



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.

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5. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman				
December 16-20, 2009	31%	34%	17%	17%
<i>Blacks</i>	17%	33%	26%	23%
<i>Whites</i>	37%	35%	10%	17%
December 2-3, 2009	40%	28%	15%	17%
Aug. 29-31, 2008*	35%	37%	8%	20%
November 17-19, 2007*	48%	21%	15%	15%

*QUESTION WORDING: "Joe Lieberman"

(QUESTIONS 10 AND 11 ROTATED)

10. Do you think the policies being proposed by the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House and Senate would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Direction</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
December 16-20, 2009	51%	46%	3%
<i>Blacks</i>	82%	16%	3%
<i>Whites</i>	42%	53%	4%
August 28-31, 2009	52%	45%	3%
May 14-17, 2009	57%	40%	3%
September 7-9, 2007	50%	39%	11%
April 10-12, 2007	49%	39%	12%
January 19-21, 2007	51%	31%	17%
December 15-17, 2006	49%	39%	12%
October 13-15, 2006	53%	35%	12%
August 2-3, 2006	41%	44%	15%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	44	43	14
2005 Feb 4-6	41	43	16
2002 Nov 8-10	47	36	17
2001 Aug 24-26	51	36	13

11. Do you think the policies being proposed by the Republican leaders in the U.S. House and Senate would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Direction</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
December 16-20, 2009	42%	53%	5%
<i>Blacks</i>	34%	62%	4%
<i>Whites</i>	43%	51%	6%
August 28-31, 2009	43%	49%	8%
May 14-17, 2009	39%	53%	8%
October 13-15, 2006	36%	53%	12%
August 2-3, 2006	43%	43%	15%

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	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	40	50	10
2005 Feb 4-6	50	36	14
2001 Aug 24-26	49	38	13
1999 Oct 8-10	54	35	11
1998 Nov 13-15	43	40	17
1998 Oct 23-25	47	33	20
1998 Jul 7-8	43	28	29
1997 Dec 18-21	44	36	20
1997 Apr 18-20	46	39	15
1996 Apr 9-10	45	41	14
1995 Dec 15-18	44	44	12
1995 Nov 6-8	44	41	15
1995 Sep 22-24	41	44	15
1995 Mar 27-29	53	37	10
1995 Feb 24-26	52	33	15
1994 Nov 28-29	55	27	18

1994-1999: Asked as a stand alone question.

12. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right -- just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	<u>Dec. 16-20, 2009</u>			<u>Dec. 19-21</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Blacks</u>	<u>Whites</u>	<u>2008</u>
Just about always	2%	7%	2%	3%
Most of the time	18%	20%	16%	22%
Only some of the time	72%	65%	73%	66%
Never (vol.)	8%	8%	9%	9%
No opinion	*	*	*	*

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	<u>Just about</u>	<u>Most of</u>	<u>Only some</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No</u>
	<u>always</u>	<u>the time</u>	<u>of the time</u>	<u>(vol.)</u>	<u>opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	4	28	64	3	1
2005 Jun 16-19	4	26	65	5	*
2003 Oct 24-26	4	33	58	4	1
2002 Sep 2-4	8	38	52	2	*
2002 Jun 17-19	6	39	51	3	1
2001 Oct 5-6	13	47	38	1	1
2000 Jul 6-9	4	38	56	2	*
1999 Feb 4-8	5	29	64	2	*
1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	6	33	59	2	*
1997 May 30-Jun 1	3	29	65	2	1
1996 May 9-12	2	24	69	4	1
1995 Aug 4-7	2	20	71	5	2
1994 Jun 3-6	3	14	73	9	1
1994 Jan 28-30	1	19	74	5	1
1993 Mar 22-24	3	20	75	2	*
1992 Jun 4-8	2	21	71	4	2

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	<u>always</u>	<u>the time</u>	<u>of the time</u>	<u>(vol.)</u>	<u>opinion</u>
1990	3	25	68	2	2
1988	4	37	56	2	1
1986	3	35	58	2	2
1984	4	40	53	1	2
1982	2	31	62	2	3
1980	2	23	69	4	2
1978	2	27	64	4	3
1976	3	30	62	1	4
1974	2	34	61	1	2
1972	5	48	44	1	2
1970	7	47	44	*	2
1968	7	54	37	*	2
1966	17	48	28	3	4
1964	14	62	22	*	2
1958	16	57	23	*	4