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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 27-30, 2010 with a random sample of -1,021—adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -519—national adults in Form A and -502—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ±5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -928-- registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

3. In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States at this time?

		Dis-	No			Dis-	No
	Satisfied	satisfied	opinion		Satisfied	satisfied	opinion
2010			_	2009			
2010 Aug 27-30	20	78	2	2009 Dec 11-13	25	73	2
				2009 Nov 5-8	24	74	1
2010 Aug 5-8	21	77	2	2009 Oct 16-19	26	72	2
2010 Jul 8-11	21	76	3	2009 Oct 1-4	26	71	3
2010 Jun 11-13	23	75	1	2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	29	70	1
2010 May 24-25	25	73	2	2009 Aug 6-8 ♣	36	63	1
2010 May 3-6	24	74	2	2009 July 10-12 🍁	30	65	5
2010 Apr 8-11	27	71	2	2009 June 14-16 ♣	34	63	4
2010 Mar 26-28	23	75	2	2009 May 7-9 ♣	35	62	3
2010 Mar 4-7	19	79	2	2009 Apr 6-8 ♣	26	69	6
2010 Feb 1-3	21	77	2	2009 Mar 5-7 ♣	19	77	4
2010 Jan 8-10	23	76	2	2009 Feb 9-11 ♣	15	82	3
				2009 Jan 3-5 🛧	13	85	3

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	Satisfied	Dis- satisfied	No opinion		Satisfied	Dis- satisfied	No opinion
2008			•	2005	-		
2008 Dec 4-7	10	88	2	2005 Dec 19-22	36	62	2
2008 Nov 13-16	11	87	2	2005 Dec 5-8	35	62	3
2008 Nov 7-9	13	84	3	2005 Nov 17-20	36	62	2
2008 Oct 31-Nov 2	13	85	2	2005 Nov 7-10	31	66	3
2008 Oct 10-12	7	91	1	2005 Oct 24-26	35	63	2
2008 Oct 3-5	9	90	1	2005 Oct 13-16	31	68	1
2008 Sep 8-11	21	77	2	2005 Sep 26-28	39	59	2
2008 Aug 21-23	18	81	1	2005 Sep 12-15	34	65	1
2008 Aug 7-10	17	80	3	2005 Aug 22-25	34	62	4
2008 Jul 10-13	17	81	2	2005 Aug 8-11	37	60	3
2008 Jun 9-12	14	84	2	2005 Jul 25-28	40	58	2
2008 May 8-11	14	85	1	2005 Jul 7-10	42	57	1
2008 Apr 6-9	15	83	1	2005 Jun 16-19	42	56	2
2008 Mar 6-9	19	80	2	2005 Jun 6-8	38	60	2
2008 Feb 11-14	20	78	2	2005 May 23-26	41	55	4
2008 Jan 4-6	24	73	3	2005 May 2-5	39	58	3
2007	2.	, 5	3	2005 Apr 4-7	38	59	3
2007 Dec 6-9	27	70	3	2005 Mar 21-23	38	59	3
2007 Nov 11-14	20	76	3	2005 Mar 7-10	42	56	2
2007 Oct 12-14	26	72	2	2005 Feb 21-24	45	52	3
2007 Oct 4-7	25	73	2	2005 Feb 7-10	46	52	2
2007 Sep 14-16	28	71	2	2005 Jan 3-5	46	53	1
2007 Aug 13-16	24	73	3	2004	10	33	1
2007 Jul 12-15	27	71	3	2004 Dec 5-8	45	53	2
2007 Jun 11-14	24	74	2	2004 Nov 7-10	44	54	2
2007 May 10-13	25	73	2	2004 Oct 29-31 ^	44	53	3
2007 Apr 2-5	33	65	2	2004 Oct 11-14	41	57	2
2007 Mar 11-14	30	68	2	2004 Sep 13-15	41	56	3
2007 Feb 1-4	34	64	2	2004 Aug 9-11	44	55	1
2007 Jan 15-18	35	63	2	2004 Jul 8-11	41	57	2
2006	33	03	2	2004 Jun 3-6	39	59	2
2006 Dec 11-14	30	69	1	2004 May 7-9	37	62	1
2006 Nov 9-12	31	67	2	2004 May 2-4	36	62	2
2006 Nov 2-5	35	61	4	2004 Apr 5-8	41	57	2
2006 Oct 9-12	30	68	2	2004 Mar 8-11	39	60	1
2006 Sep 7-10	32	67	2	2004 Feb 9-12	45	54	1
2006 Aug 7-10	28	69	3	2004 Jan 12-15	46	53	1
2006 Jul 21-23	33	65	2	2004 Jan 2-5	55	43	2
2006 Jul 6-9	32	65	3	2003	33	73	2
2006 Jun 1-4	30	67	2	2003 Dec 11-14	50	48	2
2006 May 8-11	25	72	3	2003 Dec 11 14 2003 Nov 3-5	44	54	2
2006 Apr 10-13	27	71	2	2003 Nov 5-5 2003 Oct 6-8	41	57	2
2006 Mar 13-16	29	68	2	2003 Sep 8-10	40	58	2
2006 Feb 6-9	35	62	3	2003 Sep 8-10 2003 Aug 4-6	46	52	2
2006 Jan 20-22	35	62	3	2003 Aug 4-0 2003 Jul 7-9	50	48	2 2
2006 Jan 9-12	36	61	3	2003 Jun 12-15	47	51	2
2000 Jun 7-12	50	01	J	2003 Juli 12-13 2003 May 5-7	54	45	1
				2003 May 3-7 2003 Apr 7-9	55	41	4
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Q.3 (U.S. SATISFACTION) CONTINUED

