



**Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on January 14-16, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
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Should sit on opposite sides	22%	27%	17%	25%	13%
Should sit next to each other	72%	67%	77%	68%	83%
No opinion	6%	6%	6%	7%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-8.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Should sit on opposite sides	22%	N/A	24%	25%	19%	21%	23%
Should sit next to each other	72%	N/A	70%	68%	76%	73%	72%
No opinion	6%	N/A	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Should sit on opposite sides	22%	15%	29%	21%	22%
Should sit next to each other	72%	80%	65%	75%	70%
No opinion	6%	5%	6%	4%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Should sit on opposite sides	22%	15%	15%	38%	14%	13%	36%
Should sit next to each other	72%	80%	78%	56%	81%	83%	56%
No opinion	6%	5%	7%	7%	5%	4%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Should sit on opposite sides	22%	22%	19%	23%	20%	15%	22%	30%
Should sit next to each other	72%	69%	75%	70%	76%	78%	72%	65%
No opinion	6%	9%	6%	6%	4%	7%	7%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
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Should sit on opposite sides	22%	37%	17%	12%
Should sit next to each other	72%	53%	79%	81%
No opinion	6%	10%	4%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

\* percentage less than 1%