

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESS
NOVEMBER 2002 ELECTION WEEKEND SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
October 30 - November 2, 2002
N = 2,113 General Public
N = 1,610 Registered Voters

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS IN SURVEY, INCLUDING TREND FIGURES, ARE BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

Q.1 How much thought have you given to Tuesday's election — quite a lot, or only a little?

	Quite A lot	(VOL.) Some	Only A Little	None/DK/ Refused
Early November, 2002	52	6	35	7=100
Early October, 2002	45	6	45	4=100
Early September, 2002	36	5	54	5=100
Late October, 1998	49	11	35	5=100
Early October, 1998	42	8	43	7=100
November, 1994	56	7	32	5=100
Late October, 1994	45	7	45	3=100
Early October, 1994	44	2	50	4=100
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1990 ¹	43	7	46	4=100
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1982	29	22	37	12=100
<i>Gallup</i> : October, 1978	23	22	39	17=100
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1978	21	18	44	18=100

RESPONDENTS IN THE 701 AREA CODE (N. DAKOTA) SHOULD BE SKIPPED TO Q.2. DO NOT ASK R.1 OR R.2 OF THESE RESPONDENTS.

R.1 These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register... Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district, or haven't you been able to register so far?

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED "YES" IN R.1 AND IS NOT IN SELECTED AREA CODE, ASK:

R.2 Are you absolutely certain you are registered to vote, or is there a chance your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason?

BASED ON VOTING AGE POPULATION [N=2,113]:

71	Total registered voters
65	Absolutely certain (in states where people must pre-register)
5	Already registered (in states where people can register on Election Day)
1	Plan to register (in states where people can register on Election Day)
*	(Respondent lives in North Dakota)
29	Total not registered
25	Not registered (in states where people must pre-register)
2	Chance registration has lapsed/Don't Know (in states where people must pre-register)
1	Don't plan to register (in states where people can register on Election Day)
1	Don't know/Refused
100	

¹ Gallup trends based on total respondents.

Q.2 How closely have you followed news about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district? Have you followed it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	<u>Very Closely</u>	<u>Fairly Closely</u>	<u>Not too Closely</u>	<u>Not at all Closely</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Early November, 2002	27	46	18	9	*=100
Late October, 2002	28	34	24	13	1=100
Early October, 2002	21	46	22	10	1=100
Early September, 2002	20	34	29	16	1=100
Late October, 1998	26	45	20	9	*=100
Early October, 1998	21	43	24	11	1=100
Early September, 1998	20	35	28	17	*=100
Early August, 1998	16	35	25	24	*=100
June, 1998	12	31	32	25	*=100
April, 1998 ²	19	37	23	21	*=100
November, 1994	23	49	21	7	*=100
Late October, 1994	18	43	28	10	1=100
Early October, 1994	28	37	21	14	*=100
September, 1994	22	37	28	13	*=100
November, 1990 ³	44	36	13	7	*=100
October, 1990 ⁴	18	32	28	22	*=100

Q.3 Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

		<u>Early Nov 2000</u>	<u>Late Oct 2000</u>	<u>Mid-Oct 2000</u>	<u>Early Oct 2000</u>	<u>Late Oct 1998</u>	<u>Early Oct 1998</u>	<u>Nov 1996</u>	<u>Late Sept 1996</u>	<u>Nov 1994</u>
86	Yes	83	81	82	84	86	87	85	85	91
14	No	17	19	18	16	14	13	15	15	9
*	Don't know/Ref.	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Q.4 Do you happen to know where people in your neighborhood go to vote?

		<u>Early Nov 2000</u>	<u>Late Oct 1998</u>	<u>Early Oct 1998</u>	<u>Nov 1996</u>	<u>Oct 1996</u>	<u>Nov 1994</u>	<i>Gallup</i>	
		<u>2000</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>Nov 1988</u>	<u>Oct 1988</u>
88	Yes — gives answer	84	90	87	88	85	93	89	88
<u>12</u>	No/Don't know/Ref./No Answer	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

² In April 1998, September 1994 and October 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and election campaigns in your state."

³ In November 1990, story was listed as "Candidates and elections in your state."

⁴ October 1990 trend based on total respondents.

Q.5 How often would you say you vote... always, nearly always, part of the time or seldom?

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Nearly Always</u>	<u>Part of The time</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>(VOL.) Never Vote</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref.</u>
Early November, 2002	52	30	11	6	1	0	1=100
Early October, 2002	50	33	11	4	*	1	1=100
Early September, 2002	59	25	11	4	1	*	*=100
August, 2002	53	32	10	4	1	*	*=100
Early November, 2000	57	26	8	6	2	1	*=100
Late October, 2000	52	30	9	6	2	1	0=100
Mid-October, 2000	54	27	10	6	3	*	*=100
Early October, 2000	51	29	10	6	3	1	*=100
September, 2000	61	21	9	7	2	*	*=100
June, 2000	58	26	10	4	1	1	*=100
Late September, 1999	40	47	9	3	1	*	*=100
Late October, 1998	56	28	10	5	1	*	*=100
Early October, 1998	50	32	11	5	1	1	*=100
Early September, 1998	53	33	9	4	-	1	*=100
June, 1998	49	33	12	5	-	1	0=100
October, 1997	62	26	8	3	1	*	*=100
November, 1996	55	28	8	6	2	1	*=100
October, 1996	52	30	9	5	2	2	*=100
Late September, 1996	52	31	10	4	2	1	*=100
June, 1996	52	33	9	4	1	1	*=100
February, 1996	42	41	11	4	1	1	*=100
October, 1995	53	35	7	4	1	*	*=100
April, 1995	53	34	9	4	*	*	*=100
November, 1994	58	28	8	5	*	1	0=100
Late October, 1994	55	32	10	3	*	*	*=100
July, 1994	52	34	10	4	*	*	*=100
October, 1992	54	33	8	4	*	1	*=100
September, 1992	52	33	8	5	1	1	*=100
June, 1992	60	29	7	3	1	*	*=100
May, 1992	50	35	10	4	1	*	*=100
November, 1991	46	41	9	4	*	-	*=100
May, 1990	42	42	11	4	1	*	*=100
Gallup: November, 1988	57	26	10	4	2	1	*=100
October, 1988	56	26	12	4	1	1	*=100
May, 1988	43	41	11	3	2	1	*=100
January, 1988	49	39	9	2	1	*	*=100
May, 1987	43	43	9	3	1	1	*=100

Q.6F1/ If the 2002 elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican

Q.7F2 Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

IF '3' OTHER, '8' DON'T KNOW, OR '9' REFUSED IN Q.6F1/7F2, ASK:

Q.8F1/Q.9F2 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the Republican or the Democrat?

	<u>Republican/ Lean Rep.</u>	<u>Democrat/ Lean Dem.</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
Early November, 2002	42	46	12=100
Early October, 2002	44	46	10=100
Early September, 2002	44	46	10=100
June, 2002	44	46	10=100
February, 2002	46	45	9=100
Early November, 2001	44	44	12=100
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10=100
Early October, 2000	43	47	10=100
July, 2000	43	47	10=100
February, 2000	44	47	9=100
October, 1999	43	49	8=100
June, 1999	40	50	10=100

Q.6/7/8/9 CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican/ Lean Rep.</u>	<u>Democrat/ Lean Dem.</u>	<u>Other/ Undecided</u>
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13=100
Early October, 1998	43	44	13=100
Early September, 1998	45	46	9=100
Late August, 1998	44	45	11=100
Early August, 1998	42	49	9=100
June, 1998	44	46	10=100
March, 1998	40	52	8=100
February, 1998	41	50	9=100
January, 1998	41	51	8=100
August, 1997	45	48	7=100
1996 Election			
November, 1996 ⁵	44	48	8=100
October, 1996	42	49	9=100
Late September, 1996	43	49	8=100
Early September, 1996	43	51	6=100
July, 1996	46	47	7=100
June, 1996	44	50	6=100
March, 1996	44	49	7=100
January, 1996	46	47	7=100
October, 1995	48	48	4=100
August, 1995	50	43	7=100
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12=100
Late October, 1994	47	44	9=100
Early October, 1994	52	40	8=100
September, 1994	48	46	6=100
July, 1994	45	47	8=100

IF RESPONDENT ANSWERED '1' OR '2' IN Q.6 OR Q.7, ASK:

Q.10 Do you support the (INSERT PARTY SELECTED IN Q.6/Q.7: Democratic/Republican) candidate strongly or only moderately?

