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MIDTERM ELECTION FALL BENCHMARK

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 25-30, 2014 with a random sample of $-1,252$ —adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of -632 —national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -620 —national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of $-1,095$ —registered voters, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -637 —men, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -615 —women, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of -233 —women employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is ± 8 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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 50% cell phone respondents and 50% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone telephone 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 to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2013 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2013 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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.

6. 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]?
- 6A. As of today, do you lean more toward -- [ROTATE: the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate]?

	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Other/ undecided</u>
<u>REGISTERED VOTERS</u>			
2014 Sep 25-30	46	47	7
2014 Aug 7-10	47	45	7
2014 Apr 24-30	49	44	7
<u>NATIONAL ADULTS</u>			
2014 Sep 25-30	47	45	9
2014 Aug 7-10	47	43	10
2014 Apr 24-30	50	42	9

As you may know, the upcoming midterm elections in November will determine which party controls both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Thinking about these one at a time,

19. 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]?

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Sep 25-30	63	33	4
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

20. And which party do you think will win control of the U.S. Senate in the Congressional elections this fall -- [ROTATED: The Republicans (or) the Democrats]?

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2014 Sep 25-30	52	42	6