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The Republican Party holds a clear advantage in voter engagement in this fall’s midterm elections, according to a new national survey by the Pew Research Center. Yet GOP voters are not as enthused and engaged as they were at this point in the midterm campaign four years ago, prior to the Republican Party winning control of the House of Representatives, or as Democratic voters were in 2006, before Democrats gained control of Congress.

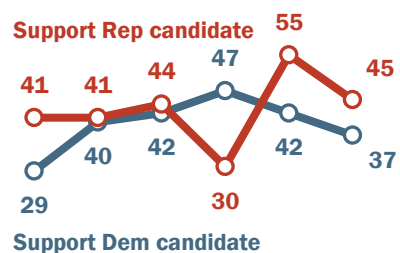
The latest survey by the Pew Research Center, conducted July 8-14 among 1,805 adults, including 1,420 registered voters, finds neither party has an advantage in voter preferences. Currently, 45% say if the election were held today they would support the Republican in their district or lean toward the Republican, while 47% favor the Democrat or lean Democratic.

The two parties also ran even on the so-called “generic ballot” throughout much of the 2010 campaign. The GOP’s victory in the national popular vote in 2010 – and their gain of 63 seats in the House – was ultimately fueled by a sharp rise in turnout by the Republican base, particularly among conservatives and older voters.

Today, the Republicans lead on a number of key engagement indicators, though in some cases by smaller margins than four years ago. Currently, 45% of registered voters who plan to support the Republican in their district say they are more enthusiastic about voting than in prior congressional elections; that compares with 37% of those who plan to vote for the Democratic candidate. The GOP had a 13-point enthusiasm advantage at this point in the midterm campaign four years ago (55% to 42%) and the Democrats held a 17-point advantage eight years ago (47% to 30%).

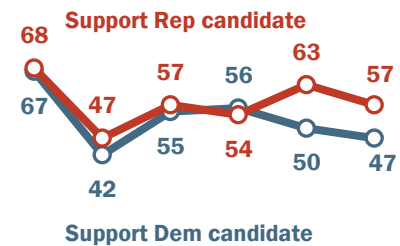
### More Modest Enthusiasm Gap than in 2010, 2006

% more enthusiastic than usual about voting ...



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% following news about elections very/fairly closely ...



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However, as many voters who support the Republican in their district say they are “absolutely certain” to vote this fall as said this in June 2010. Three-quarters of Republican voters (76%) say they are absolutely certain to vote, compared with 67% of Democratic voters. Four years ago, 77% of Republican voters and 64% of Democratic voters said they were absolutely certain to vote in the fall.

Barack Obama is as powerful a motivating factor for Republican voters as he was in 2010: about half (51%) of those who say they will vote Republican this fall consider their vote as a vote “against” Obama, little changed from June 2010 (52%). And Obama has become a less positive factor for Democrats – 36% of those who plan to vote for the Democrat in their district view their vote as being “for” Obama, down from 44% four years ago. ([For more on Obama’s job ratings.](#))

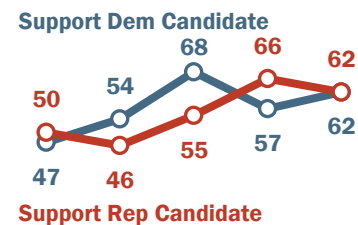
However, slightly more Democratic voters say the issue of which party controls Congress will be a factor in their vote than did so at this point in 2010. Currently, 62% of Democratic voters say partisan control of Congress will be a factor in their vote, compared with 57% four years ago. In this regard, the Democrats have caught up with the Republicans: 62% of Republican voters also say which party controls Congress will matter in their vote.

The survey finds that the public continues to hold Congress in extremely low regard. Just 28% of Americans view Congress favorably and a record-high 55% say the current Congress has accomplished less than usual. By a wide margin (44% to 28%), those who say Congress has accomplished less than usual blame Republican leaders rather than Democratic leaders for this situation.

Anti-incumbent sentiment also remains widespread: Only about half of all registered voters (48%) want to see their own representative reelected and just half as many (24%) would like to see most members of Congress reelected. These also are close to two-decade lows in Pew Research Center surveys.

### Congress Control Matters to Voters in Both Parties

% saying which party controls Congress will be factor in vote ...



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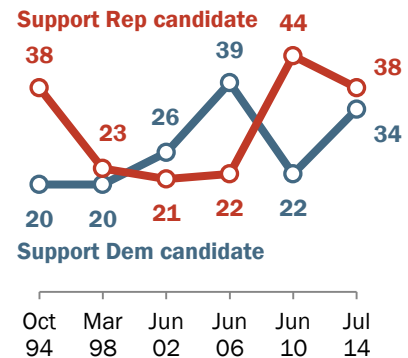
Yet unlike in the previous two midterms, anti-incumbent sentiment is shared fairly equally among both Democratic and Republican voters. Today, 38% of those who support the GOP candidate in their district say their own representative does not deserve reelection; nearly as many Democrats (34%) share that view. In 2010, when Democrats still controlled Congress, twice as many GOP voters as Democratic voters wanted to see their own representative defeated (44% vs. 22%); in 2006, when the GOP controlled Congress, anti-incumbent sentiment was far more widespread among Democrats (39%) than Republicans (22%).

However, even in the pivotal midterms of 2010 and 2006 when anti-incumbent feeling was prevalent, most members of Congress were reelected. The 2010 midterm was a high turnover election: 54 incumbents, all of them Democrats, were defeated for reelection. That was the highest number in half a century, according to [Vital Statistics on American Politics](#). Even so, 91% of all House members won reelection that year.

There are some indications that anti-incumbent sentiment can be partly explained by voters' negative reactions toward Congress generally, rather than specific critiques of their own representative. Only about half (53%) of registered voters are able to correctly identify the party of their congressional representative; 22% incorrectly identify their representative's party and 26% offer no response.<sup>1</sup>

### Modest Partisan Gap in Anti-Incumbent Sentiment

% who do not want to see their own representative reelected...



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<sup>1</sup> Respondents were matched to congressional districts using their zip codes and the [Sunlight Foundation's API](#) (98% of respondents were matched).

## The 2014 Midterm: Voter Preferences, Voter Engagement

With four months to go before the 2014 midterm elections, the preferences of registered voters are about evenly divided: 47% say they plan to vote for the Democratic Party's candidate in their district, while 45% say they plan to back the Republican Party's candidate. There has been little change in voter preferences over the four previous Pew Research Center surveys measuring 2014 midterm voting intentions.

There are wide gender, educational and income differences in voter preferences. Republicans currently hold a 10-point lead among men (50% to 40%), while Democrats have a 12-point advantage among women (52% to 40%).

In recent elections, voters with post-graduate degrees have emerged as reliable Democratic voters: In the current survey, 55% of voters with post-graduate degrees favor the Democrat in their district, or lean Democratic, while 38% support the Republican or lean Republican. Voters with less education are evenly divided.

Middle-income voters – those with family incomes between \$50,000 and \$74,999 – favor the GOP candidate by a wide margin (57% to 33%). Democrats hold a 13-point advantage (52% to 39%) among voters with incomes of less than \$30,000, while voters in other income categories are divided. *(For a closer look at midterm vote preferences,*

### Dems Lead among Post-Grads; Reps Lead among Middle-Income Voters

| Plan to vote for ... | Rep<br>candidate<br>% | Dem<br>candidate<br>% | Other/<br>DK<br>% | N    |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|
| All voters           | 45                    | 47                    | 9=100             | 1420 |
| Men                  | 50                    | 40                    | 10=100            | 720  |
| Women                | 40                    | 52                    | 8=100             | 700  |
| White                | 53                    | 40                    | 8=100             | 1065 |
| Black                | 14                    | 81                    | 5=100             | 130  |
| Hispanic             | 32                    | 58                    | 10=100            | 117  |
| 18-29                | 41                    | 50                    | 9=100             | 154  |
| 30-49                | 44                    | 45                    | 10=100            | 342  |
| 50-64                | 45                    | 49                    | 7=100             | 448  |
| 65+                  | 49                    | 43                    | 8=100             | 461  |
| Post-grad degree     | 38                    | 55                    | 8=100             | 280  |
| College degree       | 45                    | 48                    | 7=100             | 381  |
| Some college         | 46                    | 45                    | 9=100             | 391  |
| HS or less           | 46                    | 44                    | 10=100            | 363  |
| Family income        |                       |                       |                   |      |
| \$100,000+           | 45                    | 48                    | 7=100             | 288  |
| \$75k-\$99,999       | 45                    | 48                    | 6=100             | 185  |
| \$50k-\$74,999       | 57                    | 33                    | 9=100             | 229  |
| \$30k-\$49,999       | 41                    | 48                    | 11=100            | 239  |
| Less than \$30,000   | 39                    | 52                    | 9=100             | 333  |
| Republican           | 94                    | 3                     | 3=100             | 424  |
| Democrat             | 5                     | 93                    | 2=100             | 495  |
| Independent          | 44                    | 39                    | 17=100            | 444  |
| Lean Republican      | 83                    | 6                     | 11=100            | 230  |
| Lean Democratic      | 7                     | 83                    | 9=100             | 166  |

Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding. Based on registered voters. Whites and black include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race.

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*see the detailed table that accompanies this report.)*

## More Enthusiastic than Usual about Midterm Vote?

Overall, 40% of voters say that they are more enthusiastic about voting than in previous midterm elections, however, at least as many (45%) say they are less enthusiastic than usual; 13% volunteer that they feel the same about voting in this congressional election as in previous ones.

The percentage saying they are less enthusiastic about voting than usual is as high as it has been since 1998, in the midterm elections held in Bill Clinton's second term, following the scandal surrounding his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

At this point in the 2010 elections enthusiasm was stronger: 46% said they were more enthusiastic about voting, while fewer (36%) said they were less enthusiastic.

About half of Republican voters (49%) say they are more enthusiastic about voting this year than in the past, compared with 39% of Democrats. While Republicans maintain an enthusiasm gap over Democrats, the size of this advantage is more modest than in 2010.

Conservative Republicans are 10 points less likely to express greater midterm voting enthusiasm today than in 2010 (49% vs. 59%). By contrast, 41% of liberal Democrats say they are more enthusiastic than usual about voting in the 2014 midterms; in 2010, 37% said this.

Enthusiasm among independents is lower today

### Modest Enthusiasm for 2014 Midterm

*Compared to previous elections, how enthusiastic about voting ...*

|           | More | Less | Same (Vol.) | DK    |
|-----------|------|------|-------------|-------|
|           | %    | %    | %           | %     |
| July 2014 | 40   | 45   | 13          | 3=100 |
| June 2010 | 46   | 36   | 16          | 2=100 |
| June 2006 | 38   | 40   | 18          | 4=100 |
| June 2002 | 41   | 33   | 23          | 3=100 |
| June 1998 | 38   | 45   | 15          | 2=100 |

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### GOP Voters Less Enthusiastic than in 2010, Little Change among Democrats

*% more enthusiastic about voting in midterm than usual*

|                       | June 2002 | June 2006 | June 2010 | July 2014 | 10-14 change |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|                       | %         | %         | %         | %         |              |
| All voters            | 41        | 38        | 46        | 40        | -6           |
| Republican            | 44        | 30        | 56        | 49        | -7           |
| Conservative          | 49        | 30        | 59        | 49        | -10          |
| Moderate/Liberal      | 37        | 30        | 50        | 49        | -1           |
| Democrat              | 40        | 46        | 42        | 39        | -3           |
| Conservative/Moderate | 38        | 43        | 45        | 38        | -7           |
| Liberal               | 45        | 53        | 37        | 41        | +4           |
| Independent           | 37        | 37        | 42        | 33        | -9           |
| Lean Republican       | 42        | 31        | 54        | 43        | -11          |
| Lean Democratic       | 46        | 46        | 39        | 30        | -9           |

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than in 2010 (33% vs. 42%) and has ticked down among both Democratic-leaning and Republican-leaning independent voters.

## Party Control of Congress a Factor in Midterm Vote

Nearly six-in-ten registered voters (58%) say the issue of which party controls Congress will be a factor in their vote this fall. This percentage is identical to opinion in June of 2010 and 2006. More say party control is an issue for them at this point in the 2014 midterm cycle than said this in the summer of 2002 (47%) and 1998 (45%).

In the current survey, about equal percentages of Republican (67%) and Democratic (66%) voters say party control of Congress will matter to their vote. This marks a shift from 2010 when more Republicans (73%) than Democrats (60%) cited control of Congress as a factor in their vote.

Independents are less likely than Republicans and Democrats to say they will consider party control of Congress in their vote: 45% say this will matter to them, while 52% say it won't.

### Democrats as Likely as Republicans to Cite Control of Congress as Vote Factor

*% saying party control will be a factor*

|                                   | June<br>1998 | June<br>2002 | June<br>2006 | June<br>2010 | July<br>2014 | 10-14<br>change |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                                   | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            | %               |
| All voters                        | 45           | 47           | 58           | 58           | 58           | 0               |
| Republican                        | 53           | 50           | 54           | 73           | 67           | -6              |
| Conservative                      | *            | 55           | 60           | 77           | 72           | -5              |
| Mod/Lib                           | *            | 40           | 42           | 65           | 55           | -10             |
| Democrat                          | 53           | 59           | 72           | 60           | 66           | +6              |
| Cons/Mod                          | *            | 57           | 69           | 60           | 66           | +6              |
| Liberal                           | *            | 67           | 79           | 59           | 67           | +8              |
| Independent                       | 28           | 28           | 48           | 42           | 45           | +3              |
| Lean Rep                          | 36           | 27           | 45           | 55           | 50           | -5              |
| Lean Dem                          | 30           | 34           | 63           | 44           | 50           | +6              |
| <i>Among Rep/<br/>Lean Rep...</i> |              |              |              |              |              |                 |
| Tea Party                         | --           | --           | --           | 77           | 69           | -8              |
| Non-Tea Party                     | --           | --           | --           | 53           | 57           | +4              |

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## More Say Vote Is Against – than For – Obama

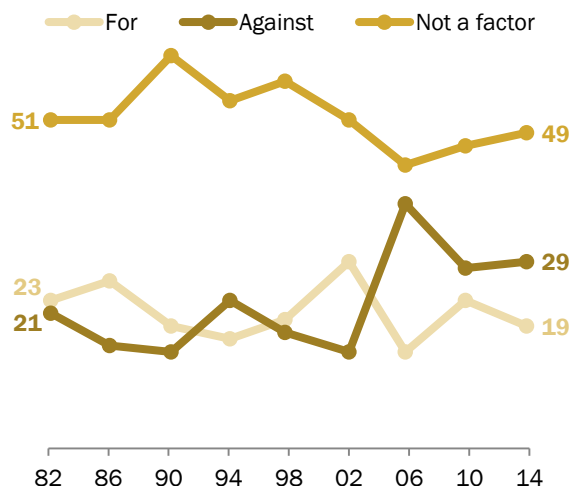
About half of voters say Obama will be a factor in their vote this fall, with somewhat more saying they consider their ballot a vote against Obama (29%) than for him (19%); 49% say the president won't be much of a factor in their decision. Opinion is little changed from [April of this year](#).

