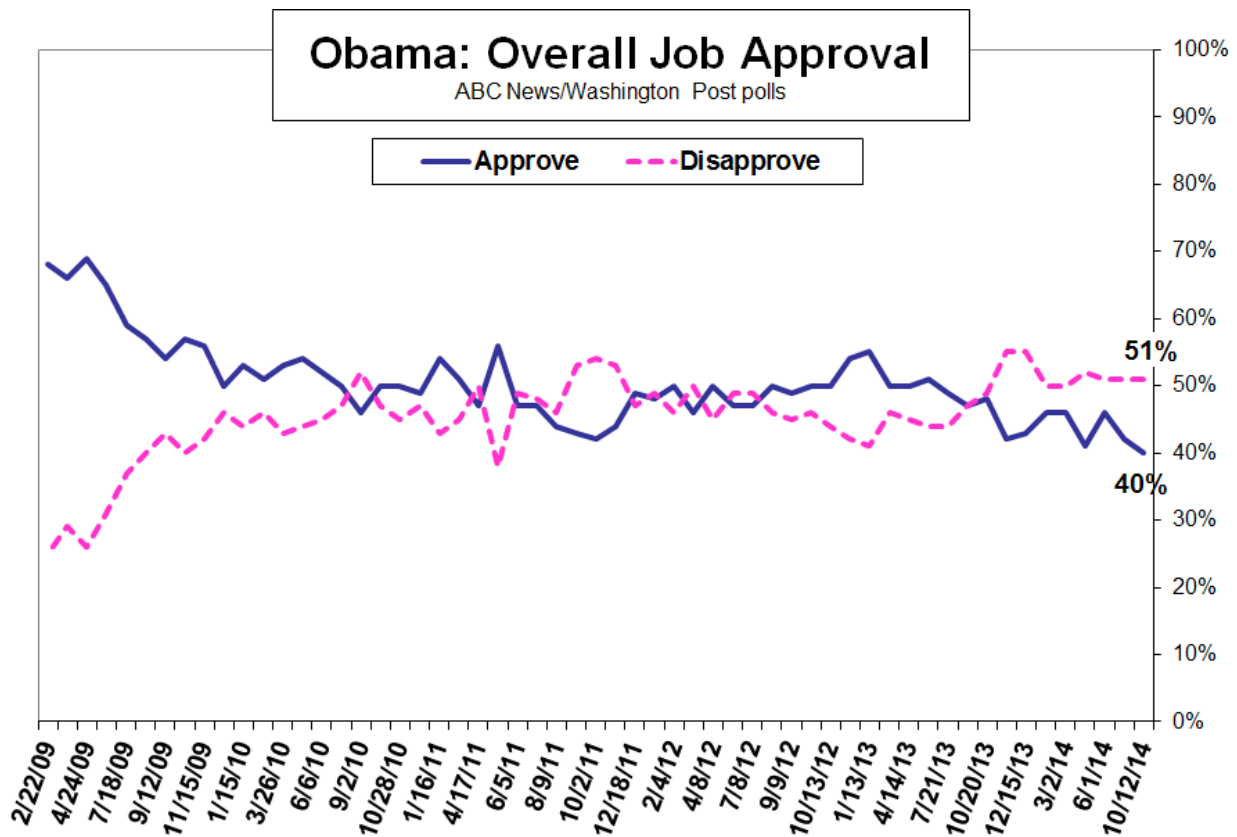


Trouble Looms for Obama, Democrats With the 2014 Midterms Approaching

Barack Obama and his political party are heading into the midterm elections in trouble. The president's 40 percent job approval rating in a new ABC News/Washington Post poll is the lowest of his career – and the Democratic Party's popularity is its weakest in polling back 30 years, with more than half of Americans seeing the party unfavorably for the first time.

The Republican Party is even more unpopular. But benefitting from their supporters' greater likelihood of voting, GOP candidates nonetheless hold a 50-43 percent lead among likely voters for U.S. House seats in the Nov. 4 election.



