



President Obama, Health Care,
& the U.S. Congress

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This Marist Poll Reports:

Voters Divide Over Obama's Job Performance

The passage of health insurance reform has had only a slight impact on President Barack Obama's approval rating nationwide. 46% of registered voters approve of the job the president is doing while 43% disapprove. 11% are unsure.

Mr. Obama's approval rating has been hovering in the mid-40s for several months. When Marist last asked this question in early February, 44% thought the president was doing well in office compared with 47% who did not. In December, 46% approved of his performance while 44% gave him low marks.

"President Obama has scored a big legislative victory, but this has only translated minimally into his job performance scores," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "For many voters, he still needs to swish a few three-pointers to become a driving force behind this fall's midterm elections."

Although more independents disapprove of the job President Obama is doing than approve, the good news for Obama is he has regained support from some of these voters. 39% of independents say he is making the grade while 45% disagree. 16% are unsure. In February, 29% approved of Mr. Obama's job performance while 57% disapproved. 14%, at that time, were unsure.

Among Democrats and Republicans, there is still a wide partisan divide with 77% of Democrats thinking highly of the president's actions and 85% of Republicans disapproving. Nearly two months ago, 81% of Democrats approved of the job Mr. Obama was doing, and 80% of Republicans disapproved.

Majority Views Obama Favorably

Although President Obama fails to win the majority of voters' approval for the job he is doing in office, 53% of voters have a favorable impression of him. 41% currently have an unfavorable view of him. This is a difference of 12 percentage points between his positive

and negative scores, double the difference he had in February. At that time, half of voters thought well of the president, and 44% did not.

Once again, the president has independent voters to thank for his slight bump. 49% of independents think highly of Mr. Obama, a change from 39% in February.

Democrats and Republicans are, again, on opposite ends of the spectrum. 85% of Democrats give the president a favorable rating while 83% of Republicans bestow an unfavorable rating upon him.

Obama Gains Followers Along the Road to Change, But...

Most voters -- 84% -- think the president is changing the country, an increase from February when 75% believed that to be the case. But, is the change for the better or for the worse? They still divide. 43% say the president is altering the nation for the better. This is an increase in the proportion of voters who positively view the direction President Obama is moving the country. In February, 37% thought he was improving the United States. Currently, 41% believe the president is changing the country for the worse. In February, that proportion stood at 38%.

There has been a marked change among the parties on this question. While more Republicans view the president as changing the nation for the worse, more Democrats and independents perceive the impact Mr. Obama is having as one for the better. When it comes to the GOP, there has been a 15 percentage point increase among voters who say Mr. Obama is having an adverse effect on the nation. 78% think this to be true now compared with 63% who thought that way in Marist's February poll. Looking at the president's own party, 76% of Democrats believe the president is having a positive impact on the nation. This is a seven percentage point increase from that same February survey when 69% thought that way. And, Mr. Obama has gained support among independents. 35% of these voters report the president is improving the nation while 26% held this view two months ago.

Independents Key On Question of Expectations

A slim majority of voters -- 51% -- say President Obama is either meeting their expectations or is exceeding them. 45% of voters, on the other hand, believe the president has fallen below their expectations. When Marist last asked this question in February, 49% thought Obama met or went beyond their expectations, and 47% reported he did not reach their expectations. Independents make the difference on this question. 45% of this all important voting block think the president has either hit or gone above their expectations. This is compared with 48% who say he has missed the mark. In February, 42% said he either met or exceeded their expectations while a majority -- 53% -- thought he had fallen short.

Handling of the Economy Divides the Electorate

49% of voters nationwide disapprove of the president's handling of the economy while 46% approve. In December, 51% disapproved of the president's fiscal skills, and 45% approved.

While the electorate splits on how Mr. Obama is handling the economy, more than six in ten voters do not believe his policies are what caused today's tough economic times. 64% of

voters say President Obama inherited the nation's economic conditions while 27% believe they are a result of the president's policies. 9% are unsure.

There has been little change on this question from Marist's February poll.

