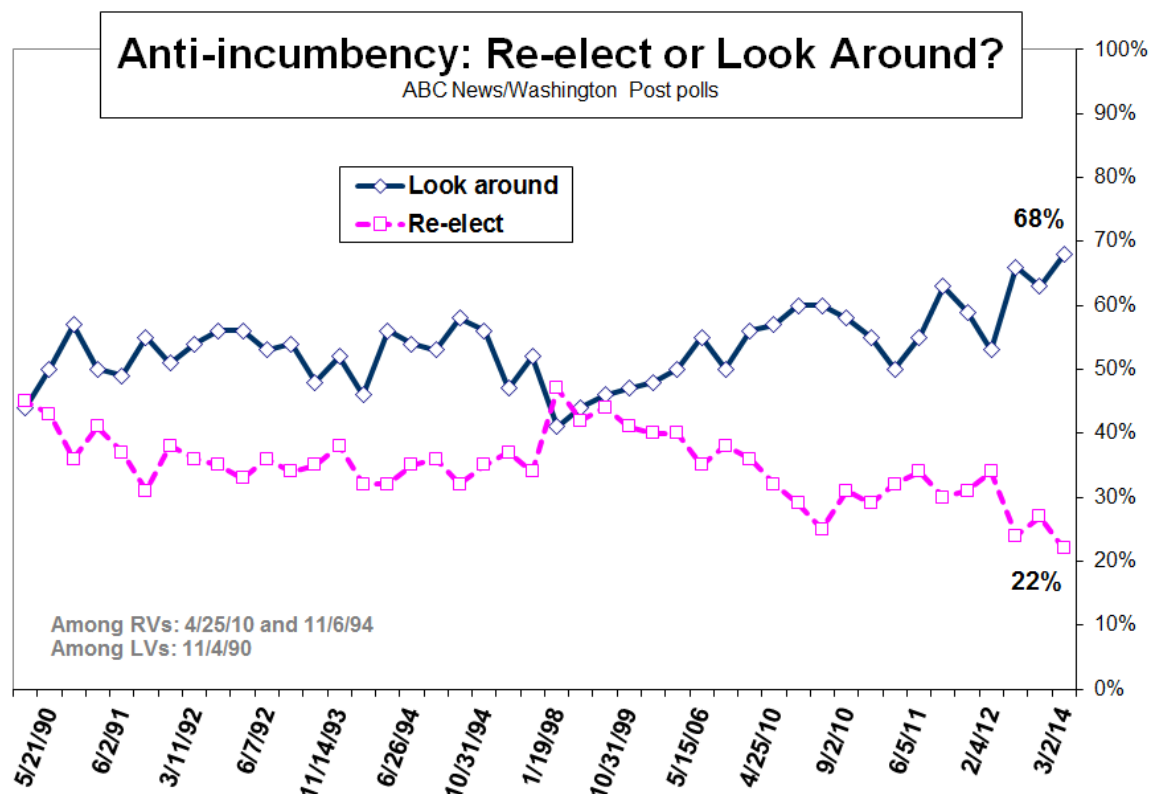


Economy Hits Dems, GOP “Out of Touch” – Pushing Anti-Incumbency to a 25-Year High

Anti-incumbent sentiment has reached a 25-year high in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll, with economic frustration damaging Barack Obama’s Democrats while the Republican Party labors under a broad view that it’s out of touch with the concerns of most Americans.

The Republicans run even with the Democrats in congressional vote preference among registered voters, historically a strong position for the GOP given its advantage in midterm turnout. Perhaps more important, with control of the U.S. Senate at stake, the Republicans have a 50-42 percent advantage for Senate seats in the 34 states holding those contests.

That said, the Tea Party is a substantial risk factor for the Republicans, the Democrats have gained back some ground since January on key issues – and the public’s double-barreled discontent poses deep uncertainty for both political parties at this stage of the midterm contest.