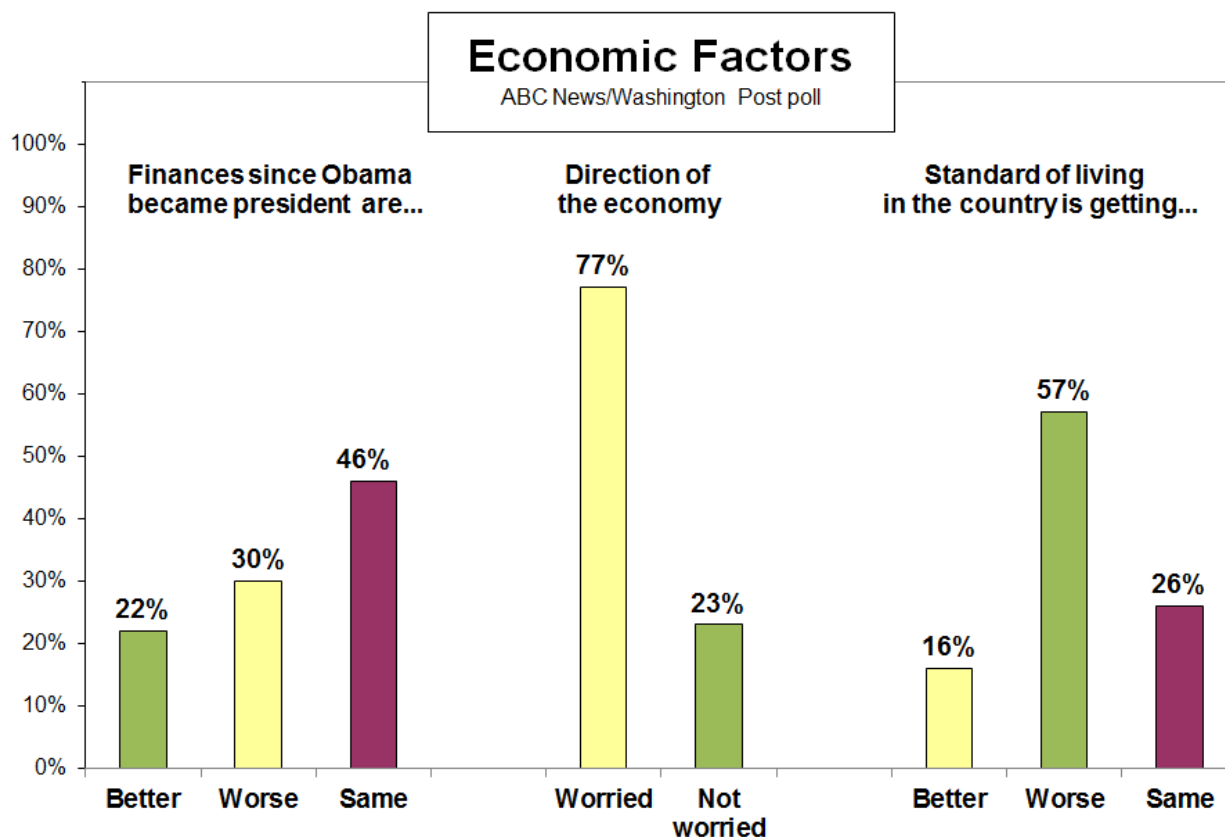
These and other results are informed by an array of public concerns on issues from the economy to international terrorism to the Ebola virus, crashing into a long-running crisis of confidence in the nation's political leadership. Almost two-thirds say the country is headed seriously off on the

wrong track. Even more, three-quarters, are dissatisfied with the way the political system is working.

Scorn is widely cast: Among those who are dissatisfied with the political system, two-thirds say both sides are equally to blame, with the rest dividing evenly between Obama and his party, vs. the Republicans in Congress, as the chief culprits. But as a nearly six-year incumbent president, Obama – and by extension his party – are most at risk.

Beyond his overall rating, Obama is at career lows in approval for his handling of immigration, international affairs and terrorism (long his best issue) in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#). Approval of his handling of the conflict with Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria has plummeted by percentage 15 points in the last two weeks, amid questions about the progress of the air campaign now under way.

Further, while Obama's negative rating on handling the economy has eased, more Americans say they've gotten worse off rather than better off under his presidency; the plurality is "about the same" financially, for most not a happy outcome. Even with the recovery to date, 77 percent are worried about the economy's future, and 57 percent say the country has been experiencing a long-term decline in living standards – all grim assessments as Election Day looms.



Such views can carry a punch. An analysis conducted for this report shows that presidential approval ratings (in data since 1946) and views that the country's on the right track (since 1974)

