

Interviews with 1,030 adult Americans, including 953 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 19-21, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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## **QUESTIONS 8 AND 9 COMBINED**

8/9. Suppose the 2012 presidential election were being held today. If Barack Obama runs for reelection, are you more likely to vote for Obama, the Democrat, or for the Republican party's candidate for President? (IF DON'T KNOW) As of today, do you lean more to Obama, the Democrat, or to a Republican candidate?

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All Respondents March 19-21, 2010	48%	46%	4%	2%
Registered Voters March 19-21, 2010	47%	47%	4%	2%

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## CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Bush</u>	Democratic <u>candidate</u>	Other (vol.)	No <u>Opinion</u>
GEORGE W. BUSH				
Registered Voters				
(RV) 2003 Dec 5-7	48	41	4	7
(RV) 2003 Oct 24-26	46	43	6	5
(RV) 2003 Sep 8-10	47	43	3	7
(RV) 2003 Aug 25-26	51	39	4	6
(RV) 2003 Jul 25-27	49	40	5	6
(RV) 2003 Jul 18-20	46	42	3	9
(RV) 2003 Jun 12-18	51	39	3	7
(RV) 2003 Apr 22-23	49	36	3	12
(RV) 2003 Mar 29-30	51	36	4	9
(RV) 2003 Mar 14-15	45	42	5	8
(RV) 2003 Feb 24-26	47	39	4	10
(RV) 2002 Dec 16-17	51	37	3	9
(RV) 2002 Oct 3-6	54	35	1	10
(RV) 2002 Jul 29-31	51	34	3	12
(RV) 2002 Jun 21-23	51	37	3	9
(RV) 2002 Apr 29-May 1	56	32	3	9
(RV) 2001 Oct 5-6	56	29	2	13

QUESTION WORDING: If George W. Bush runs for re-election in 2004, in general, are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president?

,	<u>Clinton</u>	Republican <u>candidate</u>	Other (vol.)	No <u>Opinion</u>
<u>BILL CLINTON</u> Registered Voters				
1994 DEC. 2-5	39	53	N/A	8
1994 Mar 28-30	44	59	N/A	7

QUESTION WORDING: Suppose the 1996 presidential election were being held today. If Bill Clinton runs for re-election, are you more likely to vote for Clinton, the Democrat, or for the Republican Party's candidate for president? As of today, do you lean more to Clinton, the Democrat, or to a Republican candidate?

		Democratic	Other	110
	<u>Bush</u>	<u>candidate</u>	<u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Opinion</u>
GEORGE H.W. BUSH				
(RV) 1992 Jan 31-Feb 2	46	38	16	
(RV) 1992 Jan 3-6	39	43	18	
(RV) 1991 Dec 5-8	48	34	18	
(RV) 1991 Nov 14-17	48	36	16	
(RV) 1991 Oct 31-Nov 3	46	36	18	
(RV) 1991 Oct 10-13	49	32	19	
(RV) 1991 Sep 13-15	51	29	20	
(RV) 1991 Sep 5-8	52	29	19	
(RV) 1991 Aug 23-25	55	27	18	
(RV) 1991 Jun 13-16	53	30	17	
(RV) 1991 Apr 25-28	51	30	19	
(RV) 1991 Mar 7-10	67	17	16	
(RV) 1991 Feb 14-17	54	33	13	
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QUESTION WORDING: If George Bush runs for re-election in 1992, in general are you more likely to vote for Bush or for the Democratic Party's candidate for president?

10. Please give me your best guess -- if Barack Obama decides to run for re-election, do you think he will win the presidential election in 2012, or do you think he will lose?

	Mar 19-21 <u>2010</u>
Will win	44%
Will lose	54%
No opinion	2%

## CNN/TIME TREND FOR COMPARISON

	Will win	Will lose	No opinion
1995 Jan. 5	24%	65%	11%

QUESTION WORDING: Please give me your best guess -- if Bill Clinton decides to run for reelection, do you think he will win the presidential election in 1996, or do you think he will lose?

45. (IF REPUBLICAN) Next, I'm going to read a list of people who may be running in the Republican primary for president in 2012. After I read all the names, please tell me which candidate you would be most likely to support for the Republican nomination for President in the year 2012, or if you would support someone else. (ASKED OF REPUBLICANS. RESULTS BASED ON 531 INTERVIEWS WITH REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS WHO LEAN REPUBLICAN. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Mar 19-21
	<u>2010</u>
Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney	22%
Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin	18%
Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee	17%
Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich	8%
Texas Congressman Ron Paul	8%
Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty	5%
Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum	5%
Indiana Congressman Mike Pence	4%
Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour	1%
Someone else (vol.)	8%
None/ No one (vol.)	2%
No opinion	3%

46. (IF DEMOCRAT) Do you think the Democratic party should renominate Barack Obama as the party's candidate for president in 2012, or do you think the Democratic party should nominate a different candidate for president in 2012? (ASKED OF DEMOCRATS. RESULTS BASED ON 448 INTERVIEWS WITH DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS WHO LEAN DEMOCRATIC. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Mar 19-21 2010
Renominate Obama	76%
Different candidate	20%
No opinion	4%

FOR COMPARISON CNN/TIME TREND

	November 9-10, 1994
BILL CLINTON	
Renominate Clinton	57%
Different candidate	32%
No opinion	11%
-	u think the Democratic party should re-nominate Bill Clinton as
the party's candidate in 1996 o	do you think the Democratic party should nominate a different
candidate for President in 1996	