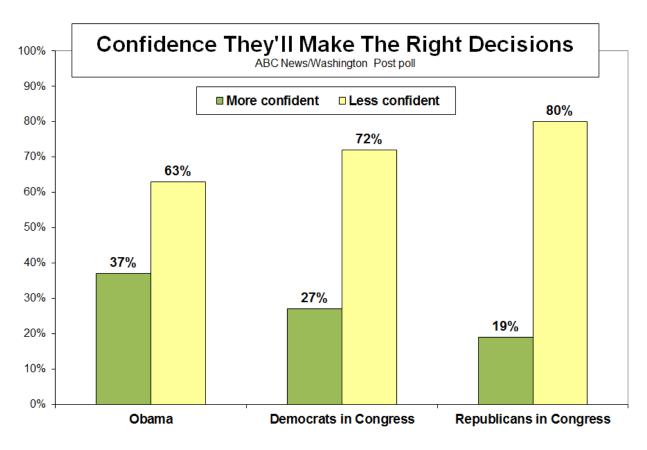
# **Politics 2014: Low Confidence in Leaders And a Dead Heat in Midterm Preferences**

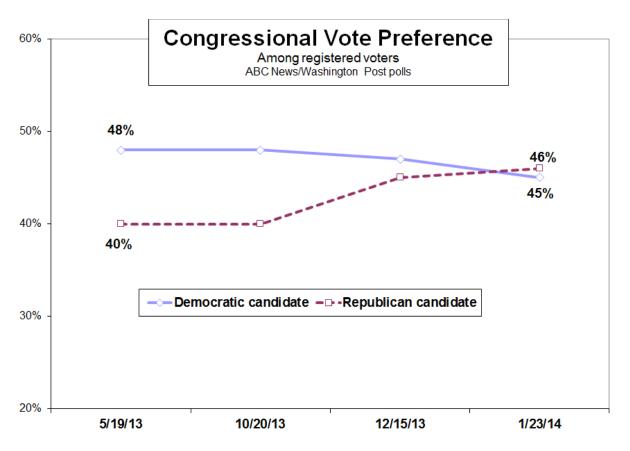
Barack Obama starts his sixth year in office with the public divided about his overall leadership, dissatisfied with his economic stewardship and still steaming about his rollout of the health care law – all factors threatening not only the president but his party in the midterm elections ahead.

Obama is off the floor, advancing from a career-worst 42-55 percent job approval rating in November, as the HealthCare.gov website was crashing, to 46-50 percent now. Still, he's exceeded 50 percent approval in only two of 10 ABC News/Washington Post polls in the past year, and none since last May.

In another gauge, just 37 percent of Americans express confidence in Obama to make the right decisions for the country's future – a number that's almost audibly deflated from 61 percent when he took office five years ago. And the president's ratings are deeply polarized along political fault lines – partisan, ideological, racial and ethnic, generational and policy-based alike.



Obama's weakness leaves his party vulnerable: Registered voters divide essentially evenly, 46-45 percent, between Republican and Democratic candidates for Congress next fall. That's a challenge for the Democrats, because Republicans usually hold the edge in midterm turnout. And it's shifted from an 8-point Democratic lead in a pair of ABC/Post polls last year.



But the risk also could be to incumbents in general. This poll, produced for ABC by <u>Langer</u> <u>Research Associates</u>, finds anti-incumbency near the almost 25-year high it hit in October, with just 27 percent inclined to re-elect their representative in Congress. The Congress itself has a dismal 16 percent approval rating, steady at just 4 percentage points above the 40-year low in October. And while the Republican Party holds a crucial 7-point lead over the Democrats in trust to handle the economy, it also has problems of its own, on empathy, helping the middle class and related issues such as raising the minimum wage and extending unemployment benefits.

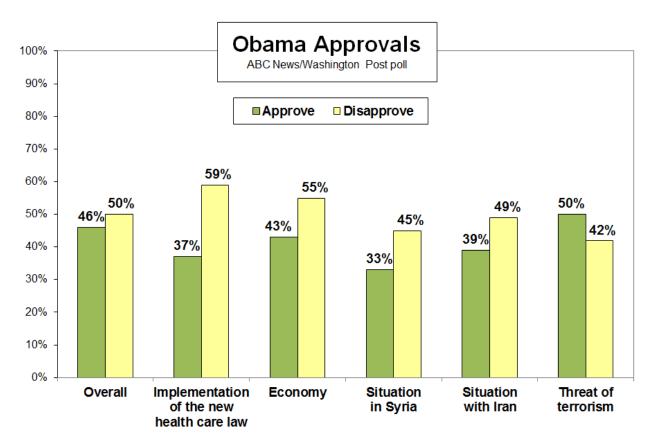
Moreover, displaying their pique, 71 percent of Americans say "the way Washington is working" will be a major factor in their vote for Congress this year -6 points more than said so in 2010, and a sentiment expressed roughly equally across partian and ideological lines.

But if government dysfunction garners bipartisan agreement, what to do about it is another issue. The public goes back to a close division on the prospect of a president bypassing Congress in order to advance his agenda via executive order, as Obama has pledged to do. Fifty-two percent like the idea, but 46 percent oppose it – and strongly held views on the issue are negative by a 10-point margin.

For all this, there is one slight break in the clouds: The number of Americans who say the country is headed "pretty seriously off on the wrong track" has eased to 62 percent, from 70 percent in November. Still, that's 14 points higher than it was in a short-lived burst of comparative optimism not long after the president took office in 2009.

THE PROBLEM – Chief among the president's problems is that simple fact that, with unemployment still troublingly high, many Americans are unimpressed by the pace of the economy's progress. A steady 55 percent disapprove of how Obama is handling the economy – still the central issue to most Americans, and one on which he hasn't received majority approval since his first year in office. His rating on the economy is more "strongly" negative than strongly positive by a broad 20-point margin.

The president does worse yet -59 percent negative - on implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Indeed, just 19 percent rate him strongly positively on this issue, vs. 50 percent strongly negatively - a vast 31-point net negative for Obama in strong views on his handling of the ACA.