	Satisfied	Dis- satisfied	No opinion		Satisfied	Dis- satisfied	No opinion
2003				1999			
2003 Mar 22-23	60	38	2	1999 Sep 23-26	52	45	3
2003 Mar 3-5	36	61	3	1999 Aug 24-26	62	35	3
2003 Feb 17-19	39	58	3	1999 Jun 11-13	55	42	3
2003 Feb 3-6	40	58	2	1999 May 23-24	51	46	3
2003 Jan 13-16	42	56	2	1999 Apr 26-27	51	45	4
2002				1999 Apr 13-14	58	39	3
2002 Dec 5-8	46	51	3	1999 Feb 12-13	71	26	3
2002 Nov 11-14	48	48	4	1999 Jan 15-17	70	28	2
2002 Oct 31-Nov 3	48	47	5	1998			
2002 Oct 3-6	47	49	4	1998 Dec 28-29	50	48	2
2002 Sep 5-8	47	51	2	1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	60	34	6
2002 Aug 5-8	47	50	3	1998 Aug 21-23	63	34	3
2002 Jul 26-28	48	49	3	1998 Aug 10-12	60	36	4
2002 Jul 22-24	49	47	4	1998 May 8-10	59	36	5
2002 Jul 9-11	49	48	3	1998 Apr 17-19	58	38	4
2002 Jun 3-6	52	44	4	1998 Feb 20-22	64	32	4
2002 May 6-9	56	40	4	1998 Feb 13-15	59	37	4
2002 Apr 8-11	61	37	2	1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	63	35	2
2002 Mar 4-7	61	37	2	1997			
2002 Feb 4-6	61	37	2	1997 Dec 18-21	50	46	4
2002 Jan 7-9	65	32	3	1997 Aug 22-25	50	48	2
2001				1997 May 6-7	46	51	3
2001 Dec 6-9	70	28	2	1997 Jan 10-13	50	47	3
2001 Nov 8-11	65	33	2	1996			
2001 Oct 11-14	67	29	4	1996 Dec 9-11	43	55	2
2001 Sep 14-15	61	36	3	1996 Nov 21-24	47	47	6
2001 Sep 7-10	43	55	2	1996 Oct 26-29	39	56	5
2001 Aug 16-19	48	49	3	1996 Aug 30-Sep 1	45	50	5
2001 Jul 19-22	51	46	3	1996 Aug 16-18	38	57	5
2001 Jun 11-17	51	46	3	1996 May 9-12	37	60	3
2001 May 10-14	46	50	4	1996 Mar 15-17	36	61	3
2001 Apr 6-8	50	47	3	1996 Mar 8-10	41	56	3
2001 Mar 5-7	53	44	3	1996 Jan 5-7	24	72	4
2001 Feb 1-4	51	45	4	1995			
2001 Jan 10-14	56	41	3	1995 Aug 11-14	33	64	3
2000				1995 Jul 7-9	32	65	3
2000 Dec 2-4	51	46	3	1995 Mar 27-29	30	66	4
2000 Nov 13-15	58	41	1	1994			
2000 Oct 6-9	62	36	2	1994 Nov 28-29	29	67	4
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	59	38	3	1994 Nov 2-6	30	66	4
2000 Aug 18-19	63	33	4	1994 Oct 22-25	31	66	3
2000 Jul 14-16	61	35	4	1994 Jul 15-17	33	65	2
2000 Jun 22-25	56	39	5	1994 May 20-22	33	64	3
2000 May 18-21	55	42	3	1994 Apr 22-24	32	65	3
2000 Apr 3-9	59	37	4	1994 Mar 25-27	35	62	3
2000 Feb 25-27	65	32	3	1994 Feb 26-28	36	61	3
2000 Jan 7-10	69	28	3	1994 Jan 15-17	35	62	3

