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Interviews: 976 Whites, 293 Hispanics, and 296 African Americans
Dates: October 30-November 4, 2009

| [109] |  |  | African |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | $\frac{\text { Whites }}{49}$ |  | $\frac{\text { Hispanics }}{52}$ |  |
| Americans |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 51 | 48 | 50 |  |

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.
1a. For statistical purposes only and to ensure a representative sample, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18-24 | 7 | 14 | 10 | [139-140] |
| 25-29 ........................................ | 8 | 13 | 8 |  |
| 30-34 | 12 | 10 | 12 |  |
| 35-39 | 6 | 10 | 9 |  |
| 40-44 .......................................... | 7 | 13 | 12 |  |
| 45-49 | 11 | 12 | 8 |  |
| 50-54 | 11 | 7 | 8 |  |
| 55-59 | 9 | 5 | 6 |  |
| 60-64 | 7 | 4 | 8 |  |
| 65-69 .......................................... | 7 | 4 | 8 |  |
| 70-74 .......................................... | 8 | 3 | 4 |  |
| 75 and over................................... | 7 | 5 | 7 |  |
| Refused | - | - | - |  |

1b/c. And again, for statistical purposes only, are you from a Hispanic background? (IF "NO" OR "NOT SURE," ASK:) To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me your race-is it white, black, Asian, or something else?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| White ........................................... | 100 | - | - | [141-142] |
| Black.......................................... | - | - | 100 |  |
| Asian....................................... | - | - | - |  |
| Hispanic...................................... | - | 100 | - |  |
| Other......................................... | - | - | - |  |
| Not sure ..................................... | - | - | - |  |

1d/e. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the USA these days? IF "SATISFIED" OR "DISSATISFIED," ASK:) And would you say that you are very (satisfied/dissatisfied) or just somewhat (satisfied/dissatisfied) with the way things are going in the USA?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Satisfied |  |  |  | [143/144] |
| Very.... | 2 | 7 | 15 |  |
| Just somewhat. | 21 | 24 | 29 |  |
| Dissatisfied |  |  |  |  |
| Just somewhat. | 30 | 31 | 26 |  |
| Very................. | 45 | 36 | 24 |  |
| Not sure | 2 | 2 | 6 |  |

2. Looking back over the past ten years or so, do you feel that things in the USA have changed a lot for the better, changed somewhat for the better, changed somewhat for the worse, changed a lot for the worse, or have not changed at all either way?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Changed a lot for the better | 2 | 6 | 14 | [145] |
| Changed somewhat for the better..... | 13 | 23 | 34 |  |
| Changed somewhat for the worse..... | 39 | 31 | 25 |  |
| Changed a lot for the worse ............. | 41 | 35 | 21 |  |
| Have not changed at all .................. | 4 | 3 | 5 |  |
| Not sure | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |

3. When you think about the future of the USA in the next ten years or so, are you more hopeful and optimistic or more worried and pessimistic about what the future holds for the country?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| More hopeful and optimistic | 41 | 59 | 76 | [146] |
| More worried and pessimistic | 57 | 39 | 24 |  |
| Not sure | 2 | 2 | - |  |

4. I am going to mention some issues that might concern people today. For each one that I mention, please tell me whether you consider it to be a very serious problem, a fairly serious problem, somewhat of a problem, only a minor problem, or not really a problem at all today.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF WHITES WHO SAY A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM TODAY

