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Cuba Policy and US Public Opinion

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Questionnaire

Dates of Survey: March 25-April 6, 2009
Sample Size: 765

Margin of Error: +/- 3.7 percentage points

Q1-Q20 released separately.

STATEMENT: Turning to a different topic, we would like to ask you some questions about Cuba.

Q21-CUBA1. Would you say Cuba represents:

A very serious threat to the United States.....	7%
Republicans.....	10
Democrats	6
Independents	4
A moderately serious threat	27
Republicans.....	37
Democrats	20
Independents	23
Just a slight threat.....	33
Republicans.....	32
Democrats	33
Independents	38
No threat at all.....	30
Republicans.....	19
Democrats	37
Independents	32
Refused/Don't know	3

Q22-CUBA2. As you may know, after Fidel Castro came to power in Cuba, the US ended diplomatic relations, imposed a trade embargo, and prohibited Americans from travelling to Cuba. What effect do you think this has had on the Castro government? Has it:

Mostly weakened the Castro government.....	29%
Republicans.....	35
Democrats	26
Independents	26
Mostly strengthened the Castro government	16

Republicans.....	11
Democrats	21
Independents	13
Neither weakened nor strengthened it.....	52
Republicans.....	52
Democrats	49
Independents	60
Refused/Don't know	3

Q23-CUBA3. As you may know Fidel Castro has become ill and has been replaced by his brother Raul Castro as head of Cuba's government. Which position is closer to yours:

It is time to try a new approach to Cuba, because Cuba may be ready for a change	59%
Republicans.....	47
Democrats	71
Independents	50

The Communist Party is still in control; therefore the US should continue to isolate Cuba	39
Republicans.....	52
Democrats	27
Independents	45

Refused/Don't know	2
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Q24-CUBA4: Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for US government leaders to be ready to meet with Cuban leaders?

Good idea.....	75%
Republicans.....	66
Democrats	86
Independents	64

Bad idea	23
Republicans.....	33
Democrats	12
Independents	34

Refused/Don't know	2
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Q25-CUBA5. Do you favor or oppose re-establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba?

Favor	69%
Republicans.....	57
Democrats	82
Independents	58

Oppose	28
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Republicans.....	40
Democrats	14
Independents	38

Refused/Don't know3

Q26-CUBA6. Do you think the United States should continue the trade embargo with Cuba or should the United States end the trade embargo and permit normal trade with Cuba?

Continue the embargo.....	48%
Republicans.....	59
Democrats	38
Independents	49

End the embargo	49
Republicans.....	38
Democrats	58
Independents	46

Refused/Don't know4

Q27-CUBA7. As you may know, the Obama administration recently relaxed US rules so that it is now less difficult for Cuban-Americans to visit their Cuban relatives. Do you approve or disapprove of this step?

Approve.....	79%
Republicans.....	71
Democrats	90
Independents	70

Disapprove	19
Republicans.....	28
Democrats	9
Independents	28

Refused/Don't know1

Q28-CUBA8. Do you think, in general, Americans:

Should be free to visit Cuba.....	70%
Republicans.....	62
Democrats	77
Independents	66

Should continue to be prohibited from visiting Cuba.....	28
Republicans.....	37
Democrats	20
Independents	32

Refused/Don't know2

Q29-CUBA9. If there is increasing travel and trade between Cuba and the United States, do you think it is more likely that:

This will strengthen the communist regime in Cuba	26%
Republicans.....	38
Democrats	16
Independents	28
This will lead Cuba in a more open and democratic direction	71
Republicans.....	59
Democrats	80
Independents	69
Refused/Don't know	3

Q30-CUBA10. If the US were to relax its restrictions on trade and travel with Cuba, what effect do you think this would have on America's image in the world:

A mainly positive effect.....	42%
Republicans.....	29
Democrats	57
Independents	31
A mainly negative effect.....	10
Republicans.....	14
Democrats	6
Independents	10
Neither positive or negative	46
Republicans.....	56
Democrats	34
Independents	56
Refused/Don't know	2

Q31-Q41 released separately.

[FULL SAMPLE]

DEMOGRAPHICS

D1. Age

18-29	22%
30-44	27
45-59	28
60+	24

D2. Education

Less than high school.....	14%
High school	32
Some college.....	28
BA+.....	27

D3. Race

White, Non-Hispanic	69%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	11
Other, Non-Hispanic.....	5
Hispanic	14
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	1

D4. Gender

Male	48%
Female.....	52

D5. What religion do you follow?

Christian.....	73%
Muslim	*
Jewish.....	2
Buddhist.....	*
Some other religion.....	7
No religious preference/atheist	16
Refused/Don't know	2

[ASK ONLY THOSE WHO SAY CHRISTIAN (01) ON D3]

D5a. Would you describe yourself as a 'born- again' or evangelical?

Yes	26%*
No.....	37
No opinion	10

* Percent of total

Refused/Don't know *

D6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Republican 28%
Independent..... 20
Democrat..... 37
Other 1
No preference..... 14

Refused/Don't know 1

[ASK ONLY IF INDEPENDENT (02), OTHER (04) OR NO PREFERENCE (05) ON D7]

D6a. Do you think of yourself as closer to the:

Republican Party 9%*
Democratic Party 10
Neither..... 16

Refused/Don't know *

D6-D6a. Overall party identification combined

Republican Party/Lean Republican..... 37%
Democratic Party/Lean Democrat..... 47
Independent..... 16

Refused/Don't know *

METHODOLOGY

The poll of 765 respondents was fielded March 25-April 6, 2009 with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points. It was fielded by Knowledge Networks, a polling, social science, and market research firm in Menlo Park, California, with a stratified random sample of its large-scale nationwide research panel. This panel itself has been randomly recruited from the national population of households having telephones; households without internet access are subsequently provided with free web access and an internet appliance. Thus the panel is not limited to those who already have home internet access. The distribution of the sample in the Web-enabled panel closely tracks the distribution of United States Census counts for the US population on age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, geographical region, employment status, income, education, etc. Upon survey completion, the data were weighted by gender, age, education, ethnicity, and partisan identity. For more information about the online survey methodology, please go to: www.knowledgenetworks.com/ganp.

* Percent of total