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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.

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the representative from your Congressional district is handling his or her job?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters			
2014 Sep 25-30	55	39	7
2014 Sep 4-7	58	39	3
National adults			
2014 Sep 25-30	54	38	8
2014 Sep 4-7	57	39	4
2013 Oct 3-6	44	43	13
2013 May 2-7 ^	46	41	13
1992 Mar 13	58	31	12
1991 Oct 10-13	64	27	9
1990 Nov 1-4	55	28	17
1990 Oct 25-28	61	19	20
1990 Oct 18-21	49	31	20
1990 Oct 11-14	55	33	13
1990 Sep 11-12	57	26	17
1990 Aug 9-12	66	19	16
1977 Mar 22	55	18	28

^ Asked of a half sample

Q.14/15 ROTATED

14. I'd like to ask you about your member of Congress. Would you say that your member of Congress is [RANDOM ORDER]? Next, is your member [ITEM INSERTED]?
15. I'd like to ask you about most members of Congress. Would you say that most members of Congress are [RANDOM ORDER]? Next, are most members [ITEM INSERTED]?

REGISTERED VOTERS

A. Corrupt or not corrupt

	Corrupt	Not corrupt	No opinion		Corrupt	Not corrupt	No opinion
<u><i>YOUR MEMBER</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	27	61	12	<u><i>MOST MEMBERS</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	55	39	6

B. Focused on the needs of special interests, or focused on the needs of the constituents in your district

	Special interests	Constituents	No opinion		Special Interests	Constituents	No opinion
<u><i>YOUR MEMBER</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	47	40	13	<u><i>MOST MEMBERS</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	71	20	9

C. Generally out of touch with average Americans or generally in touch

	Out of touch	In touch	No opinion		Out of touch	In touch	No opinion
<u><i>YOUR MEMBER</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	47	46	7	<u><i>MOST MEMBERS</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	84	12	3

National adults results and trends:

A. Corrupt or not corrupt

	Corrupt	Not corrupt	No opinion		Corrupt	Not corrupt	No opinion
<u><i>YOUR MEMBER</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	27	60	13	<u><i>MOST MEMBERS</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	54	40	6
2006 Apr 28-30	22	67	11	2006 Apr 28-30	47	46	7
2006 Jan 6-8	22	68	10	2006 Jan 6-8	38	55	7
1994 Oct 22-24	27	65	8	1994 Oct 22-24	50	44	6

B. Focused on the needs of special interests, or focused on the needs of the constituents in your district

	Special interests	Constituents	No opinion		Special Interests	Constituents	No opinion
<u><i>YOUR MEMBER</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	46	39	15	<u><i>MOST MEMBERS</i></u> 2014 Sep 25-30	69	21	10
2006 Apr 28-30	40	48	12	2006 Apr 28-30	65	30	6
2006 Jan 6-8	40	49	11	2006 Jan 6-8	54	40	6
1994 Oct 22-24	42	47	11	1994 Oct 22-24	58	37	5

Q.14-15 CONTINUED

C. Generally out of touch with average Americans or generally in touch

	<u>Out of touch</u>	<u>In touch</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Out of touch</u>	<u>In touch</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>YOUR MEMBER</u>				<u>MOST MEMBERS</u>			
2014 Sep 25-30	47	45	8	2014 Sep 25-30	81	16	3
2006 Apr 28-30	38	55	7	2006 Apr 28-30	77	22	1
2006 Jan 6-8	38	58	5	2006 Jan 6-8	69	28	2
1994 Oct 22-24	41	54	5	1994 Oct 22-24	75	23	2

Q.16/17 ROTATED

16. Suppose that after the November elections most of the present members of Congress are replaced with new members. Do you think it would change Congress for the better or change Congress for the worse?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters			
2014 Sep 25-30	80	10	10
2010 Aug 27-30	75	14	11
National adults			
2014 Sep 25-30	78	11	10
2010 Aug 27-30	75	14	11

17. As you may know, nearly all members of Congress who are seeking re-election are likely to win this November. Do you think this is -- [ROTATED: good for the country, (or) bad for the country]?

	<u>Good for country</u>	<u>Bad for country</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters			
2014 Sep 25-30	27	65	8
2002 Oct 21-22 ^	47	32	21
National adults			
2014 Sep 25-30	29	63	8
2002 Oct 21-22 ^	47	31	22

^ Asked of a half sample