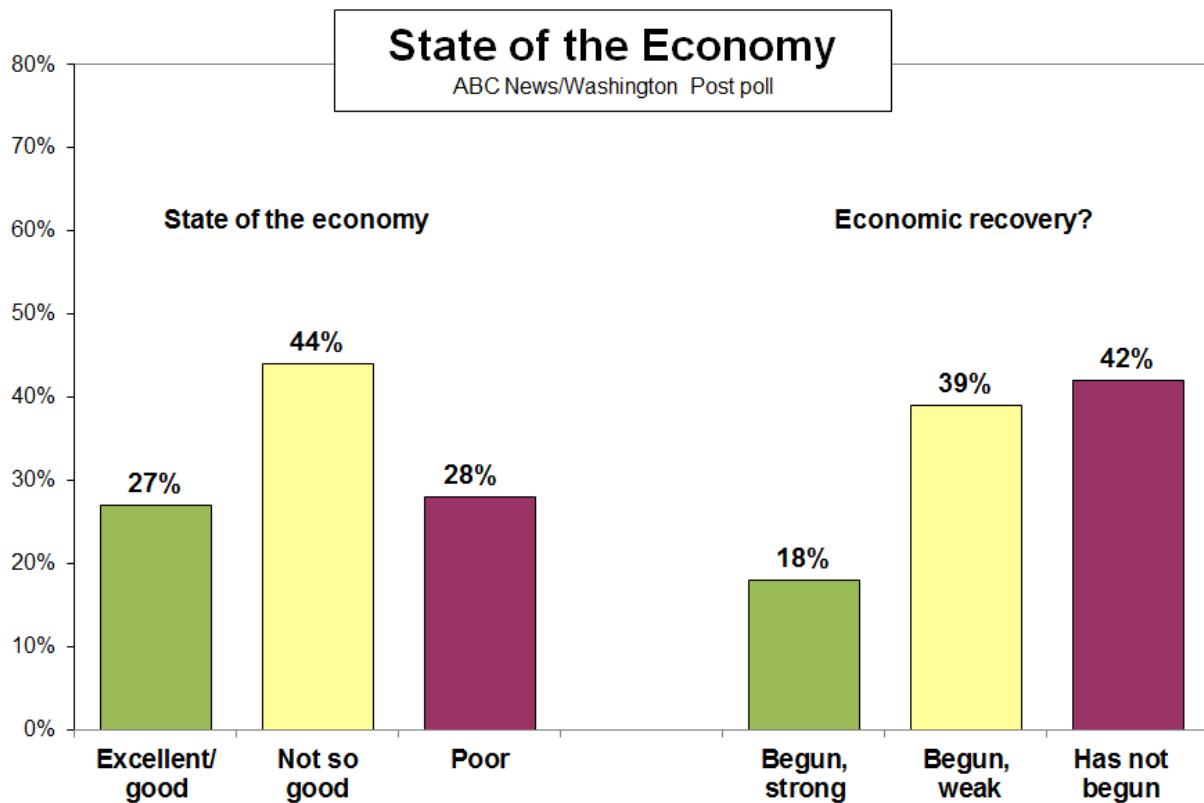


TOSS ‘EM? – Just 22 percent of Americans are inclined to re-elect their representative in Congress, the fewest since ABC/Post polls first asked the question in 1989. Instead this poll,

produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#), finds that 68 percent say they're ready to look around for someone new. That's 14 percentage points more than average, and while anti-incumbency has been close before – 66 percent last October – it's never been quite this high.

