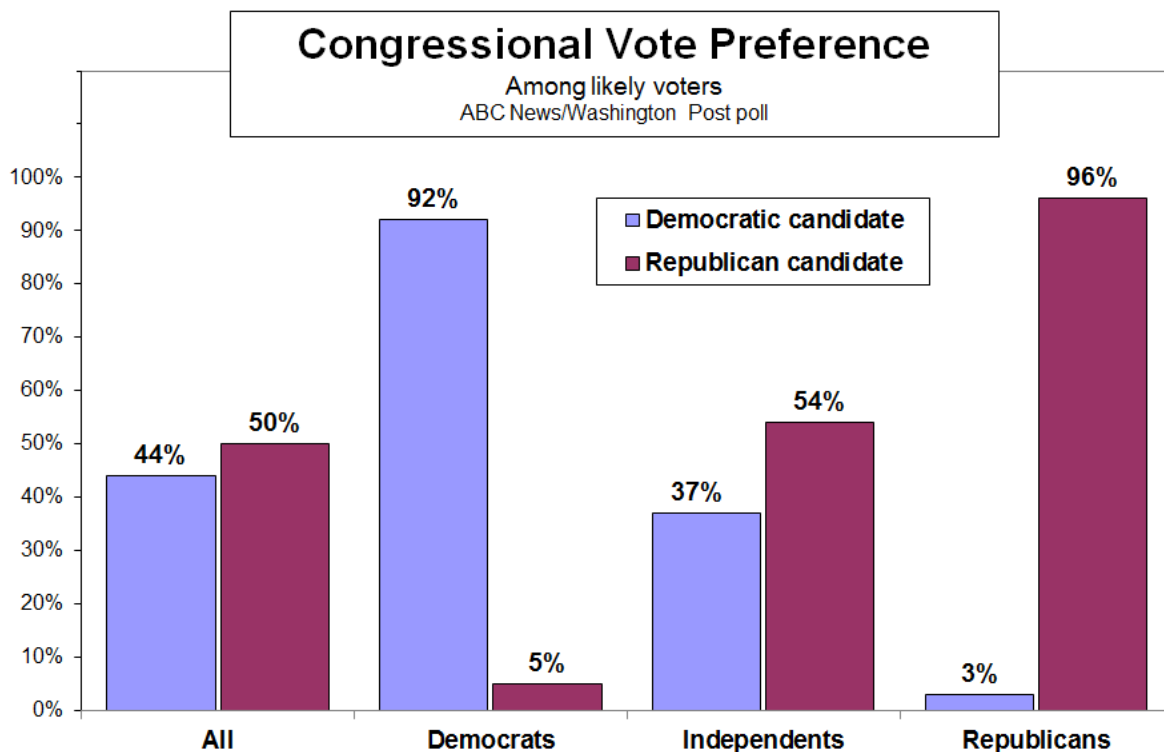


## **Economic, Political Discontent Make for a Midterm Double Punch**

A double punch of economic and political dissatisfaction marks public attitudes in the closing week of the 2014 midterm campaign – a dynamic that reflects poorly on the president’s performance, bolstering his Republican opponents.

The discontent in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll is palpable. Despite its fitful gains, seven in 10 Americans rate the nation’s economy negatively and just 28 percent say it’s getting better. In a now-customary result, 68 percent say the country’s seriously off on the wrong track.

There’s no respite politically. Six in 10 express little or no trust in the federal government to do what’s right. Fifty-three percent think its ability to deal with the country’s problems has worsened in the last few years; among likely voters that rises to 63 percent.



Views of the president’s performance suffer in kind. Barack Obama’s job approval rating, 43 percent overall, is virtually unchanged from his career-low 40 percent two weeks ago. A steady

51 percent disapprove, essentially the same all year. His ratings on the economy – still the country’s prime concern, albeit one of many – are similarly weak, a 10-point net negative score.