In June 2010, opinion was similarly distributed: 28% considered their vote as a vote against Obama, 23% a vote for him and 47% said he wasn't much of a factor.

While more say they will cast their midterm ballot as a vote against, than for, the president, opinion is not as negative toward Obama as it was toward George W. Bush in 2006. Eight years ago, 38% of voters said they were voting against Bush with their midterm vote, compared with just 15% who said they were voting for him.

### More Voters See Midterm Ballot as a Vote Against Obama than for Him

*Consider midterm vote as for president, against president, or president not a factor in vote?*



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A 55%-majority of Republican voters say they think of their vote for Congress as a vote against Barack Obama, including 61% of conservative Republicans. A smaller percentage of Democrats say they consider their midterm vote as one for Obama: 40% say this, with little difference in the views of liberal Democrats and conservative and moderate Democrats.

In 2006, Democrats were even more likely to cite opposition to Bush as a factor in their vote than Republicans are to say this about Obama today. Eight years ago, 65% of Democratic voters considered their midterm ballot to be a vote against Bush, as did 39% of independent voters.

## Obama Has Greater Impact on the Votes of Republicans than Democrats

*% who think their vote as...*

|                                   | For<br>Obama<br>% | Against<br>Obama<br>% | Not a<br>Factor<br>% | DK/Ref<br>% |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| All voters                        | 19                | 29                    | 49                   | 3=100       |
| Republican                        | 4                 | 55                    | 38                   | 3=100       |
| Conservative                      | 3                 | 61                    | 32                   | 3=100       |
| Mod/Lib                           | 6                 | 42                    | 51                   | 2=100       |
| Democrat                          | 40                | 8                     | 50                   | 3=100       |
| Cons/Mod                          | 38                | 9                     | 50                   | 3=100       |
| Liberal                           | 41                | 6                     | 51                   | 2=100       |
| Independent                       | 10                | 27                    | 60                   | 3=100       |
| Lean Republican                   | 3                 | 43                    | 52                   | 2=100       |
| Lean Democratic                   | 20                | 6                     | 70                   | 4=100       |
| <i>Among Rep/<br/>Rep Lean...</i> |                   |                       |                      |             |
| Tea Party                         | 1                 | 66                    | 32                   | 2=100       |
| Non-Tea Party                     | 5                 | 43                    | 50                   | 3=100       |

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## High Anti-Incumbent Sentiment – Among Both Parties

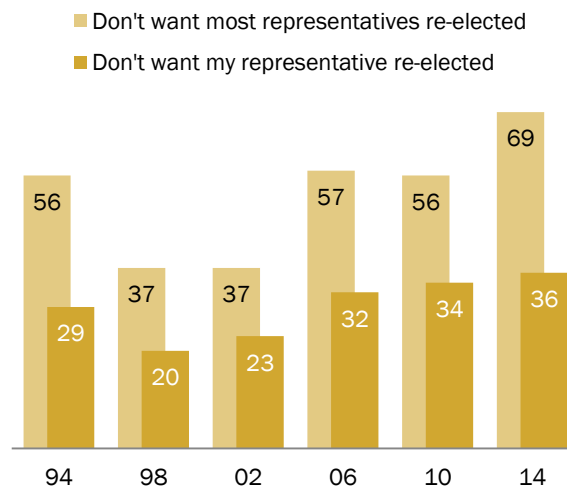
At this point in 2014, anti-incumbent sentiment is as high as it has ever been in midterm elections dating back to 1994.

Overall, 36% of voters say they do not want to see their own representative reelected to Congress, while 48% say they would like to see them win reelection. In the wave elections of 2010 and 2006, the percentage wanting their own representative to be unseated stood at 34% and 32% in June of each year.

In addition, fully 69% say they do not want most member of Congress to be reelected this year; just 24% say they want them back. In June of 2010, 56% wanted to see most members of Congress lose their jobs; in June of 2006, 57% of voters said this.

### Anti-Incumbent Sentiment Higher than at Similar Points in Recent Midterms

*% who say they do not want their representative/most representatives reelected to Congress*



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The current anti-incumbent sentiment is being driven by voters across partisan groups. About equal percentages of Republicans (34%) and Democrats (32%) say they do not want their own representative reelected to Congress. Independents (44%) are even more likely to take this view.

This stands in contrast to 2010, when Republicans were much more likely to express anti-incumbent views than Democrats, and 2006, when Democrats were more likely to want their representative to change.

## Anti-Incumbent Sentiment Now Crosses Partisan, Ideological Lines

*Do not want own representative reelected*

|                                | Oct<br>1994 | Sept<br>1998 | June<br>2002 | June<br>2006 | June<br>2010 | July<br>2014 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                | %           | %            | %            | %            | %            | %            |
| All voters                     | 29          | 20           | 23           | 32           | 34           | 36           |
| Republican                     | 34          | 18           | 20           | 20           | 41           | 34           |
| Conservative                   | *           | *            | 21           | 18           | 41           | 33           |
| Moderate/Lib                   | *           | *            | 19           | 24           | 41           | 35           |
| Democrat                       | 27          | 19           | 26           | 36           | 20           | 32           |
| Cons/Mod                       | *           | *            | 26           | 35           | 20           | 33           |
| Liberal                        | *           | *            | 26           | 40           | 21           | 32           |
| Independent                    | 29          | 23           | 26           | 38           | 42           | 44           |
| Lean Republican                | 31          | 19           | 22           | 29           | 57           | 49           |
| Lean Democratic                | 24          | 28           | 22           | 38           | 27           | 38           |
| <i>Among Rep/<br/>Lean Rep</i> |             |              |              |              |              |              |
| Tea Party                      | --          | --           | --           | --           | 51           | 40           |
| Non-Tea Party                  | --          | --           | --           | --           | 47           | 39           |

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Those living in districts represented by a member of their own party are, perhaps not surprisingly, more likely to support their member's reelection. In districts with a Republican congressperson, nearly six-in-ten Republicans (58%) want to see their representative reelected, compared with 25% who do not. In districts represented by a Democrat, 64% of Democrats want to see the incumbent win and 25% do not.

Voters represented by someone of the opposite party are less supportive of their incumbent congressperson. Still, nearly half (47%) of Democratic voters in Republican-represented districts say their lawmaker deserves reelection. That compares with just 34% of Republican voters in districts represented by a Democrat.

### Support for Incumbents Strongest among Voters of the Same Party as Their Representatives

|  | In Republican districts ... |           |           | In Democratic districts ... |           |           |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | Rep voter                   | Dem voter | Ind voter | Rep voter                   | Dem voter | Ind voter |
| % of voters in district  | 33                          | 32        | 32        | 25                          | 41        | 30        |
| <i>Would you like to see <u>your representative</u> reelected?</i> | %                           | %         | %         | %                           | %         | %         |
| Yes  | 58                          | 47        | 38        | 34                          | 64        | 46        |
| No   | 25                          | 39        | 45        | 52                          | 25        | 41        |
| Don't know   | 18                          | 13        | 17        | 14                          | 12        | 14        |
|  | 100                         | 100       | 100       | 100                         | 100       | 100       |
| <i>Would you like to see <u>most members</u> reelected?</i>        |                             |           |           |                             |           |           |
| Yes  | 24                          | 27        | 17        | 21                          | 31        | 25        |
| No   | 69                          | 66        | 78        | 71                          | 59        | 73        |
| Don't know   | 7                           | 6         | 5         | 8                           | 9         | 2         |
|  | 100                         | 100       | 100       | 100                         | 100       | 100       |

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## Factors Driving 2014 Vote Choice

Voters view national issues as their top concern when it comes to factors influencing their midterm vote.

Overall, 34% say national issues will make the biggest difference in their vote for Congress, while slightly fewer name local and state issues (28%) or a candidate's character and experience (27%). Very few say they will be voting primarily on a candidate's political party (7%).

### National Issues at Top of Voters' Minds

*% who say \_\_\_\_ will make the biggest difference in vote*

|                                    | June 1998 | June 2002 | June 2006 | June 2010 | July 2014 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                    | %         | %         | %         | %         | %         |
| National issues                    | 22        | 26        | 30        | 38        | 34        |
| Local/state issues                 | 37        | 30        | 26        | 28        | 28        |
| Candidate's character & experience | 32        | 33        | 33        | 21        | 27        |
| Candidate's political party        | 4         | 5         | 6         | 5         | 7         |
| Other/None/DK                      | <u>5</u>  | <u>6</u>  | <u>5</u>  | <u>7</u>  | <u>4</u>  |
|                                    | 100       | 100       | 100       | 100       | 100       |

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The factors influencing voters' midterm choice in 2014 are similar to those registered in the summer of 2010, when voters also viewed the election through a national lens. In 2002 and 1998, there was relatively more emphasis on state and local issues and a candidate's character and experience.

Nearly four-in-ten Republican voters (39%) say national issues will make the biggest difference in how they vote for congress this year, compared with fewer (28%) Democratic voters. Similarly, more Republicans (32%) than Democrats (21%) cite a candidate's character and experience as the top factor informing their vote.

Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say their vote will be most influenced by state and local issues (36% vs. 20%).

### Reps View Midterms Through National Lens, Dems Have a More Local Focus

*% who say \_\_\_\_ will make the biggest difference in vote*

|                                    | Total    | Rep      | Dem      | Ind      | R-D diff |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                    | %        | %        | %        | %        |          |
| National issues                    | 34       | 39       | 28       | 35       | R+11     |
| Local/state issues                 | 28       | 20       | 36       | 28       | D+16     |
| Candidate's character & experience | 27       | 32       | 21       | 31       | R+11     |
| Candidate's political party        | 7        | 6        | 10       | 4        | D+4      |
| Other/None/DK (Vol.)               | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>3</u> | D+3      |
|                                    | 100      | 100      | 100      | 100      |          |

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## Engagement Indicators Favor Republicans

At this stage of the 2014 election campaign, Republicans hold an all-important engagement edge over Democrats. Overall, 77% of Republican voters say they are “absolutely certain” to vote in the election this November, compared with somewhat fewer Democratic voters (70%) who say the same. Republicans also are 9 points more likely than Democrats to say they are following news about the midterm elections either very or fairly closely (56% vs. 47%).

However, while Republicans lead Democrats on key engagement indicators, their advantage is somewhat more modest than at the same point in the 2010 elections. In June 2010, Republicans were 12 points more likely than Democrats to say there were absolutely certain to vote (77% vs. 65%) and 14 points more likely to be following election news (64% vs. 50%).

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### **GOP’s Engagement Advantage Extends to Rep-Leaning Independents**

|                  | <b>Absolutely<br/>certain<br/>to vote</b> | <b>Following<br/>campaign news<br/>very/fairly closely</b> |
|------------------|---|--|
|                  | %   | %  |
| All voters       | 70  | 51   |
| Republican       | 77  | 56   |
| Conservative     | 81  | 60   |
| Moderate/Liberal | 70  | 48   |
| Democrat         | 70  | 47   |
| Conservative/Mod | 67  | 42   |
| Liberal          | 74  | 52   |
| Independent      | 63  | 50   |
| Lean Republican  | 69  | 56   |
| Lean Democratic  | 61  | 46   |

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In fact, the enthusiasm of Republicans and Republican leaners who agree with the Tea Party – a group that had major impact on the 2010 elections – has dipped on some measures when compared with four years ago.

Tea Party Republicans remain highly engaged: 83% say they are certain to vote and 71% are following news about the midterms closely. Nonetheless, the percentage saying they are more enthusiastic about voting

this year than in the past has declined 11 points (from 65% to 54%) and news interest is down 9 points from June of 2010 (71% today, 80% then).

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### Tea Party Republicans: High Levels of Engagement, But Somewhat Lower than in 2010

|   | More enthusiastic<br>than usual | Absolutely<br>certain to vote | Following campaign<br>news closely |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|   | %                               | %                             | %                                  |
| <b>2014</b>                               |                                 |                               |                                    |
| All Republican/<br>Republican-leaning RVs | 47                              | 75                            | 56                                 |
| Agree with Tea Party                      | 54                              | 83                            | 71                                 |
| Disagree/No opinion                       | 43                              | 70                            | 48                                 |
| <b>2010</b>                               |                                 |                               |                                    |
| All Republican/<br>Republican-leaning RVs | 55                              | 77                            | 64                                 |
| Agree with Tea Party                      | 65                              | 88                            | 80                                 |
| Disagree/No opinion                       | 49                              | 71                            | 52                                 |

Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Based on registered voters.

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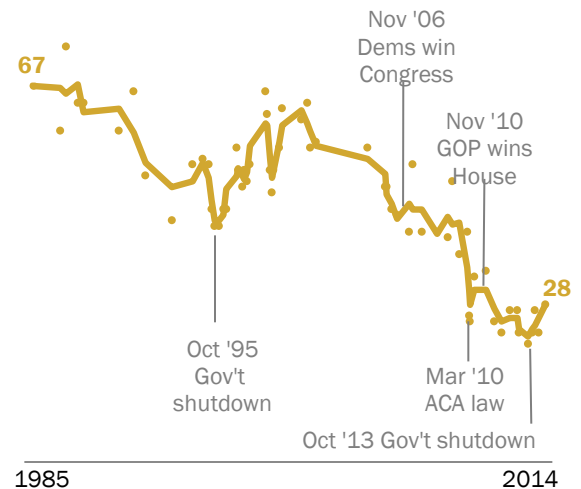
## Section 2: Public Views of Congress; Voters' Views of Their Own Representatives

As the midterm election approaches, public views of Congress remain very negative. And a record share of Americans – 55% – say the current Congress has accomplished less than recent sessions.

Overall, just 28% of Americans say they have a favorable opinion of Congress. Nearly seven-in-ten (69%) have an unfavorable view. Views of the institution have improved, though only modestly, since reaching an all-time low of 21% a year ago. Congress's favorability rating has been in negative territory for nearly five years.

### Views of Congress: 1985-2014

*% with a favorable view of Congress*



Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Line represents a three-poll average, while dots show individual polls. July 2014 based on current survey.

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Just 30% of Democrats, 29% of Republicans and 24% of independents view Congress favorably. Majorities in all three groups – 65% of Democrats, 68% of Republicans and 73% of independents – view Congress unfavorably.