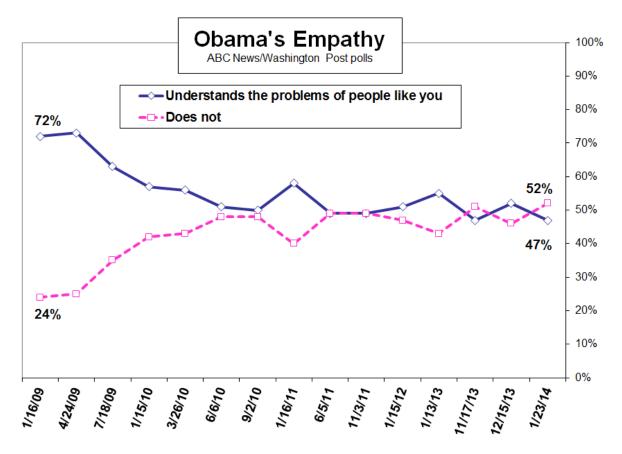
Strongly held views are an important indicator because they can signify motivation to vote. And while, as noted, the president's overall approval rating is about even, 46-50 percent, strong

disapproval of his job performance exceeds strong approval by 18 points. With little for his backers to rally around, there's simply more mojo among his critics.

Other gauges back up his challenges. The president's 50-42 percent rating for handling the threat of terrorism has slipped under majority approval for the first time in his presidency. On overseas challenges, his ratings on handling Iran and Syria are more negative than positive by 10 and 12 points, respectively. And on the controversy over surveillance activities by the National Security Agency, well fewer than half, 41 percent, see the new limitations announced by Obama as "about right." Rather, in the can't-buy-a-break department, 28 percent say his new limits don't go far enough, and 18 percent say they go too far – net criticism from 46 percent.

More personally, too, Americans divide on whether Obama's a strong leader (48-51 percent) or honest and trustworthy (49-48 percent) – ratings on which he got dinged by the Obamacare meltdown and hasn't recovered. His personal favorability rating, likewise, is another essentially even split, 49-50 percent.

Another key rating reflects the sense of separation the presidential bubble can create: Just 47 percent now say Obama "understands the problems of people like you," tying his low, while 52 percent says he doesn't – a new high, albeit by a single point. A sense of empathy can provide cartilage for a president when the road gets rough – and was an essential edge for Obama in the 2012 election. Losing it is a problem for the president.



As noted in last month's ABC/Post poll, Obama's five-year average rating is lower than his twoterm predecessors' in available data back to Harry S. Truman, although, to be fair, Obama's had a singularly bad economy. He's also experienced more political polarization than any president in available ABC/Post data back to Ronald Reagan.

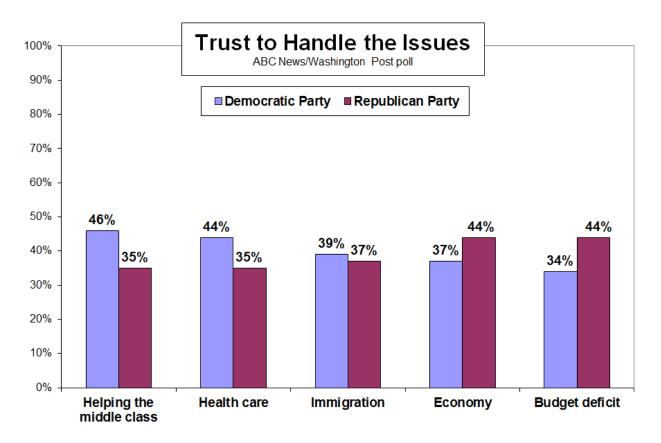
Today, continuing that trend, there's a vast 68-point gap between Obama's job approval rating among Democrats vs. Republicans (matching his career average); a 57-point gap between blacks (91 percent approve) and whites (34 percent); and a 22-point gap between under-30s and seniors, among other groups.

All	Obama Approve 46%	Ratings Confident 37%
Democrats	81	70
Republicans	13	7
Independents	41	30
Liberals	73	63
Moderates	50	37
Conservatives	23	19
Whites	34	26
Nonwhites NET	70	58
Blacks	91	75
Hispanics	64	53
18-29	60	40
30-39	47	42
40-64	43	34
65+	38	35
Urban	54	43
Suburban	44	36
Rural	31	25

COMPARISONS – A particularly troubling rating for Obama, as noted above, is the fact that just 37 percent of Americans express confidence that he'll make the right decisions for the country's future. But comparisons give him some respite: Just 27 percent express confidence in the Democrats in Congress to make the right decisions, and only 19 percent say the same about the Republicans in Congress.

One challenge for the Republicans is comparative weakness within their own ranks. Among Democrats, 56 percent are confident in their party to make the right decisions. Just 36 percent of Republicans, by contrast, express confidence in their own party.

Comparing views of the parties on key issues lays out a likely road map for the 2014 campaign. Among those results, 86 percent of Americans call the economy an important issue in their vote – far more, for example, than the 48 percent who say the same about immigration policy and the 40 percent who put a premium on social issues such as abortion and gay marriage. And while the Democrats hold 9- and 12-point advantages on the less-salient issues of abortion and gay marriage, the Republicans lead by 7 points, 44-37 percent, on the key question of trust to handle the economy.



The Republican Party also edges the Democrats, by 6 points, 46-40 percent, on the very basic question of which camp has better ideas about "the right size and role of the federal government," and has a 10-point lead in trust to handle the federal deficit. The GOP also has an 11-point advantage on the issue of gun control, with Americans by 48-37 percent saying their own position on the issue is closer to the Republican Party's than to the Democrats'.

Those results point to potentially compelling (if familiar) themes for the GOP as it moves beyond last fall's unforced error on the government shutdown. But there's pushback for the Democrats – also not unfamiliar – on thematics and policy alike. The Democratic Party leads the Republicans by 11 points in trust to help the middle class, by 9 points in trust to handle health care (despite the Obamacare website debacle), and by 9 points both in empathy overall and in better understanding the economic problems Americans still face.

Marking two specific risk areas for the Republicans, Americans by a 14-point margin, 49-35 percent, say they're closer to the Democrats on the issue of raising the minimum wage. And 60 percent of the public supports a further extension of unemployment benefits. Both are issues that Obama and the Democrats are trying to turn to their advantage.

2014 GROUPS – In 2014 vote preferences, nonwhites, adults under age 40 and those with lessthan \$50,000 incomes are the Democrats' best groups, by 68-23, 52-40 and 51-38 percent, respectively. But turnout in those groups is uncertain, and among whites, Republican candidates lead by 55-35 percent. (Obama lost whites by a 20-point margin in 2012 and won the contest nonetheless – but whites' share of the electorate tends to be higher in midterm elections.)

