



**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.**

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

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Approve 55%  
Disapprove 42%  
No Opinion 3%

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
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Approve	54%	55%	58%	53%	56%	61%
Disapprove	45%	43%	40%	45%	40%	37%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%

	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
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Approve	62%	63%	66%	64%	67%	76%
Disapprove	35%	33%	30%	34%	29%	23%
No opinion	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%

2. Apart from whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president, what do you think of Obama as a person? Would you say you approve of him or disapprove of him?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve	76%	79%
Disapprove	20%	17%
No opinion	4%	4%

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George W. Bush

	<u>As a person</u>			<u>Job approval</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Nov 14-16	68	27	5	50	47	3
2001 Jul 10-11	70	25	5	57	35	8
2001 Feb 9-11	65	27	8	57	25	18
2001 Jan 5-7*	60	33	7	65	26	9

Bill Clinton

	<u>As a person</u>			<u>Job approval</u>		
	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2001 Jan 5-7	41	54	5	65	31	4
2000 Jul 14-16	36	59	5	59	37	4
2000 Apr 28-30	29	63	8	59	39	2
2000 Mar 10-12	35	59	6	63	34	3
2000 Feb 25-27	32	63	5	57	39	4
2000 Jan 17-19	36	59	5	62	35	3
2000 Jan 7-10	31	64	5	63	35	2
1999 Oct 8-10	35	62	3	56	39	5

QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 COMBINED

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
Approve of Obama handling job and approve of him as person	52%	58%
Approve of Obama handling job but don't approve of him as person	1%	3%
Disapprove of Obama handling job but approve of him as person	21%	19%
Disapprove of Obama handling job and don't approve of him as person	19%	17%
No opinion	7%	3%

QUESTIONS 3 AND 4 COMBINED

3/4. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

	<u>Democratic Candidate</u>	<u>Republican Candidate</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>All Respondents</b>				
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	42%	7%	2%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	51%	41%	6%	2%
<b>Registered Voters</b>				
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	43%	6%	3%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	50%	44%	5%	2%

SELECTED TRENDS FOR REGISTERED VOTERS

	<u>Democratic Candidate</u>	<u>Republican Candidate</u>	<u>Neither/No Opinion</u>
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	53%	45%	2%
November 2-4, 2007	53%	42%	5%
November 3-5, 2006	58%	38%	4%
October 21-23, 2005*	50%	42%	8%
October 29-31, 2004*	49%	45%	6%
November 14-16, 2003*	46%	47%	7%
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2002*	49%	44%	7%
November 2-4, 2001*	45%	45%	10%
November 4-5, 2000*	50%	43%	7%
November 18-21, 1999*	47%	43%	10%
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1998*	50%	41%	9%
January 16-18, 1998*	51%	40%	9%
November 3-4, 1996*	48%	45%	7%
November 2-6, 1995*	46%	46%	8%
November 2-6, 1994*	47%	44%	9%
November 2-4, 1993*	49%	44%	7%

\*CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls

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%	*

9. As you may know, a soldier named Nidal Hasan recently shot and killed thirteen people in Ft. Hood Texas. Based on what you know about this matter, do you consider Hasan's actions to be an act of terrorism, or do you consider this to be an act of murder with no direct connection to terrorism? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Terrorism	45%
Murder	47%
No opinion	8%

10. Based on what you know about this matter, do you think federal law enforcement agencies or the U.S. military should have been able to prevent this from happening, or don't you think so? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Should have been able to prevent	64%
Don't think so	31%
No opinion	5%

11. As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have heard or read about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

Nov. 13-15

2009

Favor	46%
Oppose	49%
No opinion	5%

11. As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have heard or read about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?
12. (IF OPPOSE:) Do you oppose that bill because you think its approach toward health care is too liberal, or because you think its approach toward health care is not liberal enough?

