

The logo for the CNN | ORC POLL. It features the CNN logo in a stylized, outlined font on the left, followed by a vertical bar and the letters 'ORC' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the word 'POLL' is written in large, bold, white capital letters on a black rectangular background.

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Interviews with 1,003 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on May 29-June 1, 2014. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 894 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points)

The sample includes 702 interviews among landline respondents and 301 interviews among cell phone respondents.

23. Looking back, do you think the federal government should have provided financial help in 2009 to U.S. automakers who were in financial trouble, or should these companies have been allowed to succeed or fail on their own?

May 29-June 1
2014

Government should have helped	38%
Government should not have helped	61%
No opinion	2%

FOR COMPARISON

Looking back, do you think the federal government should have provided financial help to U.S. automakers who were in financial trouble, or should these companies have been allowed to succeed or fail on their own?

	Feb. 23-26 2012	May 20-24 2010
Government should have helped	36%	33%
Government should not have helped	55%	61%
No opinion	9%	6%

SOURCES: National Journal/United Technologies poll in 2012; CBS News poll in 2010.

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,003 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 30% described themselves as Democrats, 23% described themselves as Republicans, and 47% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

Question 23

Looking back, do you think the federal government should have provided financial help in 2009 to U.S. automakers who were in financial trouble, or should these companies have been allowed to succeed or fail on their own?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Government should have helped	38%	34%	41%	35%	44%
Government shouldn't helped	61%	64%	57%	64%	55%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Government should have helped	38%	29%	43%	43%	38%	35%	41%
Government shouldn't helped	61%	70%	54%	56%	60%	63%	58%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Government should have helped	38%	36%	40%	37%	38%
Government shouldn't helped	61%	63%	58%	62%	60%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Government should have helped	38%	56%	35%	20%	56%	37%	25%
Government shouldn't helped	61%	43%	63%	80%	43%	61%	74%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Government should have helped	38%	48%	35%	34%	35%	41%	40%	30%
Government shouldn't helped	61%	51%	62%	65%	62%	56%	60%	68%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	4%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%