

Race and Ethnicity

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CNN/ORC Poll. Feb. 12-15, 2015. N=1,027 adults nationwide (margin of error \pm 3), including 733 non-Hispanic whites (\pm 3.5), and, with an oversample, 309 blacks (\pm 5.5).

"Do you think relations between blacks and whites in the U.S. have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed the same since Barack Obama became president?"

	Gotten better	Gotten worse	Stayed the same	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
2/12-15/15	15	39	45	1
Whites	11	45	44	-
Blacks	25	26	47	2
5/16-18/09	32	6	59	2
Whites	30	6	61	3
Blacks	37	2	60	1

"In general, do you think that the country's criminal justice system treats whites and blacks equally, or does it favor whites over blacks?"

	Treats equally	Favors whites	Favors blacks (vol.)	Depends (vol.)	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%
2/12-15/15	42	50	4	2	2
Whites	49	42	6	1	2
Blacks	19	76	-	3	2
12/18-21/14	41	51	1	6	1
Whites	50	42	1	5	2
Non-whites	21	69	1	8	-
Democrats	19	76	1	3	1
Independents	42	47	2	8	1
Republicans	65	28	1	4	2

"As you may know, the Voting Rights Act was passed in the 1960s to prevent state and local governments from using rules and procedures which prevented many blacks from voting. Do you think the Voting Rights Act is necessary today to make sure that blacks are allowed to vote, or do you think the Voting Rights Act is no longer necessary?"

	Is necessary	No longer necessary	Unsure
	%	%	%
2/12-15/15	51	47	1
Whites	48	50	2
Blacks	76	23	-

Democrats	62	38	-
Independents	52	47	1
Republicans	37	61	2
6/11-13/13	48	50	2
1/12-15/09	52	47	1

"In general, do you think blacks have as good a chance as white people in your community to get any kind of job for which they are qualified, or don't you think they have as good a chance?"

	As good a chance %	Not as good a chance %	Unsure %
2/12-15/15	72	28	1
Whites	81	19	1
Blacks	45	54	1
12/16-20/09	72	26	2
Whites	76	22	2
Blacks	45	54	1

CNN/ORC Poll. Dec. 18-21, 2014. N=1,011 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"Do you think that relations between blacks and whites will always be a problem for the United States, or that a solution will eventually be worked out?"

	Always be a problem %	Eventually worked out %	Unsure %
ALL	46	52	2
Whites	46	53	2
Non-whites	48	50	3
7/16-21/10	48	51	1
5/16-18/09	43	54	3
1/12-15/09	45	55	1
11/6-9/08	43	56	1
3/26 - 4/2/08	42	56	2
1/14-17/08	44	55	1

"In general, how many police officers in the area where you live do you feel are prejudiced against blacks: most of them, some of them, only a few of them, or almost none of them?"

	ALL %	Whites %	Non-whites %
12/18-21/14:			
Most	10	5	22
Some	15	12	20
Only a few	22	21	26
Almost none	40	48	21
All (vol.)	1	1	2
None (vol.)	8	9	4
Unsure	4	4	5

11/21-23/14:

Most	8	7	10
Some	16	12	23
Only a few	24	22	29
Almost none	37	40	32
All (vol.)	-	-	1
None (vol.)	8	10	3
Unsure	6	7	2

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. Dec. 11-14, 2014. N=1,000 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.5. Note: An additional 12 interviews with blacks conducted Dec. 15, 2014.

"Do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?"

	Receive equal treatment %	Do not receive equal treatment %	Unsure %
ALL	43	54	4
Whites	52	44	4
Blacks	10	89	1
Hispanics	35	60	5

"How confident are you that the police in this country treat whites and blacks equally: very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?"

	Very confident %	Somewhat confident %	Not so confident %	Not confident at all %	Unsure %
ALL	21	32	22	24	2
Whites	26	37	19	17	1
Blacks	3	18	20	57	1
Hispanics	15	25	29	29	3

"How confident are you that the police in this country try hard enough to maintain good relations with different groups in the community: very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?"

	Very confident %	Somewhat confident %	Not so confident %	Not confident at all %	Unsure %
ALL	25	41	19	14	1
Whites	31	43	15	10	1
Blacks	4	32	38	26	1
Hispanics	21	37	18	21	3

"How confident are you that the police in this country are adequately trained to avoid the use of excessive force: very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?"

	Very confident %	Somewhat confident %	Not so confident %	Not confident at all %	Unsure %
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ALL	20	34	23	21	2
Whites	23	39	20	16	2
Blacks	4	25	30	41	0
Hispanics	22	22	25	27	4

"How confident are you that the police in this country are held accountable for any misconduct: very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?"

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not so confident	Not confident at all	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%
ALL	19	33	22	24	2
Whites	23	37	21	17	2
Blacks	5	20	17	57	0
Hispanics	20	15	33	28	3

"As you may know, a grand jury has decided not to bring criminal charges against a white police officer in New York City over the choking death of an unarmed black man last summer. Do you approve or disapprove of the grand jury's decision not to charge the police officer?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	31	57	12
Whites	38	49	14
Blacks	6	91	3
Hispanics	25	60	15

"Do you think the recent killings of unarmed African American men by police in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York City are isolated incidents, or a sign of broader problems in treatment of African Americans by police?" Options rotated

	Isolated incidents	Broader problems	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	51	43	6
Whites	60	35	5
Blacks	18	74	8
Hispanics	45	51	4

CBS News Poll. Dec. 6-9, 2014. N=1,122 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 4.

