# Newsweek Poll <br> Psychology of Voter Anger <br> Princeton Survey Research Associates International 

Final Topline Results
(10/1/10)
$\mathrm{N}=1,025$ adults $18+$ (691 landline interviews and 334 cell phone interviews)
Margins of error: plus or minus 3.8
Interviewing dates: 9/29-30/10

## SAMPLE SIZE/MARGIN OF ERROR FOR TOTAL ADULTS SUBGROUPS:

325 Republicans (plus or minus 6.7)
362 Democrats (plus or minus 6.3)
291 Independents (plus or minus 7.3)
716 Dissatisfied with direction of the country (plus or minus 4.6)

## SAMPLE SIZE/MARGIN OF ERROR FOR REGISTERED VOTERS SUBGROUPS:

902 Registered voters (plus or minus 4.1)
768 Definite voters (plus or minus 4.4)
227 Angry voters (plus or minus 8.0)
305 Republican RVs (plus or minus 6.8)
327 Democrat RVs (plus or minus 6.7)
234 Independent RVs (plus or minus 8.2)

Notes: Data are weighted so that sample demographics match Census Current Population Survey parameters for gender, age, education, race, region, and population density. In addition, data are weighted to correct for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each respondent's household and their telephone usage patterns.

Results based on smaller subgroups are subject to larger margins of sampling error. Sample size and margins of error for these subgroups are included in a separate methodology statement.

An asterisk (*) indicates a value less than 1\%.
*RVA. Which ONE of the following three statements best describes you... (READ)
81 Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN you're registered to vote at your current address, OR
6 Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed, OR
13 Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address?

* Don't know

100

* $1 \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{b}$. Suppose the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY... Would you vote for (ROTATE: the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate) for Congress in your district? [IF OTHER/UNDECIDED, RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED] As of TODAY, do you LEAN more toward... (ROTATE: the Republican or the Democrat) (running for Congress in your district)?


## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS ${ }^{1}$

|  | Rep/Lean Rep | Dem/Lean Dem | Undecided/Other |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 43 | 48 | 9 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 93 | 4 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 2 | 96 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 47 | 30 | 23 | $=100$ |
| Definite voters ${ }^{2}$ | 42 | 50 | 8 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters ${ }^{3}$ | 73 | 19 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 2010 Trends (RVs) |  |  |  |  |
| 8/25-26/10 | 45 | 45 | 10 | $=100$ |
| 2/17-18/10 | 43 | 45 | 12 | $=100$ |
| 2006 Trends (RVs) |  |  |  |  |
| 11/2-3/06 | 36 | 52 | 12 | $=100$ |
| 10/26-27/06 | 38 | 49 | 13 | $=100$ |
| 10/19-20/06 | 37 | 51 | 12 | $=100$ |
| 10/5-6/06 | 38 | 51 | 11 | $=100$ |
| 8/24-25/06 | 38 | 50 | 12 | $=100$ |
| 8/10-11/06 | 39 | 51 | 10 | $=100$ |
| 5/11-12/06 | 39 | 50 | 11 | $=100$ |
| 3/16-17/06 | 39 | 50 | 11 | $=100$ |
| 2002 TRENDS (RVS) |  |  |  |  |
| 10/24-25/02 | 46 | 43 | 11 | $=100$ |
| 10/10-11/02 | 43 | 43 | 14 | $=100$ |
| 9/26-27/02 | 40 | 47 | 13 | $=100$ |
| 9/12-13/02 | 43 | 41 | 16 | $=100$ |
| 8/28-29/02 | 40 | 45 | 15 | $=100$ |
| June 2002 ${ }^{4}$ | 44 | 46 | 10 | $=100$ |
| February 2002 | 46 | 45 | 9 | $=100$ |
| 1998 Trends (RVs) |  |  |  |  |
| 10/8-9/98 | 43 | 45 | 12 | $=100$ |
| 9/24-25/98 | 43 | 48 | 9 | $=100$ |
| 9/10-11/98 | 43 | 45 | 12 | $=100$ |
| 8/20-21/98 | 41 | 47 | 12 | $=100$ |