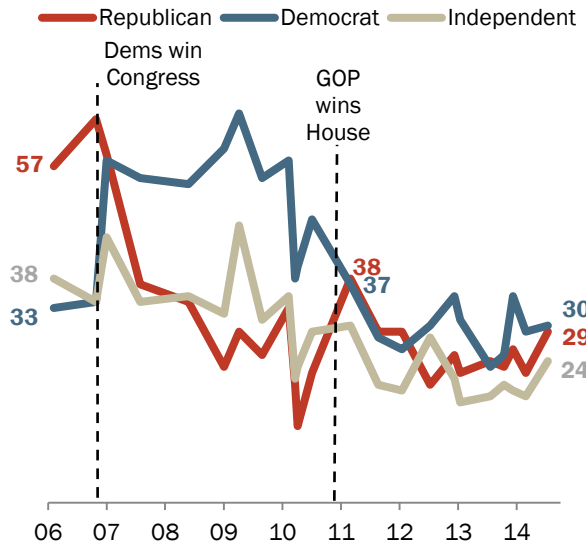
Republicans' views of Congress became more favorable after the GOP won control of the House in 2010. In March 2011, 38% of Republicans had a favorable impression of Congress, up from 22% the previous July. Even at that point, however, 55% had an unfavorable view of the institution.

Among Democrats, favorable views of Congress also have slipped since early 2011; in March of that year, 37% viewed the institution favorably.

The last time a majority of Democrats rated Congress favorably was in February 2010 (58%), when the party controlled the House and Senate. And the last time a majority of Republicans viewed Congress favorably was in January 2007 (59%).

## Low Favorability Ratings for Congress among Members of Both Parties

*% with a favorable view of Congress*



Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Data points are from individual surveys.

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## Record Share Says Congress Has Accomplished Less than Usual

Americans see the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress as one of the least productive in almost 20 years. The share who say that this Congress accomplished less than its recent predecessors stands at 55%, up from 33% in 2010 and 43% in 2006.

Republicans (57%), Democrats (52%) and independents (58%) largely agree that the current Congress has accomplished less than usual. The public's assessments of congressional accomplishments are less partisan today than at about this point during any midterm year since 1998.

### Majority Sees Congress as Less Productive than Usual

*% who say Congress has accomplished...*

|                 | Oct<br>1994 | Aug<br>1998 | June<br>2002 | June<br>2006 | June<br>2010 | July<br>2014 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                 | %           | %           | %            | %            | %            | %            |
| Less than usual | 36          | 15          | 22           | 43           | 33           | 55           |
| About the same  | 51          | 60          | 56           | 42           | 44           | 33           |
| More than usual | 10          | 18          | 16           | 7            | 18           | 9            |
| Don't know      | <u>3</u>    | <u>7</u>    | <u>6</u>     | <u>8</u>     | <u>6</u>     | <u>3</u>     |
|                 | 100         | 100         | 100          | 100          | 100          | 100          |

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### Partisans Agree Congress Has Done Less than Usual

*% saying Congress has accomplished less than usual*

|             | Oct<br>1994 | Aug<br>1998 | June<br>2002 | June<br>2006 | June<br>2010 | July<br>2014 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | %           | %           | %            | %            | %            | %            |
| Total       | 36          | 15          | 22           | 43           | 33           | 55           |
| Republican  | 36          | 14          | 13           | 26           | 51           | 57           |
| Democrat    | 35          | 17          | 28           | 57           | 17           | 52           |
| Independent | 38          | 14          | 24           | 45           | 35           | 58           |

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Among those who say the current Congress has accomplished less, 44% say that Republican leaders are mostly to blame, 28% say Democratic leaders, and 22% volunteer that both parties' leaders are to blame.

In 2010, those who said Congress had accomplished less – a group mostly consisting of Republicans – placed more of the blame on Democratic leaders (49%). During the 2006 campaign, when more Democrats said Congress had accomplished less, a majority blamed Republican leaders (56%).

Nearly two-thirds of Republicans (64%) say that Democratic leaders are mostly to blame, while 21% place responsibility on both parties' leaders. Democrats overwhelmingly blame the Republican Party's leaders, including fully 86% of liberal Democrats.

While Republicans and Republican leaners who agree with the Tea Party overwhelmingly blame Democratic leaders for the lack of congressional accomplishments (73%), non-Tea Party Republicans have more divided views: 48% say Democratic leaders are mostly to blame, but 29% volunteer that both parties' leaders are to blame and 14% mostly blame GOP leaders.

## **GOP Leaders Viewed as More to Blame for Little Accomplishment in Congress**

*% saying \_\_\_\_ are most to blame for less accomplished*

|                              | <b>Rep<br/>Leaders</b> | <b>Dem<br/>Leaders</b> | <b>Both<br/>(vol.)</b> | <b>Other/<br/>DK</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                              | %                      | %                      |                        | %                    |
| Total                        | 44                     | 28                     | 22                     | 6=100                |
| Republican                   | 10                     | 64                     | 21                     | 5=100                |
| Democrat                     | 81                     | 6                      | 11                     | 2=100                |
| Independent                  | 36                     | 23                     | 32                     | 9=100                |
| <i>Among Rep/Lean Rep...</i> |                        |                        |                        |                      |
| Tea Party                    | 6                      | 73                     | 18                     | 3=100                |
| Non-Tea Party                | 14                     | 48                     | 29                     | 8=100                |

Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Based on those who say that Congress accomplished less than usual. Figures may not add up to 100% because of rounding.

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## Voters' Views of Their Representatives

Currently, four-in-ten voters (40%) approve of the job their own representative is doing while 48% disapprove, little different than in September 2010. Today, Democrats and Republicans are about equally likely to say they approve of their member (46% and 42%, respectively). In 2010, a 56% majority of Democrats, compared with just 36% of Republicans, approved of their member of Congress.

Only about a third (34%) of independents approve of their representative today, little changed from 2010.

When it comes to specific evaluations of their House member, 51% of voters say their representative is in touch with the people in their district, 46% say their own representative does a good job bringing government projects and money back to their district and 44% say their member “works well with those across the aisle.” At the same time, 53% say their representative “cares more about their political party than the interests of the country” and 40% think their member has been in Washington, D.C., too long.

There are few differences on these five measures overall between those who plan to vote Democratic in the fall and those who plan to vote Republican, except on the question of tenure in Washington: Those voting Republican (43%) are somewhat more likely than those voting Democratic (36%) to say their member has been in D.C. too long.

### Democrats' Approval of House Member Down 10 Points Since 2010

*% who approve of their own representative in Congress*

|             | Sep<br>2006 | Sep<br>2010 | July<br>2014 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|             | %           | %           | %            |
| All voters  | 49          | 43          | 40           |
| Republican  | 58          | 36          | 42           |
| Democrat    | 47          | 56          | 46           |
| Independent | 44          | 37          | 34           |

Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Q4. Based on registered voters.

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### Half of Voters Say Their House Member Is in Touch with District

*% saying their representative to the U.S. House...*

|  | Yes | No | DK     |
|--|-----|----|--------|
| Is in touch with people in their district                            | 51  | 40 | 9=100  |
| Does good job bringing gov't projects and money to district          | 46  | 41 | 14=100 |
| Works well with members of the other party                           | 44  | 38 | 18=100 |
| Cares more about their political party than interests of the country | 53  | 37 | 10=100 |
| Has been in Washington, D.C. too long                                | 40  | 48 | 12=100 |

Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Q68. Based on registered voters.

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As expected, voters who live in districts currently represented by a member of the party they plan to vote for in the fall have more positive ratings of their lawmakers than do other voters in that district.

However, even among Republican voters who live in GOP-represented districts, fewer than half (44%) approve of the job their own member of Congress is doing. A majority (56%) of Democratic voters in Democratic districts approve of the job performance of their representative.

Among GOP voters represented by a Republican who know their lawmaker's party, 54% approve of their job performance. Nearly two-thirds (64%) of Democratic voters in a Democratic district who know their representative's affiliation give a positive job rating to their member of Congress.

### Fewer than Half of Republican Voters in GOP Districts Approve of the Job Their Representative Is Doing

|  | <u>Voting Republican</u> |                 |                 | <u>Voting Democrat</u> |                 |                 |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | All                      | In Rep district | In Dem District | All                    | In Dem district | In Rep district |
|  | %                        | %               | %               | %                      | %               | %               |
| Approval of member   | 38                       | 44              | 28              | 44                     | 56              | 35              |
| Is in touch with people in their district                            | 50                       | 57              | 41              | 55                     | 62              | 49              |
| Does good job bringing gov't projects and money to district          | 45                       | 50              | 37              | 47                     | 54              | 41              |
| Works well with members of the other party                           | 43                       | 47              | 38              | 47                     | 57              | 38              |
| Has been in D.C. too long  | 43                       | 39              | 51              | 36                     | 29              | 44              |
| Cares more about their political party than interests of the country | 56                       | 50              | 65              | 51                     | 42              | 60              |

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On the other hand, partisans rank the other side poorly if they know their representative is from the opposing party. Most Democrats who live in a GOP-represented district – and are aware of their member's party – disapprove of their lawmaker's job performance (55%); and 57% of Republicans who live in Democratic districts and know their lawmaker's party also disapprove.

## Many Voters Don't Know Their Representative's Party

Asked whether their House member is a Democrat or a Republican, 53% of registered voters correctly identify the party of their congressional representative; 22% pick the wrong party and 26% say they don't know.

Voters with college degrees are more likely to correctly identify their lawmaker's party: 71% of those with post-graduate degrees and 60% of those with bachelors' degrees correctly identify the party of their member of Congress. Among those who have not graduated from college, far fewer (47%) answer correctly.

About six-in-ten Republicans (59%) know their representative's party, along with 53% of Democrats. About half (47%) of independents know the party of their representative.

Men are more likely than women to correctly identify the party of their representative (60% vs. 46%), but no less likely to provide the incorrect answer (women are less likely than men to offer a response).

### Roughly Half of Registered Voters Can Correctly ID Representative's Party

*Do you happen to know whether your representative in Congress is a Democrat or a Republican?*

|                       | Correctly identified party<br>% | Incorrectly identified party<br>% | DK<br>% |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Total                 | 53                              | 22                                | 26=100  |
| Men                   | 60                              | 21                                | 19=100  |
| Women                 | 46                              | 22                                | 31=100  |
| White                 | 56                              | 20                                | 23=100  |
| Black                 | 47                              | 25                                | 28=100  |
| Hispanic              | 41                              | 20                                | 39=100  |
| 18-29                 | 49                              | 20                                | 32=100  |
| 30-49                 | 49                              | 25                                | 26=100  |
| 50-64                 | 58                              | 21                                | 22=100  |
| 65+                   | 54                              | 20                                | 26=100  |
| Post grad             | 71                              | 17                                | 13=100  |
| College grad          | 60                              | 17                                | 23=100  |
| Some college          | 48                              | 27                                | 26=100  |
| H.S. or less          | 46                              | 22                                | 32=100  |
| Republican            | 59                              | 20                                | 20=100  |
| Conservative          | 59                              | 20                                | 20=100  |
| Moderate/Liberal      | 60                              | 20                                | 20=100  |
| Independent           | 47                              | 22                                | 31=100  |
| Democrat              | 53                              | 24                                | 24=100  |
| Conservative/Moderate | 47                              | 26                                | 27=100  |
| Liberal               | 60                              | 21                                | 19=100  |

Survey conducted July 8-14, 2014. Q67. Based on registered voters. Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Respondents were matched to congressional districts using their zip codes and the Sunlight Foundation's API (98% of respondents were matched). This made it possible to determine whether respondents correctly named the party of their House member.

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## About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted July 8-14, 2014 among a national sample of 1,805 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (723 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,082 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 597 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2012 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2013 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

| <b>Group</b>             | <b>Unweighted<br/>sample size</b> | <b>Plus or minus ...</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total sample             | 1,805                             | 2.7 percentage points    |
| Republican               | 480                               | 5.2 percentage points    |
| Democrat                 | 608                               | 4.6 percentage points    |
| Independent              | 639                               | 4.5 percentage points    |
| Registered voters        | 1420                              | 3.0 percentage points    |
| Republican voters        | 424                               | 5.5 percentage points    |
| Democratic voters        | 495                               | 5.1 percentage points    |
| Independent voters       | 444                               | 5.4 percentage points    |
| <i>House vote choice</i> |                                   |                          |
| Support Rep candidate    | 658                               | 4.4 percentage points    |
| Support Dem candidate    | 643                               | 4.5 percentage points    |

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.



## CONGRESSIONAL TRIAL HEAT TABLE BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

Q 10/11: If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?/As of TODAY, would you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

|                                  | Rep/<br><u>lean Rep</u><br>% | Dem/<br><u>lean Dem</u><br>% | (VOL.)<br><u>Other/no lean</u><br>% | (VOL.)<br><u>DK/Ref</u><br>% | <u>N</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | 45                           | 47                           | 3                                   | 6                            | 1420     |
| <b>SEX</b>                       |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| Men                              | 50                           | 40                           | 3                                   | 6                            | 720      |
| Women                            | 40                           | 52                           | 3                                   | 5                            | 700      |
| <b>AGE</b>                       |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| 18-49                            | 43                           | 47                           | 3                                   | 7                            | 496      |
| 50+                              | 46                           | 46                           | 3                                   | 5                            | 909      |
| <b>DETAILED AGE</b>              |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| 18-29                            | 41                           | 50                           | 1                                   | 8                            | 154      |
| 30-49                            | 44                           | 45                           | 4                                   | 6                            | 342      |
| 50-64                            | 45                           | 49                           | 3                                   | 4                            | 448      |
| 65+                              | 49                           | 43                           | 3                                   | 6                            | 461      |
| <b>SEX BY AGE</b>                |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| Men 18-49                        | 47                           | 41                           | 4                                   | 8                            | 277      |
| Men 50+                          | 53                           | 40                           | 2                                   | 4                            | 435      |
| Women 18-49                      | 39                           | 53                           | 2                                   | 6                            | 219      |
| Women 50+                        | 41                           | 52                           | 3                                   | 5                            | 474      |
| <b>RACE</b>                      |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| White, non-Hispanic              | 53                           | 40                           | 2                                   | 6                            | 1065     |
| Black, non-Hispanic              | 14                           | 81                           | 3                                   | 2                            | 130      |
| Hispanic                         | 32                           | 58                           | 2                                   | 8                            | 117      |
| <b>EDUCATION</b>                 |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| College grad+                    | 42                           | 51                           | 3                                   | 4                            | 661      |
| Some college                     | 46                           | 45                           | 3                                   | 6                            | 391      |
| High school or less              | 46                           | 44                           | 4                                   | 7                            | 363      |
| <b>FAMILY INCOME</b>             |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| \$75,000+                        | 45                           | 48                           | 3                                   | 4                            | 473      |
| \$30,000-\$74,999                | 49                           | 41                           | 4                                   | 6                            | 468      |
| Less than \$30,000               | 39                           | 52                           | 2                                   | 7                            | 333      |
| <b>RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE</b>      |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| Total Protestants                | 52                           | 41                           | 2                                   | 5                            | 680      |
| White NH evang. Prot.            | 75                           | 18                           | 3                                   | 5                            | 284      |
| White NH mainline Prot.          | 47                           | 46                           | 2                                   | 4                            | 237      |
| Total Catholic                   | 43                           | 48                           | 2                                   | 7                            | 304      |
| White NH Cath.                   | 48                           | 45                           | 1                                   | 7                            | 216      |
| Unaffiliated                     | 30                           | 59                           | 5                                   | 6                            | 278      |
| <b>ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES</b> |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| Weekly or more                   | 52                           | 38                           | 2                                   | 7                            | 552      |
| Less than weekly                 | 40                           | 52                           | 3                                   | 5                            | 855      |
| <b>REGION</b>                    |                              |                              |                                     |                              |          |
| Northeast                        | 39                           | 51                           | 4                                   | 5                            | 202      |
| Midwest                          | 47                           | 44                           | 2                                   | 7                            | 359      |
| South                            | 47                           | 46                           | 2                                   | 5                            | 518      |
| West                             | 43                           | 46                           | 4                                   | 6                            | 341      |

