



**Interviews with 1,030 adult Americans, including 953 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 19-21, 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.**

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18. With which one of these statements about the environment and the economy do you most agree -- protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth, or economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 501 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Mar 19-21 <u>2010</u>	June 26-29 <u>2008</u>
Environment is priority	45%	49%
Economic growth is priority	51%	44%
Both equally (vol.)	3%	6%
No opinion	1%	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Environment</u>	<u>Economic growth</u>	<u>Equal priority (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Mar 13-16	52	37	6	4
2005 Mar 7-10	53	36	7	4
2004 Mar 8-11	49	44	4	3
2003 Mar 3-5	47	42	7	4
2002 Mar 4-7	54	36	5	5
2001 Mar 5-7	57	33	6	4
2000 Apr 3-9	67	28	2	3
2000 Jan 13-16	70	23	--	7
1999 Apr 13-14	67	28	--	5
1999 Mar 12-14	65	30	--	5
1998 Apr 17-19	68	24	--	8
1997 Jul 25-27	66	27	--	7
1995 Apr 17-19	62	32	--	6
1992 Jan 5-Mar 31	58	26	8	8
1991 Apr 11-14	71	20	--	9
1990 Apr 5-8	71	19	--	10
1984 Sep 28-Oct 1	61	28	--	11

19. Do you think that the environmental laws and regulations that are currently on the books are adequate, should go further than they do, or have they gone too far already? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 529 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Mar 19-21 <u>2010</u>
Adequate	26%
Should go further	43%
Have gone too far	29%
No opinion	2%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Adequate</u>	<u>Should go further</u>	<u>Have gone too far</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 Apr. 10-11	26	43	22	9
2001 Mar 21-22	23	47	20	10
1995 Jan. 25-25	29	47	23	6
1990 Nov. 27-28	19	63	12	6
1985 Sept.	29	45	16	10