

22 April 2010
Polling was conducted by telephone April 20-21, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of $\pm 3$ percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters
Democrats $n=373, \pm 5$; Republicans $n=328, \pm 5$; Independents $n=160, \pm 8$
Question 1 released separately

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| 20-21 Apr 10 | 22\% | 68 | 10 | 8-9 Oct 08 | 13\% | 77 | 10 |
| Democrats | 39\% | 49 | 13 | 22-23 Sep 08 | 17\% | 73 | 9 |
| Republicans | 9\% | 84 | 7 | 8-9 Sep 08 | 23\% | 68 | 8 |
| Independents | 14\% | 76 | 9 | 19-20 Aug 08 | 20\% | 73 | 7 |
| RECENT TREND |  |  |  | 22-23 Jul 08 | 21\% | 68 | 11 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 21\% | 72 | 6 | 17-18 Jun 08 | 19\% | 69 | 13 |
| 16-17 Mar 10 | 18\% | 76 | 7 | 28-29 Apr 08 | 22\% | 67 | 11 |
| 23-24 Feb 10 | 14\% | 80 | 6 | 18-19 Mar 08 | 20\% | 67 | 12 |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | 22\% | 69 | 8 | 19-20 Feb 08 | 22\% | 68 | 10 |
| 12-13 Jan 10 | 27\% | 63 | 10 | 30-31 Jan 08 | 22\% | 66 | 12 |
| 8-9 Dec 09 | 33\% | 59 | 8 | 18-19 Dec 07 | 25\% | 60 | 15 |
| 17-18 Nov 09 | 26\% | 63 | 11 | 13-14 Nov 07 | 26\% | 61 | 14 |
| 13-14 Oct 09 | 24\% | 66 | 10 | 23-24 Oct 07 | 25\% | 54 | 22 |
| 15-16 Sep 09 | 27\% | 64 | 9 | 9-10 Oct 07 | 24\% | 63 | 12 |
| 11-12 Aug 09 | 30\% | 59 | 11 | 25-26 Sep 07 | 24\% | 63 | 13 |
| 21-22 Jul 09 | 30\% | 60 | 10 | 11-12 Sep 07 | 32\% | 56 | 11 |
| 12-13 May 09 | 41\% | 49 | 10 | 21-22 Aug 07 | 24\% | 60 | 17 |
| 31 Mar-1 Apr 09 | 38\% | 52 | 10 | 5-6 Jun 07 | 29\% | 55 | 15 |
| 3-4 Mar 09 | 41\% | 48 | 10 | 15-16 May 07 | 32\% | 53 | 15 |
| 17-18 Feb 09 | 39\% | 50 | 10 | 17-18 Apr 07 | 35\% | 49 | 16 |
| 27-28 Jan 09 | 40\% | 46 | 14 | 27-28 Mar 07 | 30\% | 54 | 16 |
| 13-14 Jan 09 | 23\% | 68 | 10 | 27-28 Feb 07 | 32\% | 49 | 20 |
| 9-10 Dec 08 | 20\% | 71 | 9 | 30-31 Jan 07 | 33\% | 44 | 22 |
| 1-2 Nov 08 | 18\% | 75 | 7 | 16-17 Jan 07 | 32\% | 47 | 21 |
| 1-2 Nov 08 LV | 18\% | 75 | 7 | 4-5 Nov 06 LV | 29\% | 57 | 13 |
| 28-29 Oct 08 | 17\% | 76 | 6 | 10-11 Oct 06 LV | 31\% | 63 | 6 |
| 28-29 Oct 08 LV | 18\% | 77 | 5 | 12-13 Sep 06 LV | 29\% | 53 | 18 |
| 20-21 Oct 08 | 19\% | 72 | 9 | 29-30 Aug 06 | 24\% | 61 | 15 |
| 20-21 Oct 08 LV | 18\% | 73 | 8 | 8-9 Aug 06 | 24\% | 58 | 17 |

3. Right now, how interested are you in the November elections?

|  | Extremely <br> interested | Very <br> interested | Somewhat <br> interested | Not at all <br> interested |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Don't know) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | $30 \%$ | 27 | 31 | 11 | - |
| Democrats | $20 \%$ | 26 | 38 | 15 | - |
| Republicans | $42 \%$ | 28 | 25 | 5 | - |
| Independents | $31 \%$ | 27 | 30 | 11 | 1 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | $31 \%$ | 27 | 30 | 11 | 1 |
| Democrats | $24 \%$ | 26 | 34 | 15 | 1 |
| Republicans | $39 \%$ | 30 | 24 | 6 | 1 |
| Independents | $33 \%$ | 22 | 34 | 11 | - |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | $28 \%$ | 29 | 32 | 10 | 1 |
| Democrats | $22 \%$ | 28 | 40 | 10 | - |
| Republicans | $38 \%$ | 32 | 22 | 8 | - |
| Independents | $22 \%$ | 28 | 36 | 14 | 1 |