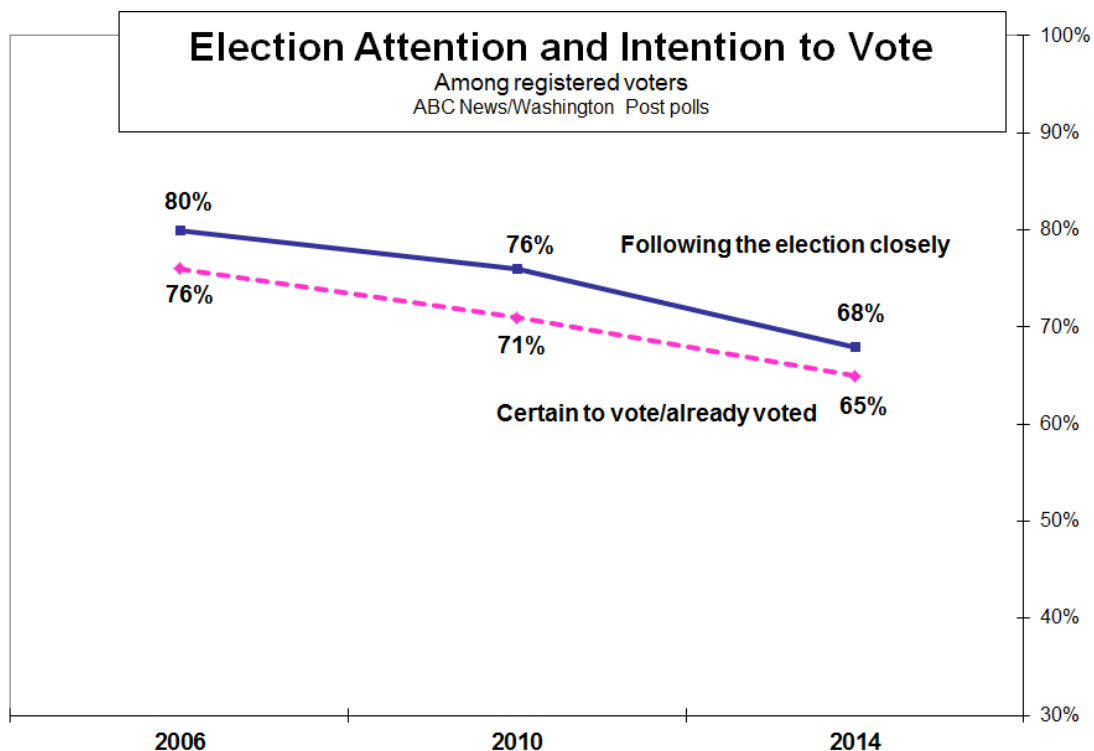
These elements appear poised to depress voting by dispirited Democrats, tipping the scale to customarily higher-turnout Republicans. Disapproval of Obama reaches 56 percent among likely voters, and three in 10 say they’ll show up at the polls to express opposition to him – twice as many as say they’ll vote to show him support.

The result is a 50-44 percent Republican advantage among likely voters in preference for U.S. House seats in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#). That compares with a +3-point Democratic tally among all registered voters, showing how differential turnout shifts the balance.

**EXPECTATIONS and DISAFFECTION** – Other results may be equally cheering to the GOP. While the unpredictable nature of key Senate races makes it premature to be measuring for drapes in leadership offices, Americans by 13 points, 46-33 percent, expect the Republicans to win control. By nine points, 32-24 percent, more also call a good rather than a bad thing.

Four in 10, though, say who’s in control won’t make much difference – one sign of the more general public annoyance any incoming leaders are likely to face.

