

GROWING NUMBERS OF AMERICANS – ESPECIALLY CUBAN AMERICANS – WANT THE FREEDOM TO TRAVEL FOR ALL AMERICANS

Orbitz.com-Ipsos Poll: Conducted April 23-27 – Nationwide¹

- 67% of Americans would support a policy that allows all Americans to travel to Cuba.
- 72% agree that expanding travel and tourism from the U.S. to Cuba would have a positive impact on the day-to-day lives of the Cuban people.
- 32% of Americans strongly support such a policy that would allow all Americans to travel to Cuba.
- 23% say that they would oppose lifting these restrictions for Americans traveling to Cuba (only 13% would strongly oppose it).

Washington Post / ABC News poll: Conducted April 21 – 24 – Nationwide²

Q: Do you think the U.S. Government should or should not end its travel restrictions, and allow U.S. citizens to visit Cuba and Cubans to visit the United States?

Should – 55%

Should not – 40%

No Opinion – 5%

Gallup poll: Conducted April 20-21, 2009 - Nationwide³

Q: Apart from their diplomatic relations, do you favor or oppose the United States government ending its restrictions on Americans traveling to Cuba?

Favor lifting travel ban – 64%

Oppose lifting travel ban – 27%

No opinion – 9%

	% Favor	% Oppose
Ending travel restrictions		
Republicans	57	36
Independents	60	29
Democrats	74	19

¹<http://www.ipsos-na.com/news/pressrelease.cfm?id=4386>

²<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/graphic/2009/04/27/GR2009042700688.html?sid=ST2009042700689>

³<http://www.gallup.com/poll/1630/Cuba.aspx>

⁴<http://www.gallup.com/poll/117829/Americans-Steady-Backing-Friendlier-Cuba-Relations.aspx>

Bendixen poll: Conducted April 14-16, 2009 – Cuban-Americans only ⁵

Q: Do you favor or oppose all American citizens being able to travel to Cuba?

<u>2009</u>	<u>2006</u>
67% favor	49% favor
29% oppose	45% oppose

CNN / Opinion Research poll: Conducted April 3-5, 2009 – Nationwide ⁶

- 64 percent thought the U.S. government should allow citizens to travel to Cuba.
- 71 percent of those polled said that the U.S. should reestablish diplomatic relations with Cuba, while 27 percent opposed such a move.

World Public Opinion (WPO) poll: Conducted March 25 – April 6, 2009 – Nationwide ⁷

Q: Do you think, in general, American's:

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 know.....	2

Q: 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

⁵http://www.bendixenandassociates.com/studies/National_Survey_of_Cuban_Americans_on_Policy_towards_Cuba_FINAL.pdf

⁶<http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/04/10/poll.cuba/>

⁷http://www.worldpublicopinion.org/pipa/pdf/apr09/Cuba_Apr09_quaire.pdf



This will lead Cuba in a more open and democratic direction.....	71%
Republicans.....	59
Democrats.....	80
Independents.....	69
Refused/Don't know.....	3

Zogby / ABC News poll: Conducted Sept. 23-25, 2008 – Nationwide⁸

- 68% believe all U.S. citizens should be allowed to travel to Cuba

Zogby Interactive poll: Conducted July 2007 – Nationwide⁹

- 56% of Americans said the U.S. should remove travel restrictions and end the embargo on trade to Cuba

⁸<http://www.thedialogue.org/page.cfm?pageID=403>

⁹<http://www.thedialogue.org/page.cfm?pageID=403>