

2014 Midterm Elections: Voter Dissatisfaction with the President and Washington
 October 23-27, 2014

- 51% of voters expect the Republicans to take control of the Senate this year, but 45% now say it doesn't matter which party controls Congress – a record high.
- Americans continue to disapprove of Congress. Just 7% think most members deserve reelection.
- Most are unhappy with the way government is working. 73% say they trust the government in Washington only some of the time.
- President Barack Obama's approval rating is 39% heading into the midterms; only slightly higher than George W. Bush's in October 2006.
- Republicans lead the Democrats on the generic ballot; and are seen as the party that will do a better job on both the economy and foreign policy.

Expectations for the Senate

Regardless of whether they will vote in a Senate race this year, 51% of registered voters nationwide expect the Republican Party to win control of the U.S. Senate. Self-identified Republicans expect their party to prevail, while Democrats think their party will keep control. A slim majority of independents think the Republicans will win Senate control.

Expect to Win Control of U.S. Senate

(Among registered voters)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
Republican party	51%	79%	25%	52%
Democratic party	37	13	64	29
Don't know	13	7	11	18

Pessimism about Congress

But some voters think the outcome may not matter. 45% -- a record high among registered voters in CBS News Polls -- now say they agree with the statement "It makes no real difference which party controls Congress, things go on just as they did before." Still, 53% think it does matter which party controls Congress.

**It Makes No Real Difference Which Party Controls Congress –
 Things Go On Just as They Did Before**

(Among registered voters)

	Now	5/2014	9/2006	10/2002	10/1998
Agree	45%	43%	34%	34%	39%
Disagree	53	56	65	62	57

A week ahead of the midterm elections that will decide control of Congress, Congress' approval rating remains overwhelmingly negative. Just 14% of Americans approve of the job Congress is doing, while 76% disapprove. These ratings match what they were four years ago, heading into the 2010 midterm elections.

	Job Rating of Congress				
	Now	10/8/2014	5/2014	10/2013	10/2010
Approve	14%	15%	12%	9%	14%
Disapprove	76	78	80	85	76

Disapproval extends to both political parties in Congress.

	Ratings of Political Parties in Congress	
	<u>Republicans in Congress</u>	<u>Democrats in Congress</u>
Approve	21%	29%
Disapprove	69	60

Dissatisfaction with Congress is reflected in the very low percentage of voters who think most members of Congress deserve re-election. By a lopsided margin, voters continue to think most members of Congress do not deserve to be re-elected.

Most Members of Congress Deserve Re-Election?

(Among registered voters)

	Now	9/2014	2/2010	9/2006	10/2002	10/1998
Yes, deserve re-election	7%	5%	8%	12%	15%	24%
No, time for new people	85	87	81	76	70	64

They are more positive about their own Representative, but still a majority of voters thinks it is time for a new person in their district.

Own Member of Congress Deserve Re-Election?

(Among registered voters)

	Now	9/2014	9/2010	9/2006	10/2002	10/1994	10/1990
Yes, deserves re-election	32%	28%	34%	42%	50%	38%	47%
No, time for new person	57	63	55	47	38	52	41

The Obama Factor

President Obama is not on the ballot this year, but he is a motivating force for some voters, particularly Republicans. More than half of Republicans (59%) say their vote for Congress will be against the president. Fewer Democrats (43%) say their vote will be in support of the President.

Do You See Midterm Vote as For or Against Pres. Obama?

(Among registered voters)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
For Obama	19%	2%	43%	11%
Against Obama	30	59	11	27
Not about Obama	47	37	41	59

Heading into the midterm elections, President Obama's approval rating is 39% -- just a bit higher than George W. Bush's in the fall of 2006, when Democrats took control of the House and Senate.

Mr. Obama's approval rating is considerably lower than both Ronald Reagan's and Bill Clinton's at this point in their presidencies. The President's party typically loses seats in a midterm; one exception was in 1998, during Bill Clinton's presidency, when the Democratic party gained seats in the House.