Per CBS News: "Additional interviews were conducted with African Americans, who had previously completed a survey as part of a random sample, to yield a sample size of 287 African Americans. 698 whites were interviewed. The combined African American and non-African American samples were weighted separately to match their group's population characteristics such as gender, age, education, region, marital status and phone use based on recent U.S. Census estimates. The samples were then combined and weighted to the total U.S. adult population."

"Do you think race relations in the United States are generally good or generally bad?"

	Good	Bad	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
12/6-9/14	45	43	13
Whites	47	42	11
Blacks	34	54	12

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8/19-20/14	47	44	10
Whites	49	41	10
Blacks	44	48	9
4/30 - 5/1/14	55	33	12
Whites	60	27	13
Blacks	46	46	8
3/26-30/14	59	34	7
Whites	60	33	8
Blacks	55	40	5
8/7-11/13	57	32	11
Whites	58	31	10
Blacks	46	41	13

"Do you think race relations in the United States are getting better, getting worse or staying about the same?"

	Getting better %	Getting worse %	Staying the same %	Unsure/ No answer %
ALL	22	36	40	2
Whites	22	36	40	2
Blacks	11	46	41	2

"Do you think race relations in YOUR COMMUNITY are generally good or generally bad?"

	Good %	Bad %	Unsure/ No answer %
12/6-9/14	78	17	5
Whites	80	14	6
Blacks	66	28	5
8/19-20/14	78	18	4
Whites	82	15	3
Blacks	73	23	4
3/26-30/14	78	18	3
Whites	81	16	3
Blacks	70	26	4
8/7-11/13	79	15	5
Whites	80	14	5
Blacks	78	18	4

"In general, do you think police officers stop people of certain racial or ethnic groups because they believe that these groups are more likely than others to commit certain types of crimes, or don't you think this happens?"

	Stop certain people %	Don't think this happens %	Unsure/ No answer %
12/6-9/14	65	28	7
Whites	61	33	6
Blacks	88	8	4

"Was there ever a specific instance when you felt discriminated against by the police because of your race or ethnic background?"

	Yes %	No %	Unsure/ No answer %
12/6-9/14	18	81	-
Whites	10	90	-
Blacks	54	46	-
8/19-20/14	16	83	1
Whites	7	93	1
Blacks	45	55	-
7/24-28/09	18	82	0

"Do you think the racial makeup of a community's police department should be similar to the racial makeup of that community as a whole, or don't you think that's necessary?"

	Should be similar %	Not necessary %	Unsure/ No answer %
12/6-9/14	51	44	5
Whites	48	46	5
Blacks	63	34	3
8/19-20/14	46	50	4
Whites	46	50	4
Blacks	56	41	3

"In general, do you think the police in most communities are more likely to use deadly force against a black person, or more likely to use it against a white person, or don't you think race affects police use of deadly force?"

	Against a black person %	Against a white person %	Race doesn't affect use %	Unsure/ No answer %
12/6-9/14	40	2	51	7
Whites	33	2	57	8
Blacks	84	-	10	6
8/19-20/14	37	1	50	11
Whites	31	1	58	10
Blacks	71	-	20	9

"How much have you heard or read about a grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri: a lot, some or not much?"

	A lot %	Some %	Not much %	Nothing at all (vol.) %	Unsure/ No answer %
ALL	62	20	16	2	1
Whites	61	20	16	2	1
Blacks	72	17	10	1	-

"From what you know, do you think the shooting of Michael Brown by Ferguson police officer

Darren Wilson was justified, or not justified, or don't you know enough to say?"

Aug. 2014: "From what you know, do you think the shooting of Michael Brown by police in Ferguson was justified, or not justified, or don't you know enough to say?"

	Justified %	Not justified %	Don't know enough %	Unsure/ No answer %
12/6-9/14	36	25	36	2
Whites	43	20	35	2
Blacks	6	64	29	-
8/19-20/14	9	25	64	2
Whites	12	18	68	2
Blacks	2	57	39	2

"How do you feel about a grand jury's decision to not indict Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown -- are you pleased, satisfied but not pleased, disappointed but not angry, or angry?"

	Pleased %	Satisfied %	Disappointed %	Angry %	Unsure/ No answer %
ALL	19	26	28	13	14
Whites	22	29	22	11	15
Blacks	4	9	55	27	5

"Do you think race was a major factor, a minor factor or not a factor in the death of Michael Brown?"

	Major factor %	Minor factor %	Not a factor %	Unsure/ No answer %
ALL	29	20	41	10
Whites	22	20	48	10
Blacks	75	13	9	3

"How much have you heard or read about a grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Daniel Pantaleo in the death of Eric Garner in Staten island, New York: a lot, some or not much?"

	A lot %	Some %	Not much %	Nothing at all (vol.) %	Unsure/ No answer %
ALL	39	26	29	4	2
Whites	37	28	28	4	2
Blacks	57	21	20	2	1

"From what you know, do you think the use of force by New York City police officers in the arrest of Eric Garner was justified, or not justified, or don't you know enough to say?"

	Justified %	Not justified %	Don't know enough %	Unsure/ No answer %
12/6-9/14	12	41	45	2
Whites	14	38	46	1
Blacks	3	68	29	1

"How do you feel about a grand jury's decision to not indict New York City police officer Daniel Pantaleo in the death of Eric Garner -- are you pleased, satisfied but not pleased, disappointed

but not angry, or angry?"

	Pleased %	Satisfied %	Disappointed %	Angry %	Unsure/ No answer %
ALL	7	17	35	19	23
Whites	8	19	32	17	23
Blacks	1	8	51	36	5

"Do you think race was a major factor, a minor factor or not a factor in the death of Eric Garner?"