4. If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district or the Republican candidate in your district? (ROTATE)

|  | -- Democratic -- |  |  | -- Republican - |  |  |  | (Undecided/ Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Vote | Lean | Tota | Vote | Lean | (Other) |  |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 38\% | 35 | 3 | 42 | 38 | 4 | 4 | 15 |
| Democrats | 82\% | 75 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Republicans | 2\% | 1 | 1 | 91 | 84 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| Independents | 20\% | 18 | 2 | 29 | 24 | 5 | 10 | 42 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 39\% | 35 | 4 | 43 | 38 | 5 | 4 | 15 |
| 16-17 Mar 10 | 38\% | 34 | 4 | 42 | 38 | 4 | 6 | 14 |

Recent Trend

|  | --Democrat-- |  |  | --Republican-- |  |  | (0ther/ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Vote | Lean | Total | Vote | Lean | Don't know) |
| 8-9 Oct 08 | 44\% | 40 | 4 | 36 | 33 | 3 | 19 |
| 19-20 Aug 08 | 45\% | 42 | 3 | 38 | 35 | 3 | 16 |
| 4-5 Nov 06 LV | 49\% | 45 | 4 | 36 | 33 | 3 | 15 |
| 24-25 Oct 06 LV | 49\% | 46 | 3 | 38 | 36 | 2 | 13 |
| 10-11 Oct 06 LV | 50\% | 45 | 5 | 41 | 36 | 5 | 10 |
| 26-27 Sep 06 LV | 49\% | 42 | 7 | 38 | 33 | 5 | 14 |
| 12-13 Sep 06 LV | 41\% | 38 | 3 | 38 | 34 | 4 | 21 |
| 29-30 Aug 06 | 48\% | 43 | 5 | 32 | 28 | 4 | 21 |
| 8-9 Aug 06 | 48\% | 44 | 4 | 30 | 27 | 3 | 22 |
| 11-12 Jul 06 | 42\% | 38 | 4 | 34 | 31 | 3 | 25 |
| 13-14 Jun 06 | 46\% | 43 | 3 | 33 | 29 | 4 | 20 |
| 2-3 May 06 | 41\% | 37 | 4 | 38 | 32 | 6 | 21 |
| 28 Feb-1 Mar 06 | 48\% | 44 | 4 | 34 | 28 | 6 | 18 |

5. And what if there were a candidate from the Tea Party movement on the ballot? If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district, the Republican candidate in your district, or the Tea Party candidate in your district? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)
SCALE: 1. Vote Democratic 2. (Lean Dem) 3. Vote Republican 4. (Lean Rep) 5. Vote Tea Party 6. (Lean Tea Party) 7. (Other) 8. (Undecided/Don't know) -- Democratic -- - Republican - -- Tea Party -- (Und.

|  | Total | Vote | Lean | Total | Vote | Lean | Total | Vote | Lean | (Oth) | DK) |
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| 20-21 Apr 10 | $36 \%$ | 34 | 2 | 24 | 21 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 24 |
| Democrats | $78 \%$ | 74 | 4 | 3 | 3 | - | 3 | 3 | - | 2 | 12 |
| Republicans | $1 \%$ | 1 | - | 54 | 47 | 7 | 20 | 16 | 4 | 2 | 22 |
| Independents | $14 \%$ | 12 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 17 | 13 | 4 | 7 | 48 |

6.     - 9. How frustrated and upset are you with [ITEM] these days? (RANDOMIZE)

|  | Extremely | Very | Somewh | at all | (Don't know) |
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| Democrats in Congress |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 29\% | 18 | 31 | 20 | 2 |
| Democrats | 7\% | 7 | 47 | 37 | 2 |
| Republicans | 55\% | 24 | 16 | 4 | 1 |
| Independents | 26\% | 27 | 28 | 15 | 4 |
| Republicans in Congress |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 22\% | 21 | 39 | 17 | 2 |
| Democrats | 36\% | 22 | 29 | 11 | 1 |
| Republicans | 8\% | 16 | 50 | 25 | 1 |
| Independents | 15\% | 29 | 42 | 12 | 2 |
| Incumbents in general |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 22\% | 20 | 35 | 15 | 7 |
| Democrats | 12\% | 13 | 44 | 22 | 9 |
| Republicans | 30\% | 27 | 29 | 8 | 4 |
| Independents | 25\% | 24 | 29 | 16 | 6 |
| President Obama |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 25\% | 13 | 24 | 37 | 1 |
| Democrats | 4\% | 5 | 25 | 65 | 1 |
| Republicans | 51\% | 21 | 20 | 7 | 1 |
| Independents | 21\% | 16 | 26 | 35 | 2 |

10. Which political party do you think best represents the principles of the country's founding fathers -- the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or the Tea Party? (ROTATE 1-3)
SCALE: 1. Democratic Party 2. Republican Party 3. Tea Party 4. (Mixed)

| 5. (All) 6. (None) 7. | (Don't know) <br> Democratic | Republican | Tea Party | (Mixed) | (All) | (None) | (DK) |
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| 20-21 Apr 10 | $31 \%$ | 24 | 22 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Democrats | $68 \%$ | 6 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Republicans | $1 \%$ | 48 | 34 | 6 | - | 8 | 3 |
| Independents | $11 \%$ | 17 | 28 | 5 | 3 | 24 | 12 |