Also, independents, potential swing voters, now back GOP candidates by a 12-point margin.

	vote by groups g reg. voters) Dem-Rep 45-46%
Dems	93- 4
Reps	4-93
Inds	36-48
Libs	78-18
Mods	46-41
Cons	21-71
Men	43-47
Women	46-45
Whites	35-55
Nonwhites	68-23
18-39	52-40
40-49	39-51
50-64	44-46
65+	39-51
Urban	52-38
Suburban	40-49
Rural	40-52
<\$50K	51-38
\$50-\$100K	43-46
\$100K+	36-57

HEALTH CARE and IMMIGRATION – Obamacare, perhaps surprisingly, is another area that may carry risks for the GOP as well as for the Democrats. On one hand Americans divide on the law itself, 46 percent in support, 49 percent opposed, with strong opposition outstripping strong support by 13 points. On the other, though, a minority, 38 percent, say it should be repealed; 60 percent either support the law outright or oppose it but say it should go forward nonetheless.

Still, if calls for repeal don't resonate with a majority, there's still criticism aplenty on the health care law for Obama and by extension his party. Beyond his disapproval on the issue, six in 10 Americans still don't think the website's working properly, and 54 percent see that as a sign of

broader problems in implementing the law.

Immigration policy is another issue with risks for both sides. Americans in this poll divide evenly on giving undocumented immigrants the right to live and work in the United States legally (support's been higher in polls that specify they may be required to pay a fine and meet other requirements). They also divide evenly on which party they trust to handle it. And if a candidate for Congress backs such a step, 30 percent say they'd be less likely to support him or her, vs. 24 percent more likely. (The rest say it's not a factor.)

Finally, there's the role of Obama himself in the midterms. In direct measurement it looks like nearly a wash: Twenty percent say they'll be voting to show support for the president, 24 percent to oppose him. Just before the 2006 midterms, by contrast, Americans by a broader 14-point margin said they'd vote to show opposition to George W. Bush, and the Democrats took control.

But if Obama's not a direct influence, he's an indirect one. And with his 46 percent approval rating, continued economic discontent and the public's deep frustration with Washington, the president starts the year ill-positioned to offer his party much help in the fall spectacular.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Jan. 20-23, 2014, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,003 adults, including landline and cell-phone-only respondents. Results have a margin of <u>sampling error</u> of 3.5 points, including design effect. Partisan divisions are 32-25-37 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by <u>Langer Research Associates</u> of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York, N.Y.

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ABC News polls can be found at ABCNEWS.com at http://abcnews.com/pollingunit.

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Full results follow.

\* in data columns = less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

		Approve	·		Disappro	ove	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	46	23	23	50	9	41	4
12/15/13	43	23	20	55	14	41	3
11/17/13	42	22	21	55	11	44	3
10/20/13	48	28	20	49	10	39	3
9/15/13	47	25	22	47	11	37	6
7/21/13	49	25	24	44	12	32	7
5/19/13	51	32	20	44	10	33	5
4/14/13	50	27	23	45	10	35	5
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4

1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
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10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48		37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
					11		
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46		36	3
10/27/12 RV	50	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
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10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
10/23/12 RV	50	29	21	47	9	37	3
10/22/12 RV	50	30	20	47	10	38	3
10/21/12 RV	51	31	20	47	10	37	2
10/13/12	50	30	21	44	10	34	6
9/29/12	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
9/9/12	49	29	20	45	11	35	6
8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
5/20/12	47	26	21	49	13	36	3
4/8/12	50	30	20	45	10	35	6
3/10/12	46	28	18	50	11	39	4
2/4/12	50	29	22	46	11	36	3
1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11							
	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
							3
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
	54	31					3
4/25/10			23	44	11	33	5
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8		
						18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7
*Washington							
		Pew Research	Center				

\*\*Washington Post/Pew Research Center

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

1/23/14 - Summary Table

		Appro	ve		Disappro	ove	No
	NET	Strngl	y Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	op.
a. The economy	43	22	21	55	13	42	3
b. Implementation of the new							
health care law	37	19	17	59	10	50	4
c. The threat of terrorism	50	29	21	42	14	28	8
d. The situation with Iran	39	18	21	49	15	34	12
e. The situation in Syria	33	14	19	45	16	29	22
*Full sample asked items a-c;	half	samples	asked items	d an	de.		

### Trend:

a. The economy

		Approve			Disappro	ove	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	43	22	21	55	13	42	3
12/15/13	42	24	18	55	14	40	4
11/17/13	41	22	20	57	14	42	2
10/20/13	44	23	20	54	12	42	2
9/15/13	45	25	20	51	14	37	4
7/21/13	45	22	22	49	14	35	6
5/19/13	48	26	22	48	10	37	4
4/14/13	44	22	22	53	12	41	3
3/10/13	44	24	20	52	10	42	4
1/13/13	50	24	25	47	10	37	3
12/16/12	50	27	23	48	10	38	3
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9/29/12 RV	47	23	25	52	10	41	1
9/9/12 RV	45	24	21	53	8	45	2
8/25/12	44	20	23	54	12	42	3
7/8/12	44	21	23	54	13	41	2
5/20/12	42	20	22	55	11	44	2
4/8/12	44	23	21	54	12	42	2
3/10/12	38	20	18	59	9	50	2
2/4/12	44	23	22	53	11	41	3
1/15/12	41	19	22	57	11	46	2
12/18/11	41	17	24	56	13	43	2
11/3/11	38	18	20	61	13	48	2
10/2/11	35	17	19	61	13	48	4
9/1/11	36	15	21	62	15	47	2
7/17/11	39	18	22	57	15	43	3
6/5/11	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
5/2/11*	40	18	22	55	16	39	4
4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2
3/13/11	43	22	21	55	13	41	2
1/16/11	46	22	24	51	13	38	2
12/12/10	43	21	22	54	15	39	3
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9/2/10	41	20	21	57	13	44	2
7/11/10	43	20	23	54	13	41	4
6/6/10	50	26	24	49	12	37	2
4/25/10	49	24	25	49	10	39	2
3/26/10	45	23	22	52	12	40	3
2/8/10	45	22	23	53	15	38	2
1/15/10	47	22	24	52	13	39	1
12/13/09	46	23	24	52	12	40	2

