## ABC NEWS/WASHINGTON POST POLL: FRUSTRATION, 2010-STYLE

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## Anger, Anti-Incumbency; It's Frustration, 2010-Style

Anti-incumbency's spiked to a new peak, anger at the government has tied its high, Americans’ customary approval of their own representative in Congress has hit a 16-year low - and a new ABC News index measuring all this pent-up discontent is well above the boiling point.

It has all the makings of a hot political summer.
The mood's captured in ABC's newly minted Frustration Index, based on four fundamental measures of public attitudes - ratings of the president's performance, views of the economy, satisfaction with government and support for incumbents. Figured on a scale of 0 to 100 , with 100 the grouchiest, the index today stands at 67. It's been higher just twice in available data - in 2008, as the economy fell into the abyss, and in 1992, amid the debris of the last deep recession.


The sign reads "incumbents beware." The Frustration Index is higher than its estimated level in 1994, when the Republicans seized control of Congress for the first time in 42 years; and in 2006, when the Democrats took it back. (See details of the index, and historical data, here.)


Other data from individual questions in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll make it look even more like a political pigeon shoot. Consider:

- One in four Americans is now angry with the way the federal government is working, up seven points in less than two months to match its record high, set in 1992.
- Just 29 percent are now inclined to re-elect their representative, the fewest in ABC/Post polls since 1989. (It was 32 percent in April.) Sixty percent now say they're inclined, instead, to look around for someone new - the most on record.
- The number who approve of their own representative in Congress has fallen beneath 50 percent for the first time since 1994. It's now 49 percent, with 44 percent disapproving, a record high. Approval was 20 points higher as recently as spring 2007, and has been this low only in 1992 and 1994.
- Approval of Congress overall is flat, at just 26 percent - likewise sharply down from a recent high of 44 percent in spring ' 07 . It's been lower, bottoming out at 17 percent in 1992. But running against the institution has rarely looked so enticing.
- By a wide margin, 60-37 percent, the public says the country's "seriously off on the wrong track" rather than headed the right way. While that's essentially unchanged this year, "right direction" sentiment has dropped by 13 points from its recent peak just over a year ago, when hopes for better days accompanied the start of the Obama administration.


In case there's any wonder where much of this comes from: More than a year and a half after the economy fell into the ditch, 88 percent of Americans still say it’s in bad shape. Just 30 percent say it's improving - better than it's been, but not great. And there's been a 7-point drop, again to 30 percent, in the number who say the federal stimulus has helped - calling into question the purchasing power of that administration talking point.

COLD TEA? - Discontent, however, is an equal-opportunity employer: While incumbents are in trouble, things are looking rocky for the insurgency as well. Unfavorable views of the Tea Party movement have spiked by 11 points, to 50 percent, up from 39 percent in March, with fewer undecided. Favorable views have slipped by five points in the same period, to 36 percent. Having more people see you unfavorably than favorably is not a working political strategy.

The change has come equally among Democrats and independents - the latter the crucial swing voters in election politics. And young people especially have turned away, their unfavorable views of the Tea Party rising by a dramatic 22 points, from 38 percent in March to 60 percent now. However, such views are up by 12 points among seniors - and by 13 points among conservatives, the movement's ideological base.

Some features of Tea Party admirers remain intact. In this group, for example, anger at the way the federal government is working soars to 42 percent, compared with an also-high 36 percent among Republicans and conservatives alike.

DIVISION AND RISK - Forty-seven percent of registered voters say they'd vote for the Democrat in their Congressional district if the election were today, 44 percent the Republican. The GOP, though, gets a boost among likely voters - a D-R race of 44-48 percent - underscoring the Democrats' challenges turning out some of their base groups, especially young voters.


Although the public's mood especially endangers the majority party, Democrats are retaining the edge in another important measure: Americans trust them over the Republicans to handle the country's biggest problems, 44-32 percent. That's worsened slightly for the GOP, which scored 37 percent against the Democrats in February. A measure worth watching, it's one on which the

Republicans battled to parity before the 1994 elections. (The GOP held a rare advantage on this measure in 2002, in a rally to the in-power party during the aftermath of 9/11.)

One reason is support in their respective bases. More liberals trust the Democrats to handle the country's main problems, 69 percent, than conservatives trust the Republicans, 51 percent.

Still, while the Democrats lead in trust to handle the main problems overall, it's a closer contest on another key issue - which party has the best ideas about the right size and role of government. On this 45 percent pick the Democrats, 40 percent the Republicans; among likely voters it's reversed, 41-44 percent. That - plus President Obama’s 56 percent disapproval on the deficit, coupled with doubts about the effect of the stimulus - make for a handy election-year cudgel.

OBAMA - Given the circumstances, Obama's holding his own, with a 52 percent job approval rating overall, boosted by vast loyalty in his own party - 82 percent approval - and a still-high 74-percent approval rating from liberals (albeit a new low, by a scant 2 points).

But the number of Americans who think the president "understands the problems of people like you," at 51 percent, is down from 56 percent in a Washington Post poll in late March; and at 57 percent his rating as a strong leader is down from 65 percent in March. Both are much farther below their peaks early in his presidency.


The oil spill can't be helping, but may be contributing more to broader dissatisfaction with the government than with Obama himself. Slightly more disapprove than approve of his handling of the oil spill, 49-44 percent; however this is much less negative than the oil spill ratings given to the federal government overall, and especially to BP. (See separate report released Monday.)

Given its sorry shape, Obama’s also getting less abuse than might be expected on the economy: the public divides on his performance there, 50-49 percent, with approval basically flat from April, but slightly ( 5 points) better than it was at its lows in February and March. Moreover, the number who say it's improving, 30 percent in this poll, has gained 7 points this year.

INDEX - Capturing economic and political views alike, the ABC News Frustration Index has tracked closely with election outcomes in the past - measured both by the re-election of House incumbents and the success of the then-president's party.

The index has seen frustration highs in 1992, when it hit 73 as a recession-battered public prepared to remove incumbent George H.W. Bush from office; 1994, when it saw 63 as a stillannoyed electorate gave the GOP control of Congress; 62 in 2006, when the Democrats regained control amid widespread rejection of George W. Bush; and 80 in 2008, as the economy tanked. These compare to its lowest, 39 in 1998, when incumbent re-election peaked in this period.

At 67 today, frustration is solidly in the red zone - an indicator worth watching as the 2010 midterms approach.

METHODOLOGY - This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone June 36,2010 , among a random national sample of 1,004 adults, including landline and cell-phoneonly respondents. Results for the full sample have a 3.5 -point error margin. Click here for a detailed description of sampling error. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, PA.

Analysis by Gary Langer.
ABC News polls can be found at ABCNEWS.com at http://abenews.com/pollingunit
Media contact: Cathie Levine, (212) 456-4934. Full results follow (*= less than 0.5 percent).

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as
president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

|  | -------- Approve ------- ------ Disapprove ----- |  |  |  |  |  | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly |  |
| 6/6/10 | 52 | 30 | 22 | 45 | 12 | 33 | 4 |
| 4/25/10 | 54 | 31 | 23 | 44 | 11 | 33 | 3 |
| 3/26/10 | 53 | 34 | 20 | 43 | 8 | 35 | 3 |
| 2/8/10 | 51 | 29 | 22 | 46 | 12 | 33 | 3 |
| 1/15/10 | 53 | 30 | 24 | 44 | 13 | 32 | 2 |
| 12/13/09 | 50 | 31 | 18 | 46 | 13 | 33 | 4 |
| 11/15/09 | 56 | 32 | 23 | 42 | 13 | 29 | 2 |
| 10/18/09 | 57 | 33 | 23 | 40 | 11 | 29 | 3 |
| 9/12/09 | 54 | 35 | 19 | 43 | 12 | 31 | 3 |


| $8 / 17 / 09$ | 57 | 35 | 21 | 40 | 11 | 29 | 3 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $7 / 18 / 09$ | 59 | 38 | 22 | 37 | 9 | 28 | 4 |
| $6 / 21 / 09$ | 65 | 36 | 29 | 31 | 10 | 22 | 4 |
| $4 / 24 / 09$ | 69 | 42 | 27 | 26 | 8 | 18 | 4 |
| $3 / 29 / 09$ | 66 | 40 | 26 | 29 | 9 | 20 | 5 |
| $2 / 22 / 09$ | 68 | 43 | 25 | 25 | 8 | 17 | 7 |

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

6/6/10 - Summary Table*

a. held for release.
b. The oil spill
in the Gulf

| of Mexico | 44 | 20 | 24 | 49 | 15 | 33 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| c. The economy | 50 | 26 | 24 | 49 | 12 | 37 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| d. The federal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| budget deficit | 39 | 22 | 17 | 56 | 13 | 42 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

*Full sample asked items a-b; half sample asked item c; other half sample asked item d.

