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**OBAMA, DEMS HOPE TO AVOID 6-YEAR JINX IN 2014,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
VOTERS LIKE DEMS ON HEALTH CARE, GOP ON DEFICIT**

Eighteen months before the 2014 elections, American voters, by a slim margin, say they are more likely to vote Democratic than Republican for Congress, which would violate the historical model of the president's party losing ground in the sixth year of a presidency, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

If elections for Congress were held today, 41 percent of voters say they would vote Democratic for Congress and 37 percent say they would vote Republican, continuing a trend that began after an April 19, 2012, survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University showing Democrats at 40 percent and Republicans at 39 percent.

By small margins, voters trust Democrats on Capitol Hill more than Republicans to handle health care, while they prefer the Republicans on the budget deficit and gun policy, and they see the two about the same on the economy and immigration.

Voters say 48 – 43 percent they would like one party to control both houses of Congress and the White House, which would be the case if the Democrats take the U.S. House and retain the U.S. Senate in next year's elections. Democrats want complete control 64 – 30 percent, while Republicans are for split control 50 – 44 percent. Independent voters favor splitting control 53 – 35 percent

"The 1998 elections, during President Bill Clinton's second term, is the last recent exception to the rule that the sixth year of a president's term in office produces electoral gains for the opposition party," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. "The Democratic edge in the so-called congressional ballot is small at this point in the cycle, but there has been a consistent Democratic edge for several months."

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“The question, of course, is whether that margin will be there in 18 months when voters go to the polls,” Brown added. “It is worth noting that in April of 2009, almost exactly four years ago, Democrats held a 41 – 34 percent lead in the generic ballot, according to a Quinnipiac University poll. That probably was influenced by President Barack Obama’s 58 – 30 percent approval rating then. Eighteen months later, however, Republicans won a historic landslide, picking up 63 House seats. Nevertheless, being ahead at this point is certainly bringing smiles to Democratic faces given history.

“The Democratic edge in the generic ballot does not seem to be linked to any strong public affection for the president’s party. They are down on both groups, just Democrats a bit less,” said Brown. “For instance voters say 62 – 33 percent that Republicans don’t care about their needs and problems, but say the same thing about Democrats in Congress 54 – 41 percent. They give congressional Republicans a 67 – 24 percent disapproval rating. Democrats receive a 60 – 31 percent disapproval score.

President Barack Obama is not on the 2014 ballot, but his ratings remain relatively stable with the country closely split on his performance. The president has a 48 – 45 percent job approval rating. Voters disapprove of his handling of the economy 53 – 41 percent, gun policy 52 – 41 percent and immigration 50 – 40 percent. The president gets positive grades 47 – 43 percent for foreign policy, 54 – 29 percent for his handling of North Korea, and 55 – 38 percent for his handling of terrorism.

The Democratic edge in the generic ballot is driven by the same gender gap that affects most political measurements. Men are split as 39 percent say they will vote for Republicans in Congress, while 38 percent back Democrats. Women go Democratic 44 – 35 percent. Democrats say they will vote for their party candidate 86 – 2 percent as Republicans stay loyal 86 – 0 percent. Independent voters are divided 31 – 30 percent with 29 percent undecided

From April 25 – 29, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,471 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.6 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or for the Democratic candidate in your district?
 (* Hispanic subgroup size less than 75, additional caution should be taken when interpreting findings of this group because of the large margin of error)

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Republican	37%	86%	2%	31%	39%	35%	43%	8%	22%
Democratic	41	-	86	30	38	44	33	76	65
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	1	1	7	4	1	3	-	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	-
DK/NA	19	12	11	29	18	19	19	16	9

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Republican	40%	45%	53%	47%	47%	41%	63%	45%	44%
Democratic	40	30	25	32	28	37	18	33	32
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	4	3	2	4	2	4	2	4
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	2	1	1	2	-	1	2
DK/NA	17	21	17	19	19	19	15	19	18

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSOLD	INC	AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Republican	35%	37%	32%	40%	43%	26%	39%	38%	40%
Democratic	44	39	46	38	39	44	36	44	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	3	4	1	4	2	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	2	1	-	-	2	2	-
DK/NA	17	19	18	17	17	26	21	14	19

TREND: If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate, or for the Democratic candidate in your district?
 (*High also 40% Mar 2011, Feb 2012)

