

Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on November 11-14, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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19. As you may know, the tax cuts passed into law when George W. Bush was president are set to expire this year. Unless a new bill is passed, federal income tax rates will rise to the level they were at when those cuts were enacted. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

(ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Nov. 11-14	Aug. 6-10
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
Those tax cuts should continue for all Americans		
regardless of how much money they make	35%	31%
Those tax cuts should continue for families that make		
less than 250 thousand dollars a year, but taxes		
should rise to the previous level for families who		
make more than that amount	49%	51%
Taxes should rise to the previous level for all Americans		
regardless of how much money they make	15%	18%
No opinion	2%	*

20. As you may know, the tax cuts passed into law when George W. Bush was president are set to expire this year. Unless a new bill is passed, federal income tax rates will rise to the level they were at when those cuts were enacted. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

(ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (READ IN ORDER)

	Nov. 11-14 2010
Congress should extend those tax cuts and treat all Americans the same regardless of how much money they make Congress should extend those tax cuts but give better treatment to lower-income Americans than	35%
higher-income Americans	49%
Congress should not extend those taxes cuts at all	15%
No opinion	1%

21. Do you think that tax cuts and deficit reduction can be accomplished at the same time, or do you think they cannot be accomplished at the same time?

	Nov. 11-14
	<u>2010</u>
Yes, can	56%
No, cannot	41%
No opinion	2%

# CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	Yes, can	No, cannot	No opinion
1997 Mar 24-26	52	42	6
1996 Jun 18-19	44	48	8
1996 May 28-29	55	39	6
1994 Dec 16-18	52	43	5

Thinking about the health care bill that Congress passed earlier this year, which of the following statements best describes your view of what Congress should do in the future? (RANDOM ORDER)

	Nov. 11-14 2010	Sept. 21-23 2010	July 16-21 2010	Mar. 25-28 2010
Congress should leave the bill as it is	24%	23%	20%	23%
Congress should make additional changes to increase the government's involvement				
in the nation's health care system	24%	26%	30%	27%
Congress should repeal most of the major				
provisions in that bill and replace them with		470/	4007	470/
a completely different set of proposals	49%	47%	48%	47%
No opinion	4%	4%	2%	3%

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26. Do you favor or oppose permitting people who are openly gay or lesbian to serve in the military?

	Nov. 11-14	Sept. 21-23	Feb. 12-15
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
Favor	72%	67%	69%
Oppose	23%	28%	27%
No opinion	5%	5%	4%

## CNN/TIME TREND

	October 14-15, 1998	June 15-16, 1994		
Favor	52%	53%		
Oppose	39%	41%		
No opinion	9%	6%		

QUESTION WORDING: Do you favor or oppose permitting openly gay or lesbians to serve in the military?

27. Do you happen to have a family member or close friend who is gay or lesbian?

	Nov. 11-14	Apr. 23-26	Aug. 6-8
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2007</u>
Yes	49%	49%	45%
No	50%	51%	55%
No opinion	2%	*	*

# CNN/TIME TREND

	Yes	<u>No</u>	Not sure	
1998 Oct. 14-15	41	57	2	
1994 June 15-16	32	66	2	

## Question 19

As you may know, the tax cuts passed into law when George W. Bush was president are set to expire this year. Unless a new bill is passed, federal income tax rates will rise to the level they were at when those cuts were enacted. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men		White No	n-White			
Cuts continue regardless	35%	34%	36%	 35%	N/A			
Continue some, rise for others	49%	49%	49%	50%	N/A			
Taxes should rise for all	15%	16%	13%	13%	N/A			
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	N/A			
Sampling Error	⊦/-4 <b>.</b> 5	+/-6.0 +	/-6.0 +/-	-5.0				
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50 	Older	
Cuts continue regardless	35%	N/A	N/A	35%	40%	33%	37%	
Continue some, rise for others	49%	N/A	N/A	55%	41%	49%	50%	
Taxes should rise for all	15%	N/A	N/A	11%	16%	16%	13%	
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	*	2%	2%	1%	
Sampling Error	⊦/ <b>-4.</b> 5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Cuts continue regardless	35%	34%	38%	34%	35%			
Continue some, rise for others	49%	50%	48%	47%	51%			
Taxes should rise for all	15%	15%	13%	19%	11%			
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	*	2%			
Sampling Error	⊦/ <b>-4.</b> 5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0			
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	Lib-	Mod-	Conser-	_
	Total	crat	endent	lican	eral	erate		
Cuts continue regardless	35%	19%	37%	50%	N/A	29%	57%	_
Continue some, rise for others	49%	68%	47%	30%	N/A	55%	31%	
Taxes should rise for all	15%	11%	14%	19%	N/A	15%	11%	
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	N/A	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0	
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Cuts continue regardless	35%	N/A	N/A	43%	31%	35%	38%	N/A
Continue some, rise for others	49%	N/A	N/A	39%	51%	44%	48%	N/A
Taxes should rise for all	15%	N/A	N/A	14%	17%	18%	12%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	1%	2%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	⊦/ <b>-4.</b> 5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  percentage less than 1%