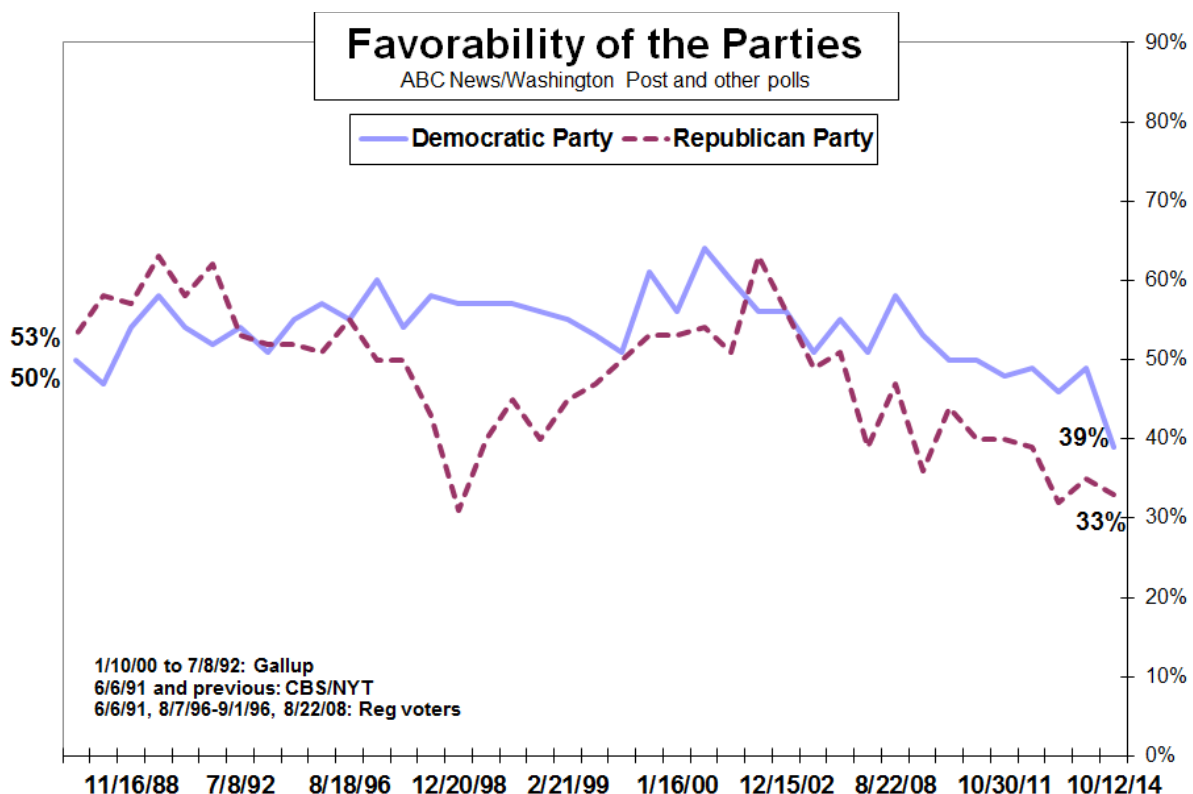
highly correlate with midterm gains or losses for the party in power. (The correlations are .68 and .65, respectively; 0 means no relationship and 1 is a perfect, positive fit.)

Moreover, an index of dissatisfaction, also produced for this study, finds that the public's unease on a range of issues strongly predicts vote preferences; these wide-ranging concerns emerge as a key factor in the 2014 contest. In addition to persistent doubts about the economy, for instance, 71 percent express worry about a terrorist attack and 65 percent say they're concerned about an Ebola epidemic – disquieting sentiments when confidence in the political system is so weak. (Details of the dissatisfaction index will be covered in a separate report tomorrow.)

History, for its part, offers the Democrats cold comfort. Obama's approval rating matches George W. Bush's heading into the 2006 midterms, when the Republicans lost 30 seats. The only postwar president numerically lower heading into a second midterm was Harry Truman, at 39 percent approval, in 1950; his Democrats lost 28 seats. While race-by-race assessments don't suggest those kinds of losses this year, the comparison adds context to the GOP's upper hand.

Such results also help explain why Obama is attending his first public campaign rally of 2014 only today, for Gov. Dan Malloy of Connecticut.

THE HEAT – As noted, Obama's party is feeling the heat. Just 39 percent of Americans see it favorably, while 51 percent rate it unfavorably – the most in polls since 1984. The Republican Party has a weaker 33-56 percent favorable-unfavorable rating. But while the Democrats have lost 10 points in favorability just since August, the GOP has held steady – and its negative score has eased by 7 points in the past year.



A key factor, moreover, is propensity to vote. The national House race stands at 46-44 percent among registered voters in this poll, a non-significant +2 for Democratic candidates. As noted, that flips to +7 in favor of the Republicans, 50-43 percent, when winnowed to likely voters.

That shift – a 9-point swing in support for Republican candidates when moving from registered voters to likely voters – is not unusual. It was almost identical ABC/Post pre-election polls before the 2010 midterms.

The differences show up in demographic data. Nonwhites, one of the most solidly Democratic voting groups, make up 28 percent of registered voters, but just 22 percent of likely voters. Republicans account for 25 percent of registered voters, but that rises to 31 percent of likely voters. The share of conservatives gains a scant 4 points. Less-educated and lower-income adults lose 9 and 8 points, respectively, going from registered to likely voters.

	All adults	Reg. voters	Likely voters
Democrats	31%	32%	32%
Independents	36	35	31
Republicans	24	25	31
Whites	67	71	78
Nonwhites	33	28	22
Conservatives	35	36	40
Moderates	37	38	35
Liberals	26	23	24
High school/less	41	38	29
Income <\$50K	55	51	43

Vote-preference results, moreover, are consistent across a range of likely voter models. In seven scenarios, with turnout ranging from 42 to 53 percent of the general population, support for Democratic candidates is 42 or 43 percent; for Republicans, it's 50 to 52 percent.

With turnout key, there's one measure that suggests the Republicans may be running a more efficient get-out-the vote campaign – an area in which the Obama campaigns of 2008 and 2012 were particularly effective. Among likely voters who say they've been contacted on behalf of a Republican candidate, 55 percent also say they plan to vote Republican. Among people who've been contacted on behalf of a Democrat, a bit fewer plan to vote Democratic, 48 percent – not a large gap, but a potentially important one in motivating turnout.