		<u>Early Nov 2000</u>	<u>Late Oct 1998</u>	<u>Nov 1996</u>	<u>Nov 1994</u>
42	Republican/Lean Rep	42	40	41	45
21	Strongly	20	19	18	19
20	Moderately/Lean	22	21	23	26
1	Don't know/Refused	*	--	*	--
46	Democrat/Lean Dem	48	47	48	43
22	Strongly	23	24	22	17
23	Moderately/Lean	24	23	25	26
1	Don't know/Refused	1	--	1	--
<u>12</u>	Other/Undecided	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
100		100	100	100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.11 Do you, yourself, plan to vote in the election this Tuesday, or not?

	<u>Yes, Plan To Vote</u>	<u>No, Don't Plan To</u>	<u>Can't Say/ Don't know</u>
Early November, 2002 ⁶	90	8	2=100
Early October, 2002	95	3	2=100
Early November, 2000†	96	3	1=100
Late October, 2000†	97	2	1=100
Mid-October, 2000†	96	2	2=100

⁵ November 1996 trend based on likely voters.

⁶ In Early November 2002 "Yes, Plan to Vote" category includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

Q.11 CONTINUED ...

	Yes, Plan To Vote	No, Don't Plan To	Can't Say/ Don't know
Early October, 2000†	97	2	1=100
September, 2000†	95	3	2=100
June, 2000†	95	2	3=100
Late October, 1998	91	6	3=100
Early October, 1998	92	4	4=100
Early September, 1998	95	2	3=100
Late August, 1998	93	3	4=100
June, 1998	95	3	2=100
November, 1996†	96	2	2=100
October, 1996†	98	1	1=100
Late September, 1996†	98	1	1=100
Early September, 1996†	96	2	2=100
July, 1996†	95	3	2=100
June, 1996†	96	2	2=100
November, 1994	93	5	2=100
Late October, 1994	95	3	2=100
October, 1992†	98	1	1=100
September, 1992†	98	1	1=100
August, 1992†	97	1	2=100
June, 1992†	97	1	2=100
Gallup: November, 1988†	97	2	1=100
October, 1988†	98	1	1=100

† Presidential election years

Q.12 Next, I'd like you to rate your chances of voting in Tuesday's election on a scale of 10 to 1. If 10 represents a person who DEFINITELY will vote and 1 represents a person who definitely will NOT vote, where on this scale of 10 to 1 would you place yourself?

	Definitely will vote										Definitely will not vote	
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	DK/Ref.	
Early November, 2002 ⁷	66	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	1	5	1=100	
Early October, 2002	64	10	10	4	3	4	1	*	*	2	2=100	
Early November, 2000	80	6	5	2	1	3	*	*	*	3	1=100	
Late October, 2000	83	5	5	1	1	2	*	1	1	1	*=100	
Mid-October, 2000	80	7	4	3	1	3	1	*	*	1	1=100	
Early October, 2000	78	7	5	2	2	2	*	1	1	1	1=100	
Late October, 1998	70	6	7	4	1	4	1	1	1	4	1=100	
Early October, 1998	64	9	10	4	2	4	1	2	1	2	1=100	
November, 1996	77	7	7	2	1	2	*	1	*	2	1=100	
October, 1996	77	9	7	2	2	2	*	*	*	1	*=100	
Late September, 1996	78	10	6	2	1	1	*	*	*	1	1=100	
November, 1994	67	9	8	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	2=100	
Late October, 1994	66	10	9	4	2	4	1	1	*	2	1=100	
Gallup: September, 1992	77	5	4	3	2	4	*	1	*	4	*=100	
Gallup: November, 1988	77	7	6	2	1	3	*	*	*	2	2=100	
October, 1988	73	8	7	3	2	3	1	*	*	1	2=100	

⁷ In Early November 2002 the "10 – definitely will vote" category includes people who volunteered that they already voted.

