



**Interviews with 1,018 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on April 16 - 19, 2015. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**This sample includes 615 interviews among landline respondents and 403 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
April 16-19, 2015	48%	47%	5%	Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%
Mar. 13-15, 2015	46%	51%	3%	Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%
Feb. 12-15, 2015	47%	51%	2%	Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%
Dec. 18-21, 2014	48%	50%	2%	June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%
Nov. 21-23, 2014	44%	53%	3%	May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%
Oct. 24-26, 2014	45%	53%	3%	May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%
Sept. 25-28, 2014	44%	52%	4%	Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%
Sept. 5-7, 2014	43%	55%	2%	Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%
July 18-20, 2014	42%	55%	3%	March 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%
May 29-June 1, 2014	43%	55%	2%	March 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%
May 2-4, 2014	43%	55%	2%	Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%
March 7-9, 2014	43%	53%	4%	Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%
Jan. 31-Feb 2, 2014	45%	50%	5%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Dec. 16-19, 2013	41%	56%	3%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Nov. 18-20, 2013	41%	56%	3%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Oct. 18-20, 2013	44%	52%	4%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
Sept. 27-29, 2013	44%	53%	4%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
Sept. 6-8, 2013	45%	52%	3%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
June 11-13, 2013	45%	54%	1%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
May 17-18, 2013	53%	45%	2%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
April 5-7, 2013	51%	47%	3%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
March 15-17, 2013	47%	50%	3%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Jan. 14-15, 2013	55%	43%	2%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
Dec. 17-18, 2012	52%	43%	4%	March 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Nov. 16-18, 2012	52%	43%	5%	March 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Nov. 2-4, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Sept. 28-30, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Sept. 7-9, 2012	51%	44%	5%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
March 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of what the Republican leaders in the U.S. House and Senate have done so far this year?

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Approve	28%
Disapprove	67%
No opinion	6%

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*Do you approve or disapprove of what the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House and Senate have done so far this year?*

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	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2007 Dec 6-9*	39%	56%	6%
2007 Oct 12-14*	43%	51%	6%
2007 June 22-24*	42%	49%	9%
2007 May 4-6*	49%	44%	7%
2007 Mar 9-11*	47%	40%	13%

\*Asked of half sample

3. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
Apr. 16-19, 2015	5%	47%	31%	17%	*	52%	48%
Feb. 12-15, 2015	4%	44%	34%	18%	*	48%	52%
Dec. 18-21, 2014	5%	46%	30%	19%	*	51%	49%
Oct. 24-26, 2014	5%	33%	37%	25%	*	38%	62%
Sept. 25-28, 2014	2%	40%	36%	21%	1%	42%	57%
July 18-20, 2014	4%	37%	33%	25%	*	41%	58%
May 2-4, 2014	2%	36%	33%	29%	*	38%	62%
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2014	1%	35%	36%	28%	*	36%	64%
Dec. 16-19, 2013	2%	30%	36%	32%	*	32%	68%
Oct. 18-20, 2013	1%	28%	35%	36%	*	29%	71%
Sept. 27-29, 2013	1%	32%	31%	36%	*	33%	67%
June 11-13, 2013	1%	34%	40%	25%	*	35%	65%
May 17-18, 2013	3%	30%	38%	29%	*	33%	67%
March 15-17, 2013	3%	28%	37%	32%	*	31%	69%
Dec. 17-18, 2012	1%	25%	37%	37%	*	26%	74%
Nov. 2-4, 2012*	3%	25%	35%	36%	1%	28%	71%
Sept. 28-30, 2012(RV)	1%	26%	39%	34%	*	27%	73%
Sept. 7-9, 2012(RV)	1%	31%	35%	33%	*	32%	68%
June 28-July 1, 2012	2%	25%	39%	34%	*	27%	73%
May 29-31, 2012	2%	29%	39%	30%	*	31%	69%
March 24-25, 2012	*	31%	42%	27%	*	31%	69%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	1%	17%	42%	38%	*	18%	80%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	1%	14%	34%	51%	*	15%	85%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	*	13%	39%	47%	1%	13%	86%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	1%	9%	40%	50%	*	10%	90%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	1%	13%	41%	44%	*	14%	85%
July 18-20, 2011	*	16%	38%	46%	*	16%	84%
June 3-7, 2011	1%	18%	40%	41%	*	19%	81%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	1%	17%	44%	38%	*	18%	82%
March 11-13, 2011	1%	15%	42%	42%	*	16%	84%
Jan. 14-16, 2011	1%	23%	40%	35%	1%	24%	75%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	1%	18%	81%
Sept. 1-2, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	*	18%	81%
July 16-21, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*	22%	78%

