



Interviews with 1,023 adult Americans, including 954 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on February 12-15, 2010. 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.

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

	Feb 12-15 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 13-15 <u>2006</u>
Our system of government is broken and cannot be fixed	5%	7%
Our system of government is broken but can be fixed	81%	71%
Our system of government is not broken	14%	22%
No opinion	1%	*

38. 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>Just about always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Only some of the time</u>	<u>Never (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
February 12-15, 2010	2%	24%	69%	5%	*
December 16-20, 2009	2%	18%	72%	8%	*
December 19-21, 2008	3%	22%	66%	9%	*

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS						UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN NATIONAL ELECTION STUDY TRENDS					
	<u>Al- ways</u>	<u>Most</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Never (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Al- ways</u>	<u>Most</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Never (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	4	28	64	3	1	1990	3	25	68	2	2
2005 Jun 16-19	4	26	65	5	*	1988	4	37	56	2	1
2003 Oct 24-26	4	33	58	4	1	1986	3	35	58	2	2
2002 Sep 2-4	8	38	52	2	*	1984	4	40	53	1	2
2002 Jun 17-19	6	39	51	3	1	1982	2	31	62	2	3
2001 Oct 5-6	13	47	38	1	1	1980	2	23	69	4	2
2000 Jul 6-9	4	38	56	2	*	1978	2	27	64	4	3
1999 Feb 4-8	5	29	64	2	*	1976	3	30	62	1	4
1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	6	33	59	2	*	1974	2	34	61	1	2
1997 May 30-Jun 1	3	29	65	2	1	1972	5	48	44	1	2
1996 May 9-12	2	24	69	4	1	1970	7	47	44	*	2
1995 Aug 4-7	2	20	71	5	2	1968	7	54	37	*	2
1994 Jun 3-6	3	14	73	9	1	1966	17	48	28	3	4
1994 Jan 28-30	1	19	74	5	1	1964	14	62	22	*	2
1993 Mar 22-24	3	20	75	2	*	1958	16	57	23	*	4
1992 Jun 4-8	2	21	71	4	2						

39. How much of the time do you think you can trust your state's government to do what is right -- just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

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Just about always	3%
Most of the time	30%
Only some of the time	62%
Never (vol.)	5%
No opinion	*

40. And how much of the time do you think you can trust the local governments in the area where you live to do what is right -- just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

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Just about always	8%
Most of the time	44%
Only some of the time	46%
Never (vol.)	3%
No opinion	*

41. Do you think the federal government has become so large and powerful that it poses an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens, or not?

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Yes, has	56%
No, has not	44%
No opinion	*

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	<u>Yes, immediate threat</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Sep 8-10 *	39	59	2
2001 May 18-20	52	46	2
2000 Apr 7-9	45	51	4
1996 Mar 8-10	50	44	6
1996 Feb 23-25	52	43	5
1995 Apr 23-24	39	58	3

* Asked of a half sample.

42. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in this country?

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Satisfied	40%
Dissatisfied	59%
No opinion	1%

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	<u>Satis- Fied</u>	<u>Dissatis- fied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
98 Dec 19-20	52	44	4
95 Aug 11-14	46	50	4
92 Jun 12-14*	36	60	4
92 Jan 6-9	48	48	4
91 May	60	36	4

* Based on registered voters

43. Which of the following words or phrases do you think describe officials in Washington and which do not describe them? (RANDOMIZED)

	<u>Describes</u>	<u>Does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Mainly concerned about getting re-elected			
February 12-15, 2010	86%	13%	*
Heavily influenced by special interests			
February 12-15, 2010	87%	13%	1%
Out of touch with the average person			
February 12-15, 2010	81%	19%	1%
Honest			
February 12-15, 2010	22%	75%	3%

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	<u>Describes</u>	<u>Does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Mainly concerned about getting re-elected			
94 Aug 31 – Sept 1	88	9	3
90 Oct 15-17	90	8	2
Heavily influenced by special interests			
94 Aug 31 – Sept 1	85	13	3
90 Oct 15-17	84	12	4
Out of touch with the average person			
94 Aug 31 – Sept 1	84	15	1
90 Oct 15-17	81	16	3
Honest			
94 Aug 31 – Sept 1	19	74	6
90 Oct 15-17	28	65	7

44. Do you think you personally could do a better job running the country than our government officials are presently doing?

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Yes, could do a better job	36%
No, could not	64%
No opinion	*

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	<u>Yes, could</u>	<u>No, could not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
90 Oct 15-17	31	65	4

51. Do you think George Washington ever lied to the public while he was President? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 522 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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Yes	74%
No	22%
No opinion	5%

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1999 Feb 4-8	72%	18%	10%
1992 Sept 2-4	63%	17%	20%

1999 trend from CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll. 1992 trend from CNN/Time poll.

52. Do you think Abraham Lincoln ever lied to the public while he was President? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

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Yes	71%
No	26%
No opinion	4%

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1999 Feb 4-8	65%	27%	8%