## CONGRESSIONAL TRIAL HEAT TABLE (CONT.)

### BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

Q 10/11: If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?/As of TODAY, would you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

|                                 | Rep/<br>lean Rep<br>% | Dem/<br>lean Dem<br>% | (VOL.)<br>Other/no lean<br>% | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref<br>% | N   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| <b>PARTY ID</b>                 |                       |                       |                              |                       |     |
| Republican                      | 94                    | 3                     | 1                            | 3                     | 424 |
| Democrat                        | 5                     | 93                    | 0                            | 2                     | 495 |
| Independent                     | 44                    | 39                    | 7                            | 10                    | 444 |
| <b>PARTY WITH LEANERS</b>       |                       |                       |                              |                       |     |
| Rep/Lean Rep                    | 90                    | 4                     | 2                            | 4                     | 654 |
| Dem/Lean Dem                    | 6                     | 90                    | 1                            | 3                     | 661 |
| <b>IDEOLOGY</b>                 |                       |                       |                              |                       |     |
| Conservative                    | 70                    | 21                    | 3                            | 5                     | 562 |
| Moderate                        | 38                    | 52                    | 3                            | 7                     | 534 |
| Liberal                         | 12                    | 83                    | 2                            | 3                     | 294 |
| <b>PARTY AND IDEOLOGY</b>       |                       |                       |                              |                       |     |
| Conservative Republican         | 95                    | 2                     | 0                            | 3                     | 287 |
| Mod/Lib Republican              | 93                    | 5                     | 1                            | 0                     | 134 |
| Mod/Cons Democrat               | 6                     | 91                    | 0                            | 3                     | 275 |
| Liberal Democrat                | 5                     | 94                    | 0                            | 1                     | 211 |
| <b>TEA PARTY (REP/LEAN REP)</b> |                       |                       |                              |                       |     |
| Agree                           | 93                    | 1                     | 2                            | 4                     | 277 |
| Disagree/No opinion             | 87                    | 6                     | 2                            | 4                     | 365 |
| <b>AMONG WHITES</b>             |                       |                       |                              |                       |     |
| Men                             | 60                    | 33                    | 1                            | 6                     | 544 |
| Women                           | 46                    | 46                    | 3                            | 5                     | 521 |
| 18-49                           | 52                    | 40                    | 2                            | 6                     | 312 |
| 50+                             | 53                    | 39                    | 2                            | 5                     | 746 |
| College grad+                   | 47                    | 47                    | 2                            | 4                     | 526 |
| Some college or less            | 55                    | 36                    | 2                            | 7                     | 536 |
| College grad men                | 50                    | 43                    | 2                            | 5                     | 292 |
| College grad women              | 45                    | 50                    | 2                            | 3                     | 234 |
| Some col or less men            | 65                    | 28                    | 1                            | 7                     | 251 |
| Some col or less women          | 47                    | 43                    | 3                            | 7                     | 285 |
| \$75,000+                       | 51                    | 43                    | 2                            | 4                     | 368 |
| \$30,000-\$74,999               | 56                    | 35                    | 2                            | 6                     | 363 |
| Less than \$30,000              | 48                    | 44                    | 2                            | 6                     | 218 |
| Republican                      | 96                    | 2                     | 0                            | 1                     | 373 |
| Democrat                        | 5                     | 92                    | 0                            | 3                     | 323 |
| Independent                     | 51                    | 34                    | 4                            | 11                    | 331 |
| Northeast                       | 40                    | 52                    | 2                            | 5                     | 158 |
| Midwest                         | 52                    | 39                    | 2                            | 7                     | 303 |
| South                           | 59                    | 34                    | 1                            | 6                     | 357 |
| West                            | 53                    | 39                    | 4                            | 4                     | 247 |

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**QUESTIONS 1-3 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House in Congress is handling his or her job? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job your own representative in Congress is doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

|                    | <u>Approve</u> | <u>Disapprove</u> | <u>(VOL.)</u><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jul 8-14, 2014     | 40             | 47                | 13                             |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 | 42             | 40                | 17                             |
| September, 2006    | 46             | 29                | 25                             |
| May, 2005          | 49             | 23                | 28                             |
| September, 1993    | 54             | 24                | 22                             |
| August, 1993       | 52             | 26                | 22                             |
| March, 1992        | 45             | 37                | 18                             |

**NO QUESTIONS 5-9**

**ASK ALL:**

The Congressional elections will be coming up later this year.

CAMPNII How closely have you followed news about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district? Have you followed it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

|                            | <u>Very</u><br><u>closely</u> | <u>Fairly</u><br><u>closely</u> | <u>Not too</u><br><u>closely</u> | <u>Not at all</u><br><u>closely</u> | <u>(VOL.)</u><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>2014 Election</b>       |                               |                                 |                                  |                                     |                                |
| Jul 8-14, 2014             | 14                            | 30                              | 31                               | 24                                  | 1                              |
| <b>2010 Election</b>       |                               |                                 |                                  |                                     |                                |
| Oct 27-30, 2010            | 27                            | 35                              | 17                               | 20                                  | 1                              |
| Oct 13-18, 2010            | 24                            | 34                              | 22                               | 19                                  | 1                              |
| Jun 16-20, 2010            | 15                            | 33                              | 31                               | 20                                  | *                              |
| <b>2006 Election</b>       |                               |                                 |                                  |                                     |                                |
| Early November, 2006       | 27                            | 37                              | 18                               | 17                                  | 1                              |
| Late October, 2006 (RVs)   | 27                            | 45                              | 17                               | 11                                  | *                              |
| Early October, 2006        | 21                            | 38                              | 25                               | 15                                  | 1                              |
| Early September, 2006      | 16                            | 32                              | 28                               | 23                                  | 1                              |
| August, 2006               | 20                            | 29                              | 28                               | 22                                  | 1                              |
| June, 2006                 | 18                            | 30                              | 29                               | 21                                  | 2                              |
| May, 2006                  | 18                            | 28                              | 30                               | 23                                  | 1                              |
| <b>2002 Election</b>       |                               |                                 |                                  |                                     |                                |
| Early November, 2002 (RVs) | 27                            | 46                              | 18                               | 9                                   | *                              |
| Late October, 2002 (RVs)   | 28                            | 34                              | 24                               | 13                                  | 1                              |
| Early October, 2002 (RVs)  | 21                            | 46                              | 22                               | 10                                  | 1                              |
| Early September, 2002      | 17                            | 29                              | 29                               | 24                                  | 1                              |
| <b>1998 Election</b>       |                               |                                 |                                  |                                     |                                |
| Late October, 1998 (RVs)   | 26                            | 45                              | 20                               | 9                                   | *                              |
| Early October, 1998 (RVs)  | 21                            | 43                              | 24                               | 11                                  | 1                              |
| Early September, 1998      | 17                            | 32                              | 28                               | 23                                  | *                              |
| Early August, 1998         | 13                            | 30                              | 28                               | 23                                  | 1                              |
| June, 1998                 | 9                             | 27                              | 33                               | 30                                  | 1                              |
| April, 1998                | 16                            | 33                              | 24                               | 27                                  | *                              |
| <b>1994 Election</b>       |                               |                                 |                                  |                                     |                                |
| November, 1994             | 18                            | 42                              | 25                               | 15                                  | *                              |
| Late October, 1994         | 14                            | 38                              | 31                               | 16                                  | 1                              |

**CAMPNII CONTINUED...**

|                      | Very<br><u>closely</u> | Fairly<br><u>closely</u> | Not too<br><u>closely</u> | Not at all<br><u>closely</u> | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Early October, 1994  | 23                     | 34                       | 23                        | 19                           | 1                |
| September, 1994      | 19                     | 34                       | 29                        | 18                           | *                |
| <b>1990 Election</b> |                        |                          |                           |                              |                  |
| November, 1990       | 38                     | 34                       | 17                        | 11                           | *                |
| October, 1990        | 18                     | 32                       | 28                        | 22                           | *                |

**ASK ALL:**OFTVOTE      How often would you say you vote... **[READ]****BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]**

|                      | <u>Always</u> | <u>Nearly<br/>always</u> | <u>Part<br/>of the<br/>time</u> | <u>Seldom</u> | (VOL.)<br><u>Never<br/>vote</u> | (VOL.)<br><u>Other</u> | (VOL.)<br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jul 8-14, 2014       | 58            | 25                       | 10                              | 4             | 2                               | *                      | *                       |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014  | 61            | 24                       | 8                               | 5             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |
| Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012   | 62            | 23                       | 7                               | 5             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Oct 24-28, 2012      | 59            | 24                       | 8                               | 5             | 3                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Oct 4-7, 2012        | 67            | 20                       | 6                               | 4             | 1                               | 1                      | 0                       |
| Sep 12-16, 2012      | 64            | 22                       | 7                               | 4             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Jun 7-17, 2012       | 64            | 24                       | 6                               | 4             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |
| Apr 4-15, 2012       | 57            | 29                       | 8                               | 4             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |
| Jan 4-8, 2012        | 60            | 24                       | 8                               | 6             | 1                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011  | 62            | 24                       | 8                               | 4             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |
| Oct 27-30, 2010      | 58            | 24                       | 11                              | 5             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Oct 13-18, 2010      | 57            | 27                       | 10                              | 4             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010   | 59            | 26                       | 9                               | 4             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |
| June 16-20, 2010     | 52            | 31                       | 11                              | 5             | 1                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009   | 62            | 23                       | 7                               | 5             | 1                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| November, 2008       | 60            | 23                       | 8                               | 5             | 2                               | 2                      | *                       |
| Late October, 2008   | 57            | 26                       | 8                               | 5             | 3                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Mid-October, 2008    | 57            | 27                       | 7                               | 5             | 3                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Early October, 2008  | 53            | 27                       | 9                               | 6             | 3                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| Late September, 2008 | 55            | 27                       | 9                               | 6             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Mid-September, 2008  | 54            | 28                       | 10                              | 5             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| August, 2008         | 55            | 29                       | 9                               | 4             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| July, 2008           | 53            | 30                       | 10                              | 4             | 1                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| January, 2007        | 58            | 29                       | 9                               | 3             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |
| November, 2006       | 58            | 26                       | 8                               | 5             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Late October, 2006   | 58            | 27                       | 9                               | 4             | 1                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Early October, 2006  | 47            | 36                       | 10                              | 3             | 2                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| September, 2006      | 56            | 28                       | 9                               | 6             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |
| May, 2006            | 60            | 26                       | 8                               | 4             | 1                               | *                      | 1                       |
| December, 2005       | 60            | 24                       | 9                               | 4             | 2                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| December, 2004       | 64            | 22                       | 8                               | 4             | 1                               | *                      | 1                       |
| November, 2004       | 62            | 21                       | 7                               | 6             | 3                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Mid-October, 2004    | 63            | 22                       | 7                               | 5             | 2                               | 1                      | *                       |
| Early October, 2004  | 58            | 25                       | 9                               | 4             | 2                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| September, 2004      | 58            | 27                       | 9                               | 5             | 2                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| August, 2004         | 56            | 28                       | 9                               | 5             | 2                               | *                      | 1                       |
| July, 2004           | 54            | 31                       | 9                               | 4             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |
| June, 2004           | 57            | 29                       | 7                               | 5             | 1                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| May, 2004            | 56            | 27                       | 10                              | 4             | 2                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| April, 2004          | 55            | 29                       | 9                               | 5             | 1                               | 1                      | 1                       |
| Late March, 2004     | 50            | 31                       | 11                              | 6             | 1                               | *                      | 1                       |
| Mid-March, 2004      | 55            | 30                       | 9                               | 5             | 1                               | *                      | *                       |