	Major factor %	Minor factor %	Not a factor %	Unsure/ No answer %
ALL	29	16	36	19
Whites	23	15	41	21
Blacks	66	17	13	4

Pew Research Center/USA Today. Dec. 3-7, 2014. N=1,507 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 2.9.

"How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the decision by a grand jury not to charge Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Ferguson, Missouri, teen Michael Brown? Have you heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all?"

	A lot %	A little %	Nothing at all %
12/3-7/14	75	19	6

"All things considered, do you think the grand jury made the right decision or the wrong decision not to charge Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown?"

	Right decision %	Wrong decision %	Unsure/ Refused %
ALL	50	37	13
Whites	64	23	13
Blacks	10	80	10

"Do you think that race was a major factor, a minor factor or not a factor at all in the decision not to charge Darren Wilson in the death of Michael Brown?"

	Major factor %	Minor factor %	Not a factor %	Unsure/ Refused %
ALL	27	16	48	9
Whites	16	17	60	7
Blacks	64	17	9	10

"How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the decision by a grand jury not to charge a police officer in the choking death of New York City man Eric Garner? Have you heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all?" Asked Dec. 4-7, 2014, N=1,114.

	A lot	A little	Nothing at all	Unsure/ Refused
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	%	%	%	%
12/4-7/14	52	33	15	1

"All things considered, do you think the grand jury made the right decision or the wrong decision not to charge a police officer in the death of Eric Garner?" Asked Dec. 4-7, 2014, N=1,114.

	Right decision %	Wrong decision %	Unsure/ Refused %
ALL	22	57	20
Whites	28	47	25
Blacks	2	90	8

"Do you think that race was a major factor, a minor factor or not a factor at all in the decision not to charge a police officer in the death of Eric Garner?" Asked Dec. 4-7, 2014, N=1,114.

	Major factor %	Minor factor %	Not a factor %	Unsure/ Refused %
ALL	28	16	39	17
Whites	18	16	48	18
Blacks	62	18	11	9

"Over the course of the next year, do you think relations between local police forces and minorities in communities around the country will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?"

	Get better %	Get worse %	Stay about the same %	Unsure/ Refused %
ALL	21	35	42	2
Whites	21	34	43	1
Blacks	16	52	31	1
Hispanics	27	23	48	3

NBC News/Marist Poll. Dec. 4-5, 2014. N=1,018 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.1.

"How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to treat blacks and whites equally: a great deal, a fair amount, just some, or very little confidence?"

	A great deal %	A fair amount %	Just some %	Very little %	Unsure %
ALL	44	25	11	16	4
Whites	52	26	9	10	3
Blacks	12	21	20	43	5
Latinos	29	28	18	20	6

"Have you heard a lot, quite a bit, some, or nothing at all about the recent grand jury decisions in Ferguson, Missouri, and Staten Island, New York, not to indict police officers in the killing of unarmed men?"

A lot %	Quite a bit %	Some %	Nothing at all %
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ALL	62	14	16	7
Whites	65	15	15	5
Blacks	59	19	12	10
Latinos	47	10	27	16

"Have those decisions increased or decreased your confidence in the legal system?"

	Increased	Decreased	Made no difference (vol.)	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
ALL	17	43	32	8
Whites	21	35	36	8
Blacks	9	70	14	7
Latinos	8	57	28	7

"Do you agree or disagree that law enforcement applies different standards to whites and blacks? ... And, do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?"

	Strongly agree	Not so strongly agree	Not so strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%
ALL	36	11	8	36	9
Whites	28	11	9	42	10
Blacks	80	2	4	10	5
Latinos	34	19	5	33	8

"Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's handling of these grand jury decisions?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	30	46	24
Whites	27	49	24
Blacks	35	46	19
Latinos	36	38	26

Bloomberg Politics Poll conducted by Selzer & Co. Dec. 3-5, 2014. N=1,001 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.1.

"Do you think race relations have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same under the first black president?"

	Better	Worse	About the same	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
ALL	9	53	36	2
Whites	7	56	35	2
Blacks	15	45	36	4

"A grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri, decided not to bring criminal charges against a white police officer in the shooting of an unarmed black teenager last summer. Do you agree or disagree with that decision?"

	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	52	36	12
Whites	64	25	11
Blacks	4	89	7

"A grand jury in New York City decided not to bring criminal charges against a white police officer in the choke-hold death of an unarmed black man last summer. The man was being arrested for selling cigarettes illegally and began arguing with police. Do you agree or disagree with that decision?" Per Selzer & Co.: "Question inserted shortly after interviewing had begun; n=911."

	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	25	60	15
Whites	32	52	16
Blacks	6	90	4

Public Religion Research Institute. Nov. 25-30, 2014. N=1,011 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.6.

"Please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with the following statement: Blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system."

	Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	Unsure/Refused
	%	%	%	%	%
11/25-30/14	17	29	30	23	2

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. Nov. 25-26 & 28-30, 2014. N=1,011 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.5.

"As you may know, a grand jury has decided not to bring criminal charges against a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, over the shooting of an unarmed black teenager last summer. Do you approve or disapprove of the grand jury's decision not to charge the police officer?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	48	45	7
Whites	58	35	7
Blacks	9	85	6
Hispanics	32	61	7

"Would you approve or disapprove of the federal government bringing civil rights charges against the police officer?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	48	47	5
Whites	38	57	6
Blacks	85	12	3

Hispanics	67	29	4
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"Do you approve or disapprove of the way the police and other local authorities have handled the protests in Ferguson?"

	Approve %	Disapprove %	Unsure %
ALL	39	52	9
Whites	41	48	10
Blacks	25	70	5
Hispanics	39	55	6

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama has handled this issue?"