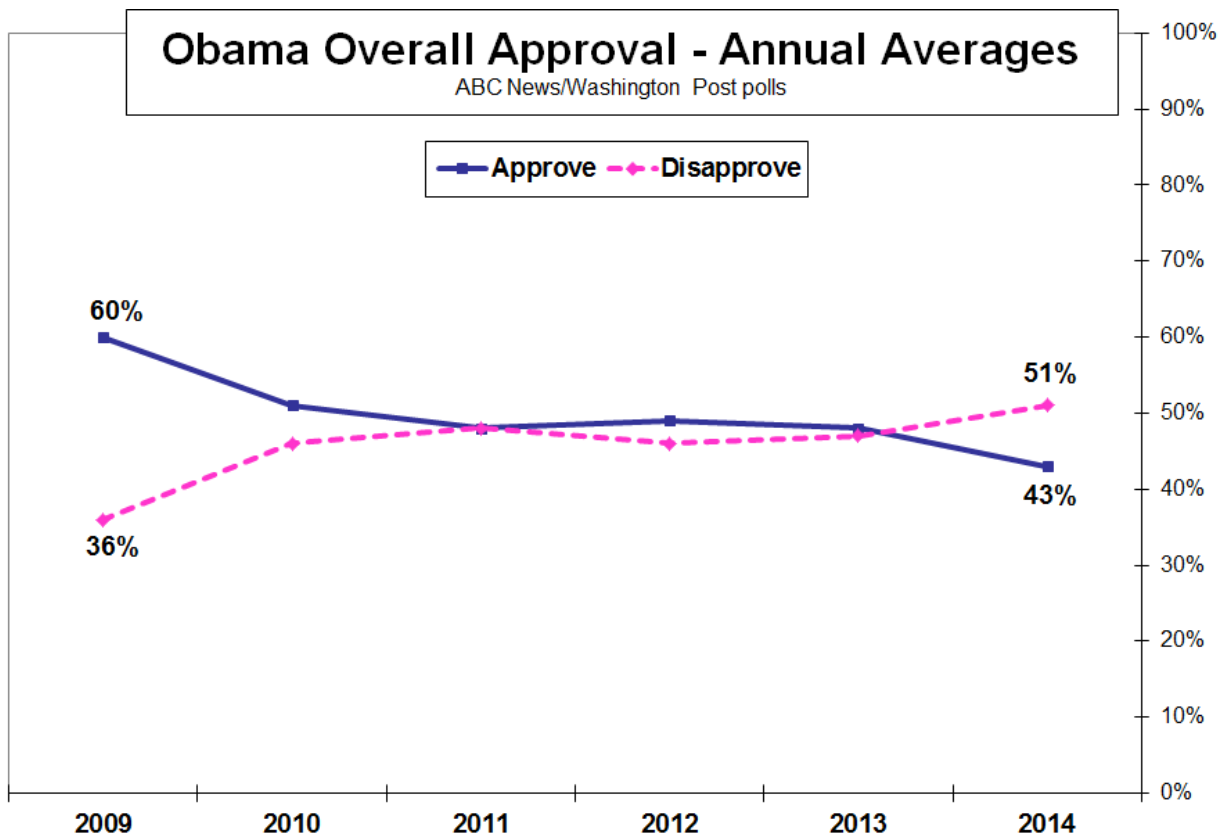
Disaffection may impact participation, as well. Just 68 percent of registered voters say they’re closely following the midterms, well down from 76 percent at about this time in 2010 and 80 percent in 2006. The share saying they’re certain to vote (or already voted), 65 percent, likewise is down, from 71 percent in 2010 and 76 percent in 2006. Actual turnout is lower still.



There's another turn-off for prospective voters: the tone of the midterm campaigns. Americans by 2-1, 50 vs. 26 percent say the candidates in their congressional district have been mainly attacking each other rather than discussing the issues. The remaining quarter has no opinion, suggesting they've just tuned it all out.

When not firing salvos, campaigns have been working the phones: About one in four likely voters, 27 percent, say they've been personally contacted by an individual or organization working to support a House or Senate candidate. About equal numbers say they've been contacted on behalf of Republican vs. Democratic candidates; most by far have been contacted by both. No partisan advantage is apparent, suggesting a stalemate, at least overall, in this element of political trench warfare.

OBAMA – Midterms often are seen as referendums on the president, especially given the customary six-year itch. So it is with Obama: This year on average has been his worst in overall job approval since he took office, and it's the first year a majority has disapproved.