**OFTVOTE CONTINUED...**

|                       | <u>Always</u> | <u>Nearly<br/>always</u> | <u>Part<br/>of the<br/>time</u> | <u>Seldom</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>Never<br/>vote</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>Other</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| February, 2004        | 55            | 29                       | 12                              | 3             | *                                      | *                             | *                              |
| January, 2004         | 54            | 30                       | 10                              | 4             | 2                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| August, 2003          | 53            | 30                       | 10                              | 5             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| June, 2003            | 48            | 36                       | 11                              | 3             | 1                                      | *                             | 0                              |
| Early November, 2002  | 52            | 30                       | 11                              | 6             | 1                                      | 0                             | 1                              |
| Early October, 2002   | 50            | 33                       | 11                              | 4             | *                                      | 1                             | 1                              |
| Early September, 2002 | 59            | 25                       | 11                              | 4             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| August, 2002          | 53            | 32                       | 10                              | 4             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| May, 2002             | 53            | 31                       | 9                               | 5             | 1                                      | *                             | 1                              |
| Early November, 2000  | 57            | 26                       | 8                               | 6             | 2                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| Late October, 2000    | 52            | 30                       | 9                               | 6             | 1                                      | 2                             | 0                              |
| Mid-October, 2000     | 54            | 27                       | 10                              | 6             | *                                      | 3                             | *                              |
| Early October, 2000   | 51            | 29                       | 10                              | 6             | 3                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| September, 2000       | 61            | 21                       | 9                               | 7             | 2                                      | *                             | *                              |
| July, 2000            | 48            | 30                       | 13                              | 6             | 2                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| June, 2000            | 58            | 26                       | 10                              | 4             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| May, 2000             | 52            | 29                       | 12                              | 6             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| April, 2000           | 50            | 30                       | 12                              | 6             | 2                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| March, 2000           | 49            | 34                       | 12                              | 4             | 1                                      | 1                             | 0                              |
| February, 2000        | 53            | 32                       | 10                              | 4             | 1                                      | 0                             | *                              |
| January, 2000         | 50            | 34                       | 12                              | 4             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| October, 1999         | 39            | 47                       | 9                               | 2             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| Late September, 1999  | 40            | 47                       | 9                               | 3             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| Late October, 1998    | 56            | 28                       | 10                              | 5             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| Early October, 1998   | 50            | 32                       | 11                              | 5             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| Early September, 1998 | 53            | 33                       | 9                               | 4             | -                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| Late August, 1998     | 48            | 35                       | 13                              | 4             | *                                      | 0                             | *                              |
| June, 1998            | 49            | 33                       | 12                              | 5             | -                                      | 1                             | 0                              |
| May, 1998             | 52            | 29                       | 12                              | 6             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| November, 1997        | 42            | 44                       | 10                              | 3             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| October, 1997         | 62            | 26                       | 8                               | 3             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| June, 1997            | 54            | 30                       | 10                              | 4             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| November, 1996        | 55            | 28                       | 8                               | 6             | 2                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| October, 1996         | 52            | 30                       | 9                               | 5             | 2                                      | 2                             | *                              |
| Late September, 1996  | 52            | 31                       | 10                              | 4             | 2                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| Early September, 1996 | 53            | 29                       | 12                              | 4             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| July, 1996            | 52            | 33                       | 8                               | 5             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| June, 1996            | 52            | 33                       | 9                               | 4             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| Late April, 1996      | 44            | 37                       | 11                              | 5             | 1                                      | 1                             | 1                              |
| Early April, 1996     | 49            | 35                       | 10                              | 5             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| February, 1996        | 42            | 41                       | 11                              | 4             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| October, 1995         | 53            | 35                       | 7                               | 4             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| April, 1995           | 53            | 34                       | 9                               | 4             | *                                      | *                             | *                              |
| November, 1994        | 58            | 28                       | 8                               | 5             | *                                      | 1                             | 0                              |
| Late October, 1994    | 55            | 32                       | 10                              | 3             | *                                      | *                             | *                              |
| July, 1994            | 52            | 34                       | 10                              | 4             | *                                      | *                             | *                              |
| May, 1993             | 57            | 31                       | 7                               | 4             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| Early October, 1992   | 54            | 33                       | 8                               | 4             | *                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| September, 1992       | 52            | 33                       | 8                               | 5             | 1                                      | 1                             | *                              |
| June, 1992            | 60            | 29                       | 7                               | 3             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| May, 1992             | 50            | 35                       | 10                              | 4             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| Early May, 1992       | 49            | 35                       | 10                              | 4             | 1                                      | *                             | *                              |
| March, 1992           | 47            | 36                       | 11                              | 6             | *                                      | *                             | *                              |
| February, 1992        | 50            | 36                       | 9                               | 4             | *                                      | --                            | 2                              |

**OFTVOTE CONTINUED...**

|                                | <u>Always</u> | <u>Nearly<br/>always</u> | <u>Part<br/>of the<br/>time</u> | <u>Seldom</u> | <u>(VOL.)<br/>Never<br/>vote</u> | <u>(VOL.)<br/>Other</u> | <u>(VOL.)<br/>DK/Ref</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| January 1992 (GP) <sup>1</sup> | 40            | 35                       | 11                              | 11            | 4                                | --                      | *                        |
| November, 1991                 | 46            | 41                       | 9                               | 4             | *                                | *                       | *                        |
| May, 1990                      | 42            | 42                       | 11                              | 4             | 1                                | *                       | *                        |
| January, 1989 (GP)             | 45            | 30                       | 10                              | 8             | 6                                | 1                       | *                        |
| <i>Gallup</i> : November, 1988 | 57            | 26                       | 10                              | 4             | 2                                | 1                       | *                        |
| October, 1988                  | 51            | 37                       | 8                               | 3             | 1                                | *                       | *                        |
| May, 1988                      | 43            | 41                       | 11                              | 3             | 2                                | 1                       | *                        |
| January, 1988                  | 49            | 39                       | 9                               | 2             | 1                                | *                       | *                        |
| September, 1988                | 51            | 40                       | 6                               | 2             | *                                | 1                       | *                        |
| May, 1987                      | 43            | 43                       | 9                               | 3             | 1                                | 1                       | *                        |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district?

**ASK IF 'OTHER' 'DON'T KNOW/REFUSED' (Q.10=3,9):**

Q.11 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.10; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]**?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]:**

|                      | <u>Rep/<br/>Lean Rep</u> | <u>Dem/<br/>Lean Dem</u> | <u>(VOL.)<br/>Other/<br/>DK/Ref</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>2014 Election</b> |                          |                          |                                     |
| Jul 8-14, 2014       | 45                       | 47                       | 9                                   |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)  | 47                       | 43                       | 9                                   |
| Feb 12-26, 2014      | 44                       | 46                       | 10                                  |
| Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)    | 44                       | 48                       | 8                                   |
| Oct 9-13, 2013       | 43                       | 49                       | 8                                   |
| <b>2012 Election</b> |                          |                          |                                     |
| Jun 7-17, 2012       | 43                       | 47                       | 10                                  |
| Aug 17-21, 2011      | 44                       | 48                       | 8                                   |
| <b>2010 Election</b> |                          |                          |                                     |
| Oct 27-30, 2010      | 43                       | 44                       | 12                                  |
| Oct 13-18, 2010      | 46                       | 42                       | 12                                  |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010   | 44                       | 47                       | 9                                   |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010   | 44                       | 45                       | 11                                  |
| Jun 16-20, 2010      | 45                       | 45                       | 10                                  |
| Mar 11-21, 2010      | 44                       | 44                       | 12                                  |
| Feb 3-9, 2010        | 42                       | 45                       | 13                                  |
| Jan 6-10, 2010       | 44                       | 46                       | 10                                  |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009   | 42                       | 47                       | 11                                  |
| Aug 20-27, 2009      | 44                       | 45                       | 10                                  |
| <b>2008 Election</b> |                          |                          |                                     |
| June, 2008           | 37                       | 52                       | 11                                  |
| <b>2006 Election</b> |                          |                          |                                     |
| November, 2006       | 40                       | 48                       | 12                                  |
| Late October, 2006   | 38                       | 49                       | 13                                  |
| Early October, 2006  | 38                       | 51                       | 11                                  |
| September, 2006      | 39                       | 50                       | 11                                  |
| August, 2006         | 41                       | 50                       | 9                                   |
| June, 2006           | 39                       | 51                       | 10                                  |
| April, 2006          | 41                       | 51                       | 8                                   |
| February, 2006       | 41                       | 50                       | 9                                   |
| Mid-September, 2005  | 40                       | 52                       | 8                                   |

<sup>1</sup> Trends for January 1992 and January 1989 are based on general public.

**Q.10/11 CONTINUED...**

|                       | Rep/<br><u>Lean Rep</u> | Dem/<br><u>Lean Dem</u> | (VOL.)<br>Other/<br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>2004 Election</b>  |                         |                         |                                   |
| June, 2004            | 41                      | 48                      | 11                                |
| <b>2002 Election</b>  |                         |                         |                                   |
| Early November, 2002  | 42                      | 46                      | 12                                |
| Early October, 2002   | 44                      | 46                      | 10                                |
| Early September, 2002 | 44                      | 46                      | 10                                |
| June, 2002            | 44                      | 46                      | 10                                |
| February, 2002        | 46                      | 45                      | 9                                 |
| Early November, 2001  | 44                      | 44                      | 12                                |
| <b>2000 Election</b>  |                         |                         |                                   |
| Early November, 2000  | 42                      | 48                      | 10                                |
| Early October, 2000   | 43                      | 47                      | 10                                |
| July, 2000            | 43                      | 47                      | 10                                |
| February, 2000        | 44                      | 47                      | 9                                 |
| October, 1999         | 43                      | 49                      | 8                                 |
| June, 1999            | 40                      | 50                      | 10                                |
| <b>1998 Election</b>  |                         |                         |                                   |
| Late October, 1998    | 40                      | 47                      | 13                                |
| Early October, 1998   | 43                      | 44                      | 13                                |
| Early September, 1998 | 45                      | 46                      | 9                                 |
| Late August, 1998     | 44                      | 45                      | 11                                |
| Early August, 1998    | 42                      | 49                      | 9                                 |
| June, 1998            | 44                      | 46                      | 10                                |
| March, 1998           | 40                      | 52                      | 8                                 |
| February, 1998        | 41                      | 50                      | 9                                 |
| January, 1998         | 41                      | 51                      | 8                                 |
| August, 1997          | 45                      | 48                      | 7                                 |
| <b>1996 Election</b>  |                         |                         |                                   |
| November, 1996        | 41                      | 48                      | 11                                |
| October, 1996         | 42                      | 49                      | 9                                 |
| Late September, 1996  | 43                      | 49                      | 8                                 |
| Early September, 1996 | 43                      | 51                      | 6                                 |
| July, 1996            | 46                      | 47                      | 7                                 |
| June, 1996            | 44                      | 50                      | 6                                 |
| March, 1996           | 44                      | 49                      | 7                                 |
| January, 1996         | 46                      | 47                      | 7                                 |
| October, 1995         | 48                      | 48                      | 4                                 |
| August, 1995          | 50                      | 43                      | 7                                 |
| <b>1994 Election</b>  |                         |                         |                                   |
| November, 1994        | 45                      | 43                      | 12                                |
| Late October, 1994    | 47                      | 44                      | 9                                 |
| Early October, 1994   | 52                      | 40                      | 8                                 |
| September, 1994       | 48                      | 46                      | 6                                 |
| July, 1994            | 45                      | 47                      | 8                                 |

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

PLANTO1 Do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November?

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (PLANTO1=1):**

PLANTO2 How certain are you that you will vote? Are you absolutely certain, fairly certain, or not certain?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]:**

|                                 | <u>Yes, plan<br/>to vote</u> | <u>Absolutely<br/>certain</u> | <u>Fairly<br/>certain</u> | <u>Not<br/>certain<sup>2</sup></u> | <u>No, don't<br/>plan to</u> | <u>(VOL.)<br/>DK/Ref</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>2014 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| Jul 8-14, 2014                  | <b>93</b>                    | 70                            | 19                        | 2                                  | <b>6</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| <b>2012 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| Oct 4-7, 2012 <sup>3</sup>      | <b>96</b>                    | 89                            | 6                         | *                                  | <b>3</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| Sep 12-16, 2012                 | <b>97</b>                    | 89                            | 7                         | 1                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Jun 7-17, 2012                  | <b>97</b>                    | 86                            | 10                        | *                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| <b>2010 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010              | <b>94</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>4</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 <sup>4</sup> | <b>91</b>                    | 70                            | 17                        | 3                                  | <b>7</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| Jun 16-20, 2010                 | <b>90</b>                    | 69                            | 19                        | 2                                  | <b>8</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| Mar 11-21, 2010                 | <b>91</b>                    | 69                            | 20                        | 2                                  | <b>6</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| <b>2008 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| Mid-October, 2008               | <b>97</b>                    | 92                            | 5                         | *                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Early October, 2008             | <b>97</b>                    | 92                            | 4                         | 1                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Late September, 2008            | <b>97</b>                    | 91                            | 6                         | *                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Mid-September, 2008             | <b>97</b>                    | 90                            | 6                         | 1                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| August, 2008                    | <b>97</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| July, 2008                      | <b>97</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| June, 2008                      | <b>95</b>                    | 85                            | 8                         | 2                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| <b>2006 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| November, 2006                  | <b>90</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>8</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| Late October, 2006              | <b>94</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>3</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| Early October, 2006             | <b>93</b>                    | 75                            | 17                        | 1                                  | <b>4</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| Early September, 2006           | <b>92</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>5</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| <b>2004 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| November, 2004                  | <b>97</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Mid-October, 2004               | <b>98</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>1</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Early October, 2004             | <b>98</b>                    | 91                            | 6                         | 1                                  | <b>1</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| September, 2004                 | <b>98</b>                    | 91                            | 6                         | 1                                  | <b>1</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| August, 2004                    | <b>98</b>                    | 89                            | 8                         | 1                                  | <b>2</b>                     | *                        |
| June, 2004                      | <b>96</b>                    | 85                            | 10                        | 1                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| <b>2002 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| Early November, 2002            | <b>90</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>8</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| Early October, 2002             | <b>95</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>3</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| <b>2000 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| Early November, 2000            | <b>96</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>3</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Late October, 2000              | <b>97</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Mid-October, 2000               | <b>96</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>2</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| Early October, 2000             | <b>97</b>                    | 87                            | 9                         | 1                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| September, 2000                 | <b>95</b>                    | 84                            | 10                        | 1                                  | <b>3</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| June, 2000                      | <b>95</b>                    | 84                            | 10                        | 1                                  | <b>2</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| <b>1998 Election</b>            |                              |                               |                           |                                    |                              |                          |
| Late October, 1998              | <b>91</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>6</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| Early October, 1998             | <b>92</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>4</b>                     | <b>4</b>                 |
| Early September, 1998           | <b>95</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                                 | <b>2</b>                     | <b>3</b>                 |
| Late August, 1998               | <b>93</b>                    | 75                            | 17                        | 1                                  | <b>3</b>                     | <b>4</b>                 |

<sup>2</sup> Don't know responses to PLANTO2 not shown.<sup>3</sup> In October 2012, Mid-October 2008 and from Mid-October 2004 to November 2006 and in Early November 2002, the "Yes, Plan to vote" category also includes people who volunteered that they already voted.<sup>4</sup> From August 25-September 6, 2010 to October 4-7, 2012 and for surveys prior to March 2010, the question did not specifically ask about voting in the "Congressional election."



