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Note: Q.20-36 should be reported as a *USA Today*/Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 13-16, 2010 with a random sample of –1,019— adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

10. As you know, our federal government is made up of three branches: an Executive branch, headed by the President; a Judicial branch, headed by the U.S. Supreme Court; and a Legislative branch, made up of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. First, let me ask you how much trust and confidence you have at this time in the Executive branch headed by the President, the Judicial branch headed by the US Supreme Court, and the Legislative branch, consisting of the US Senate and House of Representatives-- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

A. The Executive branch headed by the President

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Great deal/Fair amount</i>
2010 Sep 13-16	20	29	27	24	*	49
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	26	35	22	16	1	61
2008 Sep 8-11	12	30	30	28	1	42
2007 Sep 14-16	15	28	32	24	1	43
2006 Sep 7-10	15	31	28	24	1	46
2005 Sep 12-15	19	33	30	18	*	52
2004 Sep 13-15	31	27	25	16	1	58
2003 Sep 8-10	25	35	26	14	*	60
2002 Sep 5-8	28	44	20	7	1	72
2001 Sep 7-10	21	42	28	8	1	63
2000 Jul 6-9	18	47	23	11	1	65
1999 Feb 4-8	21	43	24	11	1	64
1998 Dec 28-29	24	39	23	12	2	63
1997 May 30-Jun 1	13	49	27	9	2	62
1976 Jun	13	45	30	9	4	58
1974 Apr	12	28	36	20	3	40
1972 May	24	49	20	4	2	73

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B. The Judicial branch, headed by the U.S. Supreme Court

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Great deal/Fair amount</i>
2010 Sep 13-16	14	52	28	5	2	66
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	18	58	18	4	2	76
2008 Sep 8-11	14	55	23	6	3	69
2007 Sep 14-16	15	54	23	6	1	69
2006 Sep 7-10	15	54	21	7	3	69
2005 Sep 12-15	13	55	25	6	1	68
2004 Sep 13-15	14	51	27	6	2	65
2003 Sep 8-10	13	54	27	5	1	67
2002 Sep 5-8	17	58	18	5	2	75
2001 Sep 7-10	17	57	20	4	2	74
2000 Jul 6-9	23	52	18	6	1	75
1999 Feb 4-8	29	51	13	5	2	80
1998 Dec 28-29	27	51	16	4	2	78
1997 May 30-Jun 1	19	52	22	5	2	71
1976 Jun	16	47	26	6	4	63
1974 Apr	17	54	20	5	5	71
1972 May	17	49	24	7	4	66

C. The Legislative branch, consisting of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Great deal/Fair amount</i>
2010 Sep 13-16	5	31	42	21	1	36
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	6	39	38	17	*	45
2008 Sep 8-11	4	43	38	12	2	47
2007 Sep 14-16	5	45	36	12	1	50
2006 Sep 7-10	6	50	31	10	2	56
2005 Sep 12-15	8	54	31	6	1	62
2004 Sep 13-15	7	53	33	6	1	60
2003 Sep 8-10	8	55	31	5	1	63
2002 Sep 5-8	9	58	26	6	1	67
2001 Sep 7-10	7	58	28	6	1	65
2000 Jul 6-9	11	57	24	7	1	68
1999 Feb 4-8	8	49	34	7	2	57
1998 Dec 28-29	13	48	30	7	2	61
1997 May 30-Jun 1	6	48	36	8	2	54
1976 Jun	9	52	31	6	4	61
1974 Apr	13	55	24	4	4	68
1972 May	13	58	22	3	3	71