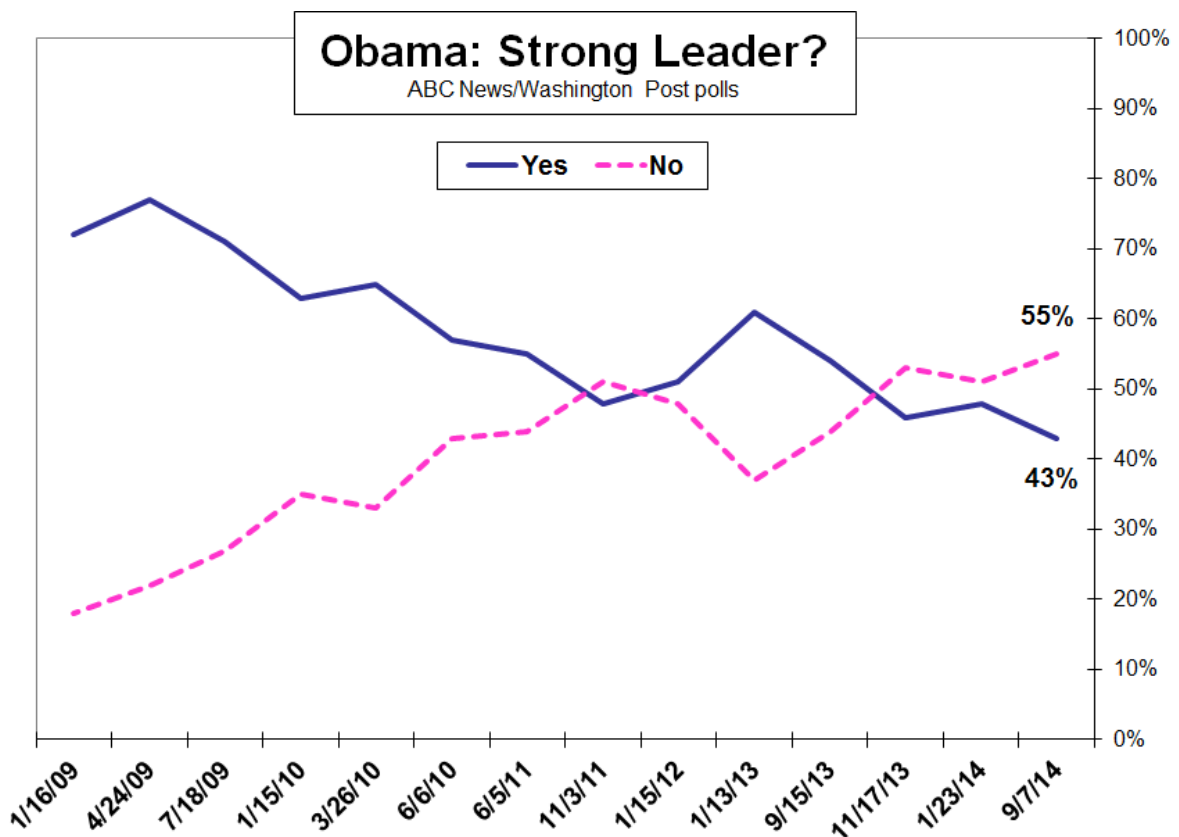


Obama Hits a New Low for Leadership, With Criticism on ISIS & Immigration Alike

Barack Obama's rating for strong leadership has dropped to a new low in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll, hammered by criticism of his work on international crises and a stalled domestic agenda alike. With the midterm elections looming, Americans by a 10-point margin, 52-42 percent, see his presidency more as a failure than a success.

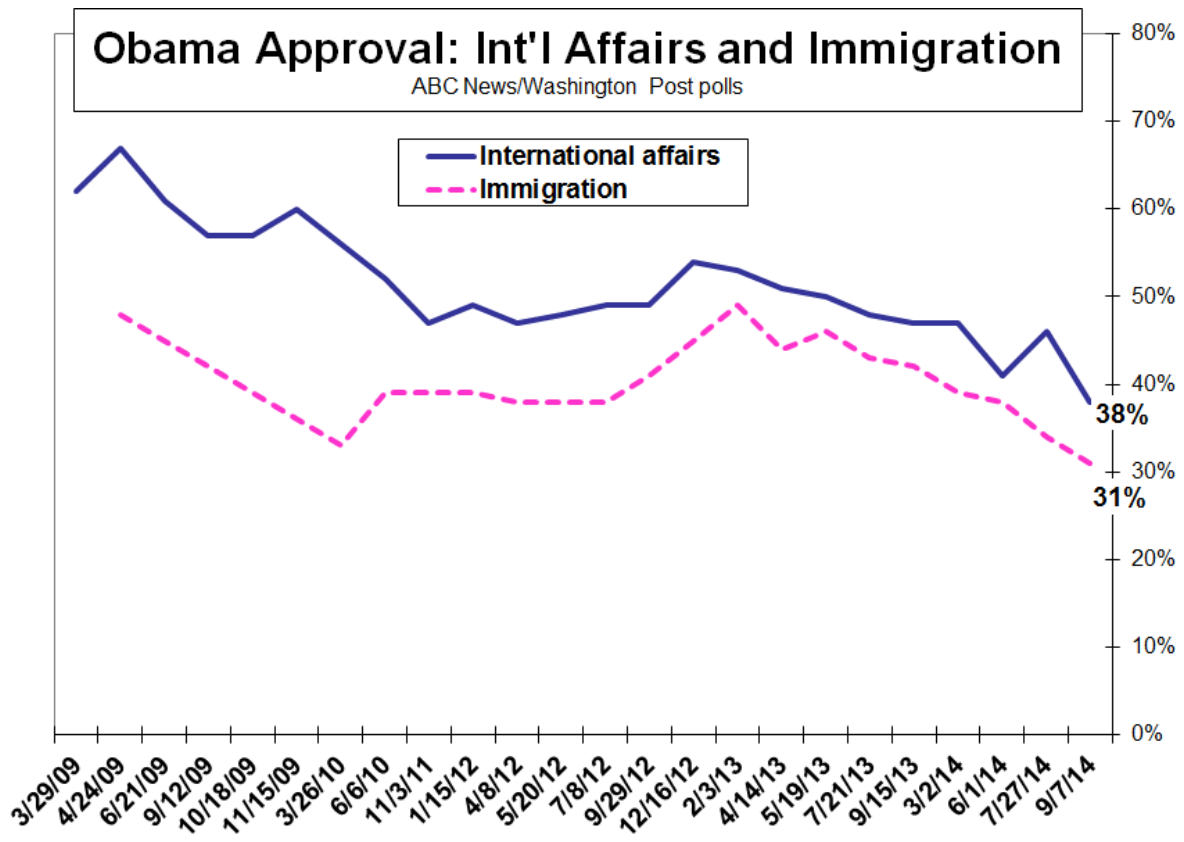
Just 38 percent now approve of Obama's handling of international affairs, down 8 percentage points since July to a career low; 56 percent disapprove, a majority for the first time. Fifty-two percent say he's been too cautious in dealing with Islamic insurgents in Iraq and Syria. And the public is ahead of Obama in support for a military response to that crisis, with 65 percent in favor of extending U.S. air strikes to Syria.



