



Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on January 22-24, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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8. Do you think it is good for the country or bad for the country that the Democratic party is in control of Congress?

	Jan. 22-24 <u>2010</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	Dec. 6-9 <u>2007*</u>	June 22-24 <u>2007</u>	
Good for country	45%	50%	53%	57%	
Bad for country	48%	41%	37%	31%	
Neither (vol.)	7%	7%	8%	7%	
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	5%	

	May 4-6 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 11 <u>2007</u>	Dec. 15-17 <u>2006</u>	Nov.17-19 <u>2006</u>
Good for country	51%	59%	58%	61%	67%
Bad for country	37%	29%	30%	32%	24%
Neither (vol.)	9%	6%	6%	4%	6%
No opinion	3%	6%	6%	4%	3%

*ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE

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Do you think it will be good for the country or bad for the country that the Republican party will be in control of Congress?

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Bad</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Nov. 9-10, 1994	50%	26%	8%	16%

9. 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>Favor- able</u>	<u>Unfavor- able</u>	<u>Never Heard of</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The Democratic Party				
January 22-24, 2010	46%	46%	*	8%
October 16-18, 2009	53%	41%	*	6%
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%

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2005 Dec 16-18	46	45	*	9	2002 Jul 26-28	55	34	*	11
2005 Oct 13-16	52	36	2	10	2002 Jan 11-14	55	33	*	12
2005 Sep 8-11	47	41	1	11	2001 Sep 7-10	56	38	*	6
2005 Jul 22-24	52	38	1	9	2000 Nov 13-15	53	38	1	8
2005 Apr 1-2	50	42	*	8	2000 Aug 4-5	53	38	1	8
2005 Feb 25-27	52	41	1	6	2000 Jul 25-26	56	35	*	9
2005 Feb 4-6	46	47	*	7	2000 Jan 7-10	61	33	*	6
2004 Sep 13-15	49	45	--	6	1999 Nov 18-21	51	41	*	8
2004 Sep 3-5	50	41	*	9	1999 Apr 30-May 2	53	37	1	9
2004 Aug 23-25*	54	36	1	9	1999 Feb 19-21	55	37	0	8
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	55	37	1	7	1999 Feb 12-13	56	38	*	6
2004 Jul 19-21*	48	41	1	10	1999 Feb 4-8	57	37	*	6
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	59	34	*	7	1999 Jan 8-10	57	35	*	8
2004 Jan 2-5	47	44	*	9	1998 Dec 19-20	57	30	*	13
2003 Sep 8-10	49	45	--	6	1998 Dec 15-16	58	32	2	8
2003 Mar 29-30	49	39	1	11	1997 Oct 27-29	54	39	*	7
2003 Jan 3-5	52	36	1	11	1996 Aug 30-Sep 1**	60	36	*	4
2002 Dec 16-17	52	37	1	10	1996 Aug 16-18**	55	41	1	3
2002 Nov 8-10	48	42	0	10	1996 Aug 5-7**	57	38	1	4
2002 Oct 21-22	58	30	*	12	1996 Apr 9-10	55	38	0	7
2002 Sep 5-8	56	38	0	6	1995 Apr 17-19	51	43	*	6
					1992 Jul 6-8**	54	38	*	8

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**Based on registered voters.

(RV) BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS

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11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of the way the Democratic party and Republican party have been dealing with the country's problems: (READ IN ORDER)

Jan. 22-24
2010

You are angry at both parties	48%
You are only angry at the Republicans	9%
You are only angry at the Democrats	11%
You are not angry at either party	32%
No opinion	*

Now here are a few questions concerning the special election in Massachusetts in which a Republican won the seat in the U.S. Senate to replace Ted Kennedy, who died last year.

27. Until that special election, the Democrats had sixty votes in the U.S. Senate which allowed them to pass legislation without any votes from Republican Senators. Now the Democrats still have a large majority but cannot pass bills without cooperation from at least one Republican Senator. Do you think this change will be good for the country or bad for the country?

Jan. 22-24
2010

Good for the country	70%
Bad for the country	28%
Neither (vol.)	2%
No opinion	1%

28. Would you describe the results of the special election in Massachusetts as a major defeat for the Democratic party, a minor setback for the Democratic party, or something that does not affect the Democratic party at all?

Jan. 22-24
2010

Major defeat	38%
Minor setback	44%
No effect	17%
No opinion	1%