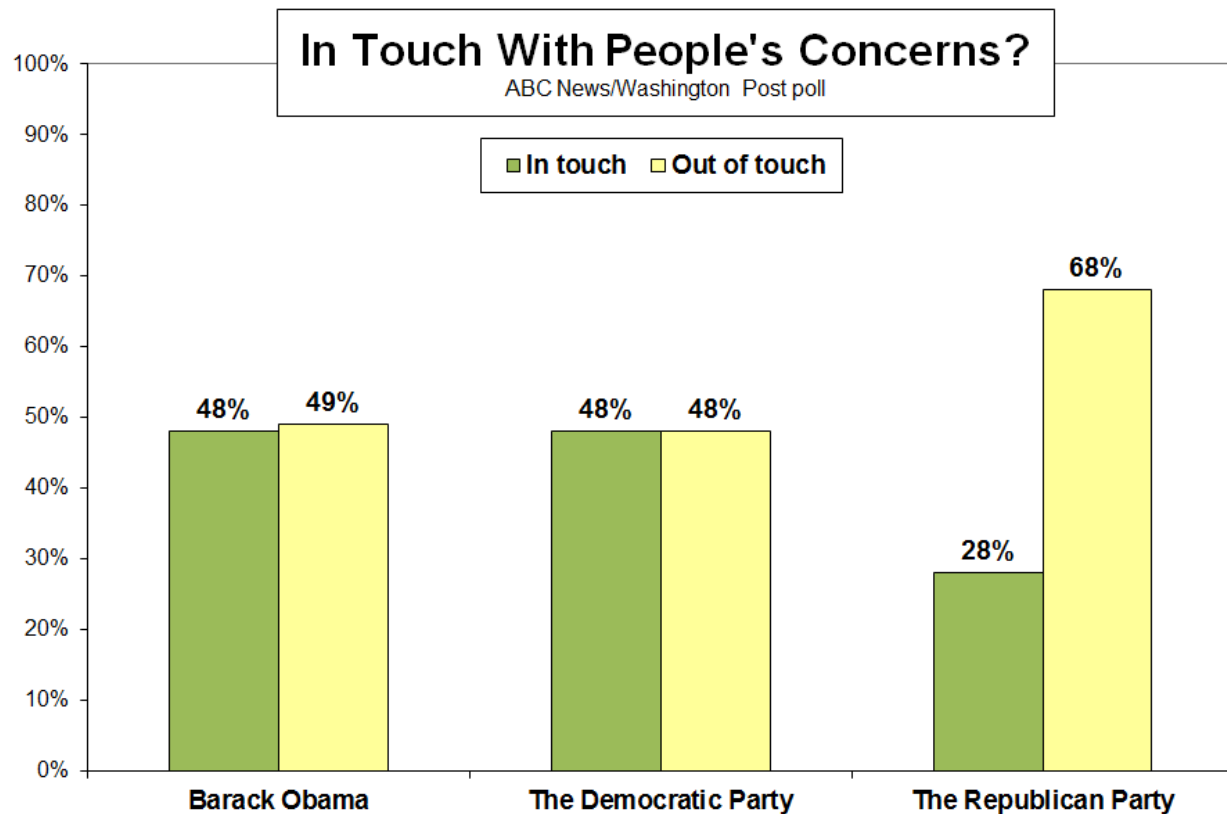
Anti-incumbent sentiment is largely economic in nature; as such, while there's dissatisfaction with both parties, it's pointed more at the Democrats, given their control of the big chair at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Pro-incumbents favor the Democrat in their congressional district by a 14-point margin. Anti-incumbents favor the Republicans, by 8.

Most damaging to the Democrats is that 72 percent of Americans still rate the economy negatively, more than five years into Obama's stewardship. While that's sharply down from its peak, 94 percent, as he took office, it's still a broad majority. Moreover, while 56 percent say the economy has begun to improve, that view has lost steam – and among those who do see a recovery, two-thirds say it's a weak one.



Obama's own job performance rating is flat, at a below-majority 46 percent approval, unchanged from late January and only slightly above his career-low 42 percent in November. Fifty percent disapprove, and "strong" disapproval of the president exceeds his strong approval by 13 points, although that's eased from 18- and 22-point gaps from November through January.

GOP – These views might be more damaging to the Democrats were it not for the GOP’s own problems. Sixty-eight percent of Americans see the Republican Party as “out of touch” with the concerns of most people in this country, far more than say the same about Obama (49 percent) or the Democratic Party (48 percent) – weak ratings in their own right. These are essentially unchanged in the past year.



Further, while the parties are evenly rated in trust to handle several key issues, the Democrats have gained ground on some, and there is none on which the Republicans clearly lead. In one important shortfall, the Republican Party trails the Democrats by 13 points in trust to help the middle class.