	Approve %	Disapprove %	Unsure %
ALL	39	52	9
Whites	34	58	8
Blacks	63	30	7
Hispanics	41	47	12

CNN/ORC Poll. Nov. 21-23, 2014. N=1,045 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"Now here are a few questions about recent events in Ferguson, Missouri, where a grand jury is deciding whether a police officer named Darren Wilson should be indicted for shooting a black teenager named Michael Brown in August. As you may know, grand juries only decide whether someone should be charged with a crime and put on trial, not whether that person is guilty or not guilty.

"Based on what you have read or heard, do you think the grand jury should charge the police officer, Darren Wilson, with murder, or do you think the grand jury should charge him with a lesser crime, or do you think the grand jury should not charge him with any crime at all?"

	Murder %	Lesser crime %	No crime at all %	Unsure %
ALL	32	25	31	12
Whites	23	26	38	14
Non-whites	54	24	15	7

"If the grand jury does not charge Darren Wilson with murder, do you think peaceful protests in Ferguson would be justified or unjustified?"

	Justified %	Unjustified %	Unsure %
ALL	63	33	3
Whites	64	32	4
Non-whites	63	35	2

"And if the grand jury does not charge Darren Wilson with murder, do you think violent protests in Ferguson would be justified or unjustified?"

	Justified %	Unjustified %	Unsure %
ALL	14	85	2

Whites	10	88	2
Non-whites	22	77	2

CBS News/New York Times Poll. Aug. 19-20, 2014. N=1,025 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 4.

"How much have you heard or read about the police shooting of Michael Brown and the subsequent unrest in Ferguson, Missouri: a lot, some or not much?"

	A lot	Some	Not much	Nothing at all (vol.)
	%	%	%	%
ALL	54	27	17	2
Whites	53	28	18	1
Blacks	65	19	15	-

"From what you know, in the aftermath of the shooting in Ferguson, do you think the protesters' actions have mostly gone too far, not gone far enough, or been about right?"

	Too far	Not far enough	About right	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
ALL	59	7	20	14
Whites	67	4	15	14
Blacks	43	11	38	8

"From what you know, in the aftermath of the shooting in Ferguson, do you think the police response to the protests has mostly gone too far, not gone far enough, or been about right?"

	Too far	Not far enough	About right	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
ALL	32	15	33	20
Whites	27	16	36	21
Blacks	50	14	26	10

"Do you think stationing National Guard troops in Ferguson, Missouri, is making the situation in Ferguson better, making it worse, or not having much effect?"

	Better	Worse	Not having much effect	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
ALL	26	20	35	19
Whites	29	17	35	20
Blacks	20	38	34	8

"How much confidence do you have that the investigation by local authorities into the shooting of Michael Brown will be conducted fairly: a lot, some, not much or none at all?"

	A lot	Some	Not much	None at all	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%	%
ALL	27	29	23	11	11
Whites	31	31	21	7	10
Blacks	11	24	32	27	6

"Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Barack Obama has responded to the situation in Ferguson?"

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
ALL	41	34	25
Whites	35	39	25
Blacks	60	20	21

"Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Missouri Governor Jay Nixon has responded to the situation in Ferguson?"

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
ALL	32	34	34
Whites	34	33	33
Blacks	24	49	27

Pew Research Center. Aug. 14-17, 2014. N=1,000 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.6.

"As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely. ... The police shooting of an African American teen and protests in Ferguson, Missouri."

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%
8/14-17/14	27	30	18	23	2

"Thinking about the police shooting of an African American teen in Ferguson, Missouri, overall, do you think that this case raises important issues about race that need to be discussed, or do you think the issue of race is getting more attention in this case than it deserves?" Options rotated

	Raises important issues about race	Race getting too much attention	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
ALL	44	40	15
Whites	37	47	16
Blacks	80	18	2
Hispanics	50	25	24
Republicans	22	61	17
Independents	40	46	14
Democrats	68	21	11

"In the aftermath of the police shooting in Ferguson, Missouri, do you think that the police response has gone too far, or do you think the police response has been about right?" Options rotated

	Has gone too far	Has been about right	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%

ALL	40	28	31
Whites	33	32	35
Blacks	65	20	15

"How much confidence do you have in the investigations of the police shooting in Ferguson, Missouri: a great deal of confidence, a fair amount of confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all?"

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	None at all	Unsure/Refused
	%	%	%	%	%
8/14-17/14	12	33	24	17	14

CBS News Poll. June 18-22, 2014. N=1,009 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"In general, who do you think has a better chance of getting ahead in today's society -- white people, black people, or do white people and black people have about an equal chance of getting ahead?"

	White people	Black people	About equal	Unsure/No answer
	%	%	%	%
6/18-22/14	30	5	61	4
Whites	28	5	63	4
Blacks	46	4	46	4
3/26-30/14	34	5	59	3
Whites	31	5	61	3
Blacks	44	4	51	2
8/7-11/13	32	6	56	6
Whites	29	7	60	4
Blacks	50	4	38	8

"Some people say that since the 1960s there has been a lot of real progress in getting rid of racial discrimination against blacks. Others say that there hasn't been much real progress for blacks over that time. Which do you agree with more? Would you say there's been a lot of real progress getting rid of racial discrimination or hasn't there been much real progress?"

	A lot of real progress	Hasn't been much real progress	Unsure/No answer
	%	%	%
6/18-22/14	78	19	2
Whites	82	16	2
Blacks	59	38	2
3/26-30/14	79	20	2
Whites	81	18	1
Blacks	68	31	1
8/7-11/13	73	20	7
Whites	78	17	5
Blacks	55	39	6

"How much discrimination do you think there is against African Americans in our society today: a lot, some, only a little, or none at all?"

