

## AEI Public Opinion Studies

# Public Opinion on Conspiracy Theories

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Soon after John F. Kennedy's assassination 50 years ago, stories began to circulate that the assassination was a conspiracy and not the work of a single individual. The National Opinion Research Center asked the first question we have been able to locate right after the assassination. In the November—December 1963 poll, 24 percent said the assassination was the work of one man, while 62 percent said that other people were involved. When Fox News asked registered voters a similar question in 2003, the results were 25 and 66 percent, respectively. In an April 2013 AP-GfK/Roper poll, 24 percent said one man was responsible and 59 percent said others were involved in a conspiracy. Other pollsters who have asked about the assassination also find strong support for the belief that a conspiracy existed.

This AEI Public Opinion Study looks closely at public attitudes about a variety of conspiracy theories. This collection includes subjects such as whether aliens landed at Roswell, whether 9/11 was the work of the U.S. government, whether Princess Diana's death was an accident, and whether Elvis and Osama bin Laden are still alive. We also look at the persistence of the belief among a segment of the population that President Obama was not born in the United States. We begin with the assassination of Kennedy.

Quantifying the precise number of Americans who are conspiracy theorists is not possible with the data we have. Each specific conspiracy in this collection of questions produces different responses, and it is not possible to use surveys taken at different times

to produce a specific figure. Softer questions, asking if the government isn't telling the full story, if there is more to know, or if there is cause to wonder consistently produce stronger responses than questions specifically about whether plots and schemes are afoot. In addition, conspiracy theorists frequently mask their true beliefs by insisting that more questions still need to be answered. These qualifications make it hard to come up with a firm figure.

An additional difficulty is figuring out at what point an individual crosses the line from skeptic to conspiracy theorist. For example, what does it mean when in April 2011, slightly more than an a fifth of Republicans told *New York Times* interviewers that they weren't sure if President Obama was born here or in another country? The line between uncertainty and conspiracy is hard to determine with blunt survey questions.

We know from a vast amount of survey data that skepticism about the federal government's power and reach is deep. It seems that whenever pollsters use the words "government" and "cover-up," a substantial number respond in the affirmative. Although small numbers appear to believe deeply in many of these conspiracies, the belief that there was a cover-up of the Kennedy assassination has the broadest appeal.

This collection indicates that a small number, somewhere in the range of 10 percent (with the exception noted above involving the Kennedy assassination) generally believe in most conspiracies. Far more are likely to believe that the government is hiding information from the public.

We don't find compelling evidence from the data in this document that particular demographic groups are susceptible to a belief in conspiracy theories. It depends on the theory. Middle-aged Americans are more likely to believe in the JFK assassination conspiracy than older or younger ones. Young people and Democrats are most likely to subscribe to conspiracy theories about 9/11. Women are more likely to believe foul play was involved in Princess Diana's death. While the demographic data presented here are by no means exhaustive, we're hesitant to endorse what much of the literature concludes – that the young and less educated are more prone to conspiratorial instincts.

#### **JFK Assassination**

As we approach the fiftieth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination on November 22, 1963, surveys show that a large swath of the public considers the event to have been something other than the work of a single man. While the responses vary, they nevertheless suggest that Americans think Lee Harvey Oswald was not a lone gunman. Whether the assassination was the work of the Soviet or Cuban governments, the C.I.A., defense contractors, right wingers, or even Vice President Lyndon Johnson, it has managed to animate the public imagination for over 50 years.

Intrigue surrounding the Kennedy assassination remains deep, making this conspiracy theory the most widely believed such theory in American politics today. In fact, a majority of Americans subscribe to the idea. Initial surveys suggested that belief in an assassination conspiracy was stronger among Democrats than among Republicans. That belief remains true, but the gap on partisan responses has shrunk. The latest poll we have is from AP/GfK-Roper and was conducted April 2013. It shows that 24 percent believe the assassination was the work of one individual, while 59 percent say that others were involved.

• I'm going to read some ways that some people felt when they first heard that the President John F. Kennedy was dead, and I'd like you to tell me which one of the statements on this card comes closest to your own feelings at the time. Very deepest, quite deeply, crossed my mind, never occurred to me. Thought it was done by some Communist or other radical to get rid of the President.

		Very deepest	Felt it quite	Crossed mind	Never occurred
		feeling	deeply	but not deeply	to me
Nov. 1963	NORC	13%	15%	40%	32%

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		Very deepest	Felt it quite	Crossed mind	Never occurred
		feeling	deeply	but not deeply	to me
Nov. 1963	NORC	8%	10%	32%	50%

• Are you pretty much convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald was the man who shot the President John F. Kennedy, or do you have some doubt that he was the one?

		Pretty much	Have some	
		convinced	doubt	Don't know
Nov. 1963	NORC	72%	22%	6%

 Do you think this the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was the work of just one man or were other people involved too?

		One man	Other people	Don't know
Nov. 1963	NORC	24%	62%	14%

• Do you feel the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was the work of one man or do you feel it was part of a broader plot or conspiracy?

		Part of a broader plot	Work of one man	Not sure
Sep. 1966	Harris Poll	46%	34%	20%
Feb. 1967	Harris Poll	44	35	21
May 1967	Harris Poll	66	19	15

• This November (2003) is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Do you feel that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was the act of one individual or part of a larger conspiracy?

		One individual	Larger conspiracy
May 1967*	Harris	19%	66%
Oct. 1975*	Harris	20	66
Mar. 1981*	Harris	21	67
Oct. 2003	Fox News	25	66
Demogra	phics, 2003		
	Republicans	31%	58%
	Democrats	20	73
	Independents	24	67

Note: Fox question asked of registered voters. \*Question wording is "Do you feel that the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was the act of one individual or part of a greater conspiracy?"

• As you may know, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963, 40 years ago this month. From what you know about it, do you think the important facts about the assassination have been reported or do you think there are still important unanswered questions about the assassination?

		Important facts	Still
		have been reported	unanswered
Nov. 1983	ABC	18%	76%
Nov. 2003	ABC	29	65

• Do you think one man – Lee Harvey Oswald – was responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy, or do you think there were others involved?

		One man, Oswald	Others
Oct. 1988	CBS	13%	66%
Jan. 1992	CBS/NYT	10	77
Oct. 1993	CBS	11	75
May. 1998	CBS	10	74
Nov. 1998	CBS	10	76

 Do you think there was an official cover-up to keep the public from learning the truth about the Kennedy assassination?

		Kennedy assassination official cover-up?		
		Yes	No	
Oct. 1988	CBS/NYT	61%	17%	
Jan. 1992	CBS/NYT	75	13	
Oct. 1993	CBS	81	12	
May 1998	CBS	68	18	
Nov. 1998	CBS	74	13	
Nov. 2003	ABC	68	24	

• There have been many theories about who was involved in the assassination. I'd like to know if you think any of the following groups were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy...

				CIA	
				Oswald acted	Don't
		Yes	No	alone (Vol.)	know
Oct. 1993	CBS	49%	20%	11%	20%
			The S	oviet Union	
				Oswald acted	Don't
		Yes	No	alone (Vol.)	know
Oct. 1993	CBS	13%	54%	11%	22%
			The	e Cubans	
				Oswald acted	Don't
		Yes	No	alone (Vol.)	know
Oct. 1993	CBS	22%	44%	11%	23%

• Some people say Oswald was the one who actually fired the shots at Kennedy, but some say Oswald did not fire any shots at Kennedy, but was set up by others to take the blame. Which view comes closest to your own?

	Osw	ald fired shots	Set up by others	Other view	Don't know
May 1991	Wash Post	36%	49%	6%	9%

• Do you think that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the John Kennedy assassination or do think that there was a conspiracy that included other people?

		Oswald acted	Conspiracy that	
		alone	included others	Not sure
Dec. 1991	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	11%	73%	16%

(Asked of the 73 percent of respondents who thought there was a conspiracy) Which, if any of these groups do you think might have been involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy . . . ?

Dec. 1991 Yankelovich/CNN/Time

Might have been involved in a conspiracy to assassinate JFK CIA 50%

The mafia 48

The Cuban government 34

Anti-Castro Cuban exiles 19

American military leaders 18

The Dallas police 13

Note: Adds to more than 100 percent due to multiple responses.

• Has the movie *JFK* changed your views about the Kennedy assassination?

Jan. 1992 CBS/NYT 36% 58% Note: Asked of those who had seen the movie JFK.

• Here are several accusations that some people have made against the federal government in recent years. Please tell me if you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely...officials in the federal government were directly responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy. Is this very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely?

		Govt. officials	involved In JFK as	ssassination?
		Very	Somewhat	
		likely	likely	Unlikely
Jun. 1997	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	18%	33%	42%
July 2006	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	12	28	51

• Do you think that eventually we will know the whole story about the Kennedy assassination or do you think we will never really know about what happened?