|  | A Problem Today |  |  |  |  | Not Sure | [150] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Very Serious | Fairly Serious | Somewhat of | Only A Minor | Not Really At All |  |  |
| The unemployment rate and loss of jobs in the USA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whites.. | 69 | 19 | 11 | 1 | - | - |  |
| Hispanics ............................................................................... | 73 | 19 | 5 | 2 | 1 | - |  |
| African Americans.................................................................... | 82 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 1 | - |  |
| The cost of health care and the number of people who lack health insurance |  |  |  |  |  |  | [147] |
| Whites................................................................................... | 56 | 19 | 15 | 5 | 4 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics ................................................................................ | 65 | 16 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 1 |  |
| African Americans................................................................... | 79 | 12 | 7 | - | 1 | 1 |  |
| Individuals lacking a sense of personal responsibility for dealing with their own problems |  |  |  |  |  |  | [151] |
| Whites................................................................................... | 54 | 22 | 17 | 5 | 2 | - |  |
| Hispanics ............................................................................... | 51 | 19 | 19 | 6 | 4 | 1 |  |
| African Americans.................................................................... | 47 | 24 | 17 | 6 | 4 | 2 |  |
| The number of students who graduate high schools without the skills to succeed in college or the job market |  |  |  |  |  |  | [154] |
| Whites..................................................................................... | 44 | 26 | 23 | 5 | 2 | - |  |
| Hispanics .............................................................................. | 52 | 28 | 15 | 2 | 3 | - |  |
| African Americans................................................................... | 58 | 21 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |
| The decline in faith and moral values |  |  |  |  |  |  | [153] |
| Whites.................................................................................... | 44 | 16 | 20 | 10 | 9 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics .............................................................................. | 42 | 18 | 21 | 10 | 9 | - |  |
| African Americans................................................................... | 54 | 18 | 17 | 7 | 3 | 1 |  |
| The threat of another terrorist attack in the USA |  |  |  |  |  |  | [152] |
| Whites. | 35 | 26 | 26 | 10 | 3 | - |  |
| Hispanics ................................................................................ | 38 | 22 | 25 | 10 | 4 | 1 |  |
| African Americans................................................................... | 43 | 19 | 25 | 6 | 5 | 2 |  |
| The amount of division and lack of unity among Americans |  |  |  |  |  |  | [155] |
| Whites................................................................................... | 29 | 24 | 33 | 8 | 5 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics ................................................................................ | 31 | 27 | 27 | 7 | 6 | 2 |  |
| African Americans................................................................... | 52 | 19 | 20 | 3 | 4 | 2 |  |
| The threat of global warming and climate change |  |  |  |  |  |  | [148] |
| Whites.................................................................................... | 23 | 18 | 25 | 14 | 19 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics ............................................................................... | 43 | 19 | 20 | 6 | 11 | 1 |  |
| African Americans.................................................................... | 40 | 20 | 24 | 7 | 8 | 1 |  |
| The amount of prejudice, discrimination, and intolerance that exists in the USA |  |  |  |  |  |  | [149] |
| Whites.................................................................................. | 22 | 24 | 33 | 13 | 7 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics ................................................................................ | 38 | 23 | 23 | 9 | 7 | - |  |
| African Americans................................................................... | 53 | 21 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 1 |  |

5. When it comes to (READ ITEM) do you feel that things in the past ten years or so have changed a lot for the better, changed somewhat for the better, changed somewhat for the worse, changed a lot for the worse, or have not changed at all either way?


## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

6. Thinking specifically about the amount of prejudice, discrimination, and intolerance that exists in the USA, list in the box below some examples that come to mind of the ways that things have changed for the better in the past 10 years or so. What are some of the indications you have seen, if any, that prejudice, discrimination, and intolerance have become less of a problem than they might have been 10 or so years ago? [158-164]

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barack Obama's election, we elected a Black/bi-racial man to be President | 20\% | 20\% | 27\% |
| Less employment/promotion discrimination, more diversity in the workplace | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| People in general have been more tolerant/accepting of others | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| More states are recognizing same-sex marriages/civil unions, gay rights have improved | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| More minorities/women being elected/appointed to public offices | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| We have more unity/less division along racial/cultural/religious lines | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| More acceptance of interracial marriages/relationships | 2 | 2 | 1 |

## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

7. And thinking specifically about the amount of prejudice, discrimination, and intolerance that exists in the USA, list in the box below some examples that come to mind of the ways in which these still are problems today. What are some of the indications you have seen, if any, that prejudice, discrimination, and intolerance have become more of a problem than they might have been 10 or so years ago? [165-171]

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Racism/discrimination/intolerance of other still exists/is still a problem | 7\% | 12\% | 9\% |
| Reverse discrimination, minorities are more prejudiced than whites | 6 | 2 | - |
| Lack of civil/marriage rights for gays/lesbians, passing laws limiting gay/lesbian rights | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| The negativity/vitriol aimed at President Obama, many oppose him due to his race | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| Women/minority candidates are passed over for jobs/promotion | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| Lack of tolerance toward immigrants, need to provide a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants | 2 | 5 | 4 |

## (Q.8a AND Q.8d ARE ROTATED.)

8a. Generally speaking, do you feel that people in the USA are too divided along political lines these days, or do you feel that we are NOT too divided along political lines?


Not sure $\qquad$

Generally speaking, do you feel that people in the USA are too divided along racial and ethnic lines these days, or do you feel that we are NOT too divided along racial and ethnic lines?


Not sure $\qquad$ 3
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## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

8c. Generally speaking, do you feel that people in the USA are too divided along religious lines these days, or do you feel that we are NOT too divided along religious lines?

|  |  |  |  | African |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Whites |  | Hispanics |  |
| Americans |  |  |  |  |
| People are too divided along religious lines ............. | $\frac{51}{}$ |  | 55 |  |
| People are not too divided along religious lines...... | 49 |  | 45 | 43 |

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## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

8d. Generally speaking, do you feel that people in the USA are too divided along economic lines these days, or do you feel that we are NOT too divided along economic lines?

|  |  |  | African |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| People are too divided along economic lines .......... | $\frac{\text { Whites }}{}$ |  |  | Hispanics | | Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

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9. Many people have commented on the fact that there is a great deal of diversity in the population of the USA with people of many different nationalities, religions, races, and lifestyles.

