

Who Should Take the Lead in Solving Problems - the President or Congressional Leaders?

	---December 1994---*				---Mid November 2006---				(N)
	Republican				Democratic				
	President <u>Clinton</u> %	Congressional <u>Leadership</u> %	Both/ <u>Neither</u> %	DK/ <u>Ref</u> %	President <u>Bush</u> %	Congressional <u>Leadership</u> %	Both/ <u>Neither</u> %	DK/ <u>Ref</u> %	
<i>Total</i>	39	43	10	8=100	29	51	14	6=100	(1479)
Gender									
Male	38	45	10	6	31	50	15	4	(699)
Female	41	39	10	10	29	51	12	7	(780)
Race									
White	35	46	11	8	33	46	15	6	(1219)
Non-white	61	22	7	9	16	68	9	8	(241)
Age and Gender									
White Men	36	48	11	5	34	47	16	3	(568)
White Women	35	44	11	11	33	46	14	8	(651)
Age									
18-49	39	44	9	7	30	53	12	5	(722)
50-64	39	39	13	9	29	49	16	7	(396)
65+	41	39	10	11	28	45	18	8	(333)
Age and Gender									
Men under 50	37	46	10	7	31	53	13	3	(357)
Women under 50	42	42	9	7	30	53	10	7	(365)
Men 50+	40	44	11	5	31	44	18	7	(334)
Women 50+	40	34	12	13	27	49	16	7	(395)
Education									
College graduate	39	43	13	5	33	43	21	3	(530)
Some college	39	42	11	7	30	51	12	7	(381)
High School or less	39	42	9	10	28	55	11	7	(561)
Household income									
\$75,000 +	33	46	16	5	38	42	17	4	(393)
\$50 to 74,999	39	46	10	5	37	43	18	3	(229)
\$30 to 49,999	42	42	9	7	27	57	11	5	(282)
<\$30,000	41	40	10	9	21	59	12	8	(370)

Question: Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems — President Bush, or the Democratic congressional leaders?

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
<i>Total</i>	39	43	10	8=100	29	51	14	6=100	(1479)
<i>Party Identification</i>									
Republican	16	69	10	5	65	15	17	3	(416)
Democrat	68	14	10	8	9	79	9	3	(502)
Independent	38	40	11	11	25	53	15	8	(451)
<i>Ideology</i>									
Conservative	--	--	--	--	46	35	14	5	(541)
Moderate	--	--	--	--	22	57	14	7	(626)
Liberal	--	--	--	--	14	72	10	4	(239)
<i>Party & Ideology</i>									
Conserv Repub	--	--	--	--	69	11	19	1	(274)
Mod/Lib Repub	--	--	--	--	55	25	14	6	(133)
Conserv/Mod Dem	--	--	--	--	10	78	9	3	(357)
Liberal Democrat	--	--	--	--	7	83	9	1	(130)
<i>Religion</i>									
Protestant	37	45	10	8	34	44	16	7	(861)
White evangelical	28	53	10	9	46	31	15	7	(330)
White mainline	37	45	10	7	29	45	20	6	(361)
Catholic	40	41	11	8	27	60	9	4	(333)
White, non-Hisp.	37	44	11	8	32	54	10	5	(261)
Secular	45	35	10	11	15	64	14	7	(167)
<i>Attend church</i>									
Weekly	--	--	--	--	36	42	15	7	(598)
Monthly/Yearly	--	--	--	--	27	57	13	3	(448)
Seldom/Never	--	--	--	--	25	54	13	7	(411)
<i>Region</i>									
Northeast	40	36	12	12	28	51	15	7	(292)
Midwest	38	46	9	7	27	52	12	9	(342)
South	39	43	10	8	31	50	14	5	(553)
West	40	43	11	6	31	50	14	5	(292)
<i>Community</i>									
Rural	--	--	--	--	32	48	12	8	(341)
Suburban	--	--	--	--	32	48	15	5	(729)
Urban	--	--	--	--	24	57	13	6	(409)
<i>Labor household</i>									
Yes	47	35	11	8	25	61	9	5	(180)
No	38	44	10	8	30	49	15	6	(1299)

Will Congressional Leaders Be Successful?

	---December 1994---*				---Mid November 2006---				<i>Success Change</i>	<i>(N)</i>
	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Mixed</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	<u>Mixed</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>		
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
<i>Total</i>	62	24	4	10=100	59	22	6	13=100	-3	(1479)
<i>Gender</i>										
Male	62	27	5	6	54	28	8	11	-8	(699)
Female	61	21	3	14	65	16	4	15	4	(780)
<i>Race</i>										
White	63	23	4	10	58	24	6	12	-5	(1219)
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<i>Age and Gender</i>										
Men under 50	62	28	4	6	56	28	6	10	-6	(357)
Women under 50	64	24	2	10	68	17	3	13	4	(365)
Men 50+	62	25	6	6	50	27	11	12	-12	(334)
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Question: Generally, do you think Democratic leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

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