

# RACIAL ATTITUDES IN AMERICA

## TRENDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

2011 UPDATE

### WHITE RESPONDENTS

**Table 3.4B, Supplement**

*New data on perceptions of discrimination (whites).*

	1962	1989	1990	1991	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2004	2005	2007	2008
<b>Good Chance Education (Gallup)</b>																	
Not as good a chance	4%	14%	10%	14%	--	11%	--	19%	--	12%	--	13%	17%	15%	14%	18%	19%
As good/same chance	94	86	90	86	--	89	--	81	--	88	--	87	83	85	86	82	80
<b>Good Chance Housing (Gallup)</b>																	
Not as good a chance	--	24%	18%	22%	--	--	--	10%	12%	15%	--	14%	16%	14%	16%	15%	16%
As good/same chance	--	76	82	78	--	--	--	90	88	85	--	86	84	86	84	85	85
<b>Blacks treated unfairly on job (Gallup)</b>																	
Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16%	10%	11%	--	11%	15%	14%	--	15%	--
No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	84	90	89	--	89	85	86	--	86	--
<b>Blacks treated unfairly in shops (Gallup)</b>																	
Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19%	11%	13%	--	13%	12%	16%	--	11%	--
No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	81	89	87	--	87	88	85	--	90	--
<b>Blacks treated unfairly downtown (Gallup)</b>																	
Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20%	16%	16%	--	17%	18%	17%	--	15%	--
No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	80	84	84	--	83	82	84	--	85	--

	1962	1989	1990	1991	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2004	2005	2007	2008
<b>Blacks treated unfairly in restaurants (Gallup)</b>																	
Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17%	10%	11%	--	13%	11%	12%	--	12%	--
No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	83	90	89	--	87	89	88	--	87	--
<b>Blacks treated unfairly by police (Gallup)</b>																	
Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	36%	32%	34%	--	39%	39%	36%	--	36%	--
No	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	64	68	66	--	61	61	64	--	64	--
<b>Differences in Rich-Poor (NORC)</b>																	
Whites richer than blacks	---	---	83%	---	81%	---	75%	---	74%	---	75%	---	74%	75%	77%	72%	68%
No difference	---	---	13	---	15	---	15	---	18	---	18	---	19	18	18	20	23
Blacks richer than whites	---	---	4	---	4	---	10	---	8	---	7	---	7	7	6	8	9
<b>Differences in Lazy-Hardworking (NORC)</b>																	
Whites work harder than blacks	---	---	66%	---	59%	---	44%	---	42%	---	48%	---	45%	37%	43%	43%	38%
No difference	---	---	31	---	37	---	46	---	49	---	46	---	51	53	51	51	55
Blacks work harder than whites	---	---	4	---	4	---	10	---	8	---	7	---	5	10	6	6	7
<b>Differences in Intelligence (NORC)</b>																	
Whites more intelligent than blacks	---	---	57%	---	---	---	33%	---	28%	---	38%	---	32%	26%	27%	25%	26%
No difference	---	---	38	---	---	---	58	---	64	---	58	---	60	70	68	69	68
Blacks more intelligent than whites	---	---	5	---	---	---	9	---	9	---	4	---	8	4	5	6	6

## Question Wording and Notes:

Good Chance Education (Gallup): "In general, do you think that black children have as good a chance as white children in your community to get a good education, or don't you think they have as good a chance?" Sample sizes of fewer than 1,000 cases occurred in 1990 through 2001, when the sample sizes ranged from 650 to 934. From 1989 to 2001, data were collected by telephone interview.

1. As good a chance
2. Not as good a chance

Good Chance Housing (Gallup): "Again, in general, do you think that blacks have as good a chance as white people in your community to get any housing they can afford, or don't you think they have as good a chance?" Sample sizes of fewer than 1,000 cases occurred in 1991, and 1998 through 2001, when the sample sizes ranged from 650 to 942. From 1989 to 2001, data were collected by telephone interview.

1. As good a chance
2. Not as good a chance

Blacks Treated Unfairly on Jobs (Gallup): "Just your impressions, are blacks in your community treated less fairly than whites in the following situations? How about: on the job or at work?"

1. Yes, treated less fairly
2. No, treated same/better

Blacks treated unfairly in shops (Gallup): "...In neighborhood shops."

1. Yes, treated less fairly
2. No, treated same/better

Blacks treated unfairly downtown (Gallup): "...In stores downtown or in the shopping mall?"

1. Yes, treated less fairly
2. No, treated same/better

Blacks treated unfairly in restaurants (Gallup) "...In restaurants, bars, theaters or other entertainment places?"

1. Yes, treated less fairly
2. No, treated same/better

Blacks treated unfairly by police (Gallup): "...In dealing with the police, such as traffic incidents?"

1. Yes, treated less fairly
2. No, treated same/better

Differences in Rich-Poor (NORC): Now, I have some questions about different groups in our society. I'm going to show you a seven-point scale on which the characteristics of people in a group can be rated. In the first statement, a score of 1 means that you think almost all of the people in that group are "rich." A score of 7 means that you think almost everyone in the group is "poor." A score of 4 means you think that the group is not towards one end or another, and of course you may choose any number in between that comes closest to where you think people in the group stand.

Blacks? Whites?  
1 = Rich; 7 = Poor

Results presented are a difference score between whites and blacks, collapsed to the categories that are presented.

Differences in Lazy-Hardworking (NORC): "The second set of characteristics asks if people in the group tend to be hard-working or if they tend to be lazy.

Blacks? Whites?  
1 = Hardworking; 7 = Lazy

Results presented are a difference score between whites and blacks, collapsed to the categories that are presented.

Differences in Intelligence (NORC): "Do people in these groups tend to be unintelligent or tend to be intelligent?"

Blacks? Whites?  
1 = Unintelligent; 7 = Intelligent

Results presented are a difference score between whites and blacks, collapsed to the categories that are presented.