

**GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: GOVERNANCE**

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 9-13, 2015 with a random sample of –1,025— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.**

**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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 60% cell phone respondents and 40% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone telephone 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 to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2014 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2014 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.**

**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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28. 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>
2015 Sep 9-13	49	49	2
2013 May 20-21 ^ †	46	53	2
2011 Sep 8-11	49	50	2
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

† Asked on Gallup Daily tracking survey

29. *(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 –510—WHO THINK THE GOVERNMENT POSES AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF ITS CITIZENS; ±6 PCT PTS**

	<i>2015 Sep 9-13</i>	<i>2010 Sep 13-16</i>
Too many laws/Gov't too big in general	19	18
Violations of freedoms/civil liberties (non-specific)	15	--
Gun control/Violating Second Amendment	12	6
Too much involvement in people's private lives	10	17
Socialist government	6	8
Taking away freedom of religion	6	6
Taking away Freedom of Speech/Violating First Amendment	6	15
Police/Law enforcement violence/arrests	4	--
Government surveillance of citizens/emails/phone records	4	--
Marriage issue	4	2
Over-regulation/Too much involvement in business	3	3
Overtaxing/Taxes too high	3	7
Healthcare law	3	11
Failing to secure borders/Illegal immigration	3	3
Too much spending	3	2
Government is unfair/Picks winners and losers	3	--
Not focused on needs of country/put politics first	3	--
Too involved in things it shouldn't be (non-specific)	2	--
Violating separation of powers/No accountability	2	--
Environmental regulations/EPA	1	--
Education/School system	1	--
Other	7	3
None/Nothing	3	2
No opinion	4	9

Percentages total more than 100% due to multiple responses