Midterm Approval Ratings: President Obama vs. Past Two-Term Presidents

	Approve	Disapprove	
Barack Obama	39%	51	(10/2014)
George W. Bush	34%	58	(10/2006)
Bill Clinton	65%	30	(10/1998)
Ronald Reagan	67%	25	(10/1986)

At 39%, Mr. Obama's approval rating is just two points above his all-time low reached nearly a year ago. 51% of Americans disapprove.

President Obama's Overall Job Rating

	Now	10/8/2014	9/2014	11/2013	10/2012	10/2010
Approve	39%	42%	40%	37%	50%	45%
Disapprove	51	50	50	57	42	47

More Americans approve (47%) than disapprove (41%) of how President Obama is handling the threat from Ebola. But Americans give the President lower marks on other issues. A majority of Americans disapprove of how President Obama is handling the economy, and he gets net negative ratings for his handling of terrorism (41%), the threat of ISIS (38%), and foreign policy (34%).

President Obama's Job Ratings on Issues

	Approve	Disapprove
Ebola	47%	41
Economy	41%	52
Terrorism	41%	49
ISIS	38%	50
Foreign policy	34%	54

The Midterm Elections

Republicans continue to hold a lead in the national Congressional ballot test: 47% of likely voters say they will support the Republican candidate in their district, while 40% support the Democrat.

Generic Ballot: 2014 Congressional Vote

(Among likely voters)

	Now		10/8/2014	
	Total	w/leaners	Total	w/leaners
Republican	47%	50%	46%	49%
Democrat	40	42	40	43
Depends/Not sure	11	4	12	5

About nine in ten Republicans, and a similar percentage of Democrats, say they support their party's candidate for the House of Representatives. Independents are supporting the Republican candidate.

32% of voters are paying a lot of attention to the campaign, a figure that has steadily risen since September, and is similar to the percentage who said the same four years ago.

Attention to the Campaign

(Among registered voters)

	Now	10/8/2014	9/2014	10/2010
A lot	32%	30%	24%	35%
Some	40	38	36	41
Not much	19	19	24	20
None	8	14	15	5

Four in ten voters say they are more enthusiastic about voting this year compared to past elections. 47% say they are less enthusiastic, up 13 points from the 34% who said that in October 2010. Republican voters (48%) are more likely than Democratic voters (42%) to say they are more enthusiastic.

Congressional Elections: Enthusiasm about Voting

(Among registered voters)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds	10/2010
More	40%	48%	42%	33%	47%
Less	47	40	47	53	34
The same (vol.)	9	9	7	10	17

Voters continue to choose the economy (38%) as the most important issue in their vote for Congress this year, followed by health care (23%) and terrorism (11%).

Most Important Issue in Your Vote

(Among registered voters)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
Economy	38%	32%	45%	36%
Health care	23	19	26	23
Terrorism	11	17	7	10
Immigration	9	12	5	11
Budget deficit	8	10	4	10
International conflicts	7	7	10	6

Most voters choosing between the country's two major parties say that the main reason they are supporting their candidate is because of his or her positions on the issues. The candidate's party and personal qualities are far less likely to be chosen.

Main Reason Supporting Candidate?

(Among registered voters who support a Democratic or Republican)

Position on issues	69%
Because they are a Democrat/Republican	15
Personal qualities	11

More broadly, national issues (51%) will matter more than local issues (37%) this fall; this is the case for both Republicans and Democrats.

Which Will Matter More in Your Vote?

(Among registered voters)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
National issues	51%	59%	49%	47%
State/local issues	37	29	41	38
Both (vol.)	11	11	9	12

Heading into the final pre-election stretch, the Republicans have the advantage on some key issues. By a seven-point margin, voters say the Republican Party will do a better job handling the economy – the top issue for voters. The Republicans also have the advantage on foreign policy and hold their widest lead on the issue of terrorism. The parties are even on immigration, while the Democrats lead on health care.

Voters do give the Democratic Party a lead over the Republicans on caring about the needs and problems of people like themselves.