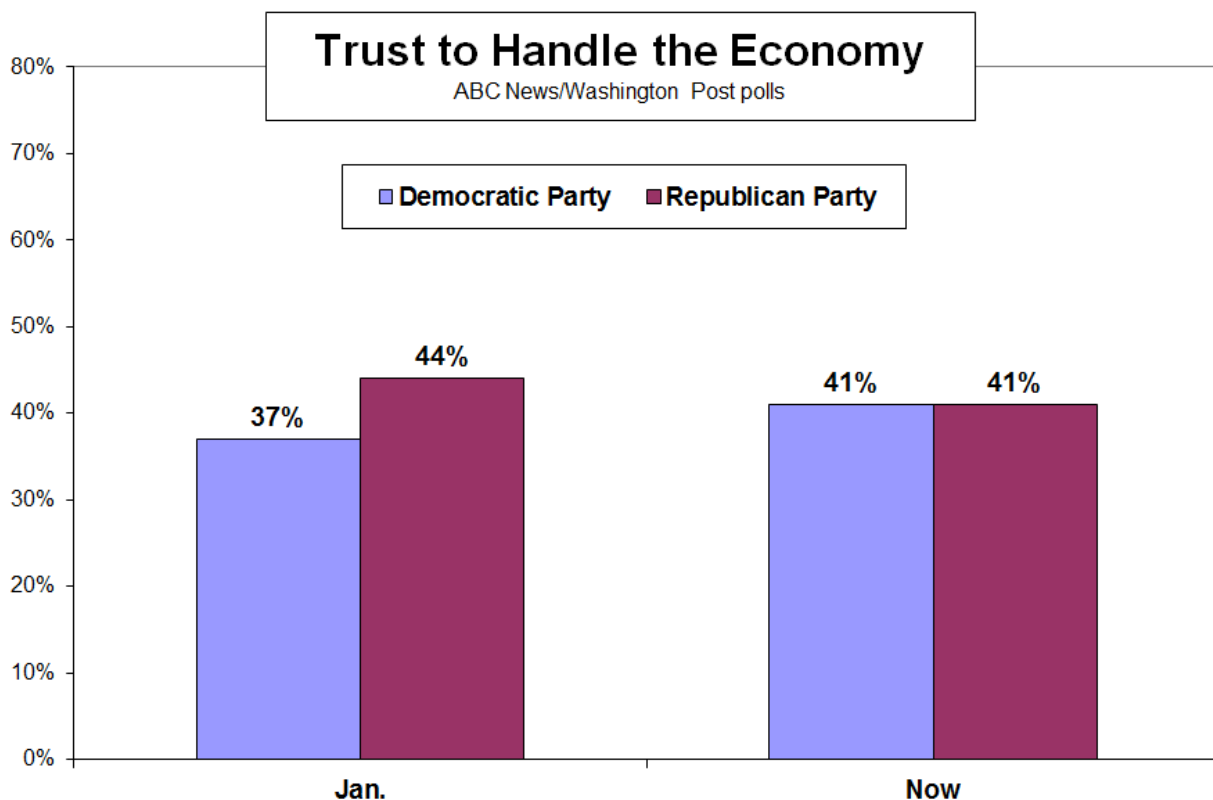
In a specific land mine for the Republicans, Americans by a vast 31 points, 50 vs. 19 percent, say they’re more likely rather than less likely to vote for a candidate who supports raising the minimum wage. That gives the Democrats some potential pushback against the GOP’s economic argument.

Then there’s the Tea Party movement, five years after it got rolling. While 40 percent of Americans support the Tea Party overall, just 8 percent call themselves strong supporters, numerically a new low (albeit by a single point) and half of what it was three years ago. More important, Americans by a 20-point margin say they’re less likely rather than more likely to vote for a candidate who supports the Tea Party, 36 vs. 16 percent.

There are intra-party issues as well. While 41 percent of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents call it a good thing for Tea Party candidates to challenge Republican incumbents; 47 percent call it a bad thing. There's an ideological schism here: Sixty-one percent of "very" conservative Republicans see Tea Party challenges as a good thing. That falls steeply to 38 percent of "somewhat" conservatives and 27 percent of moderate Republicans.

	Tea Party challenges to GOP incumbents	
	Good thing	Bad thing
All Republicans/leaners	41%	47
Very conservatives	61	30
Somewhat conservatives	38	51
Moderates	27	61

ON THE ISSUES – Head-to-head tests on top issues show some improvement for the Democrats, though not enough to change the bottom line of vote preferences. In January the Republicans had a 7-point lead in trust to handle the economy; today it's a dead even 41-41 percent. The Democrats also have gone from a 10-point shortfall to a non-significant 2 points in trust to handle the deficit, and to an 8-point advantage on immigration, vs. 2 points in January.



Despite the controversy over Obamacare – and the president's poor rating for handling its rollout – the Democrats are maintaining an edge, now 8 points, in trust to handle health care. They have the same advantage in trust on energy policy and they're even with the Republicans on taxes.

Running competitively on taxes and the deficit should bode well for the Democrats. But they're pulled back, as noted, by economic unhappiness and Obama's tepid ratings. (Beyond his overall 46 percent approval, majorities disapprove of his handling of economy and Obamacare, 54 and 57 percent, respectively. The president has about an even split on handling international affairs in this poll, completed Sunday night as conflict was brewing in Ukraine.)

