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2010 MIDTERM ELECTION POLLING: WAVE 1

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 23-26, 2010 with a random sample of ~~1,506~~—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 ± 3 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.

4. *(Asked of 2/3 of sample)* Regardless of how you, yourself, plan to vote, which party do you think will win control of the U.S. House of Representatives in the Congressional elections this fall – [ROTATED: The Republicans (or) the Democrats]?

BASED ON – 1,036—NATIONAL ADULTS; ±4 PCT PTS

| | <u>Republicans</u> | <u>Democrats</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2010 Sep 23-26 | 52 | 32 | 15 |
| 2006 Oct 20-22 | 38 | 54 | 8 |
| 2006 Apr 28-30 | 39 | 52 | 9 |
| 1962 Sep 20-25 | 16 | 60 | 24 |
| 1958 Sep 10-15 | 12 | 67 | 22 |
| 1947 Oct 12-17 | 27 | 52 | 22 |
| 1946 Sep 27-Oct 2 | 63 | 37 | -- |
| 1946 Jul 26-31 | 46 | 38 | 16 |
| 1946 Jun 28-Jul 3 | 45 | 35 | 20 |

5. *(Asked of 2/3 of sample)* Suppose the Republicans win control of Congress in this November’s elections. Do you think the country would be better off, worse off, or would it not make any difference?

BASED ON – 1,036—NATIONAL ADULTS; ±4 PCT PTS

| | <u>Better off</u> | <u>Worse off</u> | <u>No difference</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
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| 2010 Sep 23-26 | 36 | 24 | 32 | 7 |

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON (2006): Suppose the Democrats win control of Congress in this November’s elections. Do you think the country would be better off, worse off, or would it not make any difference?

| | <u>Better off</u> | <u>Worse off</u> | <u>No difference</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
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| 2006 Oct 20-22 | 39 | 27 | 32 | 2 |
| 2006 Sep 15-17 | 38 | 25 | 33 | 5 |

(1994): If the Republicans win control of Congress, do you think the country will be better off, worse off, or will it not make any difference?

| | <u>Better off</u> | <u>Worse off</u> | <u>No difference</u> | <u>No opinion</u> |
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| 1994 Oct 7-9 | 34 | 18 | 45 | 3 |