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3. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
May 21-23, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*	22%	78%
March 25-28, 2010	1%	20%	39%	39%	*	21%	78%
Feb. 12-15, 2010	2%	15%	39%	44%	*	17%	83%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	2%	18%	42%	38%	*	20%	80%
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*	20%	80%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*	18%	82%
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*	16%	84%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*	21%	79%
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*	20%	80%
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*	17%	83%
March 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*	11%	89%
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*	13%	86%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*	8%	93%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%	16%	83%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*	16%	84%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*	19%	81%
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*	25%	75%
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*	22%	78%
March 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*	26%	75%
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*	40%	59%
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%	46%	54%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*	54%	45%
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%	56%	43%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%	61%	39%
March 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%	52%	46%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%	63%	36%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%	49%	50%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%	62%	37%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*	59%	41%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*	44%	56%
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%	51%	47%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%	52%	47%

\*Asked of a half sample

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some-what good</u>	<u>Some-what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>		<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some-what good</u>	<u>Some-what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	59	41	2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	50	49
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	53	47	2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	57	42
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	50	49	2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	67	32
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	53	47	2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	80	19
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	52	47	2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	82	18
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	57	42	2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	85	14
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	44	56	2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	86	13
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	35	64	1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	84	16
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	34	65	1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	89	11
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	44	55	1998 July 7-8	29	50	15	5	79	20
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	41	58	1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	81	18
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	54	46	1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	81	19
2002 July 26-28	5	46	37	12	51	49	1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	81	19
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	58	42	1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	79	19
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	61	39	1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	69	30
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	57	42							

\*Asked of a half sample

4. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
Apr. 16-19, 2015	10%	50%	24%	14%	2%	60%	38%
Feb. 12-15, 2015	9%	47%	27%	15%	1%	56%	42%
Oct. 24-26, 2014	7%	45%	29%	17%	2%	52%	46%
Dec. 16-19, 2013	5%	39%	29%	27%	1%	44%	56%
Oct. 18-20, 2013	4%	36%	26%	33%	2%	40%	59%
June 11-13, 2013	7%	43%	24%	25%	*	50%	49%
Sept. 7-9, 2012 (RV)	10%	57%	22%	9%	3%	67%	31%
June 28-July 1, 2012	9%	51%	26%	13%	2%	60%	39%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	5%	34%	34%	26%	1%	39%	60%
July 18-20, 2011	4%	36%	30%	29%	1%	40%	59%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	4%	48%	30%	16%	2%	52%	46%
Dec. 16-20, 2009	5%	53%	25%	18%	*	58%	43%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	8%	50%	26%	14%	1%	58%	40%
Apr. 23-26, 2009	7%	54%	27%	12%	1%	61%	39%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	6%	49%	29%	16%	1%	55%	45%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	4%	58%	29%	7%	3%	62%	36%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	6%	58%	25%	11%	1%	64%	36%
June 4-5, 2008	6%	46%	28%	18%	2%	52%	46%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	10%	50%	24%	14%	1%	60%	38%
Dec. 6-9, 2007	7%	43%	30%	19%	1%	50%	49%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	11%	51%	23%	13%	2%	62%	36%
Aug. 6-8, 2007	12%	48%	25%	13%	2%	60%	38%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	43%	28%	14%	5%	53%	42%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	48%	26%	10%	4%	61%	36%
Sept. 22-24, 2006	12%	50%	26%	9%	3%	62%	35%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	11%	45%	25%	17%	2%	56%	42%

