

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER/NATIONAL JOURNAL CONGRESSIONAL CONNECTION POLL**  
**JULY 22-25, 2010 OMNIBUS**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**N=1004**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.1 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]**

a. Republican leaders in Congress

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14	August, 1999	40	44	16
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14	July, 1999	36	45	19
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14	June, 1999	37	46	17
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16	May, 1999	38	44	18
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16	March, 1999	38	47	15
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20	February, 1999	37	51	12
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17	January, 1999	38	50	12
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15	Early December, 1998	38	49	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21	November, 1998	41	48	11
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15	Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early October, 2006	33	56	11	Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 2006	30	53	17	June, 1998	42	38	20
March, 2006	32	50	18	May, 1998	40	41	19
January, 2006	33	52	15	April, 1998	41	40	19
Early November, 2005	33	50	17	March, 1998	43	39	18
Early October, 2005	32	52	16	January, 1998	43	41	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15	November, 1997	41	43	16
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15	August, 1997	42	44	14
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17	June, 1997	33	50	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17	May, 1997	40	44	16
January, 2003	48	37	15	April, 1997	40	44	16
June, 2002	50	34	16	February, 1997	44	42	14
May, 2002	49	34	17	January, 1997	38	47	15
February, 2002	56	24	20	November, 1996	40	43	17
Early September, 2001	43	39	18	July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 2001	40	40	20	June, 1996	36	50	14
May, 2001	45	36	19	April, 1996	39	46	15
April, 2001	45	30	25	March, 1996	35	51	14
January, 2001	43	36	21	February, 1996	33	53	14
July, 2000	36	46	18	January, 1996	36	54	10
May, 2000	40	42	18	October, 1995	36	51	13
March, 2000	38	43	19	September, 1995	36	50	14
February, 2000	40	43	17	August, 1995	38	45	17
January, 2000	39	41	20	June, 1995	41	45	14
December, 1999	38	42	20	April, 1995	44	43	13
October, 1999	34	50	16	March, 1995	43	39	18
Late September, 1999	34	46	20	December, 1994	52	28	20

b. Democratic leaders in Congress

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 <sup>1</sup>	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

**RANDOMIZE PEW.2 AND PEW.3**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.2 How would you rate the job the Republican Party is doing on each of the following – **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES IN ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, REVERSE ORDER FOR OTHER HALF OF SAMPLE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: How would you rate the job the Republican Party is doing on **[ITEM]**?**

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Offering solutions to the most important issues facing the nation					
Jul 22-25, 2010	8	31	36	19	6
<b>Gallup</b> , Apr 28-30, 2006	4	29	42	22	2

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

**PEW.2 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Very good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
b.	Working with the Democrats in Washington to get things done					
	Jul 22-25, 2010	6	27	37	24	5
	<b>Gallup</b> , Apr 28-30, 2006	3	25	48	22	2
c.	Putting the country's interests ahead of their own political interests					
	Jul 22-25, 2010	7	28	37	24	4
	<b>Gallup</b> , Apr 28-30, 2006	5	23	44	26	2

**RANDOMIZE PEW.2 AND PEW.3**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.3 How would you rate the job the Democratic Party is doing on each of the following – **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; READ RESPONSE CATEGORIES IN ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE, REVERSE ORDER FOR OTHER HALF OF SAMPLE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: How would you rate the job the Democratic Party is doing on [ITEM]?**]

		<u>Very good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a.	Offering solutions to the most important issues facing the nation					
	Jul 22-25, 2010	8	35	31	21	4
	<b>Gallup</b> , Apr 28-30, 2006	5	37	44	13	2
b.	Working with the Republicans in Washington to get things done					
	Jul 22-25, 2010	8	30	32	24	6
	<b>Gallup</b> , Apr 28-30, 2006	4	27	47	19	3
c.	Putting the country's interests ahead of their own political interests					
	Jul 22-25, 2010	8	30	34	24	4
	<b>Gallup</b> , Apr 28-30, 2006	6	31	45	16	2

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.4 What do you think would do more to improve economic conditions in the country over the next few years? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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46	Following the economic policies of Barack Obama's administration <b>[OR]</b>
29	Following the economic policies of George W. Bush's administration
2	Same/No difference <b>(VOL.)</b>
17	Neither would help <b>(VOL.)</b>
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**PEW.5 - PEW.9 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

PEW.10 Which comes closer to your view about the tax cuts passed when George W. Bush was president?

**[READ IN ORDER]**

	All of the tax cuts should <u>remain in place</u>	Tax cuts for the wealthy should be repealed, while <u>others stay in place</u>	All of the tax cuts should <u>be repealed</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 22-25, 2010	30	27	31	12
Late October, 2008 <sup>2</sup>	23	34	27	16
Mid-October, 2008	25	37	25	13
November, 2007	30	38	22	10
October, 2007	24	31	30	15
Early November, 2006 ( <b>RVs</b> )	30	34	22	14
Early October, 2006	26	36	26	12
April, 2006	25	36	28	11
December, 2004	28	35	25	12
Early September, 2004	27	31	28	14

**ASK ALL:**

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

**ASK IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY:**

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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> No <u>preference</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Other <u>party</u> *	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
Jul 22-25, 2010	29	31	33	4	*	2	13	13

2 In 2008 and earlier surveys, the question was worded "...tax cuts passed under President Bush over the past few years."