Handling of Health Care Gets "Thumbs-Down" From Majority of Voters

The White House achieved a major victory by passing health insurance reform. But, when it comes to American voters' views toward how the president handles the issue of health care, the reviews are not glowing.

53% of registered voters nationwide disapprove of how President Barack Obama is managing health care. 41%, on the other hand, approve, and 6% are unsure. There has been little change on this question since Marist last asked it in December. At that time, 53% disapproved of the president's handling of the issue, and 40% approved. 7% were unsure.

"While some voters may be in President Obama's corner on health care, he has yet to convince a majority of the electorate that his health care initiative was the right thing to do," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

The health care debate in Congress was far from a friendly bipartisan discussion, and the American electorate reflects this divide. Nearly seven in ten Democrats -- 69% -- approve of how the president is dealing with health care while 89% of Republicans *disapprove* of the president's approach. As for independents, a majority -- 56% -- disapprove of how President Obama is handling health care.

Voters Divide About Historic Nature and Constitutionality of Health Care Legislation

48% of the American electorate believe the recently passed health care legislation is a mistake. However, 45% say it is a milestone. 7% are unsure.

Once again, there is a partisan divide on this question. 74% of Democrats say the bill marks a major point in our nation's history. 84% of Republicans report the bill's passage was a blunder. 51% of independents also think the legislation was a mistake.

As to whether voters think the legislation is constitutional, there is also a split decision. From what they have read or heard, 46% think it is constitutional while 42% say it is unconstitutional. 12% are unsure.

Health Care: An Image Changer for the President?

While a majority of voters -- 53% -- say their opinion of the president has not changed in the wake of the passage of health insurance reform, nearly three in ten -- 29% -- say their view of the president has gotten worse. Just 18% say it has improved.

Voters to Congress, "Watch Your Back!"

45% of registered voters nationwide are not satisfied with their elected officials in the U.S. Congress. This is the proportion of the electorate who say if this fall's elections were held today, they would not support their current elected official in Congress and would vote for someone new. 41% would vote for the incumbent, and 14% are unsure.

Little has changed on this question since Marist last asked it in February. At that time, 44% said they would elect someone new, 42% wanted their current elected official to remain in office, and 14% were unsure.

"There is plenty of grumbling about Congress, and the winds of change are blowing," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, "Many voters think both the Democrats and Republicans in Congress are acting inappropriately. Will they remember this feeling come November? That's still very much in doubt."

Republicans and independents are particularly dissatisfied. Half of Republicans say they would support someone other than their current elected official while 37% report they would support the incumbent. 13% are unsure. When it comes to independents, a majority -- 53% -- would choose to oust their current member of Congress while one-third would vote for that person. 15% are unsure. A majority of Democrats, however, are satisfied with their current elected official. 54% want their current member of Congress to stick around while 31% would like someone different. 15% are unsure.

While there is little difference among Democrats and independents since Marist's previous survey in February, fewer members of the GOP now want to re-elect their current elected official. At that time, Republicans were more divided. 48% wanted someone else, and 45% said they would support the incumbent. 8% were unsure.

Congress: Breaking the Rules?

Are members of Congress bending the rules to get their way? 52% of the electorate think congressional Republicans have been mostly acting inappropriately while 38% believe they are mostly playing by the rules. The American electorate divides about the Democrats. 49% of voters think the Democrats in Congress have been crossing the line while 43% say they have been playing by the rules. When asked about members of the Tea Party movement, 41% say they are stepping out of bounds while 35% believe they are mostly playing by the rules. A notable 24% are unsure.

Country Moving Along the Wrong Path

53% of U.S. residents report the country is heading in the wrong direction while 43% say it is moving along the right course. 4% are unsure.

More Americans, however, do see the nation moving in the correct direction compared with Marist's February survey. At that time, 54% said the country needed a new road map while only 38% thought it was moving down the proper path. 8% were unsure.

