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As President Trump prepares for his address next week to a joint session of Congress, Republicans say they are more inclined to trust the president, rather than GOP congressional leaders, if the two sides disagree.

For their part, Democrats are far more concerned that congressional Democrats will not do enough, rather than go too far, to oppose Trump.

The latest survey by Pew Research Center, conducted Feb. 7-12 among 1,503 adults, shows how members of both parties are coming to grips with Washington's changed political dynamics:

In disputes with Congress, Republicans would trust Trump. About half of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents (52%) say that if Trump and Republican congressional leaders disagree on an issue, they would be more likely to trust Trump. About a third (34%) say they would trust GOP leaders if they have a disagreement with the president.

Democrats want their party to challenge Trump. Nearly three-quarters of Democrats and Democratic leaners (72%) say their bigger concern is that congressional Democrats will not do enough to oppose Trump and his policies. Just 20% say they are more concerned that Democrats in Congress will go too far opposing Trump and his policies.

More Republicans would trust Trump than GOP leaders if they disagree

% of Republicans and Republican leaners who are more likely to trust _____, if the two disagree on an issue



Notes: Based on Republicans and Republican leaners. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding. Source: Survey conducted Feb. 7-12, 2017.

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Democrats concerned their party will not do enough to oppose Trump

% of Democrats and Democratic leaners who are more concerned that Democrats in Congress will ...



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GOP leaders' job approval improves. Job approval for Republican congressional leaders has increased sharply – from 19% to 34% – since September 2015. In contrast, there has been little change in Democratic leaders' job ratings (34% then, 37% now).

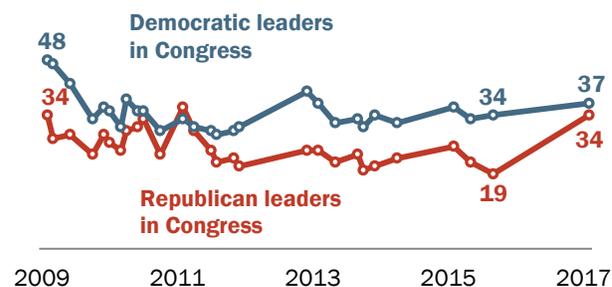
The rise in approval of GOP leaders is largely attributable to a turnaround among Republicans: 68% approve of GOP leaders' performance now; only 26% did so two years ago.

Low favorability for congressional leaders.

None of the four top congressional leaders – Republicans Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan, Democrats Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi – is viewed particularly favorably. The shares offering no opinion of each leader are relatively high, particularly Schumer, the new Senate Democratic leader (36% no opinion).

Narrowing gap in job approval for GOP, Democratic congressional leaders

% who approve of the job _____ are doing ...



Source: Survey conducted Feb. 7-12, 2017.

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Views of congressional leaders

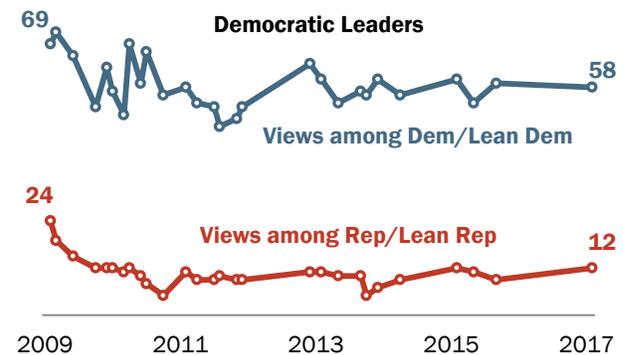
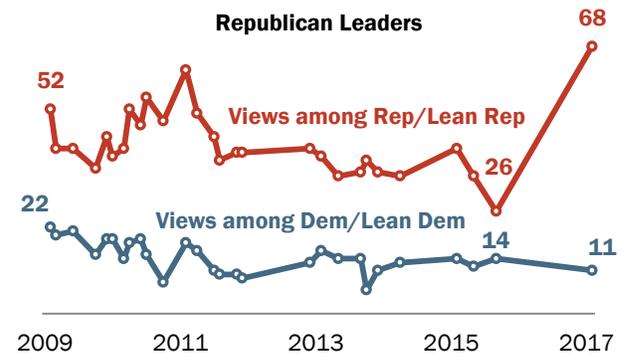
For most of the past six years Republicans have given GOP leaders in Congress relatively low approval ratings. Republicans have controlled the House since 2010 and took control of the Senate in 2014.