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4. Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be -- very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some-what good</u>	<u>Some-what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	15	45	25	12	3	60	37
2005 Sep 8-11*	8	41	32	18	1	49	50
2005 Apr 29-May 1	8	43	29	19	1	51	48
2004 Dec 17-19	17	43	24	15	1	60	39
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	18	49	18	11	4	67	29
2003 Dec 5-7	22	51	19	7	1	73	26
2003 Oct 10-12	12	52	22	12	2	64	34
2003 Mar 14-15	9	49	25	15	2	58	40
2003 Feb 24-26	9	46	26	16	3	55	42
2002 Dec 9-10	12	53	21	11	3	65	32
2002 Oct 21-22	7	58	21	9	5	65	30
2002 Sep 20-22	14	57	20	7	2	71	27
2002 Jun 28-30	13	58	21	6	2	71	27
2002 Apr 5-7	17	60	15	5	3	77	20
2002 Jan 11-14	15	63	16	5	1	78	21
2001 Dec 14-16	17	59	14	7	3	76	21
2001 Sep 21-22	21	56	15	5	3	77	20
2001 Apr 20-24	16	54	18	9	3	70	27
2001 Feb 9-11	18	53	21	6	2	71	27
2001 Jan 15-16	13	55	22	8	2	68	30
2000 Jun 6-7	24	56	10	5	5	80	15
2000 Mar 10-12	24	55	13	4	4	79	17
1999 Jun 25-27	21	55	15	7	2	76	22
1999 Jan 8-10	25	56	12	4	3	81	16
1998 July 7-8	19	54	14	7	6	73	21
1997 Oct 27-29	20	55	18	4	3	75	22

\* Asked of a half sample.

5. Next we are interested in how people's financial situation may have changed. Would you say that you are financially better off now than you were a year ago, or are you financially worse off?

	April 16-19 <u>2015</u>	June 11-13 <u>2013</u>	May 29-31 <u>2012</u>
Better off	42%	36%	37%
Worse off	34%	44%	43%
Same (vol.)	23%	20%	20%
No opinion	*%	*	*

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	<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Better off</u>	<u>Worse off</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Feb 9-12 *	37	39	24	*	1991 Jan 11-13	27	33	39	1
2005 Jul 22-24	42	40	17	1	1991 Jan 3-6	35	32	32	1
2005 Jan 14-16	40	33	27	*	1990 Dec 13-16	38	36	26	*
2003 Nov 10-12	41	38	21	*	1990 Nov 15-16	25	42	32	1
2003 Jul 18-20	36	39	25	*	1990 Oct 25-28	38	35	26	1
2003 Apr 14-16	31	39	29	1	1990 Oct 18-21	27	41	30	2
2003 Feb 17-19	39	41	20	--	1990 Oct 11-14	32	41	26	*
2002 Dec 16-17	33	44	23	*	1990 Sep 27-30	40	32	27	1
2002 Jul 22-24	32	45	23	*	1990 Aug 9-12	43	29	27	1
2002 May 20-22	37	36	26	1	1990 Jul 19-22	44	27	28	1
2001 Dec 14-16	37	37	25	1	1990 Feb 8-11	49	24	26	1
2001 Sep 7-10	37	36	26	1	1989 Jun 15-18	42	25	31	2
2001 Aug 16-19	37	41	21	1	1989 Jan 24-28	44	26	28	2
2001 Jul 19-22	39	36	25	*	1988 Sep 9-11	53	23	23	1
2001 Jun 11-17	42	37	20	1	1988 May 13-15	47	24	28	1
2001 Apr 6-8	42	36	22	*	1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	43	29	27	1
2001 Feb 1-4	46	30	23	1	1987 Jun 8-14	43	32	24	1
2001 Jan 10-14	49	30	21	*	1987 Mar 14-18	46	30	23	1
2000 Oct 6-9	55	22	22	1	1987 Jan 16-19	39	28	33	*
2000 May 18-21	53	26	20	1	1986 Sep 13-17	40	29	29	2
1999 Oct 21-24	56	19	24	1	1986 Jul 11-14	39	25	35	1
1999 Aug 24-26	53	25	22	*	1986 Jun 9-16	46	28	25	1
1999 Jun 4-5	57	20	22	1	1986 Mar 4-10	46	30	24	*
1999 Jan 15-17	58	21	21	*	1986 Jan 10-13	40	30	29	1
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	53	24	22	1	1985 Oct 11-14	38	27	34	1
1998 Mar 20-22	55	20	24	1	1985 Jun 10-23	43	29	26	2
1997 Jun 26-29	44	26	29	1	1985 Mar 8-11	47	25	27	1
1997 May 6-7	45	28	25	2	1984 Nov 30-Dec 3	43	24	32	1
1996 Mar 8-10	49	21	29	1	1984 Sep 7-9	39	26	34	1
1994 Dec 16-18	40	31	29	*	1984 Jul 6-9	40	25	34	1
1994 May 20-22	40	33	26	1	1984 Mar 16-19	36	26	37	1
1994 Mar 7-8	34	31	34	1	1983 Jun 24-27	28	39	32	1
1993 Dec 4-6	36	31	33	*	1983 Mar 11-14	25	46	28	1
1993 Jun 28-29	29	34	36	1	1982 Nov 5-8	29	37	33	1
1992 Feb 6-9	34	46	19	1	1982 Sep 17-20	27	39	32	2
1992 Jan 16-19	30	43	26	1	1982 Jul 30-Aug 2	25	46	26	3
1991 Dec 5-8	33	40	26	1	1982 Apr 23-26	28	39	31	2
1991 Oct 24-25	26	44	28	2	1982 Feb 5-8	28	47	24	1
1991 Oct 17-20	35	42	22	1	1981 Oct 2-5	28	43	28	1
1991 Sep 5-8	34	28	37	1	1981 Jun 26-29	33	35	30	2
1991 Jul 11-14	34	32	33	1	1980 Jan	30	24	45	1
1991 May 16-19	32	32	33	3	1979 Jun	30	27	41	2
1991 Apr 11-14	29	33	36	1	1978 Jul	35	31	32	2
1991 Mar 21-24	31	37	32	1	1978 Mar 31-Apr 3	29	32	37	2
1991 Feb 28-Mar 3	37	28	34	1	1977 Aug	39	28	31	2
1991 Feb 14-17	37	28	35	*	1976 Sep	33	36	30	1

