

# FOX NEWS POLL

## OPINION DYNAMICS

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Polling was conducted by telephone August 10-11, 2010, in the evenings. The total sample is 900 registered voters nationwide with a margin of sampling error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points. Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted. LV = likely voters

Democrats n=345,  $\pm 5$ ; Republicans n=359,  $\pm 5$ ; Independents n=150,  $\pm 8$

Question 1 released separately

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	32%	58	10
Democrats	62%	29	9
Republicans	9%	87	4
Independents	24%	61	15
13-14 Jul 10	33%	57	10
4-5 May 10	37%	54	9
27-28 Oct 09	36%	53	11
22-23 Apr 09	50%	40	10
17-18 Feb 09	46%	45	9
26-27 Jun 07	36%	49	15
24-25 Oct 06 LV	37%	46	17
26-27 Sep 06 LV	39%	48	13
2-3 May 06	36%	49	15
4-5 Apr 06	29%	51	20
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	36%	48	16
10-11 Jan 06	39%	41	20
8-9 Nov 05	33%	47	20

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing?

	Approve	Disapprove	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	30%	57	13
Democrats	17%	73	10
Republicans	50%	39	10
Independents	18%	64	18
13-14 Jul 10	29%	58	13
4-5 May 10	31%	57	12
27-28 Oct 09	29%	59	12
22-23 Apr 09	36%	52	12
17-18 Feb 09	34%	56	10
26-27 Jun 07	30%	56	14
24-25 Oct 06 LV	34%	55	11
26-27 Sep 06 LV	34%	55	11
2-3 May 06	35%	53	12
4-5 Apr 06	29%	53	18
28 Feb-1 Mar 06	34%	53	13
10-11 Jan 06	37%	49	14
8-9 Nov 05	34%	50	16

4. Right now, how interested are you in the November elections?

	Extremely interested	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not at all interested	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	29%	29	34	8	-
Democrats	18%	31	43	8	-
Republicans	41%	25	28	6	-
Independents	29%	32	31	7	-
27-28 Jul 10	31%	31	28	9	1
Democrats	23%	36	31	10	1
Republicans	36%	30	27	7	1
Independents	44%	24	25	7	-
13-14 Jul 10	28%	29	34	8	1
Democrats	23%	29	37	8	2
Republicans	34%	32	27	6	1
Independents	26%	24	41	9	-
29-30 Jun 10	29%	28	32	9	2
8-9 Jun 10	27%	28	31	13	1
18-19 May 10	30%	31	29	10	1
4-5 May 10	27%	31	32	10	1
20-21 Apr 10	30%	27	31	11	-
6-7 Apr 10	31%	27	30	11	1
2-3 Feb 10	28%	29	32	10	1

5. If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district or the Republican candidate in your district? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

	Democratic Candidate			Republican Candidate			(Undecided/Don't know)	
	Total	Vote/Lean	---	Total	Vote/Lean	---	(Other)	know)
10-11 Aug 10	37%	34 3	---	44	41 3	---	3	15
Democrats	80%	74 6	---	6	6 -	---	2	11
Republicans	4%	4 -	---	88	82 6	---	2	7
Independents	28%	22 6	---	34	29 5	---	6	33
27-28 Jul 10	36%	33 3	---	47	42 5	---	3	13
Democrats	84%	78 6	---	10	8 2	---	2	5
Republicans	3%	3 -	---	88	82 6	---	2	8
Independents	20%	13 7	---	43	33 10	---	8	29
13-14 Jul 10	37%	33 4	---	41	38 3	---	4	18
Democrats	79%	72 7	---	6	6 -	---	1	13
Republicans	4%	4 -	---	83	78 5	---	2	10
Independents	31%	25 6	---	25	22 3	---	14	31
29-30 Jun 10	40%	36 4	---	42	38 4	---	4	13
Democrats	87%	80 7	---	8	7 1	---	1	5
Republicans	3%	3 -	---	90	82 8	---	-	6
Independents	25%	20 5	---	32	26 6	---	14	29
8-9 Jun 10	41%	37 4	---	38	32 6	---	5	17
Democrats	83%	77 6	---	4	4 -	---	1	11
Republicans	3%	2 1	---	85	74 11	---	3	8
Independents	20%	15 5	---	31	25 6	---	11	37
18-19 May 10	41%	37 4	---	41	35 6	---	5	14
Democrats	84%	79 5	---	4	4 -	---	1	10
Republicans	5%	4 1	---	85	77 9	---	3	7
Independents	23%	18 5	---	33	23 10	---	15	29
4-5 May 10	40%	35 5	---	42	37 5	---	4	14
20-21 Apr 10	38%	35 3	---	42	38 4	---	4	15
6-7 Apr 10	39%	35 4	---	43	38 5	---	4	15
16-17 Mar 10	38%	34 4	---	42	38 4	---	6	14

6. And what if there were a candidate from the Tea Party movement on the ballot? If the election for Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate in your district, the Republican candidate in your district, or the Tea Party candidate in your district? (If undecided) Well, if you had to vote, which way would you lean? (ROTATE)

SCALE: 1. Vote Democratic 2. (Lean Democratic) 3. Vote Republican  
4. (Lean Republican) 5. Vote Tea Party 6. (Lean Tea Party) 7. (Other)  
8. (Undecided/Don't know)

	- Democratic -			- Republican -			- Tea Party -			- (DK)	
	Total	Vote/Lean		Total	Vote/Lean		Total	Vote/Lean		(Othr)	(DK)
10-11 Aug 10	34%	31	3	27	23	4	16	13	3	2	20
Democrats	76%	69	7	6	5	1	5	5	-	3	11
Republicans	4%	4	-	54	46	8	23	19	4	1	17
Independents	21%	17	4	12	11	1	23	17	6	3	41
20-21 Apr 10	36%	34	2	24	21	3	13	10	3	3	24
Democrats	78%	74	4	3	3	-	3	3	-	2	12
Republicans	1%	1	-	54	47	7	20	16	4	2	22
Independents	14%	12	2	14	10	4	17	13	4	7	48

7. Regardless of whether you support the Tea Party movement or not, do you support or oppose the main issues the Tea Party has raised -- specifically calling for lower taxes and less government?