Trend where available:
b. No trend.
c. The economy

|  | -------- Approve |  |  | ------ Disapprove ------ |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 6/6/10 | 50 | 26 | 24 | 49 | 12 | 37 | 2 |
| 4/25/10 | 49 | 24 | 25 | 49 | 10 | 39 | 2 |
| 3/26/10 | 45 | 23 | 22 | 52 | 12 | 40 | 3 |
| 2/8/10 | 45 | 22 | 23 | 53 | 15 | 38 | 2 |
| 1/15/10 | 47 | 22 | 24 | 52 | 13 | 39 | 1 |
| 12/13/09 | 46 | 23 | 24 | 52 | 12 | 40 | 2 |
| 11/15/09 | 51 | 26 | 25 | 47 | 12 | 36 | 2 |
| 10/18/09 | 50 | 29 | 22 | 48 | 13 | 35 | 1 |
| 9/12/09 | 51 | 28 | 24 | 46 | 13 | 33 | 2 |
| 8/17/09 | 52 | 27 | 25 | 46 | 13 | 33 | 2 |
| 7/18/09 | 52 | 29 | 23 | 46 | 10 | 35 | 3 |
| 6/21/09 | 56 | 28 | 28 | 41 | 13 | 27 | 3 |
| 4/24/09 | 58 | 31 | 28 | 38 | 13 | 25 | 4 |
| 3/29/09 | 60 | 34 | 25 | 38 | 12 | 26 | 3 |
| 2/22/09 | 60 | NA | NA | 34 | NA | NA | 6 |

d. The federal budget deficit

|  | -------- Approve |  |  | ----- Disapprove ----- |  |  | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |
| 6/6/10 | 39 | 22 | 17 | 56 | 13 | 42 | 6 |
| 4/25/10 | 40 | 20 | 20 | 55 | 14 | 42 | 5 |
| 3/26/10 | 43 | 22 | 21 | 52 | 14 | 38 | 5 |
| 2/8/10 | 40 | 17 | 23 | 56 | 16 | 40 | 4 |
| 1/15/10 | 38 | 18 | 20 | 56 | 15 | 41 | 6 |
| 12/13/09 | 37 | 16 | 21 | 56 | 12 | 44 | 6 |
| 11/15/09 | 42 | 19 | 23 | 53 | 10 | 43 | 5 |
| 10/18/09 | 45 | 20 | 25 | 51 | 14 | 37 | 4 |
| 9/12/09 | 39 | 17 | 22 | 55 | 13 | 42 | 6 |


| $8 / 17 / 09$ | 41 | 19 | 22 | 53 | 12 | 41 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $7 / 18 / 09$ | 43 | 19 | 24 | 49 | 11 | 38 | 8 |
| $6 / 21 / 09$ | 48 | 22 | 26 | 48 | 13 | 35 | 5 |
| $4 / 24 / 09$ | 51 | NA | NA | 43 | NA | NA | 7 |
| $3 / 29 / 09$ | 52 | NA | NA | 43 | NA | NA | 5 |

3. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

|  | Right <br> direction | Wrong <br> track | No <br> opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $6 / 6 / 10$ | 37 | 60 | 3 |
| $3 / 26 / 10$ | 38 | 60 | 2 |
| $1 / 15 / 10$ | 37 | 62 | 1 |
| $11 / 15 / 09$ | 44 | 55 | 2 |
| $10 / 18 / 09$ | 44 | 54 | 2 |
| $8 / 17 / 09$ | 44 | 55 | 1 |
| $6 / 21 / 09$ | 47 | 50 | 3 |
| $4 / 24 / 09$ | 50 | 48 | 2 |
| $3 / 29 / 09$ | 42 | 57 | 1 |
| $2 / 22 / 09$ | 31 | 67 | 2 |
| $1 / 16 / 09$ | 19 | 78 | 3 |
| $12 / 14 / 08$ | 15 | 82 | 3 |
| $10 / 25 / 08$ LV | 13 | 85 | 2 |
| $10 / 11 / 08$ | RV | 8 | 90 |
| Call for full trend to 1973. | 2 |  |  |

4. Changing topics, please tell me whether the following statement applies to Obama, or not: [ITEM]?

6/6/10 - Summary Table

|  |  | Yes | No | No opinion |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| a. He understands the problems of people like you | 51 | 48 | 2 |  |
| b. He is a strong leader |  | 57 | 43 | 1 |

Trend:
a. He understands the problems of people like you

|  | Yes | No | No opinion |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $6 / 6 / 10$ | 51 | 48 | 2 |
| $3 / 26 / 10$ | 56 | 43 | 2 |
| $1 / 15 / 10$ | 57 | 42 | 2 |
| $7 / 18 / 09$ | 63 | 35 | 1 |
| $4 / 24 / 09$ | 73 | 25 | 1 |
| $1 / 16 / 09$ | 72 | 24 | 4 |

b. He is a strong leader

|  | Yes | No | No opinion |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $6 / 6 / 10$ | 57 | 43 | 1 |
| $3 / 26 / 10$ | 65 | 33 | 2 |
| $1 / 15 / 10$ | 63 | 35 | 1 |
| $7 / 18 / 09$ | 71 | 27 | 2 |
| $4 / 24 / 09$ | 77 | 22 | 2 |
| $1 / 16 / 09$ | 72 | 18 | 10 |