Q.3 (U.S. SATISFACTION) CONTINUED

		Dis-	No			Dis-	No
	Satisfied	satisfied	opinion		Satisfied	satisfied	opinion
1993				1989			
1993 Dec 4-6	34	63	3	1989 May 4-7	44	50	6
1993 Nov 2-4	27	70	3	1989 Jan 27-Feb 5	45	50	5
1993 May 21-23	24	73	3	1988			
1993 Feb 12-14	25	71	4	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	56	40	4
1993 Jan 8-11	29	68	3	1988 May 13-15	41	54	5
1992				1987			
1992 Nov 11-12	26	68	6	1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	45	49	6
1992 Aug 28-Sep 2	≥ 22	73	5	1986			
1992 Jul 31-Aug 2	17	80	3	1986 Dec 4-5 ‡	47	49	4
1992 Jun 12-14	14	84	2	1986 Sep 3-17	58	38	4
1992 May 7-10	20	77	3	1986 Jun 9-16	69	26	5
1992 Apr 20-22 ^	19	80	1	1986 Mar 7-10	66	30	4
1992 Mar 20-22	19	80	1	1985			
1992 Feb 28-Mar 1	21	78	1	1985 Nov 11-18	51	46	3
1992 Jan 31-Feb 2 †	24	75	1	1984			
1992 Jan 3-6 †	24	74	2	1984 Dec 7-10	52	40	8
1991				1984 Sep 28-Oct 1	48	45	7
1991 Dec 5-8	37	60	3	1984 Feb 10-13	50	46	4
1991 Oct 31-Nov 2	35	62	3	1983			
1991 Oct 10-13	39	57	4	1983 Aug 5-8	35	59	6
1991 Aug 23-25	49	45	6	1982			
1991 Jul 11-14	43	50	7	1982 Nov 5-8	24	72	4
1991 May 23-26	49	49	2	1982 Sep 17-20	24	72	4
1991 Mar 21-24	52	43	5	1982 Apr 2-5	25	71	4
1991 Feb 28-Mar 3	66	31	3	1981			
1991 Feb 14-17	54	40	6	1981 Dec 11-14	27	67	6
1991 Jan 17-21	62	33	5	1981 Jun 5-8	33	61	6
1991 Jan 3-6	32	61	7	1981 Jan 9-12	17	78	5
1990	-	0.1	•	1979		, 0	
1990 Dec 13-16	33	64	3	1979 Nov 2-5	19	77	4
1990 Nov 1-4	32	64	4	1979 Jul 13-16	12	84	4
1990 Oct 25-28	31	66	3	1979 Feb 2-5	26	69	5
1990 Oct 11-14	29	67	4	1979 1 60 2 6		0,	
1990 Sep 27-30	37	58	5				
1990 Aug 30-Sep 2	51	44	5				
1990 Aug 9-12	43	51	6				
1990 Jul 19-22	45	51	4				
1990 Jul 19-22 1990 Feb 8-11	55	39	6				
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[^] Asked of a half sample.
† Registered voters
‡ Gallup/Newsweek
♠ Gallup/CNN/Knight-Ridder
♣Gallup Daily Poll

Turning to the elections for Congress later this year,

4. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

4A. As of today, do you lean more toward -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

	Democratic candidate	Republican candidate	Other/ undecided
Registered Voters			
2010 Aug 27-30	43	49	7
2010 Jun 11-13	48	43	8
2010 May 24-25	46	47	7
2010 Mar 26-28	45	46	8
2010 Feb 1-3	45	45	10
2010 Jan 8-10	48	45	8
2009 Dec 11-13	48	45	8
2009 Nov 5-8	44	48	9
2009 Oct 1-4	46	44	10
2009 Jul 10-12	50	44	7
National Adults			
2010 Aug 27-30	43	48	8
2010 Jun 11-13	49	42	9
2010 May 24-25	48	45	7
2010 Mar 26-28	45	47	9
2010 Feb 1-3	45	45	11
2010 Jan 8-10	48	44	8
2009 Dec 11-13	47	43	10
2009 Nov 5-8	44	46	10
2009 Oct 1-4	47	42	12
2009 Jul 10-12	49	42	9

5. (Asked of those who would vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress) Is that more a vote for the Democratic candidate or against the Republican candidate?