Nature of the Sample: 956 U.S. Residents

This survey of 956 United States residents was conducted on March 25th, March 26th, and March 29th. Residents 18 years of age and older were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant at $\pm 3.5\%$. There are 860 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant at $\pm 3.5\%$. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Marist Poll March 2010 National Survey Tables

| | | Registered Voters | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|------------|--------|
| | | Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president? | | |
| | | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 46% | 43% | 11% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 77% | 15% | 8% |
| | Republican | 11% | 85% | 4% |
| | Independent | 39% | 45% | 16% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 79% | 16% | 5% |
| | Democrat women | 76% | 14% | 10% |
| | Republican men | 10% | 85% | 4% |
| | Republican women | 12% | 85% | 3% |
| | Independent men | 35% | 49% | 16% |
| | Independent women | 44% | 39% | 17% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 74% | 19% | 7% |
| | Moderate | 52% | 38% | 11% |
| | Conservative | 25% | 63% | 12% |
| Region | Northeast | 59% | 34% | 7% |
| | Midwest | 37% | 51% | 12% |
| | South | 46% | 46% | 8% |
| | West | 45% | 39% | 16% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 51% | 39% | 11% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 45% | 47% | 8% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 42% | 45% | 14% |
| | College graduate | 51% | 43% | 6% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 51% | 33% | 16% |
| | 30 to 44 | 50% | 39% | 11% |
| | 45 to 59 | 43% | 45% | 12% |
| | 60 or older | 43% | 51% | 6% |
| Gender | Men | 44% | 46% | 10% |
| | Women | 48% | 41% | 11% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|
| | | Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama? | | |
| | | Favorable | Unfavorable | Unsure-Never Heard |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 53% | 41% | 6% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 85% | 11% | 4% |
| | Republican | 14% | 83% | 3% |
| | Independent | 49% | 43% | 8% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 88% | 11% | 1% |
| | Democrat women | 82% | 10% | 7% |
| | Republican men | 12% | 87% | 1% |
| | Republican women | 15% | 80% | 4% |
| | Independent men | 48% | 49% | 3% |
| | Independent women | 50% | 36% | 14% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 83% | 15% | 3% |
| | Moderate | 63% | 35% | 2% |
| | Conservative | 30% | 62% | 9% |
| Region | Northeast | 66% | 32% | 3% |
| | Midwest | 49% | 49% | 2% |
| | South | 48% | 43% | 9% |
| | West | 56% | 38% | 6% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 59% | 35% | 6% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 52% | 45% | 3% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 51% | 42% | 7% |
| | College graduate | 55% | 42% | 3% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 61% | 28% | 12% |
| | 30 to 44 | 56% | 37% | 7% |
| | 45 to 59 | 51% | 44% | 5% |
| | 60 or older | 49% | 48% | 3% |
| Gender | Men | 53% | 45% | 2% |
| | Women | 54% | 37% | 9% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | Overall, would you describe the direction in which President Barack Obama is moving the country as: | | | |
| | | Change for the better | Change for the worse | No change at all | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 43% | 41% | 13% | 3% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 76% | 12% | 10% | 2% |
| | Republican | 7% | 78% | 15% | 1% |
| | Independent | 35% | 44% | 15% | 6% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 74% | 13% | 12% | 1% |
| | Democrat women | 77% | 11% | 8% | 3% |
| | Republican men | 6% | 80% | 14% | 1% |
| | Republican women | 7% | 76% | 16% | 1% |
| | Independent men | 32% | 50% | 12% | 6% |
| | Independent women | 39% | 36% | 18% | 7% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 70% | 13% | 15% | 2% |
| | Moderate | 50% | 32% | 15% | 3% |
| | Conservative | 20% | 64% | 12% | 5% |
| Region | Northeast | 57% | 27% | 15% | 1% |
| | Midwest | 39% | 41% | 18% | 2% |
| | South | 42% | 47% | 9% | 2% |
| | West | 36% | 41% | 13% | 10% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 47% | 36% | 13% | 4% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 40% | 44% | 15% | 1% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 40% | 40% | 16% | 5% |
| | College graduate | 45% | 44% | 9% | 2% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 54% | 20% | 15% | 12% |
| | 30 to 44 | 42% | 42% | 15% | 1% |