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None at all	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%	%
6/18-22/14	17	49	27	5	2
Whites	14	51	28	5	1
Blacks	41	47	9	1	3
8/7-11/13	19	49	22	7	4
Whites	15	52	23	8	4
Blacks	40	40	14	1	5

"The 1964 Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Do you consider passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act to be a very important event in U.S. history, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?"

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%	%
6/18-22/14	76	19	3	2	1
Whites	77	18	3	2	1
Blacks	73	23	1	-	3
3/26-30/14	78	17	2	2	1
Whites	77	18	1	2	1
Blacks	79	17	2	2	-

"Thinking about the goals of Martin Luther King and the 1960s civil rights movement, do you think that all of their goals have been achieved, most have been achieved, only some have been achieved, or almost none of their goals have been achieved?"

	All	Most	Only some	Almost none	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%	%
6/18-22/14	5	38	52	2	3
Whites	4	39	52	2	3
Blacks	3	29	63	3	2
8/7-11/13	4	31	55	3	7
Whites	4	32	55	3	7
Blacks	5	27	62	4	2

CNN/ORC Poll. May 2-4 & May 29-June 1, 2014. N=2,011 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 2.5.

"In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?"

	Very good	Fairly good	Fairly bad	Very bad	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%
ALL	8	57	23	12	-
	8		23		

Whites		59		9	1
Blacks	9	45	25	21	-

CNN/ORC Poll. May 2-4, 2014. N=1,008 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"As you may know, the commissioner of the NBA has fined Donald Sterling, the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers, and banned him from any contact with that team in response to a recording of comments that Sterling made about blacks. Do you think the other NBA owners should force Donald Sterling to sell the Los Angeles Clippers, or don't you think so?"

	Should force him to sell	Don't think so	Unsure
	%	%	%
ALL	47	50	3
Whites	42	55	3
Non-whites	61	38	1
Democrats	63	36	1
Independents	42	54	4
Republicans	37	59	3

CBS News/New York Times Poll. April 30-May 1, 2014. N=1,054 adults nationwide.

Per CBS: "Additional interviews were conducted with African Americans, who had previously completed a survey as part of a random sample, to yield a sample size of 275. 660 whites were interviewed. The African American and non-African American samples were weighted separately to match their group's population characteristics such as gender, age, education, region, marital status and phone use based on recent U.S. Census estimates. The samples were then combined and weighted to the total U.S. adult population. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. ... The margin of error for the sample of whites is 5 pts and 8 pts for African Americans."

"It was recently revealed that Donald Sterling, owner of the basketball team the Los Angeles Clippers, made controversial remarks about African Americans. How much have you heard or read about this incident: a lot, some, or not much?"

	A lot	Some	Not much	Nothing (vol.)
	%	%	%	%
4/30 - 5/1/14	51	24	21	3
Whites	50	25	21	3
Blacks	55	21	21	2

"In response to Donald Sterling's controversial remarks about African Americans, the National Basketball Association, or NBA, has fined him \$2.5 million and banned him for life from attending games and participating in NBA activities. Do you think this punishment is too lenient, too hard, or is this punishment about right?"

	Too lenient	Too hard	About right	No punishment (vol.)	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%	%
4/30 - 5/1/14	9	25	55	2	10
Whites	8	28	52	1	11
Blacks	12	14	71	-	3

"Should Donald Sterling be forced to sell the Los Angeles Clippers, or not?"

	Should	Should not	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
4/30 - 5/1/14	49	40	12
Whites	43	44	13
Blacks	71	21	8

"In general, do you think the attitudes about African Americans expressed by Donald Sterling are widespread among team owners in professional sports or don't you think those attitudes are widespread?"

	Widespread	Not widespread	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
4/30 - 5/1/14	25	56	19
Whites	17	63	19
Blacks	54	33	13

"Donald Sterling made his controversial remarks about African Americans in a private conversation that was recorded and later made public. Do you think it is acceptable for Donald Sterling to be punished for these remarks he made in a private conversation, or not acceptable?"

	Acceptable	Not acceptable	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
4/30 - 5/1/14	42	50	8
Whites	39	53	8
Blacks	60	36	3

CBS News Poll. March 26-30, 2014. N=1,017 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"Do you think there will always be a lot of racial prejudice and discrimination in America, or is there real hope of ending it in the long run?"

	Will always be a lot	Real hope of ending it	None now (vol.)	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
3/26-30/14	46	52	-	1
Whites	44	54	-	2
Blacks	61	39	-	-
8/7-11/13	42	52	1	5
Whites	41	54	1	5
Blacks	54	39	-	6

"Overall, do you think passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 was mostly good for the country, or mostly bad for the country, or don't you think it made much difference?"

	Mostly good	Mostly bad	Not much difference	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
3/26-30/14	81	1	16	2
Whites	83	1	14	2

Blacks	78	-	20	2
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"Overall, do you think passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 made things better for blacks in this country, worse for blacks in this country, or don't you think it made a difference?"

	Better	Worse	No difference	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
3/26-30/14	84	2	11	3
Whites	84	2	11	3
Blacks	83	2	12	2

CBS News Poll. Aug. 7-11, 2013. N=1,006 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"In general, do you think the criminal justice system in the United States is biased in favor of blacks, or is it biased against blacks, or does it generally give blacks fair treatment?"

	Biased in favor	Biased against	Generally fair	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
ALL	5	35	43	17
Whites	5	30	48	17
Blacks	8	61	19	12

"Was there ever a specific instance when you felt discriminated against because of your race?"

