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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 6-10, 2016 with a random sample of 1,012—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.

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 60% cell phone respondents and 40% 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 2015 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2015 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.

24. 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>
2016 Jan 6-10	42	46	8	4
2015 Jan 5-8	40	43	12	5
2014 Nov 6-9	36	53	8	3
2012 Jan 5-8	46	42	7	5
2011 Sep 15-18	46	41	10	3
2011 Jan 7-9	45	42	8	4
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