| | 45 to 59 | 39% | 42% | 16% | 3% |
| | 60 or older | 41% | 49% | 8% | 2% |
| Gender | Men | 40% | 44% | 12% | 3% |
| | Women | 45% | 37% | 14% | 4% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | | Overall, has Barack Obama met your expectations, exceeded your expectations, or fallen below your expectations as president? | | | |
| | | Met your expectations | Exceeded your expectations | Fallen below your expectations | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 41% | 10% | 45% | 4% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 56% | 17% | 25% | 2% |
| | Republican | 27% | 1% | 70% | 3% |
| | Independent | 35% | 10% | 48% | 7% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 61% | 11% | 27% | 1% |
| | Democrat women | 51% | 22% | 23% | 3% |
| | Republican men | 23% | 0% | 75% | 2% |
| | Republican women | 30% | 2% | 65% | 3% |
| | Independent men | 36% | 9% | 52% | 3% |
| | Independent women | 34% | 11% | 43% | 11% |
| | Political Ideology | Liberal | 59% | 11% | 27% |
| Moderate | | 46% | 10% | 42% | 2% |
| Conservative | | 29% | 7% | 59% | 6% |
| Region | Northeast | 51% | 8% | 38% | 4% |
| | Midwest | 45% | 7% | 46% | 2% |
| | South | 35% | 13% | 48% | 4% |
| | West | 36% | 10% | 46% | 8% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 39% | 14% | 44% | 3% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 44% | 7% | 47% | 3% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 39% | 11% | 45% | 5% |
| | College graduate | 42% | 8% | 47% | 2% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 54% | 10% | 28% | 8% |
| | 30 to 44 | 42% | 12% | 44% | 1% |
| | 45 to 59 | 40% | 9% | 48% | 3% |
| | 60 or older | 32% | 10% | 51% | 7% |
| Gender | Men | 41% | 8% | 49% | 2% |
| | Women | 40% | 13% | 41% | 6% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------|-----------|
| | | Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy? | | |
| | | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 46% | 49% | 5% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 79% | 17% | 4% |
| | Republican | 10% | 88% | 1% |
| | Independent | 39% | 54% | 7% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 79% | 18% | 3% |
| | Democrat women | 78% | 17% | 5% |
| | Republican men | 8% | 92% | 0% |
| | Republican women | 12% | 85% | 3% |
| | Independent men | 34% | 60% | 6% |
| | Independent women | 45% | 47% | 8% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 68% | 23% | 9% |
| | Moderate | 53% | 44% | 3% |
| | Conservative | 26% | 69% | 5% |
| Region | Northeast | 59% | 39% | 3% |
| | Midwest | 42% | 54% | 4% |
| | South | 45% | 50% | 4% |
| | West | 41% | 50% | 8% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 50% | 45% | 5% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 44% | 53% | 2% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 45% | 50% | 5% |
| | College graduate | 46% | 50% | 4% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 59% | 33% | 8% |
| | 30 to 44 | 47% | 49% | 5% |
| | 45 to 59 | 43% | 52% | 4% |
| | 60 or older | 42% | 54% | 4% |
| Gender | Men | 43% | 53% | 4% |
| | Women | 49% | 45% | 6% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|---|--------|
| | | Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies? | | |
| | | Economic conditions mostly inherited | Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 64% | 27% | 9% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 89% | 8% | 3% |
| | Republican | 37% | 54% | 8% |
| | Independent | 58% | 29% | 13% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 91% | 6% | 3% |
| | Democrat women | 87% | 10% | 3% |
| | Republican men | 31% | 61% | 7% |
| | Republican women | 42% | 48% | 9% |
| | Independent men | 54% | 32% | 15% |
| | Independent women | 63% | 25% | 12% |
| | Political Ideology | Liberal | 83% | 11% |
| Moderate | | 77% | 19% | 5% |
| Conservative | | 45% | 43% | 12% |
| Region | Northeast | 66% | 30% | 4% |
| | Midwest | 66% | 22% | 12% |
| | South | 66% | 26% | 8% |
| | West | 56% | 33% | 11% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 65% | 27% | 8% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 67% | 25% | 8% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 63% | 28% | 9% |
| | College graduate | 65% | 28% | 8% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 68% | 26% | 6% |
| | 30 to 44 | 69% | 24% | 7% |
| | 45 to 59 | 62% | 27% | 11% |
| | 60 or older | 60% | 32% | 9% |
| Gender | Men | 61% | 30% | 9% |
| | Women | 67% | 25% | 8% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------|------------|
| | | Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the health care? | | |
| | | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 41% | 53% | 6% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 69% | 25% | 6% |
| | Republican | 9% | 89% | 3% |
| | Independent | 36% | 56% | 8% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 67% | 28% | 5% |
| | Democrat women | 71% | 22% | 7% |
| | Republican men | 13% | 86% | 1% |
| | Republican women | 5% | 91% | 4% |
| | Independent men | 35% | 59% | 7% |
| | Independent women | 38% | 52% | 10% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 67% | 23% | 11% |
| | Moderate | 46% | 49% | 5% |
| | Conservative | 22% | 74% | 5% |
| Region | Northeast | 57% | 39% | 4% |
| | Midwest | 31% | 62% | 7% |
| | South | 40% | 57% | 3% |
| | West | 40% | 48% | 12% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 44% | 50% | 6% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 40% | 57% | 3% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 37% | 57% | 6% |
| | College graduate | 46% | 48% | 6% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 52% | 39% | 9% |
| | 30 to 44 | 39% | 54% | 8% |
| | 45 to 59 | 37% | 58% | 5% |
| | 60 or older | 42% | 53% | 4% |
| Gender | Men | 40% | 55% | 5% |
| | Women | 42% | 50% | 7% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|------------|------------|
| | | Would you describe the recently passed health insurance legislation as a: | | |
| | | Milestone | Mistake | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 45% | 48% | 7% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 74% | 20% | 6% |
| | Republican | 11% | 84% | 6% |
| | Independent | 40% | 51% | 9% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 73% | 20% | 6% |
| | Democrat women | 74% | 20% | 5% |
| | Republican men | 13% | 85% | 2% |
| | Republican women | 9% | 82% | 8% |
| | Independent men | 36% | 56% | 8% |
| | Independent women | 44% | 46% | 10% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 69% | 21% | 9% |
| | Moderate | 51% | 44% | 5% |
| | Conservative | 25% | 67% | 8% |
| Region | Northeast | 61% | 34% | 5% |
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| | College graduate | 49% | 45% | 5% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 60% | 32% | 9% |
| | 30 to 44 | 39% | 49% | 12% |
| | 45 to 59 | 43% | 53% | 4% |
| | 60 or older | 44% | 50% | 6% |
| Gender | Men | 43% | 51% | 6% |
| | Women | 47% | 45% | 8% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|------------|
| | | From what you have read or heard, do you think the recently passed health insurance legislation is constitutional, or not? | | |
| | | Constitutional | Not constitutional | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 46% | 42% | 12% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 70% | 20% | 10% |
| | Republican | 14% | 74% | 12% |
| | Independent | 43% | 43% | 14% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 73% | 20% | 6% |
| | Democrat women | 67% | 20% | 13% |
| | Republican men | 12% | 77% | 11% |
| | Republican women | 16% | 71% | 13% |
| | Independent men | 41% | 46% | 13% |
| | Independent women | 44% | 39% | 17% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 74% | 19% | 7% |
| | Moderate | 51% | 34% | 15% |
| | Conservative | 27% | 60% | 13% |
| Region | Northeast | 53% | 38% | 9% |
| | Midwest | 45% | 41% | 14% |
| | South | 41% | 49% | 10% |
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| | 60 or older | 43% | 45% | 12% |
| Gender | Men | 45% | 45% | 10% |
| | Women | 46% | 40% | 15% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|---------------|-------------------------|
| | | As a result of the passing of the health care legislation, do you have a better opinion of President Obama, a worse opinion of him, or has your opinion of him not changed? | | |
| | | Better opinion | Worse opinion | Opinion has not changed |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 18% | 29% | 53% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 32% | 13% | 55% |
| | Republican | 3% | 54% | 43% |
| | Independent | 14% | 29% | 56% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 31% | 13% | 56% |
| | Democrat women | 33% | 13% | 54% |
| | Republican men | 4% | 56% | 40% |
| | Republican women | 2% | 52% | 45% |
| | Independent men | 15% | 33% | 52% |
| | Independent women | 13% | 25% | 62% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 27% | 14% | 59% |
| | Moderate | 15% | 25% | 60% |
| | Conservative | 13% | 41% | 46% |
| Region | Northeast | 17% | 21% | 62% |
| | Midwest | 14% | 29% | 57% |
| | South | 20% | 32% | 48% |
| | West | 19% | 30% | 51% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 20% | 25% | 55% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 16% | 35% | 49% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 15% | 27% | 58% |