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

|  |  |  | Appro |  | Disapprove |  |  | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly |  |
| 6/6/10 |  | 26 | 7 | 20 | 71 | 20 | 51 | 2 |
| 3/26/10 |  | 24 | 7 | 18 | 72 | 18 | 54 | 4 |
| 2/8/10 |  | 26 | NA | NA | 71 | NA | NA | 3 |
| 7/13/08 |  | 23 |  |  | 71 |  |  | 6 |
| 2/1/08 |  | 33 |  |  | 59 |  |  | 8 |
| 12/9/07 |  | 32 |  |  | 60 |  |  | 8 |
| 11/1/07 |  | 28 |  |  | 65 |  |  | 7 |
| 9/30/07 |  | 29 |  |  | 65 |  |  | 6 |
| 7/21/07 |  | 37 |  |  | 60 |  |  | 4 |
| 6/1/07 |  | 39 |  |  | 53 |  |  | 8 |
| 4/15/07 |  | 44 | 8 | 36 | 54 | 25 | 29 | 3 |
| 2/25/07 |  | 41 | NA | NA | 54 | NA | NA | 5 |
| 1/19/07 |  | 43 |  |  | 50 |  |  | 8 |
| 12/11/06 |  | 37 |  |  | 57 |  |  | 6 |
| 11/4/06 | RV | 36 | 7 | 29 | 60 | 25 | 35 | 4 |
| 10/22/06 |  | 31 | 5 | 25 | 65 | 27 | 38 | 4 |
| 10/8/06 |  | 32 | 5 | 27 | 66 | 29 | 37 | 2 |
| 9/7/06 |  | 40 | NA | NA | 55 | NA | NA | 5 |
| 8/6/06 |  | 36 |  |  | 60 |  |  | 4 |
| 5/15/06 |  | 33 |  |  | 63 |  |  | 4 |
| 4/9/06 |  | 35 |  |  | 62 |  |  | 3 |
| 3/5/06 |  | 36 |  |  | 62 |  |  | 3 |
| 1/26/06 |  | 43 |  |  | 53 |  |  | 4 |
| 1/8/06 |  | 41 |  |  | 55 |  |  | 5 |
| 12/18/05 |  | 43 |  |  | 53 |  |  | 4 |
| 11/2/05 |  | 37 |  |  | 59 |  |  | 4 |
| 8/28/05 |  | 37 |  |  | 59 |  |  | 4 |
| 6/5/05 |  | 41 |  |  | 54 |  |  | 4 |
| 10/29/03 |  | 40 |  |  | 52 |  |  | 9 |
| 4/30/03 |  | 57 |  |  | 37 |  |  | 6 |
| 9/26/02 |  | 51 |  |  | 43 |  |  | 6 |
| 7/15/02 |  | 57 |  |  | 36 |  |  | 7 |
| 2/21/02 |  | 57 |  |  | 39 |  |  | 4 |
| 1/27/02 |  | 58 |  |  | 35 |  |  | 7 |
| 12/19/01 |  | 59 |  |  | 34 |  |  | 7 |
| 9/9/01 |  | 45 |  |  | 48 |  |  | 7 |
| Call for | ful | tren | to 1974. |  |  |  |  |  |

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress is handling his or her job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

|  |  | ------- Approve |  |  | ------ Disapprove |  |  | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly |  |
| 6/6/10 |  | 49 | 17 | 32 | 44 | 18 | 25 | 7 |
| 4/15/07 |  | 69 | NA | NA | 25 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 11/4/06 | RV | 56 | NA | NA | 35 | NA | NA | 8 |
| 10/22/06 |  | 59 | NA | NA | 33 | NA | NA | 8 |
| 10/8/06 |  | 60 | NA | NA | 33 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 9/7/06 |  | 60 | NA | NA | 30 | NA | NA | 9 |
| 8/6/06 |  | 55 | NA | NA | 37 | NA | NA | 7 |
| 5/15/06 |  | 62 | NA | NA | 31 | NA | NA | 7 |
| 4/9/06 |  | 59 | NA | NA | 34 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 1/26/06 |  | 64 | NA | NA | 30 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 12/18/05 |  | 65 | NA | NA | 29 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 11/2/05 |  | 60 | NA | NA | 33 | NA | NA | 7 |
| 6/5/05 |  | 61 | NA | NA | 32 | NA | NA | 8 |
| 9/26/02 |  | 64 | NA | NA | 27 | NA | NA | 9 |


