

3 September 2010
Polling was conducted by telephone September 1-2, 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 $\mathrm{n}=352, \pm 5$; Republicans $\mathrm{n}=332$, $\pm 5$; Independents $\mathrm{n}=179$, $\pm 7$
Question 1 released separately
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

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

| i | Extremely interested | Very interested | Somewhat interested | Not at all interested | (Don't know) |
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| 1-2 Sep 10 | 29\% | 31 | 29 | 10 | 1 |
| Democrats | 19\% | 33 | 36 | 12 | 1 |
| Republicans | 40\% | 30 | 23 | 7 | - |
| Independents | s 27\% | 31 | 28 | 12 | 1 |
| 10-11 Aug 10 | 29\% | 29 | 34 | 8 | - |
| Democrats | 18\% | 31 | 43 | 8 | - |
| Republicans | 41\% | 25 | 28 | 6 | - |
| Independents | s 29\% | 32 | 31 | 7 | - |
| 27-28 Jul 10 | 31\% | 31 | 28 | 9 | 1 |
| Democrats | 23\% | 36 | 31 | 10 | 1 |
| Republicans | 36\% | 30 | 27 | 7 | 1 |
| Independents | s 44\% | 24 | 25 | 7 | - |
| 13-14 Jul 10 | 28\% | 29 | 34 | 8 | 1 |
| Democrats | 23\% | 29 | 37 | 8 | 2 |
| Republicans | 34\% | 32 | 27 | 6 | 1 |
| Independents | S 26\% | 24 | 41 | 9 | - |
| 29-30 Jun 10 | 29\% | 28 | 32 | 9 | 2 |
| 8-9 Jun 10 | 27\% | 28 | 31 | 13 | 1 |
| 18-19 May 10 | 30\% | 31 | 29 | 10 | 1 |
| 4-5 May 10 | 27\% | 31 | 32 | 10 | 1 |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 30\% | 27 | 31 | 11 | - |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 31\% | 27 | 30 | 11 | 1 |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | 28\% | 29 | 32 | 10 | 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? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

|  | Democratic |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} R e l \\ -\ldots \quad C \end{array}$ | Republican | --- |  | (Undecided/ Don't |
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|  | Total | Vote/ | Lean | Total | Vote | Lean | (Other) | know) |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | 37\% | 33 | 4 | 46 | 42 | 4 | 4 | 13 |
| Democrats | 82\% | 74 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Republicans | 1\% | 1 | - | 93 | 87 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| Independents | 21\% | 18 | 3 | 35 | 27 | 8 | 14 | 31 |
| 10-11 Aug 10 | 37\% | 34 | 3 | 44 | 41 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| Democrats | 80\% | 74 | 6 | 6 | 6 | - | 2 | 11 |
| Republicans | 4\% | 4 | - | 88 | 82 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| Independents | 28\% | 22 | 6 | 34 | 29 | 5 | 6 | 33 |
| 27-28 Jul 10 | 36\% | 33 | 3 | 47 | 42 | 5 | 3 | 13 |
| Democrats | 84\% | 78 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Republicans | 3\% | 3 | - | 88 | 82 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Independents | 20\% | 13 | 7 | 43 | 33 | 10 | 8 | 29 |
| 13-14 Jul 10 | 37\% | 33 | 4 | 41 | 38 | 3 | 4 | 18 |
| Democrats | 79\% | 72 | 7 | 6 | 6 | - | 1 | 13 |
| Republicans | 4\% | 4 | - | 83 | 78 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| Independents | 31\% | 25 | 6 | 25 | 22 | 3 | 14 | 31 |
| 29-30 Jun 10 | 40\% | 36 | 4 | 42 | 38 | 4 | 4 | 13 |
| 8-9 Jun 10 | 41\% | 37 | 4 | 38 | 32 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| 18-19 May 10 | 41\% | 37 | 4 | 41 | 35 | 6 | 5 | 14 |
| 4-5 May 10 | 40\% | 35 | 5 | 42 | 37 | 5 | 4 | 14 |
| 20-21 Apr 10 | 38\% | 35 | 3 | 42 | 38 | 4 | 4 | 15 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 39\% | 35 | 4 | 43 | 38 | 5 | 4 | 15 |
| 16-17 Mar 10 | 38\% | 34 | 4 | 42 | 38 | 4 | 6 | 14 |