| | College graduate | 21% | 34% | 45% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 18% | 22% | 60% |
| | 30 to 44 | 17% | 25% | 59% |
| | 45 to 59 | 18% | 32% | 50% |
| | 60 or older | 17% | 34% | 49% |
| Gender | Men | 18% | 31% | 51% |
| | Women | 18% | 27% | 55% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------|--------|
| | | If November's election for congress were held today, would you support your current congressperson who represents your district in Washington D.C. or would you vote for someone else? | | |
| | | Support current congressperson | Vote for someone else | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 41% | 45% | 14% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 54% | 31% | 15% |
| | Republican | 37% | 50% | 13% |
| | Independent | 33% | 53% | 15% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 56% | 28% | 16% |
| | Democrat women | 53% | 34% | 13% |
| | Republican men | 29% | 63% | 8% |
| | Republican women | 44% | 39% | 17% |
| | Independent men | 32% | 57% | 11% |
| | Independent women | 34% | 47% | 19% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 47% | 39% | 14% |
| | Moderate | 42% | 45% | 13% |
| | Conservative | 37% | 50% | 13% |
| Region | Northeast | 47% | 40% | 12% |
| | Midwest | 35% | 51% | 14% |
| | South | 44% | 42% | 14% |
| | West | 36% | 46% | 18% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 43% | 43% | 14% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 42% | 45% | 13% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 41% | 44% | 15% |
| | College graduate | 41% | 46% | 13% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 41% | 39% | 20% |
| | 30 to 44 | 47% | 43% | 10% |
| | 45 to 59 | 38% | 48% | 14% |
| | 60 or older | 39% | 46% | 15% |
| Gender | Men | 39% | 49% | 12% |
| | Women | 43% | 40% | 17% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|------------|
| | | Do you think the congressional Republicans are: | | |
| | | Mostly playing by the rules | Mostly acting inappropriately | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 38% | 52% | 10% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 17% | 72% | 10% |
| | Republican | 64% | 27% | 9% |
| | Independent | 41% | 48% | 11% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 17% | 72% | 11% |
| | Democrat women | 18% | 73% | 10% |
| | Republican men | 64% | 28% | 8% |
| | Republican women | 64% | 26% | 10% |
| | Independent men | 49% | 45% | 6% |
| | Independent women | 30% | 53% | 17% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 27% | 66% | 7% |
| | Moderate | 39% | 52% | 9% |
| | Conservative | 45% | 44% | 11% |
| Region | Northeast | 36% | 57% | 7% |
| | Midwest | 47% | 45% | 8% |
| | South | 36% | 54% | 10% |
| | West | 37% | 49% | 15% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 35% | 55% | 11% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 43% | 49% | 8% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 37% | 52% | 11% |
| | College graduate | 41% | 50% | 9% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 33% | 56% | 10% |
| | 30 to 44 | 43% | 50% | 7% |
| | 45 to 59 | 35% | 53% | 12% |
| | 60 or older | 41% | 49% | 11% |
| Gender | Men | 43% | 49% | 8% |
| | Women | 34% | 54% | 12% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------|
| | | Do you think the congressional Democrats are: | | |
| | | Mostly playing by the rules | Mostly acting inappropriately | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 43% | 49% | 8% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 65% | 27% | 8% |
| | Republican | 22% | 72% | 6% |
| | Independent | 37% | 54% | 9% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 66% | 25% | 9% |
| | Democrat women | 65% | 29% | 6% |
| | Republican men | 24% | 74% | 3% |
| | Republican women | 21% | 70% | 8% |
| | Independent men | 38% | 58% | 4% |
| | Independent women | 37% | 49% | 15% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 64% | 29% | 7% |
| | Moderate | 47% | 47% | 6% |
| | Conservative | 29% | 63% | 8% |
| Region | Northeast | 48% | 47% | 5% |
| | Midwest | 49% | 44% | 7% |
| | South | 40% | 53% | 7% |
| | West | 41% | 48% | 12% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 45% | 47% | 8% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 45% | 49% | 6% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 39% | 52% | 10% |
| | College graduate | 50% | 44% | 5% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 57% | 33% | 10% |
| | 30 to 44 | 47% | 49% | 4% |
| | 45 to 59 | 41% | 51% | 8% |
| | 60 or older | 36% | 55% | 9% |
| Gender | Men | 44% | 51% | 6% |
| | Women | 44% | 47% | 10% |

