POLITY WATCH: Congress...

If the Election for Congress Were Held Today

Question: Suppose the 1996 elections for US Congress were being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district? (If Other/Undecided, ask:) As of today, do you lean more to the Republican or the Democrat?

Survey Dates
Sept. 1, 1994 (Yank.) 38% 43%
Sept. 6-7, 1994 (Gallup) 46 48
Sept. 8-11, 1994 (ABC) 50 44
Sept. 8-11, 1994 (CBS/NYT) 37 39
Sept. 9-11, 1994 (PSRA) 48 46
Sept. 21-22, 1994 (Yank.) 37 42
Sept. 23-25, 1994 (Gallup) 45 48
Oct. 6-9, 1994 (PSRA) 52 40
Oct. 7-9, 1994 (Gallup) 46 48
Oct. 11-12, 1994 (Yank.) 35 41
Oct. 14-18, 1994 (Hart/Teeter) 41 36
Oct. 16-18, 1994 (CBS) 38 42
Oct. 20-23, 1994 (ABC/WP) 51 45
Oct. 20-24, 1994 (PSRA) 47 44
Oct. 24, 1994 (PSRA) 46 45
Oct. 24, 1994 (PSRA) 40 39
Oct. 22-25, 1994 (Gallup) 49 45
Oct. 25-26, 1994 (Yank.) 41 35
Oct. 27-28, 1994 (PSRA) 46 44
Oct. 27-31, 1994 (ABC/WP) 47 45
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1994 (CBS/NYT) 49 45
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1994 (CBS/NYT) 46 41
Nov. 4-5, 1994 (Hart/Teeter) 40 37
Nov. 3-5, 1994 (PSRA) 45 43
Nov. 2-6, 1994 (Gallup) 47 44
Nov. 3-6, 1994 (ABC) 47 42

How We Responded to the Question Down the Stretch Run of Campaign '94

Question: If the 1996 elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district—the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate? (If Other/Undecided/Refused, ask:) As of today, would you lean more to the Democratic Party's candidate or to the Republican Party's candidate?

Survey Dates
Sept. 1, 1994 (Yank.) 6%
Sept. 6-7, 1994 (Gallup) 6%
Sept. 8-11, 1994 (ABC) 6%
Sept. 8-11, 1994 (CBS/NYT) 24%
Sept. 9-11, 1994 (PSRA) 6%
Sept. 21-22, 1994 (Yank.) 7%
Sept. 23-25, 1994 (Gallup) 7%
Oct. 6-9, 1994 (PSRA) 8%
Oct. 7-9, 1994 (Gallup) 7%
Oct. 11-12, 1994 (Yank.) 24%
Oct. 14-18, 1994 (Hart/Teeter) 22%
Oct. 16-18, 1994 (CBS) 20%
Oct. 20-23, 1994 (ABC/WP) 5%
Oct. 20-24, 1994 (PSRA) 9%
Oct. 24, 1994 (PSRA) 10%
Oct. 24, 1994 (PSRA) 21%
Oct. 22-25, 1994 (Gallup) 6%
Oct. 25-26, 1994 (Yank.) 25%
Oct. 27-28, 1994 (PSRA) 10%
Oct. 27-31, 1994 (ABC/WP) 9%
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1994 (CBS/NYT) 6%
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 1994 (CBS/NYT) 13%
Nov. 4-5, 1994 (Hart/Teeter) 23%
Nov. 3-5, 1994 (PSRA) 12%
Nov. 2-6, 1994 (Gallup) 9%
Nov. 3-6, 1994 (ABC) 10%

Note: * denotes questions in which respondents who replied “Other” or “Undecided” were not asked toward which party they were leaning. All other items include leaners. Question wording for these items are, with only slight variations, similar to the wordings used in the 1995 items listed above.


Note: Asked of registered voters.


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Tracking the President's Popularity
Recent NATIONAL Results

**Question:** Do you approve or disapprove of the way (President) Bill Clinton is handling his job as president?

**Not sure**
- Disapprove: 40%
- Approve: 49%
- DK: 11%

**Source:** Survey by Yankelovich Partners for Time/CNN, September 13-14, 1995.

**No opinion**
- Disapprove: 44%
- Approve: 48%
- DK: 8%

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, September 22-24, 1995.

**DK**
- Disapprove: 43%
- Approve: 44%
- DK: 13%

**Source:** Survey by CBS News, September 5-6, 1995.

**Clinton Soundings Around the STATES**

**Question:** Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

**California**
- DK: 7%
- Disapprove: 41%
- Approve: 52%

**Source:** Survey by the Los Angeles Times, September 7-10, 1995.

**Connecticut**
- Excellent: 5%
- Good: 34%
- Fair: 43%
- Poor: 16%

**Source:** Survey by the Institute for Social Inquiry for the Hartford Courant, September 12-21, 1995.

**Florida**
- Excellent: 11%
- Good: 27%
- Fair: 33%
- Poor: 29%

**Source:** Survey by Mason Dixon Political/Media Research, Inc. for the Tampa Tribune, September 5-6, 1995.

**Georgia**
- DK: 10%
- Disapprove: 49%
- Approve: 41%

**Source:** Survey by Georgia State University, July 12-26, 1995.

**Michigan**
- Excellent: 7%
- Good: 38%
- Fair: 34%
- Poor: 20%

**Source:** Survey by EPIC/MRA, August 23-28, 1995.

**Texas**
- Excellent: 4%
- Good: 28%
- Fair: 41%
- Poor: 24%

**Source:** Survey by the University of Texas for Hart-Hanks Communications, August 3-11, 1995.