| 7/15/02 |  | 68 | NA | NA | 23 | NA | NA | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11/1/98 |  | 72 | NA | NA | 20 | NA | NA | 8 |
| 11/1/98 | LV | 73 | NA | NA | 23 | NA | NA | 5 |
| 10/18/98 |  | 68 | NA | NA | 20 | NA | NA | 11 |
| 10/18/98 | LV | 67 | NA | NA | 25 | NA | NA | 9 |
| 9/28/98 |  | 70 | NA | NA | 21 | NA | NA | 10 |
| 9/28/98 | LV | 71 | NA | NA | 23 | NA | NA | 6 |
| 7/12/98 |  | 70 | NA | NA | 18 | NA | NA | 12 |
| 1/19/98 |  | 74 | NA | NA | 19 | NA | NA | 7 |
| 4/5/95 |  | 65 | NA | NA | 25 | NA | NA | 9 |
| 10/31/94 |  | 51 | NA | NA | 38 | NA | NA | 11 |
| 10/23/94 |  | 49 | NA | NA | 43 | NA | NA | 8 |
| 9/11/94 |  | 53 | NA | NA | 35 | NA | NA | 12 |
| 6/26/94 |  | 59 | NA | NA | 31 | NA | NA | 10 |
| 3/27/94 |  | 62 | NA | NA | 26 | NA | NA | 12 |
| 1/17/93 |  | 60 | NA | NA | 29 | NA | NA | 11 |
| 4/9/92 |  | 47 | NA | NA | 39 | NA | NA | 13 |
| 3/18/92 |  | 49 | NA | NA | 40 | NA | NA | 11 |
| 2/2/92 |  | 56 | NA | NA | 32 | NA | NA | 12 |
| 12/15/91 |  | 60 | NA | NA | 28 | NA | NA | 12 |
| 10/21/91 |  | 64 | NA | NA | 27 | NA | NA | 9 |
| 6/2/91 |  | 61 | NA | NA | 26 | NA | NA | 14 |
| 10/14/90 |  | 64 | NA | NA | 29 | NA | NA | 7 |
| 5/23/89 |  | 71 | NA | NA | 18 | NA | NA | 11 |

7. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

|  | Democrats | Republicans | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Both } \\ & \text { (vol.) } \end{aligned}$ | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6/6/10 | 44 | 32 | 2 | 18 | 4 |
| 4/25/10 | 46 | 32 | 2 | 18 | 3 |
| 2/8/10 | 43 | 37 | 2 | 17 | 2 |
| 11/15/09 | 47 | 31 | 2 | 17 | 3 |
| 9/12/09 | 48 | 28 | 3 | 19 | 2 |
| 2/22/09 | 56 | 30 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| 12/14/08 | 56 | 23 | 3 | 15 | 3 |
| 5/11/08 | 53 | 32 | 2 | 10 | 2 |
| 10/8/06 | 54 | 35 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| 9/7/06 | 47 | 38 | 1 | 10 | 4 |
| 6/25/06 | 48 | 38 | 1 | 10 | 3 |
| 5/15/06 | 50 | 36 | 1 | 11 | 3 |
| 4/9/06 | 51 | 37 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| 3/5/06 | 42 | 40 | 2 | 14 | 2 |
| 1/26/06 | 51 | 37 | 1 | 8 | 3 |
| 12/18/05 | 47 | 42 | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| 11/2/05 | 49 | 37 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| 6/5/05 | 46 | 41 | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| 8/11/03 | 39 | 40 | 3 | 10 | 7 |
| 12/15/02 | 41 | 44 | 2 | 11 | 2 |
| 10/27/02 LV | 39 | 51 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| 9/26/02 | 39 | 46 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| 7/15/02 | 42 | 45 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| 1/27/02 | 40 | 44 | 3 | 10 | 4 |
| 4/22/01 | 47 | 40 | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| 7/23/00 | 42 | 42 | 2 | 9 | 6 |
| 9/2/99 | 45 | 39 | 4 | 9 | 4 |
| 6/6/99 | 45 | 35 | 3 | 13 | 5 |
| 3/14/99 | 47 | 37 | 5 | 9 | 3 |
| 2/14/99 | 48 | 37 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| 10/18/98 | 44 | 36 | 3 | 12 | 6 |


| $9 / 28 / 98$ | 49 | 38 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $8 / 21 / 98$ | 48 | 36 | 4 | 9 | 3 |
| $7 / 12 / 98$ | 45 | 38 | 3 | 8 | 6 |
| $1 / 31 / 98$ | 47 | 37 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| $1 / 19 / 98$ | 45 | 42 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| $7 / 8 / 97$ | 44 | 37 | 2 | 14 | 3 |
| $9 / 15 / 96$ | $R V$ | 45 | 41 | 2 | 11 |
| $9 / 4 / 96$ | $R V$ | 45 | 38 | 3 | 8 |
| 8/5/96 | 43 | 37 | 3 | 11 | 3 |
| $6 / 30 / 96$ | 46 | 38 | 3 | 12 | 3 |
| $5 / 22 / 96$ | 47 | 39 | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| $11 / 6 / 94$ | RV | 41 | 43 | 2 | 8 |
| $10 / 31 / 94$ | 43 | 39 | 15 | 3 |  |
| $10 / 23 / 94$ | 39 |  |  |  | 6 |
| Call for full trend to 1982. |  |  | 3 |  |  |

