



Interviews with 1,015 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on June 3-7, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 911 interviews among landline respondents and 104 interviews among cell phone respondents.

(QUESTIONS 9 THROUGH 11 ROTATED)

9. Which of the following statements do you agree with more...

June 3-7
2011

Elected officials in Washington are mostly influenced by what is in the best interests of the country	12%
Elected officials in Washington are mostly influenced by the pressure they receive on issues from major campaign contributors	86%
Neither/other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

Oct. 3-5, 1997

Elected officials in Washington are mostly influenced by what is in the best interests of the country	19%
Elected officials in Washington are mostly influenced by the pressure they receive on issues from major campaign contributors	77%
Neither/other (vol.)	2%
No opinion	2%

10. Which of the following statements do you agree with more...

June 3-7
2011

The problems with campaign financing are much worse today than in the past	49%
The problems with campaign financing are no better or worse than they've always been	48%
Not as bad (vol.)	*
No opinion	3%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

Oct. 3-5, 1997

The problems with campaign financing are much worse today than in the past	46%
The problems with campaign financing are no better or worse than they've always been	50%
Not as bad (vol.)	2%
No opinion	2%

11. Which of the following statements do you agree with more...

June 3-7
2011

Elections are generally for sale to the candidate who can raise the most money	67%
Elections are generally won on the basis of who is the best candidate	30%
Neither/other (vol.)	2%
No opinion	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

Oct. 3-5, 1997

Elections are generally for sale to the candidate who can raise the most money	59%
Elections are generally won on the basis of who is the best candidate	37%
Neither/other (vol.)	2%
No opinion	2%

Question 9

Which of the following statements do you agree with more...

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Influenced, best for country	12%	10%	13%	10%	16%
Influenced by campaign issues	86%	87%	84%	88%	80%
Neither/other	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	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
Influenced, best for country	12%	N/A	13%	6%	12%	15%	8%
Influenced by campaign issues	86%	N/A	86%	91%	85%	83%	88%
Neither/other	1%	N/A	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	2%	2%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Influenced, best for country	12%	14%	11%	12%	11%
Influenced by campaign issues	86%	83%	88%	84%	87%
Neither/other	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Influenced, best for country	12%	15%	10%	10%	12%	13%	10%
Influenced by campaign issues	86%	81%	87%	88%	84%	87%	86%
Neither/other	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	3%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	*	1%
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
Influenced, best for country	12%	10%	11%	12%	13%	15%	8%	10%
Influenced by campaign issues	86%	88%	87%	83%	86%	84%	88%	85%
Neither/other	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	1%	*	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Influenced, best for country	12%	10%	13%	9%
Influenced by campaign issues	86%	87%	83%	90%
Neither/other	1%	2%	2%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 10

Which of the following statements do you agree with more...

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Problems worse today	49%	55%	43%	49%	48%
Problems no better or worse	48%	42%	53%	48%	47%
Not as bad	*	*	1%	*	1%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%
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
Problems worse today	49%	N/A	46%	44%	61%	48%	50%
Problems no better or worse	48%	N/A	50%	55%	35%	48%	47%
Not as bad	*	N/A	*	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	3%	N/A	4%	1%	5%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Problems worse today	49%	51%	45%	54%	45%
Problems no better or worse	48%	45%	53%	41%	52%
Not as bad	*	*	*	*	1%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Problems worse today	49%	43%	53%	50%	58%	42%	51%
Problems no better or worse	48%	51%	44%	49%	38%	56%	45%
Not as bad	*	*	1%	*	*	1%	*
No opinion	3%	5%	2%	1%	4%	1%	4%
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
Problems worse today	49%	51%	42%	51%	51%	44%	53%	51%
Problems no better or worse	48%	47%	50%	46%	48%	53%	43%	47%
Not as bad	*	2%	1%	*	*	*	1%	*
No opinion	3%	1%	7%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Problems worse today	49%	49%	49%	50%
Problems no better or worse	48%	49%	47%	47%
Not as bad	*	1%	*	*
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 11

Which of the following statements do you agree with more...

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Elections, raise most money	67%	70%	63%	72%	52%
Elections, best candidate	30%	28%	31%	24%	45%
Neither/other	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%
No opinion	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
Elections, raise most money	67%	N/A	55%	68%	73%	63%	70%
Elections, best candidate	30%	N/A	41%	26%	24%	34%	25%
Neither/other	2%	N/A	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%
No opinion	1%	N/A	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Elections, raise most money	67%	69%	63%	69%	65%
Elections, best candidate	30%	27%	33%	26%	32%
Neither/other	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Elections, raise most money	67%	56%	71%	72%	58%	64%	74%
Elections, best candidate	30%	41%	25%	23%	35%	34%	23%
Neither/other	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	3%	1%	*
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
Elections, raise most money	67%	66%	70%	65%	66%	66%	70%	65%
Elections, best candidate	30%	30%	25%	32%	31%	33%	28%	27%
Neither/other	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	*	1%	*	*	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Elections, raise most money	67%	69%	66%	65%
Elections, best candidate	30%	28%	30%	32%
Neither/other	2%	3%	2%	3%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%