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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 ±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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27. Do you think the federal government today -- [ROTATED: has too much power, has about the right amount of power, or has too little power]?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	No opinion
2015 Sep 9-13	60	32	7	1
2014 Sep 4-7	59	30	9	1
2013 Sep 5-8	60	32	7	1
2013 May 20-21 ^ †	54	36	8	1
2012 Sep 6-9	51	40	8	1
2011 Sep 8-11	57	35	8	1
2010 Sep 13-16	59	33	8	1
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	51	39	8	2
2009 Mar 5-8 ^	50	42	7	2
2008 Sep 8-11	52	40	6	2
2007 Sep 14-16	56	36	6	2
2006 Sep 7-10	52	40	6	2
2005 Sep 12-15	50	43	6	1
2004 Sep 13-15	42	49	7	2
2003 Sep 8-10	43	49	7	1
2002 Sep 5-8	39	52	7	2

^ Asked of a half sample
† Asked on Gallup Daily tracking survey