8. Regardless of your other political views, overall which party do you think has better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government - the (Democratic Party) or the (Republican Party)?

9. (HALF SAMPLE) How much confidence do you have in [ITEM] to make the right decisions in dealing with the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico - a great deal, a good amount, just some or none at all?

6/6/10 - Summary Table

| --Great deal/Good amount- |  |  | -- | Some/None |  | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NET | Grt deal | Good amt | NET | Some | None |  |
| 27 | 10 | 17 | 73 | 45 | 28 | 1 |
| 20 | 9 | 11 | 80 | 37 | 42 | 1 |

13a-b held for release.
13c-15 previously released.
16-18 held for release.
19. Right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress in the next election or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

| Re-elect | Look around | Depends <br> (vol.) | No opinion |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6/6/10 | All | 29 | 60 | 5 | 6 |
| 4/25/10 | RV | 32 | 57 | 7 | 4 |
| 2/8/10 | RV | 37 | 56 | 5 | 3 |
| 11/15/09 | All | 38 | 50 | 6 | 5 |
| 5/15/06 | RV | 37 | 54 | 6 | 3 |
| 6/5/05 | All | 40 | 50 | 8 | 3 |
| 2/21/02 | RV | 43 | 47 | 7 | 4 |


| $10 / 31 / 99$ | RV | 43 | 47 | 9 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| $9 / 28 / 98$ | LV | 52 | 42 | NA | 6 |
| $7 / 12 / 98$ | RV | 46 | 43 | 5 | 6 |
| $1 / 19 / 98$ | RV | 49 | 41 | 7 | 3 |
| $8 / 27 / 97$ | All | 34 | 52 | 9 | 5 |
| $11 / 6 / 94$ | RV | 37 | 47 | 7 | 8 |
| $10 / 31 / 94$ | RV | 37 | 56 | 2 | 5 |
| 10/23/94 | RV | 34 | 58 | 4 | 5 |
| Call for full trend to 1989. |  |  |  |  |  |

20. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the Congressional election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

21. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in November were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? (IF OTHER, NEITHER, DK, REF) Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

|  |  | Dem cand. | Rep cand. | Other <br> (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | Will not vote (vol.) | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6/6/10 | RV | 47 | 44 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 4/25/10 | RV | 48 | 43 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 3/26/10 | RV | 48 | 44 | 1 | 2 | * | 4 |
| 2/8/10 | RV | 45 | 48 | * | 3 | * | 4 |
| 10/18/09 | All | 51 | 39 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 6/15/08 | All | 52 | 37 | * | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 11/4/06 | LV | 51 | 45 | 1 | 1 | * | 2 |
| 10/22/06 | RV | 54 | 41 | * | 1 | * | 3 |
| 10/8/06 | RV | 54 | 41 | * | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 9/7/06 | RV | 50 | 42 | * | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 8/6/06 | RV | 52 | 39 | * | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 6/25/06 | RV | 52 | 39 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 5/15/06 | RV | 52 | 40 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 4/9/06 | RV | 55 | 40 | * | 2 | * | 3 |
| 1/26/06 | RV | 54 | 38 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| 12/18/05 | RV | 51 | 41 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 11/2/05 | RV | 52 | 37 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 11/4/02 | LV | 48 | 48 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 11/3/02 | LV | 48 | 48 | * | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 11/2/02 | LV | 50 | 49 | * | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 10/27/02 | LV | 47 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 9/26/02 | LV | 49 | 47 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 7/15/02 | RV | 47 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 1/27/02* | RV | 43 | 50 | NA | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 9/6/00 | RV | 49 | 42 |  | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 7/23/00 | RV | 46 | 45 |  | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| 2/27/00 | RV | 45 | 46 |  | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 10/31/99 | RV | 50 | 43 |  | 3 | 1 | 3 |