VOTE by GROUPS – Differences in vote preferences among groups also are informative. Among likely voters, women divide evenly between Democratic and Republican House candidates, while men favor the Republicans by 16 points. Political independents support Republican House candidates by 19 points. Whites favor GOP candidates by 25 points. Each of these is almost identical to results of the 2010 national exit poll.

	Democratic-Republican vote preference			
	Now (likely voters)		2010 exit poll	
All	43-50%	+7R	45-51%	+6R
Men	38-54	+16R	41-55	+14R
Women	47-46	+1D	48-49	+1R
Independents	32-51	+19R	37-56	+19R
Whites	35-60	+25R	37-60	+23R

ISSUES – Views on issues show how turnout matters. All Americans, for example, split evenly, 39-39 percent, on which party they trust more to handle the main problems facing the country. Among registered voters it's similar, 41 percent for the Republican Party, 38 percent for the Democrats. But among likely voters this becomes an 8-point Republican advantage, 46-38 percent.

Indeed the Republicans lead among likely voters on five out of eight issues tested in this survey – including, notably, a 13-point lead over the Democrats in trust to handle the economy, which leads easily as the top-cited issue in the election. The GOP also has an 11-point lead among likely voters on handling immigration, 17 points on handling the federal deficit and 22 points on handling the U.S.-campaign against ISIS.

The two parties run evenly in trust to handle health care; the Democrats lead only in two others – trust to better help the middle class, by 8 points, and trust to handle issues of particular importance to women, by 22 points.

	Trust: Democratic Party-Republican Party			
	Among likely voters		Among reg. voters	
Health care	43-43%	=	45-38%	+7D
Country's main issues	38-46	+8R	38-41	+3R
Immigration	36-47	+11R	38-42	+4R
Economy	36-49	+13R	36-44	+8R
Federal deficit	33-50	+17R	33-46	+13R
Conflict with ISIS	26-48	+22R	26-45	+19R
Helping the middle class	46-38	+8D	49-33	+16D
Women's issues	52-30	+22D	53-26	+27D

ACE? – That advantage on women's issues could be an ace in the hole for the Democrats – but the disadvantage on ISIS could be a hole in that ace. The question is whether preferences among women who are focused on security issues water down the Democratic advantage on women's issues overall. Such women have been heard from before; they were a critical element of George W. Bush's re-election in 2004.

Something like that may be happening again. Among likely voter women who say they're worried about a terrorist attack in the United States, GOP candidates lead by 55-39 percent.

Among the relatively few who are not worried about terrorism, Democratic candidates have an overwhelming lead.

TWO MORE – In two more issues, likely voters are 11 points more apt to say the Democrats, rather than the Republicans, come closer to their views on abortion, and it’s a 13-point gap on gay marriage. But the results also show that these issues are not exclusive concerns.

Specifically, among likely voters who say the Democratic Party is closer to them on abortion, 22 percent support the Republican in their congressional district nonetheless. Among those who say the Democrats are closer to them on gay marriage, 25 percent support the Republican candidate regardless. There’s less crossover among Republicans – 12 and 11 percent, respectively.

ATTRIBUTES – In terms of attributes, the parties are fairly closely rated on items including being “more concerned with the needs of people like you” (a non-significant +3 for the Democrats), better understanding people’s economic problems (+2 Democratic) and better representing “your own personal values,” +4 to the Republican Party.

In contrast to these close results, the fourth item tested is a breakout one for the GOP: likely voters by a 13-point margin, 48-35 percent, say it has “better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government.”

	Preference: Democratic Party-Republican Party			
	Among likely voters		Among reg. voters	
Has better ideas about the size and role of gov’t	35-48%	+13R	32-44%	+12R
Better represents your personal values	41-45	+4R	44-39	+5D
Is more concerned with the needs of people like you	42-39	+3D	47-34	+13D
Better understands people’s economic problems	43-41	+2D	43-36	+7D

There’s a dead heat, meanwhile, in views of whether Obama – and the Republicans – have a clear plan to deal with the nation’s problems in the years ahead. About two-thirds, in each case, say they don’t – another example of the public’s political disaffection. Among likely voters, 64 percent say Obama lacks a clear plan. Sixty-eight percent say the same of the GOP.

OBAMA – Lastly there’s Obama himself. Likely voters by a 12-point margin are more apt to say one reason for their vote is to show opposition to Obama than to show him support, 26 vs. 14 percent. (Most, by far, say he’s not a factor.) That’s similar to what it was for Bush in 2006 – a 15-point net negative among likely voters.

Regardless, whatever the outcome of the election, Obama has two more years to govern – and a hole to dig himself out of. He’s got some opportunity – among other factors, 8 percent of all adults in this survey are undecided about his overall job performance, which is more than usual. Another is that the gradually improving economy may yet help him, if the recovery gains steam.