5. [If responses $1-4$ to $Q 4 n=748$, $\pm 4$ ] Are you certain you will support the [Democratic/Republican] candidate, or do you think you may change your mind between now and the election?

| Certain | May change mind | (Don't know/Refused) |
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| $71 \%$ | 26 | 4 |
| $71 \%$ | 26 | 4 |
| $71 \%$ | 26 | 3 |

6.     - 13. I'm going to read you the names of several individuals and groups. Please tell me whether you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of each one. If you've never heard of someone, please just say so. (RANDOMIZE) SCALE: 1. Favorable 2. Unfavorable 3. (Can't say) 4. Never heard of
*** SUMMARY CHART ***
Favorable

| Michelle Obama | $60 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Barack Obama | $50 \%$ |
| Republican Party | $47 \%$ |
| George W. Bush | $46 \%$ |
| Democratic Party | $42 \%$ |
| The Tea Party Movement | $39 \%$ |
| Nancy Pelosi | $24 \%$ |
| John Boehner | $12 \%$ |


| Michelle Obama | Favor <br> able | Unfav <br> orable | Can't <br> say | Never <br> heard |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | $60 \%$ | 26 | 15 | - |
| Democrats | $89 \%$ | 6 | 5 | - |
| Republicans | $32 \%$ | 48 | 20 | - |
| Independents | $54 \%$ | 23 | 23 | - |
| 17-18 Nov 09 | $63 \%$ | 21 | 15 | 1 |
| 22-23 Apr 09 | $73 \%$ | 16 | 10 | - |
| 13-14 Jan 09 LV | $65 \%$ | 15 | 19 | 1 |
| 20-21 Oct 08 LV | $57 \%$ | 28 | 11 | 3 |
| 20-21 Oct 08 | $56 \%$ | 28 | 12 | 3 |
| $8-9$ Sep 08 | $52 \%$ | 29 | 18 | 2 |
| $17-18$ Jun 08 | $44 \%$ | 29 | 25 | 2 |

Barack Obama


Republican Party

|  | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | Never heard |  |  |  | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | Never heard |
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| 1-2 Sep 10 | 47\% | 43 | 10 | - | 17-18 | Jun 0 | 08 | 41\% | 48 | 11 | 1 |
| Democrats | 18\% | 75 | 6 | - | 19-20 | Feb 0 | 08 | 43\% | 46 | 11 | - |
| Republicans | 84\% | 10 | 6 | - | 25-26 | Sep 0 | 07 | 44\% | 47 | 9 | 1 |
| Independents | 35\% | 43 | 20 | 1 | 17-18 | Apr 0 | 07 | 42\% | 47 | 10 | 1 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 40\% | 50 | 9 | 1 | 27-28 | Mar 0 | 07 | 42\% | 49 | 9 | - |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | 42\% | 46 | 11 | 1 | 16-17 | Jan 0 | 07 | 39\% | 49 | 12 | - |
| 21-22 Jul 09 | 36\% | 53 | 11 | - | 10-11 | Oct 0 | 06 LV | 42\% | 50 | 7 | 1 |
| 31 Mar-1 Apr 09 | 41\% | 50 | 10 | - | 8-9 Aug | g 06 |  | 38\% | 51 | 11 | 1 |
| 28-29 Oct 08 LV | 46\% | 50 | 4 | - | 13-14 | Dec 0 | 05 | 43\% | 47 | 10 | 1 |
| 28-29 Oct 08 RV | 45\% | 49 | 6 | - | 25-26 | Oct 0 | 05 | 42\% | 43 | 14 | 1 |
| 20-21 Oct 08 LV | 42\% | 50 | 7 | 1 | 29-30 | Mar 0 | 05 | 48\% | 38 | 13 | - |
| 20-21 Oct 08 RV | 42\% | 49 | 8 | 1 | 21-22 | Jan 0 | 04 | 49\% | 35 | 16 | - |
| 22-23 Jul 08 | 38\% | 51 | 10 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

