



Interviews with 1,160 adult Americans, including an oversample of African-Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 16-20, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 259 interviews among African-Americans (plus or minus 6 percentage points) and 786 non-Hispanic whites (plus or minus 3.5 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.

Trend results for racial groups are shown only for polls which had enough African-American respondents to produce statistically valid results.

FOR RELEASE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT NOON

8. Do you think big financial institutions such as major banks and insurance companies do or do not have too much influence over decisions made by the Obama administration?

	<u>Dec. 16-20, 2009</u>			<u>Apr. 23-26</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>2009</u>
Do	61%	53%	64%	58%
Do not	36%	42%	33%	37%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	5%

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

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
ALL AMERICANS					
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*
Mar. 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*
Mar. 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%
BLACKS					
Dec. 16-20, 2009	4%	42%	33%	21%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	5%	38%	34%	22%	1%
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	9%	26%	66%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	2%	30%	43%	25%	*
WHITES					
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	13%	40%	46%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	1%	15%	44%	39%	*
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	10%	37%	51%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	5%	37%	41%	17%	*

(CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<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.

14. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
ALL AMERICANS					
Dec. 16-20, 2009	5%	53%	25%	18%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	8%	50%	26%	14%	1%
Apr. 23-26, 2009	7%	54%	27%	12%	1%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	6%	49%	29%	16%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	4%	58%	29%	7%	3%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	6%	58%	25%	11%	1%
June 4-5, 2008	6%	46%	28%	18%	2%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	10%	50%	24%	14%	1%
Dec. 6-9, 2007	7%	43%	30%	19%	1%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	11%	51%	23%	13%	2%
Aug. 6-8, 2007	12%	48%	25%	13%	2%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	43%	28%	14%	5%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	48%	26%	10%	4%
Sept. 22-24, 2006	12%	50%	26%	9%	3%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	11%	45%	25%	17%	2%
BLACKS					
Dec. 16-20, 2009	16%	67%	10%	7%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	25%	51%	13%	7%	4%
WHITES					
Dec. 16-20, 2009	2%	51%	27%	20%	1%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	5%	48%	31%	15%	1%

(CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<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	15	45	25	12	3	60	37
2005 Sep 8-11*	8	41	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Apr 29-May 1	8	43	29	19	1	51	48
2004 Dec 17-19	17	43	24	15	1	60	39
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	18	49	18	11	4	67	29
2003 Dec 5-7	22	51	19	7	1	73	26
2003 Oct 10-12	12	52	22	12	2	64	34
2003 Mar 14-15	9	49	25	15	2	58	40
2003 Feb 24-26	9	46	26	16	3	55	42
2002 Dec 9-10	12	53	21	11	3	65	32
2002 Oct 21-22	7	58	21	9	5	65	30
2002 Sep 20-22	14	57	20	7	2	71	27
2002 Jun 28-30	13	58	21	6	2	71	27
2002 Apr 5-7	17	60	15	5	3	77	20
2002 Jan 11-14	15	63	16	5	1	78	21
2001 Dec 14-16	17	59	14	7	3	76	21
2001 Sep 21-22	21	56	15	5	3	77	20
2001 Apr 20-24	16	54	18	9	3	70	27
2001 Feb 9-11	18	53	21	6	2	71	27
2001 Jan 15-16	13	55	22	8	2	68	30
2000 Jun 6-7	24	56	10	5	5	80	15
2000 Mar 10-12	24	55	13	4	4	79	17
1999 Jun 25-27	21	55	15	7	2	76	22
1999 Jan 8-10	25	56	12	4	3	81	16
1998 Jul 7-8	19	54	14	7	6	73	21
1997 Oct 27-29	20	55	18	4	3	75	22

* Asked of a half sample.

15. Which do you think should be more important for the Obama administration: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 507 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 6-9 <u>2008</u>
Reducing the deficit, even if it might slow down economic recovery	40%	31%
Stimulating economic recovery, even if it might mean less deficit reduction	57%	66%
No opinion	3%	3%

**QUESTION WORDING:* Which do you think should be more important for the new Obama administration?

16. Which do you think should be more important for the Obama administration:: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 504 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>
Reduce deficit even if unemployment remains high	25%
Create more jobs even if it means less deficit reduction	74%
No opinion	1%

17. In general, do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of government regulation of business and industry? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 507 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008</u>
Too much	50%	39%	38%
Too little	30%	39%	42%
Right amount	18%	20%	19%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>Right amount</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 Sep 5-8	35	31	31	3
2002 Jun 28-30	32	33	30	5
2002 Feb 8-10	28	30	39	3
2001 Sep 7-10	41	17	38	4
1993 Mar 22-24	37	28	30	5
<u>Los Angeles Times</u>				
1991 Apr	27	29	36	8
1981 Mar	54	18	14	14

18. In general, do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of government regulation of the stock market and financial institutions? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 504 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Dec. 16-20 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008</u>
Too much	29%	22%	26%
Too little	45%	59%	50%
Right amount	23%	18%	21%
No opinion	3%	1%	3%

19. In general, do you think blacks have as good a chance as white people in your community to get any kind of job for which they are qualified, or don't you think they have as good a chance?

Dec. 16-20, 2009

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>
Yes, good chance	72%	45%	76%
No, not a good chance	26%	54%	22%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	Yes, as good <u>a chance</u>	No, not as <u>good a chance</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
1995 Oct 19-22	71	25	4
1995 Mar 17-19	64	32	4
1993 Aug. 23-25	65	31	4
1989 Dec 7-10	65	28	7
1978 July	67	24	9
1963 Mar	43	48	9
Whites			
1995 Oct 19-22	75	21	4
1995 Mar 17-19	68	27	5
1993 Aug. 23-25	70	27	3
1963 Mar	46	44	10
Blacks			
1995 Oct 19-22	52	45	3
1995 Mar 17-19	36	62	2
1993 Aug. 23-25	30	66	4
1963 Mar	24	74	2