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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 10-13, 2012 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 ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –907—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –483—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –463—Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 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 2011 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.

10. Now here are some questions about whether you are satisfied or dissatisfied with various things about America today. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with – [ITEMS A-C READ IN RANDOM ORDER, THEN ITEM D READ]

A. The opportunity for the next generation of Americans to live better than their parents

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 May 10-13	40	58	2
1994 Oct 22-25	24	73	3
1992 Aug 28-Sep 2 ^	28	68	4
1992 Jun 12-14	22	74	4
1992 Jan 6-9	36	61	3

B. The opportunity for a poor person in this nation to get ahead by working hard

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 May 10-13	50	48	2
1994 Oct 22-25	38	59	3
1992 Jan 6-9	40	58	2

C. Americans' willingness to work hard to better themselves

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 May 10-13	52	45	3
1992 Aug 28-Sep 2 ^	55	41	4
1992 Jan 6-9	52	45	3

D. The size and power of the federal government

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 May 10-13	27	71	2

^ Gallup/CNN/Knight Ridder poll