## Question 20

As you may know, the tax cuts passed into law when George W. Bush was president are set to expire this year. Unless a new bill is passed, federal income tax rates will rise to the level they were at when those cuts were enacted. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Extend cuts for all Extend cuts, more to low- income	35% 49%	37% 51%	33% 47%	36% 49%	N/A N/A N/A			
Do not extend tax cuts	15%	12%	17%	13%	N/A			
No opinion	1% +/-4.5	* +/-6.0 +	3% -/-6.0 +/	1% -5.0	N/A			
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	T/-0.0 T	7-0.0 +/	-3.0				
		18-	35-	50-	65.	Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64 	65+ 	50 	Older	
Extend cuts for all	35%	N/A	N/A	34%	35%	36%	34%	
Extend cuts, more to low-	4 9%	N/A	N/A	52%	46%	49%	50%	
income	1 = 0	N/A	N/A	100	100	1 = 0	1 4 0	
Do not extend tax cuts No opinion	15% 1%	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	12% 2%	18% 1%	15% *	14% 1%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	14/21	11/11	+/-7.5		+/-7.5	+/-5.5	
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	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	d		
						-		
Extend cuts for all	35% 49%	30% 54%	38% 45%	33% 55%	37% 45%			
Extend cuts, more to low-income	496	J45	4.5%	33%	456			
Do not extend tax cuts	15%	15%	16%	12%	17%			
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0			
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	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	_		Mod- erate	Conser vative	
Extend cuts for all	35%	17%	28%	65%		29%	56%	
Extend cuts, more to low-	4 9%	62%	53%	28%		54%	34%	
income Do not extend tax cuts	15%	21%	16%	7%	N/A N/A	16%	10%	
No opinion	1%	*	3%	1%	,	1%	*	
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-6.5	+/-7.0	
	m . 3	North	Mid-	a		1	Sub-	
	Total	east 	west	South	West	Urban	urban 	Rural
Extend cuts for all	35%	N/A	N/A	38%	N/A	30%	43%	N/A
Extend cuts, more to low-	49%	N/A	N/A	46%	N/A	53%	46%	N/A
income		N/A	N/A		N/A			N/A
Do not extend tax cuts	15%	N/A	N/A	16%	N/A	17%	9%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	-	+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

#### Ouestion 21

Do you think that tax cuts and deficit reduction can be accomplished at the same time, or do you think they cannot be accomplished at the same time?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			Non-White		
Yes, can No, cannot	 56% 41%	 60% 39%	53% 44%	 59% 39%	49% 48%		
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	/-4.5 +/	-3.5 -	+/-7.5		
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and
	Total	34	49	64 	65+ 	50 	Older
Yes, can	56%	N/A	57%	56%	53%	57%	55%
No, cannot	41%	N/A	42%	42%	40%	42%	41%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	2%	7%	*	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d	
	Total		or more	College	e College		
Yes, can	56%	58%	55%	54%	58%	_	
No, cannot	41%	40%	44%	43%			
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repul	o- Lib-	Mod-	Conser-
	Total	crat	endent	licar	n eral	erate	vative
Yes, can	 56%	47%	 54%	699		 51%	72%
No, cannot	41%	49%	44%	309		47%	25%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%	19		2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	5 +/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0
		North	Mid-				Sub-
	Total		west	South	West	Urban	urban Rural
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Yes, can No, cannot	56% 41%	44% 52%	56% 43%	62% 35%	59% 39%	52% 45%	58% 56% 41% 39%
No opinion	2%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1% 5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5			+/-4.5 +/-6.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