	REPUBLICAN....						
	High		Low				
	May 01	Apr 03	Jul 11	Apr 19	Feb 22	Jul 11	Nov 02
	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012*	2011
Republican	37	35	40	39	40	40	34
Democratic	41	43	43	40	38	43	42
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	3	2	1	1	2	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	2	1	2	2	1	2
DK/NA	19	18	15	17	18	15	19

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	48%	10%	86%	42%	45%	50%	40%	86%	63%
Disapprove	45	83	8	48	48	41	53	7	27
DK/NA	8	7	7	10	7	8	7	7	10

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	Agn	Ev	Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No		HsHld
Approve	47%	36%	31%	36%	36%	43%	22%	40%		36%
Disapprove	49	55	63	55	57	50	71	53		55
DK/NA	4	9	5	9	7	7	7	6		9

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Approve	51%	46%	51%	44%	50%	60%	46%	47%	40%
Disapprove	44	45	40	49	48	28	47	46	54
DK/NA	5	9	10	7	2	11	7	7	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? (*High also 59% Mar 2009)

APPROVE.....

	May 01	Apr 03	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 06	High	Low
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	Jun 04	Oct 06
						2009*	2011
Approve	48	49	45	46	53	59	41
Disapprove	45	45	46	45	40	31	55
DK/NA	8	6	9	9	8	10	4

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	24%	46%	14%	18%	24%	24%	26%	18%	23%
Disapprove	67	46	79	72	69	66	67	68	66
DK/NA	8	8	7	11	6	10	8	14	11

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	Agn	Ev	Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No		HsHld
Approve	21%	28%	31%	25%	27%	25%	35%	25%		23%
Disapprove	75	63	60	68	67	66	55	69		70
DK/NA	5	9	9	7	6	9	10	7		7

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Approve	19%	27%	25%	23%	23%	30%	27%	22%	21%
Disapprove	76	63	64	70	75	61	66	72	67
DK/NA	5	10	11	6	3	10	7	7	12

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republicans in Congress are handling their job? (*High also 34% Mar 3, 2011 & Mar 2010, **Low also 19% Nov 2011, Feb 2013)

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	May 01	Apr 03	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 06		Mar 31	Apr 03
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012		2011*	2013**
Approve	24	19	20	19	23		34	19
Disapprove	67	71	71	72	69		55	71
DK/NA	8	10	9	8	8		11	10

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	31%	8%	60%	22%	29%	33%	25%	55%	54%
Disapprove	60	87	31	67	64	58	67	31	42
DK/NA	9	5	9	10	8	9	8	14	4

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	25%	24%	20%	20%	23%	26%	16%	23%	23%
Disapprove	70	66	70	74	70	65	74	69	72
DK/NA	4	10	9	6	7	9	10	8	5

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HS HOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	30%	32%	38%	25%	28%	41%	30%	30%	26%
Disapprove	65	58	51	70	69	46	65	63	63
DK/NA	5	10	11	6	2	13	6	7	11

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democrats in Congress are handling their job? (*Low also 24% Sep 2011, Oct 2011)

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	May 01	Apr 03	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 06		Mar 4	Nov 23
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012		2009	2011*
Approve	31	34	32	33	37		45	24
Disapprove	60	59	60	59	54		45	69
DK/NA	9	7	8	9	9		10	7

6. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Very satisfied	2%	-	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	7%
Smwht satisfied	25	12	45	17	24	26	21	38	34
Smwht dissatisfied	35	31	37	35	35	35	35	41	32
Very dissatisfied	37	55	14	45	38	36	42	14	26
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2

WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG									
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	BornAgnEv	Yes	No
Very satisfied	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	1%
Smwht satisfied	21	22	18	21	20	23	15	21	18
Smwht dissatisfied	42	32	31	37	36	34	30	36	32
Very dissatisfied	37	45	49	40	42	42	54	42	48
DK/NA	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1

COLLEGE DEG									
ANNUAL HSHOLD INC									
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	AGE IN YRS.....	18-29	30-44	45-64
Very satisfied	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Smwht satisfied	24	26	28	25	23	30	25	25	22
Smwht dissatisfied	39	33	35	34	38	43	38	31	32
Very dissatisfied	35	38	34	39	37	25	35	40	43
DK/NA	1	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	1

TREND: In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

VERY+SMWHT SAT							
High Low							
	May 01	Apr 03	Mar 07	Feb 08	Dec 06	Dec 11	Nov 13
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2001	2008
Very satisfied	2	2	2	3	3	21	2
Smwht satisfied	25	28	23	28	32	47	14
Smwht dissatisfied	35	31	28	28	26	19	38
Very dissatisfied	37	38	46	40	38	10	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	3	2