Issues: Which Party Will Do a Better Job On...?

(Among registered voters)

	Republican	Democratic
Terrorism	51%	31
The economy	47%	40
Foreign policy	47%	37
Immigration	44%	42
Health care	41%	47
Cares more about people like me	33%	51

The Economy

58% of Americans think the condition of the national economy is at least somewhat bad, while just 40% characterize it as good. Though down slightly from earlier this month, positive views of the economy have slowly improved overall since the onset of the financial crisis in October 2008.

	Now	Condition of the Economy			
		10/8/2014	10/2012	10/2010	10/2008
Good	40%	43%	32%	21%	11%
Bad	58	55	67	78	89

But few Americans think the economy is now getting better - just 25% say so – down four percentage points from earlier this month. More Americans think the economy is either getting worse (27%) or staying the same (46%). These percentages are nearly identical to what they were in October 2010.

Direction of the Economy					
	Now	10/8/2014	10/2012	10/2010	10/2008
Better	25%	29%	36%	25%	8%
Worse	27	25	28	28	57
Same	46	45	35	46	32

Cynicism about the Government and the Direction of the Country

Two in three Americans (66%) continue to think the country is off on the wrong track, while just over a quarter (27%) think it is headed in the right direction. Optimism on this measure has slid significantly from what it was two years ago, but is much higher than it was in October 2008.

Direction of the Country					
	Now	10/8/2014	10/2012	10/2010	10/2008
Right direction	27%	29%	39%	34%	7%
Wrong track	66	65	54	61	89

And Americans show considerable skepticism about the federal government's ability to do the right thing. 73% of Americans say they trust the government to do what is right only some of the time. This percentage is identical to what it was a year ago, and even higher than it was right before the 2010 midterm elections.

How Often Can You Trust the Government to Do What is Right?			
	Total	11/2013	10/2010
Almost always	3%	3%	2%
Most of the time	13	14	19
Only some of the time	73	73	67

Moreover, three in four Americans are either dissatisfied (50%) or angry (24%) with how the federal government is working. Just 24% are either satisfied or enthusiastic, though this percentage is up slightly from December 2011.

Feelings About How the Federal Government is Working				
	Total	12/2011	9/2011	12/2007
Enthusiastic	2%	1%	3%	1%
Satisfied	22	16	10	26
Dissatisfied	50	56	54	55
Angry	24	26	30	16

When asked, in general, if it is better to have the President and Congress from the same or different parties, more voters prefer the same party (48%), rather than divided control (37%). But these views are colored by partisanship -- which has been the case historically. Most Democrats, who control the White House, would rather have Congress and the President of the same party, while Republicans are more inclined to prefer divided control. In years when Republicans had the White House, Democrats wanted divided government.

Better to Have the President and Congress...

(Among registered voters)

	Total	Reps	Dems	Inds
From the same party	48%	41%	64%	40%
From different parties	37	46	24	41
Don't know	15	13	13	19

Campaign Contributions

The 2014 elections are on track to be the most expensive midterm elections in history, and Americans express strong opinions about money and politics in this poll. Eight in 10 think that spending by outside groups on political advertising should be limited. Majorities of all partisan stripes would like to see this type of spending restricted.

Spending on Ads by Unaffiliated Groups

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Should be limited	80%	74%	85%	78%
Should not be limited	18	24	12	18

Along similar lines, 76% of Americans think individual contributions to political campaigns should be limited.

Campaign Contributions by Individuals

	All	Reps	Dems	Inds
Should be limited	76%	72%	78%	76%
Allow unlimited contributions	20	24	18	18

This poll was conducted by telephone October 23-27, 2014 among 1,269 adults nationwide, including 1,079 registered voters. The sample size for likely voters is 624. Not all likely voters are assigned the same probability of voting.

