

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
FEBRUARY 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
FEBRUARY 7-12, 2017  
N=1,503**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-6 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 7-9****ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Feb 7-12, 2017	34	60	6
Sep 22-27, 2015	19	73	8
May 12-18, 2015	22	72	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	26	66	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	23	68	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20

**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 <sup>1</sup>	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20
<b>b. Democratic leaders in Congress</b>			
Feb 7-12, 2017	37	55	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	34	60	6
May 12-18, 2015	33	60	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	58	7
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	32	60	8

<sup>1</sup> From December, 1994 through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

**Q.10 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
May 1-5, 2013	32	59	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 <sup>2</sup>	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22

**NO QUESTIONS 11-14, 17-18, 20-34, 38, 40-42, 46-51, 56-60, 67, 72-73, 76-80, 83**

**QUESTIONS 15-16, 19, 35-37, 39, 43-45, 55, 62-63, 65, 68-71, 81-82, 84a PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**QUESTIONS 52-54, 61, 64, 66, 74-75 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>2</sup> In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.84 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=743]:</b>									
b.F1	Chuck Schumer								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	30	7	22	34	18	16	24	12
c.F1	Paul Ryan								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	36	8	28	43	17	25	13	9
	Oct 24-28, 2012	38	18	20	42	25	17	8	12
	Oct 4-7, 2012	38	17	21	40	23	17	7	15
	Sep 12-16, 2012	35	15	20	44	23	21	8	13
	Rep/Lean only:								
	Jul 17-21, 2013	61	20	41	16	4	12	13	10
d.F1	John McCain								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	57	11	46	33	10	22	5	6
	Sep 4-8, 2013	44	7	37	42	16	26	3	10
	Mid-October, 2008	51	17	34	44	17	27	*	5
	Late September, 2008	55	19	36	38	14	24	*	7
	Mid-September, 2008	58	20	38	38	16	22	*	4
	Late May, 2008	46	12	34	44	20	24	1	9
	April, 2008	48	11	37	40	17	23	2	10
	March, 2008	45	8	37	41	16	25	2	12
	Late February, 2008	48	12	36	38	14	24	1	13
	Early February, 2008	53	12	41	31	10	21	3	13
	January, 2008	55	14	41	31	9	22	3	11
	Late December, 2007	46	8	38	34	10	24	7	13
	August, 2007	47	8	39	29	8	21	12	12
	December, 2006	51	13	38	26	6	20	10	13
	April, 2006	54	14	40	26	7	19	8	12
	Late October, 2005	56	15	41	19	5	14	10	15
	Late March, 2005	59	15	44	17	4	13	8	16
	July, 2001	51	14	37	22	5	17	13	14
	January, 2001	59	18	41	15	3	12	9	17
	May, 2000	54	14	40	20	5	15	11	15
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=760]:</b>									
e.F2	Nancy Pelosi								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	33	8	25	49	29	20	8	10
	Dec 3-7, 2014	27	6	20	47	29	18	15	11
	Oct 9-13, 2013	34	7	28	49	29	20	9	8
	Dec 2-5, 2010	29	10	20	55	35	19	9	6
	Jun 10-13, 2010	27	5	22	50	28	23	14	8
	Jun 10-14, 2009	35	8	28	41	25	16	15	8
	December, 2007	25	6	19	38	19	19	20	17
	December, 2006	32	9	23	27	13	14	26	15
f.F2	Mitch McConnell								
	Feb 7-12, 2017	27	5	23	45	23	21	16	11
	Mar 25-29, 2015	23	3	19	38	16	22	25	14
	Dec 3-7, 2014	21	5	16	37	15	22	24	18
	Oct 9-13, 2013	23	2	20	37	14	23	23	17
	Jan 9-13, 2013	21	2	18	28	11	17	32	20

**Q.84 CONTINUED...**

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Dec 2-5, 2010	22	5	18	27	11	16	35	15
Rep/Lean only:								
Jul 17-21, 2013	36	7	29	24	5	19	21	19

**QUESTIONS 84g, 88, 90-91 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 85-87, 89****QUESTION 92 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
				No preference	Other party	DK/Ref		
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Mar 17-26, 2016	25	31	38	3	*	2	15	20
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=581]:**

Q.93 If Donald Trump and the Republican leaders in Congress disagree on an issue, are you more likely to trust Trump or more likely to trust the Republican leaders in Congress?

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52	More likely to trust Trump
34	More likely to trust Republican leaders in Congress
3	Both <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*When Barack Obama and the Democratic leaders in Congress disagree on an issue, are you more likely to trust Obama or more likely to trust the Democratic leaders in Congress?*

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS:**

<u>CNN/ORC</u>		<u>CNN/ORC</u>
Jan 12-15		November
<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>
65	Obama	71
26	Democratic leaders	19
5	Both equally <b>(VOL.)</b>	8
3	Neither <b>(VOL.)</b>	1
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2) [N=797]:**

Q.94 What concerns you more? [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]?

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20	That Democrats in Congress will go too far opposing Donald Trump and his policies [OR]
72	That Democrats in Congress will not do enough to oppose Donald Trump and his policies
8	Don't know/refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls