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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.

14. How much trust and confidence do you have in general in men and women in political life in this country who either hold or are running for public office -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

	<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	4	43	44	7	2	47
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	5	44	42	8	1	49
2008 Sep 8-11	8	58	29	3	2	66
2007 Sep 14-16	5	50	37	6	1	55
2005 Sep 12-15	4	54	35	5	2	58
2004 Sep 13-15	6	57	32	3	2	63
2003 Sep 8-10	5	54	36	4	1	59
2002 Sep 5-8	6	54	33	6	1	60
2001 Sep 7-10 ^	4	51	39	6	*	55
2000 Jul 6-9	7	57	31	3	2	64
1998 Dec 28-29	7	56	31	4	2	63
1997 May 30-Jun 1	5	52	37	5	1	57
1976 Jun	6	58	28	4	4	64
1974 Apr	7	61	24	4	4	68
1972 May	7	58	27	5	2	65

^ Asked of a half sample.

15. More generally, how much trust and confidence do you have in the American people as a whole when it comes to making judgments under our democratic system about the issues facing our country -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

	<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	21	48	26	4	1	69
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	20	53	23	4	*	73
2008 Sep 8-11	19	53	23	3	2	72
2007 Sep 14-16	17	53	27	4	*	70
2005 Sep 12-15	22	56	19	3	*	78
2004 Sep 13-15	21	54	22	2	1	75
2003 Sep 8-10	24	52	21	2	1	76
2002 Sep 5-8	23	55	17	4	1	78
2001 Sep 7-10	17	57	22	3	1	74
1976 Jun	25	61	12	1	2	86
1974 Apr	27	56	13	2	3	83