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CBS NEWS POLL
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Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Oct14a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	39	10	66	34	42
Disapprove	51	86	25	51	50
Don't know/No answer	10	4	9	15	9

Q2. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

					Oct14d
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Right direction	27	8	48	22	26
Wrong track	66	89	42	70	65
Don't know/No answer	8	3	9	8	9

Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

					Oct14a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	34	7	58	30	35
Disapprove	54	85	31	54	56
Don't know/No answer	12	7	11	15	9

Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	41	11	67	38	43
Disapprove	52	84	27	54	52
Don't know/No answer	7	5	6	8	4

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the threat of terrorism?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	41	15	67	36	42
Disapprove	49	81	25	50	51
Don't know/No answer	10	3	8	14	7

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the situation with ISIS militants in Iraq and Syria?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	38	14	63	32	40
Disapprove	50	79	28	51	51
Don't know/No answer	12	7	9	17	8

Q7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the threat of the Ebola virus?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	47	23	71	43	
Disapprove	41	64	21	43	
Don't know/No answer	11	13	8	14	

Q8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Oct14a %
	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	
Approve	14	14	17	12	15
Disapprove	76	74	75	78	78
Don't know/No answer	10	11	8	11	7

Q9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

Approve	21	43	11	16	21
Disapprove	69	50	81	70	71
Don't know/No answer	10	7	7	14	8

Q10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

Approve	29	7	59	19	30
Disapprove	60	88	32	65	62
Don't know/No answer	11	5	9	16	9

Q11. Which best describes your feelings about the way the federal government is working: enthusiastic, or satisfied but not enthusiastic, or dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

					Dec11b
Enthusiastic	2	1	3	1	1
Satisfied not enthusiastic	22	14	32	18	16
Dissatisfied not angry	50	52	47	51	56
Angry	24	33	14	26	26
Don't know/No answer	3	1	3	4	1

Q12. How would you rate the condition of the national economy these days? Is it very good, fairly good, fairly bad or very bad?

					Oct14a
Very good	4	1	6	3	3
Fairly good	36	24	51	31	40
Fairly bad	35	45	29	34	35
Very bad	23	30	12	27	20
Don't know/No answer	3	*	2	5	2

Q13. Do you think the economy is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Better	25	12	42	20	29
Worse	27	35	17	30	25
Same	46	51	40	48	45
Don't know/No answer	1	2	1	2	1

Q17. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right – just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				Nov13c
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Just about always	3	3	3	3	3
Most of the time	13	10	23	8	14
Only some of the time	73	77	68	73	73
Never (Vol.)	9	11	4	12	9
Don't know/No answer	2	*	2	3	1

Q18. How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2014 election campaign — a lot, some, not much or no attention so far?

	* REGISTERED VOTERS *				Oct14a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
A lot	32	36	29	32	30
Some	40	45	39	38	38
Not much	19	14	24	19	19
No attention	8	4	7	11	14
Don't know/No answer	1	*	1	1	*

Q20. If the 2014 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the (Republican) candidate or the (Democratic) candidate in your district?/ In the election for U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the (Republican) candidate or the (Democratic) candidate in your district?)

	**** LIKELY VOTERS ****				
Republican	47	93	6	46	46
Democratic	40	3	87	28	40
Other	2	*	1	4	2
Won't vote	1	*	*	1	1
Depends	5	2	2	8	5
Don't know/No answer	6	1	3	12	7

Q20 & Q21 If the 2014 election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the (Republican) candidate or the (Democratic) candidate in your district?/ In the election for U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the (Republican) candidate or the (Democratic) candidate in your district?) (IF DEPENDS/DON'T KNOW/NO ANSWER) Well as of today, do you lean more toward the Republican candidate or more toward the Democratic candidate?

	* LIKELY VOTERS WITH LEANERS *				
Republican	50	95	7	52	49
Democrat	42	3	90	33	43
Other	2	*	1	6	2
Won't Vote	1	*	1	1	1
Depends	2	*	1	4	2
Don't know/No answer	2	*	1	5	3

Q22. Compared to previous Congressional elections, this year are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

	* REGISTERED VOTERS *				Oct14a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
More enthusiastic	40	48	42	33	37
Less enthusiastic	47	40	47	53	48
Same (Vol.)	9	9	7	10	13
Don't know/No answer	3	3	3	4	2

Q23. What's the main reason you're supporting your candidate: 1. (His or her personal qualities), or 2. (His or her stands on the issues), or 3. (Because he or she is a [Republican/Democrat])?

