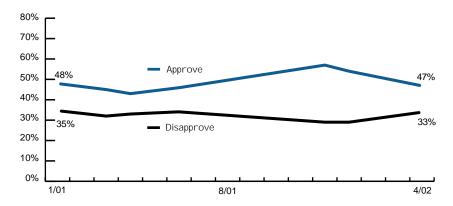
# Polity Watch

### Six of One...

### **Question**:

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?



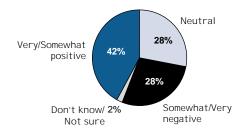
|          | Approve | Disapprove | Not sure |
|----------|---------|------------|----------|
| 2001     |         |            |          |
| January  | 48%     | 35%        | 17%      |
| March    | 45      | 32         | 23       |
| April    | 43      | 33         | 24       |
| June     | 47      | 34         | 19       |
| December | 57      | 29         | 14       |
| 2002     |         |            |          |
| January  | 54      | 29         | 17       |
| April    | 47      | 33         | 20       |

Source: Surveys by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, latest that of April 5-7, 2002.

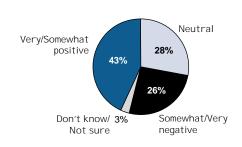
### **Question**:

I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and groups, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative.

#### DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS



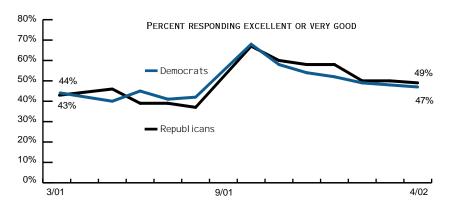
### REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS



Source: Survey by NBC News/ Wall Street Journal, April 5-7, 2002.

### **Question**:

...[H]ow do you rate the job [Democrats/Republicans] in Congress are doing—excellent, pretty good, only fair, or poor?



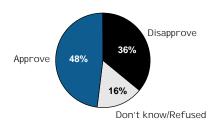
|                | Democrats | Republicans |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 2001           |           |             |
| February/March | 44%       | 43%         |
| May            | 40        | 46          |
| June           | 45        | 39          |
| July           | 41        | 39          |
| August         | 42        | 37          |
| October        | 68        | 67          |
| November       | 58        | 60          |
| December       | 54        | 58          |
| 2002           |           |             |
| January        | 52        | 58          |
| February       | 49        | 50          |
| March          | 48        | 50          |
| April          | 47        | 49          |

Source: Surveys by Harris Interactive, latest that of April 9-15, 2002.

## ...Half a Dozen of the Other

#### **Question**:

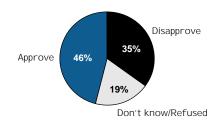
Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing?



Source: Survey by Bloomberg News, April 30-May 5, 2002.

### Question:

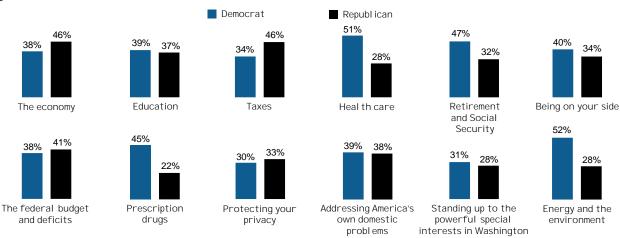
Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing?



Source: Survey by Bloomberg News, April 30-May 5, 2002.

### **Question**:

...I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans would do a better job with this issue.

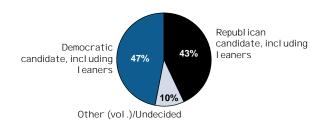


Source: Survey by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, April 2-4, 2002.

### **Come November**

### Question:

If the 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 or undecided] As of today, do you lean more toward the Democratic Party's candidate or the Republican Party's candidate?



Source: Survey by Gallup/CNN/USA Today, April 29-May 1, 2002.

### **Question**:

If this year's election for Congress in your district were between a Republican who says that we need to support the policies of George W. Bush, including aggressively pursuing the war against terrorism, reforming education, and stimulating the economy by cutting taxes for businesses and individuals, and a Democrat who says that, while we must work with the president in pursuing the war against terrorism, we must take a different approach in stimulating the economy and help people who have been harmed by the economic downturn by extending unemployment benefits and improving health care and education, for whom would you vote—the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?



Source: Surveys by NBC News/ Wall Street Journal, latest that of April 5-7, 2002.