With the president set to address the nation on the issue Wednesday, concern is at a peak. A vast 91 percent in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#), see the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria as a serious threat to U.S. vital interests. After its execution of two American

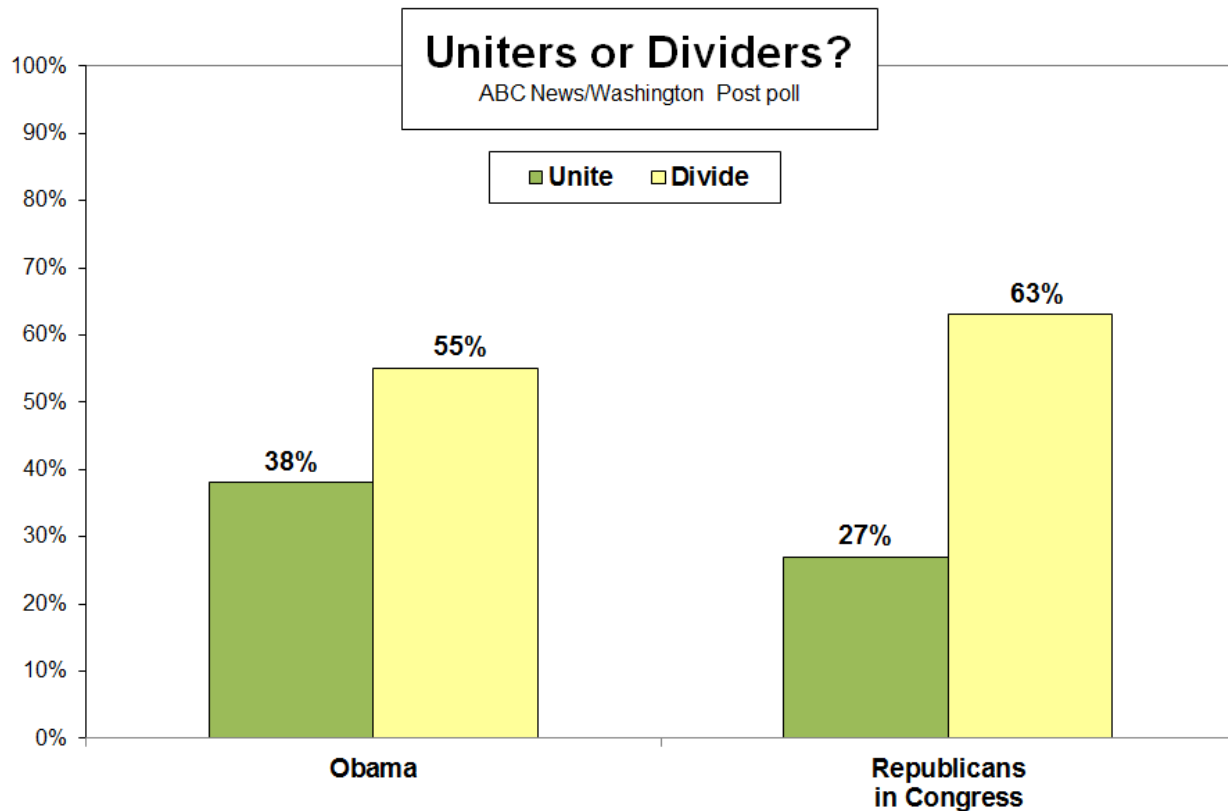
journalists, support for air strikes against ISIS in Iraq has swelled from 45 percent in June to 71 percent now. Support for arming their Kurdish opponents is up by 13 points, to 58 percent, in just the past month.

At home, with Obama holding off his promised executive action on immigration reform, a new low of just 31 percent approve of his handling of immigration. Fifty-nine percent disapprove, up by a broad 18 points from spring 2013, when progress on the issue seemed imminent.



In general assessments, moreover, Americans by a 17-point margin say Obama has done more to divide than to unite the country, a rating worse than George W. Bush's early in his poorly rated second term – and one that's deteriorated among Obama's supporters as well as among his critics. Just 43 percent call Obama a strong leader, down 11 points in the past year to the fewest of his presidency. And his overall job approval rating, at 42 percent, is a point from its all-time low this spring.

NOVEMBER – The risks to Obama's party in the November elections are great – but they're mitigated, all the same, by the Republican Party's concurrent problems. While Americans by 55-38 percent say Obama has done more to divide than to unite the country, that expands to a 63-27 percent negative view of the Republicans in Congress on the same question. And just 21 percent approve of the way congressional Republicans are handling their jobs, a point from their low in polling dating back 20 years.



Vote preferences for November are closely matched; registered voters divide by 46-44 percent between the Democrat and the Republican in their congressional district. Among those who say they're certain to vote, that goes to a 47-44 percent Republican-Democratic race, underscoring the GOP's customary advantage in midterm turnout. As a rough guide, when the Democrats lack a double-digit lead among registered voters in the generic matchup, they're at some risk.

Indeed, independents side substantially more with GOP candidates – by 47-35 percent among registered voters. That puts all the more pressure on Democrats to boost their turnout, or suffer.

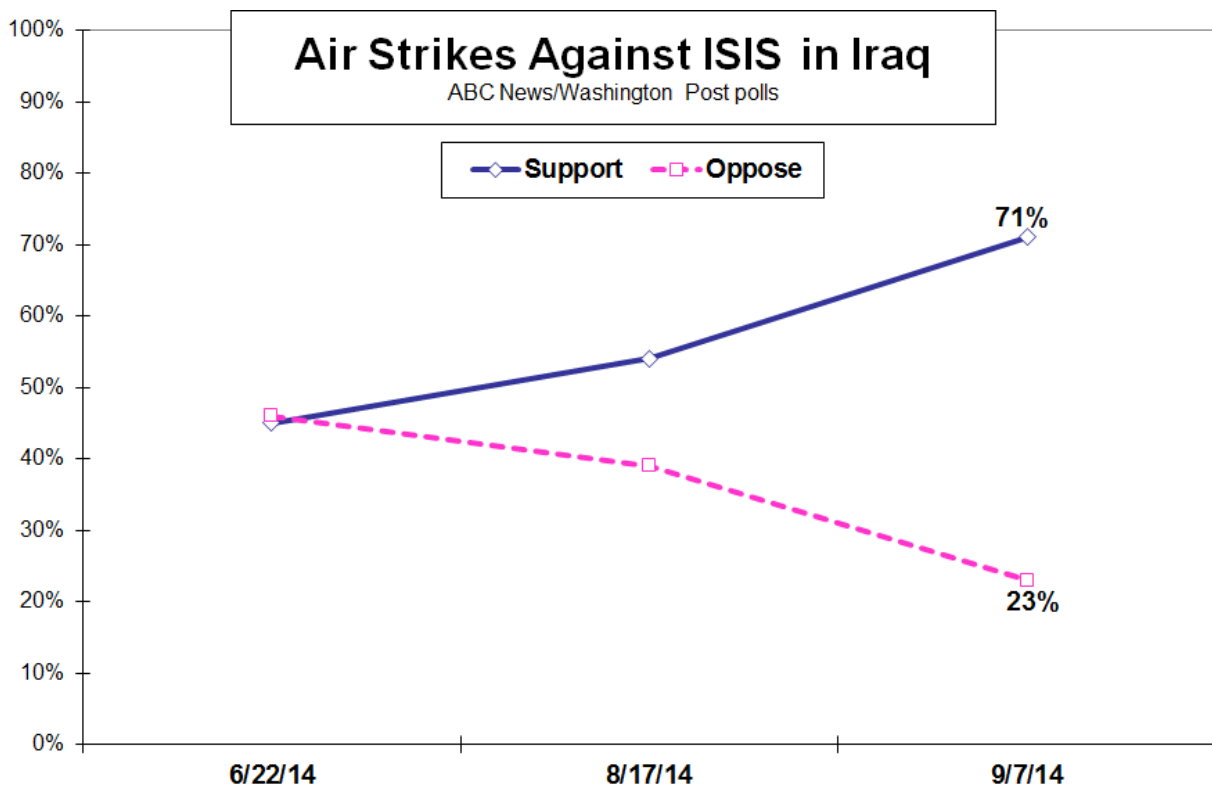
At the same time, even with Obama's problems, Democratic voters in this survey are a bit more energized than their Republican counterparts. Among those who intend to back the Democrat in their district, 71 percent say they're enthusiastic about doing so. Among those who favor the GOP candidate, fewer, 63 percent, are enthusiastic about it.