	Support	Oppose	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	71%	22	8
Democrats	53%	38	9
Republicans	88%	8	4
Independents	70%	20	9

8. Do you think President Obama helps or hurts Democratic candidates in the elections this fall?

	Helps	Hurts	(No difference)	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	37%	44	8	10
Democrats	64%	22	7	7
Republicans	18%	67	5	10
Independents	28%	42	14	16

For reference: Do you think President Bush helps or hurts Republican candidates in the elections this fall?

	Helps	Hurts	(No difference)	(Don't know)
12-13 Sep 06 LV	31%	47	13	9

9. When you think about Congress, do you think the average representative deserves to be re-elected, or would we be better off throwing most of them out and starting over with new people?

SCALE: 1. Yes, average rep deserves re-election 2. No, better off throwing them out 3. (It depends) 4. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(It depends)	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	22%	62	12	4
Democrats	35%	49	13	4
Republicans	17%	72	8	3
Independents	9%	67	20	4
27-28 Oct 09	19%	64	10	7
23-24 Oct 07	26%	45	20	9
6-7 Aug 02	31%	42	18	9
28-29 Oct 98 LV	37%	42	15	6
28-29 Oct 98	35%	44	14	7
9-10 Sep 98	37%	36	19	8
30 Jun-1 Jul 98	29%	48	17	6

10. How about your representative -- do you think he or she deserves to be re-elected?

SCALE: 1. Yes, deserves reelection 2. No does not deserve reelection

3. (Don't know)

	Yes	No	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	47%	37	16
Democrats	54%	31	15
Republicans	47%	39	14
Independents	37%	44	20
27-28 Oct 09	51%	35	14
23-24 Oct 07	50%	29	21
6-7 Aug 02	57%	23	20
28-29 Oct 98 LV	66%	20	14
28-29 Oct 98	62%	20	18
9-10 Sep 98	66%	17	17
30 Jun-1 Jul 98	61%	20	19

11. Whatever the outcome of the Congressional elections in November, the current lawmakers will keep their seats until the new lawmakers take office in January. Do you think it would be appropriate or inappropriate for the current lawmakers to push through legislation on major issues that likely wouldn't pass once the new House and Senate members take office?

	Appropriate	Inappropriate	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	25%	64	11
Democrats	39%	49	13
Republicans	15%	77	8
Independents	23%	68	9

12. Which of these statements do you think best describes the way elected officials treat every day Americans? Elected officials treat every day Americans:

SCALE: 1. Like they are well-informed on the issues, or 2. Like they don't know much about the issues? 3. (Mixed/Neither) 4. (Don't know)

	Well-informed on issues	Don't know much on issues	(Mix/Neither)	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	12%	76	8	4
Democrats	18%	69	10	3
Republicans	8%	81	7	3
Independents	12%	76	8	4

13. Do you think it would be better for the national economy if Democrats or Republicans win control of Congress in November? (ROTATE)

	Democrats	Republicans	(No difference/Neither)	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	33%	42	18	8
Democrats	72%	6	14	7
Republicans	4%	80	10	5
Independents	17%	33	40	11
27-28 Jun 06	43%	35	15	7

ROTATE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS

14. In general, how often do you feel the Democratic Party's positions on the issues are too liberal for you?

	Most of the time	Some of the time	Hardly ever	Never	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	41%	35	15	6	3
Democrats	13%	44	29	13	2
Republicans	69%	24	4	1	1
Independents	39%	42	13	2	5

15. In general, how often do you feel the Republican Party's positions on the issues are too conservative for you?

	Most of the time	Some of the time	Hardly ever	Never	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	29%	41	20	8	2
Democrats	51%	38	7	2	2
Republicans	8%	40	35	16	1
Independents	27%	52	12	5	4

16. Do you think the country is better off or worse off today than before Barack Obama was elected president, or is there not really much of a difference?

	Better off	Worse off	No difference	(Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	30%	38	30	2
Democrats	55%	9	35	1
Republicans	8%	69	22	1
Independents	31%	34	33	2

POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION: When you think about politics, do you think of yourself as a Democrat or a Republican?

	Democrat	Republican	(Independent)	(Other)	(Refused/Don't know)
10-11 Aug 10	38%	40	17	3	2
27-28 Jul 10	37%	41	16	3	3
13-14 Jul 10	37%	38	18	4	3
29-30 Jun 10	38%	36	20	3	3
8-9 Jun 10	41%	34	18	3	3
18-19 May 10	39%	35	20	3	3
4-5 May 10	41%	37	18	2	2
20-21 Apr 10	41%	36	18	2	2
6-7 Apr 10	40%	36	18	4	2
16-17 Mar 10	40%	37	18	4	2
23-24 Feb 10	38%	37	17	5	3
2-3 Feb 10	36%	36	22	3	3
12-13 Jan 10	39%	34	20	3	4
8-9 Dec 09	38%	38	18	3	3