But his challenges are serious, and broadly based. His approval rating among independents matches his career low (33 percent); among Republicans it's 9 percent, a point from his low; among Democrats, 76 percent, 3 points from his low. He's at a career low among moderates and a point away from it among conservatives. He matches his career low among whites (30 percent) and nonwhites (61 percent) alike. He's at a career low in approval among women, 39 percent. And the number of Americans who "strongly" approve of the president's job performance, 20 percent, is 2 points from his career low. Nearly twice as many, 39 percent, strongly disapprove.

Obama's predecessor, embroiled in an unpopular war, tanked in the second half of his second term, going from 40 percent approval at the time of the 2006 midterms to 23 percent two years later; in all it was the most unpopular second term on record in polls dating to the late-1930s. It's a pattern this president – midterms aside – surely would like to avoid.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Oct. 9-12, 2014, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,006 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 31-24-36 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.

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Full results follow.

* in data columns = less than 0.5 percent

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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
10/12/14 LV	39	22	17	57	8	49	4
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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
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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
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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
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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
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 [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

10/12/14 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	op.
a. Immigration issues	29	13	16	61	15	45	10
b. The economy	44	25	19	51	12	39	4
c. International affairs	37	18	18	53	16	37	10
d. The threat of terrorism	42	21	21	50	15	35	8
e. Implementation of the new health care law	35	21	14	57	14	43	8
f. The situation involving the insurgents known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria	35	16	19	51	13	37	14

*Full sample asked item a; half sample asked items b-d; other half asked items e-f.

10/12/14 - Summary Table (LV)

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	op.
a. Immigration issues	31	15	17	61	12	49	7
b. The economy	40	25	15	59	10	48	2
c. International affairs	36	20	16	60	14	45	4
d. The threat of terrorism	43	21	22	52	11	41	5
e. Implementation of the new health care law	38	24	13	58	8	50	4
f. The situation involving the insurgents known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria	37	19	18	53	9	45	10

*Full sample asked item a; half sample asked items b-d; other half asked items e-f.

Trend:

a. Immigration issues

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/12/14 LV	31	15	17	61	12	49	7
10/12/14	29	13	16	61	15	45	10
9/7/14	31	14	17	59	14	45	10
6/1/14	38	17	21	50	15	35	12
7/21/13	43	23	20	44	13	31	13
5/19/13	46	25	21	41	11	30	13
4/14/13	44	24	21	43	12	30	13
2/3/13	49	27	22	43	15	28	8
7/8/12	38	20	18	52	18	34	10
6/6/10	39	17	23	51	14	37	10
3/26/10	33	14	19	43	15	28	23
4/24/09	48	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	18

b. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/12/14 LV	40	25	15	59	10	48	2
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
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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
4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2
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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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c. International affairs

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/12/14 LV	36	20	16	60	14	45	4
10/12/14	37	18	18	53	16	37	10
9/7/14	38	18	20	56	13	43	7
7/27/14	46	16	29	50	15	36	4

6/1/14	41	19	21	50	13	36	10
3/2/14	47	25	22	45	15	30	8
9/15/13	47	25	22	44	11	33	9
12/16/12	54	32	22	39	11	28	7
9/29/12 RV	49	28	20	48	12	36	3
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

d. The threat of terrorism

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/12/14 LV	43	21	22	52	11	41	5
10/12/14	42	21	21	50	15	35	8
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

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e. Implementation of the new health care law

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/12/14 LV	38	24	13	58	8	50	4
10/12/14	35	21	14	57	14	43	8
9/7/14	38	25	13	56	12	44	5
6/1/14	39	22	17	56	12	44	5
4/27/14	37	24	14	57	11	46	6
3/30/14	44	19	25	54	15	39	2
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

f. The situation involving the insurgents known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/12/14 LV	37	19	18	53	9	45	10
10/12/14	35	16	19	51	13	37	14
9/28/14	50	22	28	44	15	29	6

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 direction	Wrong track	No opinion
10/12/14	29	68	3
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
Call for full trend.			

4. How satisfied are you with the way this country's political system is working - would you say very satisfied, mostly satisfied, mostly dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	---- Satisfied ----			--- Dissatisfied --			No opinion
	NET	Very	Mostly	NET	Mostly	Very	
10/12/14 LV	15	2	13	83	35	48	1
10/12/14	22	3	19	76	33	43	2
10/20/13	23	2	21	75	35	40	1
8/5/12	32	6	26	67	29	38	2
10/2/11*	20	2	18	79	38	41	1
8/9/11	21	2	19	78	33	45	1
11/23/09	38	4	34	61	30	31	1
6/3/07	34	5	29	64	34	30	1

*Washington Post/ABC News, all others Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation

5. (ASKED IF DISSATISFIED) Who do you mainly blame for that - (Obama and the Democrats in Congress); (the Republicans in Congress); or both equally?