11/15/09	51	26	25	47	12	36	2
10/18/09	50	29	22	48	13	35	1
9/12/09	51	28	24	46	13	33	2
8/17/09	52	27	25	46	13	33	2
7/18/09	52	29	23	46	10	35	3
6/21/09	56	28	28	41	13	27	3
4/24/09	58	31	28	38	13	25	4
3/29/09	60	34	25	38	12	26	3
2/22/09	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6
*Washington	Post/Pew	Research	Center				

b. Implementation of the new health care law

		Approve			Disapprove			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion	
1/23/14	37	19	17	59	10	50	4	
12/15/13	34	18	15	62	13	50	4	
11/17/13	33	18	16	63	12	52	3	
10/20/13	41	25	15	53	10	43	6	
9/15/13	34	20	14	55	12	43	11	

c. The threat of terrorism

		Approve			Disappro	ove	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	50	29	21	42	14	28	8
1/15/12	56	36	20	38	10	28	6
11/3/11	60	37	23	34	12	22	6
9/1/11	62	33	29	32	12	21	6
6/5/11	60	35	25	34	13	21	6
5/2/11*	69	42	27	21	9	12	10
2/8/10	56	28	28	39	14	25	5
1/15/10	55	31	23	42	14	28	4
11/15/09	53	31	22	41	14	27	6
9/12/09	55	31	24	34	12	23	11
6/21/09	57	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	7
4/21/09**	57	"	"	26	"	"	17
*Washington	Post-Pe	w Research	Center				

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d. The situation with Iran

		Approve			Disapprove			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion	
1/23/14	39	18	21	49	15	34	12	
10/18/09	52	24	28	39	12	27	9	
6/21/09	52	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	12	
4/24/09	54	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	11	

e. The situation in Syria

		Approve	·		Disappro	ove	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	33	14	19	45	16	29	22
9/15/13	36	19	17	53	14	39	11

3. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right	Wrong	No
	direction	track	opinion
1/23/14	35	62	2

11/17/13		27	70	3
10/20/13		28	68	4
7/21/13		36	60	4
5/19/13		39	57	4
1/13/13		39	57	5
10/31/12	LV	43	55	2
10/13/12	RV	42	56	3
9/29/12	RV	38	60	2
8/25/12	RV	29	69	2
7/8/12		33	63	4
4/8/12		33	64	3
1/15/12		30	68	2
11/3/11		22	74	3
9/1/11		20	77	3
6/5/11		32	66	2
1/16/11		38	60	3
12/12/10	D17	31	67	2
10/28/10	RV	27	71	2
6/6/10 3/26/10		37 38	60 60	3 2
1/15/10		30 37	62	2 1
11/15/09		44	55	2
10/18/09		44	54	2
8/17/09		44	55	1
6/21/09		47	50	3
4/24/09		50	48	2
3/29/09		42	57	1
2/22/09		31	67	2
1/16/09		19	78	3
12/14/08		15	82	3
10/25/08	LV	13	85	2
10/11/08	RV	8	90	2
9/22/08	RV	14	83	3
8/22/08		19	78	2
6/15/08		14	84	2
5/11/08		16	82	2
1/12/08		21	77	2
11/1/07		24	74	2
6/1/07		25	73	2
1/19/07		26	71	3
11/4/06	RV	39	59	2
10/22/06		30	68	2
10/8/06		32	66	2
5/15/06		29	69	2
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10/24/04 4/18/04	LV	41 42	55 57	4 1
4/10/04		42 52	46	2
9/26/02		43	53	4
2/21/02		43 54	42	4
Call for	full		12	1

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

		Approve	e		Disappro	ove	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	16	3	13	81	21	59	3
12/15/13	16	4	12	81	22	59	3
10/20/13	12	4	8	85	15	70	3
7/21/13	21	5	16	73	20	53	7
3/10/13	16	3	12	80	22	58	4

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9/2/10 6/6/10	25 26	5 7	20 20	72 71	21 20	51 51	4 2	
3/26/10	24	7	18	72	18	54	4	
2/8/10	26	NA	NA	71	NA	NA	3	
7/13/08 2/1/08	23 33			71 59			6 8	
12/9/07	32			60			8	
11/1/07	28			65			7	
9/30/07 7/21/07	29 37			65 60			6 4	
6/1/07	39	"	"	53	"	"	8	
4/15/07	44	8	36	54	25	29	3	
2/25/07	41	NA	NA	54	NA	NA	5	
1/19/07 12/11/06	43 37	"	"	50 57			8 6	
11/4/06 RV	36	7	29	60	25	35	4	
10/22/06	31	5	25	65	27	38	4	
10/8/06	32	5	27	66	29	37	2	
9/7/06 8/6/06	40 36	NA	NA	55 60	NA	NA	5 4	
5/15/06	33			63			4	
4/9/06	35			62			3	
3/5/06 1/26/06	36 43			62 53			3 4	
1/26/06	43 41			55			4 5	
12/18/05	43			53			4	
11/2/05	37			59			4	
8/28/05 6/5/05	37 41			59 54			4 4	
10/29/03	41			52			9	
4/30/03	57			37			6	
9/26/02	51			43			6	
7/15/02 2/21/02	57 57			36 39			7 4	
1/27/02	58			35			7	
12/19/01	59			34			7	
9/9/01	45			48			7	
7/30/01 4/22/01	48 58			48 33			4 8	
Call for ful		l.		00			0	
5. Please te 1/23/14 - Su			following	statemer	nt applies	to Obama,	or not:	[ITEM]?
a. He is a s b. He unders c. He is hon	tands t	the problems		e like yo	Yes 48 0u 47 49	52	inion 1 1 4	
Trend:								
a. He is a s	trong l	eader						
Y	es No	No opinio	on					

1/23/14	48	51	1
11/17/13	46	53	1
9/15/13	54	44	2
1/13/13	61	37	2
1/15/12	51	48	1
11/3/11	48	51	1
6/5/11	55	44	1
6/6/10	57	43	1
3/26/10	65	33	2
1/15/10	63	35	1
7/18/09	71	27	2
4/24/09	77	22	2
1/16/09	72	18	10

b. He understands the problems of people like you

	Yes	No	No opinion
1/23/14	47	52	1
12/15/13	52	46	2
11/17/13	47	51	2
1/13/13	55	43	2
1/15/12	51	47	2
11/3/11	49	49	2
6/5/11	49	49	2
1/16/11	58	40	2
9/2/10	50	48	2
6/6/10	51	48	2
3/26/10	56	43	2
1/15/10	57	42	2
7/18/09	63	35	1
4/24/09	73	25	1
1/16/09	72	24	4

c. He is honest and trustworthy

1/23/14 12/15/13 11/17/13 10/13/12 RV 11/3/11 4/24/09	Yes 49 50 47 56 57 74	No 48 48 50 40 39 22	No opinion 4 2 3 4 5 4
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6. How much confidence do you have in [ITEM] to make the right decisions for the country's future - a great deal of confidence, a good amount, just some or none at all?