George W. Bush

| -2 sep 10 | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | Never heard |  | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Can't } \\ & \text { say } \end{aligned}$ | Never heard |
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| 1-2 Sep 10 | 46\% | 50 | 5 | - | 28-29 Oct 04 | 47\% | 45 | 8 | - |
| Democrats | 20\% | 79 | 1 | - | 28-29 Oct 04 LV | 49\% | 44 | 7 | - |
| Republicans | 79\% | 17 | 3 | - | 27-28 Oct 04 | 49\% | 45 | 6 | - |
| Independents | 35\% | 53 | 12 | - | 27-28 Oct 04 LV | 50\% | 44 | 6 | - |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | 38\% | 55 | 6 | - | 17-18 Oct 04 LV | 49\% | 45 | 6 | - |
| 13-14 Oct 09 | 41\% | 54 | 5 | - | 3-4 Oct 04 LV | 52\% | 43 | 5 | - |
| 13-14 Jan 09 | 49\% | 46 | 5 | - | 21-22 Sep 04 LV | 52\% | 43 | 5 | - |
| 9-10 Dec 08 | 34\% | 63 | 2 | - | 7-8 Sep 04 LV | 51\% | 43 | 6 | - |
| 22-23 Jul 08 | 30\% | 66 | 4 | - | 24-25 Aug 04 LV | 50\% | 44 | 6 | - |
| 17-18 Jun 08 | 35\% | 59 | 5 | - | 3-4 Aug 04 | 47\% | 45 | 8 | - |
| 28-29 Apr 08 | 35\% | 61 | 4 | - | 20-21 Jul 04 | 50\% | 42 | 8 | - |
| 19-20 Feb 08 | 35\% | 60 | 5 | - | 22-23 Jun 04 | 52\% | 41 | 7 | - |
| 18-19 Dec 07 | 39\% | 56 | 5 | - | 8-9 Jun 04 | 52\% | 41 | 7 | - |
| 13-14 Nov 07 | 40\% | 55 | 5 | - | 4-5 May 04 | 50\% | 42 | 8 | - |
| 11-12 Sep 07 | 39\% | 56 | 5 | - | 6-7 Apr 04 | 49\% | 44 | 7 | - |
| 26-27 Jun 07 | 37\% | 59 | 4 | - | 23-24 Mar 04 | 50\% | 43 | 7 | - |
| 15-16 May 07 | 41\% | 54 | 5 | - | 3-4 Mar 04 | 52\% | 40 | 8 | - |
| 27-28 Mar 07 | 38\% | 59 | 4 | - | 4-5 Feb 04 | 56\% | 37 | 7 | - |
| 16-17 Jan 07 | 38\% | 58 | 4 | - | 21-22 Jan 04 | 54\% | 39 | 7 | - |
| 10-11 Oct 06 LV | 43\% | 54 | 3 | - | 18-19 Nov 03 | 55\% | 39 | 6 | - |
| 8-9 Aug 06 | 39\% | 56 | 4 | - | 28-29 Oct 03 | 56\% | 35 | 9 | - |
| 16-18 May 06 | 40\% | 55 | 5 | - | 23-24 Sep 03 | 53\% | 40 | 7 | - |
| 7-8 Feb 06 | 46\% | 47 | 7 | - | 12-13 Aug 03 | 61\% | 32 | 7 | - |
| 13-14 Dec 05 | 45\% | 50 | 5 | - | 17-18 Jun 03 | 66\% | 26 | 8 | - |
| 25-26 Oct 05 | 45\% | 49 | 7 | - | 3-4 Jun 03 | 67\% | 27 | 6 | - |
| 30-31 Aug 05 | 47\% | 45 | 8 | 1 | 11-12 Mar 03 | 62\% | 29 | 9 | - |
| 12-13 Jul 05 | 48\% | 45 | 7 | - | 14-15 Jan 03 | 64\% | 27 | 8 | 1 |
| 14-15 Jun 05 | 52\% | 42 | 5 | - | 17-18 Dec 02 | 68\% | 25 | 7 | - |
| 25-26 Apr 05 | 52\% | 43 | 5 | - | 3-4 Dec 02 | 65\% | 27 | 8 | - |
| 29-30 Mar 05 | 49\% | 43 | 7 | 1 | 22-23 Oct 02 LV | 62\% | 31 | 7 | - |
| 1-2 Mar 05 | 54\% | 41 | 4 | - | 6-7 Aug 02 | 72\% | 22 | 6 | - |
| 11-12 Jan 05 | 53\% | 41 | 6 | - | 4-5 Jun 02 | 69\% | 19 | 12 | - |
| 14-15 Dec 04 | 50\% | 43 | 7 | - | 14-15 May 02 | 77\% | 17 | 6 | - |
| 30-31 Oct 04 | 48\% | 47 | 5 | - | 16-17 Apr 02 | 75\% | 19 | 6 | - |
| 30-31 Oct 04 LV | 49\% | 46 | 5 |  | 2-3 Apr 02 | 79\% | 15 | 6 | - |
| 29-30 Oct 04 | 47\% | 46 | 7 | - | 12-13 Feb 02 | 81\% | 13 | 6 | - |
| 29-30 Oct 04 LV | 49\% | 45 | 6 | - | 30-31 Jan 02 | 75\% | 17 | 8 | - |