	Yes	No	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
ALL	36	62	2
Whites	29	69	2
Blacks	62	37	-

"Do you approve or disapprove of marriage between blacks and whites?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%
ALL	82	10	8
Whites	80	11	8
Blacks	88	7	5

"Overall, do you think Martin Luther King Jr. made things better for blacks in this country, made things worse, or don't you think he made a difference?"

	Better	Worse	Didn't make a difference	Unsure/ No answer
	%	%	%	%
ALL	85	1	7	6
Whites	86	2	7	6
Blacks	89	1	6	3

Pew Research Center. Aug. 1-11, 2013. N=2,231 adults nationwide (margin of error \pm 2.5), including 1,471 non-Hispanic whites, 376 non-Hispanic blacks, 218 Hispanics.

"All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your community as a place to live in?"

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
ALL	89	9	1
Whites	92	7	1
Blacks	82	16	2
Hispanics	88	11	2

"As you may know, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his 'I Have a Dream Speech' at a civil rights march in Washington almost 50 years ago. ... Overall, how much progress toward Martin Luther King's dream of racial equality do you think the U.S. has made over the last 50 years: a lot, some, a little, or none at all?" Options rotated

	A lot	Some	A little	None at all	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%
ALL	45	36	12	4	3
Whites	48	38	9	2	3
Blacks	32	39	22	5	1
Hispanics	43	28	17	6	6

"And how much more needs to be done in order to achieve Martin Luther King's dream of racial equality: a lot, some, a little, or none at all?" Options rotated

	A lot	Some	A little	None at all	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%
ALL	49	31	10	6	4
Whites	44	35	10	7	4
Blacks	79	12	7	1	1
Hispanics	48	29	11	4	8

"Now I have some questions about how some groups in our society get along ... In general, how well do you think [see below] get along with each other these days? Would you say very well, pretty well, not too well, or not at all well? ... What about how well [see below] get along?"

	Very well	Pretty well	Not too well	Not at all well	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%	%	%
"Whites and Hispanics"					
ALL	13	61	18	2	6
Whites	12	64	16	2	5
Blacks	13	51	22	2	12
Hispanics	18	55	20	3	3

"Blacks and Hispanics"

ALL	10	44	25	5	16
Whites	6	42	25	4	22
Blacks	22	56	18	1	4
Hispanics	16	44	30	7	3

"Blacks and whites"

ALL	13	63	17	3	4
Whites	12	69	14	2	4
Blacks	16	57	23	2	2
Hispanics	12	48	27	8	5

"All in all, compared with five years ago, do you think the situation of black people in this country today is better, worse, or about the same?"

	Better %	Worse %	About the same %	Unsure/ Refused %
ALL	35	12	49	4
Whites	35	12	49	3
Blacks	26	21	51	3
Hispanics	37	8	50	5

"Now thinking about the financial situation of blacks compared with whites TODAY, would you say the average black person is better off, worse off or just about as well off as the average white person in terms of income and overall financial situation?"

	Better off %	Worse off %	Just about as well off %	Unsure/ Refused %
ALL	10	41	41	8
Whites	10	39	43	8
Blacks	9	59	27	4
Hispanics	12	36	44	8

"Just your impression, are blacks in your community treated less fairly than whites in the following situations? First, [see below]? ... What about [see below]?"

	Yes, less fairly %	No, not less fairly %	Unsure/ Refused %
"On the job or at work"			
ALL	25	64	11
Whites	16	72	12
Blacks	54	38	8
Hispanics	40	50	9

"In stores or restaurants"

ALL	23	70	7
Whites	16	77	7
Blacks	44	48	8
Hispanics	35	58	7

"In getting health care from doctors and hospitals"

ALL	21	63	15
Whites	14	69	17
Blacks	47	48	6
Hispanics	36	49	15

"In dealing with the police"

ALL	44	45	11
Whites	37	51	13

Blacks	70	25	5
Hispanics	51	37	11

"In the courts"

ALL	35	49	16
Whites	27	56	16
Blacks	68	25	7
Hispanics	40	39	21

"In local public schools"

ALL	22	66	12
Whites	15	73	12
Blacks	51	37	12
Hispanics	32	56	11

"When voting in elections"

ALL	20	69	11
Whites	13	77	10
Blacks	48	47	5
Hispanics	30	52	18

"During the past 12 months, have you personally experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your race or ethnic background, or not?"

	Yes, have %	No, have not %	Unsure/ Refused %
ALL	16	84	1
Whites	10	90	-
Blacks	35	64	2
Hispanics	20	80	-

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll conducted by the polling organizations of Peter Hart (D) and Bill McInturff (R). July 17-21, 2013. N=1,000 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.1.

"In general, do you think race relations in the United States are very good, fairly good, fairly bad, or very bad?"

	Very good %	Fairly good %	Fairly bad %	Very bad %	Mixed (vol.)/ Unsure %
ALL	4	48	28	16	4
Whites	3	49	32	13	3
Blacks	6	32	25	33	4
Hispanics	3	57	22	13	5

"Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: America is a nation where people are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Strongly agree %	Somewhat agree %	Somewhat disagree %	Strongly disagree %	Unsure %
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ALL	20	34	23	22	1
Whites	21	38	24	16	1
Blacks	9	10	25	54	2
Hispanics	26	28	24	20	2

Quinnipiac University. June 28-July 8, 2013. N=2,014 registered voters nationwide. Margin of error \pm 2.2.

"Do you think public universities should be allowed to use race as one of the factors in admissions to increase diversity in the student body or not?"

	Should be allowed	Should not be allowed	Unsure
	%	%	%
6/28 - 7/8/13	21	74	5

Pew Research Center. June 27-30, 2013. N=1,003 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.7.