\*Asked of a half sample.



6. Some people think of American society as divided into two groups – the “haves” and “have-nots,” while others think it’s incorrect to think of America that way. Do you, yourself, think of America as divided into haves and have-nots, or don’t you think of America that way?

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Yes, divided	48%
No, not	50%
No opinion	2%

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	<u>Yes, divided</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	41	58	1

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	<u>Yes, divided</u>	<u>No, not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2004 July 30-Aug 1	40	58	2

13. Now thinking about Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the man found guilty on 30 counts related to the bombings which occurred during the Boston Marathon in April, 2013, which sentence do you think Tsarnaev should get for his crimes -- the death penalty, or life imprisonment with absolutely no possibility of parole? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 510 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Apr. 16-19 <u>2015</u>	Jan. 31-Feb. 2 <u>2014</u>
Death penalty	53%	56%
Life in prison	45%	42%
No opinion	2%	3%

**QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO APRIL 2015:** Now here is a question about the bombing which occurred during the Boston Marathon last April. If Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is found guilty of murder in this case, which of the following punishments would you like to see him sentenced to -- life in prison without parole, or the death penalty?

FOR COMPARISON:

CNN/ORC AND CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS\*

	<u>Death penalty</u>	<u>Life in prison</u>	<u>Other (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Jared Loughner</b> 2011 Jan 14-16	53	43	2	2
<b>Zacarias Mousaoui</b> 2006 Apr 21-23	50	45	*	5
<b>Terry Nichols</b> 1997 Nov 21-23	52	42	3	3
<b>Ted Kaczynski</b> 1997 Nov 21-23	51	43	2	4
<b>Timothy McVeigh</b> 1997 Aug 12-13	64	34	1	1
1997 May 30-June 1	57	40	2	2

\*Polls conducted 2006-2011 were CNN/ORC polls. Polls conducted 1991-1997 were CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls.

## METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,018 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, 27% described themselves as Democrats, 21% described themselves as Republicans, and 52% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

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".