		Yes, we will know	
		the whole story	No
May 1998	CBS	11%	84%
Nov. 1998	CBS	19	77

• Do you think the government should conduct another investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy?

		Government should conduct another investigation			
		Yes	No		
Oct. 2003	Fox News	20%	74%		
Demographics					
	Republicans	16%	78%		
	Democrats	27	68		
	Independents	14	80		

• Do you think that we know all the facts about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy or do you think there was a cover up?

Oct. 2003	Fox News	We know all the facts 14%	There was a cover up 74%
Demograph	nics		
	Republicans	18%	69%
	Democrats	11	81
	Independents	12	71

• Turning now to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963, there have been many theories about who was involved in the assassination. I'd like to know if you think any of the following were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Do you think Lyndon Johnson was involved in the assassination, or don't you think so?

Nov. 2003*	Gallup	Yes, LBJ involved 18%	No, not involved 75%
Demographics			
0 1	18–29 year olds	-	-
	30–49	17%	78%
	50-64	24	70
	65 and older	15	81

Male	18%	79%
Female	18	71
Republican	15%	79%
Democrat	19	78
Independent	TK	TK

Note: \*Asked of a half sample.

• Turning now to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963. There have been many theories about who was involved in the assassination. I'd like to know if you think any of the following were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Do you think the mafia was involved in the assassination, or don't you think so?

	Yes, ma	fia involved	Not involved
Nov. 2003	Gallup	37%	56%
Demographics			
• •	18–29 year olds	-	-
	30–49	41%	53%
	50-64	38	54
	65 and over	28	66
	Male	37	59
	Female	36	53
	Republican	35	57
	Democrat	43	51

Note: Asked of a half sample.

• Turning now to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963. There have been many theories about who was involved in the assassination. I'd like to know if you think any of the following were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Do you think the C.I.A. was involved in the assassination, or don't you think so?

		Yes, C.I.A involved	,
Nov. 2003	Gallup	34%	60%
Demographics			
18-29	year olds	=	-
30-49		40%	56%
50-64		37	54
65 and	lover	13	81
Male		32%	64%
Female	e	35	56
Repub	lican	25%	66%
Democ	crat	40	54
Indepe	endent	36	60
Note: Asked of	a half sam	ple.	

• Turning now to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963. There have been many theories about who was involved in the assassination. I'd like to know if you think any of the following were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Do you think the Soviet Union was involved in the assassination, or don't you think so?

		Yes, Soviet Union			
		was involved	No, not involved		
Nov. 2003	Gallup	15%	77%		
Demographics	S				
18-29	9 year olds	-	-		
30–49	9	13%	78%		
50-64	4	15	75		
65 an	d over	21	75		
Male		16%	80%		
Fema	ıle	14	74		
Repu	blican	13%	78%		
Demo	ocrats	22	70		
Indep	endents	12	81		

Note: Asked of a half sample.

• Turning now to the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963. There have been many theories about who was involved in the assassination. I'd like to know if you think any of the following were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Do you think the Cubans were involved in the assassination, or don't you think so?

		Yes, the Cubans were involved	No, not involved
Nov. 2003	Gallup	15%	78%
Demographic	S		
18–2	9 year olds	-	-
30–4	.9	15%	80%
50-6	54	21	73
65 aı	nd over	15	74
Male	<b>)</b>	17%	80%
Fema	ale	14	75
Repu	ıblican	17%	74%
Dem	ocrats	18	76
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Note: Asked of a half sample.

- Do you feel the John F. Kennedy assassination was the work of one man, or was it part of a broader plot?
- (If one man/Part of a broader plot) Do you feel pretty sure about that, or is that just your hunch?

		One man		Broa	der plot
		Sure	Just a hunch	Sure	Just a hunch
Nov. 2003	ABC	14%	8%	39%	31%

• Do you think Lee Harvey Oswald was the only gunman in the Kennedy assassination, do you think there was another gunman in addition to Oswald there that day, or do you think Oswald was not involved in the assassination at all? Do you feel pretty sure about that, or is that just your hunch?

		Only Oswald	Another gunman	Not Oswald
		Sure Hunch	Sure Hunch	Sure Hunch
Nov. 2003	ABC	21% 11%	27% 24%	4% 3%

 How likely is it that some people in the federal government knew about the assassination of President Kennedy in advance?

---People in government knew about assassination--Very likely Somewhat likely Unlikely
Sep. 2007 Scripps Howard/Ohio U 20% 22% 40%

• There has been significant speculation about the circumstances surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Which statement do you agree with more? And would you say you strongly agree with that statement or just somewhat agree?

May 2012 UVA/Hart Research

There is nothing left to know about the circumstances surrounding the Kennedy assassination. Lee Harvey Oswald acted on his own to assassinate the President, and there was no conspiracy

Strongly agree 15%
Just somewhat agree 10

There are still too many questions surrounding Kennedy's assassination to say that Lee Harvey Oswald acted by himself, or that there is not a larger conspiracy regarding the details of his death

Strongly agree 31%
Just somewhat agree 44

• Do you believe that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing President Kennedy, or was there some larger conspiracy at work?

	Oswald acted alone	Larger conspiracy at work	Not sure
Mar. 2013 Public Policy F	Polling 25%	51%	24%
Note: PPP is a Democratic polling	gorganization		

• Do you think that one man was responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy, or do you think that others were involved in a conspiracy?

		One man	Others involved	Don't know
Apr. 2013	AP-GfK/Roper Poll	24%	59%	16%

#### **Pearl Harbor**

Questions arose concerning Pearl Harbor shortly after the attack and subsequent decision to go to war. The fortunate absence of America's aircraft carriers that day is a consistent sticking point for conspiracists. Pollsters only addressed these suspicions beginning in 1971 with the first question coming from Harris. We have found only three questions regarding this conspiracy. In two of them, a sizable minority of the population believes President Roosevelt knew in advance and used the attack as an excuse to go to war.

• Tell me whether you think each of the following factors was a major cause of World War II, a minor cause, or not a cause at all...a conspiracy involving President Roosevelt, who wanted an excuse to go to war with Germany and provoked Japan into attacking the U.S. to provide him with that excuse.

		A conspiracy involving FDR?			
		Major	Minor	Not a	
		cause	cause	cause	
		of WWII	of WWII	of WWII	
1971	Harris	8%	10%	54%	

• Some people have argued that President Franklin D. Roosevelt knew about Japanese plans to bomb Pearl Harbor but did nothing about it because he wanted an excuse to involve the U.S. on the side of the allies in the war. From what you know or have read, do you agree or disagree with this point of view?

		Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Nov. 1991	Gallup	31%	47%	22%

• Here are several accusations that some people have made against the federal government in recent years. Please tell me if you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely...President Roosevelt knew in advance that the Japanese were going to bomb Pearl Harbor, but he did not warn our troops because he wanted to get the United States involved in World War II?

		FDR knew of Pearl Harbor attack?		
		Very	Somewhat	
		likely	likely	Unlikely
Jun. 1997	Scripps Howard/Ohio U.	16%	26%	43%

#### **The Holocaust**

Conspiracy theories surrounding the Holocaust take many forms, all very disturbing. Several prominent confrontations between Holocaust deniers and universities over the freedom to speak publicly may have motivated Gallup and CBS News to ask several polling questions in 1994. We have been unable to find any others.

The four 1994 Gallup questions provide an excellent case study in how variations in question wording and structure can give different impressions of how many people subscribe to a given conspiracy theory.

• Does it seem possible or does it seem impossible to you that the Nazi extermination of the Jews never happened?

		Seems possible	Seems impossible	Don't know
Nov. 1992	Roper	22%	65%	12%

• Does it seem possible or does it seem impossible to you that the Nazi extermination of the Jews in Nazi death camps during World War II never happened?

		Possible	Impossible	Don't know
Jan. 1994	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37%	58%	5%
Note: Asked of	of a half sample.			

• As you know, the term Holocaust usually refers to the killing of millions of Jews in Nazi death camps during World War II. Does it seem possible or does it seem impossible to you that the Nazi extermination of the Jews never happened?

		Possible	Impossible	No opinion
Jan. 1994	Gallup	33%	65%	2%
Note: Asked	of a half cample			

• As you know, the term Holocaust usually refers to the killing of millions of Jews in Nazi death camps during World War II. Do you doubt that the Holocaust actually happened, or not?

		Yes, doubt	No	No opinion
Jan. 1994	Gallup	9%	87%	4%
Note: Asked	of a half sample.			

• As you know, the term Holocaust usually refers to the killing of millions of Jews in Nazi death camps during World War II. In your opinion, did the Holocaust definitely happen, probably happen, probably not happen, or definitely not happen?

