



Interviews with 1,008 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 17-19, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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17. People all have different concerns about what's going on in the world these days, but you can't worry about everything all the time. Will you please tell me for each of the following whether right now this is something that worries you personally a lot, a little, or not at all?

The possibility of nuclear war

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
December 17-19, 2010	36%	39%	24%	*

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
The possibility of a nuclear war			
January, 1995	22	36	41
November, 1985	51	28	20
September, 1985	44	31	24
July, 1985	48	31	21
February, 1984	52	33	14
December, 1983	60	25	14
September, 1983	59	27	13
June, 1983	51	29	19

23. Some people feel the U.S. should try to develop a ground and space based missile defense system to protect the U.S. from missile attack. Others oppose such an effort because they say it would be too costly and might interfere with existing arms treaties with the Russians. Which comes closer to your view?

Dec. 17-19
2010

Should develop system	47%
Oppose developing system	50%
No opinion	3%

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	<u>Should develop system</u>	<u>Oppose developing system</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2000 May 23-24	48	42	10
1987 May	44	42	14
1986 Dec	52	40	8
1985 Aug	45	47	8

QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO MAY 2000: Some people feel the U.S. should try to develop a space-based "Star Wars" system to protect the U.S. from nuclear attack. Others oppose such an effort because they say it would be too costly and further escalate the arms race. Which position comes closer to your view?

38. As you may know, President Obama and the President of Russia recently signed a treaty to reduce the number of nuclear weapons of each country, but the treaty will not take effect until the U.S. Senate votes in favor of it. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not vote in favor of that treaty?

	Dec. 17-19 <u>2010</u>	Nov. 11-14 <u>2010</u>	Apr. 9-11 <u>2009*</u>
Should	73%	73%	70%
Should not	24%	23%	28%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE.

39. If that treaty is ratified, do you think Russia would or would not live up to its share of the agreement?

	Dec. 17-19 <u>2010</u>
Would	56%
Would not	40%
No opinion	4%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2002 May 23-24	47	41	12

QUESTION WORDING: *If the United States and Russia were to sign an agreement to limit nuclear weapons, do you think Russia would live up to its share of the agreement?*

Question 17E

People all have different concerns about what's going on in the world these days, but you can't worry about everything all the time. Will you please tell me for each of the following whether right now this is something that worries you personally a lot, a little, or not at all?

E. The possibility of nuclear war

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
A lot	36%	34%	38%	33%	46%
A little	39%	37%	41%	43%	26%
Not at all	24%	28%	21%	23%	27%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%
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
A lot	36%	N/A	29%	35%	46%	34%	40%
A little	39%	N/A	45%	37%	32%	42%	35%
Not at all	24%	N/A	26%	28%	21%	24%	25%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
A lot	36%	45%	26%	49%	27%
A little	39%	32%	47%	30%	46%
Not at all	24%	24%	27%	22%	27%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	36%	43%	33%	34%	30%	40%	36%
A little	39%	35%	38%	47%	42%	35%	43%
Not at all	24%	22%	29%	19%	28%	25%	21%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
A lot	36%	34%	36%	40%	33%	37%	33%	42%
A little	39%	40%	40%	38%	38%	33%	43%	37%
Not at all	24%	25%	24%	21%	29%	30%	23%	21%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*
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
A lot	36%	31%	44%	34%
A little	39%	46%	34%	39%
Not at all	24%	23%	22%	27%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23

Some people feel the U.S. should try to develop a ground and space based missile defense system to protect the U.S. from missile attack. Others oppose such an effort because they say it would be too costly and might interfere with existing arms treaties with the Russians. Which comes closer to your view?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should develop system	47%	55%	39%	47%	46%
Oppose developing system	50%	42%	57%	50%	52%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
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
Should develop system	47%	N/A	45%	48%	54%	45%	50%
Oppose developing system	50%	N/A	52%	49%	39%	53%	45%
No opinion	3%	N/A	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should develop system	47%	48%	43%	49%	45%
Oppose developing system	50%	50%	53%	48%	51%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should develop system	47%	37%	45%	66%	32%	38%	66%
Oppose developing system	50%	60%	51%	31%	67%	59%	30%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should develop system	47%	39%	47%	52%	46%	46%	43%	56%
Oppose developing system	50%	59%	48%	44%	51%	50%	55%	40%
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%
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
Should develop system	47%	68%	45%	30%
Oppose developing system	50%	28%	52%	67%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 38

As you may know, President Obama and the President of Russia recently signed a treaty to reduce the number of nuclear weapons of each country, but the treaty will not take effect until the U.S. Senate votes in favor of it. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not vote in favor of that treaty?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	73%	72%	75%	73%	76%
Should not	24%	25%	23%	25%	21%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
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
Should	73%	N/A	75%	71%	69%	76%	70%
Should not	24%	N/A	23%	26%	26%	23%	26%
No opinion	2%	N/A	2%	3%	5%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	73%	76%	74%	71%	75%
Should not	24%	23%	23%	26%	22%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	73%	86%	75%	50%	88%	84%	51%
Should not	24%	12%	23%	45%	11%	14%	46%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	5%	1%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	73%	78%	69%	72%	76%	74%	77%	67%
Should not	24%	20%	28%	25%	21%	23%	22%	29%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%
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
Should	73%	50%	79%	89%
Should not	24%	46%	19%	10%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 39

If that treaty is ratified, do you think Russia would or would not live up to its share of the agreement?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Would	56%	56%	56%	55%	58%
Would not	40%	40%	41%	42%	36%
No opinion	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%
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
Would	56%	N/A	64%	53%	48%	60%	51%
Would not	40%	N/A	32%	43%	48%	36%	45%
No opinion	4%	N/A	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Would	56%	54%	60%	51%	60%
Would not	40%	41%	37%	45%	36%
No opinion	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

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Would	56%	66%	59%	34%	72%	64%	35%
Would not	40%	28%	38%	62%	25%	31%	60%
No opinion	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Would	56%	62%	56%	51%	57%	57%	61%	47%
Would not	40%	36%	40%	45%	36%	37%	36%	51%
No opinion	4%	2%	4%	3%	7%	7%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

	Total	Tea Party Support	Tea Party Neutral	Tea Party Oppose
Would	56%	35%	61%	72%
Would not	40%	63%	33%	26%
No opinion	4%	3%	6%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

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