

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES: VALUES AND BELIEFS

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

Timberline: 937008  
IS: 370  
Princeton Job #: 15-05-005

Jeff Jones, Lydia Saad  
May 6-10, 2015

---

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 6-10, 2015 with a random sample of –1,024—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  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –497—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –527—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –892—registered voters, the margins of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  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 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 2014 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2014 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.

---

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b><u>2015</u></b>				<b><u>2011</u></b>			
2015 May 6-10	19	77	5	2011 Dec 15-18	11	86	3
				2011 Nov 3-6	13	82	5
2015 Apr 9-12	15	80	5	2011 Oct 6-9	13	81	6
2015 Mar 5-8	18	75	7	2011 Sep 8-11	15	82	3
2015 Feb 8-11	20	75	5	2011 Aug 11-14	13	84	4
2015 Jan 5-8	16	76	8	2011 Jul 7-10	18	77	5
<b><u>2014</u></b>				2011 Jun 9-12	17	76	7
2014 Dec 8-11	16	80	4	2011 May 5-8	24	70	7
2014 Nov 6-9	15	79	6	2011 Apr 7-11	17	77	6
2014 Oct 29-Nov 2	20	75	5	2011 Mar 3-6	18	74	7
2014 Oct 12-15	14	82	4	2011 Feb 2-5	23	71	5
2014 Sep 4-7	14	82	4	2011 Jan 7-9	20	73	7
2014 Aug 7-10	13	83	4	<b><u>2010</u></b>			
2014 Jul 7-10	15	80	5	2010 Dec 10-12	13	83	4
2014 Jun 5-8	16	81	3	2010 Nov 4-7	17	77	6
2014 May 8-11	15	80	6	2010 Oct 28-31	21	73	6
2014 Apr 3-6	13	83	3	2010 Oct 7-10	21	73	6
2014 Mar 6-9	15	83	2	2010 Sep 13-16	18	77	5
2014 Feb 6-9	12	83	6	2010 Aug 5-8	19	75	6
2014 Jan 5-8	13	82	5	2010 Jul 8-11	20	73	7
<b><u>2013</u></b>				2010 Jun 11-13	20	74	6
2013 Dec 5-8	12	85	3	2010 May 3-6	21	73	6
2013 Nov 7-10	9	86	5	2010 Apr 8-11	23	72	6
2013 Oct 3-6	11	85	4	2010 Mar 4-7	16	80	4
2013 Sep 5-8	19	76	5	2010 Feb 1-3	18	78	4
2013 Aug 7-11	14	81	5	2010 Jan 8-10	24	71	5
2013 Jul 10-14	15	78	7	<b><u>2009</u></b>			
2013 Jun 1-4	17	78	5	2009 Dec 11-13	25	69	5
2013 May 2-7	16	79	5	2009 Nov 5-8	26	68	6
2013 Apr 4-7	15	79	6	2009 Oct 1-4	21	72	7
2013 Mar 7-10	13	83	4	2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	31	63	6
2013 Feb 7-10	15	81	4	2009 Aug 6-9	31	62	6
2013 Jan 7-10	14	81	6	2009 July 10-12	32	54	14
<b><u>2012</u></b>				2009 June 14-17	33	61	6
2012 Dec 14-17	18	76	5	2009 May 7-10	37	57	7
2012 Nov 15-18	18	75	7	2009 Apr 6-9	36	55	9
2012 Oct 15-16	21	69	11	2009 Mar 5-8	39	54	7
2012 Sep 6-9	13	83	4	2009 Feb 9-12	31	61	9
2012 Aug 9-12	10	83	7	2009 Jan 9-11	19	76	5
2012 Jul 9-12	16	78	7	<b><u>2008</u></b>			
2012 Jun 7-10	17	79	4	2008 Dec 4-7	20	74	6
2012 May 3-6	15	79	6	2008 Nov 13-16	19	74	7
2012 Apr 9-12	17	79	4	2008 Oct 3-5	18	77	5
2012 Mar 8-11	12	82	6	2008 Sep 8-11	18	77	6
2012 Feb 2-5	10	86	4	2008 Aug 7-10	18	73	9
2012 Jan 5-8	13	81	6	2008 Jul 10-13	14	75	10