In September 2015, a tumultuous period during which former House Speaker John Boehner resigned, just 26% of Republicans and Republican leaners approved of the job GOP leaders were doing. Today, with Republicans in full control of Congress, as well as the White House, 68% of Republicans and Republican leaners approve of their job performance.

Democrats' views of their party's leaders have shown less change over this period. Currently, 58% of Democrats and Democratic leaners approve of their job performance. In September 2015, 59% of Democrats gave the party's leaders positive approval ratings.

Republican approval of GOP leaders has more than doubled since 2015

% who approve of the job _____ are doing ...



Source: Survey conducted Feb. 7-12, 2017.

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When it comes to favorability ratings for congressional leaders, none is viewed more favorably than unfavorably.

As in the past, favorability ratings for Mitch McConnell and Nancy Pelosi are more negative than positive. Only 27% view McConnell favorably, while 45% view him unfavorably; about a quarter (28%) have no opinion of the Senate Majority leader. A third view Pelosi favorably, while 49% view her unfavorably and 18% have no opinion.

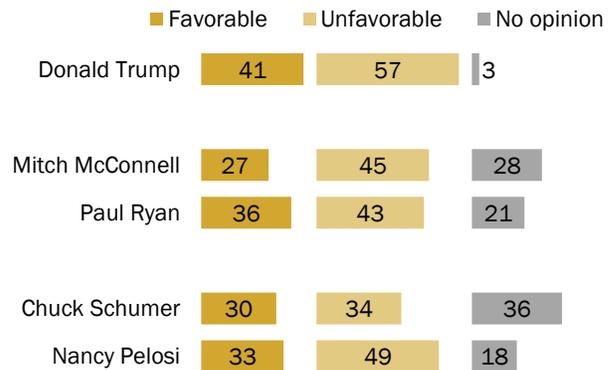
The public has mixed views of Paul Ryan (36% favorable, 43% unfavorable, 21% no opinion). These views are little changed from October 2012, when Ryan was running for vice president as Mitt Romney's running mate.

Opinions of Chuck Schumer also are mixed; Schumer is not as well-known as other congressional leaders (30% favorable, 34% unfavorable, 36% no opinion).

In contrast to congressional leaders, nearly all Americans have an opinion of Donald Trump. [As reported on Feb. 16](#), 41% of the public has a favorable opinion of Trump, while 57% view him unfavorably.

Low favorability ratings for congressional leaders, Trump

% who have a ____ view of



Note: Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding
Source: Survey conducted Feb. 7-12, 2017.

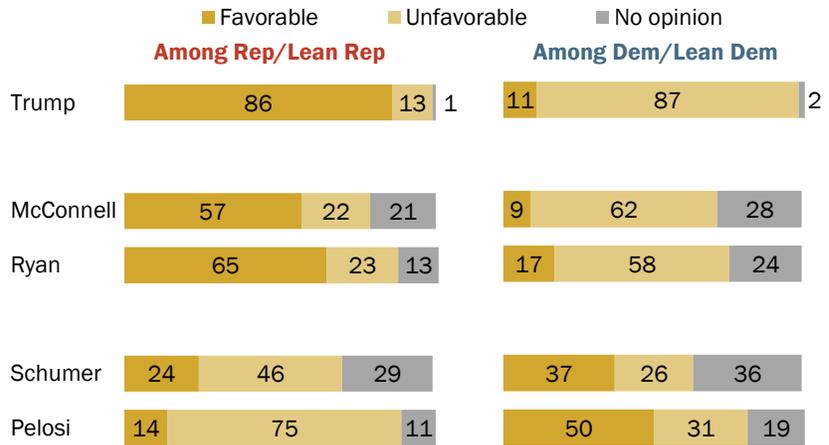
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Partisans' views of individual congressional leaders are deeply divided. Republicans and Republican leaners have much more favorable views of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan than do Democrats and Democratic leaners, and the reverse is true for Minority Leaders Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi.

Schumer is not very well known, even among Democrats: 37% view him favorably, 26% unfavorably, while 36% have no opinion.

Partisan differences in views of congressional leaders

% who have a _____ view of ...



