Interviews with 1,024 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on September 1-2, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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9. 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?

	Just about always	Most of the time	Only some of the time	Never (vol.)	No opinion
September 1-2, 2010	2%	23%	66%	8%	*
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

	Al-ways	Most	Some	Never (vol.)	No opinion
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

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN NATIONAL ELECTION STUDY TRENDS

	Al-ways	Most	Some	Never (vol.)	No opinion
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

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Question 9

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?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Just about always	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%
Most of the time	23%	17%	28%	20%	30%
Only some of the time	66%	69%	64%	71%	56%
Never	8%	10%	6%	8%	10%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Just about always	2%	N/A	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%
Most of the time	23%	N/A	21%	20%	19%	25%	20%
Only some of the time	66%	N/A	63%	70%	71%	63%	71%
Never	8%	N/A	13%	6%	7%	10%	6%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Just about always	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Most of the time	23%	27%	19%	24%	22%
Only some of the time	66%	64%	70%	63%	69%
Never	8%	7%	9%	11%	7%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Just about always	2%	5%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%
Most of the time	23%	35%	19%	12%	33%	26%	15%
Only some of the time	66%	55%	68%	79%	57%	63%	74%
Never	8%	4%	12%	8%	6%	9%	9%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Just about always	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%
Most of the time	23%	21%	21%	23%	25%	29%	22%	21%
Only some of the time	66%	67%	71%	65%	64%	62%	67%	68%
Never	8%	10%	6%	9%	8%	6%	8%	10%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%