

21 May 2010
Polling was conducted by telephone May 18-19, 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 $\mathrm{n}=348$, $\pm 5$; Republicans $\mathrm{n}=319$, $\pm 5.5$; Independents $\mathrm{n}=178$, $\pm 7$

Questions 1-4 released separately.
5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?


Questions 6-10 released separately.

12. 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? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

13. If you were voting in an election and all you knew about the two competing candidates was that one was the current office holder and the other candidate would be new to the office -- who would you be more inclined to vote for?

|  | Current office <br> holder | New <br> candidate | (Depends) | (Don't know) |
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| 18-19 May 10 | $20 \%$ | 41 | 32 | 7 |
| Democrats | $30 \%$ | 28 | 35 | 7 |
| Republicans | $13 \%$ | 55 | 23 | 8 |
| Independents | $11 \%$ | 46 | 37 | 6 |
| $2-3$ Feb 10 | $19 \%$ | 38 | 34 | 9 |
| $11-12$ Aug 09 | $30 \%$ | 35 | 27 | 9 |

For reference: If you were voting in an election and all that you knew about the candidates for congress was that one was the incumbent -- that is someone who currently holds that position -- and the other was the challenger, who would you be more inclined to vote for -- the incumbent or the challenger? (ROTATE)

|  | Incumbent | Challenger | (Don't know) |
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| $24-25$ oct $06 ~ L V$ | $26 \%$ | 34 | 39 |
| $8-9$ Aug 06 | $21 \%$ | 46 | 33 |

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)

| 18-19 May 10 | $39 \%$ | 35 | 20 | 3 | 3 |
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| $4-5$ May 10 | $41 \%$ | 37 | 18 | 2 | 2 |
| $20-21$ Apr 10 | $41 \%$ | 36 | 18 | 2 | 2 |
| $6-7$ Apr 10 | $40 \%$ | 36 | 18 | 4 | 2 |