All in all, do you think of America's diversity more as a strength and advantage for the USA, more as a challenge and a source of problems for the USA, or equally a strength and a challenge for the USA?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| More as a strength and advantage .................... | 23 | 30 | 31 | [176] |
| More as a challenge and source of problems...... | 29 | 26 | 28 |  |
| Equally a strength and a challenge ................... | 48 | 43 | 37 |  |
| Not sure ..................................................... | - | 1 | 4 |  |

10a. What are some of the ways you think of America's diversity as being a strength and advantage for the USA? In what ways is America better off because of the fact that it has people of many different nationalities, religions, races, and lifestyles? [208-214] *

|  |  |  |  | Whites <br> African |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gives us more ideas, diverse perspectives/points of view/opinions | $22 \%$ |  | $14 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Opportunity to educate ourselves about other cultures/races/religion | 10 | 10 | 15 |  |
| Helps us learn tolerance/acceptance of those different from us | 10 | 13 | 10 |  |
| Adds to America's diverse culture, we've always been a melting pot | 6 | 8 | 3 |  |
| Diversity is good/beneficial to everyone | 5 | 4 | 7 |  |
| Strengthens us/gives us more power | 5 | 4 | 8 |  |
| * Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A). |  |  |  |  |

10b. What are some of the ways you think of America's diversity as being a challenge or source of problems for the USA? What are some of the downsides or difficulties that result from the fact that America has people of many different nationalities, religions, races, and lifestyles? [215-221] **

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African <br> Americans |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Everyone should learn English if they're going to live/work here | $11 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Too many illegal immigrants who receive benefits/take our jobs | 10 | 8 | 5 |
| We are too divided/separated along racial/cultural/religious lines | 9 | 13 | 6 |
| Some immigrants never try to assimilate to American culture | 8 | 5 | 4 |
| We need to be more tolerant/accepting of those different than us | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| Some people are just bigots/intolerant/narrow-minded | 5 | 7 | 10 |
| ** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B). |  |  |  |

## (Q.11a-Q.11I ARE RANDOMIZED.)

11a-I. In the USA today, how often do you think (READ FIRST PART OF ITEM) experience problems with prejudice because (READ SECOND PART OF ITEM)—very often, fairly often, sometimes, not that often, or almost never?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF WHITES WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY OFTEN

|  | Very Often | Fairly Often | Sometimes |  | Almost Never | Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gays and lesbians experience problems with prejudice because of their sexual orientation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whites. | 31 | 30 | 25 | 9 | 3 | 2 |
| Hispanics. | 41 | 27 | 20 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| African Americans | 42 | 27 | 21 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| Muslims experience problems with prejudice because of their religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whites............................................................................. | 29 | 32 | 23 | 9 | 3 | 4 |
| Hispanics ......................................................................... | 35 | 26 | 22 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| African Americans ............................................................. | 40 | 23 | 24 | 7 | 3 | 3 |