## PLANTO1/PLANTO2 CONTINUED...

|                        | <b>Yes, plan<br/>to vote</b> | <b>Absolutely<br/>certain</b> | <b>Fairly<br/>certain</b> | <b>Not<br/>certain</b> | <b>No, don't<br/>plan to</b> | <b>(VOL.)<br/>DK/Ref</b> |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| June, 1998             | <b>95</b>                    | 74                            | 19                        | 2                      | <b>3</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| <b>1996 Election</b>   |                              |                               |                           |                        |                              |                          |
| November, 1996         | <b>96</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                     | <b>2</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| October, 1996          | <b>98</b>                    | 87                            | 10                        | 1                      | <b>1</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Late September, 1996   | <b>98</b>                    | 89                            | 8                         | 1                      | <b>1</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| Early September, 1996  | <b>96</b>                    | 83                            | 11                        | 2                      | <b>2</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| July, 1996             | <b>95</b>                    | 82                            | 12                        | 1                      | <b>3</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| June, 1996             | <b>96</b>                    | 84                            | 11                        | 1                      | <b>2</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| <b>1994 Election</b>   |                              |                               |                           |                        |                              |                          |
| November, 1994         | <b>93</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                     | <b>5</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| October, 1994          | <b>95</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                     | <b>3</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| <b>1992 Election</b>   |                              |                               |                           |                        |                              |                          |
| October, 1992          | <b>98</b>                    | 91                            | 6                         | 1                      | <b>1</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| September, 1992        | <b>98</b>                    | 85                            | 11                        | 2                      | <b>1</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| August, 1992           | <b>97</b>                    | 89                            | 8                         | *                      | <b>1</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| June, 1992             | <b>97</b>                    | 88                            | 8                         | 1                      | <b>1</b>                     | <b>2</b>                 |
| <b>1988 Election</b>   |                              |                               |                           |                        |                              |                          |
| Gallup: November, 1988 | <b>97</b>                    | 87                            | 9                         | 1                      | <b>2</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |
| October, 1988          | <b>98</b>                    | --                            | --                        | --                     | <b>1</b>                     | <b>1</b>                 |

## ASK ALL:

- Q.12 What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district – national issues, local or state issues, the candidate's political party, or the candidate's character and experience? **[IF MORE THAN ONE, PROBE WITH: Well, which is most important?]**

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]:

|                       | <b>National<br/>issues</b> | <b>Local/State<br/>issues</b> | <b>Political<br/>party</b> | <b>Character/<br/>Experience</b> | <b>(VOL.)<br/>Other</b> | <b>(VOL.)<br/>None</b> | <b>(VOL.)<br/>DK/<br/>Ref</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>2014 Election</b>  |                            |                               |                            |                                  |                         |                        |                               |
| Jul 8-14, 2014        | 34                         | 28                            | 7                          | 27                               | 2                       | *                      | 2                             |
| <b>2010 Election</b>  |                            |                               |                            |                                  |                         |                        |                               |
| Oct 27-30, 2010       | 35                         | 28                            | 6                          | 24                               | 2                       | 1                      | 4                             |
| Oct 13-18, 2010       | 35                         | 29                            | 5                          | 23                               | 3                       | 1                      | 4                             |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010    | 36                         | 29                            | 5                          | 22                               | 3                       | 1                      | 4                             |
| Jun 16-20, 2010       | 38                         | 28                            | 5                          | 21                               | 3                       | 1                      | 3                             |
| Feb 3-9, 2010         | 31                         | 27                            | 5                          | 30                               | 2                       | *                      | 5                             |
| <b>2006 Election</b>  |                            |                               |                            |                                  |                         |                        |                               |
| November, 2006        | 34                         | 29                            | 6                          | 22                               | 3                       | 1                      | 5                             |
| September, 2006       | 29                         | 33                            | 5                          | 27                               | 1                       | 2                      | 3                             |
| June, 2006            | 30                         | 26                            | 6                          | 33                               | 2                       | *                      | 3                             |
| <b>2002 Election</b>  |                            |                               |                            |                                  |                         |                        |                               |
| Early November, 2002  | 23                         | 38                            | 7                          | 26                               | 2                       | *                      | 4                             |
| Early October, 2002   | 28                         | 35                            | 5                          | 25                               | 2                       | 1                      | 4                             |
| June, 2002            | 26                         | 30                            | 5                          | 33                               | 2                       | 1                      | 3                             |
| <b>2000 Election</b>  |                            |                               |                            |                                  |                         |                        |                               |
| Early October, 2000   | 21                         | 42                            | 9                          | 21                               | 1                       | 1                      | 5                             |
| July, 2000            | 18                         | 40                            | 6                          | 32                               | 1                       | 1                      | 2                             |
| <b>1998 Election</b>  |                            |                               |                            |                                  |                         |                        |                               |
| Late October, 1998    | 20                         | 39                            | 5                          | 27                               | 3                       | 2                      | 4                             |
| Early October, 1998   | 23                         | 36                            | 7                          | 28                               | 1                       | *                      | 5                             |
| Early September, 1998 | 22                         | 34                            | 5                          | 33                               | 2                       | *                      | 4                             |
| Early August, 1998    | 20                         | 38                            | 5                          | 31                               | 2                       | *                      | 4                             |
| June, 1998            | 22                         | 37                            | 4                          | 32                               | 1                       | 1                      | 3                             |
| March, 1998           | 18                         | 37                            | 6                          | 35                               | 1                       | 1                      | 2                             |
| <b>1996 Election</b>  |                            |                               |                            |                                  |                         |                        |                               |
| November, 1996        | 23                         | 38                            | 6                          | 25                               | 2                       | *                      | 6                             |
| October, 1996         | 19                         | 45                            | 7                          | 26                               | 1                       | 1                      | 1                             |

## Q12 CONTINUED...

|                          | National      | Local/State   | Political    | Character/        | (VOL.)       | (VOL.)      | (VOL.)        |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|                          | <u>issues</u> | <u>issues</u> | <u>party</u> | <u>Experience</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>None</u> | <u>DK/Ref</u> |
| Late September, 1996     | 25            | 38            | 6            | 24                | 2            | *           | 5             |
| Early September, 1996    | 18            | 42            | 6            | 30                | 1            | *           | 3             |
| <b>1994 Election</b>     |               |               |              |                   |              |             |               |
| November, 1994           | 22            | 38            | 5            | 30                | 1            | *           | 4             |
| Late October, 1994       | 22            | 38            | 3            | 29                | 3            | 1           | 4             |
| Early October, 1994      | 22            | 27            | 5            | 39                | 2            | 1           | 4             |
| <b>1986 Election</b>     |               |               |              |                   |              |             |               |
| CBS/NYT: 10/24-28, 1986  | 22            | 25            | 6            | 40                | 1            | 1           | 5             |
| CBS/NYT: 9/28-10/1, 1986 | 20            | 23            | 9            | 41                | 3            | *           | 4             |

## ASK ALL:

Q.13 Would you like to see your representative in Congress be re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]

|                       | (VOL.)     |           | (VOL.)                         |               |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------|
|                       | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Congressman not running</u> | <u>DK/Ref</u> |
| <b>2014 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |               |
| Jul 8-14, 2014        | 48         | 36        | 1                              | 15            |
| Oct 9-13, 2013        | 48         | 38        | 1                              | 14            |
| <b>2012 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |               |
| Dec 7-11, 2011        | 50         | 33        | 1                              | 16            |
| <b>2010 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |               |
| Oct 27-30, 2010       | 49         | 32        | 2                              | 18            |
| Oct 13-18, 2010       | 47         | 32        | 1                              | 20            |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010    | 49         | 33        | 1                              | 17            |
| Jun 16-20, 2010       | 49         | 34        | 1                              | 16            |
| Mar 11-21, 2010       | 43         | 32        | 1                              | 24            |
| Feb 3-9, 2010         | 49         | 31        | *                              | 19            |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009    | 52         | 29        | 1                              | 18            |
| <b>2008 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |               |
| Late February, 2008   | 60         | 22        | 1                              | 17            |
| <b>2006 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |               |
| November, 2006        | 55         | 25        | 1                              | 19            |
| Late October, 2006    | 55         | 26        | 1                              | 18            |
| Early October, 2006   | 50         | 27        | 1                              | 22            |
| September, 2006       | 53         | 27        | 1                              | 19            |
| August, 2006          | 51         | 30        | *                              | 19            |
| June, 2006            | 51         | 32        | 1                              | 16            |
| April, 2006           | 57         | 28        | 1                              | 14            |
| February, 2006        | 59         | 28        | 1                              | 12            |
| September, 2005       | 57         | 25        | 1                              | 17            |
| <b>2002 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |               |
| Early October, 2002   | 58         | 19        | 2                              | 21            |
| June, 2002            | 58         | 23        | 1                              | 18            |
| <b>2000 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |               |
| Early November, 2000  | 59         | 16        | 2                              | 23            |
| October, 2000         | 60         | 17        | 1                              | 22            |
| July, 1999            | 66         | 23        | *                              | 11            |
| <b>1998 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |               |
| Late October, 1998    | 64         | 19        | 1                              | 16            |
| Early October, 1998   | 58         | 20        | 2                              | 20            |
| Early September, 1998 | 63         | 20        | 1                              | 16            |
| March, 1998           | 63         | 21        | 1                              | 15            |
| January, 1998         | 66         | 23        | 0                              | 11            |
| August, 1997          | 66         | 22        | 0                              | 12            |

**Q.13 CONTINUED...**

|                              |     |    | (VOL.)                     | (VOL.) |
|------------------------------|-----|----|----------------------------|--------|
|                              | Yes | No | Congressman<br>not running | DK/Ref |
| <b>1996 Election</b>         |     |    |                            |        |
| Early November, 1996         | 60  | 16 | 3                          | 21     |
| October, 1996                | 62  | 19 | 2                          | 17     |
| Late September, 1996         | 55  | 17 | 2                          | 26     |
| Early September, 1996        | 62  | 19 | 2                          | 17     |
| <b>1994 Election</b>         |     |    |                            |        |
| November, 1994               | 58  | 25 | 1                          | 16     |
| Late October, 1994           | 55  | 30 | 2                          | 13     |
| Early October, 1994          | 49  | 29 | 2                          | 20     |
| <b>1990 Election</b>         |     |    |                            |        |
| <i>Gallup: October, 1990</i> | 62  | 22 | 2                          | 14     |

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.14 Regardless of how you feel about your own representative, would you like to see most members of Congress re-elected in the next congressional election, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]:**

|                       | Yes | No | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref |
|-----------------------|-----|----|------------------|
| <b>2014 Election</b>  |     |    |                  |
| Jul 8-14, 2014        | 24  | 69 | 7                |
| Oct 9-13, 2013        | 18  | 74 | 8                |
| <b>2012 Election</b>  |     |    |                  |
| Dec 7-11, 2011        | 20  | 67 | 13               |
| <b>2010 Election</b>  |     |    |                  |
| Oct 27-30, 2010       | 35  | 51 | 13               |
| Oct 13-18, 2010       | 33  | 54 | 13               |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010    | 33  | 56 | 11               |
| Jun 16-20, 2010       | 31  | 56 | 13               |
| Mar 11-21, 2010       | 27  | 57 | 15               |
| Feb 3-9, 2010         | 32  | 53 | 15               |
| Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009    | 34  | 53 | 13               |
| <b>2008 Election</b>  |     |    |                  |
| Late February, 2008   | 36  | 49 | 15               |
| <b>2006 Election</b>  |     |    |                  |
| November, 2006        | 37  | 46 | 17               |
| Late October, 2006    | 34  | 49 | 17               |
| Early October, 2006   | 32  | 48 | 20               |
| September, 2006       | 35  | 49 | 16               |
| August, 2006          | 36  | 49 | 15               |
| June, 2006            | 29  | 57 | 14               |
| April, 2006           | 34  | 53 | 13               |
| February, 2006        | 36  | 49 | 15               |
| September, 2005       | 36  | 48 | 16               |
| <b>2002 Election</b>  |     |    |                  |
| Early October, 2002   | 39  | 38 | 23               |
| June, 2002            | 45  | 37 | 18               |
| <b>2000 Election</b>  |     |    |                  |
| October, 2000         | 40  | 34 | 26               |
| July, 1999            | 41  | 47 | 12               |
| <b>1998 Election</b>  |     |    |                  |
| Late October, 1998    | 41  | 37 | 22               |
| Early October, 1998   | 39  | 39 | 22               |
| Early September, 1998 | 46  | 37 | 17               |
| March, 1998           | 45  | 41 | 14               |
| January, 1998         | 44  | 43 | 13               |
| August, 1997          | 45  | 42 | 13               |

**Q.14 CONTINUED...**

|                       | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>(VOL.)</u><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| <b>1996 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |
| Early September, 1996 | 43         | 43        | 14                             |
| <b>1994 Election</b>  |            |           |                                |
| November, 1994        | 31         | 51        | 18                             |
| Late October, 1994    | 31         | 56        | 13                             |
| Early October, 1994   | 28         | 56        | 16                             |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Compared to previous congressional elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]:**

|                                    | <u>More</u> | <u>Less</u> | <u>(VOL.)</u><br><u>Same</u> | <u>(VOL.)</u><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>2014 Election</b>               |             |             |                              |                                |
| Jul 8-14, 2014                     | 40          | 45          | 13                           | 3                              |
| <b>2010 Election</b>               |             |             |                              |                                |
| Oct 27-30, 2010                    | 47          | 34          | 15                           | 3                              |
| Oct 13-18, 2010                    | 47          | 31          | 19                           | 3                              |
| Jun 16-20, 2010                    | 46          | 36          | 16                           | 2                              |
| <b>2006 Election</b>               |             |             |                              |                                |
| November, 2006                     | 44          | 35          | 19                           | 2                              |
| Late October, 2006                 | 41          | 34          | 23                           | 2                              |
| Early October, 2006                | 39          | 36          | 21                           | 4                              |
| September, 2006                    | 37          | 40          | 20                           | 3                              |
| June, 2006                         | 38          | 40          | 18                           | 4                              |
| <b>2002 Election</b>               |             |             |                              |                                |
| June, 2002                         | 41          | 33          | 23                           | 3                              |
| <b>1998 Election</b>               |             |             |                              |                                |
| June, 1998                         | 38          | 45          | 15                           | 2                              |
| <b>1994 Election</b>               |             |             |                              |                                |
| Gallup: October, 1994 <sup>5</sup> | 34          | 44          | 20                           | 2                              |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]:**

|                      | <u>Yes, will be</u><br><u>a factor</u> | <u>No,</u><br><u>will not</u> | <u>(VOL.)</u><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>2014 Election</b> |  |                               |                                |
| Jul 8-14, 2014       | 58                                     | 39                            | 3                              |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)  | 53                                     | 43                            | 4                              |
| <b>2012 Election</b> |  |                               |                                |
| Jun 7-17, 2012       | 49                                     | 48                            | 3                              |
| <b>2010 Election</b> |  |                               |                                |
| Oct 27-30, 2010      | 62                                     | 34                            | 4                              |
| Oct 13-18, 2010      | 61                                     | 36                            | 3                              |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010   | 56                                     | 41                            | 3                              |
| Jun 16-20, 2010      | 58                                     | 39                            | 3                              |
| Feb 3-9, 2010        | 48                                     | 45                            | 6                              |
| <b>2008 Election</b> |  |                               |                                |
| June, 2008           | 44                                     | 51                            | 5                              |

<sup>5</sup> In October, 1994 Gallup asked "Compared to previous elections..." and did not specify congressional elections.