				Probably	Definitely	
		Definitely	Probably	did not	did not	
		happened	happened	happen	happen	
Jan. 1994	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	83%	14%	2%	*	
Note: Asked of a half sample.						

 As you may know, the term 'the Holocaust' refers to the Nazi extermination of millions of Jews during the Second World War. Do you think the Nazi extermination of millions of Jews actually took place, or not?

		Yes took place,				
		Yes, took	No did not	but not	Probably	
		place	take place	millions	happened	Don't know
Jan. 1994	CBS News	90%	3%	1%	2%	5%

#### Aliens, UFOs, and Roswell

Belief in unidentified flying objects, or aliens for that matter, doesn't imply a conspiracist impulse by itself. However, belief in a government cover-up of alien visits strongly overlaps the belief in these phenomena in many polls. Below, we present survey data on all three categories.

Polls taken by Roper Starch Worldwide from 1977 to 1999 show that around 20 percent believe UFOs from somewhere in the universe exist. A similar proportion embraces the view that UFOs landed in the United States at Roswell, New Mexico and that the government is engaged in a systematic cover-up of this event.

The 1997 US <u>Air Force report on Roswell</u> renewed general public and pollster interest in what conspiracists refer to as "the Roswell incident." In a June 1997 question by Gallup, 25 percent of those interviewed said they believed the government report. Sixty-four percent did not. In a March 2013 Public Policy Polling survey, 21 percent of Americans agreed that aliens did land in Roswell and the government covered it up.

In the 1990s, the gender difference on the questions where data were available was rather small. But it seems to have grown. In recent questions, men seem more likely than women to believe in the existence of aliens, the presence of UFOs, and a government conspiracy to conceal public knowledge of their existence.

• Now here is a list of some different things. Would you tell me for each one whether it is something you believe in, or something you're not sure about, or something you don't believe in...UFOs (unidentified flying objects from somewhere else in the universe)?

		UFOs		
		Believe	Not sure	Don't believe
Jan. 1977	RoperASW	29%	33%	37%
Jan. 1985	RoperASW	25	36	39
Jul. 1988	RoperASW	18	36	46
Jul. 1994	RoperASW	22	32	45
Jul. 1997	RoperASW	22	30	47
Aug. 1999	RoperASW	19	26	54

• Of course, everyone is more interested in some things being carried in the news than in others. Is news about reports about UFOs something you have recently been following fairly closely, or just following casually, or not paying much attention to?

		News about reports about UFOS		
		Following	Following	
		closely	casually	No attention
Feb. 1978	Roper	24%	36%	40%

• In your opinion, are UFOs something real or just people's imagination?

		Real	Imaginary	Not sure
Jun. 1990	Gallup	47%	31%	22%
Feb. 1991	PSRA	61	25	14
Sep. 1996	Gallup	49	31	21
Jan. 2000	Yankelovich/			
	CNN/Time	43	42	15
Demographics,	Jan. 2000			
	18-29	44%	44%	12%
	30–49	48	40	12
	50-64	43	37	20
	65+	35	48	17
	LT HS grad	36	46	17
	HS grad	44	43	14
	Some college	47	39	14
	College plus	42	42	14
	<\$35K	44	41	15
	\$35K-\$49K	46	42	11
	\$50-\$74K	50	39	11
	>\$75K	39	46	15

• Do you think that UFOs (unidentified flying objects) have ever visited earth in some form, or not?

		Yes	No	Don't know/Refused
Sep. 1996	Gallup	45%	39%	16%

• In your opinion, does the US government know more about UFOs than they are telling us?

		Yes	No	Don't know
Sep. 1996	Gallup	71%	19%	10%

• As you may have seen in the news, some people have recently claimed to have seen unidentified flying objects – or UFOs. Do you personally believe in the existence of UFOs?

May 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	Yes 38%	No 55%	Not sure 7%
Demographics	18–29 years old	38%	56%	6%
	30–49	43	52	5
	50–64	42	52	7
	65 and over	26	66	8

HS grad and less Some college College plus	39% 40 38	55% 55 56	7% 5 6
Republican	35%	61%	3%
Democrat	38	55	7
Independent	43	51	6
Men	39%	55%	6%
Women	38	55	7

 Do you think that intelligent beings from other planets have ever visited the earth, or don't you think so?

		Yes	No	Not sure
May 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	31%	60%	9%
Jun. 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	34	52	14

• Here are several accusations that some people have made against the federal government in recent years. Please tell me if you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely...The U.S. Air Force is withholding proof of intelligent life from other planets.

		USAF withholding UFO evidence?		
		Very	Somewhat	
		likely	likely	Unlikely
Jun. 1997	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	24%	24%	40%

 Do you believe that a spacecraft from another planet crashed in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947, or not?

		Believe in Ro	oswell crash?
		Yes	No
Jun. 1997	7 Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31%	53%
Note: Asked of a l	half sample.		

• In the past week, the U.S. Air Force issued a report saying that people in New Mexico – who reported seeing UFOs and the bodies of aliens – actually saw the remains of weather balloons and crash-test dummies that were part of top-secret U.S. military experiments. Do you believe this report, or not?

1 /		Believe govt. repor	t on Roswell crash?
		Yes	No
Jun. 1997	Gallup	25%	64%
Note: Asked	of a half sample.		

• How much have you heard about an incident that occurred in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947 which some people believe was caused by a spacecraft from another planet that crashed there: a great deal, a moderate amount, on a little, or nothing at all?

		Great	Moderate	Only a	Nothing
		deal	amount	little	at all
Jun. 1997	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	29%	28%	22%	20%

• Do you think the U.S. Air Force is covering up a UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico?

		Roswell cover-up?		
		Yes	No	Note sure
Jun. 1997	Fox	39%	32%	29%
Note: Asked	of registered voters.			

• Do you think that a UFO crash-landed in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947, or don't you think so?

Jun. 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/ <i>Time</i>	Yes 22%	No 5%	Not sure 7%	Do not believe/ not sure beings have visited 66%
Demographics	Mari	220/	<i>C</i> 0/	90/	620/
	Men	23%	6%	8%	63%
	Women	20	3	8	69
	X-Files watchers	27%	6%	9%	58%
	No X-Files	17	3	6	74

• Do you think that there are intelligent beings living on other planets in the universe, or don't you think so?

Jun. 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	Yes 54%	No 34%	Not sure 12%
Demographics	Men	64%	25%	11%
	Women	45	41	14
	X-Files watchers	64%	26%	10%
	No X-Files	45	41	14

- Do you think that intelligent beings from other planets have ever visited the earth, or don't you think so?
- (If Yes) Do you think the United States government knows about the existence of intelligent life on other planets and is hiding that fact from the American public, or don't you think so?

		Evidence of alien life?		
		Yes, govt.	Yes, govt.	Don't believe/
		is hiding	not hiding	Not sure
Jun. 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	27%	6%	66%
Demographics				
	Men	28%	7%	63%
	Women	25	4	69
	X-Files watchers	33%	7%	58%
	No X-Files	21	4	1

- Do you think that intelligent beings from other planets have ever visited the earth, or don't you think so?
- (If yes) Please tell me whether you believe or do not believe that each of the following is true. Intelligent beings from other planets have been in contact with members of the U.S. government.

		Aliens in contact with U.S. govt.?		
		Yes, in	Yes, not	Don't believe/
		contact	in contact	Not sure
Jun. 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	13%	18%	66%

• Have you or has anyone you know ever seen a UFO or anything they believed was a spacecraft from another planet?

Jun. 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	Yes, personally 8%	Yes, someone I know 17%	No 74%
Demographics	Men	9%	16%	73%
	Women	7	17	76
	X-Files watchers	10%	16%	73%
	No X-Files	7	17	76

Have you or anyone you know ever had physical contact with beings from another planet?

		Yes,	Yes, someone		
		personally	I know	No	Don't believe
Jun. 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	-	2%	31%	66%

• Have you or anyone you know ever been abducted by beings from another planet?

		Yes,	Yes, someone		
		personally	I know	No	Don't believe
Jun. 1997	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	-	2%	32%	66%

• How likely do you think it is that the federal government is withholding information from the public on each of the following matters . . . very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all . . . The existence of UFOs?

		Govt. withholding evidence of UFO existence			
		Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
		likely	likely	likely	likely
Jun. 1998	Fox	28%	27%	18%	17%
Note: Asked	of registered v	oters.			

- Just your best guess do you think the federal government has told the public everything the government knows about UFOs, or do you think the government has important information about UFOs that it's keeping secret?
- (If keeping secrets) Just your best guess do you think the government has strong evidence that aliens from another planet have visited the Earth, or not?
- (If strong evidence) Do you think the government has solid proof that aliens from another planet have visited the Earth, or not?

		Yes, govt. keeping secrets about UFOs				
		Has	Strong	No strong	Unsure of	No
		proof	evidence	evidence	evidence	secrets
Jun. 1997	ABC	26%	7%	30%	9%	15%

• Do you think the U.S. government is withholding information from the public about the existence of UFOs, or don't you think so?