Nov. 13-15

2009

Favor (from Q.11)	46%
Oppose, too liberal	34%
Oppose, not liberal enough	10%
Oppose, other reasons	3%
No opinion	8%

13. As you may know, the bill passed by the U.S. House requires approval by the U.S. Senate before it becomes law. Which of the following do you think the Senate should do:

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>
Consider the House bill this fall and make relatively minor changes before passing it into law	30%
Consider the House bill this fall but pass it into law only if major changes are made	22%
Start work on an entirely new bill that would not be ready until sometime next year	28%
Stop working on any bills that would change the country's health care system	17%
Other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	2%

### FOR COMPARISON

As you may know, several health care bills have been passed by committees in the U.S. House and Senate and they can be brought before Congress for debate and a final vote at any time. Which of the following do you think Congress should do:

	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Continue working on those bills this fall and make relatively minor changes before passing final legislation	26%	25%
Continue working on those bills this fall but pass final legislation only if major changes are made	33%	28%
Start work on entirely new bills that would not be ready until sometime next year	24%	25%
Stop working on any bills that would change the country's health care system	15%	20%
Other (vol.)	*	*
No opinion	1%	2%

14. Now thinking specifically about the health insurance plans available to most Americans, would you favor or oppose creating a public health insurance option administered by the federal government that would compete with plans offered by private health insurance companies?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Favor	56%	55%	61%	55%
Oppose	42%	44%	38%	41%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	4%

15. Would you favor or oppose that plan if state governments were able to decide that the public health insurance option administered by the federal government would not apply to all people living in those states?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>
Favor	28%
Oppose	66%
No opinion	5%

16. Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill passed by the U.S. House. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one. (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Requiring all Americans who do not have health insurance to get it</b> November 13-15, 2009	49%	49%	1%
<b>Requiring all large and mid-sized businesses to provide health insurance for their employees</b> November 13-15, 2009	73%	25%	2%
<b>Reducing federal spending on Medicare managed care programs</b> November 13-15, 2009	30%	66%	3%
<b>Preventing health insurance companies from dropping coverage for people who become seriously ill</b> November 13-15, 2009	60%	39%	*
<b>Providing subsidies to families that make less than \$88,000 a year to help them purchase health insurance</b> November 13-15, 2009	67%	32%	1%

16. Now here are a few provisions in the health care bill passed by the U.S. House. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each one. (RANDOM ORDER) (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<b>Preventing health insurance companies from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions</b> November 13-15, 2009	60%	40%	1%
<b>Expanding the federal program known as Medicaid to provide health care to more low-income Americans</b> November 13-15, 2009	75%	25%	*
<b>Raising taxes on individuals who make more than \$500,000 dollars a year or families that make more than one million dollars a year to pay for providing health care to low-income Americans</b> November 13-15, 2009	67%	32%	1%
<b>Prevent illegal immigrants from receiving any federal money to purchase health insurance.</b> November 13-15, 2009	70%	30%	1%

17. As you may know, the filibuster is a Senate procedure which has been used to prevent the Senate from passing controversial legislation or confirming controversial appointments by the President, even if a majority of senators support that action. A vote of at least sixty senators out of one hundred is needed to end a filibuster. Do you favor or oppose the use of the filibuster in the U.S. Senate?

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Favor	56%
Oppose	39%
No opinion	5%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Apr 29-May 1, 2005	52	40	8

18. Just your best guess, how likely do you think it is that a bill similar to the one passed by the U.S. House will become law by the end of the year – very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	37%
Somewhat unlikely	31%
Very unlikely	19%
No opinion	*

19. Just your best guess, how likely do you think it is that a bill similar to the one passed by the U.S. House will become law by the end of next year – very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or very unlikely? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Very likely	19%
Somewhat likely	40%
Somewhat unlikely	23%
Very unlikely	16%
No opinion	2%

20. As you may know, nearly every Republican in the U.S. House voted against the health care bill which recently passed. Do you think that is mostly an indication that there is something wrong with the bill or mostly an indication that there is something wrong with the Republican Party's approach to health care legislation?

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Something wrong with the health care bill	46%
Something wrong with the Republican approach to health care	49%
Both equal (vol.)	3%
No opinion	1%

21. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Afghanistan?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>				
Favor	45%	40%				
Oppose	52%	58%				
No opinion	3%	2%				
	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Sept. 11-13 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>
Favor	41%	39%	42%	41%	50%	53%
Oppose	57%	58%	57%	54%	48%	46%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%
	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 1-2 <u>2008</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 22-24 <u>2006</u>	
Favor	47%	52%	46%	44%	50%	
Oppose	51%	46%	52%	52%	48%	
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	

22. If Barack Obama decided to send about 34,000 additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan, would you favor or oppose that decision?

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Favor	50%
Oppose	49%
No opinion	1%

23. And if Obama decided to send a smaller number of additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan, would you favor or oppose that decision?

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Favor	42%
Oppose	56%
No opinion	2%

24. In general, how would you say things are going for the U.S. in Afghanistan – very well, moderately well, moderately badly, or very badly?