Q.13 Some people vote before election day... this is called absentee voting or early voting. Have you, yourself, already cast your vote for Tuesday's election, either by absentee ballot, vote-by-mail, or early voting procedure in your state?

IF "YES, ALREADY VOTED" – "1" IN Q.13, ASK:

Q.13a Are you absolutely certain that you have already cast a vote for the election to be held NEXT TUESDAY?

- 9 Yes, have already voted in Tuesday's election
 - 9 Yes, certain
 - * No, not certain
 - 0 Don't know/refused
 - 91 No, have not
 - * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100

ASK ALL:

Q.14 What will make the biggest difference in how you vote for Congress in your district — national issues, local or state issues, the candidate's political party, or the candidate's character or experience? **(IF MORE THAN ONE, PROBE WITH: Well, which is most important?)**

	National <u>Issues</u>	State/Local <u>Issues</u>	Political <u>Party</u>	Character/ <u>Experience</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>None</u>	DK/ <u>Ref.</u>
Early November, 2002	23	38	7	26	2	*	4=100
Early October, 2002	28	35	5	25	2	1	4=100
June, 2002	26	30	5	33	2	1	3=100
Early October, 2000	21	42	9	21	1	1	5=100
July, 2000	18	40	6	32	1	1	2=100
Late October, 1998	20	39	5	27	3	2	4=100
Early October, 1998	23	36	7	28	1	*	5=100
Early September, 1998	22	34	5	33	2	*	4=100
Early August, 1998	20	38	5	31	2	*	4=100
June, 1998	22	37	4	32	1	1	3=100
March, 1998	18	37	6	35	1	1	2=100
November, 1996	23	38	6	25	2	*	6=100
October, 1996	19	45	7	26	1	1	1=100
Late September, 1996	25	38	6	24	2	*	5=100
Early September, 1996	18	42	6	30	1	*	3=100
November, 1994	22	38	5	30	1	*	4=100
Late October, 1994	22	38	3	29	3	1	4=100
Early October, 1994	22	27	5	39	2	1	4=100
CBS/NYT: 10/24-28, 1986	22	25	6	40	1	1	5=100
CBS/NYT: 9/28-10/1, 1986	20	23	9	41	3	*	4=100

Q.15/16 What one issue will be most important to you in deciding how to vote in the race for Congress this year? And what would be the second most important issue in your vote for Congress? **(DO NOT READ. CODE RESPONSE IN CATEGORY BELOW OR RECORD VERBATIM IF RESPONSE DOES NOT FIT IN CATEGORY. IF DK, PROBE ONCE.)**

44 DOMESTIC SOCIAL AND POLICY ISSUES (NET)

- 22 Education issues/Schools
- 14 Health care/Medicare/Health insurance
- 7 Social Security
- 5 Abortion
- 4 Environment/Pollution
- 2 Crime
- 2 Gun control

40 DOMESTIC ECONOMIC ISSUES (NET)

- 17 The economy/Economic issues/Recession
- 16 Taxes
- 5 Jobs/Unemployment
- 3 Budget deficit/Balanced budget
- * Stock market
- 3 Other economic issues

Q.15/16 CONTINUED ...

19 FOREIGN POLICY, TERRORISM, AND WAR (NET)

- 7 Iraq/Saddam Hussein
- 6 National security
- 3 Terrorism
- 3 Foreign policy/International issues
- 1 Other foreign issues

- 5 Party control of Congress (Republican or Democratic)
- 3 Character/Integrity of candidate

- 12 Other (specify)
- 35 Don't Know/Refused

ROTATE Q.17 AND Q.18

Q.17 Thinking about your vote for Congress this Tuesday, will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote, or not?

		Early Oct <u>2002</u>	Early Sept <u>2002</u>	June <u>2002</u>	Feb <u>2002</u>	Early Oct <u>2000</u>	July <u>2000</u>	Late Oct <u>1998</u>	Early Oct <u>1998</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>	June <u>1998</u>
48	Yes, will be a factor	42	44	47	46	46	46	46	47	41	44	45
49	No, will not	55	51	50	49	50	49	50	49	56	53	51
3	Don't know/Refused	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Q.18 Do you think of your vote for Congress this Tuesday as a vote for George W. Bush, or as a vote against George W. Bush, or isn't George W. Bush much of a factor in your vote?