| Q.11a-1 (cont'd) | Very Often | Fairly Often | Sometimes | Not That Often | Almost Never | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Not } \\ & \text { Sure } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Immigrants experience problems with prejudice because they were not born in the United States |  |  |  |  |  |  | [457] |
| Whites. | 17 | 31 | 33 | 13 | 4 | 2 |  |
| Hispanics. | 39 | 27 | 23 | 8 | 3 | - |  |
| African Americans | 34 | 26 | 27 | 9 | 2 | 2 |  |
| Disabled and handicapped people experience problems with prejudice because of their disabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  | [227] |
| Whites. | 18 | 27 | 36 | 14 | 4 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics. | 22 | 24 | 30 | 14 | 8 | 2 |  |
| African Americans | 28 | 30 | 29 | 10 | 2 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics experience problems with prejudice because of their ethnic background |  |  |  |  |  |  | [223] |
| Whites.. | 14 | 31 | 37 | 12 | 4 | 2 |  |
| Hispanics .......................................................................... | 31 | 25 | 31 | 9 | 3 | 1 |  |
| African Americans | 38 | 26 | 25 | 7 | 2 | 2 |  |
| African Americans experience problems with prejudice because of their race |  |  |  |  |  |  | [222] |
| Whites. | 13 | 28 | 39 | 14 | 5 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics. | 27 | 28 | 26 | 13 | 3 | 3 |  |
| African Americans | 47 | 25 | 20 | 5 | 3 | - |  |
| Older people and senior citizens experience problems with prejudice because of their age |  |  |  |  |  |  | [230] |
| Whites. | 16 | 24 | 36 | 17 | 6 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics ......................................................................... | 18 | 27 | 28 | 18 | 8 | 1 |  |
| African Americans | 27 | 20 | 33 | 14 | 5 | 1 |  |
| Women experience problems with prejudice because of their gender |  |  |  |  |  |  | [225] |
| Whites. | 12 | 22 | 40 | 18 | 7 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics. | 18 | 21 | 33 | 17 | 10 | 1 |  |
| African Americans .............................................................. | 25 | 23 | 32 | 17 | 2 | 1 |  |
| Evangelical Christians experience problems with prejudice because of their religious views |  |  |  |  |  |  | [224] |
| Whites.. | 14 | 16 | 30 | 24 | 12 | 4 |  |
| Hispanics ........................................................................ | 14 | 16 | 29 | 21 | 16 | 4 |  |
| African Americans | 18 | 13 | 33 | 24 | 8 | 4 |  |
| Jews experience problems with prejudice because of their religion |  |  |  |  |  |  | [456] |
| Whites.. | 8 | 18 | 38 | 23 | 10 | 3 |  |
| Hispanics ......................................................................... | 11 | 17 | 37 | 21 | 13 | 1 |  |
| African Americans ............................................................ | 12 | 22 | 37 | 16 | 8 | 5 |  |
| Young people in their late teens and early twenties experience problems with prejudice because of their age |  |  |  |  |  |  | [229] |
| Whites............................................................................. | 9 | 15 | 36 | 26 | 12 | 2 |  |
| Hispanics ......................................................................... | 15 | 16 | 27 | 28 | 12 | 2 |  |
| African Americans | 23 | 17 | 31 | 19 | 8 | 2 |  |
| White men experience problems with prejudice because of their race and gender |  |  |  |  |  |  | [228] |
| Whites............................................................................. | 8 | 14 | 29 | 27 | 21 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics ....................................................................... | 7 | 12 | 20 | 24 | 35 | 2 |  |
| African Americans .............................................................. | 7 | 7 | 20 | 23 | 41 | 2 |  |

12. How often would you say that you personally experience problems with prejudice—very often, fairly often, sometimes, not that often, or almost never?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very often ..................................... | 3 | 6 | 13 |
| Fairly often................................... | 8 | 12 | 17 |
| Sometimes................................... | 22 | 34 | 32 |
| Not that often................................ | 26 | 23 | 26 |
| Almost never................................. | 41 | 25 | 11 |
| Not sure..................................... | - | - | 1 |

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13. I am going to list three goals and I would like you to tell me which ONE you personally feel we should most try to encourage in the USA at this time?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF WHITES

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Judging people as individuals, rather than on the basis of their race, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. | 38 | 44 | 45 |
| Focusing on the things we have in common and that unite us as Americans, rather than on our differences and the things that divide us .. | 36 | 35 | 36 |
| Celebrating the freedom we have as Americans to be different and follow our own paths, rather than conforming to a certain mold. | 25 | 20 | 17 |
| Not sure ....................................................................................... | 1 | 1 | 2 |

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## Thinking more generally now . . .

14a. I am going to mention some trends and events that have occurred in the USA. For each one, please tell me whether your feelings about that trend are very favorable, somewhat favorable, neutral, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF WHITES WHO SAY VERY OR SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE

|  | Favorable |  | Neutral | Unfavorable |  | Not Sure | [236/245] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Very | Somewhat |  | Somewhat | Very |  |  |
| Over the past few decades, new laws have resulted in a greater inclusion of handicapped people and people with disabilities in the mainstream--in schools, businesses, and other walks of life |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whites. | 51 | 28 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics ................................................................................ | 50 | 24 | 19 | 2 | 5 | - |  |
| African Americans. | 55 | 21 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 1 |  |
| The United States elected its first African-American president last year with Barack Obama, and seated its first Hispanic U.S. Supreme Court Justice with Sonia Sotomayor |  |  |  |  |  |  | [241/250] |
| Whites. | 36 | 19 | 31 | 6 | 7 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics ............................................................................. | 52 | 19 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 1 |  |
| African Americans.................................................................. | 74 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 2 |  |
| There is a greater acceptance of gay and lesbian couples openly living together |  |  |  |  |  |  | [237/246] |
| Whites.................................................................................. | 26 | 18 | 29 | 9 | 17 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics .............................................................................. | 25 | 18 | 34 | 6 | 14 | 3 |  |
| African Americans.. | 19 | 21 | 30 | 8 | 19 | 3 |  |


