

FOX NEWS POLL

OPINION DYNAMICS

26 February 2010

Polling was conducted by telephone February 23-24, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of ± 3 percentage points.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters
 Democrats n=345, ± 5 ; Republicans n=329, ± 5 ; Independents n=155, ± 8

Questions 1-8 released separately.

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

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	Approve	approve	(DK)	Approve	approve	(DK)	
23-24 Feb 10	14%	80	6	20-21 Oct 08 LV	18%	73	8
Democrats	22%	71	7	8-9 Oct 08	13%	77	10
Republicans	8%	87	5	22-23 Sep 08	17%	73	9
Independents	11%	82	7	8-9 Sep 08	23%	68	8
RECENT TREND				19-20 Aug 08	20%	73	7
2-3 Feb 10	22%	69	8	22-23 Jul 08	21%	68	11
12-13 Jan 10	27%	63	10	17-18 Jun 08	19%	69	13
8-9 Dec 09	33%	59	8	28-29 Apr 08	22%	67	11
17-18 Nov 09	26%	63	11	18-19 Mar 08	20%	67	12
13-14 Oct 09	24%	66	10	19-20 Feb 08	22%	68	10
15-16 Sep 09	27%	64	9	30-31 Jan 08	22%	66	12
11-12 Aug 09	30%	59	11	18-19 Dec 07	25%	60	15
21-22 Jul 09	30%	60	10	13-14 Nov 07	26%	61	14
12-13 May 09	41%	49	10	23-24 Oct 07	25%	54	22
31 Mar-1 Apr 09	38%	52	10	9-10 Oct 07	24%	63	12
3-4 Mar 09	41%	48	10	25-26 Sep 07	24%	63	13
17-18 Feb 09	39%	50	10	11-12 Sep 07	32%	56	11
27-28 Jan 09	40%	46	14	21-22 Aug 07	24%	60	17
13-14 Jan 09	23%	68	10	5-6 Jun 07	29%	55	15
9-10 Dec 08	20%	71	9	15-16 May 07	32%	53	15
1-2 Nov 08	18%	75	7	17-18 Apr 07	35%	49	16
1-2 Nov 08 LV	18%	75	7	27-28 Mar 07	30%	54	16
28-29 Oct 08	17%	76	6	27-28 Feb 07	32%	49	20
28-29 Oct 08 LV	18%	77	5	30-31 Jan 07	33%	44	22
20-21 Oct 08	19%	72	9	16-17 Jan 07	32%	47	21

10. Who do you want to win this year's congressional elections -- (ROTATE) (the Democrats) or (the Republicans)?

	Democrats	Republicans	(Neither)	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	36%	35	14	15
Democrats	81%	2	7	9
Republicans	4%	79	8	9
Independents	12%	23	34	32
2-3 Feb 10	36%	41	11	12
12-13 Jan 10	38%	37	10	15
30-31 Aug 05*	38%	35	6	21

*Wording difference: "next year's"

11. When thinking about the elections this year, which one of the following phrases best describes your mood -- voters should throw out all of the incumbents, voters should throw out just the Democrats, voters should throw out just the Republicans, or voters should stay the course with the people currently in office?

SCALE: 1. Throw out all the incumbents 2. Throw out the Democrats
3. Throw out the Republicans 4. Stay the course 5. (Don't know)

	Incumbents	Democrats	Republicans	Stay the course	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	36%	10	9	26	18
Democrats	26%	2	20	39	14
Republicans	40%	23	2	16	19
Independents	48%	6	3	20	22

12. How much real difference do you think there is between the Republican Party and the Tea Party movement -- a lot of difference, some difference, not much difference, or no real difference at all?

	A lot	Some	Not much	None at all	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	16%	40	17	9	17
Democrats	14%	36	21	14	16
Republicans	17%	48	15	4	15
Independents	19%	38	15	10	17

Question 13 released separately.

14. Overall, these days would you say that elected officials in Washington are doing more to solve the country's problems or more to add to the country's problems?

SCALE: 1. Solve the country's problems 2. Add to the country's problems
3. (Both/Neither) 4. (Don't know)

	Solve	Add	(Both/Neither)	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	16%	77	5	2
Democrats	30%	61	6	3
Republicans	4%	90	4	2
Independents	8%	86	3	3

15. Who do you blame more for the current political situation in Washington -- elected officials or the voters who elected them?

	Officials	Voters	(Both)	(Other)	(Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	53%	26	13	4	3
Democrats	55%	22	10	7	5
Republicans	49%	33	16	1	-
Independents	60%	20	17	1	2

Questions 16-42 released separately

43. Which one of the following groups do you think BEST understands America and what it stands for? (ROTATE ITEMS 1-6)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Progressives	5%	7%	2%	6%
2. Liberals	8	14	2	6
3. Democrats	17	37	3	5
4. Republicans	12	1	28	5
5. Conservatives	21	6	37	23
6. Libertarians	7	4	6	13
7. (Independents)	5	4	1	14
8. (Other)	7	7	6	7
9. (Don't know)	19	20	13	22

44. And, which one of the following groups do you think LEAST understands America and what it stands for? (ROTATE ITEMS 1-6)

	All	Dem	Rep	Ind
1. Progressives	11%	6%	13%	17%
2. Liberals	21	8	35	17
3. Democrats	10	3	18	7
4. Republicans	14	29	2	7
5. Conservatives	10	18	3	8
6. Libertarians	10	8	11	12
7. (Independents)	1	1	2	1
8. (Other)	3	3	2	5
9. (Don't know)	21	23	14	25

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
23-24 Feb 10	38%	37	17	5	3
2-3 Feb 10	36%	36	22	3	3
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3	4
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3	3
17-18 Nov 09	38%	36	20	3	3
27-28 Oct 09	40%	37	17	4	2
13-14 Oct 09	41%	37	16	4	1
29-30 Sep 09	41%	37	17	3	2
15-16 Sep 09	42%	31	21	4	3
11-12 Aug 09	39%	35	22	2	2