



Interviews with 1,021 adult Americans, including 955 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on January 8-10, 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 8 AND 9 COMBINED

8/9. 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				
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				
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%

SELECTED TRENDS FOR REGISTERED VOTERS

	<u>Democratic Candidate</u>	<u>Republican Candidate</u>	<u>Neither/No Opinion</u>
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	53%	45%	2%
November 2-4, 2007	53%	42%	5%
November 3-5, 2006	58%	38%	4%
January 6-8, 2006*	49%	43%	8%
October 29-31, 2004*	49%	45%	6%
January 2-5, 2004*	45%	46%	9%
Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2002*	49%	44%	7%
January 11-14, 2002*	43%	46%	11%
November 5-6, 2000*	50%	42%	8%
January 7-10, 2000*	50%	43%	7%
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1998*	50%	41%	9%
January 16-18, 1998*	51%	40%	9%
November 3-4, 1996*	48%	45%	7%
January 5-7, 1996*	44%	48%	8%
November 2-6, 1994*	47%	44%	9%
February 26-28, 1994*	46%	47%	7%

*CNN/USA Today/Gallup polls

10. (IF DEMOCRAT) Would you say you will definitely vote for the Democrat, or is it possible you would change your mind between now and the election?
11. (IF REPUBLICAN) Would you say you will definitely vote for the Republican, or is it possible you would change your mind between now and the election?

QUESTIONS 10/11 COMBINED

	<u>Definitely vote</u>	<u>Could change mind</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
All Respondents				
Jan. 8-10, 2010	46%	45%	2%	7%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	48%	44%	2%	5%
Oct. 13-15, 2006	56%	42%	NA	2%
Aug. 2-3, 2006	46%	52%	NA	2%
Registered Voters				
Jan. 8-10, 2010	46%	46%	1%	7%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	49%	45%	1%	6%
Oct. 13-15, 2006	58%	40%	NA	2%
Aug. 2-3, 2006	49%	49%	NA	2%

	<u>Definitely Democratic</u>	<u>Democratic could change</u>	<u>Republican could change</u>	<u>Definitely Republican</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
All Respondents						
Jan. 8-10, 2010	24%	21%	24%	22%	2%	7%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	28%	23%	21%	20%	2%	5%
Oct. 13-15, 2006	35%	20%	16%	21%	3%	5%
Aug. 2-3, 2006	29%	22%	22%	18%	2%	7%
Registered Voters						
Jan. 8-10, 2010	23%	21%	25%	23%	1%	7%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	27%	23%	22%	22%	1%	6%
Oct. 13-15, 2006	37%	19%	17%	21%	3%	4%
Aug. 2-3, 2006	32%	21%	22%	18%	3%	4%

12. How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting for Congress this year -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	<u>Extremely Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Very Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Somewhat Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not too Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not at all Enthusiastic</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<u>ALL RESPONDENTS</u>						
January 8-10, 2010	19%	19%	35%	16%	11%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	21%	20%	32%	16%	10%	*
<u>Democrats</u>						
January 8-10, 2010	13%	17%	42%	17%	10%	1%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	15%	24%	36%	17%	9%	*
<u>Republicans</u>						
January 8-10, 2010	23%	23%	32%	14%	8%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	29%	17%	29%	14%	11%	*
<u>ALL REGISTERED VOTERS</u>						
January 8-10, 2010	20%	20%	35%	16%	10%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	22%	20%	32%	16%	9%	*
<u>Registered Democrats</u>						
January 8-10, 2010	13%	18%	42%	17%	10%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	17%	25%	34%	17%	6%	1%
<u>Registered Republicans</u>						
January 8-10, 2010	25%	24%	30%	14%	7%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	26%	17%	33%	16%	8%	*

FOR COMPARISON

How enthusiastic would you say you are about voting **for President** this year -- extremely enthusiastic, very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not at all enthusiastic?

	<u>Extremely Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Very Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Somewhat Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not too Enthusiastic</u>	<u>Not at all Enthusiastic</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	37%	32%	16%	7%	8%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	34%	24%	23%	11%	8%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	30%	30%	23%	11%	6%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	31%	27%	19%	15%	8%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	26%	23%	28%	13%	11%	*
June 4-5, 2008	23%	27%	24%	14%	12%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	37%	26%	24%	8%	4%	*
June 23-24, 2007	26%	28%	27%	13%	6%	*
<i>Republicans</i>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	28%	32%	19%	9%	12%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	24%	26%	27%	12%	10%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	26%	28%	26%	15%	4%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	24%	25%	23%	19%	9%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	22%	21%	30%	16%	11%	*
June 4-5, 2008	13%	24%	27%	21%	15%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	33%	24%	29%	9%	5%	*
June 23-24, 2007	27%	25%	27%	16%	6%	*
<i>Democrats</i>						
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2008	45%	34%	13%	4%	3%	*
Oct. 17-19, 2008	45%	23%	20%	7%	5%	*
Sept. 5-7, 2008	36%	30%	21%	6%	6%	*
Aug. 29-31, 2008	37%	30%	17%	11%	6%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	30%	26%	25%	11%	7%	*
June 4-5, 2008	32%	31%	21%	8%	8%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	41%	27%	22%	6%	3%	*
June 23-24, 2007	28%	32%	27%	9%	4%	*

41. Now I'd like you to think about all political offices at the federal, state and local level. Often when you vote for these offices, you must choose between an incumbent who is running for re-election to an office he or she already holds, and a challenger who does not hold that office. In general, are you more likely to vote for the incumbent running for re-election or more likely to vote for the challenger who does not hold that office?

Jan. 8-10
2010

Incumbent	32%
Challenger	46%
No difference (vol.)	18%
No opinion	4%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>	<u>No diff. (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Feb 10	26	41	17	16

42. For each of the following, please tell me whether you think it is more likely to describe an incumbent or describe a challenger? (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Knows how to get things done				
January 8-10, 2010	55%	29%	15%	1%
Can get laws passed which will benefit my community				
January 8-10, 2010	43%	38%	19%	1%
Can bring needed change to government				
January 8-10, 2010	20%	66%	14%	*
Honest and trustworthy				
January 8-10, 2010	28%	41%	30%	1%
Will represent the opinions of people like me				
January 8-10, 2010	25%	54%	20%	1%

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>	<u>No diff. (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Knows how to get things done 1994 Feb 10	57	23	7	13
Can get laws passed which will benefit my community 1994 Feb 10	26	41	17	16
Can bring needed change to government 1994 Feb 10	43	34	9	14
Honest and trustworthy 1994 Feb 10	22	40	18	20
Will represent the opinions of people like me 1994 Feb 10	21	52	11	16