1/23/14 - Summary Table

	-Grt deal/Good amt-		Some/None				
		Great	Good		Just	None	No
	NET	deal	amt	NET	some	at all	opinion
a. Obama	37	17	19	63	28	35	*
b. The Republicans in Congress	19	5	14	80	47	34	1
c. The Democrats in Congress	27	9	17	72	38	34	1

Trend:

a. Obama

	-Grt	deal/Good	amt-		Some/N	one	
		Great	Good		Just	None	No
	NET	deal	amt	NET	some	at all	opinion
1/23/14	37	17	19	63	28	35	*
7/11/10	43	24	19	57	28	29	*
1/15/10	47	24	23	53	26	27	*
10/18/09	49	29	20	50	27	24	*
8/17/09	49	28	21	50	26	24	*
4/24/09	60	31	28	40	25	15	1
1/16/09	61	31	30	37	28	9	2

b. The Republicans in Congress

	-Grt	deal/Good	amt-		Some/No	one	
		Great	Good		Just	None	No
	NET	deal	amt	NET	some	at all	opinion
1/23/14	19	5	14	80	47	34	1
7/11/10	26	8	18	73	43	29	1
1/15/10	24	6	18	75	47	28	1
10/18/09	19	4	15	79	46	33	2
8/17/09	21	4	16	78	45	33	1
4/24/09	21	4	16	78	50	28	2
1/16/09	29	8	21	69	49	21	2

c. The Democrats in Congress

	-Grt	deal/Good	amt-		Some/N	one	
		Great	Good		Just	None	No
	NET	deal	amt	NET	some	at all	opinion
1/23/14	27	9	17	72	38	34	1
7/11/10	32	12	20	67	35	32	1
1/15/10	32	11	21	68	33	35	1
10/18/09	34	12	23	64	37	27	2
8/17/09	35	14	21	63	35	29	1
4/24/09	36	12	24	63	38	25	1
1/16/09	43	15	28	56	37	19	2

7. Obama has called for limits on surveillance activities by the National Security Agency. Given what you've heard or read about it, do you think the steps he's proposed (go too far) in limiting NSA surveillance, (don't go far enough), or are about right?

	Too far	Not far enough	About right	No opinion
1/23/14	18	28	41	14

8. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling [ITEM]?

1/23/14 - Summary Table

1/23/14 Summary Table	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The economy	37	44	2	15	3
b. Health care	44	35	1	16	3
c. Immigration issues	39	37	2	15	7
d. The federal budget deficit	34	44	1	18	3
e. Helping the middle class	46	35	1	15	2

Trend:

a. The economy

			Deth	Modela	No
	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/23/14	37	44	2	15	3
10/3/10	44	37	2 4	13	2
9/2/10	44	40	4	14	2
7/11/10	42	34	2	17	5
3/26/10	42	36	3	16	1
		33	2		
2/1/08	52 51	33	2	10	3 5
12/9/07	51		2	9 9	
11/1/07		35	3 2		4
9/30/07	51	33		11	3
10/22/06 R		41	2	5	2
10/8/06	54	37	3	6	1
9/7/06	50	39	1	7	4
6/25/06	52	39	1	5	3
5/15/06	52	34	3	9	2
4/9/06	49	43	1	4	3
3/5/06	49	40	2	8	2
1/26/06	55	37	2	5	2
11/2/05	56	34	1	8	1
12/15/02	44	45	4	6	1
10/27/02* L		48	3	3	2
9/26/02*	47	39	3	6	5
7/15/02**	38	48	3	6	5
1/27/02**	39	48	5	6	3
4/22/01***	47	43	4	4	3
9/28/98	53	40	NA	NA	7
7/12/98	49	37	4	5	6
1/19/98	45	44	3	6	3
7/8/97	43	39	5	12	2
10/23/94	38	43	3	14	2
9/11/94	39	43	3	11	4
2/27/94	47	36	3	11	3
2/2/92	49	38	2	7	4
12/15/91	43	36	4	11	5
3/4/91	32	49	5	10	4
1/16/90	33	52	4	7	4
*"The econom	v and jobs"				

\*"The economy and jobs"
\*\*"Improving the economy"
\*\*\*4/22/01 and previous: "The nation's economy"

b. Health care

			Both	Neither	No
	Democrats	Republicans	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
1/23/14	44	35	1	16	3
10/3/10	46	38	1	12	3
9/2/10	44	39	2	13	3
3/26/10	47	34	2	15	3
2/1/08	56	29	2	10	4
11/1/07	54	29	2	10	5
9/30/07	56	26	2	12	5
10/8/06	61	28	1	7	2
5/15/06	61	28	1	7	2
4/9/06	61	29	*	6	3
11/2/05	54	29	2	12	3
12/15/02*	53	33	3	7	4
10/27/02* I	JV 50	39	3	5	3
9/26/02*	50	35	4	5	6
7/15/02**	47	37	3	9	5
1/27/02**	50	35	5	5	4
1/19/98***	54	33	2	7	4
10/23/94	46	29	2	21	2

9/11/94	51	29	3	12	5	
2/27/94	58	22	5	11	3	
2/2/92	60	25	3	8	4	
12/15/91	57	23	3	11	5	
*"The cost,	availability, a	ind coverage c	of health	insurance"		
**"improving the health care system"						
***1/19/98 a	and previous: "F	roviding affo	ordable he	alth care"		

c. Immigration issues

			Both	Neither	No
	Democrats	Republicans	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
1/23/14	39	37	2	15	7
10/3/10	37	37	3	17	6
9/2/10	37	40	5	14	4
3/26/10	38	35	3	16	8
2/1/08	40	37	2	12	9
11/1/07	42	35	4	13	6
10/8/06	49	36	4	10	3
6/25/06	45	40	1	9	5
5/15/06	48	34	1	14	4
4/9/06	50	38	1	7	4