#### Question 25

Thinking about the health care bill that Congress passed earlier this year, which of the following statements best describes your view of what Congress should do in the future?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men		White No	on-White			
Leave the bill as it is Inc govt role in health care Repeal and replace bill No opinion Sampling Error	24% 24% 49% 4% +/-3.0	21% 25% 52% 2%	26% 22% 46% 5%	19% 18% 59% 3%	35% 38% 26% 1% /-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Leave the bill as it is	24%	N/A	18%	22%	26%	24%	23%	
Inc govt role in health care	24%	N/A	24%	24%	21%	25%	23%	
Repeal and replace bill	49%	N/A	56%	49%	48%	49%	49%	
No opinion Sampling Error	4% +/-3.0	N/A	3% +/-6.5	4% +/-5.0	5% +/-5.5	2% +/-5.5	2% 5% -5.5 +/-4.0	
Sampling Brior	1/ 3.0		1/ 0.5	1/ 3.0	17 3.3	17 3.3	1/ 4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Leave the bill as it is	24%	24%	23%	22%	25%			
Inc govt role in health care	24%	26%	21%	27%	21%			
Repeal and replace bill	49%	46%	54%	47%	51%			
No opinion	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	eral	Mod- erate		ve
Leave the bill as it is	24%	45%	17%	9%	 30%	31%	 11%	
Inc govt role in health care	24%	33%	25%	11%	45%	22%	14%	
Repeal and replace bill	49%	19%	53%	78%	23%	44%	71%	
No opinion	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	0
		North	Mid-			Sub-		
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Leave the bill as it is	24%	27%	28%	21%	20%	30%	21%	20%
Inc govt role in health care	24%	18%	19%	29%	27%	28%	21%	25%
Repeal and replace bill	49%	52%	47%	48%	49%	40%	55%	49%
No opinion	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

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Question 26

Do you favor or oppose permitting people who are openly gay or lesbian to serve in the military?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Favor Oppose No opinion Sampling Error	72% 23% 5% +/-3.0	67% 28% 5% +/-4.5 +	76% 19% 5%	73% 22% 4%	69% 26% 5% '-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Favor Oppose No opinion Sampling Error	72% 23% 5% +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	72% 21% 6% +/-6.5	71% 24% 5% +/-5.0	69% 26% 5% +/-5.5	74% 22% 4% +/-5.5	70% 25% 5% +/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Favor Oppose No opinion Sampling Error	72% 23% 5% +/-3.0	69% 26% 5% +/-5.0	76% 20% 4% +/-4.5	69% 27% 4% +/-5.5	749 209 59 +/-3.5	è .		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative	
Favor Oppose No opinion Sampling Error	72% 23% 5% +/-3.0	80% 18% 2% +/-5.5	71% 22% 7% +/-5.0	64% 31% 5% +/-5.5	87% 8% 8% 4% +/-7.5	73% 22% 5% +/-5.0	62% 34% 5% +/-5.0	-
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Favor Oppose No opinion Sampling Error	72% 23% 5% +/-3.0	77% 18% 5% +/-6.5	79% 18% 3% +/-6.5	63% 31% 6% +/-5.5	70% 23% 6% +/-6.5	72% 23% 6%	74% 23% 4%	68% 26% 6% /-6.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

Question 27

Do you happen to have a family member or close friend who is gay or lesbian?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men		White No	on-White			
Yes No No opinion Sampling Error	49% 50% 2%	46% 53% 1% +/-4.5 +	52% 46% 2%	47% 52% 1%	55% 44% 1% /-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Yes No No opinion Sampling Error	49% 50% 2% +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	55% 45% * +/-6.5	49% 50% 1% +/-5.0	27% 72% 2% +/-5.5	56% 43% 1% +/-5.5	40% 58% 1% +/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Yes No No opinion Sampling Error	49% 50% 2%	49% 50% 2% +/-5.0	51% 49% * +/-4.5	45% 53% 1% +/-5.5	52° 47° 1° +/-3.	96 96		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	erate		ve
Yes No No opinion Sampling Error	49% 50% 2% +/-3.0	48% 49% 2% +/-5.5	52% 47% 2% +/-5.0	45% 55% * +/-5.5	54% 46% *	52% 47% 2%	43: 56: 1: +/-5.	00 00 00
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Yes No No opinion Sampling Error	49% 50% 2% +/-3.0	50% 48% 2% +/-6.5	42% 54% 4% +/-6.5	49% 51% * +/-5.5	55% 45% 1% +/-6.5	56% 42% 2%	47% 51% 1% +/-4.5	42% 56% 2% +/-6.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%