		Govt. withhold	ing evidence of U	JFO existence
		Yes	No	Not sure
Jan. 2000	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	49%	40%	11%
Demographics				
	LT HS grad	51%	36%	14%
	HS grad	57	31	12
	Some college	49	42	9
	College plus	37	52	10
	<\$35K a year in income	54%	37%	9%
	\$35K-\$49K	53	38	9
	\$50K-\$74K	48	42	9
	>\$75K	40	48	11
	Republican	43%	47%	10%
	Democrat	47	41	11
	Independent	56	34	10
	Men	48%	41%	10%
	Women	49	39	12

• The federal government is withholding proof of the existence of intelligent life from others planets?

		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Unlikely
Jul. 2006	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	16%	22%	54%

• Some Americans feel that flying saucers are real and that the federal government is hiding the truth about them from us. Do you think this is very likely, somewhat likely or not likely?

		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Unlikely
Sep. 2007	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	11%	24%	55%

• In general, do you believe in or do you not believe in unidentified flying objects or UFOs?

		Believe in UFOs		
		Believe in it	Do not	Don't know
Oct. 2007	AP/Ipsos-Public Affairs	34%	63%	3%

ale	40%	58%	2%
male	29	68	4
30K in income	33%	63%	4%
0K-\$49K	39	59	2
0–\$74K	33	64	3
75K	32	66	2
publican	31%	68%	1%
mocrat	38	60	2
lependent	35	58	7
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• Do you believe a UFO crashed at Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947, and the government covered it up, or not?

	Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	Do 21%	Do not 47%	Not sure 32%
	Demographics Note: PPP is a	Men Women Democratic polling organization.	24% 19	48% 46	29% 35
•	Do you believ	e aliens exist, or not?			
	Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	Do 29%	Do not 47%	Not sure 24%
	Demographics	S			
		Men	35%	43%	22%
		Women	22	51	27
	Note: PPP is a	Democratic polling organization.			

• Do you think the U.S. government has secretly allowed aliens to take over our society in exchange for help with industrial technological advances, such as electric power and the microwave, or not?

		Yes	No	Not sure
Sep. 2013	Public Policy Polling	3%	86%	10%
Demographic.	S			
•	Men	2%	90%	8%
	Women	5	83	12
	Democrat	1%	89%	10%
	Republican	7	81	12
	Independent	3	89	8
NY DDD:	75 111			

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

#### **Martin Luther King Jr. Assassination**

Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968. Two months later, James Earl Ray, a fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was arrested in London at Heathrow Airport. He was extradited to the United States and charged with the assassination. In March of 1969, Ray pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 99 years in the Tennessee State Penitentiary.

Some believe that the assassination was carried out by the US government and argue that James Earl Ray was a scapegoat. These allegations have a receptive audience. In a 1976 Harris poll, 69 percent believed the assassination was the work of a conspiracy. In a 2008 CNN poll, 55 percent endorsed the notion of a conspiracy.

• (Asked only of African Americans) Do you think Martin Luther King's assassination was the result of a conspiracy or that it was the act of one man only?

		African Americans		
		Conspiracy	One man	Not sure
May 1969	Gallup	82%	5%	13%
Note: Asked o	of African Americans			

 Do you feel that the Assassination of Martin Luther King was the act of one individual or part of a larger conspiracy?

		One individual	Conspiracy	Not sure
Oct. 1975	Harris	24%	60%	16%
Mar. 1981	Harris	26	59	15

• Now here is a question about the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King. Do you think one man was responsible for the assassination of Martin Luther King, or do you think others were involved?

		One man	Others	No opinion
Dec. 1976	Gallup	18%	69%	13%

• All in all, do you feel the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. was the work of one man or do you feel it was part of a broader plot or conspiracy?

		One man	Broader plot	Not sure
Sep. 1978	Harris	19%	69%	12%

• Now a question about the assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. Do you think one man was responsible for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., or do you think others were involved?

Mar. 1998	CBS	One man 12%	Others involved 69%	Don't know 19%
Demographics	Male	13%	70%	17%
	Female	10	69	19
	Republican	19%	56%	25%
	Democrat	9	74	17

Independent	7	77	17
Note: Asked of a half sample.			

• Now a question about the assassination of civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr., do you think one man James Earl Ray was responsible for the assassination of Martin Luther King or do you think others were involved?

Mar. 1998	CBS	One man 10%	Others involved 70%	Don't know 20%
Demographics				
0 1	Male	8%	71%	21%
	Female	9	70	21
	Republican	8%	64%	28%
	Democrat	9	79	11
	Independent	9	67	25

Note: Asked of a half sample.

• Do you think the assassination of Martin Luther King was the act of one individual or part of a larger conspiracy?

Mar. 2008	CNN/Essence	Act of one individual 33%	Part of conspiracy 55%
Demographics			
0 1	18–29	31%	65%
	30-49	28	62
	50-64	38	54
	65 and older	43	46
	Less than HS grad	19%	68%
	HS grad	25	67
	Some college	36	58
	College plus	45	46
	Male	37%	55%
	Female	30	60
	Republican	43%	47%
	Democrat	30	64
	Independent	31	60
	White	40%	50%
	Black	9	88

#### **Moon Landing**

Conspiracies surrounding the moon landing gained traction in the mid-1970s with several self-published books and papers that claimed the landings were staged by NASA. Conspiracy advocates point to a variety of supposed evidence, some even coming from the famous video footage of the moon landing itself – shadows appearing to come from multiple light sources, prints in the Moon dust despite the lack of moisture, and the American flag planted by Buzz Aldrin fluttering in the wind despite the vacuum of space. We have found only a few questions that ask if the moon landing was a hoax. Around six percent of the population believe it.

• Thinking about space exploration, do you think the government staged and faked the Apollo moon landings, or don't you feel that way?

		Yes, staged	No, don't	
		and faked	feel this way	Not sure
Jul. 1995	Time/CNN/Yankelovich	6%	83%	11%

• Thinking about the space exploration, do you think the government staged or faked the Apollo moon landing, or don't you feel that way?

		Yes, staged	No	Not sure
Jul. 1999	Gallup	6%	89%	5%

• Do you believe the moon landing was faked, or not?

· ·		The n	noon landing was	faked
		Believe	Do not	Not sure
Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	7%	84%	9%
Demographics				
•	Men	6%	86%	7%
	Women	7	82	11
	18–29 years old	11%	74%	15%
	30–45	9	84	7
	46–65	4	88	7
	65+	6	83	12
	Democrat	7%	80%	13%
	Republican	4	90	6
	Independent	9	82	9
	Hispanic	15%	73%	12%
	White	5	88	7
	African American	8	68	24

#### Waco

The FBI's raid on the Branch Davidian compound in Texas in the spring of 1993 has produced several conspiracy theories. Some believe that the FBI deliberately set fire to the compound. Others embrace the view that the government covered up several features of the attack.

Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh cited Waco as one motivation for his bombing in 1995, leading the media and pollsters to revisit the incident. In September 1999, Attorney General Janet Reno initiated a special investigation of events at Waco. The report concluded that the fire that eventually killed 73 members of the Branch Davidian compound was not caused by government agents, but government employees had failed to disclose information and in some cases, obstructed the initial investigation.

Questions about WACO illustrate an interesting point about public opinion in America. Far more people say it is likely the government is covering up information about WACO than believe the FBI or government actually set the fire.

• Do you think government agents deliberately set the fire in which the Branch Davidians died or do you think this was an accident?

		FBI deliberately set Waco fire?		
		Deliberate	Accident	
Apr. 1995	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	14%	66%	

• Do you think federal law enforcement officials are covering up anything about the role of government officials at Waco, or don't you think so?

		Federal officials are covering up	
		Yes	No
Jul. 1995	Yankelovich/CNN/Time	49%	39%

 Here are several accusations that some people have made against the federal government in recent years. Please tell me if you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely... The FBI deliberately set the fires that destroyed the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas in 1993.

		FBI deliberately set Waco fires in 1993		
		Very	Somewhat	
		likely	likely	Unlikely
Jun. 1997	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	18%	22%	50%

• The FBI now says it used potentially flammable tear gas canisters near the compound in Waco a few hours before the fire there. Before now the FBI said it did not do this. Do you think the FBI has been intentionally trying to cover up its actions in Waco, or do you think it made an honest mistake when it denied using flammable devices there?

		FBI's intentions	in Waco fire?
		Cover-up	Mistake
Sep. 1999	ABC	57%	23%

• Do you think there has been an official cover-up by the government or the FBI to keep the public from learning the truth about the events in Waco?

