



**Interviews with 1,008 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on April 9-11, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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12. Next, as you may know, President Obama will announce later this year a nominee to the Supreme Court. Do you think Obama should nominate somebody who is very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

	Apr. 9-11 <u>2010</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>
Very liberal	8%	9%
Somewhat liberal	17%	18%
Moderate	37%	37%
Somewhat conservative	19%	19%
Very conservative	17%	16%
No opinion	1%	1%

**FOR COMPARISON:**

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	<u>Very liberal</u>	<u>Somewhat liberal</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Somewhat conservative</u>	<u>Very conservative</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 27	8	16	34	23	14	5

QUESTION WORDING: Do you think George W. Bush should nominate someone to the Supreme Court who is very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

13. And just your best guess -- do you think Obama will nominate somebody who is very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

	Apr. 9-11 <u>2010</u>
Very liberal	33%
Somewhat liberal	28%
Moderate	21%
Somewhat conservative	9%
Very conservative	7%
No opinion	3%

19. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under only certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

	Legal under any <u>circumstances</u>	Legal under certain <u>circumstances</u>	Illegal in all <u>circumstances</u>	No <u>Opinion</u>
April 9-11, 2010	21%	56%	22%	1%
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%

19. Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under only certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?

20. (IF ONLY CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:) Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only a few circumstances?

QUESTION 19 AND 20 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>
April 9-11, 2009	21%	13%	42%	22%	2%
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