Democratic Party

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|  | Favor able | Unfav orable | Can't <br> say | Never heard |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | 39\% | 35 | 19 | 7 |
| Democrats | 18\% | 53 | 17 | 12 |
| Republicans | 63\% | 17 | 18 | 2 |
| Independents | 38\% | 36 | 19 | 6 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 36\% | 34 | 16 | 13 |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | 35\% | 22 | 20 | 22 |
| Nancy Pelosi |  |  |  |  |
|  | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{gathered} \text { Can't } \\ \text { say } \end{gathered}$ | Never heard |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | 24\% | 56 | 12 | 7 |
| Democrats | 45\% | 28 | 16 | 11 |
| Republicans | 7\% | 84 | 6 | 4 |
| Independents | 18\% | 62 | 12 | 7 |
| 29-30 Jun 10 | 31\% | 48 | 9 | 11 |
| 4-5 May 10 | 28\% | 52 | 11 | 9 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 29\% | 53 | 11 | 7 |
| 2-3 Feb 10 | 24\% | 52 | 12 | 11 |
| 17-18 Nov 09 | 28\% | 50 | 11 | 11 |
| 13-14 Oct 09 | 30\% | 53 | 9 | 9 |
| 21-22 Jul 09 | 29\% | 47 | 14 | 10 |
| 9-10 Jun 09 | 29\% | 47 | 13 | 11 |
| 27-28 Mar 07 | 37\% | 31 | 13 | 19 |
| 16-17 Jan 07 | 33\% | 24 | 23 | 20 |
| 10-11 Oct 06 LV | 19\% | 26 | 13 | 43 |
| John Boehner |  |  |  |  |
|  | Favor able | Unfav orable | $\begin{gathered} \text { Can't } \\ \text { say } \end{gathered}$ | Never heard |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | 12\% | 16 | 18 | 54 |
| Democrats | 6\% | 23 | 14 | 57 |
| Republicans | 19\% | 10 | 18 | 52 |
| Independents | 9\% | 16 | 26 | 50 |
| 6-7 Apr 10 | 12\% | 18 | 15 | 55 |

14. How satisfied are you with the way things are going in the country today - are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied?

|  | -- Satisfied -- |  |  | -- Not satisfied -- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TOTAL | Vry | Smwht | TOTAL | Ntvy | Not | ( DK) |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | 32\% | 3 | 29 | 68 | 32 | 36 | - |
| Democrats | 51\% | 5 | 46 | 48 | 33 | 15 | - |
| Republicans | 14\% | 1 | 13 | 86 | 34 | 52 | - |
| Independents | 31\% | 3 | 28 | 70 | 25 | 45 | - |
| 8-9 Jun 10 | 35\% | 2 | 33 | 65 | 30 | 35 | 1 |
| Democrats | 57\% | 3 | 54 | 43 | 28 | 15 | - |
| Republicans | 16\% | 1 | 15 | 83 | 31 | 52 | 1 |
| Independents | 24\% | - | 24 | 76 | 29 | 47 | - |
| 12-13 Jan 10 | 35\% | 2 | 33 | 64 | 37 | 27 | - |
| Democrats | 55\% | 3 | 52 | 44 | 30 | 14 | 1 |
| Republicans | 15\% | 1 | 14 | 85 | 46 | 39 | - |
| Independents | 32\% | - | 32 | 67 | 36 | 31 | - |
| 11-12 Aug 09 | 38\% | 6 | 32 | 61 | 32 | 29 | 2 |
| 22-23 Apr 09 | 46\% | 16 | 30 | 53 | 26 | 27 | 1 |
| 13-14 Jan 09 | 20\% | 3 | 17 | 79 | 35 | 44 | 1 |

15. Do you favor or oppose establishing term limits on the number of terms members of the U.S. Congress can serve, including your own senators and representatives?

|  | Favor | Oppose | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | $78 \%$ | 16 | 6 |
| Democrats | $74 \%$ | 22 | 4 |
| Republicans | $84 \%$ | 11 | 5 |
| Independents | $74 \%$ | 15 | 10 |
| 3-4 Mar 09* | $70 \%$ | 24 | 6 |
| 14-15 Jun 05* | $68 \%$ | 21 | 11 |

*Wording: Do you favor or oppose limiting the number of terms members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, including your own senators and representatives, can serve?

Questions 16-28 released separately

## ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

29. Do you think President Obama has truly made an effort to work with Republican leaders in Washington, or hasn't he?
SCALE: 1. Yes, has truly made an effort 2. No, hasn't made an effort
30. (Don't know)

| 3. | Yes | No | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | $52 \%$ | 41 | 7 |
| Democrats | $80 \%$ | 15 | 5 |
| Republicans | $24 \%$ | 70 | 6 |
| Independents | $49 \%$ | 39 | 12 |

30. Do you think Republican leaders in Washington have truly made an effort to work with President Obama, or haven't they?
SCALE: 1. Yes, truly made an effort 2. No, haven't made an effort
31. (Don't know)

|  | Yes | No | (Don't know) |
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| 1-2 Sep 10 | $33 \%$ | 58 | 9 |
| Democrats | $23 \%$ | 70 | 7 |
| Republicans | $46 \%$ | 43 | 10 |
| Independents | $26 \%$ | 65 | 9 |

31. Would you rather the leaders of your political party compromise with others and find middle ground on key issues, or stand their ground and fight hard to put in place the ideas they believe in?
SCALE: 1. Compromise 2. Fight hard 3. (Depends on issue)
32. (Don't identify with any political party) 5. (Don't know)
(Don't identify

|  | Compromise | Fight hard | (Depends) | with party) | (Don't know) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-2 Sep 10 | $51 \%$ | 38 | 8 | 1 | 1 |
| Democrats | $60 \%$ | 33 | 5 | - | 2 |
| Republicans | $39 \%$ | 52 | 8 | - | 1 |
| Independents | $56 \%$ | 24 | 15 | 3 | 2 |

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)

1-2 Sep 10
10-11 Aug 10
27-28 Jul 10
13-14 Jul 10
29-30 Jun 10
8-9 Jun 10
18-19 May 10
4-5 May 10
20-21 Apr 10
6-7 Apr 10
16-17 Mar 10
23-24 Feb 10
2-3 Feb 10
12-13 Jan 10
8-9 Dec 09
17-18 Nov 09
27-28 Oct 09
13-14 Oct 09
29-30 Sep 09
15-16 Sep 09
11-12 Aug 09
21-22 Jul 09
9-10 Jun 09
12-13 May 09
22-23 Apr 09
31 Mar-1 Apr 09
3-4 Mar 09

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