



Interviews with 1,136 adult Americans, including an oversample of African-Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on July 31-August 3, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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6. Do you think the country would be better off if the Republicans controlled Congress, or if the Democrats controlled Congress?

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Same</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	34%	44%	15%	4%	3%
April 3-5, 2009	34%	49%	11%	3%	2%
January 12-15, 2009	31%	56%	10%	3%	1%

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	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Same</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
2005 Nov 11-13	34	46	12	2	6
2005 Oct 13-16	32	45	12	4	7
2005 May 20-22	36	47	9	2	6
2004 Oct 22-24*	41	45	4	3	7
2004 Mar 26-28	39	41	7	4	9
2002 Jul 29-31	38	39	9	5	9
2002 Jul 5-8	40	39	11	3	7
2002 Jan 11-14	44	43	3	3	7
2001 Oct 5-6	38	37	11	7	7
2001 Aug 3-5	34	43	10	6	7
2001 Apr 20-22	41	43	6	3	7
2001 Jan 5-7	39	41	7	5	8
1999 Jul 16-18	37	42	12	2	7
1999 Jun 25-27	41	41	11	2	5
1999 May 23-24	36	37	14	4	9
1998 Dec 15-16	30	41	13	5	11
1998 Sep 23-24	35	41	11	3	10
1997 Aug 22-25	37	40	11	4	8
1997 Jul 25-27	37	39	11	5	8
1997 Jun 26-29	34	40	12	4	10
1996 Oct 26-29**	39	42	7	2	10
1995 Dec 15-18	41	41	8	2	8
1995 Mar 27-29	45	33	10	4	8
1994 Oct 18-19	42	39	10	2	7

* Asked of a half sample.

** Based on likely voters.

7. We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Unfavorable</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The Republican Party				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	41%	50%	1%	8%
April 23-26, 2009	39%	55%	*	6%
February 18-19, 2009	39%	54%	*	7%
December 1-2, 2008	41%	52%	*	6%
November 6-9, 2008	38%	54%	1%	8%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	43%	51%	*	6%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	48%	45%	*	6%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	43%	50%	*	6%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	48%	46%	*	6%
April 28-30, 2008	38%	53%	1%	7%
January 9-10, 2008	41%	48%	2%	10%
June 22-24, 2007	36%	53%	1%	9%
March 9-11, 2007	42%	45%	1%	12%
November 3-5, 2006	38%	52%	1%	10%
September 22-24, 2006	44%	51%	*	5%
The Democratic Party				
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	52%	39%	1%	8%
April 23-26, 2009	51%	44%	*	4%
February 18-19, 2009	58%	36%	*	5%
December 1-2, 2008	60%	34%	*	5%
November 6-9, 2008	62%	31%	1%	6%
October 17-19, 2008 (RV)	53%	42%	*	5%
Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV)	51%	40%	1%	8%
Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV)	59%	36%	*	4%
Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV)	52%	40%	1%	7%
April 28-30, 2008	56%	35%	1%	8%
January 9-10, 2008	55%	34%	2%	8%
June 22-24, 2007	51%	38%	1%	9%
March 9-11, 2007	51%	34%	1%	13%
November 3-5, 2006	53%	35%	*	11%
September 22-24, 2006	56%	39%	*	5%

(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

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The Republican Party

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2005 Oct 13-16	40	50	2	8
2005 Sep 8-11	45	45	1	9
2005 Jul 22-24	46	45	1	8
2005 Apr 1-2	50	44	1	5
2005 Feb 25-27	51	42	1	6
2005 Feb 4-6	56	39	1	4
2004 Sep 13-15	55	41	*	4
2004 Sep 3-5	53	40	*	7
2004 Aug 23-25*	50	41	1	8
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	47	45	1	7
2004 Jul 19-21*	50	43	*	7
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	48	45	*	7
2004 Jan 2-5	52	40	1	7
2003 Sep 8-10	50	44	--	6
2003 Mar 29-30	56	33	1	10
2003 Jan 3-5	51	38	1	10
2002 Dec 16-17	51	38	1	10
2002 Nov 8-10	54	38	*	8
2002 Oct 21-22	53	35	*	12
2002 Sep 5-8	54	40	0	6
2002 Jul 26-28	55	36	*	9
2002 Jan 11-14	61	30	*	9
2001 Sep 7-10	47	48	*	5
2000 Nov 13-15	49	43	*	8
2000 Aug 4-5	54	37	1	8
2000 Jul 25-26	49	39	*	12
2000 Jan 7-10	53	41	*	6
1999 Nov 18-21	50	44	*	6
1999 Apr 30-May 2	47	44	*	9
1999 Feb 19-21	45	46	0	9
1999 Feb 12-13	40	54	1	5
1999 Feb 4-8	45	47	*	8
1999 Jan 8-10	40	52	*	8
1998 Dec 19-20	31	57	*	12
1998 Dec 15-16	43	47	2	8
1997 Oct 27-29	50	42	*	8
1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	50	45	*	5
1996 Aug 16-18**	55	41	1	2
1996 Aug 5-7**	51	44	*	5
1996 Apr 9-10	52	41	*	7
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2003 Jan 3-5	52	36	1	11
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2002 Nov 8-10	48	42	0	10
2002 Oct 21-22	58	30	*	12
2002 Sep 5-8	56	38	0	6
2002 Jul 26-28	55	34	*	11
2002 Jan 11-14	55	33	*	12
2001 Sep 7-10	56	38	*	6
2000 Nov 13-15	53	38	1	8
2000 Aug 4-5	53	38	1	8
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2000 Jan 7-10	61	33	*	6
1999 Nov 18-21	51	41	*	8
1999 Apr 30-May 2	53	37	1	9
1999 Feb 19-21	55	37	0	8
1999 Feb 12-13	56	38	*	6
1999 Feb 4-8	57	37	*	6
1999 Jan 8-10	57	35	*	8
1998 Dec 19-20	57	30	*	13
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