"From what you've read and heard about the Supreme Court's decision on the Voting Rights Act, would you say you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of their decision?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
6/27-30/13	33	25	43

"Did the Supreme Court's decision on the Voting Rights Act keep the law in effect as it has been, or overturn parts of the law?" Options rotated

	Keep law in effect as it has been	Overturn parts of the law	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
6/27-30/13	23	34	43

USA Today Poll conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. June 27-30, 2013. N=1,003 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.6.

"Let me read you two brief statements on affirmative action programs, and see which one comes closer to your point of view. Affirmative action programs are still needed to counteract the effects of discrimination against minorities, and are a good idea as long as there are no rigid quotas. OR, Affirmative action programs have gone too far in favoring minorities, and should be phased out because they unfairly discriminate against whites." Options rotated

	Still needed	Should be phased out	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
6/27-30/13	53	37	10

"Now I would like to ask you a few more questions about two rulings made by the Supreme Court this week. As you may know, the Supreme Court struck down a part of the Voting Rights Act that required nine states, mostly in the South, to have federal approval for any changes to their election laws. Because of this week's ruling, those nine states can now change their election laws without prior federal approval. Do you favor or oppose the Supreme Court's ruling in this case?"

	Favor	Oppose	Unsure/ Refused
	%	%	%
6/27-30/13	40	49	11

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. June 26-30, 2013. N=1,005 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.5.

"Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision striking down a key part of the federal law overseeing voting rights for minorities?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
6/26-30/13	33	51	15

CNN/ORC Poll. June 11-13, 2013. N=1,014 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

"Do you approve or disapprove of affirmative action admissions programs at colleges and law schools that give racial preferences to minority applicants?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
6/11-13/13	29	68	3

ABC News/Washington Post Poll. June 5-9, 2013. N=1,007 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.5.

"Overall, do you support or oppose allowing universities to consider applicants' race as a factor in deciding which students to admit?"

	Support	Oppose	Unsure
	%	%	%
6/5-9/13	22	76	2

NBC News/Wall Street Journal Poll conducted by the polling organizations of Peter Hart (D) and Bill McInturff (R). May 30-June 2, 2013. N=1,000 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.1.

"Now let me read you two brief statements on affirmative action programs, and ask which one comes closer to your own point of view. Affirmative action programs are still needed to counteract the effects of discrimination against minorities, and are a good idea as long as

there are no rigid quotas. OR, Affirmative action programs have gone too far in favoring minorities, and should be ended because they unfairly discriminate against whites." Options

rotated

	Still needed %	Should be ended %	Unsure %
5/30 - 6/2/13	45	45	10
1/10-14/10	49	43	8
6/12-15/09	63	28	9
1/19-21/03	49	43	8
3/00	54	37	9
9/95	50	43	7
3/95	52	40	8

Public Religion Research Institute. May 15-19, 2013. N=1,000 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.1.

"In order to make up for past discrimination, do you favor or oppose programs which make special efforts to help blacks and other minorities get ahead?"

	Favor %	Oppose %	Other (vol.) %	Unsure/ Refused %
5/15-19/13	68	24	2	6

"Thinking specifically about college admissions, do you think blacks and other minorities should receive preference in college admissions to make up for past inequalities, or not?"

	Should %	Should not %	Other (vol.) %	Unsure/ Refused %
5/15-19/13	29	64	1	6

"Do you think you were helped or hurt in the college admissions process because of your race or ethnicity, or do you think it did not make a difference?"

	Helped %	Hurt %	No difference %	Not applicable (vol.) %	Unsure/ Refused %
5/15-19/13	6	7	80	4	3

"All in all, do you think you have been helped or hurt in your job or career because of your race or ethnicity, or do you think it has not made a difference?"

	Helped %	Hurt %	No difference %	Unsure/ Refused %
5/15-19/13	7	11	80	1

CNN/ORC Poll. Jan. 14-15, 2013. N=814 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.5.

"Martin Luther King gave his famous 'I Have a Dream Speech' at a civil rights march in Washington in 1963. In your view, do you think the U.S. has fulfilled the vision King outlined in that speech, or don't you think so?"

	Has fulfilled %	Don't think so %	Unfamiliar with speech (vol.) %	Unsure %
1/14-15/13	50	47	1	2
Whites	51	46	1	2
Non-whites	49	50	-	-
1/14-16/11	48	49	1	2
12/16-20/09	51	47	1	1
1/12-15/09	49	49	1	-
3/26 - 4/2/08	34	59	4	3

"Martin Luther King gave his famous 'I Have a Dream Speech' at a civil rights march in Washington in 1963. In your view, do you think the U.S. has fulfilled the vision King outlined in that speech, or don't you think so?" If hasn't fulfilled King's vision: "Do you think the U.S. can eventually fulfill the vision in King's speech, or don't you think so?" Combined responses

	Has fulfilled %	Hasn't yet, but can fulfill %	Hasn't yet, cannot fulfill %	Unfamiliar with speech (vol.) %	Unsure %
1/14-15/13	50	27	22	1	-
Whites	51	25	23	1	-
Non-whites	49	31	19	-	-
1/14-16/11	48	26	23	1	1
12/16-20/09	51	31	17	1	-
1/12-15/09	49	33	16	1	-
3/26 - 4/2/08	34	41	19	4	2

USA Today/Gallup Poll. Aug. 4-7, 2011. N=1,319 adults nationwide (margin of error \pm 4), including, with an oversample, 796 non-Hispanic whites (margin of error \pm 5) and 376 non-Hispanic blacks (margin of error \pm 6).

"Do you think that relations between blacks and whites will always be a problem for the United States, or that a solution will eventually be worked out?"