	Nov. 13-15	May 14-17	Mar. 9-11
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2007</u>

Very well	2%	3%	5%
Moderately well	30%	33%	35%
Moderately badly	42%	44%	34%
Very badly	24%	17%	21%
No opinion	2%	3%	4%

25. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Iraq?

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
November 13-15, 2009	36%	62%	2%
June 26-28, 2009	34%	64%	2%
May 14-17, 2009	34%	65%	1%
April 3-5, 2009	35%	63%	1%
Feb. 18-19, 2009	31%	67%	2%
Dec. 1-2, 2008	36%	63%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	33%	64%	3%
October 17-19, 2008	32%	66%	1%
October 3-5, 2008	34%	65%	*
September 5-7, 2008	37%	61%	2%
Aug. 29-31, 2008	35%	64%	1%
Aug. 23-24, 2008	33%	66%	1%
July 27-29, 2008	33%	66%	1%
June 26-29, 2008	30%	68%	2%
June 4-5, 2008	30%	68%	1%
April 28-30, 2008	30%	68%	3%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	32%	66%	2%
Feb. 1-3, 2008	34%	64%	2%
Jan. 14-17, 2008	34%	63%	3%
Jan. 9-10, 2008	33%	65%	3%
Dec. 6-9, 2007	31%	68%	1%
Nov. 2-4, 2007	31%	68%	1%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	34%	65%	2%
September 7-9, 2007	34%	63%	4%
August 6-8, 2007	33%	64%	3%
June 23-24, 2007	30%	67%	3%
May 4-6, 2007	34%	65%	1%
April 10-12, 2007	32%	66%	2%
March 9-11, 2007	32%	63%	4%
January 11, 2007	31%	67%	2%
December 15-17, 2006	31%	67%	2%
November 17-19, 2006	33%	63%	4%
November 3-5, 2006	33%	61%	6%
October 27-29, 2006	38%	59%	3%
October 20-22, 2006	34%	64%	3%
October 13-15, 2006	34%	64%	2%
October 6-8, 2006	32%	62%	7%
Sep. 29-October 2, 2006	38%	61%	1%
September 23-24, 2006	40%	59%	1%
August 30-Sep. 2, 2006	39%	58%	2%
August 18-20, 2006	35%	61%	3%
August 2-3, 2006	36%	60%	3%
June 14-15, 2006	38%	54%	8%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 9-12 *	40	56	4
2005 Jun 16-19	39	59	2
2005 Mar 18-20*	47	47	6
2004 Nov 19-21*	48	46	6
2003 Oct 24-26	54	43	3
2003 Apr 22-23	71	26	3
2003 Apr 10	72	22	6
2003 Apr 7-8	68	28	4
2003 Apr 5-6	70	27	3
2003 Mar 29-30	70	27	3
2003 Mar 24-25	71	27	2
2003 Mar 22-23	72	25	3

*Would you favor or oppose invading Iraq with U.S. ground troops in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power?*

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Mar 14-15*	64	33	3
2003 Mar 3-5	59	37	4
2003 Feb 24-26	59	37	4
2003 Feb 17-19	59	38	3
2003 Feb 7-9	63	34	3
2003 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	38	4
2003 Jan 23-24	52	43	5
2003 Jan 10-12	56	38	6
2003 Jan 3-5*	56	39	5
2002 Dec. 19-22*	53	38	9
2002 Dec 16-17*	58	35	7
2002 Dec 9-10	55	39	6
2002 Nov 23-24	58	37	5
2002 Nov 8-10	59	35	6
2002 Oct 21-22	54	40	6
2002 Oct 14-17*	56	37	7
2002 Oct 3-6	53	40	7
2002 Sept 20-22*	57	38	5

*Would you favor or oppose sending American ground troops to the Persian Gulf in an attempt to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?*

2002 Sept 13-16	57	39	4
2002 Sept 5-8*	58	36	6
2002 Sept 2-4	58	36	6
2002 Aug 19-21	53	41	6
2002 June 17-19*	61	31	8

*Would you favor or oppose sending American troops back to the Persian Gulf in order to remove Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq?*

2001 Nov 26-27	74	20	6
2001 Feb 19-21	52	42	6
1993 June 29-30	70	27	3
1992 Mar 30-Apr 5	55	40	

26. As you may know, the U.S. sent 20,000 combat troops to Iraq in 2007 in what was called a surge. Based on what you have read or heard, do you think that surge of U.S. troops to Iraq has been a success or a failure?