Question 1

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	48%	44%	51%	37%	69%
Disapprove	47%	52%	43%	59%	24%
No opinion	5%	3%	5%	4%	7%
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
Approve	48%	55%	51%	41%	41%	53%	41%
Disapprove	47%	35%	47%	56%	57%	40%	57%
No opinion	5%	10%	2%	3%	1%	7%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	48%	45%	53%	41%	52%
Disapprove	47%	48%	47%	54%	44%
No opinion	5%	7%	*	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	48%	88%	43%	11%	79%	49%	27%
Disapprove	47%	9%	51%	88%	18%	47%	69%
No opinion	5%	3%	6%	2%	3%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	48%	53%	40%	50%	48%	59%	44%	41%
Disapprove	47%	46%	50%	48%	47%	36%	53%	53%
No opinion	5%	1%	10%	3%	5%	6%	3%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	48%	22%	42%	79%
Disapprove	47%	76%	52%	17%
No opinion	5%	2%	6%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 2

Do you approve or disapprove of what the Republican leaders in the U.S. House and Senate have done so far this year?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	28%	32%	24%	29%	23%
Disapprove	67%	62%	70%	65%	70%
No opinion	6%	5%	6%	5%	7%
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
Approve	28%	24%	26%	33%	27%	25%	30%
Disapprove	67%	67%	70%	64%	68%	68%	66%
No opinion	6%	9%	4%	4%	5%	7%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	28%	27%	28%	31%	26%
Disapprove	67%	66%	69%	62%	70%
No opinion	6%	6%	3%	7%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-ocrat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	28%	15%	21%	63%	15%	21%	43%
Disapprove	67%	82%	73%	32%	83%	74%	50%
No opinion	6%	3%	7%	5%	1%	5%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	28%	26%	28%	30%	27%	25%	28%	31%
Disapprove	67%	71%	65%	64%	67%	69%	69%	61%
No opinion	6%	3%	8%	6%	6%	6%	3%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Approve	28%	47%	30%	11%
Disapprove	67%	50%	63%	84%
No opinion	6%	3%	7%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 3

How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today - as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very good	5%	6%	4%	4%	7%
Somewhat good	47%	48%	45%	42%	55%
Somewhat poor	31%	29%	33%	35%	23%
Very poor	17%	16%	19%	19%	14%
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
Very good	5%	4%	7%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Somewhat good	47%	51%	44%	43%	46%	48%	44%
Somewhat poor	31%	39%	27%	30%	26%	33%	28%
Very poor	17%	6%	22%	22%	24%	13%	23%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very good	5%	3%	7%	7%	4%
Somewhat good	47%	42%	52%	41%	49%
Somewhat poor	31%	34%	30%	30%	32%
Very poor	17%	21%	11%	22%	15%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	5%	4%	7%	1%	4%	5%	4%
Somewhat good	47%	72%	40%	30%	56%	53%	34%
Somewhat poor	31%	17%	33%	44%	31%	27%	35%
Very poor	17%	7%	20%	25%	9%	14%	27%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very good	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%	8%	3%	3%
Somewhat good	47%	47%	37%	50%	50%	50%	47%	40%
Somewhat poor	31%	34%	40%	24%	30%	29%	32%	32%
Very poor	17%	15%	18%	19%	16%	13%	18%	25%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Very good	5%	2%	3%	9%
Somewhat good	47%	32%	44%	64%
Somewhat poor	31%	34%	36%	19%
Very poor	17%	33%	16%	7%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 4