	Always a problem %	Eventually worked out %	Unsure %
8/4-7/11	46	52	2
Blacks	55	42	2
Whites	44	54	2
10/16-19/09	40	56	4
6/5 - 7/6/08	38	58	3
5/1-3/08	42	54	4
6/4-24/07	43	54	4
6/8-25/06	42	54	4
6/6-25/05	46	50	4
6/9-30/04	45	51	4

"How much of a role, if any, do you think the government should have in trying to improve the social and economic position of blacks and other minority groups in this country: a major role, a minor role, or no role at all?"

	Major role	Minor role	No role	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
8/4-7/11	27	46	26	1
Blacks	59	32	8	1
Whites	19	50	30	1
6/6-25/05	37	44	17	2
6/9-30/04	40	45	14	1

"Thinking back over your lifetime, how do you feel civil rights for blacks have changed in this country? Would you say the situation has greatly improved, somewhat improved, stayed pretty much the same, somewhat worsened, or greatly worsened?"

	Greatly improved	Somewhat improved	Pretty much the same	Somewhat worsened	Greatly worsened
	%	%	%	%	%
8/4-7/11	50	39	8	1	2
Blacks	29	56	9	4	2
Whites	53	37	8	1	1

"Do you think new civil rights laws are needed to reduce discrimination against blacks, or not?"

	Are needed	Are not needed	Unsure
	%	%	%
8/4-7/11	21	76	2
Blacks	52	48	1
Whites	15	83	3

"Do you approve or disapprove of marriage between blacks and whites?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
8/4-7/11	86	11	3
Blacks	96	2	2
Whites	83	14	3
9/7-8/07	79	15	6
6/4-24/07	77	17	6
9/18-20/94	48	37	15
4/29 - 5/2/83	43	50	7

For comparison:

"Do you approve or disapprove of marriage between whites and non-whites?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
7/21-24/78	36	54	10
10/13-16/72	29	60	11
6/26 - 7/1/68	20	73	8

For comparison:

"Do you approve or disapprove of marriage between white and colored people?"

	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	%	%	%
9/24-29/58	4	94	3

"How do you view Barack Obama's election as president in terms of progress for blacks in the United States -- as the most important advance for blacks in the past one hundred years; as one of the two or three most important advances for blacks in the past one hundred years, but not the most important; important, but not among the most important advances; or not that important?"

	Most important	One of most important	Important, but not among most important	Not that important	Unsure
	%	%	%	%	%
8/4-7/11	15	27	30	26	3
Blacks	34	31	23	9	3
Whites	10	27	32	29	2
10/16-19/09	20	38	24	16	2
11/5/08	33	38	15	10	4

"As a result of Barack Obama's election, do you think race relations in this country have gotten a lot better, gotten a little better, not changed, gotten a little worse, or gotten a lot worse?"

	A lot better	A little better	Not changed	A little worse	A lot worse
	%	%	%	%	%
8/4-7/11	7	28	41	16	7
Blacks	14	34	27	16	8
Whites	6	25	45	16	6

"In the years ahead, as a result of Barack Obama's presidency, do you think race relations in this country will get a lot better, get a little better, not change, get a little worse, or get a lot worse in the long term?"

	A lot better	A little better	Not change	A little worse	A lot worse
	%	%	%	%	%
8/4-7/11	12	40	35	8	3
Blacks	24	40	21	10	4
Whites	9	39	39	7	3
10/16-19/09	15	46	25	7	6

"Next we have a question about a president's policies to help improve the standard of living of blacks in the United States. Do you think the policies of Barack Obama will go too far, will be about right, or will not go far enough in promoting efforts to aid the black community?"

	Go too far	Be about right	Not go far enough	Unsure
	%	%	%	%
8/4-7/11	25	43	23	10
Blacks	5	47	43	5
Whites	29	42	18	12

"Thinking back to Dr. Martin Luther King and his dream of racial equality, do you think that dream has now been realized in the United States, or not?"

	Has been %	Has not %
8/4-7/11	51	49
Blacks	54	45
Whites	49	51

"Thinking back to Dr. Martin Luther King and his dream of racial equality, do you think that dream has now been realized in the United States, or not?" If has not been realized: "Do you think the United States has made major progress toward realizing that dream, minor progress, or no progress at all?" Combined responses

	Has been %	Has not: Major progress %	Has not: Minor progress %	Has not: No progress at all %
8/4-7/11	51	23	23	3
Blacks	54	13	28	4
Whites	49	26	23	2

"As you may know, a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is being opened in Washington, D.C., this month. Do you approve or disapprove of having a memorial to Martin Luther King there?"

	Approve %	Disapprove %	Unsure %
8/4-7/11	91	5	4
Blacks	99	1	-
Whites	89	6	4

Washington Post Poll. July 28-31, 2011 (N=1,001) and Aug. 4-7, 2011 (N=88), for a combined sample of 1,089 adults nationwide (margin of error \pm 3.5), including 743 non-Hispanic whites (margin of error \pm 4), and 187 blacks (margin of error \pm 8).

"Martin Luther King gave his famous 'I Have a Dream Speech' at a civil rights march in Washington in 1963. In your view, do you think the United States has fulfilled the vision King outlined in that speech, or don't you think so?"

	Has %	Has not %	Unfamiliar with speech (vol.) %	Unsure %
ALL	34	55	1	10
Blacks	36	56	-	7
Whites	30	57	2	11

If has not been fulfilled:

"Do you think the United States can eventually fulfill the vision in Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech, or don't you think so?"

	Can %	Cannot %	Unsure %
ALL	52	39	9
Blacks	48	46	6

Whites	52	38	10
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