		(	Cover-up of Waco f	ïre?
		Cover-up	No cover-up	Don't know
Oct. 1999	CBS	62%	25%	13%
Apr. 2000	CBS	51	33	16
Demographics, April 20	00			
	Male	53%	35%	12%
	Female	49	32	19
	18–29	61%	23%	16%
	30–44	53	33	14
	45–64	48	37	15
	65 and over	39	40	21
	LT HS grad	50%	22%	28%
	HS grad	51	31	18
	Some college	55	35	10
	College plus	45	41	14
	Republican	56%	33%	12%
	Democrat	50	32	18
	Independent	50	37	13

• Who do you think probably set the first fire which killed the cult members, the FBI who conducted the assault or the Branch Davidians themselves?

		Waco fire was set by?		
		FBI	Davidians	
Sep. 1999	Harris	27%	46%	

• As you know, after previously denying that it had done so, the FBI has recently acknowledged firing potentially flammable tear gas in the 1993 raid of the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas. Do you think that the FBI deliberately withheld this evidence, or not?

		FBI deliberately withh	neld evidence?
		Yes	No
Sep. 1999	NBC/WSJ	76%	11%
Demographics			
	18-29 years old	77%	12%
	30–49	79	10
	50-64	79	10
	65+	67	13
	Male	77%	11%
	Female	74	11

Note: Asked of a half sample.

• In 1993, there was a 51-day standoff and violent confrontation in Waco, Texas between the Branch Davidians, led by David Koresh, and the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. There was a large fire in the compound there that resulted in the deaths of 80 people. Do you think the complete truth about the events at Waco will come out some day, or do you think this is something that can't be found out?

		Truth will come out	Truth can't be found
Oct. 1999	CBS News	43%	50%
Apr. 2000	CBS News	47	45

Note: The 1999 question did not include the background on the Waco incident. That description appeared earlier in the poll.

#### **Vincent Foster**

Vincent Foster, Jr. was a Deputy White House Counsel during the initial months of President Bill Clinton's administration. Before joining the White House, he was a successful private lawyer. But he fell into depression in 1993 and was found dead in a public park in July of that year.

While his death was ruled as a suicide after official investigations, it remains the subject of many conspiracy theories, including the theory that the President or Hillary Clinton had him killed.

Regarding the death of White House aide Vincent Foster, do you think...It was a suicide for
reasons that have been pretty well explained, it was a suicide for reasons still not fully explained,
or it was not a suicide?

Mar 1994	PSR A/Newsweek

A suicide for reasons pretty well explained	11%
A suicide for reasons not fully explained	47
Not a suicide	15
Don't know	27

• From what you know, do you think Vincent Foster – the former aide to President Bill Clinton – committed suicide or do you think he was murdered?

		Suicide	Murdered	Not sure
Jul. 1995	Time/CNN/Yankelovich	35%	20%	45%

• Do you think the Clinton Administration is covering up anything in the investigation of Vincent Foster's death, or don't you think so?

		Yes, covering up	No, don't	Not sure
Jul. 1995	Time/CNN/Yankelovich	45%	29%	26%

#### **Oklahoma City Bombing**

In the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing in April 1995, a theory emerged that the government had in fact blown up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. While there has not been extensive polling on this question, results nevertheless indicate that about one in ten respondents think the government may possibly have carried out the attack. Around half of Americans believe the government is likely withholding further information.

• Some people have said the government might have bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City in order to blame extremist groups. Do you think this might possibly be true, or that it is almost certainly not true?

---Govt. bombed OK City building?--Might be true Not true

Apr. 1995 CBS 9% 85%

• Some people have said the federal government bombed the federal government building in Oklahoma City in order to blame extremist groups. Do you think this is true or not true?

---Govt. bombed OK City building?--True No
Apr. 1995 Yankelovich/CNN/*Time* 4% 89%

• How likely do you think it is that the federal government is withholding information from the public on each of the following matters . . . very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all . . . The Oklahoma City bombing?

		Govt. withholding information on OK City bombing?			
		Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
		likely	likely	likely	likely
Jun. 1998	Fox News	23%	25%	22%	23%
Note: Asked o	of registered voter	S.			

#### **TWA 800**

On July 17<sup>th</sup> 1996, TWA Flight 800 exploded and crashed minutes after takeoff from JFK International Airport. The National Air Transportation Safety Board concluded that the likely cause was the accidental ignition of fuel vapors in the fuel tank. The FBI, running a parallel investigation, concluded that terrorism was not a cause of the accident. This hasn't stopped the spread of several conspiracy theories about the incident, including one that suggests a missile from a US Navy vessel caused the crash and the government covered it up.

• Do you think the government is covering up the real cause of the TWA Flight 800 crash?

		TWA 800 govt. cover-up?		
		Yes	No	
Nov. 1996	Fox News	37%	42%	
Mar. 1997	Fox News	54	31	
Jul. 1997	Fox News	49	38	
Note: Asked o	of registered voters.			

 Here are several accusations that some people have made against the federal government in recent years. Please tell me if you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely...the U.S. Navy, either by accident or on purpose, shot down TWA passenger Flight 800 near New York City last year and is covering up what it did.

		Navy shot down TWA Flight 800?		
		Very	Somewhat	
		likely	likely	Unlikely
Jun. 1997	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	14%	25%	49%

• How likely do you think it is that the federal government is withholding information from the public on each of the following matters...very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all...The explosion of TWA Flight 800?

		Govt. Withholding Information On TWA 800 Explosion?			
		Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
		likely	likely	likely	likely
Jun. 1998	Fox News	27%	30%	19%	17%
Note: Asked o	f registered voter	·s.			

Now thinking about TWA Flight 800 that crashed over Long Island last year--from what you've
heard or read what do you believe was the cause of that crash? Was it mechanical failure, a
terrorist attack, an accidental strike by a US Navy missile, or something else?

		Mechanical	A terrorist	An accidental strike	Something
		failure	attack	by the US Navy	else
Jul. 1999	Gallup	56%	8%	14%	13%

#### **Princess Diana**

Surveys indicate that a sizable minority of Americans believe there was more to Princess Diana's death in an automobile crash in August 1997 than official reports suggested. People seem to be aware of the various theories surrounding her death. However, most don't think they are true. Women are more likely than men to see Diana's death as a planned and not an accidental event.

• Do you think the car crash that killed Princess Diana was probably an accident, or do you think it was probably planned in advance?

		Probably an accident	Probably planned	Don't know
Mar. 2004	CBS	58%	26%	16%

• Do you think that eventually we will know the whole story about Princess Diana's car crash, or do you think we will never really know what happened?

		Yes	No	Don't know
Mar. 2004	CBS	15%	76%	4%

Do you believe there was foul play involved in Princess Diana's death, or was it purely an accident?

Fox News	Foul play 31%	Accident 50%	Don't know 19%
Male	27%	54%	19%
Female	36	45	19
	Male	Fox News 31%  Male 27%	Fox News 31% 50%  Male 27% 54%

Note: Asked of registered voters.

• On a different topic, I'd like to ask if you've heard people talking about some things and how likely you think the talk is. For example, have you heard that Princess Diana's death was the result of a conspiracy?

		Have heard	
		that her death	
		was the results of	
		a conspiracy	No
Mar. 2009	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	81%	18%

(Asked of those who have heard) How likely do you think it is that Princess Diana's death was the result of a conspiracy? Is it very likely, somewhat likely, or unlikely?

	7	/ery likely	Somewhat likely	Unlikely
Mar. 2009	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	14%	33%	46%

#### Was 9/11 A Government Conspiracy?

The 9/11 terror attacks caused some Americans to search for an explanation beyond the official one. Because the attacks caused a significant shift in American foreign policy, some think the Bush administration purposefully allowed the attacks to happen in order to justify war and retribution. Others go so far to claim the government actively planned and carried out the attacks.

As the surveys below indicate, there are many conspiracy theories about 9/11. Self-identified Democrats are more likely than Republicans to believe the Bush administration hid information about the attacks from the public.

• Some people believe that the US government and its 9/11 Commission concealed or refused to investigate critical evidence that contradicts their official explanation of the September 11th attacks, saying there has been a cover-up. Others say that the 9/11 Commission was a bi-partisan group of honest and well-respected people and that there is no reason they would want to cover-up anything. Who are you more likely to agree with?

	Ag	gree 9/11 Commission	No reason to
		concealed or refused	believe the
		to investigate	9/11 Commission
		critical evidence	covered up anything
May 2006	Zogby/9-11 Truth	48%	42%
-			
Demograph	ics		
0 1	Men	46%	44%

Women	50	41
18–29 year olds 30–49	38% 49	54% 44
50–64	55	34
65+	50	36
Republican	64%	27%
Democrat	36	53
Independent	44	48

Note: 9/11 Truth is an organization devoted, in their words, to exposing "the official lies and cover-up surrounding the events of September 11th, 2001 in a way that inspires the people to overcome denial and understand the truth; namely, that elements within the US government and covert policy apparatus must have orchestrated or participated in the execution of the attacks for these to have happened in the way that they did." However, these questions are included here due to the subject matter and to Zogby's status in the polling community. Some of the questions in the survey display a more pro-conspiracist edge than others in this document. The poll remains a controversial survey in the polling community.

