



Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans, including 935 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on March 25-28, 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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14. Do you think the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress would do a better job of dealing with each of the following issues and problems?

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>No difference (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The economy				
March 25-28, 2010	48%	45%	7%	*
August 28-31, 2009	39%	52%	8%	1%
October 20-22, 2006	41%	53%	5%	2%
October 6-8, 2006	35%	54%	6%	4%
September 22-24, 2006	39%	51%	7%	3%
August 18-20, 2006	38%	52%	7%	2%
Foreign affairs				
March 25-28, 2010	44%	48%	6%	1%
August 28-31, 2009	44%	47%	7%	2%
The situation in Afghanistan				
March 25-28, 2010	44%	46%	9%	1%
August 28-31, 2009	40%	48%	10%	2%
Terrorism				
March 25-28, 2010	50%	40%	8%	2%
August 28-31, 2009	52%	39%	7%	2%
October 20-22, 2006	48%	42%	7%	3%
October 6-8, 2006	40%	45%	8%	6%
September 22-24, 2006	47%	41%	9%	4%
August 18-20, 2006	48%	38%	11%	3%
Health care				
March 25-28, 2010	46%	48%	5%	*
August 28-31, 2009	42%	51%	6%	1%
September 22-24, 2006	32%	57%	7%	4%
August 18-20, 2006	31%	58%	8%	3%
Taxes				
March 25-28, 2010	48%	45%	6%	1%
August 28-31, 2009	47%	47%	6%	*
The federal budget deficit				
March 25-28, 2010	46%	44%	9%	1%
August 28-31, 2009	46%	46%	6%	2%

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Medicare				
March 25-28, 2010	46%	47%	6%	1%
August 28-31, 2009	39%	52%	7%	2%
Unemployment				
March 25-28, 2010	46%	46%	7%	1%
Education				
March 25-28, 2010	40%	50%	8%	1%
Environmental policy				
March 25-28, 2010	34%	57%	8%	1%

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	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
The economy				
2006 Mar 10-12	38	53	4	5
2005 Oct 21-23	38	50	9	3
2003 Jul 18-20	36	53	7	4
2003 Jan 3-5	43	42	10	5
2002 Jul 26-28	37	42	13	8
2002 Jun 28-30	44	40	10	6
2002 May 28-29*	43	34	13	10
Foreign affairs				
2003 Jul 18-20	46	41	7	6
2003 Jan 3-5	51	34	10	5
2002 Oct 21-22	47	33	10	10
2002 Sept 20-22*	49	33	10	8
2002 May 28-29*	46	27	15	12
Terrorism				
2006 Mar 10-12	45	41	7	7
2005 Oct 21-23	49	38	9	4
2003 Jul 18-20	55	29	10	6
2003 Jan 3-5*	55	27	13	5
2002 Oct 21-22	52	23	14	11
2002 Sep 20-22*	56	27	10	7
2002 Jun 28-30	57	22	13	8
2002 May 28-29*	51	19	19	11
Health care				
2005 Oct 21-23	30	59	7	4
2003 Jan 3-5**	35	50	9	6
2002 Oct 21-22	29	52	11	9
2002 Sept 20-22	26	61	7	6
**WORDING: Health care costs				
Taxes				
2003 Oct 21-23	41	49	6	4
2003 Jan 3-5 *	46	40	10	4
2002 Sep 20-22 *	38	50	6	6
2002 May 28-29 *	43	36	11	10
The federal budget deficit				
2003 Jul 18-20	37	50	7	6
2003 Jan 3-5 *	39	43	11	7
2002 May 28-29 *	40	36	13	11
Unemployment				
2003 Jul 18-20	35	54	7	4
2003 Jan 3-5 *	32	52	11	5
2002 May 28-29 *	35	51	6	8
Education				
2003 Jul 18-20	37	49	8	6
2003 Jan 3-5 *	35	48	12	5
2002 Oct 21-22	34	46	11	9
2002 Sep 20-22 *	31	53	10	6
2002 Jun 28-30	43	43	8	6
2002 May 28-29 *	35	41	14	10

*Asked of a half sample

15. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Mar. 25-28, 2010	1%	20%	39%	39%	*
Feb. 12-15, 2010	2%	15%	39%	44%	*
Jan. 8-10, 2010	2%	18%	42%	38%	*
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*
Mar. 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*
Mar. 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

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