**Q.16 CONTINUED...**

|                       | Yes, will be<br><u>a factor</u> | No,<br><u>will not</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>2006 Election</b>  |                                 |                        |                                |
| November, 2006        | 61                              | 36                     | 3                              |
| Late October, 2006    | 61                              | 36                     | 3                              |
| Early October, 2006   | 57                              | 40                     | 3                              |
| September, 2006       | 55                              | 41                     | 4                              |
| June, 2006            | 58                              | 39                     | 3                              |
| April, 2006           | 56                              | 39                     | 5                              |
| <b>2004 Election</b>  |                                 |                        |                                |
| June, 2004            | 43                              | 51                     | 6                              |
| <b>2002 Election</b>  |                                 |                        |                                |
| Early November, 2002  | 48                              | 49                     | 3                              |
| Early October, 2002   | 42                              | 55                     | 3                              |
| Early September, 2002 | 44                              | 51                     | 5                              |
| June, 2002            | 47                              | 50                     | 3                              |
| February, 2002        | 46                              | 49                     | 5                              |
| <b>2000 Election</b>  |                                 |                        |                                |
| Early October, 2000   | 46                              | 50                     | 4                              |
| July, 2000            | 46                              | 49                     | 5                              |
| <b>1998 Election</b>  |                                 |                        |                                |
| Late October, 1998    | 46                              | 50                     | 4                              |
| Early October, 1998   | 47                              | 49                     | 4                              |
| Early September, 1998 | 41                              | 56                     | 3                              |
| Early August, 1998    | 44                              | 53                     | 3                              |
| June, 1998            | 45                              | 51                     | 4                              |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Do you think of your vote for Congress as a vote FOR Barack Obama, as a vote AGAINST Barack Obama, or isn't Barack Obama much of a factor in your vote?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,420]:**

|                                | <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Not a<br/>factor</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>2014 Election (Obama)</b>   |            |                |                         |                                |
| Jul 8-14, 2014                 | 19         | 29             | 49                      | 3                              |
| Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)            | 16         | 26             | 54                      | 4                              |
| <b>2010 Election (Obama)</b>   |            |                |                         |                                |
| Oct 27-30, 2010                | 26         | 28             | 42                      | 4                              |
| Oct 13-18, 2010                | 27         | 30             | 39                      | 4                              |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010             | 25         | 30             | 42                      | 3                              |
| Jun 16-20, 2010                | 23         | 28             | 47                      | 2                              |
| Feb 3-9, 2010                  | 24         | 20             | 51                      | 5                              |
| <b>2006 Election (Bush)</b>    |            |                |                         |                                |
| November, 2006                 | 21         | 35             | 41                      | 3                              |
| Late October, 2006             | 20         | 37             | 38                      | 5                              |
| Early October, 2006            | 18         | 39             | 40                      | 3                              |
| September, 2006                | 20         | 36             | 40                      | 4                              |
| August, 2006                   | 17         | 35             | 43                      | 5                              |
| June, 2006                     | 15         | 38             | 44                      | 3                              |
| April, 2006                    | 17         | 34             | 46                      | 3                              |
| February, 2006                 | 18         | 31             | 47                      | 4                              |
| <b>2002 Election (Bush)</b>    |            |                |                         |                                |
| Early November, 2002           | 29         | 16             | 49                      | 6                              |
| Early October, 2002            | 30         | 20             | 44                      | 6                              |
| Early September, 2002          | 29         | 15             | 51                      | 5                              |
| February, 2002                 | 34         | 9              | 50                      | 7                              |
| <b>1998 Election (Clinton)</b> |            |                |                         |                                |
| Late October, 1998             | 20         | 17             | 58                      | 5                              |
| Early October, 1998            | 19         | 23             | 52                      | 6                              |

**Q.17 CONTINUED...**

|                                 | <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Not a factor</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Early September, 1998           | 18         | 16             | 63                  | 3                              |
| Late August, 1998               | 20         | 17             | 61                  | 2                              |
| Early August, 1998              | 21         | 18             | 57                  | 4                              |
| June, 1998                      | 20         | 18             | 57                  | 5                              |
| March, 1998                     | 21         | 15             | 59                  | 5                              |
| <b>1996 Election (Clinton)</b>  |            |                |                     |                                |
| Early September, 1996           | 24         | 18             | 51                  | 7                              |
| <b>1994 Election (Clinton)</b>  |            |                |                     |                                |
| November, 1994                  | 17         | 21             | 55                  | 7                              |
| Late October, 1994              | 17         | 21             | 57                  | 5                              |
| Early October, 1994             | 17         | 23             | 54                  | 6                              |
| <b>1990 Election (GHW Bush)</b> |            |                |                     |                                |
| CBS/NYT: October 28-31, 1990    | 19         | 15             | 61                  | 6                              |
| <b>1986 Election (Reagan)</b>   |            |                |                     |                                |
| CBS/NYT: October 24-28, 1986    | 26         | 12             | 55                  | 7                              |
| CBS/NYT: Sep 28-Oct 1, 1986     | 26         | 16             | 51                  | 7                              |
| <b>1982 Election (Reagan)</b>   |            |                |                     |                                |
| CBS/NYT: October 23-28, 1982    | 23         | 21             | 51                  | 5                              |

**NO QUESTIONS 18-22****ASK ALL:**

Q.23 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

|                            | <u>More</u> | <u>Less</u> | <u>Same amount</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>DK/Ref</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jul 8-14, 2014             | 9           | 55          | 33                 | 3                              |
| Dec 7-11, 2011             | 8           | 50          | 37                 | 5                              |
| Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010         | 20          | 36          | 37                 | 7                              |
| Jun 16-20, 2010            | 18          | 33          | 44                 | 6                              |
| October, 2007              | 5           | 43          | 42                 | 10                             |
| October, 2006              | 6           | 39          | 47                 | 8                              |
| Early September, 2006      | 7           | 37          | 49                 | 7                              |
| June, 2006                 | 7           | 43          | 42                 | 8                              |
| April, 2006                | 8           | 38          | 48                 | 6                              |
| Early November, 2002 (RVs) | 11          | 27          | 54                 | 8                              |
| June, 2002                 | 16          | 22          | 56                 | 6                              |
| July, 2000                 | 21          | 15          | 55                 | 9                              |
| August, 1999               | 15          | 20          | 60                 | 5                              |
| Early October, 1998(RVs)   | 24          | 23          | 49                 | 4                              |
| Early September, 1998      | 25          | 15          | 55                 | 5                              |
| Early August, 1998         | 18          | 15          | 60                 | 7                              |
| November, 1997             | 23          | 12          | 59                 | 6                              |
| April, 1997                | 10          | 22          | 59                 | 9                              |
| Gallup: October, 1994      | 10          | 36          | 51                 | 3                              |

**ASK IF LESS (Q.23=2):**Q.24 Who do you think is most to blame for this **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?**BASED ON THOSE WHO SAY CONGRESS ACCOMPLISHED LESS [N=1,089]:**

|                 | Republican<br>leaders | Democratic<br>leaders | (VOL.)<br>Both | (VOL.)<br>Neither/<br>Someone else | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Jul 8-14, 2014  | 44                    | 28                    | 22             | 2                                  | 3                |
| Dec 7-11, 2011  | 40                    | 23                    | 32             | 1                                  | 3                |
| Jun 16-20, 2010 | 16                    | 49                    | 28             | 5                                  | 3                |
| October, 2007   | 30                    | 26                    | 34             | 5                                  | 5                |
| October, 2006   | 59                    | 10                    | 21             | 4                                  | 6                |
| June, 2006      | 56                    | 16                    | 22             | 2                                  | 4                |
| April, 2006     | 58                    | 13                    | 21             | 4                                  | 4                |

**NO QUESTIONS 25-27****QUESTION 28 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

Q.29 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-B FOLLOWED BY C LAST]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

**ITEM a HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

|                     | ----- Favorable ----- |      |        | ----- Unfavorable ----- |      |        | (VOL.)<br>Never<br>heard of | (VOL.)<br>Can't rate/<br>Ref |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------|--------|-------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                     | Total                 | Very | Mostly | Total                   | Very | Mostly |                             |                              |
| b. Congress         |                       |      |        |                         |      |        |                             |                              |
| Jul 8-14, 2014      | 28                    | 5    | 23     | 69                      | 28   | 41     | *                           | 4                            |
| Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014 | 23                    | 5    | 18     | 72                      | 35   | 37     | *                           | 5                            |
| Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)   | 27                    | 6    | 21     | 67                      | 32   | 35     | *                           | 6                            |
| Oct 9-13, 2013      | 23                    | 4    | 19     | 73                      | 32   | 42     | 0                           | 4                            |
| Jul 17-21, 2013     | 21                    | 3    | 18     | 70                      | 33   | 37     | *                           | 9                            |
| Jan 9-13, 2013      | 23                    | 4    | 19     | 68                      | 32   | 36     | *                           | 9                            |
| Dec 5-9, 2012       | 27                    | 4    | 22     | 67                      | 24   | 43     | 1                           | 6                            |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012  | 27                    | 5    | 22     | 65                      | 30   | 35     | *                           | 8                            |
| Jan 11-16, 2012     | 23                    | 5    | 18     | 69                      | 33   | 36     | *                           | 8                            |
| Aug 17-21, 2011     | 25                    | 4    | 21     | 70                      | 30   | 40     | 4                           | 6                            |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011  | 34                    | 4    | 30     | 57                      | 21   | 36     | 1                           | 8                            |
| July 1-5, 2010      | 33                    | 6    | 27     | 56                      | 23   | 33     | *                           | 11                           |
| April 1-5, 2010     | 25                    | 3    | 22     | 65                      | 30   | 36     | *                           | 9                            |
| Mar 18-21, 2010     | 26                    | 3    | 23     | 62                      | 23   | 39     | *                           | 12                           |
| Feb 3-9, 2010       | 41                    | 3    | 38     | 50                      | 17   | 34     | 0                           | 9                            |
| Aug 20-27, 2009     | 37                    | 4    | 33     | 52                      | 20   | 32     | *                           | 11                           |
| Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009  | 50                    | 10   | 40     | 43                      | 15   | 28     | *                           | 7                            |
| Jan 7-11, 2009      | 40                    | 5    | 35     | 52                      | 20   | 32     | *                           | 8                            |
| Late May, 2008      | 41                    | 6    | 35     | 51                      | 17   | 34     | 0                           | 8                            |
| July, 2007          | 41                    | 6    | 35     | 51                      | 16   | 35     | 0                           | 8                            |
| Early January, 2007 | 53                    | 11   | 42     | 38                      | 9    | 29     | 1                           | 8                            |
| Late October, 2006  | 41                    | 5    | 36     | 46                      | 15   | 31     | *                           | 13                           |
| February, 2006      | 44                    | 6    | 38     | 47                      | 14   | 33     | 0                           | 9                            |
| Late October, 2005  | 45                    | 7    | 38     | 45                      | 13   | 32     | *                           | 10                           |
| July, 2005          | 49                    | 6    | 43     | 40                      | 11   | 29     | *                           | 11                           |
| June, 2005          | 49                    | 6    | 43     | 40                      | 10   | 30     | *                           | 11                           |
| June, 2004          | 56                    | 7    | 49     | 33                      | 7    | 26     | *                           | 11                           |
| July, 2001          | 57                    | 7    | 50     | 32                      | 8    | 24     | *                           | 11                           |
| March, 2001         | 56                    | 6    | 50     | 36                      | 10   | 26     | 1                           | 7                            |

**Q.29 CONTINUED...**

|                           | ----- Favorable ----- |             |               | ----- Unfavorable ----- |             |               | (VOL.)<br>Never<br>heard of | (VOL.)<br>Can't rate/<br>Ref |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                           | <u>Total</u>          | <u>Very</u> | <u>Mostly</u> | <u>Total</u>            | <u>Very</u> | <u>Mostly</u> |                             |                              |
| January, 2001             | 64                    | 10          | 54            | 23                      | 5           | 18            | 1                           | 12                           |
| September, 2000 (RVs)     | 61                    | 8           | 53            | 32                      | 5           | 27            | *                           | 7                            |
| August, 1999              | 63                    | 8           | 55            | 34                      | 7           | 27            | *                           | 3                            |
| June, 1999                | 56                    | 9           | 47            | 39                      | 9           | 30            | *                           | 5                            |
| February, 1999            | 52                    | 4           | 48            | 44                      | 8           | 36            | 0                           | 4                            |
| January, 1999             | 48                    | 7           | 41            | 45                      | 15          | 30            | 0                           | 7                            |
| Early December, 1998      | 52                    | 11          | 41            | 41                      | 12          | 29            | 0                           | 7                            |
| Early October, 1998 (RVs) | 62                    | 7           | 55            | 33                      | 8           | 25            | 0                           | 5                            |
| Early September, 1998     | 66                    | 7           | 59            | 27                      | 5           | 22            | 0                           | 7                            |
| October, 1997             | 53                    | 5           | 48            | 44                      | 11          | 33            | 0                           | 3                            |
| August, 1997              | 50                    | 6           | 44            | 44                      | 11          | 33            | 0                           | 6                            |
| June, 1997                | 52                    | 4           | 48            | 42                      | 8           | 34            | 0                           | 6                            |
| May, 1997                 | 49                    | 5           | 44            | 42                      | 10          | 32            | *                           | 9                            |
| February, 1997            | 52                    | 6           | 46            | 40                      | 9           | 31            | *                           | 8                            |
| January, 1997             | 56                    | 6           | 50            | 40                      | 8           | 32            | *                           | 4                            |
| June, 1996                | 45                    | 6           | 39            | 50                      | 12          | 38            | *                           | 5                            |
| April, 1996               | 45                    | 6           | 39            | 50                      | 13          | 37            | 0                           | 5                            |
| January, 1996             | 42                    | 4           | 38            | 54                      | 16          | 38            | *                           | 4                            |
| October, 1995             | 42                    | 4           | 38            | 55                      | 13          | 42            | 0                           | 3                            |
| August, 1995              | 45                    | 5           | 40            | 47                      | 13          | 34            | *                           | 7                            |
| June, 1995                | 53                    | 8           | 45            | 42                      | 11          | 31            | *                           | 5                            |
| February, 1995            | 54                    | 10          | 44            | 37                      | 10          | 27            | 0                           | 9                            |
| July, 1994                | 53                    | 7           | 46            | 43                      | 9           | 34            | *                           | 4                            |
| May, 1993                 | 43                    | 8           | 35            | 48                      | 13          | 35            | 0                           | 9                            |
| November, 1991            | 51                    | 7           | 44            | 43                      | 9           | 34            | 0                           | 6                            |
| March, 1991               | 66                    | 16          | 50            | 26                      | 7           | 19            | 0                           | 8                            |
| May, 1990                 | 59                    | 6           | 53            | 34                      | 9           | 25            | 1                           | 6                            |
| May, 1988                 | 64                    | 8           | 56            | 28                      | 5           | 23            | 0                           | 8                            |
| January, 1988             | 64                    | 6           | 58            | 29                      | 4           | 25            | 0                           | 7                            |
| May, 1987                 | 74                    | 10          | 64            | 20                      | 4           | 16            | *                           | 6                            |
| January, 1987             | 59                    | 7           | 52            | 31                      | 8           | 23            | 0                           | 10                           |
| July, 1985                | 67                    | 9           | 58            | 26                      | 5           | 21            | *                           | 7                            |
| c. The Tea Party movement |                       |             |               |                         |             |               |                             |                              |
| Jul 8-14, 2014            | 33                    | 9           | 24            | 47                      | 27          | 20            | 6                           | 14                           |
| Oct 9-13, 2013            | 30                    | 9           | 21            | 49                      | 30          | 19            | 6                           | 15                           |
| Jun 12-16, 2013           | 37                    | 10          | 27            | 45                      | 24          | 21            | 7                           | 11                           |
| Aug 17-21, 2011           | 36                    | 11          | 25            | 43                      | 23          | 20            | 5                           | 15                           |
| Feb 3-9, 2010             | 33                    | 10          | 23            | 25                      | 10          | 14            | 19                          | 23                           |

**QUESTION 30 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 31-36, 39, 41-45, 48-49, 57-58, 62-65****QUESTIONS 37-38, 40, 46-47, 50-56, 59-61 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

Q.66 Now thinking specifically about your own representative to the U.S. House in Congress ... How well do you feel you know what he or she stands for? **[READ]**

|                         | (NJ)                        |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jul 8-14<br><u>2014</u> | Sep 23-26<br><u>2010</u>    |
| 15                      | Very well 14                |
| 36                      | Somewhat well 32            |
| 28                      | Not too well 28             |
| 19                      | Not at all well 23          |
| 2                       | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) 3 |



**ASK ALL:**

Q.67 Do you happen to know whether your current representative in Congress is a [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] or a [ITEM]?