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008*</u>
Success	56%	52%
Failure	38%	41%
Mixed/Depends (vol.)	4%	5%
No opinion	2%	3%

\* Asked of half-sample.

(QUESTIONS 27 AND 28 ROTATED)

27. Do you consider China to be a military threat to the United States, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008</u>
Yes, is	51%	51%
No, is not	47%	49%
No opinion	2%	*

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	<u>Yes, a threat</u>	<u>No, not a threat</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 9-11	50	48	2

28. Do you consider China to be an economic threat to the United States, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008</u>
Yes, is	71%	70%
No, is not	28%	30%
No opinion	2%	*

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND

	<u>Yes, a threat</u>	<u>No, not a threat</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Dec 9-11	64	33	3

29. Which of the following come closer to your view about what China represents to the U.S. – a large potential market for U.S. firms, or a source of unfair competition for U.S. companies here at home? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Potential market	27%
Unfair competition	67%
Other (vol.)	2%
No opinion	3%

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	<u>Potential market</u>	<u>Unfair competition</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2003 Sept 19-21	37	57	4	1

30. How would you rate the job the government of China does in respecting the human rights of its citizens -- very good, mostly good, mostly bad or very bad? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 513 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

Nov. 13-15      Apr. 28-30  
2009              2008

Very good	2%	4%
Mostly good	22%	18%
Mostly bad	36%	36%
Very bad	32%	37%
No opinion	8%	6%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Mostly good</u>	<u>Mostly bad</u>	<u>Very bad</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2000 May 23-24	2	16	31	36	15
1999 May 21-23	3	18	35	34	10
1997 May 30-June 1	3	17	35	34	11

31. Now here are some questions about Khalid Sheik Mohammed who may be responsible for planning the 9/11 attacks and who is now in custody at a U.S. military prison in another country: If you had to choose, would you rather see Khalid Sheik Mohammed brought to trial in a criminal court run by the civilian judicial system, or would you rather see him tried by a military court run by the U.S. armed forces?

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Brought to trial in a criminal court run by the civilian judicial system	34%
Tried by a military court run by the U.S. armed forces	64%
No opinion	2%

32. And regardless of which court system you think he should be tried in, if you had to choose, would you rather see Khalid Sheik Mohammed brought to the U.S. to stand trial or would you rather see him tried in a U.S. facility in another country?

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Brought to the U.S. to stand trial	60%
Tried in a U.S. facility in another country	37%
No opinion	3%

33. If Khalid Sheik Mohammed is tried in a civilian court in the U.S., do you think he would get a fair trial, or don't you think so?

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Yes, fair trial	64%
No, don't think so	34%
No opinion	2%

34. If Khalid Sheik Mohammed is found guilty of planning the 9/11 attacks, which of the following statements best describes your view:

Nov. 13-15  
2009

You generally support the death penalty and believe he should be executed if he is found guilty	59%
You generally oppose the death penalty, but believe he should be executed in this case if he is found guilty	19%
You generally oppose the death penalty and believe he should not be executed if he is found guilty	19%
Other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%

**FOR COMPARISON**

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Now thinking about Timothy McVeigh, the man convicted of murder in the Oklahoma City bombing case and sentenced to death, which comes closest to your view -- I generally support the death penalty and believe McVeigh should be executed, I generally oppose the death penalty, but believe McVeigh should be executed in this case, (or) I generally oppose the death penalty and do not believe McVeigh should be executed?

	June 8-10 2001	May 18-20 2001	April 20-22 2001
Support death penalty, believe McVeigh should be executed	59	57	59
Oppose death penalty, believe McVeigh should be executed	19	23	22
Oppose death penalty, believe McVeigh should not be executed	17	16	16
Other (vol.)	3	2	1
No opinion	2	2	2

35. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under only certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?
36. (IF ONLY CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:) Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only a few circumstances?