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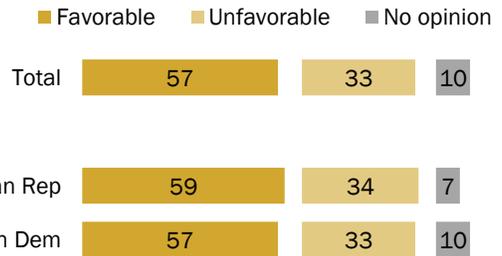
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Meanwhile, John McCain has high favorability ratings among members of both political parties. Currently, 57% of Americans view McCain favorably, while 33% view him unfavorably. Nearly identical shares of Republicans (59%) and Democrats (57%) view McCain favorably.

Opinions of McCain among Republicans are virtually unchanged from September 2013, when 56% of Republicans and Republican leaners viewed him favorably. However, favorable opinions of him among Democrats have increased 19 percentage points since then (38% then, 57% today).

John McCain viewed favorably by Republicans and Democrats

% who have a ____ view of John McCain ...



Note: Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding

Source: Survey conducted Feb. 7-12, 2017

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Partisans' views of how their parties should deal with Trump

On balance, Republican and Republican leaners are more likely to side with Donald Trump over Republican leaders if there is a disagreement between them on an issue. About half (52%) say they would be more likely to trust Donald Trump, while only about a third (34%) say they would be more likely to trust Republican leaders in Congress.

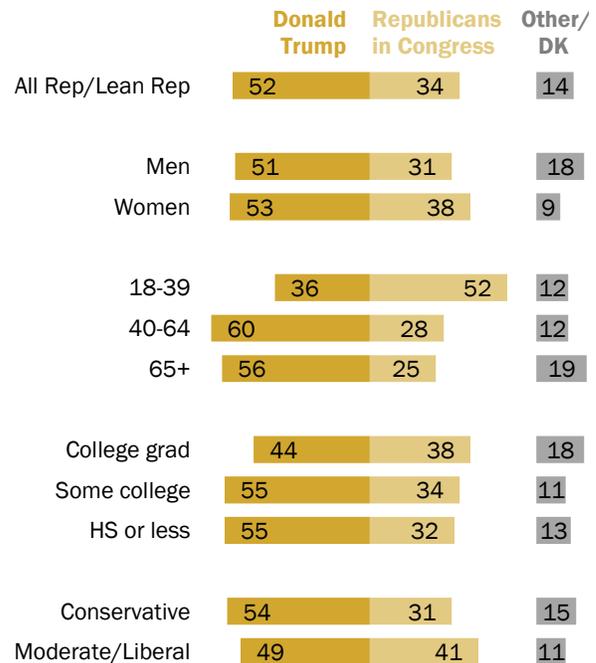
Younger Republicans (those under 40) are the only subgroup of Republicans who say they are more inclined to trust Republican congressional leaders over Trump in the case of a disagreement between them. Just 36% of Republicans under 40 say they would be more likely to trust Trump in this scenario, while 52% say they would more likely to trust Republican leaders. Majorities of older Republicans say they would be more likely to trust Trump.

Democrats and Democratic leaners are much more concerned that their representatives in Congress will not do enough to oppose Donald Trump and his policies than they are that congressional Democrats will go too far in their opposition (72% vs. 20%).

There are modest differences in these views across subgroups of Democrats: Large majorities of liberal Democrats (77%) and conservative and moderate Democrats (68%) both say their bigger concern is that Democrats in Congress will not do enough to oppose Trump's policies.

Younger Republicans less likely to trust Trump over GOP leaders if they disagree

% of Republicans and Republican leaners who are more likely to trust _____, if the two disagree on an issue



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Methodology

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted February 7-12, 2017 among a national sample of 1,503 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (377 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,126 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 680 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://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>

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 2015 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 2016 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. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

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:

Survey conducted Feb. 7-12, 2017

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1,503	2.9 percentage points
Republican/Lean Rep	581	4.7 percentage points
Democrat/Lean Dem	797	4.0 percentage points
Registered voters	1,246	3.2 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.