The extent of Obama's impact on the election remains to be seen, but – given his ratings – he's not helping his party. Registered voters are more likely to say they'll be casting their midterm ballot to show opposition to Obama than support for him, by 27 percent vs. 19 percent – not an overwhelming gap, but one similar to the result on Bush in 2006, a sweep year for the out-party. Further, Democrats win broad support from voters who see Obama as a strong leader and approve of his performance on a range of issues, international affairs and immigration among them. To the extent that these ratings continue to suffer, his party could feel the pain.

The economy and jobs prevail by a substantial margin as the issue of top concern in the election; while views of the economy are their least negative since the start of the Great Recession, 69 percent still say it's in bad shape, and just 42 percent approve of how Obama's handling it. It follows that 65 percent say the country is "seriously off on the wrong track," twice as many as say it's headed in the right direction. And even more, three-quarters, are dissatisfied with the way the federal government is working.

ISIS and LEADERSHIP – Obama is scheduled to speak to the nation this week on his emerging strategy to deal with ISIS, and, aides say, to build support for military action against the group. This poll, though, indicates that he's trailing rather than leading opinions on the issue.

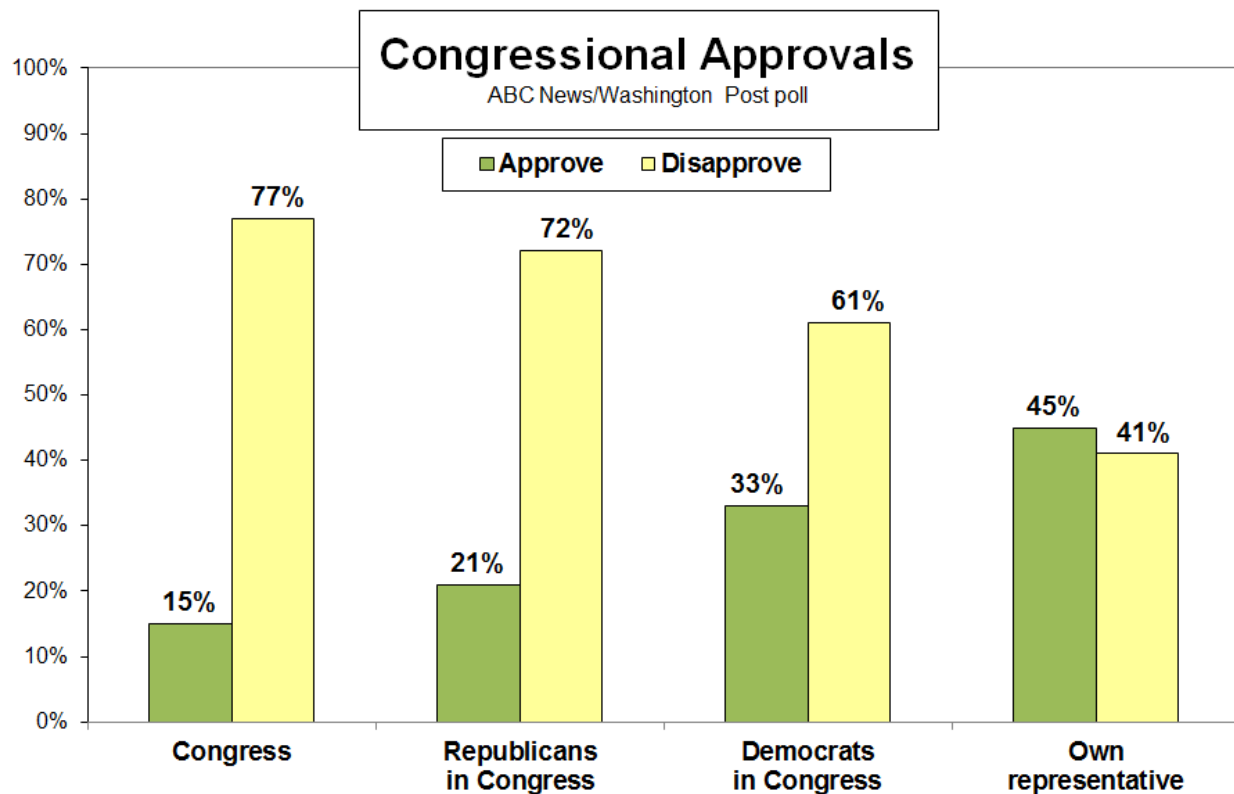
As noted, substantial majorities now favor U.S. air strikes on ISIS in Iraq (71 percent, up by a remarkable 26 points since June, and 17 points just since mid-August) and extending those strikes to hit ISIS in Syria (65 percent), as well as arming the Kurdish forces that are among those opposing ISIS (58 percent). Moreover, while 52 percent say Obama has been "too cautious" in dealing with ISIS, just 8 percent say he's been too aggressive. That leaves only 35 percent who say he's handled it "about right."



These views extend to international affairs more broadly – 53 percent say Obama has been too cautious in handling them. (Fewer, but 43 percent, also say he's been too cautious in dealing with the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.) Further, the decline in Obama's approval rating on handling international affairs has included some of his core support groups – down by 20 points since July among young adults and by 16 points among nonwhites.

These criticisms – along with those on the immigration issue – likely are contributing to Obama’s career-low rating for strong leadership (which also is notably down among young adults, by 13 points since January). His ratings on two other attributes, by contrast, while not strong, are essentially unchanged: even, 49-48 percent splits both on understanding “the problems of people like you” and being honest and trustworthy.

CONGRESS and INCUMBENTS – The Congress and its parties return from summer vacation to a Bronx cheer all their own. Just 15 percent approve of the way Congress is doing its job, very near its record low, 12 percent, about a year ago. The Democrats in Congress get a 33 percent approval rating, a dozen points ahead of the Republicans but hardly a bumper-sticker result.