ISSUES and VOTES – For election purposes, what matters is not just comparative trust on the issues but which positions actually motivate voters. As noted, a candidate's support for raising the minimum wage is a strong positive in these results, and his or her supporting the Tea Party is a substantial negative.

The federal health care law, for all the sound and fury, is looking like more of a wash: Thirty-six percent say they'd be less likely to vote for a candidate who favors the law, but essentially as many, 34 percent, would be more apt to back such a candidate, with the rest saying it would make no difference. (Reactions were more negative at the time of the botched rollout in November.) Supporting gay marriage also produces an even split in vote impact, while supporting a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants is a net negative by 8 points.

Given the strength of partisanship in voting, these results may be most telling among independents. The pattern's similar, with a strong positive impact of favoring a higher minimum wage, negative impacts of supporting the Tea Party or a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, and little impact of supporting either Obamacare or gay marriage.

A candidate who supports...	Vote preference among independents		
	More likely	Less likely	Net
Raising the minimum wage	50%	19	+31 pts.
Gay marriage	26	24	+2
The federal health care law	30	35	-5
A path to citizenship	28	41	-13
The Tea Party	15	34	-19

VOTE PREFERENCE and PARTY ID – Indeed, in House and Senate races alike, it's independents who are keeping things hot, siding with Republicans for the House by 9 points and for the Senate by 16. It makes more of a difference in Senate races because independents account for slightly more registered voters in those 34 states than in the other 16, while Democrats are scarcer.

Also telling are partisan divisions among all adults nationally. In a sign of continued disaffection with the main parties, independents account for 40 percent of Americans overall; they've outnumbered either Democrats or Republicans almost continuously for nearly the past five years, by far their longest predominance since ABC/Post polling began in 1981.

Thirty percent are Democrats in this poll, and, in line with the GOP's high "out of touch" rating, just 22 percent of Americans identify themselves as Republicans. Both are at the low end of their recent ranges.

ECONOMY – Regardless of other factors, as so often is the case, it’s the economy that rules the roost. Among Americans who say the economy is in excellent or good shape (27 percent of the public), 75 percent support Democratic congressional candidates. That tumbles to 44 percent of those who say the economy’s not so good, and just 21 percent of those who say it’s poor.

Similarly, Democratic support ranges from 84 percent of those who see a strong recovery to 44 percent of those who see a weak one and just 30 percent among those who see no recovery at all. (One reason: Democrats are disproportionately positive about the economy.)

	Congressional vote preference	
	Democratic	Republican
Economy:		
Excellent/good	75%	17
Not so good	44	47
Poor	21	67
Recovery:		
Strong	84%	9
Weak	44	45
None	30	61

Economic sentiment also feeds the country’s now-record anti-incumbency. Among Americans who hold positive views of the economy’s current condition and its direction alike, 55 percent are inclined to find new representation in Congress, about matching the long-term average for all adults. It’s among those who rate the economy especially negatively, or who see no recovery at all, that anti-incumbency soars, to three-quarters in both those groups.

There are some better signs for the economy; the number who rate it as outright “poor,” 28 percent, is its fewest since November 2007, down a vast from 62 percent when Obama took office. The question is whether that’s enough – because for all the political positioning ahead, the strongest likely influence on 2014 politics will be the same issue that’s been sorely vexing the country for seven years running: the condition of the national economy.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Feb. 27-March 2, 2014, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,002 adults, including landline and cell-phone-only respondents. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points, including design effect. Partisan divisions are 30-22-40 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York, N.Y.

Analysis by Gary Langer.

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 -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/2/14	46	25	22	50	12	38	3
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
10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48	11	37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
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10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
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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
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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
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
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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

4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
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12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
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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

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

3/2/14 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			---- Disapprove ----			No
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	op.
a. The economy	43	23	20	54	14	41	2
b. Implementation of the new health care law	38	20	19	57	11	47	4
c. International affairs	47	25	22	45	15	30	8

*Full sample asked item a; half sample asked item b; other half sample asked item c.