**BASED ON RESPONDENTS WITH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MATCH [N=1,754]**

Jul 8-14

2014

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 46 | Correctly identified party of representative   |
| 21 | Democratic representative                      |
| 25 | Republican representative                      |
| 21 | Incorrectly identified party of representative |
| 8  | Guessed Republican, Democratic representative  |
| 14 | Guessed Democrat, Republican representative    |
| 33 | Other/Don't Know/Refused (VOL)                 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.68 As I read some statements please tell me if you would say they describe your representative to the U.S. House in Congress, or not. First, would you say your representative [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE], or not? Next [NEXT ITEM]. [IF NECESSARY: "Would you say your representative [ITEM] or not?"]

|    |  | Yes | No | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref |
|----|--|-----|----|------------------|
| a. | Is in touch with the people in your district                             |     |    |                  |
|    | Jul 8-14, 2014   | 48  | 41 | 11               |
|    | Sep 23-26, 2010 (NJ)   | 43  | 42 | 15               |
| b. | Does a good job bringing government projects to your district            |     |    |                  |
|    | Jul 8-14, 2014   | 45  | 40 | 15               |
|    | Sep 23-26, 2010 (NJ)   | 42  | 39 | 19               |
| c. | Has been in Washington D.C. too long                                     |     |    |                  |
|    | Jul 8-14, 2014   | 38  | 46 | 15               |
|    | Sep 23-26, 2010 (NJ)   | 32  | 49 | 19               |
| d. | Cares more about their political party than the interests of the country |     |    |                  |
|    | Jul 8-14, 2014   | 52  | 35 | 13               |
| e. | Works well with members of the other party                               |     |    |                  |
|    | Jul 8-14, 2014   | 43  | 37 | 20               |

**NO QUESTIONS 69-71, 73-82, 86**

**QUESTIONS 72, 83, 85 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**QUESTION 84 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

|                     | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.)<br>No preference | (VOL.)<br>Other party | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean Dem |
|---------------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Jul 8-14, 2014      | 25         | 34       | 37          | 2                       | 1                     | 1                | 16       | 15       |
| Apr 23-27, 2014     | 24         | 30       | 41          | 2                       | 1                     | 2                | 18       | 17       |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 22         | 31       | 41          | 3                       | 1                     | 2                | 17       | 17       |

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

|                      |            |          |             | (VOL.)        | (VOL.)      |                  |          |          |
|----------------------|------------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------|----------|
|                      | Republican | Democrat | Independent | No preference | Other party | (VOL.)<br>DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean Dem |
| Feb 14-23, 2014      | 22         | 32       | 39          | 4             | 1           | 2                | 14       | 17       |
| Jan 15-19, 2014      | 21         | 31       | 41          | 3             | 1           | 2                | 18       | 16       |
| Dec 3-8, 2013        | 24         | 34       | 37          | 3             | *           | 2                | 17       | 15       |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013   | 24         | 32       | 38          | 4             | *           | 2                | 16       | 14       |
| Oct 9-13, 2013       | 25         | 32       | 37          | 3             | 1           | 3                | 16       | 18       |
| Sep 4-8, 2013        | 26         | 32       | 38          | 3             | 1           | 1                | 17       | 15       |
| Jul 17-21, 2013      | 19         | 29       | 46          | 3             | *           | 2                | 19       | 18       |
| Jun 12-16, 2013      | 23         | 33       | 39          | 3             | *           | 2                | 17       | 15       |
| May 1-5, 2013        | 25         | 32       | 37          | 2             | 1           | 3                | 14       | 16       |
| <b>Yearly Totals</b> |            |          |             |               |             |                  |          |          |
| 2013                 | 23.9       | 32.1     | 38.3        | 2.9           | .5          | 2.2              | 16.0     | 16.0     |
| 2012                 | 24.7       | 32.6     | 36.4        | 3.1           | .5          | 2.7              | 14.4     | 16.1     |
| 2011                 | 24.3       | 32.3     | 37.4        | 3.1           | .4          | 2.5              | 15.7     | 15.6     |
| 2010                 | 25.2       | 32.7     | 35.2        | 3.6           | .4          | 2.8              | 14.5     | 14.1     |
| 2009                 | 23.9       | 34.4     | 35.1        | 3.4           | .4          | 2.8              | 13.1     | 15.7     |
| 2008                 | 25.7       | 36.0     | 31.5        | 3.6           | .3          | 3.0              | 10.6     | 15.2     |
| 2007                 | 25.3       | 32.9     | 34.1        | 4.3           | .4          | 2.9              | 10.9     | 17.0     |
| 2006                 | 27.8       | 33.1     | 30.9        | 4.4           | .3          | 3.4              | 10.5     | 15.1     |
| 2005                 | 29.3       | 32.8     | 30.2        | 4.5           | .3          | 2.8              | 10.3     | 14.9     |
| 2004                 | 30.0       | 33.5     | 29.5        | 3.8           | .4          | 3.0              | 11.7     | 13.4     |
| 2003                 | 30.3       | 31.5     | 30.5        | 4.8           | .5          | 2.5              | 12.0     | 12.6     |
| 2002                 | 30.4       | 31.4     | 29.8        | 5.0           | .7          | 2.7              | 12.4     | 11.6     |
| 2001                 | 29.0       | 33.2     | 29.5        | 5.2           | .6          | 2.6              | 11.9     | 11.6     |
| 2001 Post-Sept 11    | 30.9       | 31.8     | 27.9        | 5.2           | .6          | 3.6              | 11.7     | 9.4      |
| 2001 Pre-Sept 11     | 27.3       | 34.4     | 30.9        | 5.1           | .6          | 1.7              | 12.1     | 13.5     |
| 2000                 | 28.0       | 33.4     | 29.1        | 5.5           | .5          | 3.6              | 11.6     | 11.7     |
| 1999                 | 26.6       | 33.5     | 33.7        | 3.9           | .5          | 1.9              | 13.0     | 14.5     |
| 1998                 | 27.9       | 33.7     | 31.1        | 4.6           | .4          | 2.3              | 11.6     | 13.1     |
| 1997                 | 28.0       | 33.4     | 32.0        | 4.0           | .4          | 2.3              | 12.2     | 14.1     |
| 1996                 | 28.9       | 33.9     | 31.8        | 3.0           | .4          | 2.0              | 12.1     | 14.9     |
| 1995                 | 31.6       | 30.0     | 33.7        | 2.4           | .6          | 1.3              | 15.1     | 13.5     |
| 1994                 | 30.1       | 31.5     | 33.5        | 1.3           | --          | 3.6              | 13.7     | 12.2     |
| 1993                 | 27.4       | 33.6     | 34.2        | 4.4           | 1.5         | 2.9              | 11.5     | 14.9     |
| 1992                 | 27.6       | 33.7     | 34.7        | 1.5           | 0           | 2.5              | 12.6     | 16.5     |
| 1991                 | 30.9       | 31.4     | 33.2        | 0             | 1.4         | 3.0              | 14.7     | 10.8     |
| 1990                 | 30.9       | 33.2     | 29.3        | 1.2           | 1.9         | 3.4              | 12.4     | 11.3     |
| 1989                 | 33         | 33       | 34          | --            | --          | --               | --       | --       |
| 1987                 | 26         | 35       | 39          | --            | --          | --               | --       | --       |

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=778]:**

Q.87 Would you like to see Republican leaders in Washington move in a more conservative direction or a more moderate direction?

|             |                           | Voters      |             |             |             | Voters      |             |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Jul 8-14    |                           | Jul 17-21   | Nov 8-11    | Nov 4-7     | Jun 16-20   | Jan 6-10    | Nov         |
| <u>2014</u> |                           | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2008</u> |
| 53          | More conservative         | 54          | 57          | 56          | 57          | 51          | 60          |
| 42          | More moderate             | 41          | 35          | 38          | 37          | 42          | 35          |
| 1           | No change (VOL.)          | 2           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 1           |
| 4           | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 4           | 5           | 5           | 5           | 5           | 4           |

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=857]:**

Q.88 Would you like to see Democratic leaders in Washington move in a more liberal direction or a more moderate direction?

|    |                           | Voters           |                   |                  |                 |                   | Voters                          |
|----|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|    |                           | Jul 8-14<br>2014 | Jul 17-21<br>2013 | Nov 8-11<br>2012 | Nov 4-7<br>2010 | Jun 16-20<br>2010 | Jan 6-10<br>2010<br>Nov<br>2008 |
| 37 | More liberal              |                  | 36                | 33               | 34              | 34                | 35                              |
| 53 | More moderate             |                  | 57                | 57               | 54              | 54                | 53                              |
| 3  | No change (VOL.)          |                  | 2                 | 4                | 3               | 4                 | 2                               |
| 8  | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) |                  | 5                 | 7                | 10              | 8                 | 9                               |

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=778]**

|                          | Agree | Disagree | No opinion<br>either way | (VOL.)<br>Haven't<br>heard of | (VOL.)<br>Refused | Not<br>heard of/<br>DK |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Jul 8-14, 2014           | 35    | 12       | 50                       | 2                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Apr 23-27, 2014          | 33    | 11       | 54                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014      | 37    | 11       | 50                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Feb 14-23, 2014          | 36    | 9        | 54                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jan 15-19, 2014          | 35    | 12       | 52                       | 1                             | *                 | --                     |
| Dec 3-8, 2013            | 32    | 9        | 57                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013       | 40    | 9        | 48                       | 2                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Oct 9-13, 2013           | 41    | 11       | 45                       | 2                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Sep 4-8, 2013            | 35    | 9        | 54                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jul 17-21, 2013          | 37    | 10       | 50                       | 2                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jun 12-16, 2013          | 44    | 9        | 46                       | 1                             | 2                 | --                     |
| May 23-26, 2013          | 41    | 7        | 48                       | 1                             | 3                 | --                     |
| May 1-5, 2013            | 28    | 8        | 61                       | 2                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Mar 13-17, 2013          | 43    | 7        | 47                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Feb 13-18, 2013          | 36    | 9        | 52                       | 1                             | 3                 | --                     |
| Feb 14-17, 2013          | 43    | 9        | 45                       | 1                             | 2                 | --                     |
| Jan 9-13, 2013           | 35    | 10       | 51                       | 2                             | 2                 | --                     |
| Dec 5-9, 2012            | 37    | 11       | 51                       | 1                             | *                 | --                     |
| Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs) | 40    | 8        | 49                       | 1                             | 2                 | --                     |
| Oct 4-7, 2012            | 38    | 9        | 50                       | 1                             | 3                 | --                     |
| Sep 12-16, 2012          | 39    | 7        | 52                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012       | 40    | 9        | 47                       | 2                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jun 7-17, 2012           | 42    | 8        | 48                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| May 9-Jun 3, 2012        | 36    | 9        | 53                       | 1                             | 2                 | --                     |
| Apr 4-15, 2012           | 42    | 8        | 48                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Mar 7-11, 2012           | 38    | 10       | 49                       | 2                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Feb 8-12, 2012           | 40    | 7        | 51                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jan 11-16, 2012          | 42    | 8        | 47                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jan 4-8, 2012            | 37    | 8        | 52                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Dec 7-11, 2011           | 40    | 9        | 48                       | 2                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Nov 9-14, 2011           | 41    | 9        | 49                       | *                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Nov 9-14, 2011           | 41    | 9        | 49                       | *                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011       | 37    | 11       | 51                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Aug 17-21, 2011          | 43    | 7        | 49                       | *                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jul 20-24, 2011          | 40    | 7        | 51                       | *                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Jun 15-19, 2011          | 42    | 9        | 47                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |
| May 25-30, 2011          | 37    | 7        | 52                       | 1                             | 3                 | --                     |
| Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011       | 45    | 9        | 46                       | *                             | 1                 | --                     |
| Mar 8-14, 2011           | 37    | 7        | 54                       | 1                             | *                 | --                     |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011       | 41    | 9        | 48                       | 1                             | 1                 | --                     |

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|                            | <u>Agree</u> | <u>Disagree</u> | <u>No opinion<br/>either way</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>Haven't<br/>heard of</u> | <b>(VOL.)</b><br><u>Refused</u> | Not<br>heard of/<br><u>DK</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Feb 2-7, 2011 <sup>6</sup> | 43           | 8               | 47                               | 1  | 1                               | --                            |
| Jan 5-9, 2011              | 45           | 6               | 47                               | 1  | 1                               | --                            |
| Dec 1-5, 2010              | 48           | 5               | 45                               | 1  | 1                               | --                            |
| Nov 4-7, 2010              | 51           | 5               | 42                               | 1  | 1                               | --                            |
| Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)      | 58           | 5               | 27                               | --   | 1                               | 9                             |
| Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)      | 54           | 5               | 30                               | --   | 1                               | 10                            |
| Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)   | 56           | 6               | 29                               | --   | *                               | 9                             |
| Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010         | 46           | 5               | 36                               | --   | 1                               | 13                            |
| Jun 16-20, 2010            | 46           | 5               | 30                               | --   | *                               | 19                            |
| May 20-23, 2010            | 53           | 4               | 25                               | --   | 1                               | 16                            |
| Mar 11-21, 2010            | 48           | 4               | 26                               | --   | 1                               | 21                            |

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**


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| (U)  | Pew Research Center/USA Today polls        |
| (NJ) | Pew Research Center/National Journal polls |

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<sup>6</sup> In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."