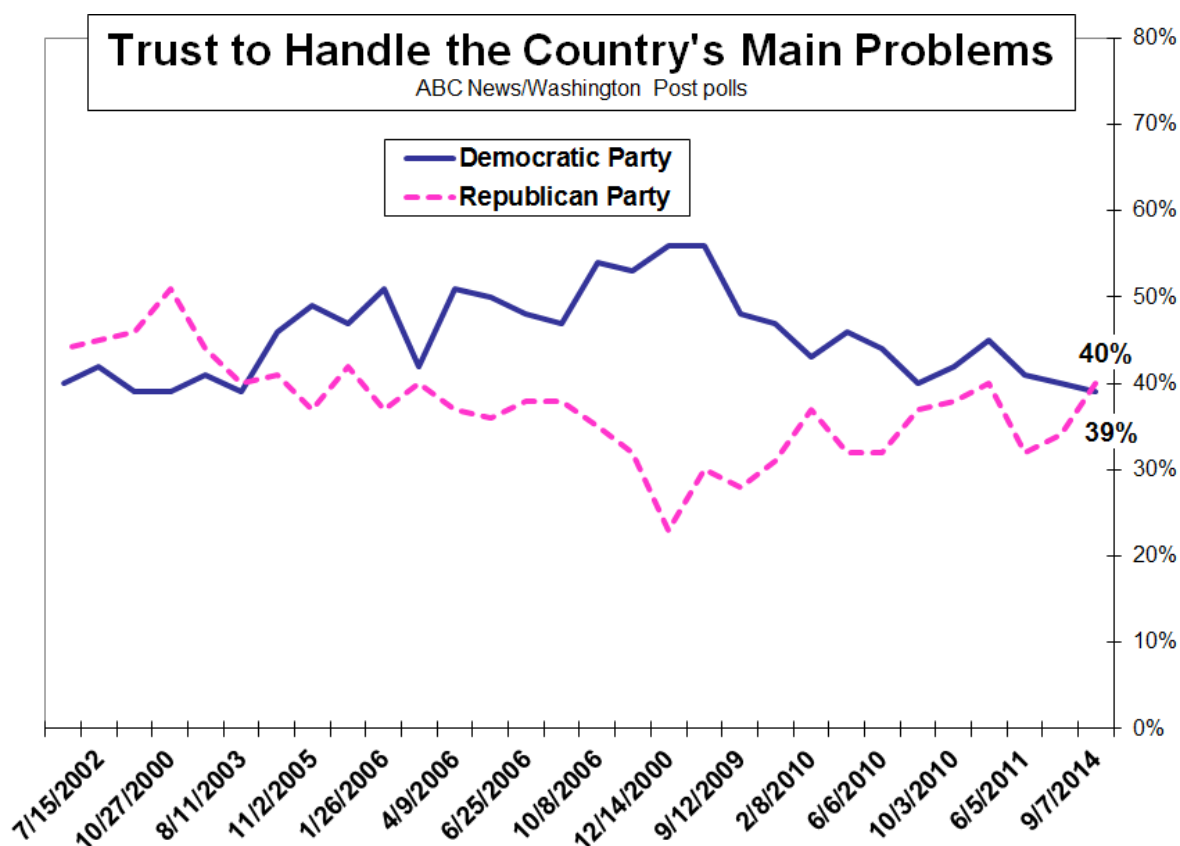


Anti-incumbency remains near its all-time high: Just 23 percent of Americans are inclined to re-elect their representative in Congress; 67 percent are inclined to “look around for someone else.” The record in polling back 25 years, just a point away on each side, was 22-68 percent in March.

Another result, though, shows some respite for incumbents. Americans divide by 45-41 percent on approval or disapproval of their own representative in Congress. While still a weak score by historical standards, that’s a 10-point drop in disapproval from early August – and it’s occurred chiefly among Democrats, a sign of life for the party. (Incumbents are hard to unseat in any event.)

Asked for a bit of punditry, 45 percent of Americans say they expect the Republicans to win the Senate – but almost as many, 40 percent, say otherwise. (Compare to 2012, when 55 percent expected Obama to win.) The public by a 7-point margin, 32-25 percent, also says that change in control would be a good thing – but a plurality says it'd make no difference.

PARTIES and ISSUES – Comparing the parties, there are close (or fairly close) divisions in which side Americans trust more to handle various issues, the Democrats or Republicans. That includes essentially an even split on handling “the main problems the nation faces”; a scant +5 on the economy (45-40 percent) and +4 on immigration (43-39 percent) for Republicans; and +6 on health care for Democrats (46-40 percent).



Notably, neither party gets majority endorsement on any of these. At the same time, there are better-than-usual results for the Republicans: Their result on handling immigration is its best vs. the Democrats in polling back to 2006. Their score on the economy ties its best since late 2002. And their competitiveness in handling the country’s main problems, 40 vs. 39 percent, is unusual – the gap is its best for the GOP since 2003.

The Republicans also are +6 points in having “better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government.” But that shifts to larger Democratic advantages in being “more concerned with the needs of people like you” (+12) and better understanding the economic problems people are having (+13).

The poll finds some explanation for why Obama backed off the immigration issue this past week; it shows a 46-50 percent division on providing legal status for undocumented immigrants now living and working in the United States – a shift from 51-43 percent support last fall. Moreover, Americans by 36-27 percent say they're more likely to oppose than to support a candidate for Congress who favors a path to legal status. (At the same time, though, the public by 52-44 percent would like to see Obama act unilaterally on immigration if Congress doesn't take action, suggesting a general weariness with the lack of progress on the issue.)

There are differences among Hispanics compared with others: Many more support legal status (82 percent, vs. 37 percent among whites). Eight in 10 also back executive action by Obama. And Hispanics, naturally, are far more apt to back like-minded candidates.

Other results also mark the striking disparity of attitudes among racial and ethnic groups. Obama's overall job approval rating, for example, is 87 percent among blacks, 57 percent among Hispanics – and just 31 percent among whites, a single point from his career low. Differences on whether Obama has united or divided the country are at least as sharp: Seventy-eight percent of blacks see Obama as a uniter rather than a divider; that declines to 53 percent of Hispanics and just 27 percent of whites.

Another issue, health care, shows the public's disconnect with both Obama and the Republicans alike. As has been the case more often than not, more Americans oppose than support Obamacare, now 52-43 percent. Still, more either support it, or oppose it but are willing to let it go ahead – 57 percent – than prefer to see it repealed, 40 percent.

Finally, despite their many complaints, Americans by 57-39 percent think the country's best days are still ahead of it. But as in so much else, there's a strong political and ideological component to that view: It ranges from 74 percent among liberal Democrats to a low of 43 percent among conservative Republicans.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 4-7, 2014, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,001 adults, including landline and cell-phone-only respondents. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points, including design effect. Partisan divisions are 33-23-38 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York, N.Y.

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Full results follow.

* in data columns = 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
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	42	24	18	51	12	39	6
6/1/14	46	23	23	51	14	37	3
4/27/14	41	23	19	52	12	40	6
3/2/14	46	25	22	50	12	38	3
1/23/14	46	23	23	50	9	41	4
12/15/13	43	23	20	55	14	41	3
11/17/13	42	22	21	55	11	44	3
10/20/13	48	28	20	49	10	39	3
9/15/13	47	25	22	47	11	37	6
7/21/13	49	25	24	44	12	32	7
5/19/13	51	32	20	44	10	33	5
4/14/13	50	27	23	45	10	35	5
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4
1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
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8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
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1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
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9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3

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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

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

9/7/14 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No op.
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	
a. The economy	42	22	19	54	15	39	5
b. International affairs	38	18	20	56	13	43	7
c. Implementation of the new health care law	38	25	13	56	12	44	5
d. Immigration issues	31	14	17	59	14	45	10

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/7/14	42	22	19	54	15	39	5
6/1/14	43	21	21	53	15	38	4
4/27/14	42	20	21	54	13	41	4
3/2/14	43	23	20	54	14	41	2
1/23/14	43	22	21	55	13	42	3
12/15/13	42	24	18	55	14	40	4
11/17/13	41	22	20	57	14	42	2
10/20/13	44	23	20	54	12	42	2
9/15/13	45	25	20	51	14	37	4
7/21/13	45	22	22	49	14	35	6
5/19/13	48	26	22	48	10	37	4
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5/20/12	42	20	22	55	11	44	2
4/8/12	44	23	21	54	12	42	2
3/10/12	38	20	18	59	9	50	2
2/4/12	44	23	22	53	11	41	3
1/15/12	41	19	22	57	11	46	2

12/18/11	41	17	24	56	13	43	2
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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

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b. International affairs

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	38	18	20	56	13	43	7
7/27/14	46	16	29	50	15	36	4
6/1/14	41	19	21	50	13	36	10
3/2/14	47	25	22	45	15	30	8
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11/3/11	47	26	21	45	13	31	8
11/15/09	60	30	30	37	13	23	3
10/18/09	57	34	23	36	15	21	7
9/12/09	57	32	25	33	12	21	10
6/21/09	61	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	7
4/24/09	67			27			6
3/29/09	62	"	"	27	"	"	11

c. Implementation of the new health care law

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	38	25	13	56	12	44	5
6/1/14	39	22	17	56	12	44	5
4/27/14	37	24	14	57	11	46	6
3/30/14	44	19	25	54	15	39	2
3/2/14	38	20	19	57	11	47	4

