



Interviews with 1,030 adult Americans, including 953 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 19-21, 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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(ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 529 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B --
SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

11A. Which of the following will be the most important issue when you decide how to vote for Congress this year? (RANDOM ORDER)

	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>
The economy	43%
Health care	23%
Education	11%
The federal budget deficit	8%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	7%
Terrorism	3%
Energy and environmental policies	2%
Other (vol.)	2%
No opinion (vol.)	1%

12A. (IF ECONOMY) And which of those items I just mentioned will be the most important issue OTHER THAN THE ECONOMY when you decide how to vote for Congress this year?

QUESTIONS 11A AND 12A COMBINED

	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>
Health care	41%
The federal budget deficit	17%
Education	17%
The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan	12%
Terrorism	6%
Energy and environmental policies*	4%
Other (vol.)	2%
No opinion (vol.)	1%

QUESTIONS 13 AND 14 ROTATED

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic leaders in Congress are handling their job?

	Mar 19-21 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009*</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Feb 7-8 <u>2009*</u>
Approve	33%	38%	43%	60%
Disapprove	65%	59%	53%	39%
No opinion	2%	2%	5%	2%

	Nov. 6-9 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 3-5 <u>2008*</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	July 27-29 <u>2008</u>
Approve	47%	34%	44%	36%
Disapprove	50%	64%	54%	63%
No opinion	3%	1%	2%	1%

*Asked of a half sample.

FOR COMPARISON:

Do you approve or disapprove of what the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House and Senate have done so far this year?

	Dec. 6-9 <u>2007</u>	Oct. 12-14 <u>2007</u>	June 22-24 <u>2007</u>	May 4-6 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>
<i>Approve</i>	39%	43%	42%	49%	47%
<i>Disapprove</i>	56%	51%	49%	44%	40%
<i>No opinion</i>	6%	6%	9%	7%	13%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republican leaders in Congress are handling their job?

	Mar. 19-21 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009*</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Feb 7-8 <u>2009*</u>	Nov. 6-9 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 3-5 <u>2008*</u>
Approve	32%	33%	31%	44%	24%	27%
Disapprove	66%	66%	65%	55%	73%	71%
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%

*Asked of a half sample.

QUESTIONS 15 AND 16 ROTATED

15. Generally speaking, do you think most Republicans in Congress are ethical or unethical?

	Mar 19-21 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 6-8 <u>2006</u>
Ethical	46%	47%
Unethical	51%	44%
No opinion	3%	10%

16. Generally speaking, do you think most Democrats in Congress are ethical or unethical?

	Mar 19-21 <u>2010</u>	Oct. 6-8 <u>2006</u>
Ethical	47%	54%
Unethical	49%	34%
No opinion	4%	11%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

Most Republicans in Congress

	<u>Ethical</u>	<u>Unethical</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	58	36	6
2005 Apr 29-May 1	56	38	6

Most Democrats in Congress

	<u>Ethical</u>	<u>Unethical</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Oct 21-23	63	31	6
2005 Apr 29-May 1	55	39	6