[^0]*2. Do you see your vote for U.S. Congress this year as a vote FOR Barack Obama, a vote AGAINST Obama, or is Obama not much of a factor in your vote for Congress?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

|  | For | Against | Not a factor | Don't know |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 32 | 30 | 33 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 2 | 63 | 32 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 67 | 4 | 24 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 15 | 30 | 50 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 10 | 59 | 28 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Trends (RVs) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9/21-10/4, 2006 (G.W. Bush) ${ }^{5}$ | 18 | 39 | 40 | 3 | $=100$ |
| 10/6-9/1994 (Clinton) ${ }^{6}$ | 17 | 23 | 54 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 10/23-28/1982 (Reagan) ${ }^{7}$ | 23 | 21 | 51 | 5 | $=100$ |

LVA. What are the chances that you, yourself, will vote in the 2010 election for U.S. Congress? Will you... (READ)

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

| Total |  | Angry voters |
| ---: | :--- | :---: |
| 81 | Definitely vote | 84 |
| 16 | Probably vote | 15 |
| 2 | Probably NOT vote, OR will you | 1 |
| $*$ | Definitely NOT vote in the election for Congress? | 0 |
| $\underline{1}$ | (DO NOT READ) Don't know | $\underline{0}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 |

[^1]*3. Regardless of how you might vote, which of the following outcomes would you MOST like to see for this year's Congressional elections? Would you rather see... (ROTATE: the Democrats keep control of Congress OR the Republicans win enough seats to take over Congress)?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

|  | Democrats keep control | Republicans win seats to take over | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 46 | 44 | 10 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 3 | 94 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 91 | 4 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 30 | 51 | 19 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 17 | 74 | 9 | $=100$ |
|  | Democrats win seats to take over | Republicans keep control | DK |  |
| 2006 Trend (Total Adults) ${ }^{8}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 10/5-6/06 | 53 | 35 | 12 | $=100$ |

Questions 4 and 5 asked in random order.
*4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

|  | $\frac{\text { Approve }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { Disapprove }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { DK }}{6}$ | $=100$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| CURRENT TOTAL |  |  | 46 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| TRENDS |  |  |  |  |
| $8 / 25-26 / 10$ | 47 | 45 | 8 | $=100$ |
| $6 / 23-24 / 10^{9}$ | 48 | 46 | 6 | $=100$ |
| $2 / 17-18 / 10$ | 48 | 40 | 12 | $=100$ |
| $1 / 14-17 / 10^{10}$ | 49 | 38 | 13 | $=100$ |
| $7 / 16-19 / 09^{11}$ | 57 | 32 | 11 | $=100$ |
| $4 / 1-2 / 09$ | 61 | 27 | 12 | $=100$ |
| $3 / 4-5 / 09$ | 58 | 26 | 16 | $=100$ |

[^2]*5. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time?

