

# GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

## NOVEMBER WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 28-December 1, 2011 with a random sample of 1,012—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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

For results based on the sample of 501—national adults in Form A and 511—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of 903—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of 464—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is  $\pm 6$  percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in 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.

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7. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your personal life at this time?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	78	21	1	1990 Dec 13-16	82	18	*
				1990 Nov	85	13	2
2008 Dec 4-7	80	18	2	1990 Oct 25-28	87	11	2
2007 Dec 6-9	84	14	2	1990 Oct 11-14	82	16	2
2006 Dec 11-14	84	15	1	1990 Sep	85	13	2
2005 Dec 5-8	85	13	2	1990 Aug 30-Sep 2	86	12	2
2004 Dec 5-8	84	14	2	1990 Jul	81	17	2
2003 Dec 11-14	88	11	1	1990 Feb	83	16	1
2003 Jan 13-16	85	14	1	1990 Aug 9-12	85	13	2
2002 Dec 5-8	83	16	1	1988 Sep	87	12	1
2002 Jan 7-9	85	14	1	1988 May	80	16	4
2001 Dec 6-9	84	15	1	1987 Aug	83	15	2
2001 Jan 10-14	85	14	1	1986 Sep	84	14	2
2000 Oct 6-9	87	12	1	1986 Mar	84	15	1
1998 Dec 28-29	86	13	1	1985 Nov	82	17	1
1996 Mar 8-10	86	12	2	1984 Dec	79	17	4
1993 Dec 4-6	82	17	1	1984 Feb	79	19	2
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	79	20	1	1983 Aug	77	20	3
1992 Jan 3-6	77	22	1	1982 Nov	75	23	2
1991 Nov	79	19	2	1982 Apr	76	22	2
1991 Oct	81	18	1	1981 Dec	81	17	2
1991 Aug	82	16	2	1981 Jun	81	16	3
1991 Feb 28-Mar 3	87	12	1	1981 Jan	81	17	2
1991 Feb 14-17	84	15	1	1979 Nov	79	19	2
1991 Jan 17-20	86	12	2	1979 Jul	73	23	4
1991 Jan 3-6	84	14	2	1979 Feb	77	21	2

8. Are you very [satisfied/dissatisfied], or just somewhat [satisfied/dissatisfied]?

**COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.7-8)**

	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	46	32	12	9	1
2008 Dec 4-7	47	33	10	8	2
2007 Dec 6-9	59	25	9	5	2
2006 Dec 11-14	55	29	10	5	1
2005 Dec 5-8	57	28	8	5	2
2004 Dec 5-8	58	26	9	5	2
2003 Dec 11-14	58	30	7	4	1
2003 Jan 13-16	58	27	9	5	1
2002 Dec 5-8	50	33	11	5	1
2002 Jan 7-9	56	29	9	5	1
2001 Dec 6-9	54	30	10	5	1
2001 Jan 10-14	56	29	10	4	1

Next,

9. Please tell me whether you are generally satisfied or dissatisfied with each of the following. How about—  
[RANDOM ORDER]?

***2011 Nov 28-Dec 1***  
***(sorted by “satisfied”)***

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied
Your family life	90	9
Your housing situation	81	18
The opportunities you have had to succeed in life	81	18
The future facing you and your family	65	33
Your family or household income	64	35
Your financial net worth or savings	50	49

**TREND RESULTS**

**A. Your family or household income**

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	64	35	1
1998 Apr 23-May 31	70	29	1
1997 Jan 4-Feb 28	69	30	-
1991 Dec 5-8	65	33	2
1991 Sep 25-Oct 1	69	31	-
1988 Sep 25-Oct 1 ^	69	31	-
1988 Sep 9-11 ^	69	30	1
1984 Dec 7-10 †	58	40	3
1973 Sep 21-24 †	61	37	3
1971 Aug 19-24 †	63	35	2
1969 Apr 10-15 †	66	32	2
1969 Mar 27-Apr 1 †	64	34	2
1966 Oct 1-6 †	65	31	4
1966 Sep 8-13 †	66	31	3
1965 Aug 5-10 †	65	32	3
1963 Jul 18-23 †	64	34	2

^ WORDING: Your household income

† WORDING: Your household income

## Q.9 (SATISFACTION WITH LIFE ASPECTS) CONTINUED

### B. The future facing you and your family

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	65	33	2
1998 Apr 23-May 31	76	20	4
1991 Dec 5-8	71	25	4
1991 Feb 21-24	80	16	4
1977 Jul 8-11	64	30	6
1977 Jan 7-10	64	31	5
1973 Sep 21-24	53	34	13
1971 Dec 10-13	58	30	11
1971 Aug 19-24	55	31	13
1968 Feb 22-27	55	40	5
1966 Oct 1-6	63	23	15
1963 Jul 18-23	64	25	11

### C. The opportunities you have had to succeed in life

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	81	18	1
1998 Apr 23-May 31	84	15	1

### D. Your financial net worth or savings

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	50	49	1
1998 Apr 23-May 31	56	43	1

### E. Your family life

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	90	9	1
1998 Apr 23-May 31	91	9	*
1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	94	6	1
1988 Sep 9-11	94	5	1
1984 Dec 7-10	90	8	2

## Q.9 (SATISFACTION WITH LIFE ASPECTS) CONTINUED

### F. Your housing situation

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Nov 28-Dec 1	81	18	*
1998 Apr 23-May 31	86	14	1
1997 Jan 4-Feb 28	88	12	-
1988 Sep 25-Oct 1 ^	87	13	-
1988 Sep 9-11 ^	87	13	*
1984 Dec 7-10 ^	82	17	1
1973 Sep 21-24	74	23	3
1971 Dec 10-13	74	23	2
1971 Aug 19-24	75	23	2
1969 Apr 10-15	78	20	2
1969 Mar 27-Apr 1	76	22	2
1966 Oct 1-6	79	20	2
1966 Sep 8-13	78	18	4
1965 Aug 5-10	72	26	2
1963 Jul 18-23	72	26	3

^ WORDING: Your present housing