	26%	24%	22%	20%
Neither (vol.)	6%	4%	7%	4%	6%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%

8. Do you think Barack Obama's policies have improved economic conditions, worsened economic conditions, or had no effect on economic conditions in the country? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>
Improved economic conditions	36%	39%	37%
Worsened economic conditions	28%	34%	23%
No effect on economic conditions	35%	27%	40%
No opinion	2%	1%	*