|  | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 27 | 68 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Trends ${ }^{12}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 6/23-24/10 | 27 | 69 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 2/17-18/10 | 19 | 73 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 4/1-2/09 | 22 | 69 | 9 | $=100$ |
| 1/14-15/09 | 20 | 72 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 12/3-4/08 | 21 | 72 | 7 | $=100$ |
| 10/08-09/08 Financial meltdown | 10 | 86 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 6/18-19/08 | 14 | 80 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 2/6-7/08 | 24 | 69 | 7 | $=100$ |
| 8/1-2/07 | 24 | 69 | 7 | $=100$ |
| 7/11-12/07 | 27 | 68 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 7/2-3/07 | 24 | 67 | 9 | $=100$ |
| 6/18-19/07 | 26 | 68 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 5/2-3/07 Bush veto of Iraq funding bill | 25 | 71 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 3/14-15/07 | 28 | 64 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 1/17-18/07 | 30 | 62 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 12/6-7/06 | 31 | 59 | 10 | $=100$ |
| 10/5-6/06 Foley scandal | 25 | 67 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 8/10-11/06 | 26 | 67 | 7 | $=100$ |
| 5/11-12/06 NSA wiretapping | 23 | 71 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 3/16-17/06 | 30 | 64 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 11/10-11/05 | 26 | 68 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 9/8-9/05 Hurricane Katrina | 28 | 66 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 8/2-4/05 | 36 | 54 | 10 | $=100$ |
| 10/21-22/04 | 40 | 56 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 5/13-14/04 Prisoner abuse scandal | 30 | 62 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 4/8-9/04 | 36 | 59 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 1/8-9/04 | 46 | 47 | 7 | $=100$ |
| 12/18-19/03 Saddam's capture | 46 | 47 | 7 | $=100$ |
| 10/9-10/03 | 40 | 54 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 4/03 Iraq War begins | 50 | 41 | 9 | $=100$ |
| 7/02 | 46 | 46 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 9/01 Terrorist attacks | 57 | 34 | 9 | $=100$ |
| 6/01 | 43 | 52 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 1/01 | 55 | 41 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 6/00 | 47 | 45 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 8/99 | 56 | 39 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 9/98 | 54 | 42 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 1/97 | 38 | 58 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 3/96 | 28 | 70 | 2 | $=100$ |
| 6/95 | 25 | 73 | 2 | $=100$ |
| 8/94 | 24 | 71 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 6/92 Recession | 14 | 84 | 2 | $=100$ |
| 3/91 Gulf War Victory | 66 | 31 | 3 | $=100$ |
| 9/90 | 37 | 58 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 9/88 | 56 | 40 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 11/85 | 51 | 46 | 3 | $=100$ |

[^3]*6. We'd like to know WHY you are dissatisfied with the way things are going in the country. As I read you some possible reasons, tell me if each is one of the MAIN reasons you are dissatisfied... OR is a reason, but not one of the main reasons... OR is not a reason you are dissatisfied. (First,) how about...(READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Is this one of the MAIN reasons; OR a reason, but not a main reason; OR not a reason (you are dissatisfied with the direction of the country)?

## BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY ${ }^{13}$

|  | One of the main reasons | A reason, but not a main one | Not a reason | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Economic conditions in general |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 75 | 16 | 7 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Trends |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 52 | 34 | 13 | 1 | $=100$ |
| b. Not enough good-paying jobs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 56 | 28 | 15 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Trends |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 45 | 32 | 21 | 2 | $=100$ |
| c. Low moral and ethical standards |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 41 | 34 | 24 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Trends |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 59 | 28 | 12 | 1 | $=100$ |
| d. Poverty and homelessness |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 36 | 39 | 24 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Trends |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 44 | 43 | 13 | * | $=100$ |
| e. The way the health care system is working |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 58 | 25 | 15 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Trends |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 44 | 31 | 21 | 4 | $=100$ |
| f. The way government and the political system is working |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 65 | 25 | 8 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Trends |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 61 | 30 | 7 | 2 | $=100$ |
| g. Government spending and the federal deficit |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 68 | 20 | 10 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Trends |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 70 | 24 | 4 | 2 | $=100$ |
|  |  |  | 6 contin | n ne | page... |

[^4]Q6 continued...
h. Illegal immigration

Current Total 4
Trends
8/23-25/94

| One of the main <br> reasons | A reason, but <br> not a main one | Not a <br> reason | $\underline{\text { DK }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

i. The amount of taxes people have to pay Current Total

5
30
$24 \quad 1$
$1=100$
$47 \quad 36$
$36 \quad 16$
$16 \quad 1=100$

49
32
$17 \quad 2=100$
j. U.S. involvement in wars overseas

Current Total
37
36
25

31
15
$4=100$ Current Total

50

31
30
38
$1=100$

1. The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico Current Total

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00
$$

*7. In general, how much do you blame each of the following for the national problems that make you dissatisfied? (First,) how much do you blame... (INSERT ITEMS a-c IN ORDER, THEN RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS d \& e) - a lot, somewhat, only a little or not at all?

## BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY

|  | A lot | Somewhat | Only a little | Not at all | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. President Barack Obama |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 33 | 31 | 15 | 20 | 1 | $=100$ |
| August 1994 Trend ${ }^{14}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 (Clinton) | 33 | 37 | 16 | 13 | 1 | $=100$ |
| b. Former President George W. Bush |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 39 | 33 | 21 | 6 | 1 | $=100$ |
| c. The U.S. Congress as a whole |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 59 | 28 | 8 | 2 | 3 | $=100$ |
| d. Democrats in Congress |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 42 | 34 | 13 | 7 | 4 | $=100$ |
| August 1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 35 | 35 | 15 | 13 | 2 | $=100$ |
| e. Republicans in Congress |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 30 | 39 | 19 | 8 | 4 | $=100$ |
| August 1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 24 | 42 | 19 | 13 | 2 | $=100$ |

[^5]*8. Please tell me which political party... (ROTATE: the Republicans or the Democrats)... you trust to do a better job handling each of the following. (First,) what about...(INSERT ITEMS; READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Which party do you trust to do a better job handling this issue... (ROTATE: the Republicans or the Democrats?)

|  | Reps | Dems | (VOL.) <br> Both | (VOL.) <br> Neither | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Terrorism |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 40 | 34 | 11 | 10 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 79 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 11 | 68 | 12 | 7 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 39 | 24 | 15 | 15 | 7 | $=100$ |
| Late October Trends |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/26-27/06 ${ }^{15}$ | 40 | 39 | 4 | 8 | 9 | $=100$ |
| 10/24-25/02 | 47 | 24 | 9 | 8 | 12 | $=100$ |
| b. The war in Afghanistan |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 32 | 38 | 8 | 15 | 7 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 69 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 7 | 76 | 7 | 8 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 31 | 25 | 10 | 23 | 11 | $=100$ |
| c. The economy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 34 | 44 | 8 | 11 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 76 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 4 | 85 | 5 | 5 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 34 | 29 | 12 | 21 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Late October Trends |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/26-27/06 | 34 | 47 | 4 | 6 | 9 | $=100$ |
| 10/24-25/02 | 38 | 37 | 7 | 7 | 11 | $=100$ |
| d. Health care |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 34 | 48 | 5 | 9 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 74 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 2 | 88 | 4 | 4 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 35 | 35 | 8 | 16 | 6 | $=100$ |
| Late October Trends |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/26-27/06 | 26 | 53 | 4 | 8 | 9 | $=100$ |

[^6]Q8 continued...

|  | Reps | Dems | (VOL.) <br> Both | (VOL.) <br> Neither | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| e. Immigration |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 37 | 39 | 8 | 11 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 76 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 8 | 77 | 6 | 6 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 35 | 26 | 13 | 16 | 10 | $=100$ |
| Late October Trends |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/26-27/06 | 32 | 40 | 4 | 11 | 13 | $=100$ |
| f. Federal spending and the deficit |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 36 | 40 | 6 | 14 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 73 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 5 | 77 | 5 | 9 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 39 | 27 | 9 | 21 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Late October Trends |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/26-27/06 | 31 | 47 | 3 | 10 | 9 | $=100$ |
| g. Social Security |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 31 | 45 | 7 | 13 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 73 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 3 | 86 | 4 | 6 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 29 | 31 | 9 | 23 | 8 | $=100$ |
| Late October Trends |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/24-25/02 | 32 | 42 | 5 | 7 | 14 | $=100$ |
| h. Taxes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 37 | 42 | 7 | 11 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 77 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 5 | 83 | 4 | 7 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 40 | 29 | 10 | 16 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Late October Trends |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/24-25/02 | 40 | 36 | 5 | 8 | 11 | $=100$ |
| i. Unemployment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 33 | 45 | 6 | 11 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 72 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 4 | 84 | 3 | 8 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 33 | 31 | 11 | 15 | 10 | $=100$ |

Q8 continued...

|  | Reps | Dems | (VOL.) <br> Both | (VOL.) Neither | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| j. Reform of the financial and banking industries |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 29 | 43 | 7 | 13 | 8 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 67 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 5 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 5 | 82 | 1 | 8 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 28 | 29 | 13 | 20 | 10 | $=100$ |
| k. Energy and the environment |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 29 | 48 | 10 | 9 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 67 | 16 | 9 | 6 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 5 | 82 | 7 | 4 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 25 | 39 | 12 | 17 | 7 | $=100$ |
| 1. Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 28 | 47 | 10 | 11 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Republicans | 66 | 14 | 12 | 6 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Democrats | 5 | 81 | 7 | 5 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Independents | 21 | 38 | 13 | 20 | 8 | $=100$ |
| Late October Trends |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10/24-25/02 | 36 | 38 | 8 | 5 | 13 | $=100$ |

