

The logo features the text 'CNN | ORC' in a bold, sans-serif font on a light gray background. Below this, the word 'POLL' is written in a larger, bold, white sans-serif font on a solid black rectangular background.

Interviews with 1,007 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on October 14-16, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 925 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The sample includes 806 interviews among landline respondents and 201 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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4. Do you think that Congress so far this year has done something to address the problems facing the country today, or do you think Congress has done nothing to address the country's problems?

Oct. 14-16
2011

Done something	28%
Done nothing	69%
No opinion	3%

4. Do you think that Congress so far this year has done something to address the problems facing the country today, or do you think Congress has done nothing to address the country's problems?
5. (IF DONE NOTHING) Do you think the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress have been more responsible for the fact that Congress has done nothing to address the country's problems?

QUESTIONS 4 AND 5 COMBINED

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2011

Republicans responsible	28%
Democrats responsible	18%
Both equally responsible (vol.)	18%
Neither responsible (vol.)	4%
Congress has done something (from Q.4)	28%
No opinion	3%

Question 4

Do you think that Congress so far this year has done something to address the problems facing the country today, or do you think Congress has done nothing to address the country's problems?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Done something	28%	30%	27%	29%	26%
Done nothing	69%	68%	70%	68%	71%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Done something	28%	37%	28%	23%	24%	33%	23%
Done nothing	69%	60%	69%	74%	75%	64%	74%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Done something	28%	26%	29%	27%	30%
Done nothing	69%	70%	69%	70%	68%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Done something	28%	26%	25%	37%	23%	29%	31%
Done nothing	69%	70%	72%	60%	75%	68%	66%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Done something	28%	27%	32%	27%	28%	27%	29%	28%
Done nothing	69%	70%	63%	71%	70%	70%	68%	69%
No opinion	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Done something	28%	35%	29%	19%
Done nothing	69%	62%	67%	79%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 4/5

Q4. Do you think that Congress so far this year has done something to address the problems facing the country today, or do you think Congress has done nothing to address the country's problems?

Q5. Do you think the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress have been more responsible for the fact that Congress has done nothing to address the country's problems?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Done something	28%	30%	27%	29%	26%
Done nothing, Rep responsible	28%	27%	29%	26%	34%
Done nothing, Dem responsible	18%	19%	17%	19%	14%
Both equally responsible	18%	18%	18%	19%	17%
Neither responsible	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-64	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Done something	28%	37%	28%	23%	24%	33%	23%
Done nothing, Rep responsible	28%	23%	27%	31%	34%	25%	32%
Done nothing, Dem responsible	18%	17%	23%	16%	15%	20%	16%
Both equally responsible	18%	15%	17%	21%	20%	16%	21%
Neither responsible	4%	5%	1%	6%	4%	3%	5%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Done something	28%	26%	29%	27%	30%
Done nothing, Rep responsible	28%	29%	29%	24%	31%
Done nothing, Dem responsible	18%	19%	18%	22%	15%
Both equally responsible	18%	17%	18%	18%	18%
Neither responsible	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Done something	28%	26%	25%	37%	23%	29%	31%
Done nothing, Rep responsible	28%	48%	26%	9%	50%	32%	12%
Done nothing, Dem responsible	18%	9%	17%	31%	8%	13%	30%
Both equally responsible	18%	11%	23%	17%	13%	20%	19%
Neither responsible	4%	1%	6%	3%	4%	3%	4%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Done something	28%	27%	32%	27%	28%	27%	29%	28%
Done nothing, Rep responsible	28%	34%	28%	26%	28%	30%	28%	26%
Done nothing, Dem responsible	18%	15%	15%	21%	20%	18%	17%	23%
Both equally responsible	18%	18%	16%	20%	17%	18%	19%	16%
Neither responsible	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%
No opinion	3%	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Done something	28%	35%	29%	19%
Done nothing, Rep responsible	28%	2%	23%	58%
Done nothing, Dem responsible	18%	38%	18%	3%
Both equally responsible	18%	19%	20%	15%
Neither responsible	4%	3%	5%	2%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.5

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