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ASK ALL:

PEW.1 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]

a. Republican leaders in Congress

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16	August, 1999	40	44	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14	July, 1999	36	45	19
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14	June, 1999	37	46	17
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14	May, 1999	38	44	18
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16	March, 1999	38	47	15
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16	February, 1999	37	51	12
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20	January, 1999	38	50	12
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17	Early December, 1998	38	49	13
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15	November, 1998	41	48	11
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21	Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15	Early August, 1998	43	37	20
Early October, 2006	33	56	11	June, 1998	42	38	20
June, 2006	30	53	17	May, 1998	40	41	19
March, 2006	32	50	18	April, 1998	41	40	19
January, 2006	33	52	15	March, 1998	43	39	18
Early November, 2005	33	50	17	January, 1998	43	41	16
Early October, 2005	32	52	16	November, 1997	41	43	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15	August, 1997	42	44	14
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15	June, 1997	33	50	17
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17	May, 1997	40	44	16
Early February, 2004	41	42	17	April, 1997	40	44	16
January, 2003	48	37	15	February, 1997	44	42	14
June, 2002	50	34	16	January, 1997	38	47	15
May, 2002	49	34	17	November, 1996	40	43	17
February, 2002	56	24	20	July, 1996	38	48	14
Early September, 2001	43	39	18	June, 1996	36	50	14
June, 2001	40	40	20	April, 1996	39	46	15
May, 2001	45	36	19	March, 1996	35	51	14
April, 2001	45	30	25	February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 2001	43	36	21	January, 1996	36	54	10
July, 2000	36	46	18	October, 1995	36	51	13
May, 2000	40	42	18	September, 1995	36	50	14
March, 2000	38	43	19	August, 1995	38	45	17
February, 2000	40	43	17	June, 1995	41	45	14
January, 2000	39	41	20	April, 1995	44	43	13
December, 1999	38	42	20	March, 1995	43	39	18
October, 1999	34	50	16	December, 1994	52	28	20
Late September, 1999	34	46	20				

PEW.1 CONTINUED...

	Democratic leaders in Congress		(VOL.)
	<u>Approve</u>	Dis- <u>approve</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ¹	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

ASK ALL:

PEW.2 This year, have Republicans and Democrats in Washington been working together more to solve problems OR have they been bickering and opposing one another more than usual?

	Working	Bickering and	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>together more</u>	opposing one another <u>more than usual</u>	<u>Same as in past</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	8	77	4	11
Early April, 2009	25	53	8	14
January, 2009 ²	50	39	6	5
May, 2005	13	64	8	15
January, 2005	30	59	4	7
June, 2004	21	60	7	12
October, 2003	21	55	10	14
May, 2002	44	31	8	17
January, 2002	53	39	5	3

¹ In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

² In surveys that were conducted in January of a given year the question was worded: "This coming year, do you think Republicans and Democrats in Washington will work together more to solve problems OR do you think they will bicker and oppose one another more than usual?"

PEW.2 CONTINUED...

	Working <u>together more</u>	Bickering and opposing one another <u>more than usual</u>	(VOL.) <u>Same as in past</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
July, 2001	30	46	10	14
May, 2001	34	41	9	16
January, 2001	41	50	4	5
July, 2000	21	54	10	15
August, 1999	20	68	4	8
August, 1998	27	51	8	14
November, 1997	38	45	7	10
August, 1997	43	46	3	8
June, 1997	34	49	6	11
October, 1995	21	72	3	4
August, 1993	20	57	13	10

PEW.3-PEW.5 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PEW.6 Thinking about the elections for Congress this year, please tell me whether you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate with each of the following characteristics, or whether it would make no difference in your vote either way. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? Next, what about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** would you be more likely, less likely, or would it make no difference in your vote either way?]³

	More likely <u>to vote for</u>	Less likely <u>to vote for</u>	No difference <u>either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. If a candidate has never held elective office				
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	21	27	47	5
May 20-23, 2010	24	28	43	6
NBC/WSJ: March, 2006 ⁴	19	20	57	4
b. If a candidate is a supporter of the Tea Party movement				
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	21	32	39	8
Jul 29-Aug 1, 2010	22	31	41	6
c. If Barack Obama campaigns on a candidate's behalf				
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	33	40	3
Jul 29-Aug 1, 2010	27	28	43	2
d. If Sarah Palin campaigns on a candidate's behalf				
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	15	42	39	4
Jul 29-Aug 1, 2010	18	38	42	3
e. If a candidate supported the health care law passed earlier this year				
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	36	35	25	5
May 20-23, 2010	39	35	22	4
f. If a candidate supported the government providing major loans to banks during the 2008 financial crisis				
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	13	46	36	5
May 20-23, 2010	14	49	32	5

³ In May 2010 and March 2006, the question asked about "a candidate who..." and the wording of items matched the question wording. E.g., item e read: "a candidate who supported the health care law passed earlier this year."

⁴ In March 2006, the item was worded "has not previously held elective office."

PEW.6 CONTINUED...

	More likely to vote for	Less likely to vote for	No difference either way	(VOL.) DK/Ref
g. If a candidate has a record of bringing government projects and money to your district				
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	53	11	32	3
Jul 29-Aug 1, 2010	53	12	33	2
h. If a candidate is an incumbent running for reelection				
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	12	26	53	9
May 20-23, 2010	15	27	51	8
NBC/WSJ:March, 2006	16	23	51	10

ASK ALL:

PEW.7 Compared to recent Congresses, would you say THIS Congress has accomplished more, accomplished less, or accomplished about the same amount?

ASK IF ACCOMPLISHED LESS (PEW.7=2):

PEW.8 When you say Congress has accomplished less this year, is that more because **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** ?

			-----Less because-----			Same amount	(VOL.) DK/Ref
	More	Less	Congress has not done enough	Congress has done the wrong things	(VOL.) DK/Ref		
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	20	36	17	18	2	37	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	18	33	-	-	-	44	6
October, 2007	5	43	-	-	-	42	10
October, 2006	6	39	-	-	-	47	8
Early September, 2006	7	37	-	-	-	49	7
June, 2006	7	43	-	-	-	42	8
April, 2006	8	38	-	-	-	48	6
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	11	27	-	-	-	54	8
June, 2002	16	22	-	-	-	56	6
July, 2000	21	15	-	-	-	55	9
August, 1999	15	20	-	-	-	60	5
Early October, 1998(RVs)	24	23	-	-	-	49	4
Early September, 1998	25	15	-	-	-	55	5
Early August, 1998	18	15	-	-	-	60	7
November, 1997	23	12	-	-	-	59	6
April, 1997	10	22	-	-	-	59	9
Gallup:October, 1994	10	36	-	-	-	51	3

ASK ALL:

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

ASK IF ANSWERED 3, 4, 5 OR 9 IN PARTY:

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

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	22	34	33	5	1	4	15	14