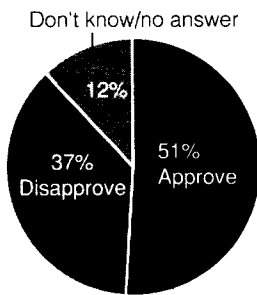


Political Executives Under Fire

Although far below its peak, Bush's job performance rating is still far above that of Congress. Washington officials are not alone: political executives across the country are receiving less favorable ratings, too.

Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as President?**

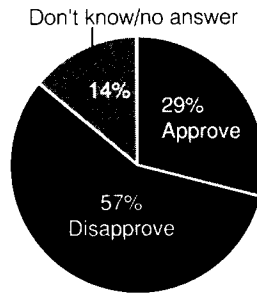
George Bush's handling of his job



Source: Surveys by CBS News/*New York Times*, November 18-22, 1991 (for president), October 15-18, 1991 (for Congress).

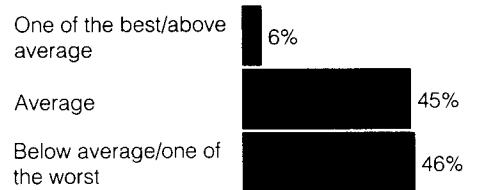
Question: **Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?**

Congress' handling of its job



Question: **How would you rate the overall performance and accomplishments of this year's Congress...?**

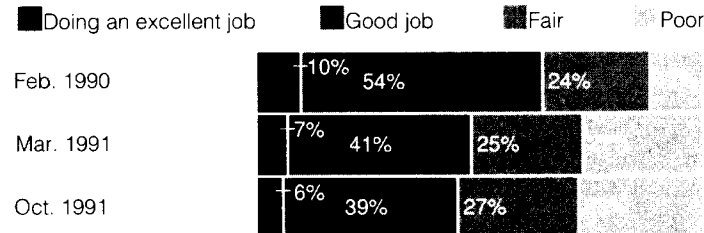
Rate [1991] Congress as...



Source: Survey by Peter Hart and Robert Teeter for NBC News/*Wall Street Journal*, October 25-29, 1991.

Question: **Would you rate the job each of the following public officials is doing in office as excellent, good, fair, or poor?**

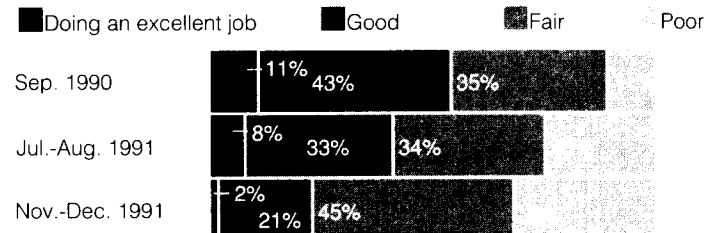
Registered voters in New York
Governor Mario Cuomo is...



Source: Surveys by the Marist Institute, latest that of October 7-10, 1991.

Question: **Overall, would you rate the job being done by Governor Douglas Wilder as excellent, good, fair, or poor—or do you feel you don't know enough about him to judge?**

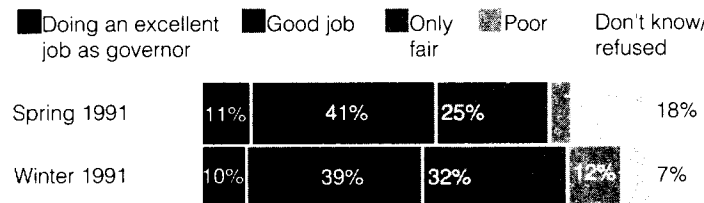
Respondents in Virginia
Governor Wilder is...



Note: Eighty percent of respondents gave ratings in the latest poll.
Source: Surveys by Virginia Commonwealth University, latest that of November 14-December 9, 1991.

Question: **How would you rate the job Ann Richards is doing as Governor—excellent, good, only fair, or poor?**

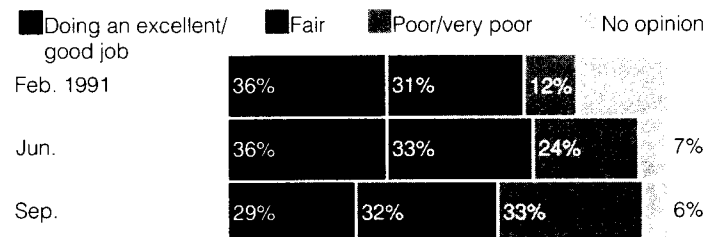
Respondents in Texas
Ann Richards is...



Source: Surveys by Texas A&M University, latest that of October 10-19, 1991.

Question: **What kind of job do you think Pete Wilson is doing as Governor of California—an excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor job?**

Respondents in California
Pete Wilson is...

