Get Out the Vote

**Question:**
How much interest do you have in following news about the elections in November, using a 1 to 10 scale where a 10 means you have a lot of interest and a 1 means you have no interest at all?

- **High interest 10-8:** 52%
- **7-5:** 34%
- **Low interest 4-1:** 14%

**Note:** Asked of registered voters.
**Source:** Survey by Ipsos-Reid/Cq Research Report, August 2-18, 2002.

**Question:**
How much do you feel that having elections makes the government pay attention to what people think— a good deal, some, or not much?

- **Good deal:** 36%
- **Some:** 36%
- **Not much:** 27%

**Source:** Survey by CBS News, January 15-17, 2001.

**Question:**
Let me read you a series of challenges our country has faced. For each one of these challenges, please tell me whether you think it shows that our democratic system is strong and working well, or whether you think it shows that our system is not strong and not working well— the fact that fifty percent of eligible voters actually voted [in 2000].

- **Democratic system is strong and working well:** 25%
- **Democratic system is not strong and not working well:** 67%

**Source:** Survey by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, December 7-10, 2000.

**Question:**
Thinking about the congressional elections that will be held this November, compared to previous elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

- **More:** 39%
- **Less:** 36%
- **Don't know/Refused:** 20%
- **Same (vol.):** 10%

**Source:** Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center, June 19-23, 2002.

**Liars...**

**Question:**
Do you, yourself, plan to vote in the election this November, or not?

- **Yes:** 84%
- **No:** 12%
- **No answer:** 4%

**Source:** Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, July 26-28, 2002.

**Damn Liars...**

**Question:**
In the last election in 2000, were you able to vote, or did something come up that prevented you from voting?

- **Yes, able to vote:** 73%
- **No, something came up:** 26%
- **Can't remember:** 1%

**Source:** Survey by Gallup/Harwood Institute, January 4-20, 2002.

**And Patriots**

**Question:**
[Do you agree or disagree that voting] is an important part of patriotism...?

- **Agree:** 97%
- **Disagree:** 3%

**Source:** Survey by Gallup/Harwood Institute, January 4-20, 2002.
Campaign Promises

Questions:

I'm going to read a list of different rules that might be included in a code of campaign conduct. For each one, please tell me how important you think it would be to include in a code of conduct for election campaigns — very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important.

Percent responding very important:

...Agreeing to participate in forums where the public can question candidates directly

...Agreeing to participate in public debates

...Agreeing not to use any language or images that define other candidates based on their race, sex or other personal characteristics

...Agreeing not to make any personal attacks on other candidates

...Agreeing that every campaign ad has to include the voice and picture of the candidate who paid for the ad

...Agreeing to demand that outside groups pull unfair ads

...Agreeing to disclose campaign finances on the internet

...Agreeing not to pay for investigations of other candidates' personal backgrounds

...Agreeing not to say anything negative at all about the other candidates

...Agreeing not to publicly question another candidate's honesty or integrity

...If one candidate breaks a rule, then all the rules are off

Question:

Just your best guess: Do you think the candidates for Congress this year will spend more time, less time or about the same amount of time than in past elections engaging in negative campaigning and attacking their opponents?


Promising Change

Question:

...Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree — I have more optimism about government since campaign finance reform passed Congress and will be implemented in November.


Note: Asked of likely voters.


Factors to Weigh

Question:
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?

Character or experience 33%
Local or state issues 30%
National issues 26%
Political party 5%

Note: Asked of registered voters.

Question:
What issue will be most important to you when you decide which congressional candidate to vote for on November 5?

Economy and jobs 27%
Health care 11%
Education 10%
Taxes 10%
Local issues where you live 9%
Social Security 9%
Environmental preservation 6%
Prescription drug benefits for the elderly 6%
The federal budget 5%
The environment 4%
Regulating Wall Street and the stock market 3%

Note: Asked of registered voters. Up to two replies were accepted.

Question:
In deciding your vote for the US House, how much of a factor will... very important, somewhat important, not so important, or not important at all?

The economy and jobs 77%
Education 77%
Health care 74%
The war on terrorism 73%
Local issues where you live 66%
Social Security 66%
Prescription drug benefits for the elderly 66%

Note: Asked of registered voters.