QUESTION 35 ONLY

	Legal under any <u>circumstances</u>	Legal under certain <u>circumstances</u>	Illegal in all <u>circumstances</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
November 13-15, 2009	26%	50%	23%	1%
June 26-29, 2008	25%	51%	22%	1%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	23%	54%	22%	1%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	24%	50%	24%	2%

QUESTION 35 AND 36 COMBINED

	Legal under any <u>circumstances</u>	Legal in most <u>circumstances</u>	Legal in a few <u>circumstances</u>	Illegal in all <u>circumstances</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
November 13-15, 2009	26%	10%	40%	23%	1%
June 26-29, 2008	25%	12%	39%	22%	2%
Oct. 12-14, 2007	23%	13%	40%	22%	2%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	24%	10%	40%	24%	2%

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	<u>Legal under any circumstances</u>	<u>Legal only under certain circumstances</u>	<u>Illegal in all circumstances</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Nov 11-13	26	56	16	2
2005 Jun 24-26	24	55	20	1
2005 May 2-5	23	53	22	2
2005 Mar 21-23	23	55	20	2
2004 May 2-4	24	56	19	1
2003 Oct 24-26	26	55	17	2
2003 May 5-7	23	57	19	1
2003 Jan 10-12	24	57	18	1
2002 May 6-9	25	51	22	2
2002 Mar 22-24	27	53	19	1
2002 Feb 8-10	26	54	18	2
2001 Aug 10-12	26	56	17	1
2001 May 10-14	26	58	15	1
2001 Mar 26-28	26	51	18	5
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	51	19	2
2000 Jan 13-16	26	56	15	3
1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	55	16	2
1998 Jan 16-18	23	59	17	1
1997 Nov 6-9	26	55	17	2
1997 Aug 12-13	22	61	15	2
1996 Sep 20-22*	24	52	17	7
1996 Jul 25-28	25	58	15	2
1995 Sep 22-24	31	54	12	3
1995 Feb 24-26	33	50	15	2
1994 Sep 6-7	33	52	13	2
1994 Mar 28-30	31	51	15	3
1993 Mar 12-14	32	51	13	4
1992 Jan 16-19	31	53	14	2
1991 Sep 5-8	33	49	14	4
1991 May 30-Jun 2	32	50	17	1
1990 Apr 5-20	31	53	12	4
1989 Jul 6-9	29	51	17	3
1989 Jul 6-7	29	51	17	3
1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	24	57	17	2
1985 Jan 3-4 †	21	55	21	3
1983 Jun 24-27	23	58	16	3
1981 May 8-11	23	52	21	4
1980 Jul 11-14	25	53	18	4
1979 Feb 23-26	22	54	19	5
1977 Dec 9-12	22	55	19	4
1975 Apr 4-7	21	54	22	3

\* Based on reg. voters

	<u>Legal under any circumstances</u>	<u>Legal under most circumstances</u>	<u>Legal only in a few circumstances</u>	<u>Illegal in all circumstances</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Nov 11-13	26	16	39	16	3
2005 Jun 24-26	24	15	40	20	1
2005 May 2-5	23	12	40	22	3
2005 Mar 21-23	23	14	39	20	4
2004 May 2-4	24	13	42	19	2
2003 Oct 24-26	26	14	40	17	3
2003 May 5-7	23	15	42	19	1
2003 Jan 10-12	24	14	42	18	2
2002 May 6-9	25	12	39	22	2
2002 Mar 22-24	27	12	40	19	2
2001 Aug 10-12	26	12	43	17	2
2001 May 10-14	26	15	41	15	3
2001 Mar 26-28	26	13	38	18	5
2000 Mar 30-Apr 2	28	11	38	19	4
2000 Jan 13-16	26	17	39	15	3
1999 Apr 30-May 2	27	12	42	16	3
1998 Jan 16-18	23	16	42	17	2
1997 Nov 6-9	26	15	40	17	2
1997 Aug 12-13	22	12	48	15	3
1996 Jul 25-28	25	13	43	15	4
1995 Sep 22-24	31	14	39	12	4
1995 Feb 24-26	32	9	41	15	3
1994 Sep 6-7	33	13	38	13	3

37. Generally speaking, are you in favor of using public funds for abortions when the woman cannot afford it, or are you opposed to that?

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Favor	37%
Oppose	61%
Indifferent (vol.)	2%
No opinion	1%

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	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Indifferent (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2000 June 8-13	37	54	2	7

38. Now think about women who are covered by private health insurance plans that are paid for by private individuals or employers with no money from the government involved. Do you think private health insurance plans should cover some or all of the costs of an abortion, or do you think that women who want to get an abortion should have to pay the complete costs of that abortion out of their own pockets?

Nov. 13-15  
2009

Health insurance should cover	45%
Pay all costs herself	51%
Depends (vol.)	3%
No opinion	1%

39. As you know, there are two types of flu today -- swine flu, which has not occurred in recent years, and the regular, seasonal flu which occurs every year around this time. Thinking specifically about the vaccine against swine flu, which of the following best describes you personally?