Among groups, 2014 marks the first year Obama has averaged less-than-majority approval among moderates (48 percent this year so far), as well as approval only in the 30s among independents (37 percent on average). He's averaged 33 percent approval among whites and 65 percent among nonwhites in 2014 – a vast difference, but both annual lows since he took office.

Obama's troubles help explain another result – a 42-37 percent edge among likely voters for the Republican Party over the Democrats to handle the country's main problems. Even among all adults, there's just a 2-point gap between the parties on this question.

**VOTING GROUPS** – The results in congressional vote preference include notable divisions among groups. While Democratic candidates are a scant +5 among women, that turns to a 17-point Republican lead among men. Republican candidates likewise lead by a hefty 17 points among political independents. And while Democrats are +12 points among moderates, the GOP comes back with a vast 61-point advantage among conservatives, who rival moderates in their share of likely voters.

The Democrats have a typical lead among nonwhites, but they often also look to college-educated white women as key supporters. This year they're only running evenly in that group, while losing 66 percent of white men and 57 percent of white women who lack a college degree.

	% LVs	House vote preference	
		Dem	Rep
All LVs	100%	44%	50
Men	47	39	56
Women	53	49	44
Democrats	33	92	5
Republicans	30	3	96
Independents	31	37	54
Liberals	18	88	11
Moderates	39	52	40
Conservatives	40	17	78
Whites	76	35	59
Nonwhites	23	74	21
Right direction	26	83	13
Wrong track	70	28	65
Govt's ability to deal with problems			
Gotten better	11	85	9
Stayed the same	26	65	30
Gotten worse	63	28	65
Somewhat	19	41	51
Much	44	23	71
State of economy			
Good NET	27	82	14
Not so good	42	40	54
Poor	30	18	75
Nation's economy			
Getting better	31	76	19
Staying the same	37	40	55
Getting worse	31	18	75
U.S. economic system			
Favors wealthy	67	57	37
Fair to most	27	25	72

Attitudinal groups also mark the GOP advantage. Democratic candidates lead by 71-24 percent among those who say the government’s ability to deal with problems has held steady or improved in recent years – but Republicans have nearly as large an advantage among those who say this has worsened, and there are far more of them. Republican candidates lead broadly, as well, among those who rate economic conditions negatively – again, the predominant group.

For all this, another result points to a lost opportunity for the Democrats. Seventy-one percent of all adults in this survey, and two-thirds of likely voters, think the U.S. economic system favors the wealthy rather than treating most people fairly. And likely voters who see a systemic bias for the wealthy prefer Democratic candidates over Republicans by a 20-point margin.

The tide turns because the minority who thinks the system is fair favors Republican candidates far more broadly – by 47 points, 72-25 percent. It’s an issue on which Democrats may find room to push back – if not this year, then in the presidential election two years off.

**METHODOLOGY** – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 23-26, 2014, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,204 adults, including 1,032 registered voters and 758 likely voters, including landline and cell-phone-only respondents. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 points for the general population, registered voters and likely voters, respectively, including the design effect.

Partisan divisions in this survey, Democrats-Republicans-independents, are 32-24-36 percent among the general population, 35-26-33 percent among registered voters and 33-30-31 percent among likely voters.

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.

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Full results follow.

\* in data columns = less than 0.5 percent

18-20, 24-33 held for release.

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
10/26/14 LV	42	24	18	56	9	47	2
10/26/14	43	21	22	51	12	39	6
10/12/14	40	20	20	51	12	39	8
9/7/14	42	24	18	51	12	39	6
6/1/14	46	23	23	51	14	37	3

4/27/14	41	23	19	52	12	40	6
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
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46	11	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
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
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
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
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
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

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

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/26/14 LV	42	25	17	55	10	45	3
10/26/14	42	21	20	52	14	38	7
10/12/14	44	25	19	51	12	39	4
9/7/14	42	22	19	54	15	39	5
6/1/14	43	21	21	53	15	38	4
4/27/14	42	20	21	54	13	41	4
3/2/14	43	23	20	54	14	41	2
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
10/13/12 RV	47	26	21	51	10	41	2
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
10/28/10 RV	44	21	23	54	15	39	3
10/3/10	45	22	23	53	13	41	2
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

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3. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Thinking about the upcoming election for the U.S. House and some U.S. Senate and governor seats, are you following the election very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely or not closely at all?