	Obama and the Democrats in Congress	Republicans in Congress	Both equally	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	22	23	54	2
10/12/14	16	17	65	1

6/5 NET:

	----- Dissatisfied -----						
	Satisfied	NET	Obama and Dems in Congress	Republicans in Congress	Both	No op.	No op.
10/12/14 LV	15	83	18	19	45	2	1
10/12/14	22	76	12	13	49	1	2

6. Thinking about the midterm 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
10/12/14 LV	31	57	4	8
10/12/14	24	58	5	14
9/7/14	23	67	3	8
4/27/14	22	66	4	8
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

Call for full trend.

7. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Are you following the election very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely or not closely at all?

	NET	----- Closely ----- Very	Somewhat	NET	----- Not closely ----- Not so	Not at all	No opin.
10/12/14 LV	84	37	48	16	11	5	0
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	*

*10/28/10 and previous: "Thinking about November's/next week's election for the U.S. House and some U.S. Senate and governor seats..." and "not too closely"

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

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

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

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

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	43	50	1	2	0	4
10/12/14 RV	46	44	1	3	1	5

Among registered voters:

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

Call for full trend.

10. (IF LEANED VOTE FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE) Do you support the Democratic candidate strongly, or somewhat?

	Strongly	Somewhat	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	59	40	1
10/12/14 RV	48	49	3
10/3/10 RV	48	52	*

11. (IF LEANED VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) Do you support the Republican candidate strongly, or somewhat?

	Strongly	Somewhat	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	50	49	1
10/12/14 RV	42	56	2
10/3/10 RV	44	55	1

12. (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 -----			Not a factor	No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
10/12/14 LV	14	10	3	26	3	23	60	1
10/12/14 RV	14	11	3	22	4	19	62	1
	Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion				
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: Bush

		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: Clinton

		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

13. (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
10/12/14	LV	85	70	15	15	7	7	*	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

14. (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
10/12/14	LV	32	66	1
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?"

15. (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.
10/12/14	LV	20	14	60	1	4
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?"

16. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Which of the following will be/was the single most important issue in your vote for Congress - (the economy and jobs), (international conflicts), (health care), (the way things are working in Washington), (immigration) or something else?

		Econ and jobs	Intl. conflicts	Health care	Way DC works	Immi- gration	Other	No opinion
10/12/14	LV	34	7	13	21	10	13	2
10/12/14	RV	37	7	16	18	8	11	2
9/7/14	RV	35	12	13	15	10	11	3

Compare to:

		Econ	Health care	Immi- grat	Afghan -istan	Federal deficit	Taxes	Way DC works	Other	All (vol.)	No op.
10/28/10	RV	39	18	4	4	6	8	12	5	2	3

		Iraq	Econ.	Health care	Immi- gration	Terror- ism	Ethics in govt.	Other	No op.
11/4/06	RV	31	21	12	9	11	6	7	2
10/22/06	RV	27	19	13	10	14	8	7	3
10/8/06	RV	26	23	13	9	14	10	3	2

		Iraq	Econ.	Health care	Immi- gration	Terror- ism	Gas Prices	Other	No op.
9/7/06	RV	21	22	13	11	16	5	9	3
8/6/06	RV	21	21	14	10	11	15	7	1
6/25/06	RV	23	24	15	13	9	8	6	2

17. Do you think Obama does or does not have a clear plan for dealing with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

		Does	Does not	No opinion
10/12/14	LV	31	63	5
10/12/14		32	61	7

18. Do you think the Republicans in Congress do or do not have a clear plan for dealing with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

		Do	Do not	No opinion
10/12/14	LV	26	68	6
10/12/14		23	66	11

19. Regardless of your vote preference, overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

10/12/14 - Summary Table

	----- Favorable -----	---- Unfavorable ----	No
NET	Strngly Smwht	NET Smwht Strngly	opinion

a. The Democratic Party	39	15	24	51	21	30	10
b. The Republican Party	33	11	22	56	27	29	10

10/12/14 - Summary Table (LV)

	NET	----- Favorable Strngly	----- Smwht	NET	----- Unfavorable Smwht	----- Strngly	No opinion
a. The Democratic Party	38	17	22	56	18	38	6
b. The Republican Party	39	15	24	54	20	34	6

Trend:

a. The Democratic Party

	NET	----- Favorable Strongly	----- Somewhat	NET	----- Unfavorable Somewhat	----- Strongly	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	38	17	22	56	18	38	6
10/12/14	39	15	24	51	21	30	10
8/3/14	49	20	29	46	17	29	5
10/20/13	46	19	27	49	18	31	5
9/30/12	49	28	22	42	14	28	9
10/30/11	48	21	26	46	21	25	7
3/26/10	50	25	24	45	14	31	5
2/8/10	50	24	26	46	17	28	4
6/21/09	53	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	6
8/22/08 RV	58			36			5
11/1/07	51			45			5
3/5/06	55			41			4
6/5/05	51			47			2
12/15/02	56			37			6
1/27/02	56			36			8
7/30/01	60			36			4
12/15/00	64			25			11
1/16/00	56			35			9
1/10/00*	61			33			6
1/10/00 LV	58			37			5
11/21/99	51			41			8
5/2/99	53			37			10
2/21/99	55			37			8
2/13/99	56			38			6
2/8/99	57			37			6
1/10/99	57			35			8
12/20/98	57			30			13
12/16/98	58			32			10
10/29/97	54			39			7
9/1/96 RV	60			36			4
8/18/96 RV	55			41			4
8/7/96 RV	57			38			5
4/10/96	55			38			7
4/19/95	51			43			6
7/8/92 RV	54			38			8
6/6/91**	52			34			14
4/2/90	54			35			11
1/15/90	58			32			10
11/16/88	54			36			10
11/4/84	47			42			11
10/4/84 RV	50	"	"	39	"	"	11

*1/10/00 to 7/8/92: Gallup

**6/6/91 and previous: CBS News/New York Times

b. The Republican Party

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/12/14	LV	39	15	24	54	20	34	6
10/12/14		33	11	22	56	27	29	10
8/3/14		35	11	24	60	24	36	5
10/20/13		32	10	22	63	25	38	6
9/30/12		39	18	21	53	19	33	8
10/30/11		40	13	27	53	21	32	7
3/26/10		40	17	23	55	24	30	5
2/8/10		44	19	25	52	23	29	4
6/21/09		36	NA	NA	56	NA	NA	8
8/22/08	RV	47			49			4
11/1/07		39			56			5
3/5/06		51			46			3
6/5/05		49			49			2
12/15/02		56			38			5
1/27/02		63			30			7
7/30/01		51			46			3
12/15/00		54			35			11
1/16/00		53			37			10
1/10/00*		53			41			6
1/10/00	LV	56			39			5
11/21/99		50			44			6
5/2/99		47			44			9
2/21/99		45			46			9
2/13/99		40			54			5
2/8/99		45			47			8
1/10/99		40			52			8
12/20/98		31			57			12
12/16/98		43			47			10
10/29/97		50			42			8
9/1/96	RV	50			45			5
8/18/96	RV	55			41			4
8/7/96	RV	51			44			5
4/10/96		52			41			7
4/19/95		52			42			6
7/8/92	RV	53			39			8
6/6/91**		62			28			10
4/2/90		58			34			8
1/15/90		63			28			9
11/16/88		57			34			9
11/4/84		58			33			9
10/4/84		53	"	"	36	"	"	11

*1/10/00 to 7/8/92: Gallup

**6/6/91 and previous: CBS News/New York Times

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

10/12/14 - Summary Table

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Better represents your own personal values	44	36	3	10	7
b. Is more concerned with the needs of people like you	47	33	2	12	7
c. Better understands the economic problems people in this country are having	42	34	2	14	7
d. Has better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government	33	40	3	15	9

*Half sample asked items a and b; other half asked items c and d.

10/12/14 - Summary Table (LV)

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Better represents your own personal values	41	45	2	8	3
b. Is more concerned with the needs of people like you	42	39	*	14	5
c. Better understands the economic problems people in this country are having	43	41	2	12	3
d. Has better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government	35	48	2	12	3

* Half sample asked items a and b; other half asked items c and d.

Trend:

a. Better represents your own personal values

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	41	45	2	8	3
10/12/14	44	36	3	10	7
9/7/14	45	40	2	10	3
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

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	42	39	*	14	5
10/12/14	47	33	2	12	7
9/7/14	47	35	2	12	3
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

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	43	41	2	12	3
10/12/14	42	34	2	14	7
9/7/14	48	35	2	12	4
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

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d. Has better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	35	48	2	12	3
10/12/14	33	40	3	15	9
9/7/14	37	43	2	11	8
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

*1/23/14 and earlier: "Regardless of your other political views, overall which party..."

21. 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 (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	38	46	1	13	2
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

Call for full trend.

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

10/12/14 - Summary Table

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The economy	37	42	3	13	5
b. Health care	45	37	1	11	5
c. Immigration issues	37	40	2	13	7
d. The federal budget deficit	34	43	3	15	5
e. Helping the middle class	48	33	2	12	5
f. Issues that are especially important to women	52	25	4	9	11

g. The conflict with ISIS, the Islamic insurgents in Iraq and Syria	28	42	4	15	10
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10/12/14 - Summary Table (LV)

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The economy	36	49	2	11	3
b. Health care	43	43	1	11	3
c. Immigration issues	36	47	2	11	5
d. The federal budget deficit	33	50	1	13	2
e. Helping the middle class	46	38	2	12	2
f. Issues that are especially important to women	52	30	3	7	9
g. The conflict with ISIS, the Islamic insurgents in Iraq and Syria	26	48	4	13	9