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You have been vaccinated against the swine flu	7%
You have taken steps to get vaccinated against swine flu but have been unable to do so	14%
You want to get vaccinated against swine flu but you have not yet taken steps to do so	21%
You have not gotten vaccinated against swine flu and do not plan to do so	55%
Other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%

QUESTIONS 39 AND 40 COMBINED

- 39/40. As you know, there are two types of flu today -- swine flu, which has not occurred in recent years, and the regular, seasonal flu which occurs every year around this time. Thinking specifically about the vaccine against swine flu, which of the following best describes you personally: You can't find a doctor or medical facility in your community that has the swine flu vaccine; you found a doctor or medical facility that had the vaccine but you were not given it because you are not in a high-risk group or for some other reason; or you found a doctor or medical facility that had the vaccine but they ran out before you got there.

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Already got vaccine(from Q. 39)	7%
Tried to get it but don't know where	4%
Tried to get it but were denied	5%
Tried to get it but ran out	3%
Tried to get it but did not for other reasons	2%
Want vaccine but have not tried to get it (from Q.39)	21%
Do not want vaccine (from Q. 39)	55%
No opinion	2%

41. (IF HAVE NOT GOTTEN VACCINATED AND DO NOT PLAN TO) For each of the following, please tell me whether that is or is not a reason why you do not want to get a swine flu shot:

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**You usually don't go to the doctor or seek medical attention until you are already sick**

Is a reason why you don't want vaccine	21%
Is not a reason why you don't want vaccine	34%
Don't want vaccine, unsure if reason	*
Want vaccine or already got it (from Q.39)	42%
No opinion	2%

**You don't think you're going to be exposed to swine flu**

Is a reason why you don't want vaccine	12%
Is not a reason why you don't want vaccine	43%
Don't want vaccine, unsure if reason	*
Want vaccine or already got it (from Q.39)	42%
No opinion	2%

**You are scared of needles**

Is a reason why you don't want vaccine	4%
Is not a reason why you don't want vaccine	51%
Don't want vaccine, unsure if reason	*
Want vaccine or already got it (from Q.39)	42%
No opinion	2%

**Your doctor told you that you did not need to do so**

Is a reason why you don't want vaccine	5%
Is not a reason why you don't want vaccine	50%
Don't want vaccine, unsure if reason	*
Want vaccine or already got it (from Q.39)	42%
No opinion	2%

**You think that the vaccine has dangerous side effects**

Is a reason why you don't want vaccine	28%
Is not a reason why you don't want vaccine	26%
Don't want vaccine, unsure if reason	1%
Want vaccine or already got it (from Q.39)	42%
No opinion	2%

**You are not in one of the high-risk groups that have been advised to get inoculated**

Is a reason why you don't want vaccine	25%
Is not a reason why you don't want vaccine	30%
Don't want vaccine, unsure if reason	*
Want vaccine or already got it (from Q.39)	42%
No opinion	2%

42. Please tell me whether you think each of the following is or is not qualified to be president.  
(RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Is qualified</u>	<u>Is not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin</b> November 13-15, 2009	28%	70%	2%
<b>Vice President Joe Biden</b> November 13-15, 2009	50%	48%	3%
<b>Secretary of State Hillary Clinton</b> November 13-15, 2009	67%	32%	1%
<b>Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney</b> November 13-15, 2009	47%	42%	11%
<b>Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee</b> November 13-15, 2009	43%	47%	10%

43. (DEMOCRATS ONLY) If you had to choose, would you rather see the Democratic party in your area nominate candidates who don't agree with you on some major issues but have a good chance of beating the Republican candidate, or would you rather see the Democratic party nominate candidates who agree with you on all major issues but have a poor chance of beating the Republican candidate? (ASKED OF 310 DEMOCRATS; SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)
44. (REPUBLICANS ONLY) If you had to choose, would you rather see the Republican party in your area nominate candidates who don't agree with you on some major issues but have a good chance of beating the Democratic candidate, or would you rather see the Republican party nominate candidates who agree with you on all major issues but have a poor chance of beating the Democratic candidate? (ASKED OF 281 REPUBLICANS; SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS)

	<u>DEMOCRATS</u>	<u>REPUBLICANS</u>
Prefer candidates who can beat other party	58%	43%
Prefer candidates who agree with you on issues	38%	51%
No opinion	4%	7%