



Interviews with 1,010 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on August 28-31, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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3. Do you think the policies being proposed by Barack Obama will move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Right direction	52%	63%	67%
Wrong direction	46%	35%	31%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%

(QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 ROTATED)

4. Do you think the policies being proposed by the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House and Senate would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Right Direction</u>	<u>Wrong Direction</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
August 28-31, 2009	52%	45%	3%
May 14-17, 2009	57%	40%	3%
September 7-9, 2007	50%	39%	11%
April 10-12, 2007	49%	39%	12%
January 19-21, 2007	51%	31%	17%
December 15-17, 2006	49%	39%	12%
October 13-15, 2006	53%	35%	12%
August 2-3, 2006	41%	44%	15%

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	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	44	43	14
2005 Feb 4-6	41	43	16
2002 Nov 8-10	47	36	17
2001 Aug 24-26	51	36	13

5. Do you think the policies being proposed by the Republican leaders in the U.S. House and Senate would move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Aug. 28-31</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>May 14-17</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Oct. 13-15</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Aug. 2-3</u> <u>2006</u>
Right direction	43%	39%	36%	43%
Wrong direction	49%	53%	53%	43%
No opinion	8%	8%	12%	15%

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	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2006 Jan 6-8	40	50	10
2005 Feb 4-6	50	36	14
2001 Aug 24-26	49	38	13
1999 Oct 8-10	54	35	11
1998 Nov 13-15	43	40	17
1998 Oct 23-25	47	33	20
1998 Jul 7-8	43	28	29
1997 Dec 18-21	44	36	20
1997 Apr 18-20	46	39	15
1996 Apr 9-10	45	41	14
1995 Dec 15-18	44	44	12
1995 Nov 6-8	44	41	15
1995 Sep 22-24	41	44	15
1995 Mar 27-29	53	37	10
1995 Feb 24-26	52	33	15
1994 Nov 28-29	55	27	18

1994-1999: Asked as a stand alone question.

(QUESTIONS 6 AND 7 ROTATED)

6. In your view, is Barack Obama doing enough to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress, or not?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Yes, doing enough	51%	62%	74%
No, not enough	46%	36%	25%
No opinion	3%	2%	1%

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	Yes, doing <u>enough</u>	No, not doing <u>enough</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Sept 13-14, 1995	51	38	11

QUESTION WORDING: In your view, is President Clinton doing enough to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress, or not?

7. In your view, are the Republicans in Congress doing enough to cooperate with the Barack Obama, or not?

	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 3-5 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 7-8 <u>2009</u>
Yes, doing enough	36%	37%	39%
No, not enough	60%	61%	60%
No opinion	4%	2%	1%

FOR COMPARISON
CNN/TIME TRENDS

	Yes, doing <u>enough</u>	No, not doing <u>enough</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Sept 13-14, 1995	31	57	12

QUESTION WORDING: In your view, are the Republicans in Congress doing enough to cooperate with President Clinton, or not?

9. Do you think the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress would do a better job of dealing with each of the following issues and problems? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The economy				
August 28-31, 2009	39%	52%	8%	1%
October 20-22, 2006	41%	53%	5%	2%
October 6-8, 2006	35%	54%	6%	4%
September 22-24, 2006	39%	51%	7%	3%
August 18-20, 2006	38%	52%	7%	2%
Foreign affairs				
August 28-31, 2009	44%	47%	7%	2%
The situation in Afghanistan				
August 28-31, 2009	40%	48%	10%	2%
Terrorism				
August 28-31, 2009	52%	39%	7%	2%
October 20-22, 2006	48%	42%	7%	3%
October 6-8, 2006	40%	45%	8%	6%
September 22-24, 2006	47%	41%	9%	4%
August 18-20, 2006	48%	38%	11%	3%
Health care				
August 28-31, 2009	42%	51%	6%	1%
September 22-24, 2006	32%	57%	7%	4%
August 18-20, 2006	31%	58%	8%	3%
Taxes				
August 28-31, 2009	47%	47%	6%	*
The federal budget deficit				
August 28-31, 2009	46%	46%	6%	2%
Race relations				
August 28-31, 2009	24%	65%	7%	4%
Medicare				
August 28-31, 2009	39%	52%	7%	2%

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	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	No difference (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
The economy				
2006 Mar 10-12	38	53	4	5
2005 Oct 21-23	38	50	9	3
2003 Jul 18-20	36	53	7	4
2003 Jan 3-5	43	42	10	5
2002 Jul 26-28	37	42	13	8
2002 Jun 28-30	44	40	10	6
2002 May 28-29*	43	34	13	10
Foreign affairs				
2003 Jul 18-20	46	41	7	6
2003 Jan 3-5	51	34	10	5
2002 Oct 21-22	47	33	10	10
2002 Sept 20-22*	49	33	10	8
2002 May 28-29*	46	27	15	12
Terrorism				
2006 Mar 10-12	45	41	7	7
2005 Oct 21-23	49	38	9	4
2003 Jul 18-20	55	29	10	6
2003 Jan 3-5*	55	27	13	5
2002 Oct 21-22	52	23	14	11
2002 Sep 20-22*	56	27	10	7
2002 Jun 28-30	57	22	13	8
2002 May 28-29*	51	19	19	11
Health care				
2005 Oct 21-23	30	59	7	4
2003 Jan 3-5**	35	50	9	6
2002 Oct 21-22	29	52	11	9
2002 Sept 20-22	26	61	7	6
**WORDING: Health care costs				
Taxes				
2003 Oct 21-23	41	49	6	4
2003 Jan 3-5 *	46	40	10	4
2002 Sep 20-22 *	38	50	6	6
2002 May 28-29 *	43	36	11	10
The federal budget deficit				
2003 Jul 18-20	37	50	7	6
2003 Jan 3-5 ^	39	43	11	7
2002 May 28-29 ^	40	36	13	11

*Asked of a half sample.

12. These days, would you say that you are very angry, somewhat angry, not too angry, or not angry at all about the way the government in Washington is working?

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Very angry	30%
Somewhat angry	34%
Not too angry	20%
Not at all angry	16%
No opinion	1%

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	<u>Very angry</u>	<u>Somewhat angry</u>	<u>Not too angry</u>	<u>Not at all angry</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Oct 17-19	26	46	14	12	1

12. These days, would you say that you are very angry, somewhat angry, not too angry, or not angry at all about the way the government in Washington is working?
13. (IF VERY OR SOMEWHAT ANGRY) Would you say you are angrier at the Democrats or at the Republicans?

QUESTIONS 12 AND 13 COMBINED

Aug. 28-31
2009

Angry at Democrats	28%
Angry at Republicans	17%
Angry at both equally (vol.)	16%
Angry at neither party (vol.)	1%
Not angry (from Q12)	36%
No opinion	1%