Trend:

a. The economy

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	36	49	2	11	3
10/12/14	37	42	3	13	5
9/7/14	40	45	1	10	4
4/27/14	41	38	2	14	5
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
10/12/14 LV	43	43	1	11	3
10/12/14	45	37	1	11	5
9/7/14	46	40	1	9	4
4/27/14	43	35	1	13	7
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
10/12/14 LV	36	47	2	11	5
10/12/14	37	40	2	13	7
9/7/14	39	43	1	10	6
4/27/14	40	34	3	14	9
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
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10/12/14 LV	33	50	1	13	2
10/12/14	34	43	3	15	5
4/27/14	35	44	1	14	6
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
10/12/14 LV	46	38	2	12	2
10/12/14	48	33	2	12	5
4/27/14	52	32	1	11	4
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	"	"	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. Issues that are especially important to women

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	52	30	3	7	9
10/12/14	52	25	4	9	11
4/27/14	55	25	3	8	9

Compare to: On another subject, which political party would you say cares more about issues that are especially important to women - the (Democrats) or the (Republicans)?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/10/12	55	30	3	5	7
4/2/00	58	24	5	4	9

g. No trend.

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

10/12/14 - Summary Table

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Abortion	48	33	1	5	13
b. Gay marriage	48	31	2	7	13

10/12/14 - Summary Table (LV)

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Abortion	49	38	1	5	7
b. Gay marriage	48	35	1	7	9

Trend:

a. Abortion

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	49	38	1	5	7
10/12/14	48	33	1	5	13
4/27/14	43	35	1	6	15
1/23/14	46	37	1	6	10

b. Gay marriage

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	48	35	1	7	9
10/12/14	48	31	2	7	13
4/27/14	45	31	2	6	16
1/23/14	45	33	2	8	12

Changing topics...

24. Would you say you, yourself, are better off financially than you were when Obama became president, not as well off, or in about the same shape financially?

	Better off	Not as well off	About the same	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	22	35	42	1
10/12/14	22	30	46	2
10/28/12 LV	22	33	45	1
9/9/12 LV	21	32	46	*
5/20/12 RV	17	31	51	1
1/15/12 RV	15	31	53	1
11/3/11 RV	13	35	51	1

9/1/11	RV	14	36	50	1
7/18/09		8	27	64	*

25. Would you say generally, over the long term, the standard of living in this country has been getting better, getting worse or staying about the same?

	Better	Worse	About the same	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	14	61	23	2
10/12/14	16	57	26	1

26. How do you feel about the direction of the nation's economy over the next few years - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried or not worried at all?

	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	78	37	41	21	15	7	1
10/12/14	77	35	42	23	15	8	1
9/29/12 RV	78	37	40	21	15	7	1
4/25/10	73	31	41	27	19	8	1
10/18/09	74	34	40	26	17	9	*
7/18/09	77	36	42	22	16	6	*
1/16/09	81	35	46	18	15	4	*
10/19/08 LV	85	44	42	14	9	5	1
10/11/08	88	49	39	11	8	3	1
9/22/08	79	40	39	17	13	5	3
1/5/03	67	27	40	31	22	10	1
11/4/02 LV	76	34	42	23	17	6	1
11/3/02 LV	75	33	42	24	17	7	1
11/2/02 LV	73	32	41	26	19	8	1
10/27/02	75	27	48	23	16	7	2

27a. On some other issues, how do you feel about the possibility of a major terrorist attack in the United States - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried or not worried at all?

	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	No opinion
10/12/14 LV	72	33	40	28	17	11	*
10/12/14	71	32	39	28	17	11	*

Compare to: How concerned are you about the possibility there will be more major terrorist attacks in the United States - is that something that worries you a great deal, somewhat, not too much or not at all?

	NET	Grt.deal	Somewhat	NET	Not much	At all	No opinion
4/21/13*	68	31	37	31	21	10	1
9/7/08	64	18	46	36	23	13	*
9/7/07	66	25	41	34	23	10	*
9/7/06	74	29	45	25	17	8	*
8/21/05	66	24	42	33	23	10	1
7/21/05	73	30	43	27	17	10	*
9/8/04 RV	73	25	47	27	20	7	1
9/7/03	71	25	46	29	20	9	*
3/20/03	76	29	47	24	16	8	1
2/16/03	72	27	45	27	18	9	1
9/8/02	74	22	52	26	19	7	0
7/15/02	73	29	44	27	20	7	*
4/21/02	73	30	43	26	18	9	*
3/10/02	70	23	47	30	21	9	1

12/19/01	70	27	43	29	22	8	1
10/15/01	77	35	43	23	14	9	0
10/9/01	82	36	46	18	12	6	*
10/7/01	81	41	40	18	13	4	1
9/27/01**	83	43	39	17	12	5	*
9/11/01	87	49	38	12	7	4	1
6/13/97	62	21	41	38	24	14	*
6/2/97	63	22	41	37	28	9	*
8/5/96	74	31	43	26	18	8	*
4/20/95	78	38	40	21	16	5	1

*Washington Post poll.

**9/27/01 and previous: "How concerned are you about the possibility there will be more major terrorist attacks in this country."

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