11. Which one of the following best describes your feelings about the way the federal government is working these days - it's working pretty well, it's just okay, or it's broken?

|  | Pretty well | Just okay | Broken | (Mixed) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | $9 \%$ | 30 | 58 | $\mathbf{2}$ | 1 |
| Democrats | $17 \%$ | 43 | 37 | 2 | 1 |
| Republicans | $3 \%$ | 20 | 75 | 1 | - |
| Independents | $5 \%$ | 24 | 69 | 2 | - |

12. Which will be more important to your vote in November - - a specific policy issue such as health care or immigration, or the expansion of government in general?

A specific Expansion of govt.

| policy issue | in general | (Both) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 56\% | 30 | 8 | 6 |
| 66\% | 20 | 6 | 8 |
| 46\% | 44 | 8 | 2 |
| ts 56\% | 31 | 9 | 4 |

Question 13-25 released separately

Moving on...
26. Regardless of whether you've attended a Tea Party rally or event, do you consider yourself to be part of the Tea Party movement, or not?

|  | Yes | No | (Don't know) |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | $17 \%$ | 77 | 6 |
| Democrats | $4 \%$ | 91 | 5 |
| Republicans | $32 \%$ | 62 | 6 |
| Independents | $17 \%$ | 75 | 9 |

27. In general, do you think the Tea Party movement will help keep elected officials and political candidates more honest, or not?

|  | Yes | No | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | $44 \%$ | 43 | 13 |
| Democrats | $28 \%$ | 58 | 14 |
| Republicans | $64 \%$ | 26 | 10 |
| Independents | $45 \%$ | 43 | 13 |

28. Which one of the following do you think better describes the Tea Party Movement -- it's a serious group of people who believe government is too big and taxes are too high and it should be taken seriously, or it's a fringe group of people with extreme right-wing views about government that should not be taken seriously.
SCALE: 1. Serious group that believe government is too big, and should be taken seriously 2. Fringe group with extreme right-wing views that should not be taken seriously 3. (Combination) 4. (Don't know)

Serious Fringe group group (Combination) (Don't know)

| 20-21 Apr 10 | group | group | (Combination) | (Don t know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Democrats | $35 \%$ | 27 | 6 | 11 |
| Republicans | $78 \%$ | 47 | 6 | 12 |
| Independents | $60 \%$ | 10 | 4 | 8 |
| $2-3$ Feb 10 | $51 \%$ | 19 | 9 | 12 |

29. Do you think the Tea Party movement will still be around 10 years from now, or not?

|  | Yes | No | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | $40 \%$ | 43 | 17 |
| Democrats | $31 \%$ | 54 | 15 |
| Republicans | $49 \%$ | 34 | 17 |
| Independents | $44 \%$ | 35 | 21 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Questions $30-50$ | released separately |  |  |

51. Which one of the following statements COMES CLOSEST to your view of wealthy people in the United States? (ROTATE)
SCALE: 1. They help the country by creating jobs, paying taxes, and giving a lot to charity 2. They hurt the country by exploiting workers, ducking taxes, and taking jobs overseas 3. (Mixed/Depends) 4. (Don't know)

|  | Help the <br> country | Hurt the <br> country | (Mixed/Depends) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | $47 \%$ | 32 | 18 | 4 |
| Democrats | $34 \%$ | 44 | 18 | 4 |
| Republicans | $63 \%$ | 23 | 12 | 2 |
| Independents | $44 \%$ | 25 | 26 | 5 |

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) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 41\% | 36 | 18 | 2 | 2 |
| 40\% | 36 | 18 | 4 | 2 |
| 40\% | 37 | 18 | 4 | 2 |
| 38\% | 37 | 17 | 5 | 3 |
| 36\% | 36 | 22 | 3 | 3 |
| 39\% | 34 | 20 | 3 | 4 |
| 38\% | 38 | 18 | 3 | 3 |
| 38\% | 36 | 20 | 3 | 3 |
| 40\% | 37 | 17 | 4 | 2 |
| 41\% | 37 | 16 | 4 | 1 |
| 41\% | 37 | 17 | 3 | 2 |
| 42\% | 31 | 21 | 4 | 3 |
| 39\% | 35 | 22 | 2 | 2 |
| 40\% | 34 | 20 | 4 | 2 |
| 40\% | 33 | 23 | 1 | 2 |
| 42\% | 30 | 24 | 2 | 2 |
| 42\% | 30 | 22 | 3 | 4 |
| 42\% | 33 | 20 | 3 | 2 |
| 40\% | 32 | 22 | 3 | 3 |
| 42\% | 35 | 18 | 3 | 2 |
| 44\% | 30 | 22 | 2 | 2 |

