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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 8-11, 2011 with a random sample of –1,017— adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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 –490—national adults in Form A and –527—national adults in Form B, the maximum margins of sampling error are ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –931—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in 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.

20. Looking ahead for the next few years, which political party do you think will do a better job of protecting the country from international terrorism and military threats -- [ROTATED: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party]?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)/ No opinion</u>
2011 Sep 8-11	49	38	13
2010 Sep 13-16	51	38	12
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	49	42	10
2008 Sep 8-11	49	42	9
2007 Sep 14-16	42	47	11
2006 Sep 7-10	44	42	13
2005 Sep 12-15	48	37	15
2003 Sep 8-10	51	36	13
2002 Sep 5-8	50	31	19

21. Looking ahead for the next few years, which political party do you think will do a better job of keeping the country prosperous -- [ROTATED: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party]?

	<u>Repub- lican</u>	<u>Demo- crat</u>	<u>No difference/ no opinion</u>		<u>Repub- lican</u>	<u>Demo- crat</u>	<u>No difference/ no opinion</u>
2011 Sep 8-11	48	39	13	1992 Jul 6-8	42	38	20
				1992 Mar 20-22	43	42	15
2010 Sep 13-16	48	40	12	1992 Feb 6-9	41	43	16
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	39	50	11	1991 Jul 18-21	49	32	19
2008 Sep 8-11	39	52	9	1991 Oct 24-27	44	41	15
2007 Sep 14-16	34	54	12	1991 Mar 21-24	46	31	23
2006 Sep 7-10	36	53	11	1990 Aug 9-12	45	30	25
2005 Sep 12-15	41	46	13	1990 Oct 25-28	37	35	28
2003 Sep 8-10	42	46	12	1989 Jul 18-21	51	30	19
2002 Sep 5-8	42	42	16	1988 Sep 9-11	52	34	14
2001 Sep 7-10	41	45	14	1988 May 13-15	39	41	20
2000 Oct 6-9	40	47	13	1988 Jan 22-24	42	35	23
1999 Oct 8-10	45	46	9	1987 Dec 4-6	41	38	21
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	37	46	17	1987 Oct 23-26	40	33	27
1998 Apr 17-19	43	42	15	1987 Jul 10-13	34	36	30
1997 Oct 27-29	42	44	14	1987 Jan 16-19	38	37	25
1996 Jul 25-28	41	42	17	1986 Mar 7-10	51	33	16
1994 Sep 23-25	48	38	14	1985 Jun 7-10	44	35	21
1994 Aug 15-16	42	36	22	1985 Mar 8-11	48	32	20
1994 Aug 8-9	41	36	23	1984 Sep 7-10	49	33	18
1994 May 20-22	40	42	18	1984 Aug 10-13	48	36	24
1993 Aug 8-10	36	39	25	1984 Apr 6-9	44	36	20
1993 Mar 22-24	38	46	16	1983 Sep 6-9	33	40	27
1992 Oct 23-25	37	45	18	1982 Oct 15-18	34	43	23
1992 Sep 11-15	39	48	13	1982 Jun 25-28	43	33	24
1992 Jul 17-18	32	53	15	1982 Feb 5-8	32	42	26

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Q. 21 (PARTY BETTER TO KEEP COUNTRY PROSPEROUS) CONTINUED

	Repub- lican	Demo- crat	No difference/ no opinion		Repub- lican	Demo- crat	No difference/ no opinion
1981 Oct 2-5	41	31	28	1964 Aug 27-Sep 1	18	59	23
1981 Apr 10-13	41	28	31	1964 Aug 6-11	21	54	25
1980 Oct 10-13	35	36	29	1964 Jan 30-Feb 5	20	48	32
1980 Sep 12-15	35	36	29	1963 Nov 23-26	17	55	28
1980 Jun 27-30	31	37	32	1963 Apr 4-9	24	45	31
1978 Oct 27-30	27	38	35	1963 Jan 11-16	21	49	30
1978 Jul 21-24	26	40	34	1962 Aug 23-28	22	45	33
1978 Mar 3-6	23	42	35	1962 May 31-Jun 5	25	48	27
1978 Mar 3-6	23	42	35	1961 Dec 7-12	19	56	25
1976 Aug 27-30	23	47	30	1961 Sep 21-26	18	55	27
1974 Sep 27-30	17	47	36	1961 May 17-22	20	55	25
1972 Oct 13-16	38	33	29	1960 Oct 18-23	31	46	23
1972 Sep 22-25	38	35	27	1960 Jun 16-21	26	47	27
1972 Aug 4-7	33	39	28	1960 Feb 4-9	29	44	27
1972 Apr 21-24	25	44	31	1958 Sep 10-15	23	45	32
1971 Aug 27-30	21	46	33	1958 Aug 20-25	23	45	32
1971 Jul 15-18	22	46	32	1958 Feb 14-19	22	47	31
1970 Aug 25-Sep 1	26	40	34	1957 Sep 19-24	31	42	27
1970 Jun 18-23	29	44	27	1957 May 17-22	36	38	26
1968 Oct 17-22	34	37	29	1956 Oct 18-23	39	39	22
1968 Sep 1-6	32	34	34	1956 Sep 20-25	38	37	25
1967 Jun 2-7	30	41	29	1956 Sep 9-14	34	39	27
1966 Oct 1-6	24	39	37	1956 May 10-15	36	39	25
1966 Sep 8-13	24	41	35	1955 Dec 8-13	37	34	29
1966 Jun 16-21	26	38	36	1955 Oct 6-11	36	38	26
1965 Dec 21-Jan 5	19	48	33	1955 Aug 25-30	39	37	24
1965 Oct 8-13	18	46	36	1952 Jul 25-30	25	52	23
1965 May 13-18	18	52	30	1952 Jan 20-25	31	35	34
1965 Feb 19-24	16	51	33	1951 Oct 14-19	31	37	32
1964 Oct 8-13	21	53	26	1951 Aug 3-8	32	36	32
1964 Sep 18-23	19	52	29				

Q. 21 (PARTY BETTER TO KEEP COUNTRY PROSPEROUS) CONTINUED

COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.20-21)

	Republican better on <u>both</u>	Republican better on security, Democratic better on <u>economy</u>	Democratic better on security, Republican better on <u>economy</u>	Democratic better on <u>both</u>	No opinion/ <u>undesignated</u>
2011 Sep 8-11	41	4	4	32	19
2010 Sep 13-16	41	6	5	31	17
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	36	9	2	39	14
2008 Sep 8-11	37	9	1	40	12
2007 Sep 14-16	31	7	2	43	17
2006 Sep 7-10	32	10	3	39	17
2005 Sep 12-15	37	8	2	34	19
2003 Sep 8-10	36	12	4	31	17
2002 Sep 5-8	36	10	3	27	24

22. In your view, do the Republican and Democratic parties do an adequate job of representing the American people, or do they do such a poor job that a third major party is needed?

	<u>Do adequate job</u>	<u>Third party needed</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Sep 8-11	38	55	8
2011 Apr 20-23	40	52	8
2010 Aug 27-30	35	58	7
2008 Sep 8-11	47	47	6
2007 Sep 14-16	39	57	4
2007 Jul 6-8	33	58	10
2006 Sep 7-10	45	48	7
2003 Oct 10-12	56	40	4

Thinking about the country more generally,

Q.23-24 SPLIT SAMPLED

23. Do you think it is better for the country -- [ROTATED: to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, (or do you think it is better) to have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by another]?

BASED ON -490—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	<u>Same party</u>	<u>Different parties</u>	No difference (vol.)/ <u>no opinion</u>
2011 Sep 8-11^	48	36	16
2008 Sep 8-11 ^	40	41	19
2006 Sep 7-10 ^	37	48	15
2005 Sep 12-15 ^	44	43	13
2004 Sep 13-15 ^	43	35	22
2003 Sep 8-10 ^	46	45	9
2002 Sep 5-8 ^	44	41	15
2002 Apr 5-7	43	42	15
2001 Sep 7-10	43	45	12
2000 Oct 6-9	48	40	12

EXTENDED TREND: Do you think it is better for the country to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, or do you think it is better to have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by another?

	<u>Same party</u>	<u>Different parties</u>	No difference (vol.)/ <u>no opinion</u>
2002 Apr 5-7 ^	41	43	16
2001 Sep 7-10 ^	42	46	12
2000 Oct 6-9 ^	45	42	13
1998 Apr 17-19	40	42	18
1997 Sep 25-28	31	45	24
1997 Aug 22-25	42	41	17
1994 Oct 7-9	45	37	18
1994 Jan 15-17	46	36	18
1993 Aug 8-10	48	37	15

CBS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL TREND:

1992 Sep	47	31	22
1989 Sep	35	45	20

^ Asked of a half sample

24. Do you think it is better for the country -- [ROTATED: to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, does it make no difference either way, or do you think it is better to have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by another]?

BASED ON -527—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

	Same <u>party</u>	No <u>difference</u>	Different <u>parties</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2011 Sep 8-11 ^	28	39	29	5
2010 Aug 27-30	27	40	27	5
2010 May 24-25	27	39	30	4
2008 Sep 8-11 ^	34	34	25	7
2007 Sep 14-16	26	38	29	6
2006 Sep 7-10 ^	28	36	32	3
2006 Jun 23-25	26	38	31	5
2005 Sep 12-15 ^	29	33	36	2
2004 Sep 13-15 ^	33	37	26	4
2003 Sep 8-10 ^	35	37	26	2
2002 Sep 5-8 ^	34	33	30	3

^ Asked of a half sample.