		----- Closely -----			----- Not closely -----			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opin.
10/26/14	LV	85	37	48	15	10	4	1
10/26/14	RV	68	25	44	31	16	15	*
10/12/14	RV	71	24	47	29	18	11	*
10/28/10	RV	76	32	45	23	14	10	*
10/3/10	RV	71	24	46	29	18	11	*
11/4/06	RV	80	38	42	20	13	7	*
10/22/06	RV	78	29	50	22	13	8	*
10/8/06	RV	75	26	49	25	17	8	0
9/7/06	RV	66	20	46	34	20	14	*
8/6/06	RV	66	21	45	34	23	11	*
5/15/06	RV	60	20	40	39	23	16	*

4. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the Congressional election the week after next: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain	Already	Probably	Chances	Less than	Don't think	No
		to vote	voted	vote	50/50	50/50	will vote	op.
			(vol.)				(vol.)	
10/26/14	LV	88	9	1	1	*	*	*
10/26/14	RV	59	6	15	11	7	1	*
10/12/14*	RV	63	1	15	15	5	2	0
9/7/14	RV	71	NA	16	9	2	1	*
6/1/14	RV	74		12	9	4	1	*
4/27/14	RV	68	"	15	12	4	1	*
10/28/10	RV	64	7	13	11	5	1	0
10/3/10	RV	70	NA	15	9	5	2	*
9/2/10	RV	70		14	14	1	1	0
7/11/10	RV	73		13	11	2	*	*
6/6/10	RV	72	"	14	11	3	*	0
11/4/06	RV	70	5	11	7	4	2	*
10/22/06	RV	75	1	14	7	3	*	2

\*10/12/14 "next month," 9/7/14 and previous "in November," except for 10/28/10 and 11/04/06 "next week's Congressional election"

3/4 NET:

		-Certain/Already voted-				Not vote			No
		NET	Certain	Already	Probably	50/50	Less	(vol.)	opinion
10/26/14	RV	65	53	12	15	11	7	1	*
10/12/14	RV	64	63	1	15	15	5	2	0
9/7/14	RV	71	71	NA	16	9	2	1	*
6/1/14	RV	74	74		12	9	4	1	*



4/27/14	RV	68	68	"	15	12	4	1	*
10/28/10	RV	71	56	15	13	11	5	1	0
10/3/10	RV	70	70	NA	15	9	5	2	*
9/2/10	RV	70	70		14	14	1	1	0
7/11/10	RV	73	73		13	11	2	*	*
6/6/10	RV	72	72	"	14	11	3	*	0
11/4/06	RV	76	63	12	14	7	4	2	*
10/22/06	RV	76	75	1	14	7	3	*	2

5. (IF ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN TO VOTE) Have you already voted by absentee ballot or early voting, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/26/14 LV	9	91	0
10/26/14 RV	9	91	0
10/28/10 RV	13	87	0
11/4/06 RV	10	90	*

6. (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)? (ASKED IF ALREADY VOTED) Did you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/26/14	44	50	1	1	0	4
10/12/14	43	50	1	2	-	4

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REGISTERED VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/26/14	47	44	1	2	1	5
10/12/14	46	44	1	3	1	5
9/7/14	46	44	1	4	1	4
6/1/14	47	45	1	3	1	4
4/27/14	45	44	1	2	1	7
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  
 Call for full trend.  
 \*9/2/10 and previous "will not vote (vol.)"

7. (IF CERTAIN TO VOTE) As you know, this is a midterm election, with no presidential contest. Is voting in mid-term elections something you do always, nearly always, usually, or just sometimes?