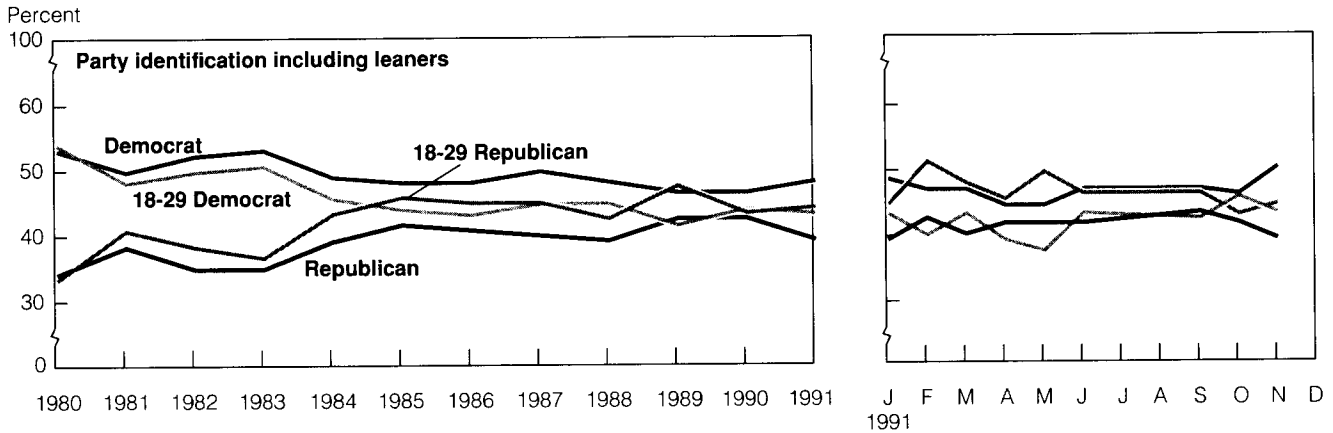


Source: Survey by the Field Institute, latest that of September 19-25, 1991.

Party Standings: Are GOP Gains Fading?

The impressive Republican gains in party identification in the 1980s may have stalled. Twice as many Americans think the GOP has "strong leaders" as say this about the Democrats, but the GOP has lost its substantial edge as the party of prosperity.

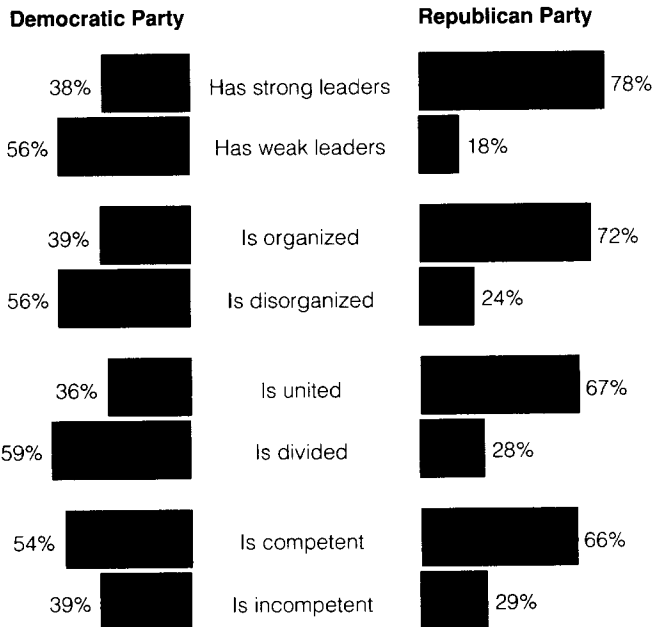
Question: **Generally speaking, do you usually consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what? If "independent," ask: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican party, or to the Democratic party?**



Source: Surveys by CBS News/New York Times, latest that of November 18-22, 1991.

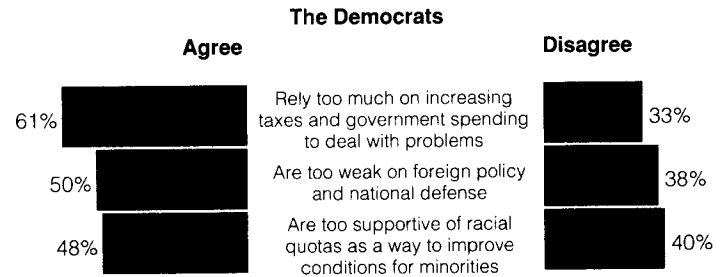
Question: **Now I'd like you to think about the Democratic party/Republican party. I'm going to read to you two statements and I'd like you to tell me which one best describes the Democratic/Republican party.**

Best describes...



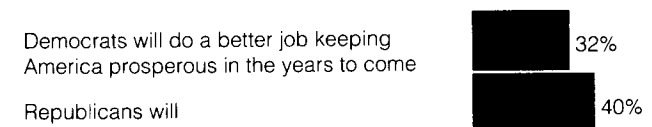
Source: Survey by ABC News/Washington Post, October 24-29, 1991.

Question: **I'm going to read some criticisms that have been made about the Democratic party and its candidates. Please tell me whether you generally agree or disagree with the following statements...**



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, April 25-28, 1991.

Question: **Which party, the Democratic party or the Republican party, do you think will do a better job of keeping America prosperous in the years to come?**



Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, November 21-24, 1991.