| Q.14a (cont'd) | Favorable |  | Neutral | Unfavorable |  | Not Sure |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Very | Somewhat |  | Somewhat | Very |  |  |
| Commentators on cable networks, talk radio, and Internet blogs who take strongly conservative or liberal views promoting sharply differing opinions on national issues such as health care reform |  |  |  |  |  |  | [235/244] |
| Whites. | 19 | 20 | 30 | 14 | 16 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics. | 15 | 24 | 30 | 13 | 16 | 2 |  |
| African Americans. | 17 | 19 | 32 | 13 | 16 | 3 |  |
| Some states now officially recognize same-sex unions and same-sex marriages |  |  |  |  |  |  | [239/248] |
| Whites. | 24 | 13 | 21 | 10 | 31 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics .............................................................................. | 25 | 15 | 27 | 9 | 23 | 1 |  |
| African Americans. | 21 | 15 | 25 | 11 | 27 | 1 |  |
| The USA is becoming a more racially and ethnically diverse society. Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians already make up a third of the U.S. population. By 2050, these groups will make up a majority of the population |  |  |  |  |  |  | [234/243] |
| Whites. | 11 | 15 | 48 | 14 | 11 | 1 |  |
| Hispanics .............................................................................. | 30 | 23 | 31 | 7 | 7 | 2 |  |
| African Americans. | 40 | 27 | 25 | 5 | 2 | 1 |  |
| Languages other than English are being used increasingly in daily life by businesses---such as having multiple languages on ATM machines--to accommodate customers whose first language is not English |  |  |  |  |  |  | [238/247] |
| Whites. | 10 | 16 | 20 | 19 | 35 | - |  |
| Hispanics ............................................................................... | 35 | 20 | 20 | 12 | 13 | - |  |
| African Americans. | 36 | 22 | 22 | 10 | 10 | - |  |
| The Christian traditions that have been part of our society-including prayers at public events and public displays at Christmas time about the birth of Christ--are less prominent now so people of different faiths and beliefs do not feel excluded ** |  |  |  |  |  |  | [251] |
| Whites................................................................................... | 12 | 12 | 24 | 18 | 34 | - |  |
| Hispanics ............................................................................ | 15 | 18 | 30 | 16 | 21 | - |  |
| African Americans................................................................... | 25 | 15 | 22 | 11 | 25 | 2 |  |
| The Christian traditions that have been part of our society-including prayers at public events and public displays at Christmas time about the birth of Christ--are less prominent now * |  |  |  |  |  |  | [242] |
| Whites.................................................................................. | 13 | 10 | 22 | 18 | 37 | - |  |
| Hispanics ............................................................................ | 12 | 13 | 38 | 10 | 26 | 1 |  |
| African Americans.................................................................. | 18 | 16 | 25 | 9 | 30 | 2 |  |
| There are stronger partisan divisions in the country today than at other times. A large majority of Democrats strongly opposed President Bush when he was in office, and a large majority of Republicans now strongly oppose President Obama |  |  |  |  |  |  | [240/249] |
| Whites. | 10 | 12 | 36 | 19 | 21 | 2 |  |
| Hispanics ................................................................................ | 12 | 13 | 36 | 19 | 18 | 2 |  |
| African Americans................................................................. | 17 | 13 | 33 | 12 | 22 | 3 |  |

15. Which one of the following statements about race relations comes closest to your own opinion? (IF MORE THAN ONE, SAY:) Well, if you had to choose just one, which one would you say comes closest to your own opinion?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Statement A: Race relations are no longer a problem in the USA today | 4 | 8 | 6 | [252] |
| Statement B: Race relations are still a problem in the USA, but we have come a long way | 69 | 64 | 46 |  |
| Statement C: Race relations are still a problem in the USA, and we still have a long way to go . | 27 | 28 | 47 |  |
| Not sure ................................................. |  |  | 1 |  |

16a. Do you think that President Obama is doing more to unite the country or doing more to divide the country?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Doing more to unite the country.... | 47 | 69 | 87 |
| Doing more to divide the country ...... | 46 | 26 | 9 |
| Not sure.................................... | 7 | 5 | 4 |

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Doing more to divide the country......
7
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16b. Do you think that Republicans in Congress are doing more to unite the country or doing more to divide the country?

|  |  |  |  | African |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Whites |  | Hispanics |  |
|  |  |  | Americans |  |

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$\qquad$ $11 \quad 7$
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16c. Do you think that Democrats in Congress are doing more to unite the country or doing more to divide the country?

|  |  |  |  | African |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Doing more to unite the country........ | $\frac{\text { Whites }}{}$ |  |  | Hispanics |  |
| Americans |  |  |  |  |  |

[255]
Not sure $\qquad$ $9-12$

## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

17. Recently there have been news stories about one congressman calling President Obama a "liar" during a speech to Congress, another congressman saying the Republican plan for health care is for "seniors to die quickly," and angry citizens shouting down members of Congress at town hall meetings.