REGISTERED VOTERS VOTING EITHER DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN IN THE 2014 VOTE FOR CONGRESS

	Total	Voting Rep	Voting Dem
	%	%	%
His or her personal qualities	11	10	11
His or her stands on the issues	69	71	68
Because he or she is a (Republican/Democrat)	15	15	17
Don't know/No answer	5	4	4

Q24. Do you think most members of Congress have done a good enough job to deserve re-election, or do you think it's time to give new people a chance?

	* REGISTERED VOTERS *				Sep14b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Deserve re-election	7	8	10	3	5
Time for new people	85	84	80	89	87
Depends on candidates (Vol.)	4	4	5	4	4
Don't know/No answer	5	5	5	4	4

Q25. Do you think the representative in Congress from your district has performed his or her job well enough to deserve re-election, or do you think it's time to give a new person a chance?

Deserve re-election	32	35	33	29	28
Time for new people	57	54	57	59	63
Depends on candidates (Vol.)	2	2	2	3	2
Don't know/No answer	9	9	8	9	7

Q26. Which (will matter/mattered) more to you when you (vote this November/voted) -- your state's local issues or national issues?

					Sep06a
State's local issues	37	29	41	38	27
National issues	51	59	49	47	63
Both (Vol.)	11	11	9	12	9
Don't know/No answer	1	*	1	2	1

Q27. Which ONE of the following issues (will be/was) MOST important in deciding your vote for Congress (this November)?

	* REGISTERED VOTERS *				Oct14a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
The Economy	38	32	45	36	34
Health care	23	19	26	23	17
Terrorism	11	17	7	10	16
Immigration	9	12	5	11	13
Federal budget deficit	8	10	4	10	9
International conflicts	7	7	10	6	7
Something else (Vol.)	2	1	2	3	2
Don't know/No answer	2	2	1	2	3

Q29. Regardless of how you (intend to vote in November/voted), who do you expect to win control of the U.S. Senate in the election this year -- the (Democrats) or the (Republicans)?

	* REGISTERED VOTERS *			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Democrats	37	13	64	29
Republicans	51	79	25	52
Don't know/No answer	13	7	11	18

Q30. Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall as a vote (for) Barack Obama, a vote (against) Barack Obama, or don't you think of your vote this fall as being about Barack Obama?

Vote for	19	2	43	11	18
Vote against	30	59	11	27	31
Not about Barack Obama	47	37	41	59	46
Don't know/No answer	3	1	4	4	4

Q31. Do you think it is better for the country to have a president who comes from (the same political party that controls Congress) or do you think it is better to have a president from (one political party and Congress controlled by another)?

					Jul13b
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Better when same party	48	41	64	40	42
Better when different party	37	46	24	41	38
Don't know/No answer	15	13	13	19	20

Q32. Thinking about this November's elections for Congress, overall, would you say you are very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all about voting?

					Oct14a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
Very enthusiastic	27	31	28	23	23
Somewhat enthusiastic	39	42	43	34	39
Not too enthusiastic	22	19	21	26	24
Not enthusiastic at all	11	7	8	16	12
Don't know/No answer	1	2	1	2	1

Q33. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the (Republican Party) or the (Democratic Party) is more likely to do a better job handling immigration issues?

	* REGISTERED VOTERS *				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Sep14b
	%	%	%	%	%
Republican Party	44	81	18	41	42
Democratic Party	42	12	72	38	42
Both (Vol.)	1	1	1	1	*
Neither (Vol.)	5	3	3	8	6
Don't know/No answer	8	4	6	13	10

Q34. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the (Republican Party) or the (Democratic Party) is more likely to do a better job on the economy?