*9. On another subject... Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel? (last asked 6/23-24/10)

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

|  | Basically content | Frustrated | Angry | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 20 | 54 | 23 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 7 | 54 | 38 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 34 | 51 | 8 | 7 | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 13 | 60 | 26 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Trends (Total Adults) ${ }^{16}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6/23-24/10 | 21 | 52 | 24 | 3 | $=100$ |
| 3/11-21/10 | 19 | 56 | 21 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 12/12/06-1/21/07 | 21 | 58 | 16 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 9/21/06-10/4/06 | 21 | 54 | 20 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 3/17-21/04 | 32 | 52 | 13 | 3 | $=100$ |
| 11/13-19/01 | 53 | 34 | 8 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 6/14-28/00 | 28 | 53 | 13 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 2/9-14/00 | 33 | 54 | 10 | 3 | $=100$ |
| 9/25/97-10/31/97 | 29 | 56 | 12 | 3 | $=100$ |

[^7]10. Please tell me whether or not you would describe yourself as ANGRY at any of the following political officeholders. (First,) what about... (INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)? READ AS NECESSARY: Would you describe yourself as angry at (him/them), or not?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

a. President Barack Obama
Current Total 33

Republican RVs 63
Democrat RVs
Independent RVs
Angry voters
b. The member of the U.S. House who represents your Congressional district
Current Total 30

Republican RVs
Democrat RVs
Independent RVs
Angry voters
c. The U.S. Senators who represent your state

CURRENT TOTAL 35
Republican RVs 41
Democrat RVs
Independent RVs
Angry voters
d. Democratic Party leaders in Congress
CURRENT Total

Republican RVs 73
Democrat RVs
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Independent RVs } & 48\end{array}$
Angry voters
e. Republican Party leaders in Congress
CURRENT Total

Republican RVs 27
Democrat RVs
Independent RVs
Angry voters
Yes, angry at No, not angry at DK

6
37

40

25

81

54
33

73

30

20
33

51

42

58

16

63
48

| 65 | 2 | $=100$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 34 | 3 | $=100$ |
| 93 | 1 | $=100$ |
| 61 | 2 | $=100$ |
| 23 | 4 | $=100$ |


| 62 | 8 | $=100$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 52 | 8 | $=100$ |
| 70 | 10 | $=100$ |
| 63 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 38 | 11 | $=100$ |
| 60 | 5 | $=100$ |
| 55 | 4 | $=100$ |
| 69 | 6 | $=100$ |
| 57 | 1 | $=100$ |
| 36 | 6 | $=100$ |

$5=100$

Q10 continued...

|  | Yes, angry at | No, not angry at | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| f. Incumbent members of Congress generally, regardless of party |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 43 | 50 | 7 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 54 | 38 | 8 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 34 | 58 | 8 | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 46 | 50 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 78 | 16 | 6 | $=100$ |

(NET) ANGRY AT ANY OF THE ABOVE Current Total
Republican RVs ..... 86
Democrat RVs ..... 71
Independent RVs ..... 74
Angry voters ..... 96
11. Thinking again about your vote for U.S. Congress, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a Congressional candidate who expresses anger in each of the following ways - or if it would not have much effect either way. (First,) what if a candidate... (INSERT—READ AND RANDOMIZE)? READ AS NECESSARY: Would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or would it not have much effect either way?

