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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.

29. Next, I'm going to read a list of functions the federal government could serve. On a 1 to 5 scale, please say how much responsibility you think the government should have for each—with 1 meaning the government should have no responsibility at all and 5 meaning the government should have total responsibility in this area. How about –[RANDOM ORDER]?

<i>2010 Sep 13-16</i> <i>(ranked by "more responsibility")</i>	%4, 5 (More responsibility)	% 3	% 1, 2 (Less responsibility)	Mean
Protecting Americans from foreign threats	93	4	2	4.7
Protecting consumers against unsafe products	76	15	9	4.1
Preventing discrimination	66	19	14	3.9
Protecting the environment from human actions that can harm it	65	20	15	3.9
Developing and maintaining the nation's transportation systems	65	22	12	3.8
Making sure that all Americans have adequate health care	57	14	29	3.5
Making sure that all those who want jobs have them	51	21	27	3.5
Providing a minimum standard of living for all	45	21	33	3.2
Upholding moral standards among its citizens	39	23	37	3.0
Reducing income differences between the rich and the poor	34	20	44	2.8
Protecting major U.S. corporations that are in danger of going out of business	19	24	56	2.4

FULL RESULTS:

A. Protecting Americans from foreign threats

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	83	10	4	*	2	*

B. Preventing discrimination

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	47	19	19	6	8	*

C. Upholding moral standards among its citizens

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	25	14	23	13	24	*

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D. Making sure that all those who want jobs have them

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	35	16	21	13	14	*

E. Reducing income differences between the rich and the poor

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	23	11	20	11	33	1

F. Making sure that all Americans have adequate health care

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	42	15	14	9	20	*

G. Protecting consumers against unsafe products

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	51	25	15	6	3	*

H. Providing a minimum standard of living for all

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	30	15	21	15	18	1

I. Protecting the environment from human actions that can harm it

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	42	23	20	10	5	*

J. Developing and maintaining the nation's transportation systems

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	36	29	22	6	6	1

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K. Protecting major U.S. corporations that are in danger of going out of business

	<u>5/Total responsibility</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1 /No responsibility</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Sep 13-16	13	6	24	20	36	*