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Not a Factor</u>	<u>DK/ Ref.</u>
Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6=100
Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6=100
Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5=100
February, 2002	34	9	50	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6=100
Clinton: Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3=100
Clinton: Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2=100
Clinton: Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4=100
Clinton: June, 1998	20	18	57	5=100
Clinton: March, 1998	21	15	59	5=100
Clinton: Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7=100
Clinton: November, 1994	17	21	55	7=100
Clinton: Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5=100
Clinton: Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6=100
<i>CBS/NYT (BUSH):</i> 10/28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6=100
<i>CBS/NYT (REAGAN):</i> 9/28-10/1, 1986	26	16	51	7=100
<i>CBS/NYT (REAGAN):</i> 10/23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5=100

NO QUESTION 19, 20, OR 21

On another subject...

Q.22 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

		June <u>2002</u>	July <u>2000</u>	Aug <u>1999</u>	Early Oct <u>1998</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>	Early Aug <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1997</u>	April <u>1997</u>
11	More	16	21	13	24	24	18	25	10
27	Less	22	16	23	23	17	15	13	24
54	Same	57	56	60	49	55	62	59	58
8	Don't know/Refused	5	7	4	4	4	5	3	8
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

ASK IF "LESS" IN Q.22 [N=476]:

Q.23 Who do you think is most to blame for this... Republican leaders in Congress, Democratic leaders in Congress, or President Bush?

		----- Clinton -----	
		Early Oct <u>1998</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>
19	Republican leaders	53	42
29	Democratic leaders	5	6
21	President Bush	19	18
20	Some combination (VOL)	19	30
11	Don't Know/Refused	4	4
100		100	100

ASK ALL:

Q.24 In general, how well do you think the U.S. government is doing in reducing the threat of terrorism?
[READ]

		June <u>2002</u>	Early Nov <u>2001</u>	Mid- Oct <u>2001</u>
15	Very well	16	35	38
54	Fairly well	61	48	46
19	Not too well	16	8	9
8	Not at all well	4	5	4
4	Don't know/Refused	3	4	3
100		100	100	100

Q.25 A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

		Early Oct <u>2002</u>	June <u>2002</u>	Jan <u>2002</u>	<i>Newsweek</i> Jan* <u>2001</u>	June <u>2000</u>	Early Oct <u>1998</u>	Early Sept <u>1998</u>	May <u>1990</u>	Feb* <u>1989</u>	Sept <u>1988</u>	May <u>1988</u>	Jan <u>1988</u>	<i>Newsweek</i> Jan <u>1984</u>
46	Better	37	31	46	18	15	16	18	17	25	24	24	23	35
17	Worse	18	17	15	33	22	22	17	32	22	16	20	26	13
31	Same	39	48	36	44	56	57	62	45	49	51	46	45	49
6	DK/Ref.	6	4	3	5	7	5	3	6	4	9	10	6	3
100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

* Based on general public

Q.26 Recently, have you been contacted over the phone by any candidates, campaigns or other groups urging you to vote in a particular way in the upcoming elections?

IF YES, ASK:

Q.27 And were you urged to vote for Democratic candidates OR Republican candidates?

		Early Nov <u>2000</u> ⁸
33	Yes	26
	8 Democrats	6
	7 Republicans	8
	1 Other (VOL.)	2
	12 Both (VOL.)	6
	5 Don't know/Refused	4
66	No	73
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>1</u>
100		100

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Compared to past elections, would you say there has been MORE mud slinging or negative campaigning this year, or LESS mud slinging or negative campaigning this year?

		Late Oct <u>1998</u>
51	More	52
24	Less	23
20	Same (VOL.)	20
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused	<u>5</u>
100		100

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In Early November 2000 the question was worded, "And were you urged to vote for Al Gore and/or other Democratic candidates OR George W. Bush and/or other Republican candidates?"