• There are also accusations being made following the 9/11 terrorist attack. One of these is . . . ?

People in the federal government either assisted in the 9/11 attacks or took no action to stop the attacks because they wanted to United States to go to war in the Middle East.

		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Unlikely
Jul. 2006	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	16%	20%	59%

The collapse of the twin towers in New York was aided by explosives secretly planted in the two buildings.

		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Unlikely
Jul. 2006	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	6%	10%	77%

The Pentagon was not struck by an airliner captured by terrorists but, instead was hit by a cruise missile fired by the U.S. military.

		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Unlikely
Jul. 2006	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	6%	6%	80%

• Some people say that so many unanswered questions about 9/11 remain that the nation needs a new independent investigation of the attacks, including whether any US government official consciously allowed or helped facilitate their success. Other people say the 9/11 attacks were thoroughly investigated and that any speculation about US government involvement is absurd. Who are you more likely to agree with?

		Reinvestigate	Thoroughly investigated
May 2006	Zogby/9-11 Truth	45%	47%
Aug. 2007	Zogby/9-11 Truth	38	57
Demographi	cs, Aug 2007		
	18-29 year olds	64%	28%
	30–49	38	57
	50-64	32	62
	65+	24	66

Less than HS education	45%	49%
High school grad	45	49
Some college	38	55
College +	32	62
Married	30%	63%
Single	70	28
Divorced/Widowed/		
Separated	33	62
Less than \$25K in income	e 49%	43%
\$25K-\$35K	52	45
\$35K-\$50K	36	56
\$50–75K	39	57
\$75-\$100k	33	64
\$100K+	22	69

Note: See note above about this survey.

In October 2006, a *New York Times*/CBS poll found that only 16% of Americans believe they have been told the whole truth about this administration's foreknowledge of the September 11 attacks. Based upon your knowledge of the 9/11 events, do you agree or disagree that the Congress should investigate the executive branch's conduct prior to, during, and following the September 11 attacks?

		Agree	Disagree
Aug. 2007	Zogby/9-11Truth	51%	46%
Demographic	es		
	18–29 year olds	78%	20%
	30–49	50	47
	50-64	46	51
	65+	44	52
	Less than HS education	63%	32%
	High school grad	55	39
	Some college	50	48
	College +	49	49
	Married	44%	53%
	Single	77	20
	Divorced/Widowed/		
	Separated	52%	45%
	Less than \$25K in income	62	34
	\$25K-\$35K	61	31
	\$35K-\$50K	48	49
	\$50–75K	49	50
	\$75–\$100k	51	46
	\$100K+	41	57

Note: See note above about this survey.

• There are three main schools of thought regarding the 9/11 attacks. The first theory is the official story, and maintains that 19 Arab fundamentalists executed a surprise attack which caught US intelligence and military forces off guard. The second theory known as Let It Happen argues that certain elements in the US government knew the attacks were coming but consciously let them

proceed for various political, military, and economic motives; and the third theory Made It Happen contends that certain US government elements actively planned or assisted some aspects of the attacks. Based on your knowledge of 9/11 events and their aftermath, which theory are you more likely to agree with?

Aug. 2007	Off Zogby/9-11Truth	icial story 64%	Let it happen 26%	Made it happen 5%
Demographi	cs			
	18–29 year olds	33%	63%	1%
	30-49	62	24	8
	50-64	73	21	3
	65+	67	20	4
	Less than HS education	37%	28%	6%
	High school grad	49	36	10
	Some college	62	28	4
	College +	72	21	3
	Married	70%	20%	4%
	Single	40	48	7
	Divorced/Widowed/			
	Separated	59	31	5
	Less than \$25K in income	45%	34%	15%
	\$25K-\$35K	47	47	2
	\$35K-\$50K	67	24	4
	\$50-75K	68	27	5
	\$75–\$100k	72	17	7
	\$100K+	75	19	1

Note: See not above about this survey.

• How about that some people think the federal government had specific warnings of the 9/11 attacks in New York and Washington, but chose to ignore these warnings. Is this very likely, somewhat likely or not likely?

	1	dederal gove	ernment had specific	warnings
	V	ery likely	Somewhat likely	Unlikely
Sep. 2007	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	32%	29%	30%

• When it comes to what they knew prior to September 11th, 2001, about possible terrorist attacks against the United States, do you think members of the Bush Administration are telling the truth, are mostly telling the truth but hiding something, or are they mostly lying?

		Members of the Bush administration are			
		Telling	Hiding	Mostly	
		truth	something	lying	
Mar. 2004–Apr. 2004	CBS	24%	58%	14%	
Apr. 2004 (early)	CBS	21	66	10	
Apr. 2004 (late)	CBS/NYT	24	56	16	
Oct. 2006	CBS/NYT	16	53	28	
Demographics, Apr. 2004 Republi		49%	43%	6%	
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Democrats	9	60	27
Independents	18	61	15

• Do you think President Bush intentionally allowed the 9/11 attacks to take place because he wanted the United States to go to war in the Middle East?

G 2000	D 11' - D 1' - D 11'	Yes	No	Not sure
Sep. 2009	Public Policy Polling	14%	78%	8%
Demographics				
0 1	Men	15%	78%	8%
	Women	14	77	9
	18-29	18%	79%	3%
	30-45	14	80	6
	46-65	14	77	9
	65+	13	72	15
	Democrat	25%	63%	12%
	Republican	6	90	4
	Independent	9	83	8
	Hispanic	8%	83%	9%
	White	12	81	6
	African American	34	46	20
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Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

• Do you believe Saddam Hussein was involved in the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, attacks on America, or not?

		Saddam Hussein involved		
		Do	Do not	Not sure
Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	28%	51%	22%
Demographics				
	Men	25%	56%	19%
	Women	31	44	25
	Democrat	22%	56%	22%
	Republican	33	41	26
	Independent	28	56	17
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Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

• Do you believe the United States government knowingly allowed the attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, to happen, or not?

		Government knowingly allowed attack		
		Believe	Do not	Not sure
Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	11%	78%	11%
Demographics				
	18–29 years old	18%	68%	14%
	30–45	10	80	10
	46–65	11	76	13
	65+	7	85	8
	Democrats	14%	76%	11%
	Republicans	8	83	9

Independents	12	74	14
Hispanic	14%	75%	12%
White	10	81	9
African American	8	66	26

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

#### Iraq

Many pollsters spent a considerable amount of time in 2003 and 2004 determining whether people believed the president or his administration lied about WMDs or intentionally misled the country on the subject in order to make the case for war. Questions in late 2006 demonstrated a large shift in the public's attitudes. In May 2003, 36 percent said that the Bush administration "misinterpreted or misanalysed the intelligence reports they said indicated Iraq had banned weapons," while 61 percent gave that response in October 2006. Recent polls show opinions are still divided. In a March 2013 Public Policy Polling 2008 poll, 44 percent believed that the Bush administration intentionally misled the public about the possibility of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq to promote the Iraq War. Forty-five percent said they did not believe that.

 Do you believe that the U.S. government deliberately exaggerated the reports of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq in order to increase support for war, or do you think it tried to present the information accurately?

		Tried to present accurately	Deliberately exaggerated
Jun. 2003	Harris Interactive	56%	37%
Aug. 2003	Harris Interactive	53	40
Oct. 2003	Harris Interactive	49	41
Dec. 2003	Harris Interactive	50	45
Feb. 2004	Harris Interactive	51	43
Apr. 2004	Harris Interactive	50	43
June 2004	Harris Interactive	50	44
Aug. 2004	Harris Interactive	51	44
Sept. 2004	Harris Interactive	46	45
Oct. 2004	Harris Interactive	53	46
Nov. 2004	Harris Interactive	49	48

• Before the Iraq War, the Bush administration said it had intelligence reports indicating that Iraq was hiding banned chemical or biological weapons from UN weapons inspectors. So far, however, no such banned weapons have been found in Iraq. Do you think the Bush administration . . . ?