## d. The federal budget deficit

1/23/14 10/3/10 9/2/10 3/26/10 2/1/08	Democrats 34 39 38 43 52	Republicans 44 40 44 35 31	Both (vol.) 1 2 1 2 2	Neither (vol.) 18 18 14 18 10	No opinion 3 1 3 2 6
9/30/07	52	29	2	12	5
Compare to: The	federal bu	dget			
5/15/06	54	34	1	8	3
11/2/05	48	34	2	13	2
7/15/02*	44	41	5	6	4
1/27/02**	38	46	5	7	3
3/14/99*	43	40	5	10	3
9/28/98*	49	42	NA	NA	9
7/12/98*	42	39	4	7	8
1/19/98***	41	43	3	8	4
7/8/97***	39	36	5	17	3
10/23/94****	36	37	3	21	3
9/11/94	39	40	4	14	4
2/27/94	44	28	5	20	3
2/2/92	40	39	4	14	3
3/4/91	35	43	5	14	3
1/16/90	35	42	4	15	4
*"Managing the		-			
**"Keeping the		-			
***"Balancing t	he federal	budget"			

\*\*\*\*10/23/94 and previous: "Reducing the federal budget"

e. Helping the middle class

			Both	Neither	No
	Democrats	Republicans	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
1/23/14	46	35	1	15	2
10/3/10	50	34	2	11	2
3/14/99	55	28	4	8	4

9/28/98		57	34	NA	NA	8
9/28/98	LV	52	40	NA	NA	8
7/12/98		55	29	2	8	7
1/19/98		57	34	1	6	2
7/8/97		51	30	3	14	3
10/23/94		48	33	2	14	3
9/11/94		46	36	3	10	4
2/27/94		47	34	2	14	3
2/2/92		55	34	2	7	3
12/15/91		56	28	3	10	4
3/4/91		48	34	5	9	4
1/16/90		53	32	3	9	4

9. Regardless of your other political views, overall which party do you think has better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government - the (Democratic Party) or the (Republican Party)?

			Both	Neither	
	Democratic	Republican	(vol.)	(vol.)	No opinion
1/23/14	40	46	1	9	3
12/15/13	43	44	2	9	3
10/3/10	42	44	3	8	4
6/6/10	45	40	1	10	4

10. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you think [ITEM]?

1/23/14 - Summary Table

		Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a.	Better represents your own personal values	43	41	2	13	2
b.	Is more concerned with the needs of people like you	46	37	1	15	1
с.	Better understands the economic problems people in this country are having	46	37	2	13	2

Trend:

a. Better represents your own personal values

			Both	Neither	No
	Democrats	Republicans	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
1/23/14	43	41	2	13	2
3/10/12	44	39	2	12	3
10/28/10 RV	48	42	2	7	1
9/2/10	45	42	2	10	1
11/15/09	49	39	2	9	2
11/4/06 RV	48	44	1	6	2
10/8/06	53	37	2	7	1
11/2/05	50	40	1	7	1
4/24/05	47	38	2	10	2
3/14/99	47	39	3	8	3

b. Is more concerned with the needs of people like you

			Both	Neither	No
	Democrats	Republicans	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
1/23/14	46	37	1	15	1
3/10/12	46	36	1	13	3

10/28/10 RV	49	38	2	8	3
9/2/10	48	39	2	11	1
11/15/09	51	36	2	9	3
10/8/06	58	30	2	9	1
8/6/06	56	30	1	12	2
11/2/05	56	33	1	9	1

c. Better understands the economic problems people in this country are having

			Both	Neither	No
	Democrats	Republicans	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
1/23/14	46	37	2	13	2
2/9/11*	35	30	3	22	9
10/28/10 RV	48	38	2	10	2
*Washington	Post-Kaiser	Family Foundatio	on		

11. Which political party is closer to your own opinion on the issue of [ITEM], the (Democrats) or the (Republicans)?

1/23/14 - Summary Table

			Both	Neither	No
	Democrats	Republicans	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
a. Abortion	46	37	1	6	10
b. Gay marriage	45	33	2	8	12
c. Gun control	37	48	2	6	7
d. Whether or not to r	aise the				
minimum wage	49	35	1	5	10

12. Presidents have the power in some cases to bypass Congress and take action by executive order to accomplish their administration's goals. Is this approach something you support strongly, support somewhat, oppose somewhat or oppose strongly?

		Support	;		Oppose	e	No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	52	15	36	46	21	25	2

Changing subjects,

13a. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Barack Obama? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Favorable			Unfavorab	ole	No	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	49	29	20	50	13	37	1
11/17/13	46	30	16	52	11	41	2
10/20/13	50	31	19	48	11	37	2
6/23/13	53	31	22	44	11	33	3
3/24/13	57	34	23	41	11	30	2
1/27/13	60	39	21	37	11	26	3
11/2/12 LV	54	38	16	45	11	34	1
10/21/12 LV	52	37	15	46	10	36	2
10/7/12	56	32	24	42	11	31	2
9/9/12	54	34	21	42	13	29	4
9/2/12	51	29	22	45	14	31	4
8/26/12	50	27	24	44	14	29	6
8/5/12	53	29	24	43	12	31	4
5/27/12	52	29	23	45	14	31	3
4/15/12	56	30	26	40	14	26	5
3/25/12	53	31	23	43	15	28	3
2/26/12	51	26	25	45	13	32	3

1/22/12	53	27	25	43	14	29	4
12/11/11	48	23	25	49	16	33	3
9/18/11	47	22	25	46	15	31	7
4/17/11	52	33	20	45	13	32	2
4/25/10	57	37	21	41	12	29	2
1/15/10	58	38	20	40	13	27	2
11/15/09	61	39	21	38	11	27	1
9/12/09	63	40	23	35	12	24	2
4/24/09	72	46	26	26	11	15	2
1/16/09	79	50	29	18	9	9	3
11/2/08 LV	63	47	16	33	7	26	4
10/23/08 LV	63	47	16	34	7	27	3
10/11/08 RV	64	44	20	33	12	21	3
9/7/08 RV	58	35	23	36	12	24	7
8/22/08 RV	62	37	25	34	13	21	4
6/15/08	63	35	28	33	12	21	4
4/13/08	56	28	28	39	14	25	5
1/10/08	63	31	32	30	14	16	7
11/1/07	51	21	30	36	16	20	13
2/25/07	53	21	33	30	16	14	16
1/19/07	45	NA	NA	29	NA	NA	25
12/11/06	44	21	22	23	17	6	33

