



Interviews with 1,023 adult Americans, including 954 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on February 12-15, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 COMBINED

2/3. If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district? (IF UNSURE:) As of today, who do you lean more toward?

	<u>Democratic candidate</u>	<u>Republican candidate</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
All Respondents				
February 12-15, 2010	46%	46%	5%	3%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	45%	46%	6%	2%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	42%	7%	2%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	51%	41%	6%	2%
Registered Voters				
February 12-15, 2010	45%	47%	6%	2%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	45%	48%	6%	1%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	49%	43%	6%	3%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	50%	44%	5%	2%

7. Would you favor or oppose having a third political party that would run candidates for President, Congress and state offices against the Republican and Democratic candidates?

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Favor	64%
Oppose	34%
No opinion	2%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP AND CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1999 July 16-18*	67	28	5
1995 Aug. 4-7*	62	29	9
1995 April 17-19*	60	34	6
1995 Feb. 28-Mar. 1**	56	34	10
1994 Aug. 31-Sept. 1**	58	30	12
1994 Aug. 17-18**	59	32	9
1992 Oct. 20-22**	63	28	9
1992 July 16**	58	31	11
1992 July 8-9**	59	31	10
1992 June 3-4**	58	32	10

*CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls **CNN/Time polls

QUESTION WORDING 1992-1995: Would you favor or oppose the formation of a third political party that would run candidates for President, Congress and state offices against the Republican and Democratic candidates?

QUESTIONS 7 AND 8 COMBINED

- 7/8. Would you favor or oppose having a third political party that would run candidates for President, Congress and state offices against the Republican and Democratic candidates? (IF FAVOR)
Suppose that having a third political party would mean that the winner of some elections would be a candidate who disagrees with you on most issues that matter to you. Would you favor or oppose having a third political party under those circumstances?

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Favor third political party under those circumstances	38%
Oppose third political party under those circumstances	26%
Oppose third political party under any circumstances (from Q. 7)	34%
No opinion	2%

23. What is your view of the Tea Party -- would you say you strongly support it, moderately support it, moderately oppose it, or strongly oppose it, or don't you know enough about the Tea Party to say?

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Strongly support	15%
Moderately support	20%
Moderately oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	11%
Don't know enough to say	45%
No opinion	1%

24. Please tell me whether you have or have not done each of the following: (NOT RANDOMIZED)

	Yes, have <u>done so</u>	No, have <u>not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Given money to any organization associated with the Tea Party movement			
February 12-15, 2020	2%	97%	*
Attended a rally or meeting held by any organization associated with the Tea Party movement			
February 12-15, 2010	5%	95%	*
Took any other active steps to support the Tea Party movement, either in person or through e-mail or on the internet			
February 12-15, 2010	7%	92%	*

QUESTIONS 25 AND 26 COMBINED

- 25/26. Now suppose the elections for Congress were being held today and a third candidate were running who was endorsed by the Tea Party movement. Which candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district - (ROTATED) (IF UNSURE:) As of today, do you lean more toward?

	Democratic party's <u>candidate</u>	Republican party's <u>candidate</u>	The Tea Party's <u>candidate</u>	Other candidate (vol.)	Don't plan to Vote (vol.)	No <u>opinion</u>
All Respondents						
Feb. 12-15, 2010	46%	32%	16%	3%	1%	2%
Registered Voters						
Feb. 12-15, 2010	45%	33%	16%	3%	1%	2%

RESULTS IN COLUMN LABELLED "TEA PARTY ACTIVISTS" BASED ON 124 INTERVIEWS WITH RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWERED "YES, HAVE DONE SO" TO ANY ITEM IN QUESTION 24. SAMPLING ERROR: +/-9 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

	<u>Tea Party Activists</u>	<u>All Respondents</u>
Men	60%	50%
Women	40%	50%
White	80%	71%
African-American	2%	11%
Latino	10%	11%
High school degree or less	26%	45%
Some college	34%	26%
College graduate	40%	28%
Less than \$30,000	8%	28%
\$30-50,000	18%	19%
\$50-75,000	32%	17%
\$75,000 or more	34%	25%
Urban	9%	21%
Suburban	41%	41%
Rural	50%	38%
Liberal	3%	18%
Moderate	20%	39%
Conservative	77%	40%
Describe self as Democrat	4%	32%
Describe self as Independent	52%	44%
Describe self as Republican	44%	25%
Vote for Democratic candidate for U.S. House	5%	46%
Vote for Republican candidate for U.S. House	87%	46%
18-29 years old	20%	20%
30-49 years old	40%	35%
50-64 years old	29%	27%
65 and older	12%	17%
Northeast	13%	19%
Midwest	29%	23%
South	31%	37%
West	28%	22%
Protestant/Other Christian	68%	50%
Catholic	16%	22%
Jewish	*	1%
Other	6%	12%
None	9%	14%