		----- Often -----			----- Less often -----				
	NET	Always	Nearly always	NET	Usually	Sometimes	Never (vol.)	No opinion	
10/26/14 LV	82	66	15	18	8	10	1	0	
10/26/14 RV	82	66	15	18	8	9	1	0	
10/12/14 RV	85	70	15	15	7	7	*	0	
9/7/14 RV	85	67	18	15	8	6	1	0	
10/28/10 RV	84	68	15	16	9	7	1	0	
10/3/10 RV	79	61	17	21	9	11	1	*	
11/4/06 RV	88	71	17	12	7	4	1	0	

8. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Will/was one reason for your vote for Congress [be] to express (support for) Obama, to express (opposition to) Obama, or is/was Obama not a factor in your choice? Do you feel strongly about that, or somewhat?

		----- Support -----			----- Opposition -----				
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	Not a factor	No opinion	
10/26/14 LV	16	13	3	31	4	27	52	1	
10/26/14 RV	16	12	4	26	4	22	56	2	
10/12/14 RV	14	11	3	22	4	19	62	1	

		Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
10/26/14 RV		16	26	56	2
10/12/14 RV		14	22	62	1
9/7/14 RV		19	27	54	1
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 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

9. Just your best guess - do you think the Republican Party will take control of the U.S. Senate in the November election, or not?

	Will take control	Will not	No opinion
10/26/14 LV	49	34	17
10/26/14	46	33	20
9/7/14	45	40	14

10. If control of the Senate switched from the Democrats to the Republicans after this election, do you think that would be a good thing, a bad thing, or wouldn't it make any difference?

	Good	Bad	No difference	No opinion
10/26/14 LV	39	28	31	3
10/26/14	33	24	39	4
9/7/14*	32	25	40	3

\*November's election

Compare to: As you may know, control of the U.S. Senate is about to switch from the Republicans to the Democrats. On balance, do you think the Democrats' taking control of the Senate is a good thing or a bad thing for the country, or doesn't it make much difference?

	Good	Bad	No difference	No opinion
6/3/01	41	20	38	1

11. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Have you recently been contacted by any individual or organization working in support of a candidate for Congress or the U.S. Senate, asking for your vote?

	Yes	No	No opinion
10/26/14 LV	27	71	2
10/26/14 RV	22	76	2
10/12/14 RV	25	74	1
10/28/10* RV	34	65	1
11/4/06 RV	41	59	*
10/22/06 RV	29	70	1

\*10/28/10 and previous: "Have you recently been contacted in person, by telephone, or by e-mail by any organization working in support of a candidate for Congress, asking for your vote?"

12. (ASKED IF CONTACTED) Were you asked to vote for a (Republican) candidate, for a (Democratic) candidate or were you contacted by both sides?

	Rep. cand.	Dem. cand.	Both Dem and Rep	Other (vol.)	No opin.
10/26/14 LV	16	18	62	*	4
10/26/14 RV	15	18	62	*	5
10/12/14 RV	21	14	60	1	5
10/28/10* RV	22	23	45	1	8
11/4/06 RV	29	20	41	1	8
10/22/06 RV	33	29	29	1	8

\*10/28/10 and previous: "Were you asked to vote for a (Republican) candidate or for a (Democratic) candidate?"

13. Have the candidates in your congressional district been mainly (discussing the issues) or mainly (attacking each other)?

	Discussing the issues	Attacking each other	No opinion
10/26/14 LV	30	53	17
10/26/14	26	50	23

On another subject...

14. 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 direction	Wrong track	No opinion
10/26/14 LV	26	70	4
10/26/14	28	68	5
10/12/14	29	66	5
9/7/14	31	65	5
4/27/14	30	66	4
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	31	67	2
10/28/10 RV	27	71	2
6/6/10	37	60	3
3/26/10	38	60	2
1/15/10	37	62	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

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15. Overall, how much do you feel you can trust the government in Washington to do what's right - a great deal, somewhat, not so much or not at all?