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
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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
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12/16/12	50	27	23	48	10	38	3
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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
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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

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b. Implementation of the new health care law

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/2/14	38	20	19	57	11	47	4
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. International affairs

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/2/14	47	25	22	45	15	30	8
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12/16/12	54	32	22	39	11	28	7
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5/20/12	48	30	18	46	15	31	6
4/8/12	47	24	23	44	11	33	9
1/15/12	49	26	23	44	10	33	7
11/3/11	47	26	21	45	13	31	8
11/15/09	60	30	30	37	13	23	3
10/18/09	57	34	23	36	15	21	7
9/12/09	57	32	25	33	12	21	10
6/21/09	61	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	7
4/24/09	67			27			6
3/29/09	62	"	"	27	"	"	11

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

3/2/14 - Summary Table

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The economy	41	41	2	12	3
b. Health care	44	36	2	15	3
c. Immigration issues	44	36	1	13	7
d. The federal budget deficit	37	39	1	17	6
e. Helping the middle class	47	34	1	13	4
f. Energy policy	43	35	1	11	9
g. Taxes	42	41	1	11	4

Trend:

a. The economy

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	41	41	2	12	3
1/23/14	37	44	2	15	3
10/3/10	44	37	4	14	2
9/2/10	42	40	2	15	2
7/11/10	42	34	3	17	5
3/26/10	44	36	3	16	1
2/1/08	52	33	2	10	3
12/9/07	51	33	2	9	5
11/1/07	50	35	3	9	4
9/30/07	51	33	2	11	3
10/22/06 RV	50	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* LV	43	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 economy and jobs"

**"Improving the economy"

***4/22/01 and previous: "The nation's economy"

b. Health care

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	44	36	2	15	3
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* LV	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, and coverage of health insurance"

**"improving the health care system"

***1/19/98 and previous: "Providing affordable health care"

c. Immigration issues

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	44	36	1	13	7
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

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	37	39	1	17	6
1/23/14	34	44	1	18	3
10/3/10	39	40	2	18	1
9/2/10	38	44	1	14	3
3/26/10	43	35	2	18	2
2/1/08	52	31	2	10	6
9/30/07	52	29	2	12	5

Compare to: The federal budget

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 federal budget"

**"Keeping the federal budget balanced"

***"Balancing the federal budget"

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

e. Helping the middle class

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	47	34	1	13	4
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

f. Energy policy

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	43	35	1	11	9
3/26/10	49	32	2	12	5

g. Taxes

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	42	41	1	11	4
10/3/10	40	43	3	13	2
9/2/10	39	45	2	12	2
3/26/10	41	39	4	14	3
2/1/08	48	40	1	8	4
11/1/07	46	40	2	8	4
5/15/06	52	38	1	5	2
11/2/05	48	38	1	11	1
12/15/02	46	44	2	6	2
9/26/02	44	44	3	6	4
4/22/01*	38	52	2	6	3
9/2/99*	40	49	2	6	3
3/14/99**	43	41	2	10	4
9/28/98**	47	44	NA	NA	9
7/12/98**	42	39	3	8	8
1/19/98**	45	44	2	6	2
7/8/97**	41	38	3	15	4
10/30/95*	45	40	10	3	3
10/23/94**	37	42	2	17	2
9/11/94**	36	47	2	11	4
2/27/94**	35	41	4	18	2
2/2/92**	41	45	3	8	3

12/15/91**	40	38	3	14	5
3/4/91**	35	44	5	13	3
1/16/90**	37	47	2	10	4

*"Cutting taxes"
 **"Holding taxes down"

4. Do you think [ITEM] is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is he/it out of touch?

3/2/14 - Summary Table

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
a. Barack Obama	48	49	2
b. The Republican Party	28	68	4
c. The Democratic Party	48	48	4

Trend:

a. Barack Obama

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
3/2/14	48	49	2
4/14/13	51	46	2

b. The Republican Party

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
3/2/14	28	68	4
4/14/13	23	70	7

c. The Democratic Party

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
3/2/14	48	48	4
4/14/13	43	51	6

On another subject,

5. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
3/2/14	27	2	26	72	44	28	*
10/20/13	24	2	23	75	45	30	1
9/29/12 RV	18	2	16	81	42	39	*
8/25/12	15	1	14	84	39	45	1
8/5/12*	13	1	12	87	42	44	*
5/20/12	17	1	16	83	47	36	*
2/4/12	11	*	11	89	46	42	*
11/3/11	10	1	9	89	43	47	*
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*

2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04 RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04 RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02 LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02 LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02 LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99	74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99	76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99	80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98	73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98 LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97	61	12	49	39	27	11	*

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6. Regardless of whether or not the recession is over, in terms of your own personal experience, do you feel the economy has or has not begun to recover?

