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Note: Q.29-37 and 40 should be reported as a *USA Today*/Gallup poll.

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 4-7, 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 –511—national adults in Form A and –510—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ± 5 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.

30. 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]?

	<u>Obama</u>	<u>Republicans in Congress</u>	<u>Same/neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 4-7	41	49	7	2
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]?*

	<u>Bush</u>	<u>Democrats in Congress</u>	<u>Both/neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No 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]?*

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Republicans in Congress</u>	<u>Both/neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No 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

31. As a result of this past week's elections, are you more optimistic or more pessimistic about what will happen in the United States over the next two years?

	<u>More optimistic</u>	<u>More pessimistic</u>	<u>Same/No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 4-7	57	36	4	3

32. In dealing with the problems facing the country, do you think Barack Obama will or will not make a sincere effort to work with the Republicans in Congress to find solutions that are acceptable to both parties?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 4-7	64	33	2
2009 Sep 11-13 ^	60	38	2
2009 Apr 20-21 ^	66	30	4
2008 Nov 7-9	80	19	1

^ WORDING: In dealing with the problems facing the country, do you think Barack Obama has or has not made a sincere effort to work with the Republicans in Congress to find solutions that are acceptable to both parties?

Q.33-34 ROTATED

33. Do you think the Republicans in Congress will or will not make a sincere effort to work with Barack Obama and the Democrats in Congress to find solutions that are acceptable to both parties?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 4-7	43	53	4
2009 Sep 11-13 ^	33	64	3
2009 Apr 20-21 ^	38	56	6
2008 Nov 7-9	62	37	2

^ WORDING: Do you think the Republicans in Congress have or have not made a sincere effort to work with Barack Obama and the Democrats in Congress to find solutions that are acceptable to both parties?

34. Do you think the Democrats in Congress will or will not make a sincere effort to work with the Republicans in Congress to find solutions that are acceptable to both parties?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 4-7	51	45	4
2009 Sep 11-13 ^	38	59	3
2009 Apr 20-21 ^	44	50	6
2008 Nov 7-9	59	40	1

^ WORDING: Do you think the Democrats in Congress have or have not made a sincere effort to work with the Republicans in Congress to find solutions that are acceptable to both parties?

35. Next, we have a question about the best approach for political leaders to follow in Washington. Where would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means it is more important for political leaders to compromise in order to get things done, and 5 means it is more important for political leaders to stick to their beliefs even if little gets done? You may use any number from 1 to 5.

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5/More important to stick to beliefs	14
4	13
3	24
2	16
1/More important to compromise	31
No opinion	1
<i>Mean</i>	<i>2.6</i>