Now thinking about a year from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor or very poor?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very good	10%	13%	7%	7%	17%
Somewhat good	50%	47%	53%	47%	56%
Somewhat poor	24%	25%	23%	27%	17%
Very poor	14%	14%	14%	17%	9%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%
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
Very good	10%	11%	12%	8%	11%	11%	9%
Somewhat good	50%	57%	49%	47%	44%	53%	46%
Somewhat poor	24%	23%	22%	28%	22%	22%	25%
Very poor	14%	8%	16%	16%	19%	11%	18%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very good	10%	7%	12%	12%	9%
Somewhat good	50%	52%	52%	45%	53%
Somewhat poor	24%	24%	24%	24%	23%
Very poor	14%	15%	10%	16%	13%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	10%	16%	9%	4%	7%	12%	9%
Somewhat good	50%	65%	47%	40%	61%	56%	38%
Somewhat poor	24%	13%	26%	32%	18%	23%	29%
Very poor	14%	4%	16%	22%	11%	8%	21%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very good	10%	9%	7%	12%	11%	14%	8%	8%
Somewhat good	50%	51%	45%	52%	51%	53%	50%	44%
Somewhat poor	24%	27%	31%	19%	21%	18%	27%	27%
Very poor	14%	10%	16%	16%	13%	12%	14%	18%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Very good	10%	4%	8%	19%
Somewhat good	50%	36%	54%	56%
Somewhat poor	24%	31%	26%	15%
Very poor	14%	27%	11%	6%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 5

Next we are interested in how people's financial situation may have changed. Would you say that you are financially better off now than you were a year ago, or are you financially worse off?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Better off	42%	40%	43%	37%	54%
Worse off	34%	33%	36%	37%	28%
SAME	23%	27%	20%	26%	19%
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
Better off	42%	59%	41%	34%	29%	51%	32%
Worse off	34%	23%	39%	42%	36%	30%	39%
SAME	23%	18%	19%	24%	34%	19%	29%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Better off	42%	37%	50%	36%	46%
Worse off	34%	44%	24%	41%	30%
SAME	23%	19%	26%	23%	24%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-ocrat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Better off	42%	61%	38%	26%	53%	45%	32%
Worse off	34%	19%	38%	45%	24%	31%	45%
SAME	23%	20%	23%	29%	23%	23%	23%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Better off	42%	34%	40%	46%	46%	48%	39%	38%
Worse off	34%	39%	37%	32%	31%	30%	39%	34%
SAME	23%	26%	23%	22%	23%	22%	22%	28%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Better off	42%	33%	41%	51%
Worse off	34%	44%	37%	20%
SAME	23%	23%	22%	28%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 6

Some people think of American society as divided into two groups - the "haves" and "have-nots," while others think it's incorrect to think of America that way. Do you, yourself, think of America as divided into haves and have-nots, or don't you think of America that way?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Yes, think that way	48%	43%	53%	47%	51%
No, don't think that way	50%	56%	45%	52%	47%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
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
Yes, think that way	48%	45%	46%	49%	51%	46%	50%
No, don't think that way	50%	52%	54%	51%	46%	53%	49%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	*	3%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes, think that way	48%	49%	45%	49%	47%
No, don't think that way	50%	50%	52%	49%	51%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, think that way	48%	61%	46%	38%	64%	44%	39%
No, don't think that way	50%	38%	52%	61%	35%	55%	58%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, think that way	48%	48%	52%	47%	47%	50%	46%	51%
No, don't think that way	50%	51%	48%	51%	50%	47%	54%	49%
No opinion	2%	1%	*	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Yes, think that way	48%	42%	44%	62%
No, don't think that way	50%	57%	55%	35%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 13

Now thinking about Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the man found guilty on 30 counts related to the bombings which occurred during the Boston Marathon in April 2013, which sentence do you think Tsarnaev should get for his crimes -- the death penalty, or life imprisonment with absolutely no possibility of parole?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Death penalty	53%	57%	49%	58%	N/A
Life in prison	45%	42%	48%	39%	N/A
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Death penalty	53%	N/A	N/A	59%	50%	50%	55%
Life in prison	45%	N/A	N/A	39%	47%	49%	42%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Death penalty	53%	55%	50%	59%	48%
Life in prison	45%	42%	48%	40%	49%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Death penalty	53%	N/A	60%	58%	N/A	52%	58%
Life in prison	45%	N/A	39%	39%	N/A	47%	39%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	3%	N/A	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5		+/-6.0	+/-8.5		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Death penalty	53%	58%	N/A	51%	N/A	46%	51%	N/A
Life in prison	45%	38%	N/A	48%	N/A	52%	48%	N/A
No opinion	2%	3%	N/A	1%	N/A	2%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.5		+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Death penalty	53%	N/A	56%	38%
Life in prison	45%	N/A	43%	59%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5		+/-6.5	+/-8.0

\* percentage less than 1%