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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.

20. Some people think the government is trying to do too many things that should be left to individuals and businesses. Others think that government should do more to solve our country's problems. Which comes closer to your own view?

	<u>Government doing too much</u>	<u>Government should do more</u>	<u>Mixed/ Depends (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	58	36	5	1
2010 Jun 11-13	53	39	7	1
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	57	38	4	1
2009 Mar 27-29	50	42	6	2
2009 Mar 5-8 ^	47	42	8	3
2008 Sep 8-11	53	41	4	2
2008 Jun 15-18	50	43	5	2
2007 Sep 14-16	49	43	6	2
2006 Sep 7-10	47	44	6	3
2005 Sep 12-15	50	44	4	2
2004 Nov 19-21	55	36	7	2
2004 Sep 13-15	49	41	8	2
2003 Oct 24-26	52	40	6	2
2003 Sep 8-10	51	43	4	2
2002 Sep 5-8	50	43	5	2
2001 Oct 5-6	41	50	6	3
2001 Sep 7-10	55	36	7	2
2000 Sep 11-13	50	37	11	2
2000 Aug 18-19	54	38	6	2
1999 Sep 10-14	55	39	4	2
1998 Oct 29-30	50	38	6	6
1998 Apr 17-19	59	33	7	1
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	58	33	6	3
1996 Jan 12-15	58	35	6	1
1995 Dec 15-19	60	32	5	3
1994 Nov 2-6	55	37	5	3
1994 Oct 22-25	57	37	4	2
1994 Jan 15-17	54	39	5	2
1993 Dec 17-19	55	38	6	1
1993 Apr 22-24	49	45	3	3
1993 Mar 22-24	45	49	4	2
1992 Oct 23-25 †	48	44	5	3
1992 Sep 11-15	46	47	4	3
1992 Aug 31-Sep 2 †	50	43	5	2

^ Asked of a half sample

† Based on registered voters

21. Some people think the government should promote traditional values in our society. Others think the government should not favor any particular set of values. Which comes closer to your own view?

	Promote traditional <u>values</u>	Not favor any set <u>of values</u>	Mixed/ <u>Depends (vol.)</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	53	43	2	2
2010 Jun 11-13	47	49	2	3
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	53	42	2	3
2008 Sep 8-11	48	48	1	3
2007 Sep 14-16	49	45	4	3
2006 Sep 7-10	50	44	3	3
2005 Sep 12-15	50	47	1	2
2004 Nov 19-21	55	41	2	2
2004 Sep 13-15	54	41	3	2
2003 Sep 8-10	56	40	2	2
2002 Sep 5-8	56	38	3	3
2001 Oct 5-6	59	39	1	2
2001 Sep 7-10	53	41	4	2
2000 Sep 11-13	54	38	5	3
1999 Sep 10-14	56	39	1	3
1998 Oct 29-30	56	37	2	5
1998 Apr 17-19	55	38	4	3
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	53	40	3	4
1996 Jan 12-15	59	36	1	4
1994 Nov 2-6	55	37	2	6
1994 Oct 22-25	55	40	2	3
1994 Jan 15-17	54	40	2	4
1993 Dec 17-19	57	37	2	4
1993 Apr 22-24	55	39	1	5
1993 Mar 22-24	53	42	1	4

23. Do you think the federal government today -- [ROTATED: has too much power, has about the right amount of power, or has too little power]?

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	59	33	8	1
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	51	39	8	2
2009 Mar 5-8 ^	50	42	7	2
2008 Sep 8-11	52	40	6	2
2007 Sep 14-16	56	36	6	2
2006 Sep 7-10	52	40	6	2
2005 Sep 12-15	50	43	6	1
2004 Sep 13-15	42	49	7	2
2003 Sep 8-10	43	49	7	1
2002 Sep 5-8	39	52	7	2

^ Asked of a half sample

33. Do you think the federal government poses an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens, or not?

	<u>Yes, immediate threat</u>	<u>No, does not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	46	51	3
2006 Sep 7-10	44	54	2
2005 Sep 12-15	37	62	1
2004 Sep 13-15	35	63	2
2003 Sep 8-10 ^	30	68	2

^ Asked of a half sample.

34. *(Asked of those who believe government poses an immediate threat)* In what ways do you see the government posing an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of its citizens? *[OPEN-ENDED]*

BASED ON –467—WHO THINK THE GOVERNMENT POSES AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF ITS CITIZENS; ±5 PCT PTS

2010 Sep 13-16

Too many laws/Gov't too big in general	18
Too much involvement in people's private lives	17
Taking away Freedom of Speech/Violating First Amendment	15
Healthcare law	11
Socialist government	8
Overtaxing/Taxes too high	7
Taking away freedom of religion	6
Gun control/Violating Second Amendment	6
Failing to secure borders/Illegal immigration	3
Over-regulation/Too much involvement in business	3
Too much spending	2
Marriage issue	2
Other	3
None/Nothing	2
No opinion	9

Percentages total more than 100% due to multiple responses

