

RACIAL ATTITUDES IN AMERICA

TRENDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

2011 UPDATE

WHITE RESPONDENTS

Table 3.2

Implementation questions (white respondents).

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010
Federal School Intervention (ISR)						
Government see to it	31%	---	---	---	---	---
Government stay out	35	---	---	---	---	---
No interest	34	---	---	---	---	---
Federal Job Intervention (ISR)						
Government see to it	32%	---	29%	---	23%	---
Government stay out	34	---	33	---	30	---
No interest	34	---	38	---	46	---
Open Housing (NORC)						
Owner decides	---	---	34%	31%	30%	27%
Can't discriminate	---	---	66	69	70	73

Question Wording and Notes:

Federal School Intervention (ISR): "Some people say that the government in Washington should see to it that white and black (1972: Negro) children (1964-1978: are allowed to go) go to the same schools. Others claim that this is not the government's business. Have you been concerned (1986, 1990: interested) enough about (in) this question to favor one side over the other? [If yes] Do you think the government in Washington should see to it that white and black children go to the same schools, or stay out of this area, as it is not its business?"

1. Government should see to it
2. Government should stay out
3. No interest

Federal Job Intervention (ISR): "Some people feel that if black people are not getting fair treatment in jobs, the government in Washington ought to see to it that they do. Others feel that this is not the federal government's business. Have you had enough interest

in this question to favor one side over the other? [If yes] How do you feel? Should the government in Washington see to it that black people get fair treatment in jobs or is this not the federal government's business?"

1. Government should see to it
2. Government should stay out
3. No interest

Open Housing (NORC): "Suppose there is a community-wide vote on the general housing issue. There are two possible laws to vote on. One law says that a homeowner can decide for himself who to sell his house to, even if he prefers not to sell to (Negroes/ blacks/African Americans). The second law says that a homeowner cannot refuse to sell to someone because of their race or color. Which law would you vote for?"

1. Homeowner can decide
2. Homeowner cannot refuse to sell