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|  | More | Less | Not much effect | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Expresses anger at current officeholders in Washington |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 41 | 18 | 37 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 64 | 8 | 22 | 6 | $=100$ |
| b. Expresses anger at the Wall Street firms and big banks that received federal bailout money |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 49 | 14 | 35 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 59 | 12 | 26 | 3 | $=100$ |
| c. Expresses anger about the state of the economy and the jobs situation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 60 | 13 | 25 | 2 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 74 | 7 | 18 | 1 | $=100$ |
| d. Expresses anger about federal spending, taxes, and the deficit |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 56 | 15 | 26 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 75 | 10 | 13 | 2 | $=100$ |
| e. Expresses anger about illegal immigration |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 47 | 21 | 28 | 4 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 65 | 11 | 21 | 3 | $=100$ |
| f. Expresses anger about the Gulf oil spill |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 35 | 14 | 48 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 39 | 11 | 46 | 4 | $=100$ |
| g. Expresses anger about the health care reform legislation passed earlier this year |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 45 | 24 | 28 | 3 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 70 | 10 | 17 | 3 | $=100$ |

12. Some people see Barack Obama as a leader who is too cool and detached, not showing he cares enough about the big problems facing average Americans today. Others see Barack Obama's coolness as a positive, the right personality for a leader who must deal with such big problems. Which comes closer to your view?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

| $\frac{\text { Total }}{}$ |  | Angry voters |
| ---: | :--- | :---: |
| 39 | Too cool and detached | 66 |
| 53 | Coolness is a positive | 23 |
| $\underline{8}$ | Don't know | $\underline{11}$ |
| 100 |  | $\underline{100}$ |

13. On another subject... Have you seen, heard, or read anything about the Republicans' "Pledge to America?"

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|  | Yes, have | No, have not | Don't know |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 36 | 63 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 43 | 56 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 27 | 72 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 43 | 56 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 48 | 52 | * | $=100$ |

13. On another subject... Have you seen, heard, or read anything about the Republicans' "Pledge to America?"
14. [ASK REGISTERED VOTERS WHO ARE AWARE OF THE PLEDGE TO AMERICA:] As you may know, some economists and policy analysts have studied the "Pledge to America" and concluded that its proposals either will not succeed in reducing the federal deficit OR will require massive cuts in Social Security and Medicare to succeed.
From what you know about it, do you generally agree or generally disagree with such criticism of the "Pledge to America?"

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

|  | Agree | Disagree | (VOL.) Haven't seen / Heard enough to say | DK | Not aware of Pledge |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 16 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 64 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 15 | 19 | 8 | 1 | 57 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 16 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 73 | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 21 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 56 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 17 | 22 | 8 | 1 | 52 | $=100$ |

15. Have you seen, heard, or read anything about the political movement known as the Tea Party?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

|  | Yes, have | No, have not | Don't know |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 73 | 26 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 78 | 21 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 65 | 35 | * | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 84 | 15 | 1 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 82 | 18 | 0 | $=100$ |

15. Have you seen, heard, or read anything about the political movement known as the Tea Party?
16. [ASK REGISTERED VOTERS WHO ARE AWARE OF THE TEA PARTY:] From what you know about the Tea Party and what it stands for, would you say you support it, oppose it or have mixed opinions about it?

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|  | Support | Oppose | Mixed opinions | DK | Not aware of Tea Party |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Total | 19 | 23 | 29 | 2 | 27 | $=100$ |
| Republican RVs | 36 | 5 | 34 | 3 | 22 | $=100$ |
| Democrat RVs | 3 | 39 | 20 | 3 | 35 | $=100$ |
| Independent RVs | 25 | 19 | 38 | 2 | 16 | $=100$ |
| Angry voters | 42 | 13 | 21 | 6 | 18 | $=100$ |

*17. On another subject... As a result of what's happening in the economy, please tell me whether or not you are worried about each of the following. (First,) are you worried about...(READ AND RANDOMIZE)?

|  | Worried | Not worried | (VOL.) <br> Doesn't apply | DK |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. A major wage earner in your household losing a job |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 49 | 44 | 6 | 1 | $=100$ |
| 1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 48 | 44 | 8 | 0 | $=100$ |
| b. Affording mortgage payments or rent |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 47 | 48 | 4 | 1 | $=100$ |
| 1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 41 | 54 | 5 | * | $=100$ |
| c. Maintaining your current standard of living |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 63 | 36 | * | 1 | $=100$ |
| 1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 54 | 46 | * | * | $=100$ |
| d. Financing your children's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 45 | 38 | 16 | 1 | $=100$ |
| 1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 49 | 32 | 19 | * | $=100$ |
| e. Having enough savings for retirement |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 66 | 30 | 3 | 1 | $=100$ |
| 1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 71 | 27 | 2 | * | $=100$ |
| f. Being able to pay medical or health care costs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Total | 62 | 36 | 1 | 1 | $=100$ |
| 1994 Trend |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8/23-25/94 | 63 | 36 | 1 | * | $=100$ |

