

Interviews with 1,018 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on July 16-21, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Results in this document labelled "All Americans" or "Total" are based on this sample of 1,018 adults.

Additional interviews were conducted among African-Americans, and combined with the African-Americans contacted in the initial sample of 1,018 for a total of 308 African-American respondents. The margin of sampling error for results based on this sample of African-Americans is plus or minus 5.5 percentage points.

Additional interviews were also conducted among Hispanics, and combined with the Hispanics contacted in the initial sample of 1,018 for a total of 303 Hispanic respondents. The margin of sampling error for results based on this sample of Hispanics is plus or minus 5.5 percentage points.

Columns in this document labeled "Whites" show results only for the 757 respondents in the initial sample who described themselves as white in a question on racial background and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. (Sampling error for non-Hispanic whites is +/-3.5 percentage points.) Columns in this document labeled "Blacks" refer to all respondents who described themselves as black or African-American and did not describe themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity. Columns in this document labeled "Hispanics" refer to all respondents who described themselves as Hispanic or Latino in a separate question on ethnicity regardless of their race.

Trend results for racial groups are shown only for polls which had enough African-American and Hispanic respondents to produce statistically valid results.

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20. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view: You feel as if you have achieved the American dream; you have not achieved the American dream but you feel that you will do so eventually; or you feel that you will never achieve the American dream?

	Have achieved	Will do so eventually	Will never achieve	No opinion
ALL AMERICANS				
July 16-21, 2010	40%	39%	20%	1%
March 16-18, 2009	44%	38%	15%	2%
BLACKS				
July 16-21, 2010	23%	57%	20%	*
March 16-18, 2009	32%	55%	12%	1%
HISPANICS				
July 16-21, 2010	38%	45%	17%	*
WHITES				
July 16-21, 2010	45%	34%	21%	1%
March 16-18, 2009	49%	33%	16%	2%

29. I'm going to read you some statements that are sometimes made about people who have immigrated from other countries in the last ten years. As I read each, please tell me, in general, whether you think that statement applies to immigrants moving here in the past ten years or does not apply. (RANDOM ORDER)

	Applies	Does not apply	Mixed (vol.)	No Opinion
Are basically good, honest people				
All Americans	73%	23%	4%	1%
Blacks	*69%*	*24%*	*5%*	*2%*
Hispanics	*74%*	*18%*	*8%*	*
Whites	*72%*	*23%*	*4%*	*1%*
Add to the crime problem				
All Americans	62%	34%	4%	*
Blacks	*53%*	*42%*	*5%*	*
Hispanics	*42%*	*53%*	*2%*	*
Whites	*65%*	*31%*	*4%*	*
Take jobs away from Americans				
All Americans	59%	40%	2%	*
Blacks	*66%*	*33%*	*1%*	*
Hispanics	*42%*	*57%*	*1%*	*
Whites	*61%*	*37%*	*2%*	*
Are hard-working				
All Americans	85%	11%	4%	*
Blacks	*88%*	*9%*	*3%*	*
Hispanics	*86%*	*8%*	*6%*	*
Whites	*85%*	*11%*	*4%*	*
Are a burden on American taxpayers				
All Americans	69%	28%	3%	*
Blacks	*67%*	*28%*	*5%*	*
Hispanics	*48%*	*50%*	*2%*	*
Whites	*73%*	*24%*	*3%*	*

TIME/CNN TRENDS

ALL AMERICANS	Applies	Does not apply	Mixed (vol.)	No opinion
Are basically good honest people				
1994 Sept 21-22	55	21	16	8
1993 Sept	58	24	12	6
1985 May	58	16	19	6
Add to the crime problem				
1994 Sept 21-22	56	28	13	3
1993 Sept	59	29	8	4
1985 May	54	26	15	6
Take jobs away from Americans				
1994 Sept 21-22	58	32	6	4
1993 Sept	64	30	5	1
1985 May	61	29	8	2
Are hard working				
1994 Sept 21-22	58	18	18	6
1993 Sept	67	17	12	4
Are a burden on American taxpayers				
1994 Sept 21-22	66	21	10	3

30. As you know, the United States has been described as a "melting pot" because people from a number of different countries have come to the U.S. and have contributed to the country's culture and heritage. Do you think the phrase "melting pot" describes the United States today, or don't you think so?

July 16-21, 2010

	All Americans	Blacks	Hispanics	Whites
Describes	69%	68%	64%	69%
Does not describe	31%	32%	36%	30%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*

TIME/CNN TRENDS

	Describes	Does not describe	No opinion
1993 Sept 8-9	63	34	3

31. At the beginning of the twentieth century, do you think the policies and customs which turned the United States into a melting pot made the country stronger, weaker, or had no effect on the country?

July 16-21, 2010

	All Americans	Blacks	Hispanics	Whites
Stronger	62%	49%	64%	64%
Weaker	21%	25%	16%	22%
No effect	16%	26%	20%	14%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%

TIME/CNN TRENDS

	Stronger	Weaker	No effect	No opinion
1993 Sept 8-9	57	25	13	5

**QUESTION WORDING FOR SEPT., 1993: At the beginning of the century, do you think the policies and customs which turned the United States into a melting pot made the country stronger, weaker, or had no effect on the country?*

32. And today, do you think those policies and customs make the country stronger, weaker, or have no effect on the country?

July 16-21, 2010

	All Americans	Blacks	Hispanics	Whites
Stronger	31%	35%	35%	28%
Weaker	43%	36%	32%	45%
No effect	26%	30%	33%	26%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%

TIME/CNN TRENDS

	Stronger	Weaker	No effect	No opinion
1993 Sept 8-9	27	44	23	6

33. Which do you think is better for the United States -- to encourage immigrants to blend into American culture by giving up some important aspects of their own culture, or to encourage immigrants to maintain their own culture more strongly, even if it means they do not blend in as well?

July 16-21, 2010

	All Americans	Blacks	Hispanics	Whites
Blend in	60%	43%	42%	64%
Maintain culture	34%	52%	50%	30%
Both/mixed (vol.)	6%	4%	8%	6%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	Blend in	Maintain own culture more	Both/equally (vol.)	No opinion
All Americans				
2003 Jun 12-18	60	31	6	3
2001 Jun 11-17	58	34	5	3
Blacks				
2003 Jun 12-18	47	41	6	6
2001 Jun 11-17	48	43	4	5
Hispanics				
2003 Jun 12-18	52	40	4	4
2001 Jun 11-17	45	49	2	4
Whites				
2003 Jun 12-15	63	29	6	2
2001 Jun 11-17	61	31	5	3