1/23/14	37	19	17	59	10	50	4
12/15/13	34	18	15	62	13	50	4
11/17/13	33	18	16	63	12	52	3
10/20/13	41	25	15	53	10	43	6
9/15/13	34	20	14	55	12	43	11

d. Immigration issues

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	31	14	17	59	14	45	10
6/1/14	38	17	21	50	15	35	12
7/21/13	43	23	20	44	13	31	13
5/19/13	46	25	21	41	11	30	13
4/14/13	44	24	21	43	12	30	13
2/3/13	49	27	22	43	15	28	8
7/8/12	38	20	18	52	18	34	10
6/6/10	39	17	23	51	14	37	10
3/26/10	33	14	19	43	15	28	23
4/24/09	48	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	18

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 direction	Wrong track	No opinion
9/7/14	31	65	5
4/27/14	30	66	4
1/23/14	35	62	2
11/17/13	27	70	3
10/20/13	28	68	4
7/21/13	36	60	4
5/19/13	39	57	4
1/13/13	39	57	5
10/31/12 LV	43	55	2
10/13/12 RV	42	56	3
9/29/12 RV	38	60	2
8/25/12 RV	29	69	2
7/8/12	33	63	4
4/8/12	33	64	3
1/15/12	30	68	2
11/3/11	22	74	3
9/1/11	20	77	3
6/5/11	32	66	2
1/16/11	38	60	3
12/12/10	31	67	2
10/28/10 RV	27	71	2
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	2
9/22/08 RV	14	83	3

8/22/08	19	78	2
6/15/08	14	84	2
5/11/08	16	82	2
1/12/08	21	77	2
11/1/07	24	74	2
6/1/07	25	73	2
1/19/07	26	71	3
11/4/06 RV	39	59	2
10/22/06	30	68	2
10/8/06	32	66	2
5/15/06	29	69	2
11/2/05	30	68	2
10/24/04 LV	41	55	4
4/18/04	42	57	1
4/30/03	52	46	2
9/26/02	43	53	4
2/21/02	54	42	4

Call for full trend.

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

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	15	5	11	77	22	55	7
1/23/14	16	3	13	81	21	59	3
12/15/13	16	4	12	81	22	59	3
10/20/13	12	4	8	85	15	70	3
7/21/13	21	5	16	73	20	53	7
3/10/13	16	3	12	80	22	58	4
1/13/13	19	4	15	76	21	55	4
1/15/12	13	3	11	84	19	65	3
10/2/11	14	3	11	82	20	62	4
3/13/11	27	7	20	69	24	45	4
1/16/11	28	6	21	66	24	43	7
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10/3/10	24	6	18	73	22	51	3
9/2/10	25	5	20	72	21	51	4
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
7/30/01	48			48			4
4/22/01	58	"	"	33	"	"	8

Call for full trend.

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way [ITEM] are doing their job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

9/7/14 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	op.
a. The Democrats in Congress	33	12	21	61	22	39	6
b. The Republicans in Congress	21	5	15	72	26	47	7

Trend:

a. The Democrats in Congress

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	33	12	21	61	22	39	6
1/12/14	34	11	23	60	19	40	6
12/15/13	34	NA	NA	64	NA	NA	2
3/10/13	34			62			4
1/13/13	37			59			3
12/16/12	39			56			5
3/10/12	34			60			6
1/15/12	33			62			5
12/18/11	27			66			7
4/17/11	36			60			4
10/3/10	36			61			3
7/18/09	47			48			5
4/24/09	45			49			6
2/22/09	50			44			6
7/13/08	35			57			8
2/1/08	39			54			7
12/9/07	40			53			6
11/1/07	36			58			6
9/30/07	38			57			5
7/21/07	46			51			2
6/1/07	44			49			6
4/15/07	54			44			2
10/8/06	48			50			3
5/15/06	39			58			4
11/2/05	41			54			5
6/5/05	42			56			3
6/6/99	51			42			7
3/14/99	51			42			7
7/8/97	45			49			6
4/5/95	36			60			4

10/31/94	39			53			8
10/23/94	36			59			5
9/11/94	41	"	"	53	"	"	6

b. The Republicans in Congress

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	21	5	15	72	26	47	7
1/12/14	25	6	18	71	24	46	5
12/15/13	24	NA	NA	73	NA	NA	3
3/10/13	24			72			3
1/13/13	24			71			4
12/16/12	25			70			5
3/10/12	23			71			6
1/15/12	21			75			4
12/18/11	20			72			7
9/1/11	28			68			3
4/17/11	34			63			3
10/3/10	30			67			3
7/18/09	36			58			6
4/24/09	30			64			6
2/22/09	38			56			6
7/13/08	25			69			6
2/1/08	30			63			7
12/9/07	32			63			5
11/1/07	32			63			6
9/30/07	29			67			4
7/21/07	34			64			2
6/1/07	36			58			6
4/15/07	39			59			2
10/8/06	35			63			2
5/15/06	33			64			3
11/2/05	35			61			4
6/5/05	42			56			2
6/6/99	41			52			7
3/14/99	40			56			4
7/8/97	40			54			6
9/15/96 RV	46			48			6
6/30/96	38			56			6
4/5/95	45			50			5
10/31/94	33			59			7
10/23/94	31			64			5
9/11/94	35	"	"	59	"	"	6

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
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	45	15	30	41	19	22	14
8/3/14	41	12	29	51	21	30	8
10/20/13	43	15	28	47	19	28	10
10/28/10 RV	53	19	34	40	18	21	7
10/3/10	51	18	33	40	19	21	9
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			35			8
10/22/06	59			33			8
10/8/06	60			33			6
9/7/06	60			30			9

8/6/06	55			37			7
5/15/06	62			31			7
4/9/06	59			34			6
1/26/06	64			30			6
12/18/05	65			29			6
11/2/05	60			33			7
6/5/05	61			32			8
9/26/02	64			27			9
7/15/02	68	"	"	23	"	"	9

Call for full trend.

*4/15/07 and previous: No "strongly" or "somewhat" follow-up.

7. 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?

		----- Positive -----		----- Negative -----			
	NET	Enthusi- astic	Satis- fied	NET	Dissat- isfied	Angry	None/ Other
9/7/14	25	1	23	74	49	25	NA
10/20/13	21	2	19	78	47	32	*
9/29/12 RV	28	4	25	71	44	27	1
2/4/12	24	2	22	75	49	26	*
11/3/11	20	2	18	80	49	31	*
7/17/11	20	2	18	80	54	25	1
6/5/11	30	3	27	69	44	25	1
10/28/10	27	4	23	72	51	21	1
10/3/10	29	4	25	71	46	25	*
9/2/10	22	2	20	78	52	25	*
7/11/10	36	4	32	64	43	21	1
6/6/10	30	2	28	69	45	25	1
4/25/10	30	4	26	69	51	18	1
2/8/10	32	3	29	67	48	19	*
10/29/03	42	2	41	57	42	15	*
11/4/02 LV	49	4	45	50	41	9	1
11/3/02 LV	50	5	45	49	40	9	1
11/2/02 LV	51	6	45	49	40	9	1
10/27/02	50	4	47	49	42	7	1
2/21/02	56	7	49	43	36	7	1
12/15/00	59	4	55	39	34	6	"

Call for full trend.