18. Considering everything, how worried are you about the economic future facing you and your family? Are you... (READ)

| $\frac{\text { Total }}{31}$ | Very worried | $\underline{\text { RVs }}$ | $\frac{\text { Angry voters }}{51}$ |
| ---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 45 | Somewhat worried | 45 | 52 |
| 16 | Not too worried, OR | 16 | 29 |
| 8 | Not at all worried? | 8 | 14 |
| $\frac{*}{100}$ | (DO NOT READ) Don't know | $\frac{*}{5}$ | $\underline{0}$ |
| 100 | 100 |  |  |

Now I have just a few more questions so we can describe the people who took part in our survey...
D2. In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

| Total |  | RVs |  |
| ---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 28 | Republican | 31 | Angry voters <br> 36 |
| Democrat | 39 | 14 |  |
| 30 | Independent | 26 | 29 |
| 3 | (VOL.) No party/Not interested in politics | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | (VOL.) Other party | $*$ | 1 |
| $\underline{2}$ | Don't know | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{1}$ |
| 100 |  | 100 | 100 |

## END OF INTERVIEW - THANK RESPONDENT:

That completes the interview. Thank you very much for your cooperation.


[^0]:    1 Registered voters are defined as those who say they are 'absolutely certain' they are registered to vote at their current address in Question RVA.
    ${ }^{2}$ Definite voters are defined as registered voters who say they will 'definitely vote' in the 2010 election for U.S. Congress in Question LVA.
    3 Angry voters are defined as registered voters who say they are 'angry' with the federal government in Question 9.
    4 June 2002 and February 2002 trends from Pew Research Center.

[^1]:    $5 \quad 9 / 21-10 / 4,2006$ trends from the Pew Research Center. Question wording was slightly different: "Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote FOR George W. Bush, as a vote AGAINST George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?"
    6 10/6-9/94 trends from a Times Mirror poll. Question wording was slightly different: "Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall (1994) as a vote for (President) Bill Clinton, or as a vote against Bill Clinton, or isn't Bill Clinton much of a factor in your vote?"
    7 10/23-28/82 trends from a CBS News/New York Times poll. Question wording was slightly different: "Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote for Ronald Reagan, or as a vote against Ronald Reagan, or isn't Ronald Reagan much of a factor in your vote?"

[^2]:    8 Early October 2006 trend for this question reflects opinions of a GOP-controlled Congress. Question wording was slightly different: "Which of the following outcomes would you most like to see for this year's Congressional elections? Would you rather see... (RESPONSE CATEGORIES ROTATED) the Republicans keep control of Congress or the Democrats win enough seats to take over Congress?"
    9 In June 2010, presidential job approval was asked as part of a list question with multiple items, including job approval for Republicans in Congress and Democrats in Congress.
    10 January 2010 trends from PSRAI.
    11 July 2009 trends from PSRAI.

[^3]:    12 Full trendline from 11/06 to present; earlier trends selected. Trends from 4/03, 6/00-6/01 and 6/95-8/99 from Pew Research Center; 11/85-6/92 from Gallup.

[^4]:    13 Those who are dissatisfied with the direction of the country are defined as those who say 'dissatisfied' in Question 5.

[^5]:    14 Trend question wording was slightly different: "How much do you blame each of the following people and groups for the national problems that make you dissatisfied? (First,) do you blame...(INSERT ITEM. ROTATE START): a lot, somewhat, only a little or not at all?"

[^6]:    15 Late October 2006 trend item wording was slightly different: "The war against terrorism at home and abroad"

[^7]:    16 Trends 9/97-10/97 thru 3/10 are from Pew Research Center.

