

## Tracking Americans' Opinions of No Child Left Behind

**Q:** Just your impression, how would you rate the overall impact of the No Child Left Behind program on the public schools in your community? Would you say it was helping, hurting, or making no difference in the performance of the local public schools?

	National totals			Rep.	Dem.	Ind.
	'09	'08	'07	'09	'09	'09
<b>Helping</b>	<b>24%</b>	25%	26%	<b>29%</b>	19%	25%
<b>Hurting</b>	<b>29</b>	22	27	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	31
<b>Making no difference</b>	<b>43</b>	34	41	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	40
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>4</b>	19	6	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	4

## Findings

**Only one-fourth of Americans believe NCLB has helped in their communities.**

**Q:** National education legislation requires the tracking of student progress from grades 3 to 8 based on an annual test. Do you favor or oppose such a test in the public schools in your community?

	National totals		Rep.	Dem.	Ind.
	'09	'02	'09	'09	'09
<b>Favor</b>	<b>66%</b>	67%	<b>71%</b>	<b>62%</b>	64%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>34</b>	31	<b>29</b>	<b>38</b>	35
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>-</b>	2	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	1

**By a 2-to-1 ratio, Americans continue to support annual testing of students in grades 3-8.**

**Q:** According to national education legislation, each of the 50 states can select the test it wishes to use for the grade 3 to 8 tracking. Which do you prefer in the public schools in your community—letting your state use its own test, or requiring all 50 states to use a single standardized test?

	National totals		Rep.	Dem.	Ind.
	'09	'02	'09	'09	'09
<b>Letting your state use its own test</b>	<b>33%</b>	30%	<b>35%</b>	30%	36%
<b>Requiring all 50 states to use a single standardized test</b>	<b>66</b>	68	<b>65</b>	<b>68</b>	63
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>1</b>	2	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	1

**Not only do Americans support such testing, they also support using a single national test.**