	----- Can trust -----			----- Cannot trust -----			No opinion
	NET	A great deal	Somewhat	NET	Not so much	Not at all	
10/26/14 LV	38	7	31	62	27	34	1
10/26/14	39	6	33	60	29	31	1
10/20/13*	39	5	35	60	29	31	1

\*ABC News-Fusion poll

16. Do you think the federal government's ability to deal with the country's problems has gotten better in the last few years, gotten worse, or stayed about the same? (IF WORSE) Has it gotten much worse or somewhat worse?

	Better	----- Worse -----			Stayed the same	No opinion
		NET	Somewhat	Much		
10/26/14 LV	11	63	19	44	26	*
10/26/14	11	53	19	34	34	1

16a. (IF WORSE) Who do you mainly blame for that - (Obama and the Democrats in Congress), (the Republicans in Congress), or both equally?

	Obama and Democrats in Congress		Republicans in Congress	Both	No opinion
	10/26/14 LV	34	12	53	1
10/26/14	31	11	56	2	

16/16a NET:

	Better	NET	----- Worse -----			No op.	Stayed the same	No op.
			Obama and Dems in Congress	Republicans in Congress	Both			
10/26/14 LV	11	63	21	8	34	1	26	*
10/26/14	11	53	16	6	30	1	34	1

17. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both	Neither	No opinion
			(vol.)	(vol.)	
10/26/14 LV	37	42	3	13	4
10/26/14	39	37	4	14	6
10/12/14	39	39	3	15	5
9/7/14	39	40	3	14	4
4/27/14	40	34	2	17	7
6/5/11	41	32	2	20	4
10/28/10 RV	45	40	2	11	2
10/3/10	42	38	3	15	2
9/2/10	40	37	3	18	2
6/6/10	44	32	2	18	4
4/25/10	46	32	2	18	3
2/8/10	43	37	2	17	2
11/15/09	47	31	2	17	3
9/12/09	48	28	3	19	2
2/22/09	56	30	3	9	3
12/14/08	56	23	3	15	3
5/11/08	53	32	2	10	2
10/8/06	54	35	2	7	2

9/7/06	47	38	1	10	4
6/25/06	48	38	1	10	3
5/15/06	50	36	1	11	3
4/9/06	51	37	1	9	2
3/5/06	42	40	2	14	2
1/26/06	51	37	1	8	3

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

		----- Positive -----		----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
10/26/14 LV	27	2	25	73	42	30	1
10/26/14	27	1	26	72	44	28	1
9/7/14	30	1	29	69	42	27	1
4/27/14	29	1	27	71	40	31	1
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

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\*Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation

22. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse or staying the same?

	Getting better	Getting worse	Staying the same	No opinion
10/26/14 LV	31	31	37	1
10/26/14	28	31	40	1
4/27/14	28	36	35	1
10/21/12 LV	37	36	25	2
4/17/11* RV	29	44	27	*
10/28/10	26	34	39	1
10/3/10	31	32	37	*
9/2/10	24	38	38	1
7/11/10	27	32	41	*
6/6/10	30	30	39	1
3/29/09	27	36	36	1
3/15/09	14	48	36	2
2/15/09	8	58	31	3
1/19/09	6	62	31	1
12/15/08	9	64	25	1
11/16/08	16	55	28	1

10/13/08	2	82	13	2
9/15/08	13	52	34	2
8/17/08	6	58	36	*
7/13/08	2	78	18	2
6/15/08	4	74	21	1
5/11/08	4	77	18	1
4/13/08	3	73	22	1
3/16/08	3	68	28	2
2/17/08	8	62	29	1
1/13/08	5	65	29	1

Call for full trend.

\*"the national economy"

23. Do you think the U.S. economic system (generally favors the wealthy) or (is fair to most Americans)?

	Favors the wealthy	Is fair to most Americans	No opinion
10/26/14 LV	67	27	6
10/26/14	71	24	5

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