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the economy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	41%	7%	78%	34%	38%	43%	35%	70%	53%
Disapprove	53	90	15	59	55	51	60	20	42
DK/NA	6	3	6	8	7	6	6	10	6

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	40%	32%	27%	31%	33%	36%	20%	35%	30%
Disapprove	56	61	69	61	61	58	76	59	62
DK/NA	4	7	4	8	6	5	4	6	7

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Approve	45%	39%	42%	41%	41%	50%	37%	42%	36%
Disapprove	51	54	51	54	54	44	58	51	57
DK/NA	4	7	7	5	5	6	5	7	6

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?
(* Low also 32% Sep 2011)

APPROVE.....

	High		Low					
	May 01	Jul 11	Apr 19	Feb 22	Nov 23	Mar 04	Oct 06	
	2013	2012	2012	2012	2011	2009	2011*	
Approve	41	40	38	41	33	57	32	
Disapprove	53	55	56	55	61	33	64	
DK/NA	6	4	6	4	6	10	4	

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - foreign policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	47%	19%	78%	42%	45%	48%	41%	71%	58%
Disapprove	43	72	14	47	45	41	49	13	36
DK/NA	10	9	8	11	9	11	10	16	6

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	52%	36%	34%	43%	41%	42%	25%	44%	40%
Disapprove	44	51	58	46	51	47	62	48	51
DK/NA	4	13	9	12	8	11	13	8	8

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Approve	54%	43%	47%	46%	51%	51%	47%	48%	40%
Disapprove	41	44	40	46	45	33	46	43	48
DK/NA	5	13	12	8	5	16	7	9	12

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

							APPROVE.....	
							High	Low
	May 01	Jul 11	Apr 19	Feb 23	Nov 23		Apr 29	Mar 30
	2013	2012	2012	2012	2011		2009	2011
Approve	47	47	44	46	49		57	41
Disapprove	43	44	47	46	42		32	47
DK/NA	10	9	9	8	10		11	12

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - immigration issues?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	40%	11%	71%	34%	40%	40%	34%	71%	54%
Disapprove	50	79	19	55	52	48	56	17	36
DK/NA	10	10	10	12	8	12	10	11	9

WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG							BornAgnEv		Mltry
Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom		Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	45%	28%	27%	27%	34%	33%	17%	34%	29%
Disapprove	49	60	65	59	58	55	74	55	64
DK/NA	7	12	8	14	9	11	10	11	7

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Approve	47%	37%	42%	36%	43%	52%	40%	40%	30%
Disapprove	46	52	45	57	51	38	51	51	55
DK/NA	6	12	13	7	6	9	9	9	14

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the situation in North Korea?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	54%	37%	75%	53%	56%	53%	51%	67%	55%
Disapprove	29	45	11	31	29	28	31	17	30
DK/NA	17	18	14	16	15	19	18	17	15

WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG							BornAgnEv		Mltry
Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom		Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	61%	47%	43%	48%	56%	48%	39%	50%	52%
Disapprove	25	34	39	34	30	32	41	32	33
DK/NA	14	20	19	18	15	20	20	18	15

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....									
Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	
Approve	62%	51%	52%	56%	61%	61%	55%	55%	47%
Disapprove	24	31	31	27	28	25	31	29	30
DK/NA	14	18	17	18	11	14	14	16	24

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - terrorism?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	55%	31%	83%	49%	53%	55%	50%	75%	72%
Disapprove	38	63	10	42	38	38	43	15	25
DK/NA	8	6	7	9	8	7	7	10	3

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	AgnEv	Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	57%	46%	42%	55%	50%	50%	40%	51%	48%
Disapprove	38	46	50	38	44	43	54	42	46
DK/NA	5	8	7	7	6	8	6	7	6

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Approve	58%	53%	57%	54%	57%	60%	60%	54%	45%
Disapprove	37	38	35	40	40	31	34	41	43
DK/NA	5	9	8	6	3	9	6	6	12

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling terrorism?
(* Post Bin Laden Death)

BinLaden

Death APPROVE.....
Post High Low
May 01 Nov 03 Sep 01 Jun 09 May 05 May 05 Jan 13
2013 2011 2011 2011 2011 2011* 2010

Approve	55	66	57	63	67	67	48
Disapprove	38	28	34	31	27	27	44
DK/NA	8	6	9	6	7	7	8

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - gun policy?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	41%	15%	71%	34%	34%	47%	36%	67%	51%
Disapprove	52	79	23	57	60	45	58	21	42
DK/NA	7	5	7	9	6	8	6	12	7