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| | | Registered Voters | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------|
| | | Do you think members of the Tea Party movement are: | | |
| | | Mostly playing by the rules | Mostly acting inappropriately | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| Registered Voters | | 35% | 41% | 24% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 19% | 58% | 23% |
| | Republican | 58% | 20% | 22% |
| | Independent | 36% | 39% | 24% |
| Party ID by Gender | Democrat men | 23% | 52% | 25% |
| | Democrat women | 14% | 64% | 22% |
| | Republican men | 52% | 29% | 19% |
| | Republican women | 63% | 13% | 24% |
| | Independent men | 39% | 45% | 17% |
| | Independent women | 34% | 33% | 34% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 16% | 64% | 21% |
| | Moderate | 31% | 44% | 25% |
| | Conservative | 51% | 27% | 23% |
| Region | Northeast | 28% | 52% | 19% |
| | Midwest | 36% | 38% | 26% |
| | South | 38% | 40% | 22% |
| | West | 35% | 37% | 27% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 32% | 43% | 24% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 39% | 42% | 19% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 33% | 39% | 28% |
| | College graduate | 37% | 47% | 17% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 29% | 46% | 25% |
| | 30 to 44 | 33% | 38% | 28% |
| | 45 to 59 | 35% | 45% | 20% |
| | 60 or older | 41% | 35% | 24% |
| Gender | Men | 37% | 43% | 20% |
| | Women | 33% | 39% | 27% |

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| | | USA Residents | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|--------|
| | | In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction? | | |
| | | Right direction | Wrong direction | Unsure |
| | | Row % | Row % | Row % |
| USA Residents | | 43% | 53% | 4% |
| Registered Voters | | 43% | 53% | 4% |
| Party ID | Democrat | 69% | 27% | 4% |
| | Republican | 13% | 84% | 3% |
| | Independent | 38% | 59% | 3% |
| Political Ideology | Liberal | 67% | 29% | 4% |
| | Moderate | 47% | 49% | 3% |
| | Conservative | 25% | 73% | 3% |
| Region | Northeast | 56% | 43% | 2% |
| | Midwest | 40% | 59% | 2% |
| | South | 39% | 57% | 4% |
| | West | 41% | 50% | 8% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 45% | 50% | 4% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 41% | 55% | 3% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 42% | 54% | 4% |
| | College graduate | 42% | 54% | 4% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 59% | 35% | 6% |
| | 30 to 44 | 42% | 56% | 2% |
| | 45 to 59 | 37% | 59% | 4% |
| | 60 or older | 39% | 57% | 4% |
| Gender | Men | 40% | 56% | 5% |
| | Women | 46% | 51% | 4% |

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