For the	Against the	Both equally	No
Democrat	Republican	(vol.)	opinion
61	32	3	3
52	38	6	4
66	26	5	3
61	33	3	3
52	37	6	5
66	27	5	2
	Democrat 61 52 66 61 52	Democrat Republican 61 32 52 38 66 26 61 33 52 37	Democrat Republican (vol.) 61 32 3 52 38 6 66 26 5

[^] BASED ON –390—REGISTERED VOTERS PLANNING TO VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE (±6 PCT. PTS.)

 $[\]dagger$ BASED ON –432—NATIONAL ADULTS PLANNING TO VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE (±5 PCT. PTS.)

6. (Asked of those who would vote for the Republican candidate for Congress) Is that more a vote for the Republican candidate or against the Democratic candidate?

	For the	Against the	Both equally	No
	Republican	Democrat	(vol.)	opinion
Registered Voters				
2010 Aug 27-30 ^	48	44	5	2
2006 Sep 15-17	69	21	6	5
1994 Oct 18-19	58	34	6	1
National Adults				
2010 Aug 27-30 †	50	42	5	3
2006 Sep 15-17	68	22	6	4
1994 Oct 18-19	59	34	6	1

 $^{^{\}wedge}$ BASED ON –477—REGISTERED VOTERS PLANNING TO VOTE FOR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE (±5 PCT. PTS.)

- 8. Would you be more likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who supports President Obama, or more likely to vote for a candidate who opposes President Obama, or would that not make much difference to your vote?
- 9. (Asked of those who say supports or opposes) Do you feel very strongly about this, or not so strongly?

COMBINED RESULTS (Q.8/9): BASED ON FULL SAMPLE

2010 Aug 27-30	Registered voters	National adults
Candidate who supports Obama (Feel strongly) (Do not feel strongly)	27 (22) (5)	27 (23) (4)
Does not make much difference	37	39
Candidate who opposes Obama (Feel strongly) (Do not feel strongly)	35 (32) (3)	32 (30) (2)
No opinion	1	1

For comparison: (President George W. Bush)

	<u>Supports</u>	No difference	<u>Opposes</u>	No opinion
REGISTERED VOTERS				
2006 Oct 20-22	23	38	38	1
2006 Jun 23-25	21	40	39	*
2005 Aug 28-30	23	43	33	1
2002 Apr 5-7	37	49	12	2

 $[\]dagger$ BASED ON –516—NATIONAL ADULTS PLANNING TO VOTE FOR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE (±5 PCT. PTS.)

Who do you want to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next year – [ROTATED: Barack Obama (or) The Republicans in Congress]?

		Republicans	Same/neither	No
	<u>Obama</u>	in Congress	<u>(vol.)</u>	<u>opinion</u>
2010 Aug 27-30	43	48	6	3

For comparison: Who do you want to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next year – [ROTATED: George W. Bush (or) The Democrats in Congress]?

	Bush	Democrats in Congress	Both/neither (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
2007 Jan 5-7 ^	32	63	4	2
2006 Nov 9-12	31	61	6	2
2002 Jan 11-14 ^	59	36	2	3
2001 Jul 10-11	50	38	9	3
2001 Jun 8-10	48	41	6	5
2001 Feb 9-11	48	41	8	3

[^] Asked of a half sample.

For comparison: Who do you want to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next year – [ROTATED: Bill Clinton (or) The Republicans in Congress]?

	Clinton	Republicans in Congress	Both/neither (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
1999 Apr 13-14	44	43	9	4
1999 Jan 8-10	55	37	5	3
1998 Dec 19-20	60	31	6	3
1998 Oct 9-12	53	39	5	3
1998 Sep 14-15	44	43	8	5
1998 Jan 24-25	49	40	6	5
1998 Jan 23-24	46	41	7	6
1997 Aug 22-25	49	41	5	5
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	48	39	9	4
1996 Nov 21-24	43	41	9	7
1996 May 9-12	54	41	4	1
1996 Apr 9-10	50	42	4	4
1996 Jan 5-7	41	47	3	9
1995 Nov 6-8	48	42	2	8
1995 Feb 24-26	37	52	4	7
1995 Jan 16-18	40	49	5	6