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					Born	AgnEv	Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	47%	30%	31%	37%	30%	40%	23%	39%	33%
Disapprove	50	62	64	55	66	52	70	55	62
DK/NA	3	8	5	8	4	8	7	6	4

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Approve	49%	37%	42%	40%	45%	41%	40%	42%	40%
Disapprove	48	54	49	57	52	50	57	52	50
DK/NA	3	8	9	3	3	9	3	6	10

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling - the situation in Syria?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Approve	37%	18%	59%	35%	38%	37%	34%	53%	46%
Disapprove	35	56	13	39	39	32	39	18	27
DK/NA	27	26	28	26	23	31	28	28	27

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Approve	42%	29%	29%	30%	38%	30%	26%	33%	34%
Disapprove	37	40	43	38	41	37	46	39	45
DK/NA	22	31	28	32	22	33	27	28	21

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Approve	45%	34%	38%	35%	47%	41%	38%	39%	33%
Disapprove	35	35	31	41	35	24	35	38	39
DK/NA	20	31	31	25	18	35	27	23	28

15. Do you think the - Democrats in Congress care about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Yes	41%	23%	67%	33%	38%	44%	36%	62%	67%
No	54	74	27	62	57	51	59	32	32
DK/NA	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	2

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Yes	41%	33%	29%	37%	34%	38%	27%	36%	36%
No	56	61	67	58	61	58	68	62	60
DK/NA	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	3	4

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Yes	44%	40%	45%	40%	42%	53%	42%	38%	37%
No	53	55	49	58	55	43	55	57	56
DK/NA	4	5	5	3	4	4	3	5	7

16. Do you think the - Republicans in Congress care about the needs and problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Yes	33%	59%	19%	26%	33%	34%	36%	19%	32%
No	62	36	78	70	62	63	60	74	66
DK/NA	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	6	2

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					BornAgnEv		Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Yes	35%	36%	40%	42%	37%	35%	42%	39%	33%
No	61	60	56	54	58	62	53	59	63
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	5	3	5	2	4

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Yes	33%	34%	32%	35%	38%	40%	35%	32%	30%
No	63	62	64	61	60	56	62	64	65
DK/NA	4	4	4	4	2	4	3	4	5

17. Who do you think can do a better job of handling - the economy, the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Democrats	38%	3%	77%	30%	34%	41%	33%	59%	54%
Republicans	40	84	6	40	43	37	46	14	31
NO DIFF (VOL)	12	8	7	18	13	11	12	12	9
DK/NA	11	5	10	13	10	11	9	15	5

WHITE.....

	COLLEGE	DEG					BornAgnEv		Mrtry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Democrats	38%	30%	26%	30%	30%	35%	17%	33%	30%
Republicans	45	47	53	49	51	43	62	46	47
NO DIFF (VOL)	10	13	13	10	13	11	13	11	14
DK/NA	7	10	8	11	6	11	8	10	9

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Democrats	41%	36%	41%	37%	35%	40%	37%	39%	35%
Republicans	40	41	35	43	49	33	46	40	41
NO DIFF (VOL)	11	12	12	14	8	14	9	11	13
DK/NA	8	11	12	6	8	13	8	10	12

18. Who do you think can do a better job of handling - health care, the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Democrats	43%	4%	86%	35%	41%	45%	35%	78%	65%
Republicans	38	81	3	39	38	37	45	12	19
NO DIFF (VOL)	10	8	4	16	11	10	11	4	11
DK/NA	9	6	6	10	10	8	8	6	5

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Democrats	43%	32%	27%	33%	33%	38%	20%	35%	34%
Republicans	41	47	55	48	48	43	63	45	44
NO DIFF (VOL)	10	12	11	12	12	11	7	13	14
DK/NA	6	10	8	8	8	9	9	8	8

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Democrats	48%	41%	47%	41%	45%	50%	47%	41%	38%
Republicans	36	38	34	40	44	30	40	39	39
NO DIFF (VOL)	10	10	9	12	8	8	9	12	11
DK/NA	6	10	10	7	3	12	4	9	12

19. Who do you think can do a better job of handling - the federal budget deficit, the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Democrats	34%	4%	69%	26%	32%	36%	30%	53%	45%
Republicans	43	82	12	44	46	41	48	23	37
NO DIFF (VOL)	13	8	8	19	14	12	13	13	12
DK/NA	10	6	11	11	8	12	9	12	6

