



Interviews with 1,041 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on December 2-3, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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3. Do you think the country would be better off if the Republicans controlled Congress, or if the Democrats controlled Congress?

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Same</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
December 2-3, 2009	39%	40%	16%	3%	2%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	34%	44%	15%	4%	3%
April 3-5, 2009	34%	49%	11%	3%	2%
January 12-15, 2009	31%	56%	10%	3%	1%

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	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Neither</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>Same</u> <u>(vol.)</u>	<u>No</u> <u>opinion</u>
2005 Nov 11-13	34	46	12	2	6
2005 Oct 13-16	32	45	12	4	7
2005 May 20-22	36	47	9	2	6
2004 Oct 22-24*	41	45	4	3	7
2004 Mar 26-28	39	41	7	4	9
2002 Jul 29-31	38	39	9	5	9
2002 Jul 5-8	40	39	11	3	7
2002 Jan 11-14	44	43	3	3	7
2001 Oct 5-6	38	37	11	7	7
2001 Aug 3-5	34	43	10	6	7
2001 Apr 20-22	41	43	6	3	7
2001 Jan 5-7	39	41	7	5	8
1999 Jul 16-18	37	42	12	2	7
1999 Jun 25-27	41	41	11	2	5
1999 May 23-24	36	37	14	4	9
1998 Dec 15-16	30	41	13	5	11
1998 Sep 23-24	35	41	11	3	10
1997 Aug 22-25	37	40	11	4	8
1997 Jul 25-27	37	39	11	5	8
1997 Jun 26-29	34	40	12	4	10
1996 Oct 26-29**	39	42	7	2	10
1995 Dec 15-18	41	41	8	2	8
1995 Mar 27-29	45	33	10	4	8
1994 Oct 18-19	42	39	10	2	7

* Asked of a half sample.

** Based on likely voters.

****IMPORTANT NOTE: THIS POLL WAS TAKEN BEFORE TUESDAY'S SENATE COMPROMISE ON THE PUBLIC OPTION. THE POLL DOES NOT REFLECT VIEWS OF THE NEW LANGUAGE ON THAT TOPIC BECAUSE IT WAS TAKEN LAST WEEK.**

12. As you may know, the U.S. Senate is considering a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have read or heard about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

Dec. 2-3
2009

Favor	36%
Oppose	61%
No opinion	4%

FOR COMPARISON

As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that would make major changes in the country's health care system. Based on what you have heard or read about that bill, do you generally favor it or generally oppose it?

Nov. 13-15
2009

Favor	46%
Oppose	49%
No opinion	5%

13. From what you know about the Senate health care bill, which of the following statements comes closes to your view?

Dec. 2-3
2009

Those proposals would help you and your family if they became law	22%
Those proposals would help other families in this country, but would not help you and your family	46%
Those proposals would not help anyone in the country	29%
No opinion	3%

FOR COMPARISON

From what you know of the health care proposals which Obama supports, which of the following statements comes closes to your view?

July 31- Aug. 3
2009

Those proposals would help you and your family if they became law	30%
Those proposals would help other families in this country, but would not help you and your family	44%
Those proposals would not help anyone in the country	20%
No opinion	6%

14. Who do you trust more to handle major changes in the country's health care system -- the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>
Democrats	43%
Republican	40%
Both equal/neither (vol.)	16%
No opinion	1%

15. Now thinking specifically about the health insurance plans available to most Americans, would you favor or oppose creating a public health insurance option administered by the federal government that would compete with plans offered by private health insurance companies?

	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2009</u>	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>
Favor	53%	56%	55%	61%	55%
Oppose	46%	42%	44%	38%	41%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%

16. If a bill similar to the one that the Senate is considering becomes law, do you think the federal budget deficit would or would not increase?

	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>
Would happen	79%
Would not happen	19%
No opinion	2%

17. If a bill similar to the one that the Senate is considering becomes law, do you think your taxes would or would not increase?

	Dec. 2-3 <u>2009</u>
Would happen	85%
Would not happen	14%
No opinion	1%