8. Thinking about the next election in November, right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress, or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

	Re-elect	Look around	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	23	67	3	8
4/27/14	22	66	4	8
3/2/14	22	68	3	8
1/23/14	27	63	3	7
10/20/13	24	66	4	6
2/4/12	34	53	3	9
11/3/11	31	59	3	8
7/17/11	30	63	2	5
6/5/11	34	55	4	6
10/28/10	32	50	7	11
10/3/10	29	55	9	7
9/2/10	31	58	5	6
7/11/10	25	60	6	8

6/6/10		29	60	5	6
4/25/10	RV	32	57	7	4
2/8/10		36	56	4	4
11/15/09		38	50	6	5
5/15/06		35	55	6	4
6/5/05		40	50	8	3
2/21/02		40	48	7	6

Call for full trend.

9. (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?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than 50/50	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No opin.
9/7/14	RV	71	16	9	2	1	NA	*
6/1/14	RV	74	12	9	4	1		*
4/27/14	RV	68	15	12	4	1	"	*
10/28/10*	RV	64	13	11	5	1	7	0
10/3/10	RV	70	15	9	5	2	NA	*
9/2/10	RV	70	14	14	1	1		0
7/11/10	RV	73	13	11	2	*		*
6/6/10	RV	72	14	11	3	*	"	0
11/4/06*	RV	70	11	7	4	2	5	*
10/22/06	RV	75	14	7	3	*	1	2

*"next week's Congressional election"

10. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REGISTERED VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	46	44	1	4	1	4
6/1/14	47	45	1	3	1	4
4/27/14	45	44	1	2	1	7
3/2/14	46	45	1	3	*	5
1/23/14	45	46	1	3	1	5
12/15/13	47	45	1	4	1	3
10/20/13	48	40	1	5	1	4
5/19/13	48	40	2	4	1	6
10/28/10	49	44	1	2	*	3
10/3/10	47	43	1	3	1	5
9/2/10*	45	47	1	2	1	5
7/11/10	46	47	*	2	*	5
6/6/10	47	44	2	2	1	4
4/25/10	48	43	1	2	1	6
3/26/10	48	44	1	2	*	4
2/8/10	45	48	*	3	*	4
10/22/06	54	41	*	1	*	3
10/8/06	54	41	*	1	1	3
9/7/06	50	42	*	3	2	4
8/6/06	52	39	*	2	1	5
6/25/06	52	39	1	3	1	4
5/15/06	52	40	1	3	1	4
4/9/06	55	40	*	2	*	3
1/26/06	54	38	1	3	1	5

12/18/05	51	41	1	3	1	4
11/2/05	52	37	1	4	2	6
7/15/02	47	46	1	1	1	4
1/27/02**	43	50	NA	2	1	5
9/6/00	49	42		2	1	6
7/23/00	46	45		3	1	5
2/27/00	45	46	"	2	1	5

Call for full trend.

*9/2/10 and previous: "Will not vote (vol.)"

**1/27/02 and previous: No "other candidate" option recorded

11. (ASKED IF DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE) How enthusiastic are you about voting for the (Democrat/Republican) in your Congressional district this year - very enthusiastic, fairly enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

9/7/14 Summary Table - Leaned Registered Dem/Rep Supporters

	--- Enthusiastic ---			---- Not Enthusiastic ----			No
	NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	opin.
a. Democrat	71	30	41	27	20	7	2
b. Republican	63	23	40	35	27	8	3

Trend:

a. Democrat

		--- Enthusiastic ---			---- Not Enthusiastic ----			No
		NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	opin.
9/7/14	RV	71	30	41	27	20	7	2
7/11/10	RV	72	28	43	27	20	7	1
3/26/10	RV	76	41	35	23	13	9	1
10/22/06	RV	78	38	40	20	13	8	2
10/8/06	RV	81	42	40	18	14	4	1

b. Republican

		--- Enthusiastic ---			---- Not Enthusiastic ----			No
		NET	Very	Fairly	NET	Not too	Not at all	opin.
9/7/14	RV	63	23	40	35	27	8	3
7/11/10	RV	73	30	43	26	19	7	1
3/26/10	RV	75	41	34	23	18	5	2
10/22/06	RV	80	39	41	19	14	5	1
10/8/06	RV	76	35	41	23	18	5	1

12. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Which of the following will be the single most important issue in your vote for Congress - (the economy and jobs), (international conflicts), (health care), (the way things are working in Washington), (immigration) or something else?

	Econ and jobs	Intl. conflicts	Health care	Way DC works	Immi-gration	Other	No opinion
9/7/14 RV	35	12	13	15	10	11	3

Compare to:

	Econ	Health care	Immi-grat	Afghan -istan	Federal deficit	Taxes	Way DC works	Other	All of the above (vol.)	No op.
10/28/10 RV	39	18	4	4	6	8	12	5	2	3

	Iraq Econ.	Health care	Immi-gration	Terror-ism	Ethics in govt.	Other	No op.
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11/4/06	RV	31	21	12	9	11	6	7	2
10/22/06	RV	27	19	13	10	14	8	7	3
10/8/06	RV	26	23	13	9	14	10	3	2

		Iraq	Econ.	Health care	Immi-gration	Terror-ism	Gas Prices	Other	No op.
9/7/06	RV	21	22	13	11	16	5	9	3
8/6/06	RV	21	21	14	10	11	15	7	1
6/25/06	RV	23	24	15	13	9	8	6	2

13. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) Will one reason for your vote for Congress be to express (support for) Obama, to express (opposition to) Obama, or is Obama not a factor in your choice?

		Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
9/7/14	RV	19	27	54	1
1/23/14	RV	19	25	54	2
10/28/10	RV	25	24	50	1
9/2/10	RV	25	27	47	1
3/26/10	RV*	25	24	49	1

*"show" support and U.S. House

Compare to: Will/was one reason for your vote for Congress [be] to express (support for) Bush, to express (opposition to) Bush, or is/was Bush not a factor in your choice?

		Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
11/4/06	RV	17	31	50	2
10/22/06	RV	17	31	50	2
10/8/06	RV	18	35	47	1
5/15/06	All	12	30	58	1
11/4/02	LV	29	15	55	1
11/3/02	LV	29	17	52	1
11/2/02	LV	30	15	54	1
10/27/02	LV	33	18	49	1

Compare to: Is one of the reasons you support this candidate to express support for Bill Clinton, to express opposition to Clinton, or would you say that Clinton is not a factor?

		Support	Opposition	Not a factor	No opinion
11/1/98		13	9	77	1
11/1/98	LV	10	13	77	*
10/25/98		14	10	72	4
10/25/98	LV	15	15	70	1
10/18/98		13	9	75	3
10/18/98	LV	12	12	76	1
9/28/98		14	13	71	2
9/28/98	LV	14	18	67	1

14. (IF CERTAIN TO VOTE) As you know, this is a midterm election, with no presidential contest. Is voting in mid-term elections something you do always, nearly always, usually, or just sometimes?

		NET	Often Always	Nearly always	NET	Usually	Sometimes	Never (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	RV	85	67	18	15	8	6	1	0
10/28/10	RV	84	68	15	16	9	7	1	0
10/3/10	RV	79	61	17	21	9	11	1	*
11/4/06	RV	88	71	17	12	7	4	1	0

15. Just your best guess - do you think the Republican Party will take control of the U.S. Senate in the November election, or not?

	Will take control	Will not	No opinion
9/7/14	45	40	14

16. If control of the Senate switched from the Democrats to the Republicans after November's election, do you think that would be a good thing, a bad thing, or wouldn't it make any difference?

	Good	Bad	No difference	No opinion
9/7/14	32	25	40	3

Compare to: As you may know, control of the U.S. Senate is about to switch from the Republicans to the Democrats. On balance, do you think the Democrats' taking control of the Senate is a good thing or a bad thing for the country, or doesn't it make much difference?