On another topic,

14. Congress is considering whether or not again to extend the period in which people who've lost their jobs can get unemployment benefits. (Supporters say this will help those who can't find work.) (Opponents say this adds too much to the federal budget deficit.) Do you think Congress should or should not approve another extension of unemployment benefits?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
1/23/14	60	37	3

Compare to: Because of the economic downturn, Congress has extended the period in which people can receive unemployment benefits, and is considering doing so again. Supporters say this will help those who can't find work. Opponents say this adds too much to the federal budget deficit. Do you think Congress should or should not approve another extension of unemployment benefits?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
7/11/10	62	36	2

15. Do you think undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should or should not be given the right to live and work here legally? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	Should				not	No	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	49	31	17	49	11	37	3
10/20/13*	51	31	20	43	10	33	5
*ABC News-Fusion							

Compare to: Overall, do you support or oppose a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants now living in the United States? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Support					No	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/14/13	55	29	26	41	15	26	4
3/30/13	57	31	26	40	16	24	4
2/3/13	55	29	26	41	19	22	4
11/11/12	57	30	27	39	12	27	4

\*3/30/13 and previous: "a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants"

Compare to: Would you support or oppose a program giving undocumented immigrants now living in the United States the right to live here legally if they pay a fine and meet other requirements? Do you support/oppose strongly or somewhat?

		Support			Oppose		No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/19/13	58	34	23	38	10	29	4
4/14/13*	63	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	4
6/6/10**	57			40			3
4/24/09	61			35			3
12/19/07	49			46			5
11/1/07	51			44			4
6/1/07	52	"	"	44	"	"	4
*"undocume	nted"	and "illega	l" wordings	half	sampled		
**6/6/10 a	nd pre	evious: "ill	egal"		-		

16. If a candidate for U.S. Congress supports a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the United States, would that make you more likely to (vote for) that candidate, more likely to (vote against) that candidate or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

	More likely	More likely	Wouldn't make	No	
	to vote for	to vote against	much difference	opinion	
1/23/14	24	30	43	3	

On another subject,

17. Overall, do you support or oppose the federal law making changes to the health care system? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

		Support				Op	pose ·			No	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	r s	Somewł		Strong	ly op	pinic	on
1/23/14	46	25	21	49		11		38		5	
12/15/13	46	28	17	49		13		37		5	
11/17/13	40	27	13	57		11		46		2	
10/20/13	46	25	21	49		13		36		5	
9/15/13	42	26	16	52		13		39		6	
7/21/13	42	25	17	49		10		39		9	
7/08/12	47	27	20	47		14		33		6	
4/8/12	39	23	17	53		13		40		8	
3/10/12	41	24	17	52		11		41		7	
1/16/11*	45	25	20	50		14		36		5	
12/12/10	43	22	21	52		14		37		6	
10/3/10	47	26	21	48		13		35		5	
3/26/10	46	32	13	50		10		40		4	
2/8/10**	46	22	25	49		11		38		5	
1/15/10	44	22	22	51		12		39		5	
12/13/09	44	25	19	51		11		40		5	
11/15/09	48	30	18	49		10		39		3	
10/18/09	45	26	19	48		12		36		7	
9/12/09	46	30	16	48		12		36		6	
8/17/09	45	27	18	50		10		40		5	
*1/16/11	to 3/20	5/10: "Overal	l, given	what	you	know	about	them,	would	you	sa

\*1/16/11 to 3/26/10: "Overall, given what you know about them, would you say you support or oppose the changes to the health care system that have been enacted by (Congress) and (the Obama administration)?"

\*\*2/8/10 and prior: "proposed changes...that are being developed by"

18. (ASKED IF DO NOT SUPPORT HEALTH CARE LAW) Which of these is your preference: (Repeal the health care law), or (let the health care law go ahead and see how it works)?

	Repeal the	Let it	Repeal parts	No
	health care law	go ahead	of law (vol.)	opinion
1/23/14	70	27	1	2
10/20/13	60	37	1	3

17/18 NET:

		Support/let	it go ahead	Dc	not suppo	ort, repeal/no og	p
			Do not support,		Repeal	Repeal parts	No
	NET	Support	let it go ahead	NET	the law	of law (vol.)	op.
1/23/14	60	46	14	40	38	*	1
10/20/13	66	46	20	34	33	*	1

19. You may have heard about problems with the federal government website where people who don't have health insurance are supposed to sign up for it. Given what you've heard, do you think this website is now working as it should, or not?

	Working	Not working	No	
	as it should	as it should	opinion	
1/23/14	27	60	13	
12/15/13	23	64	13	

20. Do you think the problems with the healthcare-dot-gov website are (an isolated incident) or do you think they are (a sign of broader problems in implementing the health care law)?

	Isolated incident	Sign of broader problems	No opinion
1/23/14	38	54	8
12/15/13	36	55	9
10/20/13*	40	56	4
*"the w	vebsite set up under	the health care law for u	ninsured people to sign up for
health ins	surance."		

21. Thinking about the next election in November, right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress, or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

			Depends	
	Re-elect	Look around	(vol.)	No opinion
1/23/14	27	63	3	7
10/20/13	24	66	4	6
2/4/12	34	53	3	9
11/3/11	31	59	3	8
7/17/11	30	63	2	5
6/5/11	34	55	4	6
10/28/10	32	50	7	11
10/3/10	29	55	9	7
9/2/10	31	58	5	6
7/11/10	25	60	6	8
6/6/10	29	60	5	6
4/25/10 RV	32	57	7	4
2/8/10	36	56	4	4
11/15/09	38	50	6	5
5/15/06	35	55	6	4
6/5/05	40	50	8	3
2/21/02	40	48	7	6