		Yes	No
Misinterpreted or misanalysed	the intelligence reports the	y	
said indicated Iraq had banı	ned weapons		
May 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	36%	54%
Jul. 10–11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	45	41
Jul. 24–25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	41	49
Aug. 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	44	47
Oct. 9–10, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	49	39

Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	50	39
Jan. 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	54	36
Mar. 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	55	35
Jul. 2004*	PSRA/Newsweek	56	36
SeptOct. 2004*	PSRA/Newsweek	51	41
Oct. 27–29, 2004*	PSRA/Newsweek	50	43
Oct. 5–6, 2006	PSRA/Newsweek	61	30

Purposely misled the public about evidence that Iraq had banned weapons in order to build support for war

May 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	36%	57%
Jul. 10–11, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	38	53
Jul. 24-25, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	39	56
Aug. 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	43	51
Oct. 9-10, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	45	45
Oct. 23-24, 2003	PSRA/Newsweek	42	49
Jan. 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	41	51
Mar. 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	46	49
Jul. 2004*	PSRA/Newsweek	44	51
SepOct. 2004*	PSRA/Newsweek	45	50
Oct. 27–29, 2004	PSRA/Newsweek	43	54
Oct. 5-6, 2006	PSRA/Newsweek	58	36

Note: \*Asked of registered voters.

• Do you think the Bush administration deliberately misled the American public about whether Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, or not?

		Yes, misled	No
May-Jun. 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31%	67%
Jun. 9–10, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	31	64
Jun. 27–29, 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	37	61
Jul. 2003	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	39	58
JanFeb. 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	43	54
Jul. 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	45	52
Oct. 2004	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	47	51
Apr. 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	50	48
Jul. 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	47
Oct. 2005	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	45
Jan. 2006	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	53	46
Mar. 10-12, 2006*	Gallup/CNN/USA Today	51	46
Mar. 9–11, 2007	CNN/ORC	54	40
Feb. 2008	Gallup/USA Today	53	42
Dec. 2011	CNN/ORC	57	41
Mar. 2013	CNN/ORC	54	44
Demographics, March 2013			
	Men	54%	45%
	Women	54	45
	18–29	61%	38%
	30–49	56	43
	50–64	51	47
	65+	46	51

HS or less	59%	39%
Some college	54	46
College grad	49	49
Democrat	76%	23%
Independent	54	42
Republican	23	75

Note: \*Asked of a half sample.

• In making its case for war with Iraq, do you think the Bush administration told the American people what it believed to be true or intentionally misled the American people?

		Told what it	Intentionally
		believed	misled
Jul. 2004	ABC/WP	55%	42%
Mar. 2005	ABC/WP	55	43
Jun. 2005^	ABC/WP	48	52
Jul. 2005	ABC/WP	55	42
Aug. 2005*	ABC/WP	57	40
Nov. 2005	ABC/WP	44	55
May 2006	ABC/WP	46	52
Nov. 2006*	ABC/WP	51	47
Dec. 2006	ABC/WP	45	52

Note: \*Asked of registered voters. ^Asked of a half sample.

• Do you believe the Bush administration intentionally misled the public about the possibility of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq to promote the Iraq War, or not?

		Do	Do not	Not sure
Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	44%	45%	12%

#### Obama's Birthplace

The question of whether Barack Obama was born in the United States loomed relatively large in the background – and occasionally the foreground – of the 2008 and 2012 presidential races. The assertion of a conspiracy to hide and obscure Obama's true background was also discussed in the attempt to delegitimize the President's qualifications for the presidency.

American attitudes about Obama's birthplace have been surveyed extensively. Even though a majority of Americans consistently tell pollsters that they think the President is a U.S. citizen, a substantial portion (as high as 39 percent in some polls) think Obama was born abroad. Perhaps expectedly, these responses divide starkly along party lines; Republicans are more likely to believe Obama was not born in the United States, although some polls show that about 10 percent of Democrats also embrace this view. Moreover, these opinions are skewed according to the ages of those polled, with older Americans being more prone to believe Obama was born abroad.

 From what you have heard, where was Barack Obama born? . . . Illinois, Hawaii, Kansas, Indonesia

		Illinois	Hawaii	Kansas	Indonesia
Sep. 2008	AP/Yahoo	25%	47%	12%	12%

• How much have you heard about some people who claim that Barack Obama was not born in the US and therefore not eligible to be president? . . . A lot, a little, nothing at all.

		A lot	A little	Nothing at all
Jul. 2009	Pew	31%	49%	19%

• Do you think Barack Obama was definitely born in the United States, probably born in the United States, probably born in another country, or definitely born in another country?

		Born in	U.S	Born in anoth	ner country	
		Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely	
July 2010	CNN/ORC	42%	29%	16%	11%	
Mar. 2011	CNN/ORC	46	26	15	10	
Apr.–May 2011	CNN/ORC	58	22	10	7	
Demographics 1	Demographics, July 2010					
Demograpmes, o	Men	41%	26%	16%	14%	
	Women	43	31	16	9	
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	Republican	23	34	27	14	
	Democrat	64	21	7	8	
	Independent	37	31	17	12	
Demographics, A	Demographics, April–May 2011					
	Men	58%	22%	11%	7%	
	Women	58	22	9	8	
	18–34	-	_	-	_	
	35–49	57%	24%	12%	6%	
	50-64	62	19	10	8	
	65+	60	21	9	5	
	Attended college	64%	21%	7%	5%	
	No college	51	22	14	10	
	No conege	31	22	14	10	
	Republican	32%	37%	16%	12%	
	Democrat	78	11	3	6	
	Independent	58	22	12	6	

• On another subject, where was Barack Obama born, as far as you know?

		The U.S.	Another country	No opinion
Apr. 2010	Wash Post/ABC	68%	14%	19%
AprMay 2011	PSRA/Wash Post	77	3	19

• Do you think Barack Obama was born in the United States, or not?

		Yes	No	Don't know
Apr. 2011	Fox News	67%	24%	10%
Demographics	5			
•	College degree	71%	20%	9%
	No college	63	27	10
	Under 35	72%	24%	5%
	35-54	66	23	11
	55+	62	24	14
	65+	61	24	15
	Republican	47%	37%	16%
	Democrat	84	12	4
	Independent	69	21	10
	Men	65%	23%	12%
	Women	68	24	8

Note: Asked of registered voters.

• Was President Obama born in the U.S.?

		Yes	No	Don't know
Apr. 2011	CBS/NYT	57%	25%	18%
Demographics				
	Republicans	33%	45%	22%
	Democrats	81	10	9
	Independents	52	25	23

• Do you think people who actively and publicly question whether Barack Obama was truly born in the United States are just nutty conspiracy theorists, or do you think there is cause to wonder where he was born and it's important enough to justify their actions?

	Conspira	cy theorists Ca	use to wonder
Apr. 2011	Fox News	51%	40%
Demographics			
	College degree	55%	39%
	No college	49	42
	Under 35	56%	35%
	35–54	50	42
	55 5 <del>+</del>	48	42
	JJ+	40	42
	Republican	29%	63%
	Democrat	74	20
	Independent	48	41
	Men	48%	48%
	Women	54	36
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Note: Asked of registered voters.

• Do you think Barack Obama was definitely born in the United States, probably born in the United States, probably born in another country, or don't you know enough to say?

			n U.S		other country
		Definitely	Probably	Probably	Definitely
Apr. 2011	Gallup	38%	18%	15%	9%
May 2011	Gallup	47	18	8	5
Demographics, May 2011					
		Definitely/	Probably	Definitely	y/Probably
		born in	U.S.	born in ano	ther country
	Republicans	49%		23%	
	Democrats	81		4	5
	Independents	65		14	1
Demographics	, April 2011				
	Republicans	35	%	43	%
	Democrats	78		9	
	Independents	56		20	

• Where was Barack Obama born, as far as you know?

			Another	Don't know/
		The U.S.	country	No opinion
Apr. 2011	Pew	75%	3%	19%

• And one last question to get your view on a topic that has been in the news... Was Barack Obama born in the United States or was he born in another country?

			Another	Don't know/
		The U.S.	country	Refused
Apr. 2011	Pew	55%	23%	22%

- Where was Barack Obama born, as far as you know?
- (If No) Is it your best guess that Obama was born in the United States, or in another country?

			Another	Don't know/
		The U.S.	country	Refused
Aug. 2012	AP	49%	39%	12%

#### Osama bin Laden

Some people tell pollsters they have doubts about whether Osama bin Laden was killed by US Navy Seals. Fifteen percent told Fox News that there was a chance that he was alive, while 24 percent told CBS News that they had doubts about whether he was killed. But when asked directly whether he's alive, around 6 to 11 percent were willing to state so. A March 2013 Public Policy Polling survey suggests the conspiracy is much more vibrant among young people.

 Do you think there is any chance Osama bin Laden is still alive, or do you absolutely believe he is dead?

		Chance he's	Absolutely believe	
		still alive	he's dead	Don't know
May 2011	Fox News	15%	78%	6%
Note: Asked of	of registered voters.			

• Do you have any doubts that Osama bin Laden was killed when American Navy Seals raided his compound in Pakistan?

