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1. Acceptable Use

Below is a transcript of something President Obama said in a recent radio interview after being asked about race relations in America.

"I always tell young people in particular, do not say that nothing's changed when it comes to race in America unless you lived through being a black man in the 1950s, or '60s, or '70s. What is also true is that the legacy of slavery, Jim Crow, discrimination in almost every institution of our lives: that casts a long shadow. And that's still part of our DNA. That's passed on. We're not cured of it—racism. We're not cured of it. And it's not just a matter of it not being polite to say n—r in public."

Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for President Obama to use the n-word in this way?

		Gender			Α	ge	3 Point Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Acceptable	55%	54%	56%	57%	60%	54%	48%	77%	53%	30%
Unacceptable	29%	28%	29%	17%	21%	33%	46%	13%	24%	57%
Not sure	16%	18%	15%	25%	19%	14%	6%	10%	23%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(477)	(521)	(171)	(273)	(374)	(180)	(361)	(400)	(237)

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Acceptable	55%	52%	73%	57%	52%	58%	62%	61%	57%	53%	52%
Unacceptable	29%	32%	10%	26%	29%	26%	31%	25%	32%	29%	27%
Not sure	16%	16%	17%	17%	19%	16%	7%	14%	11%	18%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(760)	(110)	(128)	(366)	(316)	(191)	(186)	(241)	(367)	(204)

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2. Agree with the President

To what extent do you agree or disagree with what President Obama said?

	Total	Gender			Α	ge		3 Point Party ID			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	
Strongly agree	30%	29%	30%	33%	35%	28%	23%	54%	25%	6%	
Somewhat agree	21%	21%	21%	21%	26%	20%	19%	20%	24%	19%	
Somewhat disagree	14%	12%	16%	11%	14%	16%	13%	7%	15%	21%	
Strongly disagree	23%	26%	20%	12%	14%	28%	39%	8%	19%	48%	
Not sure	12%	11%	13%	23%	12%	8%	6%	11%	16%	6%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
(Unweighted N)	(999)	(478)	(521)	(171)	(273)	(375)	(180)	(362)	(400)	(237)	

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly agree	30%	24%	57%	38%	32%	26%	36%	43%	29%	29%	22%
Somewhat agree	21%	23%	21%	16%	22%	23%	21%	14%	26%	22%	23%
Somewhat disagree	14%	15%	3%	16%	13%	15%	16%	14%	9%	19%	11%
Strongly disagree	23%	26%	5%	21%	21%	23%	24%	14%	28%	21%	28%
Not sure	12%	12%	15%	8%	14%	13%	2%	15%	8%	10%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(999)	(761)	(110)	(128)	(366)	(316)	(192)	(186)	(242)	(367)	(204)