Question:
What issue will be most important to you when you decide which congressional candidate to vote for on November 5?

Economic conditions 55%
Possibility of war with Iraq 36%
Neither 7%
Both (vol.) 2%
No opinion 2%


Question:
Do you think of your vote for Congress this fall 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 for Congress?

For Bush 26%
Against Bush 51%
Don’t know 5%
No answer 1%
Won’t vote (vol.) 16%
Bush not a factor 5%

Note: Asked of registered voters.

Question:
If you knew that voting a particular candidate for Congress into office would help President Bush implement and pass his economic and political programs, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that particular candidate, or would it make no difference in how you would vote?

More likely
Registered voters 37%
Democrats 16%
Republicans 72%
Independents 35%

No difference
Registered voters 42%
Democrats 45%
Republicans 25%
Independents 45%

Less likely
Registered voters 17%
Democrats 33%
Republicans 1%
Independents 18%

Note: Asked of registered voters.
When you think about Congress, do you think the average representative deserves to be re-elected, or would we be better off throwing most of them out and starting over with new people?


Right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress in the next election, or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

Source: Survey by The Washington Post, September 3-6, 2002.

As you may know, there have been proposals in recent years to require broadcasters to provide free television airtime before elections for the candidates to discuss the issues. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

**Party Time**

**Questions:**

Which party do you think controls the congressional agenda in Washington?

- **Democrats control**
  - Democrats: 20%
  - Republicans: 45%
  - Independents: 27%

- **Republicans control**
  - Democrats: 73%
  - Republicans: 40%
  - Independents: 46%

**Note:** Asked of registered voters.  
**Source:** Survey by Ipsos-Reid/Cook Political Report, August 16-18, 2002.

**Question:**

Which political party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job of handling the major problems facing the country?

- **Democrats**
  - Registered voters: 37%
  - Democrats: 38%
  - Independents: 32%

- **Republicans**
  - Registered voters: 38%
  - Democrats: 73%
  - Republicans: 79%
  - Independents: 30%

**Note:** Asked of registered voters.  
**Source:** Survey by Los Angeles Times, August 22-25, 2002.

**Questions:**

Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling the nation’s economy?

- **Democrats**
  - Registered voters: 42%
  - Democrats: 40%
  - Republicans: 41%
  - Independents: 34%

- **Republicans**
  - Registered voters: 40%
  - Democrats: 10%
  - Republicans: 81%
  - Independents: 34%

**Source:** Survey by Los Angeles Times, August 22-25, 2002.

**Questions:**

Which party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you think can do a better job handling national security and the war on terrorism?

- **Democrats**
  - Registered voters: 25%
  - Democrats: 50%
  - Republicans: 23%
  - Independents: 19%

- **Republicans**
  - Registered voters: 51%
  - Democrats: 50%
  - Republicans: 83%
  - Independents: 50%

**Source:** Survey by Los Angeles Times, August 22-25, 2002.
**Question:**

Do you think it is better for the country to have a president who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, or do you think it is better to have a president from one political party and Congress controlled by another?

**Source:** Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, July 11-15, 2002.

**Question:**

Do you think it is better for the country when one political party controls both the White House and Congress, or do you think it is better when the White House and Congress are divided between two different political parties?

**Source:** Survey by Los Angeles Times/Nati, August 22-25, 2002.

**Question:**

In general, do you think it is better for the same political party to control both the Congress and the presidency so they can work together more closely, or do you think it is better to have different political parties controlling the Congress and the presidency to prevent either one from going too far?

**Source:** Surveys by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, latest that of December 8-10, 2001.

**Question:**

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 Republican is president. Do you think it would be better or worse for the country than it is now if the...

...Republican Party won control of both the Senate and the House in this year’s elections?

...Democratic Party won control of both the Senate and the House in this year’s elections?

**Source:** Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, July 11-15, 2002.

**Question:**

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

**Source:** Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates/Pew Research Center, June 19-23, 2002.

**Question:**

Do you think that it is better for the country to have a president who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, or do you think it is better to have a president from one political party and Congress controlled by another?

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