



Interviews with 1,027 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on February 12-15, 2015. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Results in this document labeled “All Americans” or “Total” are based on this sample of 1,027 adults. This sample includes 626 interviews among landline respondents and 401 interviews among cell phone respondents.

Additional interviews were conducted among African-Americans, and combined with the African-Americans contacted in the initial sample of 1,027 for a total of 309 African-American respondents. The margin of sampling error for results based on this sample of African-Americans is plus or minus 5.5 percentage points.

Columns in this document labeled "Whites" show results only for the 733 respondents in the initial sample who described themselves as white in a question on racial background and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. (Sampling error for non-Hispanic whites is +/-3.5 percentage points.) Columns in this document labeled "Blacks" refer to all respondents who described themselves as black or African-American and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity.

Trend results for racial groups are shown only for polls which had enough African-American respondents to produce statistically valid results.

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42. Do you think NBC News should or should not allow Brian Williams to return to anchor NBC Nightly News?

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Should	52%
Should not	40%
No opinion	8%

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,027 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, 29% described themselves as Democrats, 23% described themselves as Republicans, and 48% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

In addition 172 interviews were conducted with African-Americans drawn from a separate sample of landline telephone numbers in areas where at least 30% of households are African American.

All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

CNN/ORC International Poll -- February 12 to 15, 2015

Question 42

Do you think NBC News should or should not allow Brian Williams to return to anchor NBC Nightly News?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	52%	49%	55%	48%	60%
Should not	40%	44%	37%	44%	33%
No opinion	8%	7%	8%	8%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	52%	53%	49%	54%	51%	51%	53%
Should not	40%	39%	44%	39%	41%	41%	40%
No opinion	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	52%	54%	51%	55%	50%
Should not	40%	38%	43%	39%	41%
No opinion	8%	7%	6%	6%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	52%	58%	52%	45%	60%	54%	46%
Should not	40%	31%	42%	47%	32%	40%	46%
No opinion	8%	11%	6%	7%	8%	7%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	52%	53%	43%	58%	51%	54%	50%	53%
Should not	40%	41%	47%	35%	40%	39%	41%	40%
No opinion	8%	5%	9%	7%	9%	7%	8%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%