	Has	Has not	No opinion
3/2/14	56	42	1
12/15/13	59	39	2
5/19/13*	56	43	1
3/10/13	53	46	2
12/16/12	53	45	2

3/10/12	49	49	2
1/15/12	45	54	1
11/3/11	36	63	1
6/5/11	42	57	1
3/13/11	46	53	1
12/12/10	41	57	2
10/5/10**	34	63	2
2/8/10	45	53	1
12/13/09	50	49	1
11/15/09	44	54	1

*5/19/13, 3/10/13, 11/15/09, "Regardless of whether or not the recession is over..." was not used.

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7. (IF ECONOMY HAS BEGUN TO RECOVER) Do you think the economy's recovery so far has been a strong one or a weak one?

	Strong	Weak	No opinion
3/2/14	31	66	3
12/15/13	25	71	3
12/16/12	22	76	2
3/10/12	24	74	2
1/15/12	21	77	2
11/3/11	19	77	3
6/5/11	17	81	2
2/8/10	25	75	1
12/13/09	24	73	3

6/7 NET:

	-Recovery's begun- NET	Strong	Weak	Has not	No opinion
3/2/14	56	18	39	42	1
12/15/13	59	15	44	39	2
12/16/12	53	12	41	45	2
3/10/12	49	12	37	49	2
1/15/12	45	9	36	54	1
11/3/11	36	7	29	63	1
6/5/11	42	7	34	57	1
2/8/10	45	11	34	53	1
12/13/09	50	12	36	49	1

8. 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?

	Re-elect	Look around	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	22	68	3	8
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	41	47	8	3
9/28/99	44	46	NA	10
7/12/98	42	44	5	10
1/19/98	47	41	7	4
8/27/97	34	52	9	5
11/6/94 RV	37	47	7	8
10/31/94	35	56	2	7
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

9. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) 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? Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REGISTERED VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	46	45	1	3	*	5
1/23/14	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

Call for full trend.

10. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Now thinking about the U.S. Senate - if an election for the U.S. Senate were being held in your state today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REGISTERED VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14						
All states	46	45	*	3	*	5
Election states	42	50	*	2	0	5

11. If a candidate for U.S. Congress supports [ITEM], would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

3/2/14 - Summary Table

	More likely to vote for	Less likely to vote for	Wouldn't make much difference	No opin.
a. A path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants	30	38	29	3
b. The federal health care law	34	36	27	3
c. Increasing the minimum wage	50	19	28	2
d. The Tea Party political movement	16	36	41	6
e. Gay marriage	28	25	46	1

Trend:

a. A path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants

	More likely to vote for	Less likely to vote for	Wouldn't make much difference	No opinion
3/2/14	30	38	29	3
1/23/14*	24	30	43	3

*"more likely to (vote for) that candidate, more likely to (vote against)"

b. The federal health care law

	More likely to vote for	Less likely to vote for	Wouldn't make much difference	No op.
3/2/14	34	36	27	3

Compare to: If a candidate for U.S. Congress supports the federal health care law, would that make you more likely to (support) that candidate, more likely to (oppose) that candidate or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote? (IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE) Would that make you much more likely to support/oppose that candidate or somewhat more likely?

	---- Support ----			---- Oppose ----			No difference	No opinion
	NET	Much	Smwt	NET	Smwt	Much		
11/17/13	21	14	6	37	9	29	40	2
7/8/12	28	18	10	28	9	20	41	2
7/11/10 RV*	39	25	15	37	6	31	21	2

3/26/10**	26	16	9	32	6	27	40	2
1/15/10***	22	12	10	31	7	24	45	2
11/15/09	25	13	12	29	8	20	45	1
9/12/09	22	12	10	23	7	17	54	1
8/17/09	23	14	9	32	6	26	43	2

*Part of a list item: "the new health care reform law"

**3/26/10: "Say a candidate for Congress voted FOR the changes to the health care system recently enacted by (Congress) and (the Obama administration). Would that..."

***1/15/10 and prior: "supports the proposed changes...being developed"

c-e. No trend.

12 held for release.

13. What is 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 -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
3/2/14	40	8	33	48	20	28	12
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

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14. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) What do you think about Tea Party candidates running to unseat Republicans currently serving in Congress - on balance do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing for the Republican Party?

	Good thing	Bad thing	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
3/2/14	41	47	1	10

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