| 9/2/99 | RV | 48 | 44 | 3 | * | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3/14/99 | RV | 50 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 2/14/99 | RV | 48 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| 1/30/99 | RV | 49 | 39 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| 11/1/98 | RV | 51 | 43 | 4 | * | 2 |
| 10/25/98 | RV | 48 | 43 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 10/18/98 | RV | 49 | 44 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 9/28/98 | RV | 49 | 44 | 2 | * | 4 |
| 9/13/98 | RV | 49 | 43 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 8/21/98 | RV | 48 | 45 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| 7/12/98 | RV | 47 | 45 | 2 | * | 6 |
| 1/31/98 | RV | 49 | 40 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 1/19/98 | RV | 47 | 44 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| 10/8/96 | RV | 51 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 9/29/96 | RV | 48 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| 9/22/96 | RV | 50 | 43 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 9/15/96 | RV | 49 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 9/4/96 | RV | 48 | 44 | 3 | * | 5 |
| 8/29/96 | RV | 53 | 39 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| 8/4/96 | RV | 48 | 45 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 6/30/96 | RV | 49 | 44 | 3 | * | 3 |
| 5/22/96 | RV | 52 | 41 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| 3/17/96 | RV | 48 | 48 | 2 | * | 2 |
| 3/10/96 | RV | 51 | 43 | 2 | * | 4 |
| 1/21/96 | RV | 52 | 43 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/1/95 | RV | 49 | 44 | 3 | * | 3 |
| 11/6/94 | RV | 47 | 42 | 5 | 2 | 5 |
| 10/31/94 | RV | 48 | 44 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 10/23/94 | RV | 50 | 45 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 10/9/94 | RV | 46 | 47 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Call for | ful | ren | 981 |  |  |  |

22. (ASKED IF DEMOCRATIC/REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) Will you definitely vote for the (Republican/Democratic) candidate, or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) Is there a GOOD CHANCE you'll change your mind, or would you say it's PRETTY UNLIKELY?

23. I am going to mention four phrases and ask you which one best describes how you feel about the way the federal government works. Do you feel enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

|  |  | NET | Enthusiastic | Satis- <br> fied | NET | Dissatisfied | Angry | None/ Other | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { opinion } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6/6/10 |  | 30 | 2 | 28 | 69 | 45 | 25 | NA | 1 |
| 4/25/10 |  | 30 | 4 | 26 | 69 | 51 | 18 | NA | 1 |
| 2/8/10 |  | 32 | 3 | 29 | 67 | 48 | 19 | NA | * |
| 10/29/03 |  | 42 | 2 | 41 | 57 | 42 | 15 | NA | * |
| 11/4/02 | LV | 49 | 4 | 45 | 50 | 41 | 9 | NA | 1 |
| 11/3/02 | LV | 50 | 5 | 45 | 49 | 40 | 9 | NA | 1 |


| 11/2/02 | LV | 51 | 6 | 45 | 49 | 40 | 9 | NA | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10/27/02 |  | 50 | 4 | 47 | 49 | 42 | 7 | NA | 1 |
| 10/27/02 | LV | 53 | 3 | 50 | 47 | 41 | 6 | NA | 1 |
| 2/21/02 |  | 56 | 7 | 49 | 43 | 36 | 7 | NA | 1 |
| 12/15/00 |  | 59 | 4 | 55 | 39 | 34 | 6 | NA | 1 |
| 2/14/99 |  | 52 | 3 | 48 | 47 | 35 | 12 | NA | 1 |
| 9/28/98 |  | 50 | 4 | 46 | 49 | 36 | 12 | NA | 1 |
| 9/28/98 | LV | 48 | 4 | 44 | 50 | 37 | 14 | NA | 1 |
| 8/16/98 |  | 41 | 2 | 39 | 57 | 46 | 11 | NA | 1 |
| 1/19/98 |  | 46 | 2 | 43 | 53 | 45 | 8 | 1 | * |
| 8/27/97 |  | 34 | 2 | 33 | 64 | 52 | 11 | 2 | 1 |
| 3/17/96 |  | 29 | 2 | 27 | 70 | 54 | 16 | NA | * |
| 5/14/95 |  | 48 | 3 | 45 | 50 | 41 | 9 | NA | 1 |
| 1/4/95 |  | 29 | 2 | 27 | 69 | 53 | 16 | * | 1 |
| 11/6/94 | RV | 28 | 2 | 26 | 70 | 49 | 21 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/31/94 |  | 26 | 1 | 25 | 73 | 55 | 18 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/23/94 |  | 28 | 1 | 26 | 71 | 52 | 20 | * | * |
| 10/9/94 |  | 25 | 2 | 24 | 72 | 53 | 19 | 2 | * |
| 9/11/94 |  | 26 | 2 | 25 | 73 | 53 | 20 | NA | * |
| 3/27/94 |  | 30 | 1 | 29 | 68 | 48 | 20 | 1 | 1 |
| 2/28/93 |  | 33 | 4 | 29 | 66 | 50 | 16 | * | * |
| 10/4/92 | LV | 17 | 1 | 16 | 81 | 56 | 25 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/4/92 | RV | 17 | 1 | 16 | 81 | 56 | 25 | 1 | 1 |
| 7/8/92 |  | 23 | 1 | 22 | 76 | 53 | 23 | * | 1 |
| 6/7/92 |  | 21 | 1 | 20 | 79 | 58 | 21 | * | 1 |
| 4/9/92 |  | 21 | 1 | 20 | 79 | 55 | 24 | 1 |  |
| 3/18/92 |  | 22 | 1 | 21 | 77 | 54 | 23 | 1 | * |
| 3/11/92 |  | 18 | 1 | 17 | 80 | 60 | 20 | 1 | 1 |