Do you think these kinds of events are part of a larger problem in our country today, or do you think that they are isolated examples that have just been blown out of proportion by the news media?

|  |  |  | African |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Whites | Hispanics | Americans |
| Events are part of a larger problem. | 63 | 63 | 74 |
| Isolated examples that have been blown of out proportion | 37 | 37 | 26 |

18a. Do you think that President Obama's race has a big effect, some effect, only a small effect, or no effect at all on the way white people judge him as president?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Big effect ...................................... | 15 | 30 | 40 | [257] |
| Some effect | 38 | 38 | 38 |  |
| Only a small effect......................... | 25 | 16 | 10 |  |
| No effect at all............................... | 21 | 14 | 10 |  |
| Not sure.................................... | 1 | 2 | 2 |  |

18b. Do you think President Obama's race has a big effect, some effect, only a small effect, or no effect at all on the way black people judge him as president?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Big effect ..................................... | 52 | 48 | 48 | [258] |
| Some effect . | 32 | 25 | 32 |  |
| Only a small effect........................ | 9 | 13 | 9 |  |
| No effect at all............................... | 6 | 12 | 10 |  |
| Not sure.................................... | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |

18c. Do you think President Obama's race has a big effect, some effect, only a small effect, or no effect at all on the way he handles his job as president?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Big effect | 14 | 18 | 19 | [259] |
| Some effect | 25 | 22 | 20 |  |
| Only a small effect | 20 | 16 | 11 |  |
| No effect at all.. | 39 | 42 | 49 |  |
| Not sure... | 2 | 2 | 1 |  |

19a. Thinking back over the past few years, have you ever heard someone you know make a remark to or about someone else that made you feel uncomfortable because you felt it was prejudiced or discriminatory?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes............................................... | 74 | 76 | 77 | CONTINUE | [260] |
| No.. | 26 | 22 | 22 | IF FORM A, Skip to Q. 20 |  |
| Not sure...................................... | - | 2 | 1 | IF FORM B, Skip to Q. 21 |  |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES" IN Q.19a.)
19b. Has that happened several times, a few times, or only once over the past few years?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Several times.. | 30 | 38 | 34 |
| A few times ................................. | 39 | 32 | 35 |
| Only once ................................... | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Not sure.. | - | - | 2 |
| No/not sure (Q.19a)....................... | 26 | 24 | 23 |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES" IN Q.19a.)
19c. When you heard someone you know make a prejudiced or discriminatory remark, did you ever say something to that person to express your disapproval, or did you feel that it is was not really your role to do that?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Said something to express disapproval. | 50 | 55 | 57 | [262] |
| Did not feel it was my role. | 22 | 20 | 19 |  |
| Not sure. | 2 | 1 | 1 |  |
| No/not sure (Q.19a)........................ | 26 | 24 | 23 |  |

20. How much do you think (READ ITEM) can do to help reduce the amount of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination in the USA today-a lot, a fair amount, just some, or very little? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF WHITES WHO SAY A LOT

21. Do you think (READ ITEM) too much time, too little time, or about the right amount of time addressing the issue of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF WHITES WHO SAY TOO MUCH TIME

|  | Addressing Prejudice, Intolerance, And Discrimination |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Too <br> Much <br> Time | $\begin{array}{r}\text { Too } \\ \text { Little } \\ \text { Time } \\ \hline\end{array}$ | About The Right Amount Of Time | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Not } \\ & \text { Sure } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| The news media |  |  |  |  | [271] |
| Whites .............................................. | 50 | 25 | 22 | 3 |  |
| Hispanics........................................... | 32 | 40 | 27 | 1 |  |
| African Americans | 23 | 52 | 23 | 2 |  |
| The entertainment industry |  |  |  |  | [273] |
| Whites .............................................. | 40 | 25 | 30 | 5 |  |
| Hispanics............................................ | 28 | 41 | 30 | 1 |  |
| African Americans . | 15 | 62 | 20 | 3 |  |
| Elected officials |  |  |  |  | [270] |
| Whites ............................................. | 34 | 38 | 24 | 4 |  |
| Hispanics........................................... | 19 | 49 | 27 | 5 |  |
| African Americans ............................ | 13 | 66 | 16 | 5 |  |
| Religious leaders |  |  |  |  | [275] |
| Whites ............................................. | 23 | 36 | 36 | 5 |  |
| Hispanics.......................................... | 19 | 42 | 37 | 2 |  |
| African Americans ............................... | 9 | 55 | 29 | 7 |  |
| Teachers |  |  |  |  | [274] |
| Whites ............................................... | 17 | 30 | 42 | 11 |  |
| Hispanics........................................... | 12 | 46 | 40 | 2 |  |
| African Americans ............................... | 6 | 66 | 24 | 4 |  |
| Parents |  |  |  |  | [272] |
| Whites ............................................... | 6 | 56 | 31 | 7 |  |
| Hispanics.......................................... | 7 | 60 | 29 | 4 |  |
| African Americans .............................. | 6 | 67 | 23 | 4 |  |
| Average citizens, such as yourself |  |  |  |  | [276] |
| Whites ............................................... | 6 | 44 | 47 | 3 |  |
| Hispanics........................................... | 6 | 55 | 36 | 3 |  |
| African Americans ............................... | 7 | 58 | 35 | - |  |

## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

22a. Please list in the box below some of the things you would like to see political leaders and elected officials do to address the issue of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination in the USA. [308-314]

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stop fighting among themselves, need to be more bipartisan/willing to work together | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% |
| Be a good role model to others, "walk the talk," be consistent | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Speak-out/voice their opinions on the subject, make their feelings known | 4 | 3 | 13 |
| Stop dividing/labeling people into groups/categories, too focused on differences | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Work for/care about the people, look out for our best interests and not their own | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| They shouldn't address this issue, enough has been done, stop bringing it up | 3 | 2 | - |

## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

22b. Please list in the box below some of the things you would like to see the entertainment industry do to address the issue of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination in the USA. [315-321]

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Create more accurate portrayals of minorities/gays/women, don't reinforce stereotypes | 4\% | 5\% | 9\% |
| They shouldn't address this issue, enough has been done, stop bringing it up | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Produce movies/documentaries/programs that address "real life' issues of discrimination/intolerance | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| Educate people about diversity, raise awareness, produce public service announcements | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Should promote positive stories/examples of different groups interacting/getting along | 3 | - | 1 |
| Create more roles/opportunities for minorities/gays/women, be more inclusive | 2 | 4 | 9 |

23. What are some of the things, if any, average citizens like you might do to address the issue of prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination in the USA?
(PROBE FOR MULTIPLE RESPONSES:) Anything else? [322-328]

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Speak-out/voice my opinion on the subject, make your feelings known | 15\% | 13\% | 11\% |
| Treat others as individuals rather than as part of a group/stereotype | 12 | 7 | 13 |
| Too much emphasis on these issues, we have bigger problems | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| Teach children/grandchildren not to discriminate/be prejudiced | 7 | 11 | 7 |
| Treat others how you want to be treated, be nice/respectful/fair | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Just get along with others, accept/be tolerant of differences | 7 | 4 | 10 |

## FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Please indicate the last grade that you completed in school.
$\left.\begin{array}{lllllll} & & & & & & \text { African }\end{array}\right]$

F2. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single and never married .............. | 25 | 36 | 37 |
| Married .................................... | 55 | 49 | 34 |
| Separated. | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Widowed.. | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Divorced ...................................... | 12 | 7 | 13 |
| Other (VOL)................................ | - | 2 | 2 |
| Not sure/refused .......................... | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Do you have any children under the age of eighteen currently living in your household?

|  |  |  |  | African |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, kids under 18 in household........... | Whites |  |  | Hispanics |  |
|  |  | 44 |  | 30 |  |
| Americans |  |  |  |  |  |

F4a. What is your religion?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Protestant...................................... | 39 | 16 | 45 | CONTINUE |
| Catholic ........................................ | 23 | 51 | 12 | Skip to Q.F4c |
| Jewish .......................................... | 2 | 1 | - |  |
| Other ............................................ | 19 | 17 | 32 | CONTINUE |
| None............................................ | 15 | 12 | 7 | Skip to Q.F4c |
| Not sure/refused........................... | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "PROTESTANT," OR "OTHER," IN Q.F4a.)
F4b. Would you consider yourself a born-again Christian, that is, have you personally had a conversion experience related to Jesus Christ?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Born-again........................................................... | 28 | 23 | 47 | [339] |
| Not born-again .................................................. | 26 | 9 | 25 |  |
| Not sure. | 4 | 1 | 5 |  |
| Catholic/Jewish/None/Not sure/refused (Q.F4a) ....... | 42 | 67 | 23 |  |

F4c. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never........................................ | 29 | 20 | 12 | [340] |
| Once a year .................................. | 8 | 10 | 5 |  |
| A few times a year ......................... | 20 | 21 | 20 |  |
| Once a month .............................. | 3 | 7 | 6 |  |
| About twice a month ....................... | 8 | 8 | 10 |  |
| Once a week or more often ............. | 31 | 30 | 42 |  |
| Not sure..................................... |  | 4 | 5 |  |

F5a/b. Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian? (IF "YES," ASK:) Is that person you, a member of your family, a close friend, a co-worker, or an acquaintance?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes |  |  |  |  |
| Self | 4 | 5 | 4 | [341-342] |
| Family member. | 17 | 19 | 16 | > |
| Close friend | 21 | 26 | 13 |  |
| Co-worker | 23 | 27 | 21 |  |
| Acquaintance. | 28 | 20 | 26 |  |
| Other.. | 3 | 3 | 2 |  |
| Not sure | - | - | 1 |  |
| No. | 27 | 25 | 30 |  |
| Not sure . | 2 | 3 | 6 |  |

