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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 2-16, 2025, with a random sample of –1,000—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.

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 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within 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 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, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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.

39. Next, we have a question about the best approach for political leaders to follow in Washington. Where would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means it is more important for political leaders to compromise in order to get things done, and 5 means it is more important for political leaders to stick to their beliefs even if little gets done? You may use any number from 1 to 5.

	<i>2025 Sep 2-15</i>	<i>2018 Sep 4-12</i>	<i>2017 Sep 6-10</i>	<i>2016 Sep 7-11</i>	<i>2014 Sep 4-7</i>	<i>2013 Oct 3-6</i>	<i>2013 Sep 5-8</i>
5 / More important to stick to beliefs	14	12	10	9	11	13	14
4	10	10	8	12	12	10	11
3	26	27	28	26	26	23	20
2	19	17	20	20	19	19	18
1 / More important to compromise	28	33	34	33	31	33	35
No opinion	2	1	*	1	*	2	1
<i>Mean</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.5</i>

	<i>2011 Sep 8-11</i>	<i>2011 Jan 7-9</i>	<i>2010 Nov 4-7</i>
5 / More important to stick to beliefs	15	17	14
4	13	11	13
3	21	23	24
2	20	12	16
1 / More important to compromise	31	35	31
No opinion	1	2	1
<i>Mean</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>2.6</i>

40. Where would you rate your representative in Congress on the same 1 to 5 scale, where 1 means he or she compromises in order to get things done, and 5 means he or she sticks to his or her beliefs even if little gets done? You may use any number from 1 to 5.

	<i>2025 Sep2-15</i>
5 / Sticks to beliefs	21
4	19
3	28
2	13
1 / Compromises	13
No opinion	5
<i>Mean</i>	<i>3.2</i>

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QN39: Political leaders willing to compromise + QN39MEAN BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 - 100,000	\$100,000 +
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
1 More important to compromise	28%	28%	28%	30%	27%	21%	25%	36%	26%	30%	31%	22%	26%	39%	28%	31%	28%
2	19%	20%	19%	19%	18%	26%	21%	14%	21%	17%	19%	16%	21%	19%	14%	19%	22%
3	26%	22%	29%	25%	28%	27%	29%	22%	29%	27%	20%	22%	29%	22%	29%	26%	26%
4	10%	10%	11%	12%	7%	9%	11%	11%	13%	14%	5%	18%	9%	5%	10%	11%	12%
5 More important to stick to beliefs	14%	17%	10%	12%	16%	14%	13%	14%	11%	10%	20%	20%	13%	10%	16%	12%	12%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	5%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	-
Mean	2.61	2.67	2.54	2.57	2.67	2.68	2.67	2.51	2.63	2.55	2.64	2.98	2.61	2.24	2.69	2.53	2.60

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QN40: Rating your representative in Congress on willingness to compromise + QN40MEAN BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	Male	Femal e	White	Non- white	18-34	35-54	55+	Colleg e Grad	Some Colleg e	HS Grad or Less	Republica n	Independen t	Democra t	Less than \$50,00 0	\$50,000 - 100,000	\$100,000 +
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
1 Compromises	13%	11%	16%	12%	15%	13%	10%	17%	11%	15%	16%	13%	12%	16%	20%	11%	10%
2	13%	17%	9%	14%	13%	16%	13%	12%	15%	10%	14%	12%	12%	17%	8%	16%	16%
3	28%	28%	28%	30%	28%	26%	33%	26%	31%	32%	24%	33%	30%	22%	25%	30%	33%
4	19%	17%	21%	21%	15%	23%	21%	16%	21%	19%	16%	21%	18%	18%	20%	21%	18%
5 Sticks to beliefs	21%	21%	20%	18%	25%	16%	21%	25%	20%	19%	23%	18%	22%	22%	21%	19%	21%
(DK)/(Refused)	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	2%	5%	7%	3%	5%	5%	6%	2%	2%
Mean	3.22	3.21	3.22	3.22	3.23	3.13	3.30	3.21	3.26	3.18	3.19	3.21	3.26	3.15	3.14	3.22	3.26

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