24. How do you personally feel about the policies offered by the Republicans in Congress - enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

|  | NET | Enthusiastic | Satisfied | NET | Dissatisfied | Angry | op. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6/6/10 | 38 | 3 | 35 | 60 | 44 | 16 | 2 |
| 11/23/09* | 34 | 3 | 31 | 61 | 46 | 15 | 5 |

25. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the political movement known as the Tea Party? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

|  |  | Favora |  |  | Unfavor | e ------ | $\stackrel{\text { No }}{\text { apinion }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly |  |
| 6/6/10 | 36 | 17 | 19 | 50 | 25 | 24 | 14 |
| 3/26/10 | 41 | 21 | 21 | 39 | 16 | 23 | 20 |
| 2/8/10 | 35 | 20 | 15 | 40 | 20 | 20 | 25 |

26. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?


| $4 / 15 / 07$ | 42 | 5 | 37 | 57 | 37 | 20 | $*$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $12 / 11 / 06$ | 50 | 7 | 42 | 50 | 36 | 14 | $*$ |
| $10 / 22 / 06$ | 55 | 10 | 45 | 45 | 28 | 17 | * |
| Call for full trend to | 1997. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

27. Do you think the nation's economy is getting better, getting worse or staying the same?

| Getting <br> better | Getting <br> worse | Staying <br> the same | No <br> opinion |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $6 / 6 / 10$ | 30 | 30 | 39 | 1 |
| $05 / 16 / 10$ | 33 | 29 | 36 | 2 |
| $04 / 19 / 10$ | 26 | 30 | 41 | 3 |
| $03 / 14 / 10$ | 28 | 34 | 37 | 1 |
| $02 / 14 / 10$ | 23 | 34 | 43 | 0 |
| $3 / 29 / 09$ | 27 | 36 | 36 | 1 |
| $3 / 15 / 09$ | 14 | 48 | 36 | 2 |
| $2 / 15 / 09$ | 8 | 58 | 31 | 3 |
| $1 / 19 / 09$ | 6 | 62 | 31 | 1 |
| $12 / 15 / 08$ | 9 | 64 | 25 | 1 |
| $11 / 16 / 08$ | 16 | 55 | 28 | 1 |
| $10 / 13 / 08$ | 2 | 82 | 13 | 2 |
| $9 / 15 / 08$ | 13 | 52 | 34 | 2 |
| $8 / 17 / 08$ | 6 | 58 | 36 | $*$ |
| $7 / 13 / 08$ | 2 | 78 | 18 | 2 |
| $6 / 15 / 08$ | 4 | 74 | 21 | 1 |
| $5 / 11 / 08$ | 4 | 77 | 18 | 1 |
| $4 / 13 / 08$ | 3 | 73 | 22 | 1 |
| $3 / 16 / 08$ | 3 | 68 | 28 | 2 |
| $2 / 17 / 08$ | 8 | 62 | 29 | 1 |
| $1 / 13 / 08$ | 5 | 65 | 29 | 1 |
| Call for full | trend to 1981. |  |  |  |

28. Thinking about the federal government's economic stimulus program, do you think the economic stimulus program has (helped) the national economy, (hurt) the national economy, or hasn't made much difference? (IF HELPED/HURT) Is that a great deal or somewhat?

|  |  | -- Helped |  |  | Hurt |  | No | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NET | Great deal | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Great deal | diff. | pinion |
| 6/6/10 | 30 | 9 | 21 | 20 | 7 | 13 | 49 | 1 |
| 11/15/09 | 37 | 12 | 25 | 23 | 6 | 17 | 39 | 1 |
| 9/12/09 | 32 | 10 | 22 | 19 | 5 | 13 | 47 | 2 |
| 6/21/09 | 28 | 8 | 20 | 19 | 6 | 13 | 52 | 2 |
| 4/24/09 | 33 | 10 | 23 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 49 | 2 |

29-36 held for release.
37-38 previously released.
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