F6a/b. Did you vote in the November 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain? (IF "YES, VOTED,"ASK:) For whom did you vote—Barack Obama or John McCain?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, Voted |  |  |  | [343/344] |
| Barack Obama.. | 35 | 46 | 70 |  |
| John McCain | 41 | 20 | 7 |  |
| Not sure.. | 5 | 2 | 5 |  |
| No, Did Not Vote | 18 | 29 | 14 |  |
| Refused... | 1 | 3 | 4 |  |

F7. Regardless of how you may be registered, how would you describe your overall point of view in terms of the political parties?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mostly Democratic .......................... | 22 | 31 | 60 |
| Leaning Democratic....................... | 11 | 15 | 11 |
| Completely independent ................. | 23 | 24 | 15 |
| Leaning Republican....................... | 13 | 6 | 3 |
| Mostly Republican .......................... | 24 | 13 | 3 |
| Not sure ..................................... | 7 | 11 | 8 |

F8. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, middle of the road, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very conservative .......................... | 14 | 12 | 13 | [346] |
| Somewhat conservative ................. | 27 | 20 | 19 |  |
| Middle of the road. | 37 | 30 | 39 |  |
| Somewhat liberal ........................... | 13 | 20 | 13 |  |
| Very liberal................................... | 7 | 13 | 9 |  |
| Not sure..................................... | 2 | 5 | 7 |  |

## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

F9a. Many people do not have the time or interest to get personally involved with social causes. How about you? Have you personally taken any specific actions in the past 12 months to support a social cause you believe in?

|  | Whites | ispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, have taken action to support a social cause | 37 | 43 | 49 |
| No, have not taken any action........................ | 63 | 57 | 51 |

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## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES" IN Q.F9a.)

F9b. In the box below, please list what specifically you have done or what actions you have taken in the past 12 months to support a social cause you believe in. [348-354]

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I donated money/have made charitable contributions | 20\% | 13\% | 20\% |
| I volunteered to help an organization | 14 | 11 | 17 |
| I wrote a letter/email to my representation/an elected official | 11 | 9 | 7 |
| I ran/participated in fundraisers, I helped raise money/solicited donations | 8 | 5 | 8 |
| I participated in a march/attended a rally | 8 | 9 | 3 |
| I have signed petitions | 7 | 5 | 7 |
| Don't know; no response | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% |

## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS.)

F10a. Are you a member of, or do you contribute money to, any organization that is specifically involved in trying to address the issue of prejudice, intolerance, or discrimination?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, a member or contribute money... | 16 | 15 | 26 |
| No, not a member/do not contribute money ...... | 84 | 85 | 74 |

## (ASKED ONLY OF ONLINE RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "YES" IN Q.F10a.)

F10b. Please list in the box below what specific organization or organizations you are a member of or you contribute money to. [356-362]

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| My church/religious organization | 30\% | 12\% | 9\% |
| Democratic party/candidates | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Human Rights Campaign | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| United Way | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| ACLU | 3 | 4 | - |
| Southern Poverty Law Center | 2 | - | 6 |
| Salvation Army | 2 | - | 2 |

F11a. Which of the following TV services, if any, does your household currently pay for?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic or standard cable TV service. | 25 | 26 | 32 |
| Digital cable TV service (with additional channels) ............... | 32 | 29 | 30 |
| Satellite TV service (e.g. DirecTV, Dish Network, etc.) .......... | 27 | 28 | 22 |
| Fiber optic TV service (e.g. FiOS, U-verse, etc.).............. | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| None of the above. | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| Not sure | 1 | 3 | 3 |

F11b. Thinking on a weekly basis, about how many hours do you use the Internet in an average week-not at all, less than one hour, one to four hours, five to nine hours, ten to fourteen hours, fifteen to nineteen hours, or more than twenty hours per week?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not at all | 9 | 10 | 15 | [364] |
| Less than one hour. | 3 | 5 | 4 |  |
| One to four hours........................... | 13 | 18 | 17 |  |
| Five to nine hours. | 20 | 17 | 15 |  |
| Ten to fourteen hours ................... | 19 | 13 | 14 |  |
| Fifteen to nineteen hours ............ | 9 | 8 | 8 |  |
| More than twenty hours per week..... | 26 | 24 | 21 |  |
| Not sure..................................... | 1 | 5 | 6 |  |

F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than twenty-five thousand dollars, between twenty-five thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, between one hundred thousand dollars and one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

|  | Whites | Hispanics | African Americans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than \$25,000. | 15 | 16 | 18 |
| Between \$25,000 and \$50,000........ | 24 | 20 | 27 |
| Between \$50,000 and \$75,000........ | 18 | 19 | 16 |
| Between \$75,000 and \$100,000...... | 12 | 16 | 13 |
| Between \$100,000 and \$125,000..... | 6 | 6 | 8 |
| More than \$125,000 ...................... | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Not sure/refused.......................... | 17 | 17 | 14 |