CBS/60 Minutes/Vanity Fair	Convinced Osama bin Laden is dead 73%	Still have doubts 24%
18–29 years old	71%	28%
30–44	63	34
45–64	78	20
65+	81	11
HS Grad or Less	66%	30%
Some College	74	24
College Plus	84	15
Republican	76%	21%
Democrat	79	18
Independent	66	32
	18–29 years old 30–44 45–64 65+ HS Grad or Less Some College College Plus Republican Democrat	CBS/60 Minutes/Vanity Fair  18–29 years old 30–44 45–64 65+ 81  HS Grad or Less Some College College Plus  Republican Democrat  bin Laden is dead 71% 63 45–64 67 68 69 78 669 81 74 75 79

• Do you believe that Osama bin Laden is dead, or do you think he is still alive?

Jun. 2011	CNN/ORC	Dead 86%	Alive 11%	No opinion 3%
Demographics				
0 1	LT HS Grad	-	-	-
	HS grad	82%	13%	5%
	Some college	84	11	4
	College plus	97	2	1
	<\$30K	75%	20%	4%
	\$39K-\$49K	86	12	2
	\$50K-\$74K	84	9	6
	>\$75K	97	3	0

Democrat	87%	10%	3%
Republican	91	8	1
Independent	82	14	4

• Do you believe Osama bin Laden is still alive, or not?

Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	Do 6%	Do not 83%	Not sure 11%
Demographics				
0 1	18–29 years old	21%	54%	25%
	30–45	3	85	11
	46–65	3	89	7
	65+	8	88	7

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

#### **Other Theories**

There are a myriad other minor conspiracy theories currently in circulation. Catalogued below is a list of some of them, as well as the extent to which the population embraces or rejects them.

 Do you feel that the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy was the act of one individual or part of a larger conspiracy?

		One individual	Conspiracy	Not sure
Oct. 1975	Harris	30%	55%	15%
Sep. 1978	Harris	34	55	11
Mar. 1981	Harris	38	48	14

• Here are several accusations that some people have made against the federal government in recent years. Please tell me if you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely...the CIA has deliberately allowed Central American drug dealers to sell cocaine to black kids living in inner-city neighborhoods. Is this very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely?

CIA has allowed Central American drug dealers to sell cocaine to black kids in inner-city neighborhoods?

		Very	Somewhat	
		likely	likely	Unlikely
Jun. 1997	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	22%	30%	38%

• Here are several accusations that some people have made against the federal government in recent years. Please tell me if you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely... Our military leaders are withholding what they know about nerve gas or germ warfare attacks on American troops during the Persian Gulf War?

		Military withholding Gulf War syndrome evidence		
		Very	Somewhat	
		likely	likely	Unlikely
Jun. 1997	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	48%	32%	11%

• There have been reports and rumors that Elvis Presley is still alive. Do you think there is any possibility at all that Elvis is still alive?

---There is a possibility Elvis is alive--Yes No Not sure
Aug. 1997 Fox News 6% 89% 5%
Note: Asked of registered voters.

 Here are several accusations that some people have made against the federal government in recent years. Please tell me if you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or unlikely... Our military leaders withheld information about the dangers of the chemical called "Agent Orange" during the Vietnam War?

--Military leaders withheld evidence of Agent Orange-Very Somewhat
likely likely Unlikely

Jun. 1997 Scripps Howard/Ohio U 60% 23% 8%

• There are a number of recent historical incidents where some people believe we do not know the whole truth. If you had a chance to learn the complete truth about one of the following incidents, which one would you choose to know about?

Mar. 1999 Fox News

The possible crash of an alien spacecraft at Roswell, New Mexico	14%
The existence of a conspiracy in President Kennedy's assassination	33
The existence of a conspiracy in the Martin Luther King assassination	10
The real cause of the TWA Flight 800 crash	17
The existence of a conspiracy in the Oklahoma City Bombing	19
Don't know	3
Note: Asked of registered voters.	

Do you believe that a secretive power elite with a globalist agenda is conspiring to eventually rule the world through an authoritarian world government, or New World Order, or not?

--Secretive power elite conspiring to rule world-Do Do not Not sure
Mar. 2013 Public Policy Polling 28% 46% 25%
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• Do you believe the government adds fluoride to our water supply, not for dental health reasons, but for other, more sinister reasons, or not?

---Government adds fluoride to our water supply--Believe Do not Not sure
Mar. 2013 Public Policy Polling 9% 74% 17%
Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

• Do you believe that shape-shifting reptilian people control our world by taking on human form and gaining political power to manipulate our societies, or not?

--Shape-shifting reptilian people control our world-Believe Do not Not sure

Mar. 2013 Public Policy Polling 4% 88% 7%

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• Do you believe media or the government adds secret mind-controlling technology to television broadcast signals, or not?

		Government adds mind-controlling technology to TV				
		Believe	Believe Do not Not sur			
Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	15%	70%	15%		
Note: PPP is a	Democratic polling organizat	ion.				

• Do you believe that the exhaust seen in the sky behind airplanes is actually chemicals sprayed by the government for sinister reasons, or not?

		Exhaust behind airplanes is sinister chemical		
		Do	Do not	Not sure
Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	5%	87%	8%
Demographics				
	18–29 year olds	17%	74%	9%
	30–45	8	85	10
	46–65	2	91	7
	65+	2	88	10

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

 Do you believe that the pharmaceutical industry is in league with the medical industry to "invent" new diseases in order to make money, or not?

		Pharmaceutical industry invents new disease		
		Do	Do not	Not sure
Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	15%	69%	16%
Demographics				
	18–29 years old	27%	68%	5%
	30–45	12	66	22
	46–65	12	70	18
	65+	14	71	15

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

• Do you believe Paul McCartney actually died in a car crash in 1966 and was secretly replaced by a lookalike so The Beatles could continue, or not?

Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	Do 5%	Do not 80%	Not sure 14%
Demographics				
	18–29 year olds	14%	73%	14%
	30–45	5	80	15
	46–65	4	86	9
	65+	1	74	25

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I'd also like to ask about some conspiracy theories that are sometimes mentioned among Americans. Please tell me whether you think each of these is very likely, somewhat likely or not likely. So when I say that oil companies are conspiring to keep gasoline prices high, is that very likely, somewhat likely or not likely?

	Oi	Oil companies conspiring to keep gas prices high		
	Ve	ery likely	Somewhat likely	Unlikely
Jul. 2006	Scripps Howard/Ohio U	50%	30%	14%

• Do you believe the C.I.A was instrumental in distributing crack cocaine into America's inner cities in the 1980s, or not?

		Do	Do not	Not sure
Mar. 2013	Public Policy Polling	14%	55%	30%
Demographics				
	Hispanic	15%	46%	39%
	White	13	60	27
	African American	22	32	46
	Democrats	14%	51%	34%
	Republicans	9	60	31
	Independents	21	54	25

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

• Do you think the U.S. government engages in so-called "false flag" operations, meaning that the government sometimes plans and executes mass shootings or terrorist events, and then makes it look like those activities were carried out by others, or not?

Sep. 2013	Public Policy Polling	Yes 13%	No 70%	Not sure 17%
Demographics	Mon	120/	720/	150/
	Men	12%	73%	15%
	Women	14	67	19
	Democrats	9%	78%	12%
	Republicans	21	58	21
	Independents	10	72	19

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

• Do you think there is a secret society such as Skull and Bones that produces most of America's political and financial leaders to serve the interests of the wealthy elite, or not?

		Yes	No	Not sure
Sep. 2013	Public Policy Polling	19%	50%	31%
Demographic	S			
•	Men	24%	59%	18%
	Women	14	43	43
	Democrats	20%	46%	33%
	Republicans	15	53	31
	Independents	20	52	28
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• Do you think the U.S. government has engaged in the assassination of entertainers who have tried to spread a counterculture message they didn't like, such as John Lennon, Kurt Cobain, Tupac Shakur, and others, or not?

Sep. 2013	Public Policy Polling	Yes 12%	No 72%	Not sure 16%
Demographics	Men	18%	70%	13%

Women	7	74	19
Democrats	9%	75%	15%
Republicans	14	96	17
Independents	13	72	16

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

• Do you think that major sporting events like the NBA playoffs or the Super Bowl are sometimes rigged by referees and league offices to create an outcome that will lead to better ratings and more money and publicity for the sport, or not?

Sep. 2013	Public Policy Polling	Yes 32%	No 49%	Not sure 19%
Demographics	Men	30%	54%	16%
	Women	33	45	22
	Democrats	27%	52%	21%
	Republicans	34	47	19
	Independent	35	48	18

Note: PPP is a Democratic polling organization.

• Do you think the U.S. government has a secret fleet of black helicopters that will be used in an eventual United Nations military takeover of the United States, or not?

		Yes	No	Not sure
Sep. 2013	Public Policy Polling	9%	71%	20%
Demographics				
	Men	7%	78%	16%
	Women	11	66	23
	Democrats	8%	78%	14%
	Republicans	11	66	23
	Independents	8	68	24

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