	Good	Bad	No difference	No opinion
6/3/01	41	20	38	1

17. 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	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	39	40	3	14	4
4/27/14	40	34	2	17	7
6/5/11	41	32	2	20	4
10/28/10 RV	45	40	2	11	2
10/3/10	42	38	3	15	2
9/2/10	40	37	3	18	2
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

Call for full trend.

18. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling [ITEM]?

9/7/14 - Summary Table

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The economy	40	45	1	10	4
b. Health care	46	40	1	9	4
c. Immigration issues	39	43	1	10	6

Trend:

a. The economy

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	40	45	1	10	4
4/27/14	41	38	2	14	5
3/2/14	41	41	2	12	3
1/23/14	37	44	2	15	3
10/3/10	44	37	4	14	2
9/2/10	42	40	2	15	2
7/11/10	42	34	3	17	5
3/26/10	44	36	3	16	1
2/1/08	52	33	2	10	3
12/9/07	51	33	2	9	5
11/1/07	50	35	3	9	4
9/30/07	51	33	2	11	3
10/22/06 RV	50	41	2	5	2
10/8/06	54	37	3	6	1
9/7/06	50	39	1	7	4
6/25/06	52	39	1	5	3
5/15/06	52	34	3	9	2
4/9/06	49	43	1	4	3
3/5/06	49	40	2	8	2
1/26/06	55	37	2	5	2
11/2/05	56	34	1	8	1
12/15/02	44	45	4	6	1
10/27/02* LV	43	48	3	3	2
9/26/02*	47	39	3	6	5
7/15/02**	38	48	3	6	5
1/27/02**	39	48	5	6	3
4/22/01***	47	43	4	4	3

Call for full trend.

*"The economy and jobs"

**"Improving the economy"

***4/22/01 and previous: "The nation's economy"

b. Health care

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	46	40	1	9	4
4/27/14	43	35	1	13	7
3/2/14	44	36	2	15	3
1/23/14	44	35	1	16	3
10/3/10	46	38	1	12	3
9/2/10	44	39	2	13	3
3/26/10	47	34	2	15	3
2/1/08	56	29	2	10	4
11/1/07	54	29	2	10	5
9/30/07	56	26	2	12	5

10/8/06	61	28	1	7	2
5/15/06	61	28	1	7	2
4/9/06	61	29	*	6	3
11/2/05	54	29	2	12	3
12/15/02*	53	33	3	7	4
10/27/02* LV	50	39	3	5	3
9/26/02*	50	35	4	5	6
7/15/02**	47	37	3	9	5
1/27/02**	50	35	5	5	4

Call for full trend.

*"The cost, availability, and coverage of health insurance"

**"improving the health care system"

c. Immigration issues

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	39	43	1	10	6
4/27/14	40	34	3	14	9
3/2/14	44	36	1	13	7
1/23/14	39	37	2	15	7
10/3/10	37	37	3	17	6
9/2/10	37	40	5	14	4
3/26/10	38	35	3	16	8
2/1/08	40	37	2	12	9
11/1/07	42	35	4	13	6
10/8/06	49	36	4	10	3
6/25/06	45	40	1	9	5
5/15/06	48	34	1	14	4
4/9/06	50	38	1	7	4

19. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you think [ITEM]?

9/7/14 - Summary Table

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. Better represents your own personal values	45	40	2	10	3
b. Is more concerned with the needs of people like you	47	35	2	12	3
c. Better understands the economic problems people in this country are having	48	35	2	12	4
d. Has better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government	37	43	2	11	8

Trend:

a. Better represents your own personal values

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	45	40	2	10	3
1/23/14	43	41	2	13	2
3/10/12	44	39	2	12	3
10/28/10 RV	48	42	2	7	1
9/2/10	45	42	2	10	1
11/15/09	49	39	2	9	2
11/4/06 RV	48	44	1	6	2
10/8/06	53	37	2	7	1

11/2/05	50	40	1	7	1
4/24/05	47	38	2	10	2
3/14/99	47	39	3	8	3

b. Is more concerned with the needs of people like you

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	47	35	2	12	3
1/23/14	46	37	1	15	1
3/10/12	46	36	1	13	3
10/28/10 RV	49	38	2	8	3
9/2/10	48	39	2	11	1
11/15/09	51	36	2	9	3
10/8/06	58	30	2	9	1
8/6/06	56	30	1	12	2
11/2/05	56	33	1	9	1

c. Better understands the economic problems people in this country are having

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	48	35	2	12	4
1/23/14	46	37	2	13	2
2/9/11*	35	30	3	22	9
10/28/10 RV	48	38	2	10	2

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d. Has better ideas about the right size and role of the federal government

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	37	43	2	11	8
1/23/14*	40	46	1	9	3
12/15/13	43	44	2	9	3
10/3/10	42	44	3	8	4
6/6/10	45	40	1	10	4

*1/23/14 and earlier: "Regardless of your other political views, overall which party..."

20. Overall do you think Obama has done more to (unite the country), or has done more to (divide the country)?

	Unite	Divide	No opinion
9/7/14	38	55	7
5/19/13	47	45	8

Bush:

	Unite	Divide	No opinion
6/5/05	43	55	2
9/8/04 RV	48	44	8
8/29/04 RV	47	48	5
4/18/04	50	48	2
3/7/04	48	49	3
12/21/03	58	36	6

21. Overall do you think Republicans in Congress have done more to (unite the country), or have done more to (divide the country)?

	Unite	Divide	No opinion
9/7/14	27	63	10

22. Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Obama, or not: [ITEM]?

9/7/14 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. He is a strong leader	43	55	2
b. He understands the problems of people like you	49	48	2
c. He is honest and trustworthy	49	48	3

Trend:

a. He is a strong leader

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/7/14	43	55	2
1/23/14	48	51	1
11/17/13	46	53	1
9/15/13	54	44	2
1/13/13	61	37	2
1/15/12	51	48	1
11/3/11	48	51	1
6/5/11	55	44	1
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

b. He understands the problems of people like you

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/7/14	49	48	2
1/23/14	47	52	1
12/15/13	52	46	2
11/17/13	47	51	2
1/13/13	55	43	2
1/15/12	51	47	2
11/3/11	49	49	2
6/5/11	49	49	2
1/16/11	58	40	2
9/2/10	50	48	2
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

c. He is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/7/14	49	48	3
1/23/14	49	48	4
12/15/13	50	48	2
11/17/13	47	50	3
10/13/12 RV	56	40	4
11/3/11	57	39	5
4/24/09	74	22	4
1/16/09	75	19	6
12/14/08	67	22	11

23. Overall, in handling the U.S. role in international affairs, do you feel that Obama has been too (cautious), too (aggressive), or about right?

	Too cautious	Too aggressive	About right	No opinion
9/7/14	53	10	33	4

24. Specifically in terms of [ITEM], do you feel that Obama has been too (cautious), too (aggressive), or has he handled this about right?

9/7/14 - Summary Table

	Too cautious	Too aggressive	About right	No op.
a. Dealing with the situation involving Islamic insurgents in Iraq and Syria	52	8	35	5
b. Dealing with the situation involving Russia and Ukraine	43	7	43	6

25. On balance, do you feel that Obama's presidency so far has been more of a (success) or more of a (failure)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Success -----			----- Failure -----			Neither	Both	No
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	(vol.)	(vol.)	op.
9/7/14	42	22	20	52	13	39	1	2	3

Changing topics...

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

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
9/7/14	30	1	29	69	42	27	1
4/27/14	29	1	27	71	40	31	1
3/2/14	27	2	26	72	44	28	*
10/20/13	24	2	23	75	45	30	1
9/29/12 RV	18	2	16	81	42	39	*
8/25/12	15	1	14	84	39	45	1
8/5/12*	13	1	12	87	42	44	*
5/20/12	17	1	16	83	47	36	*
2/4/12	11	*	11	89	46	42	*
11/3/11	10	1	9	89	43	47	*
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*
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	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*

3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04 RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04 RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02 LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02 LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02 LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*

Call for full trend.