10/31/99 9/28/99		41 44	47 46	8 NA	3 10
7/12/98		42	44	5	10
1/19/98		42	44 41	7	10
8/27/97		34	52	9	4 5
0/2//9/ 11/6/94	RV	37	47	9 7	8
	RV			2	8 7
10/31/94		35	56		
10/23/94		32	58	4	6
9/11/94		36	53	4	7
6/26/94		35	54	6	5
3/27/94		32	56	6	7
1/23/94		32	46	10	12
11/14/93		38	52	5	5
8/21/92	RV	35	48	5	12
7/8/92		34	54	3	9
6/7/92		36	53	4	7
4/9/92		33	56	3	8
3/18/92		35	56	3	5
3/11/92		36	54	3	7
2/2/92		38	51	4	7
10/21/91		31	55	7	6
6/2/91		37	49	5	9
11/4/90	LV	41	50	NA	8
10/14/90		36	57	"	7
5/21/90		43	50	3	3
5/23/89		45	44	4	6
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22. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? (IF OTHER, NEITHER, DK, REF) Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	Dem	Rep	Other	Neither	Would not	No
	cand.	cand.	(vol.)	(vol.)	vote (vol.)	opinion
1/23/14 All	45	45	1	3	1	5
1/23/14 RVs	45	46	1	3	1	5
12/15/13*	47	45	1	4	1	3
10/20/13	48	40	1	5	1	4
5/19/13	48	40	2	4	1	6
10/28/10	49	44	1	2	*	3
10/3/10	47	43	1	3	1	5
9/2/10**	45	47	1	2	1	5
7/11/10	46	47	*	2	*	5
6/6/10	47	44	2	2	1	4
4/25/10	48	43	1	2	1	6
3/26/10	48	44	1	2	*	4
2/8/10	45	48	*	3	*	4
10/22/06	54	41	*	1	*	3
10/8/06	54	41	*	1	1	3
9/7/06	50	42	*	3	2	4
8/6/06	52	39	*	2	1	5
6/25/06	52	39	1	3	1	4
5/15/06	52	40	1	3	1	4
4/9/06	55	40	*	2	*	3
1/26/06	54	38	1	3	1	5
12/18/05	51	41	1	3	1	4
11/2/05	52	37	1	4	2	6
7/15/02	47	46	1	1	1	4
1/27/02***	43	50	NA	2	1	5
9/6/00	49	42		2	1	6

7/23/00 46 45 3 1 5 2/27/00 45 46 2 1 5 \*12/15/13 and previous, reg. voters. \*\*9/2/10 and previous: "Will not vote (vol.)" \*\*\*1/27/02 and previous: No "other candidate" option recorded Call for full trend

23. For each item I name, please tell me how important it will be in your vote for Congress this year. The first is [ITEM]. Will it be one of the single most important issues, very important, somewhat important or less important than that?

1/23/14 - Summary Table

			Important		No	ot as import	tant -	No
		NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
a.	The economy	86	24	62	13	12	1	*
b.	The new federal health							
	care law	69	15	54	30	23	7	1
с.	Immigration issues	48	8	39	52	38	14	1
d.	The federal budget deficit	73	16	57	26	21	6	1
e.	The way Washington							
	is working	71	17	53	29	24	4	1
f.	Social issues such as gay							
	marriage and abortion	40	7	33	59	32	27	1

## Trend:

a. The economy

	Important			Not as important -			
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
1/23/14	86	24	62	13	12	1	*
9/2/10 RV	93	31	62	7	7	*	*
10/8/06 RV	77	12	65	23	20	3	*
4/9/06	80	16	64	20	18	2	*

b. The new federal health care law

		- Important		No	ot as import	tant -	No
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
1/23/14	69	15	54	30	23	7	1
9/2/10* RV	82	19	63	18	15	3	*
10/8/06 RV	71	11	61	28	22	6	*
4/9/06	75	16	60	25	20	4	*
*2010 and pi	revious	: "health c	are″				

c. Immigration issues

		Important			Not as important -		
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
1/23/14	48	8	39	52	38	14	1
9/2/10 RV	55	12	43	45	30	15	0
10/8/06 RV	54	7	47	45	29	16	1
4/9/06	60	12	48	40	32	8	*

### d. The federal budget deficit

	Important			No	Not as important -		
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
1/23/14	73	16	57	26	21	6	1
9/2/10 RV	76	15	61	24	18	6	*

e. The way Washington is working

	Important			Not as important -			No
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
1/23/14	71	17	53	29	24	4	1
9/2/10 RV	65	9	56	33	27	6	1

f. No trend.

24. Will one reason for your vote for Congress be to express (support for) Obama, to express (opposition to) Obama, or is Obama not a factor in your choice?

	Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
1/23/14	20	24	53	2
1/23/14 RV	19	25	54	2
10/28/10 RV	25	24	50	1
9/2/10 RV	25	27	47	1
3/26/10 RV*	25	24	49	1
*"show" support	t and U.S.	House		

Compare to: Will/was one reason for your vote for Congress [be] to express (support for) Bush, to express (opposition to) Bush, or is/was Bush not a factor in your choice?

		Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
11/4/06	RV	17	31	50	2
10/22/06	RV	17	31	50	2
10/8/06	RV	18	35	47	1
5/15/06	All	12	30	58	1
11/4/02	LV	29	15	55	1
11/3/02	LV	29	17	52	1
11/2/02	LV	30	15	54	1
10/27/02	LV	33	18	49	1

Compare to: Is one of the reasons you support this candidate to express support for Bill Clinton, to express opposition to Clinton, or would you say that Clinton is not a factor?

	Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
11/1/98	13	9	77	1
11/1/98 LV	10	13	77	*
10/25/98	14	10	72	4
10/25/98 LV	15	15	70	1
10/18/98	13	9	75	3
10/18/98 LV	12	12	76	1
9/28/98	14	13	71	2
9/28/98 LV	14	18	67	1

25-28 held for release.

29. What's your view of the Tea Party political movement - would you say you support it strongly, support it somewhat, oppose it somewhat or oppose it strongly?

	Support				No		
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
1/23/14	41	11	30	50	21	29	9
11/17/13	38	9	28	53	22	31	9
10/20/13	36	9	27	54	20	34	10
5/19/13	40	10	30	43	21	22	17
8/25/12	44	13	31	42	18	24	14

8/5/12*	41	12	29	46	19	27	13	
4/8/12	41	12	29	45	21	24	14	
3/10/12	44	15	29	43	17	26	13	
2/4/12	43	12	31	45	20	25	12	
1/15/12	40	13	28	50	23	27	10	
12/18/11	42	13	28	45	20	26	13	
11/3/11	43	14	29	44	20	24	13	
10/2/11	42	12	30	47	20	27	11	
9/1/11	47	13	35	45	18	27	8	
7/17/11	44	13	31	46	23	24	10	
6/5/11	46	13	33	44	21	24	10	
4/17/11	42	16	26	49	21	27	10	
*Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation								

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