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Democrats	33%	28%	21%	23%	29%	31%	17%	27%	26%
Republicans	48	48	55	55	52	45	61	50	49
NO DIFF (VOL)	11	14	14	12	13	13	13	13	20
DK/NA	8	10	10	10	6	11	8	10	5

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Democrats	36%	33%	38%	35%	29%	40%	31%	34%	32%
Republicans	43	43	38	44	50	40	46	43	43
NO DIFF (VOL)	12	13	12	15	11	10	11	14	13
DK/NA	10	10	12	6	10	10	12	8	11

20. Who do you think can do a better job of handling - immigration issues, the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Democrats	39%	6%	75%	34%	38%	41%	33%	59%	64%
Republicans	38	77	8	37	40	36	43	19	22
NO DIFF (VOL)	12	9	7	17	12	11	12	11	10
DK/NA	11	8	10	13	10	12	12	12	5

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Democrats	42%	28%	23%	27%	32%	33%	19%	30%	33%
Republicans	39	46	53	46	46	41	57	45	43
NO DIFF (VOL)	11	13	13	12	12	12	13	11	14
DK/NA	8	13	12	15	9	14	11	14	10

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Democrats	46%	36%	43%	35%	43%	49%	38%	38%	34%
Republicans	35	39	33	42	44	27	48	37	36
NO DIFF (VOL)	11	12	12	13	7	11	7	15	12
DK/NA	8	13	12	10	6	12	8	10	18

21. Who do you think can do a better job of handling - gun policy, the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Democrats	38%	6%	70%	34%	33%	42%	33%	59%	53%
Republicans	42	81	13	38	48	37	47	18	35
NO DIFF (VOL)	11	5	10	15	11	10	10	13	11
DK/NA	10	7	8	12	8	11	10	10	1

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Democrats	45%	27%	24%	33%	29%	36%	15%	33%	28%
Republicans	42	49	57	45	54	41	66	45	47
NO DIFF (VOL)	7	12	9	10	10	10	9	10	16
DK/NA	6	12	10	12	7	13	11	12	10

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Democrats	48%	33%	39%	36%	43%	42%	38%	38%	35%
Republicans	38	44	40	45	44	42	50	39	36
NO DIFF (VOL)	8	12	11	11	8	8	7	12	12
DK/NA	6	11	10	8	6	8	4	11	16

22. Who do you think can do a better job of handling - taxes, the Democrats in Congress or the Republicans in Congress?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Democrats	39%	6%	78%	31%	36%	42%	32%	66%	59%
Republicans	43	85	7	43	47	39	49	20	28
NO DIFF (VOL)	11	5	7	18	10	12	12	9	8
DK/NA	7	5	8	8	7	7	7	5	5

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Democrats	37%	30%	25%	27%	31%	34%	19%	32%	32%
Republicans	49	48	58	52	54	45	64	50	46
NO DIFF (VOL)	9	13	10	12	10	13	10	12	16
DK/NA	5	8	7	9	5	8	7	7	6

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Democrats	42%	38%	44%	36%	37%	47%	41%	37%	34%
Republicans	44	42	35	49	52	34	49	42	44
NO DIFF (VOL)	9	11	12	10	6	9	5	15	10
DK/NA	5	9	8	5	4	9	4	6	12

23. As you may know, the control of the Congress is currently divided, with Democrats controlling the Senate and Republicans controlling the House of Representatives, while a Democrat is President. Which of the following statements is closer to your point of view; I would like to see a Congress and President of the same party because they will get more things done, or I would like to see a Congress and President of different parties because they will balance each other out?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp*
Same party	48%	44%	64%	35%	47%	49%	47%	63%	44%
Different parties	43	50	30	53	46	41	44	31	50
DK/NA	9	6	6	12	7	10	9	6	7

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	COLLEGE DEG						BornAgnEv		Mltry
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Men	Wom	Yes	No	HsHld
Same party	50%	45%	45%	43%	45%	48%	39%	50%	39%
Different parties	44	44	47	48	48	41	53	42	52
DK/NA	6	11	9	9	7	11	8	8	9

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....
Yes No <50K 50-100 >100K 18-29 30-44 45-64 65+

Same party	50%	47%	48%	48%	51%	48%	49%	50%	45%
Different parties	43	43	43	45	42	46	44	41	43
DK/NA	7	10	9	7	7	6	6	10	12