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27. In terms of your own personal experience, do you feel the economy has or has not begun to recover?

	Has	Has not	No opinion
9/7/14	56	42	2
3/2/14*	56	42	1
12/15/13	59	39	2
5/19/13	56	43	1
3/10/13	53	46	2
12/16/12	53	45	2
3/10/12	49	49	2
1/15/12	45	54	1
11/3/11	36	63	1
6/5/11	42	57	1
3/13/11	46	53	1
12/12/10	41	57	2
10/5/10**	34	63	2
2/8/10	45	53	1
12/13/09	50	49	1
11/15/09	44	54	1

*3/2/14 and earlier (except 5/19/13, 3/10/13, 11/15/09), "Regardless of whether or not the recession is over..." was used.

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28. (IF ECONOMY HAS BEGUN TO RECOVER) Do you think the economy's recovery so far has been a strong one or a weak one?

	Strong	Weak	No opinion
9/7/14	34	63	3
3/2/14	31	66	3
12/15/13	25	71	3
12/16/12	22	76	2
3/10/12	24	74	2
1/15/12	21	77	2
11/3/11	19	77	3
6/5/11	17	81	2
2/8/10	25	75	1
12/13/09	24	73	3

27/28 NET:

	-Recovery's begun-				
	NET	Strong	Weak	Has not	No opinion
9/7/14	56	19	37	42	2
3/2/14	56	18	39	42	1
12/15/13	59	15	44	39	2
12/16/12	53	12	41	45	2
3/10/12	49	12	37	49	2
1/15/12	45	9	36	54	1
11/3/11	36	7	29	63	1
6/5/11	42	7	34	57	1
2/8/10	45	11	34	53	1
12/13/09	50	12	36	49	1

29. All in all, do you think America's best days are ahead of it, or behind it? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Ahead -----			----- Behind -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/7/14	57	32	25	39	15	24	4

Compare to: When you think about the future of the United States, do you feel confident that the country's best years are still ahead of us, or do you feel concerned that America's best years might already be behind us?

	Best years ahead	Best years behind	No opinion
2/26/06*	48	45	6
4/30/03	64	34	3

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Compare to: When you think about the future of the United States, do you feel confident and optimistic that the country's best years are still ahead of us, or do you feel more concerned and worried that America's best years might already be behind us?

	Best years ahead	Best years behind	No opinion
6/7/92	36	62	2

Thinking about health care...

30. Overall, do you support or oppose the federal law making changes to the health care system? Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	43	24	19	52	13	39	5
4/27/14	44	24	20	48	14	34	8
3/30/14	49	25	24	48	12	36	3
1/23/14	46	25	21	49	11	38	5
12/15/13	46	28	17	49	13	37	5
11/17/13	40	27	13	57	11	46	2
10/20/13	46	25	21	49	13	36	5
9/15/13	42	26	16	52	13	39	6
7/21/13	42	25	17	49	10	39	9
7/08/12	47	27	20	47	14	33	6
4/8/12	39	23	17	53	13	40	8
3/10/12	41	24	17	52	11	41	7
1/16/11*	45	25	20	50	14	36	5
12/12/10	43	22	21	52	14	37	6
10/3/10	47	26	21	48	13	35	5
3/26/10	46	32	13	50	10	40	4
2/8/10**	46	22	25	49	11	38	5
1/15/10	44	22	22	51	12	39	5
12/13/09	44	25	19	51	11	40	5
11/15/09	48	30	18	49	10	39	3
10/18/09	45	26	19	48	12	36	7
9/12/09	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
8/17/09	45	27	18	50	10	40	5

*1/16/11 to 3/26/10: "Overall, given what you know about them, would you say you support or oppose the changes to the health care system that have been enacted by (Congress) and (the Obama administration)?"

**2/8/10 and prior: "proposed changes...that are being developed by"

31. (ASKED IF DO NOT SUPPORT HEALTH CARE LAW) Which of these is your preference: (Repeal the health care law), or (let the health care law go ahead and see how it works)?

	Repeal the health care law	Let it go ahead	Repeal parts of law (vol.)	No opinion
9/7/14	69	26	2	3
1/23/14	70	27	1	2
10/20/13	60	37	1	3

30/31 NET:

	--- Support/let it go ahead ---			-- Do not support, repeal/no op. --		
	NET	Support	Do not support, let it go ahead	NET	Repeal the law	Repeal parts of law (vol.)
9/7/14	57	43	15	43	39	1
1/23/14	60	46	14	40	38	*
10/20/13	66	46	20	34	33	*

On another subject...

32. As you may know, a group of Sunni insurgents called the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, also known as ISIS, has taken control of parts of Iraq and Syria. How much, if at all, do you see ISIS as a threat to the vital interests of the United States? Would you say it's a very serious threat, somewhat serious, not so serious or not serious at all?

	----- Serious -----		----- Not serious -----		No
NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all

opinion

9/7/14 91 59 31 7 5 2 2

33. Overall, do you support or oppose (ITEM)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

9/7/14 - Summary Table

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	op.
a. U.S. air strikes against the Sunni insurgents in Iraq	71	52	19	23	11	12	7
b. Expanding U.S. air strikes against the Sunni insurgents into Syria	65	44	20	28	15	13	7
c. The United States providing arms and ammunition to the Kurdish military forces, who are opposing the Sunni insurgents in Iraq	58	33	26	32	12	19	10

Trend:

a. U.S. air strikes against the Sunni insurgents in Iraq

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	71	52	19	23	11	12	7
8/17/14	54	31	23	39	17	22	8
6/22/14	45	20	25	46	19	27	8

b. No trend.

c. The United States providing arms and ammunition to the Kurdish military forces, who are opposing the Sunni insurgents in Iraq

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	58	33	26	32	12	19	10
8/17/14	45	22	22	49	20	29	6

Changing topics...

34. Do you think undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States should or should not be given the right to live and work here legally? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Should -----			----- Should not -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/7/14	46	27	18	50	10	40	4
1/23/14	49	31	17	49	11	37	3
10/20/13*	51	31	20	43	10	33	5

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Compare to: Overall, do you support or oppose a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants now living in the United States? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/14/13	55	29	26	41	15	26	4
3/30/13	57	31	26	40	16	24	4
2/3/13	55	29	26	41	19	22	4
11/11/12	57	30	27	39	12	27	4

*3/30/13 and previous: "a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants"

Compare to: Would you support or oppose a program giving undocumented immigrants now living in the United States the right to live here legally if they pay a fine and meet other requirements? Do you support/oppose strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/19/13	58	34	23	38	10	29	4
4/14/13*	63	NA	NA	33	NA	NA	4
6/6/10**	57			40			3
4/24/09	61			35			3
12/19/07	49			46			5
11/1/07	51			44			4
6/1/07	52	"	"	44	"	"	4

*"undocumented" and "illegal" wordings half sampled

**6/6/10 and previous: "illegal"

35. If a candidate for U.S. Congress supports a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, would that make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely or wouldn't it make much difference in your vote?

	More likely to vote for	Less likely to vote for	Wouldn't make much difference	No opinion
9/7/14	27	36	34	3
3/2/14	30	38	29	3
1/23/14*	24	30	43	3

*"more likely to (vote for) that candidate, more likely to (vote against)"

36. If Congress does not act to address the immigration issue, do you think Obama should or should not take action on his own through executive orders?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
9/7/14	52	44	5

37 held for release.

*** END ***