*Congress Job Approval Trend Continued on the Next Page*

**Q.2 (CONGRESS JOB APPROVAL) CONTINUED**

	Approve	Dis- approve	No opinion		Approve	Dis- approve	No opinion
2008 Jun 9-12	19	74	7	<b>2004</b>			
2008 May 8-11	18	76	6	2004 Dec 5-8	41	50	9
2008 Apr 6-9	20	71	9	2004 Nov 7-10	41	52	7
2008 Mar 6-9	21	71	8	2004 Oct 11-14	40	51	9
2008 Feb 11-14	24	70	6	2004 Sep 13-15	41	52	7
2008 Jan 4-6	23	71	6	2004 Aug 9-11	40	52	8
<b>2007</b>				2004 Jul 8-11	40	53	7
2007 Dec 6-9	22	70	8	2004 Jun 3-6	41	52	7
2007 Nov 11-14	20	69	11	2004 May 2-4	41	52	7
2007 Oct 12-14	29	64	6	2004 Apr 5-8	43	51	6
2007 Oct 4-7	23	71	6	2004 Mar 8-11	42	51	7
2007 Sep 14-16	24	71	5	2004 Feb 9-12	41	51	8
2007 Aug 13-16	18	76	6	2004 Jan 12-15	48	45	7
2007 Jul 12-15	27	66	7	<b>2003</b>			
2007 Jun 11-14	24	71	5	2003 Dec 11-14	43	50	7
2007 May 10-13	29	64	7	2003 Nov 3-5	43	51	6
2007 Apr 2-5	33	60	7	2003 Oct 6-8	41	51	8
2007 Mar 11-14	28	64	8	2003 Sep 8-10	40	53	7
2007 Feb 1-4	37	55	8	2003 Aug 4-6	45	46	9
2007 Jan 15-18	35	56	9	2003 Jul 7-9	49	45	6
<b>2006</b>				2003 Jun 12-15	50	41	9
2006 Dec 11-14	21	74	5	2003 May 5-7	49	44	7
2006 Nov 9-12	26	67	7	2003 Apr 7-9	58	33	9
2006 Nov 2-5	26	63	11	2003 Mar 3-5	48	44	8
2006 Oct 20-22	26	67	6	2003 Feb 3-6	50	39	11
2006 Oct 9-12	23	71	6	2003 Jan 13-16	49	40	11
2006 Oct 6-8	24	68	7	<b>2002</b>			
2006 Sep 7-10	29	63	8	2002 Dec 5-8	50	40	10
2006 Aug 7-10	27	65	8	2002 Nov 11-14	47	39	14
2006 Jul 6-9	29	61	10	2002 Oct 3-6	50	40	10
2006 Jun 1-4	27	63	10	2002 Sep 5-8	52	40	8
2006 May 8-11	21	71	8	2002 Aug 5-8	46	43	11
2006 Apr 10-13	23	70	7	2002 Jul 26-28	53	36	11
2006 Mar 13-16	27	65	8	2002 Jul 9-11	54	36	10
2006 Feb 6-9	25	65	10	2002 Jun 3-6	52	38	10
2006 Jan 9-12	27	67	7	2002 May 6-9	57	33	10
<b>2005</b>				2002 Apr 8-11	57	34	9
2005 Dec 5-8	29	63	8	2002 Mar 4-7	63	28	9
2005 Nov 7-10	29	63	8	2002 Feb 4-6	62	28	10
2005 Oct 13-16	29	64	7	2002 Jan 7-9	62	29	9
2005 Sep 12-15	35	59	6	<b>2001</b>			
2005 Aug 8-11	36	58	6	2001 Dec 6-9	72	19	9
2005 Jul 7-10	36	58	6	2001 Nov 8-11	73	19	8
2005 Jun 6-8	34	59	7	2001 Oct 11-14	84	10	6
2005 May 2-5	35	57	8	2001 Sep 7-10	42	44	14
2005 Apr 4-7	38	54	8	2001 Aug 16-19	50	37	13
2005 Mar 7-10	37	53	10	2001 Aug 3-5	47	42	11
2005 Feb 7-10	45	48	7	2001 Jul 19-22	49	37	14
2005 Jan 3-5	43	48	9	2001 Jun 11-17	51	34	15

*Congress Job Approval Trend Continued on the Next Page*

**Q.2 (CONGRESS JOB APPROVAL) CONTINUED**

	Approve	Dis- approve	No opinion		Approve	Dis- approve	No opinion
2001 May 10-14	49	34	17	1995 Jul 7-9	35	55	10
2001 Apr 6-8	55	32	13	1995 May 11-14	34	57	9
2001 Mar 5-7	55	28	17	1995 Apr 17-19	37	54	9
2001 Feb 1-4	53	32	15	1995 Mar 27-29	31	61	8
2001 Jan 10-14	50	40	10	1995 Mar 17-19	32	59	9
<b><u>2000</u></b>				1995 Feb 24-26	35	53	12
2000 Dec 2-4	56	34	10	1995 Feb 3-5	38	53	9
2000 Oct 6-9	49	42	9	1995 Jan 16-18	33	52	15
2000 Aug 29-Sep 5	48	42	10	<b><u>1994</u></b>			
2000 May 18-21	39	52	9	1994 Dec 28-30	23	66	11
2000 Jan 7-10	51	42	7	1994 Oct 22-25	23	70	7
<b><u>1999</u></b>				1994 Oct 7-9	21	73	6
1999 Sep 23-26	37	56	7	1994 Jul 15-17	27	65	8
1999 Jul 13-14	39	51	10	1994 Mar 25-27	29	63	8
1999 Jun 11-13	41	53	6	1994 Feb 26-28	28	66	6
1999 Apr 13-14	45	47	8	<b><u>1993</u></b>			
1999 Feb 12-13	41	54	5	1993 Nov 2-4	24	69	8
1999 Jan 15-17	50	46	4	1993 Aug 8-10	23	69	8
<b><u>1998</u></b>				1993 Jul 19-21	24	65	11
1998 Dec 15-16	42	52	6	1993 Feb 26-28	27	54	19
1998 Nov 13-15	41	54	5	<b><u>1992</u></b>			
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	44	47	9	1992 Mar 3 ^	18	78	3
1998 Oct 9-12	47	46	7	<b><u>1991</u></b>			
1998 Oct 6-7	44	48	8	1991 Oct 10-13	40	54	6
1998 Sep 11-12	55	36	9	1991 Jul 25-28	32	53	15
1998 May 8-10	44	48	8	<b><u>1990</u></b>			
1998 Apr 17-19	49	40	11	1990 Nov 2-4	26	63	11
1998 Feb 13-15	57	33	10	1990 Oct 25-28	24	68	8
1998 Jan 30-Feb 1	56	35	9	1990 Oct 18-21	23	64	13
1998 Jan 16-18	42	47	11	1990 Oct 11-14	28	65	7
<b><u>1997</u></b>				<b><u>1988</u></b>			
1997 Dec 18-21	39	52	9	1988 Sep 9-11	42	42	16
1997 Oct 27-29	36	53	11	<b><u>1987</u></b>			
1997 Aug 22-25	41	48	11	1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	42	49	9
1997 Jul 25-27	34	57	9	<b><u>1986</u></b>			
1997 May 6-7	32	58	10	1986 Apr 11-14	42	37	21
1997 Apr 18-20	30	59	11	<b><u>1983</u></b>			
1997 Feb 24-26	37	48	15	1983 Apr 29-May 2	33	43	24
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	36	51	13	<b><u>1982</u></b>			
1997 Jan 10-13	41	49	10	1982 Jun 11-14	29	54	17
<b><u>1996</u></b>				<b><u>1981</u></b>			
1996 Oct 26-29	34	51	15	1981 Jun 19-22	38	40	22
1996 Aug 5-7	39	49	12	<b><u>1980</u></b>			
1996 May 9-12	30	65	5	1980 Jun 13-16	25	56	19
1996 Apr 9-10	35	57	8	<b><u>1979</u></b>			
<b><u>1995</u></b>				1979 Jun 1-4	19	61	20
1995 Sep 22-24	30	61	9	<b><u>1978</u></b>			
1995 Aug 28-30	30	60	10	1978 Sep 8-11	29	49	22

*Congress Job Approval Trend Continued on the Next Page*

**Q.2 (CONGRESS JOB APPROVAL) CONTINUED**

	Approve	Dis- approve	No opinion		Approve	Dis- approve	No opinion
<b><u>1977</u></b>				<b><u>1975</u></b>			
1977 Sep 9-12	35	44	21	1975 Oct 31-Nov 3	28	54	18
1977 Aug 5-8	36	44	20	1975 Jun 27-30	29	54	17
1977 Jun 3-6	34	42	24	1975 Apr 18-21	38	48	14
1977 May 20-23	40	40	20	1975 Feb 28-Mar 3	32	50	18
1977 Mar 25-28	36	42	22	<b><u>1974</u></b>			
<b><u>1976</u></b>				1974 Oct 11-14	35	43	22
1976 Jan 23-26	24	58	18	1974 Aug 16-19	47	34	19
				1974 Apr 12-15	30	47	23

^ Gallup/Newsweek