					Oct14a
Republican Party	47	89	13	45	49
Democratic Party	40	6	77	32	40
Both (Vol.)	1	*	1	2	*
Neither (Vol.)	4	1	2	8	4
Don't know/No answer	9	4	8	13	6

Q35. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the (Republican Party) or the (Democratic Party) is more likely to do a better job on U.S. foreign policy?

Republican Party	47	85	19	46	49
Democratic Party	37	9	69	29	38
Both (Vol.)	1	*	2	1	1
Neither (Vol.)	5	1	2	10	3
Don't know/No answer	9	5	8	14	9

Q36. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the (Republican Party) or the (Democratic Party) is more likely to do a better job dealing with terrorism?

Republican Party	51	88	23	48	53
Democratic Party	31	6	59	24	32
Both (Vol.)	3	*	5	3	2
Neither (Vol.)	5	2	3	8	6
Don't know/No answer	11	4	10	16	8

Q37. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the (Republican Party) or the (Democratic Party) is more likely to do a better job on health care?

					Sep14b
Republican Party	41	85	11	38	41
Democratic Party	47	9	82	43	46
Both (Vol.)	*	*	1	*	*
Neither (Vol.)	4	2	2	8	5
Don't know/No answer	7	4	5	11	8

Q38. Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the (Republican Party) or the (Democratic Party) cares more about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

	* REGISTERED VOTERS *				Oct14a
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	
	%	%	%	%	%
Republican Party	33	77	5	27	34
Democratic Party	51	12	87	47	50
Both (Vol.)	2	2	1	2	1
Neither (Vol.)	9	7	4	14	10
Don't know/No answer	6	2	4	10	4

Q40. Would you agree or disagree with the following statement? It makes no real difference which party controls Congress--things go on just as they did before.

					May14c
Agree	45	38	35	56	43
Disagree	53	59	64	42	56
Don't know/No answer	2	3	2	2	1

Q41. Which one of the following two positions on campaign financing do you favor more: (limiting the amount of money individuals can contribute to political campaigns), or (allowing individuals to contribute as much money to political campaigns as they'd like)?

	TOTAL RESPONDENTS				May14c
Limiting	76	72	78	76	71
Allowing	20	24	18	18	25
Don't know/No answer	5	4	4	6	3

Q42. Currently, groups not affiliated with a candidate are able to spend unlimited amounts of money on advertisements during a political campaign. Do you think this kind of spending should (be limited by law), or should it (remain unlimited)?

Should be limited	80	74	85	78	76
Should remain unlimited	18	24	12	18	22
Don't know/No answer	3	2	2	4	2

Q44. As you may know, the federal minimum wage is currently \$7.25 an hour. Do you favor or oppose raising the minimum wage to \$10.10?

					Sep14b
Favor	71	41	90	72	70
Oppose	26	54	9	24	28
Don't know/No answer	3	5	1	3	2

Q45. Which of these comes closest to your view? 1. Abortion should be generally available to those who want it. 2. Abortion should be available but under stricter limits than it is now. 3. Abortion should not be permitted.

					Jul14c
Generally available	39	24	51	38	36
Available but limits	34	39	30	33	34
Should not be permitted	25	36	16	25	26
Don't know/No answer	3	2	3	3	3

Q46. From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the health care law that was enacted in 2010?
 (IF APPROVE, ASK:) Do you strongly approve or somewhat approve?
 (IF DISAPPROVE, ASK:) Do you somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove?

	* TOTAL RESPONDENTS*				Sep14b %
	Total %	Rep %	Dem %	Ind %	
Strongly approve	18	3	37	12	20
Somewhat approve	18	7	24	20	21
Somewhat disapprove	14	10	14	17	15
Strongly disapprove	41	74	17	40	36
Don't know/No answer	9	7	8	10	7

	Unweighted	Weighted
Total Respondents	1,269	
Total Republicans	337	301
Total Democrats	393	406
Total Independents	539	562
Total Registered Voters	1,079	1,006
Registered Republicans	311	268
Registered Democrats	341	331
Registered Independents	427	407
Total Likely Voters		624