

# GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

## MIDTERM ELECTION BENCHMARK

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 15-28, 2018 with a random sample of **-1,011—** adults, ages 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 **-496—** Democrats and Democratic leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is **±6** 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 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next 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 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2017 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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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23. *(Asked of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents)* If Democrats win control of the House of Representatives after the midterm elections, which would you want Democrats in Congress to do – [ROTATED: Keep Nancy Pelosi as the Democratic leader by electing her as Speaker of the House (or) Replace Nancy Pelosi as the Democratic leader by electing another Democrat as Speaker of the House]?

**BASED ON – 496 – DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS**

	<u>Keep Pelosi</u>	<u>Replace Pelosi</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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**For comparison:** *Newt Gingrich*

*Next week, the Republicans in Congress must decide whether to re-elect Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the House or replace him with another Republican. What do YOU think the Republicans should do: [ROTATED: Re-elect Gingrich as Speaker of the House (or) Replace Gingrich with another Republican as Speaker of the House]*

	<u>Keep Gingrich</u>	<u>Replace Gingrich</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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National adults	23	65	12
Republicans/Republican leaners	38	53	9
Democrats/Democratic leaners	11	79	10