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Appendix: Topline Questionnaire

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FEBRUARY 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
FEBRUARY 7-12, 2017
N=1,503**

QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-6 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 7-9

ASK ALL:

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Feb 7-12, 2017	34	60	6
Sep 22-27, 2015	19	73	8
May 12-18, 2015	22	72	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	26	66	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	23	68	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 ¹	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Feb 7-12, 2017	37	55	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	34	60	6
May 12-18, 2015	33	60	6

¹ From December, 1994 through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	58	7
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	32	60	8
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
May 1-5, 2013	32	59	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 ²	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22

NO QUESTIONS 11-14, 17-18, 20-34, 38, 40-42, 46-51, 56-60, 67, 72-73, 76-80, 83

QUESTIONS 15-16, 19, 35-37, 39, 43-45, 55, 62-63, 65, 68-71, 81-82, 84a PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTIONS 52-54, 61, 64, 66, 74-75 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

² In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

ASK ALL:

Q.84 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

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b.F1	Chuck Schumer								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	30	7	22	34	18	16	24	12
c.F1	Paul Ryan								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	36	8	28	43	17	25	13	9
	Oct 24-28, 2012	38	18	20	42	25	17	8	12
	Oct 4-7, 2012	38	17	21	40	23	17	7	15
	Sep 12-16, 2012	35	15	20	44	23	21	8	13
	Rep/Lean only:								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	61	20	41	16	4	12	13	10
d.F1	John McCain								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	57	11	46	33	10	22	5	6
	Sep 4-8, 2013	44	7	37	42	16	26	3	10
	Mid-October, 2008	51	17	34	44	17	27	*	5
	Late September, 2008	55	19	36	38	14	24	*	7
	Mid-September, 2008	58	20	38	38	16	22	*	4
	Late May, 2008	46	12	34	44	20	24	1	9
	April, 2008	48	11	37	40	17	23	2	10
	March, 2008	45	8	37	41	16	25	2	12
	Late February, 2008	48	12	36	38	14	24	1	13
	Early February, 2008	53	12	41	31	10	21	3	13
	January, 2008	55	14	41	31	9	22	3	11
	Late December, 2007	46	8	38	34	10	24	7	13
	August, 2007	47	8	39	29	8	21	12	12
	December, 2006	51	13	38	26	6	20	10	13
	April, 2006	54	14	40	26	7	19	8	12
	Late October, 2005	56	15	41	19	5	14	10	15
	Late March, 2005	59	15	44	17	4	13	8	16
	July, 2001	51	14	37	22	5	17	13	14
	January, 2001	59	18	41	15	3	12	9	17
	May, 2000	54	14	40	20	5	15	11	15
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=760]:									
e.F2	Nancy Pelosi								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	33	8	25	49	29	20	8	10
	Dec 3-7, 2014	27	6	20	47	29	18	15	11
	Oct 9-13, 2013	34	7	28	49	29	20	9	8
	Dec 2-5, 2010	29	10	20	55	35	19	9	6
	Jun 10-13, 2010	27	5	22	50	28	23	14	8
	Jun 10-14, 2009	35	8	28	41	25	16	15	8
	December, 2007	25	6	19	38	19	19	20	17
	December, 2006	32	9	23	27	13	14	26	15
f.F2	Mitch McConnell								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	27	5	23	45	23	21	16	11
	Mar 25-29, 2015	23	3	19	38	16	22	25	14
	Dec 3-7, 2014	21	5	16	37	15	22	24	18
	Oct 9-13, 2013	23	2	20	37	14	23	23	17
	Jan 9-13, 2013	21	2	18	28	11	17	32	20

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Dec 2-5, 2010	22	5	18	27	11	16	35	15
Rep/Lean only:								
Jul 17-21, 2013	36	7	29	24	5	19	21	19

QUESTIONS 84g, 88, 90-91 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 85-87, 89****QUESTION 92 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
				<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>		
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Mar 17-26, 2016	25	31	38	3	*	2	15	20
Yearly Totals								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=581]:

Q.93 If Donald Trump and the Republican leaders in Congress disagree on an issue, are you more likely to trust Trump or more likely to trust the Republican leaders in Congress?

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52	More likely to trust Trump
34	More likely to trust Republican leaders in Congress
3	Both (VOL.)
4	Neither (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

When Barack Obama and the Democratic leaders in Congress disagree on an issue, are you more likely to trust Obama or more likely to trust the Democratic leaders in Congress?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS:

<u>CNN/ORC</u>		<u>CNN/ORC</u>
Jan 12-15		November
<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>
65	Obama	71
26	Democratic leaders	19
5	Both equally (VOL.)	8
3	Neither (VOL.)	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=797]:

Q.94 What concerns you more? [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]?

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20	That Democrats in Congress will go too far opposing Donald Trump and his policies [OR]
72	That Democrats in Congress will not do enough to oppose Donald Trump and his policies
8	Don't know/refused (VOL.)

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls