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NATIONAL: LOW EXPECTATIONS FOR NEW CONGRESS

Democrats more positive than Republicans about their leadership

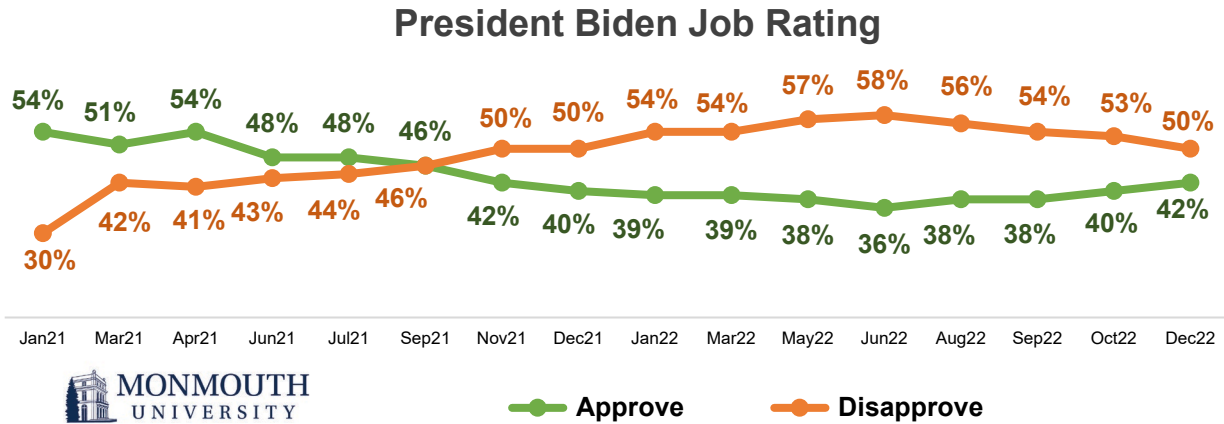
West Long Branch, NJ – Fewer than 1 in 5 Americans expect that Republican control of the House of Representatives will lead to a change for the better in Washington. In fact, a majority do not foresee this leading to much change either way. The ***Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll*** also finds the public is negative toward both political parties when it comes to focusing on key economic issues, but Democrats tend to hold a more positive opinion of their party’s congressional leadership.

Just 18% of Americans expect that GOP control of the House will change Washington for the better. Another 21% say it will change for the worse, but just over half (51%) say much won’t change because of the switch in House leadership. When Democrats won control of the House in 2018 while Republicans held onto to the Senate, slightly more Americans (28%) expected to see an improvement in the way Washington worked, while 16% expected a change for the worse and 42% expected no change.

“Some pundits look at these election results and claim that Americans want divided control. I think these frequent leadership changes are more a matter of chronic dissatisfaction with Washington. Expectations for Washington getting its act together are very low when you ask Americans directly. They’ve seen this show before,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Just 36% of the public thinks it is at least somewhat likely that the new Congress will enact policies to help the middle class. When Democrats controlled both chambers at the start of President Joe Biden’s term in 2021, 58% anticipated Congress would enact middle class policies. Expectation levels were similar in 2017 (54% likely) when Republicans controlled Congress during former President Donald Trump’s administration. In both of these prior polls, about 8 in 10 partisans in the majority party (81% of Democrats in 2021 and 82% of Republicans in 2017) as well as a majority of independents (56% in 2021 and 53% in 2017) were optimistic about Congress enacting middle class policies. Now, this opinion stands at 46% likely among Republicans, 34% among independents, and 33% among Democrats.

Furthermore, about 7 in 10 Americans say neither political party is paying enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like them – 71% say this about the Republican Party and 68% for the Democratic Party. Overall, 26% of the public approves of the job the U.S. Congress is doing while 62% disapprove. Similarly, 28% of Americans say the country is headed in the right direction while 68% say it is on the wrong track.



Turning to the White House, 42% approve of the overall job Biden is doing as president while 50% disapprove. The current rating is a nominal improvement from prior polls this year. Biden’s rating dipped as low as 36% approve and 58% disapprove in June. His job rating shortly before the recent midterm elections was 40% approve and 53% disapprove.

None of the current party leaders in Congress earn positive ratings among the American public, although the Democrats do better among fellow partisans than the Republicans. Outgoing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi earns a negative 29% approve and 49% disapprove rating from all American adults, but gets an overwhelmingly favorable 69%–10% rating from Democrats. GOP Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who is hoping to succeed Pelosi in the Speaker’s chair, earns an overall negative rating of 12% approve and 34% disapprove, which includes a nominally net positive rating of 29% approve and 20% disapprove among his fellow Republicans. However, most Americans, including just over half of his fellow Republicans, have no opinion of McCarthy’s performance as party leader. Only 1 in 5 Americans have no opinion of Pelosi.

CONGRESS LEADER RATINGS		
Approve–Disapprove	All Americans	Fellow partisans
Nancy Pelosi (D)	– 20 <small>29%-49%</small>	+ 59 <small>69%-10%</small>
Kevin McCarthy (R)	– 22 <small>12%-34%</small>	+ 9 <small>29%-20%</small>
Chuck Schumer (D)	– 18 <small>19%-37%</small>	+ 33 <small>43%-10%</small>
Mitch McConnell (R)	– 44 <small>12%-56%</small>	– 23 <small>25%-48%</small>

National poll
Dec. 8-12, 2022

Turning to the Senate, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer earns a negative 19% approve and 37% disapprove rating from all Americans, but a positive 43%–10% rating among Democrats. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, on the other hand, is the least popular of the four leaders, earning clearly negative ratings from the public as a whole (12%–56%) as well as among his fellow Republicans (25%–48%). Current ratings for Pelosi, Schumer, and McConnell are in line with polling over the past three years. This is the first time Monmouth has asked about McCarthy.

“Pelosi may have been a lightning rod for Republicans over the past twenty years, but she has clearly earned the admiration of her fellow Democrats. McCarthy starts off as a blank slate for most of the public. It will be interesting to see if he can build the same kind of party loyalty as Pelosi – that is if he actually gets the chance to succeed her,” said Murray, adding, “McCarthy could end up as unpopular as McConnell, but public disdain for the Senate GOP leader is due in part to his ruthlessness in holding onto power. It’s not clear whether McCarthy is made of the same stuff.”

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from December 8 to 12, 2022 with 805 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 5.0 percentage points for the full sample. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Oct. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022
Approve	42%	40%	38%	38%	36%	38%	39%	39%
Disapprove	50%	53%	54%	56%	58%	57%	54%	54%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%
(n)	(805)	(808)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)

TREND:	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
<i>Continued</i>								
Approve	40%	42%	46%	48%	48%	54%	51%	54%
Disapprove	50%	50%	46%	44%	43%	41%	42%	30%
(VOL) No opinion	11%	9%	8%	8%	9%	5%	8%	16%
(n)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Oct. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Approve	26%	23%	23%	17%	15%	15%	21%	19%	23%	18%	22%	23%	21%	35%	30%	35%
Disapprove	62%	69%	66%	74%	78%	77%	71%	74%	66%	70%	65%	62%	65%	56%	59%	51%
(VOL) No opinion	12%	8%	11%	9%	7%	8%	8%	6%	11%	12%	13%	15%	15%	9%	11%	14%
(n)	(805)	(808)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Jan. 2019
<i>Continued</i>															
Approve	23%	22%	32%	32%	20%	24%	22%	23%	21%	17%	19%	20%	24%	23%	18%
Disapprove	64%	69%	55%	55%	69%	62%	65%	64%	68%	71%	69%	71%	62%	68%	72%
(VOL) No opinion	13%	9%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	13%	11%	13%	12%	9%	14%	9%	10%
(n)	(810)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(902)	(903)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(805)

TREND:	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017	Aug. 2017	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017
<i>Continued</i>													
Approve	23%	17%	19%	17%	18%	21%	16%	17%	18%	19%	19%	25%	23%
Disapprove	63%	69%	67%	71%	72%	68%	65%	69%	69%	70%	68%	59%	66%
(VOL) No opinion	14%	14%	14%	12%	11%	11%	19%	15%	13%	11%	13%	16%	11%
(n)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)	(1,009)	(805)	(800)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)

TREND:	Sept. 2016*	Aug. 2016*	June 2016*	March 2016	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Jan. 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
<i>Continued</i>															
Approve	15%	14%	17%	22%	17%	16%	17%	19%	18%	18%	19%	21%	18%	17%	14%
Disapprove	77%	78%	76%	68%	73%	73%	71%	71%	72%	69%	71%	67%	70%	73%	76%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	9%	7%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	12%	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%
(n)	(802)	(803)	(803)	(1,008)	(1,003)	(1,006)	(1,012)	(1,009)	(1,203)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,003)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

[QUESTIONS 3 & 4 WERE ROTATED]

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chuck Schumer is doing as Senate Majority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2021	April 2018*	July 2017*
Approve	19%	21%	16%	17%
Disapprove	37%	37%	29%	28%
No opinion	44%	43%	55%	55%
(n)	(805)	(811)	(803)	(800)

*Question wording was: "as Senate Minority Leader?"

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Nancy Pelosi is doing as Speaker of the House, or do you have no opinion of her?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2021	Jan. 2020	Nov. 2019	Jan. 2019	Nov. 2018*	April 2018*	July 2017*
Approve	29%	28%	35%	31%	34%	17%	17%	17%
Disapprove	49%	49%	43%	45%	45%	38%	44%	42%
No opinion	22%	22%	22%	24%	21%	45%	39%	41%
(n)	(805)	(811)	(903)	(908)	(805)	(802)	(803)	(800)

*Question wording was: "as House Minority Leader?"

[QUESTIONS 5 & 6 WERE ROTATED]

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mitch McConnell is doing as Senate Minority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Jan. 2020*	Nov. 2019*	Jan. 2019*	Nov. 2018*	April 2018*	July 2017*
Approve	12%	21%	15%	15%	15%	10%	12%
Disapprove	56%	39%	39%	40%	28%	38%	38%
No opinion	32%	40%	46%	45%	57%	52%	49%
(n)	(805)	(903)	(908)	(805)	(802)	(803)	(800)

*Question wording was: "as Senate Majority Leader?"

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kevin McCarthy is doing as House Minority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?

TREND:	Dec. 2022
Approve	12%
Disapprove	34%
No opinion	54%
(n)	(805)

7. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Right direction	28%	23%	15%	10%	18%	24%	24%	30%	31%	29%	38%	37%	46%	34%	42%
Wrong track	68%	74%	82%	88%	79%	73%	71%	66%	64%	65%	56%	57%	50%	61%	51%
(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%
(n)	(805)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
Continued	26%	27%	22%	18%	21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%
Right direction	26%	27%	22%	18%	21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%
Wrong track	68%	66%	72%	74%	74%	60%	61%	54%	57%	56%
(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(902)	(903)

TREND:	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018
Continued	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%
Right direction	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%
Wrong track	56%	61%	61%	62%	62%	63%	62%	63%	55%	57%	53%	58%	61%	57%
(VOL) Depends	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	6%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
(n)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)

TREND:	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017	Aug. 2016*	Oct. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
Continued	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Right direction	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Wrong track	66%	58%	61%	56%	65%	65%	66%	63%	68%	66%	69%	63%
(VOL) Depends	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
(n)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

8. As you may know, the Republicans won control of the House of Representatives in last month's election. Do you think this will change the way Washington works or won't much change? [If CHANGE: Will things get better or get worse?]

COMPARISON:	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2018*
Will change, get better	18%	28%
Will change, get worse	21%	16%
Will change, not sure if better or worse	5%	11%
Won't much change	51%	42%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	3%
(n)	(805)	(802)

* 2018 poll asked about Democrats winning control of the House of Representatives.

9. How likely is it that the new Congress will enact policies to help the middle class – very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Jan. 2021*	Jan. 2017*	July 2013*
Very likely	7%	14%	18%	4%
Somewhat likely	29%	44%	36%	26%
Not too likely	26%	18%	20%	30%
Not at all likely	34%	21%	24%	38%
(VOL) Don't Know	4%	2%	2%	2%
(n)	(805)	(809)	(801)	(1,012)

*Question wording was: "How likely is it that Congress will..."

[QUESTIONS 10 & 11 WERE ROTATED]

10. Does the Republican Party pay too much, the right amount, or not enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like you?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2021	Nov. 2018	March 2017
Too much	3%	4%	3%	4%
Right amount	22%	23%	30%	28%
Not enough	71%	69%	63%	63%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	5%	4%	4%
(n)	(805)	(811)	(802)	(801)

11. Does the Democratic Party pay too much, the right amount, or not enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like you?

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2021	Nov. 2018	March 2017
Too much	3%	4%	4%	5%
Right amount	24%	25%	26%	25%
Not enough	68%	69%	64%	65%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	3%	6%	5%
(n)	(805)	(811)	(802)	(801)

[Q12-29 held for future release.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from December 8 to 12, 2022 with a probability-based national random sample of 805 adults age 18 and older. This includes 281 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 524 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. Telephone numbers were selected through a mix of random digit dialing and list-based sampling. Landline respondents were selected with a modified Troidahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata (RDD, n=590), Aristotle (list, n=152) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n=63). Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2018 one-year survey). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 5.0 percentage points (adjusted for sample design effects). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
26% Republican	
43% Independent	
31% Democrat	
49% Male	
51% Female	
30% 18-34	
33% 35-54	
37% 55+	
64% White	
11% Black	
16% Hispanic	
9% Asian/Other	
69% No degree	
31% 4 year degree	

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		805	5.0%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	739	5.3%
	No	66	17.6%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	204	10.0%
	Independent	314	8.1%
	Democrat	274	8.6%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	188	10.4%
	Moderate	306	8.2%
	Conservative	280	8.5%
GENDER	Male	392	7.2%
	Female	413	7.0%
AGE	18-34	160	11.3%
	35-54	243	9.2%
	55+	399	7.1%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	166	11.1%
	No	637	5.7%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	565	6.0%
	Other	225	9.5%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	406	7.1%
	4 year degree	398	7.2%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	281	8.5%
	White, 4 year degree	284	8.5%
INCOME	<\$50K	246	9.1%
	\$50 to <\$100K	230	9.4%
	\$100K+	271	8.7%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	42%	43%	37%	5%	35%	86%	85%	47%	13%
	Disapprove	50%	50%	49%	93%	54%	9%	13%	42%	84%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	7%	13%	2%	11%	5%	2%	11%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	38%	47%	51%	37%	40%	32%	45%	37%	51%
	Disapprove	55%	45%	34%	58%	56%	59%	47%	56%	40%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	8%	15%	5%	4%	9%	7%	7%	8%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	38%	52%	32%	48%	45%	35%	45%
	Disapprove	54%	42%	60%	46%	46%	57%	50%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	6%	8%	5%	9%	8%	5%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	26%	28%	14%	6%	20%	53%	48%	29%	11%
	Disapprove	62%	62%	59%	86%	66%	37%	39%	56%	83%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	10%	26%	7%	14%	10%	13%	15%	6%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	26%	27%	30%	23%	27%	21%	28%	26%	28%
	Disapprove	65%	59%	51%	69%	65%	66%	61%	65%	57%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	15%	19%	8%	9%	13%	12%	10%	15%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	23%	33%	22%	32%	27%	23%	29%
	Disapprove	65%	56%	67%	60%	58%	63%	65%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	11%	11%	8%	15%	15%	7%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chuck Schumer is doing as Senate Majority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	19%	21%	10%	3%	13%	43%	42%	22%	3%
	Disapprove	37%	39%	22%	69%	38%	10%	16%	25%	63%
	No opinion	44%	41%	69%	28%	50%	47%	42%	53%	34%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chuck Schumer is doing as Senate Majority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	19%	20%	15%	18%	24%	13%	21%	22%	14%
	Disapprove	46%	28%	21%	45%	42%	40%	36%	42%	27%
	No opinion	36%	52%	64%	37%	34%	46%	43%	36%	59%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chuck Schumer is doing as Senate Majority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	15%	28%	19%	28%	18%	17%	26%
	Disapprove	37%	36%	43%	40%	27%	40%	48%
	No opinion	47%	36%	38%	32%	55%	43%	27%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Nancy Pelosi is doing as Speaker of the House, or do you have no opinion of her?	Approve	29%	31%	13%	3%	17%	69%	52%	33%	13%
	Disapprove	49%	49%	51%	88%	54%	10%	20%	42%	75%
	No opinion	22%	20%	35%	9%	29%	21%	28%	25%	13%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Nancy Pelosi is doing as Speaker of the House, or do you have no opinion of her?	Approve	25%	33%	23%	28%	35%	23%	31%	27%	33%
	Disapprove	57%	41%	38%	54%	54%	53%	48%	57%	35%
	No opinion	18%	26%	39%	18%	11%	24%	21%	16%	32%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Nancy Pelosi is doing as Speaker of the House, or do you have no opinion of her?	Approve	26%	36%	24%	34%	32%	25%	30%
	Disapprove	52%	42%	61%	48%	44%	54%	54%
	No opinion	21%	22%	15%	18%	24%	21%	16%

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5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mitch McConnell is doing as Senate Minority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	12%	13%	12%	25%	7%	10%	5%	13%	19%
	Disapprove	56%	58%	36%	48%	55%	65%	72%	50%	53%
	No opinion	32%	29%	52%	27%	38%	25%	23%	38%	28%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mitch McConnell is doing as Senate Minority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	14%	11%	11%	14%	13%	15%	12%	14%	11%
	Disapprove	59%	53%	51%	62%	54%	57%	55%	60%	48%
	No opinion	27%	36%	38%	25%	33%	28%	33%	27%	40%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Mitch McConnell is doing as Senate Minority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	14%	8%	15%	10%	15%	11%	12%
	Disapprove	51%	67%	54%	70%	43%	60%	68%
	No opinion	35%	24%	30%	20%	43%	29%	20%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kevin McCarthy is doing as House Minority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	12%	13%	4%	29%	6%	5%	1%	8%	24%
	Disapprove	34%	36%	21%	20%	35%	46%	51%	34%	25%
	No opinion	54%	51%	75%	51%	59%	48%	48%	58%	51%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kevin McCarthy is doing as House Minority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	14%	9%	6%	15%	14%	13%	12%	14%	8%
	Disapprove	38%	30%	24%	40%	36%	37%	33%	36%	30%
	No opinion	47%	60%	69%	45%	50%	50%	55%	50%	62%

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		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kevin McCarthy is doing as House Minority Leader, or do you have no opinion of him?	Approve	12%	12%	13%	16%	9%	13%	14%
	Disapprove	28%	47%	28%	51%	28%	36%	40%
	No opinion	60%	41%	59%	33%	63%	51%	46%

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7. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	28%	28%	23%	7%	18%	59%	51%	30%	11%
	Wrong track	68%	68%	68%	92%	77%	36%	48%	62%	87%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	1%	4%	0%	3%	1%	0%	4%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	5%	1%	3%	3%	1%	4%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
7. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	30%	26%	29%	24%	30%	24%	29%	29%	25%
	Wrong track	65%	70%	63%	74%	67%	75%	66%	67%	69%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	2%	3%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	5%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
7. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	25%	35%	25%	36%	29%	22%	32%
	Wrong track	70%	63%	71%	62%	66%	75%	65%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	2%	0%	4%	0%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8. As you may know, the Republicans won control of the House of Representatives in last months election. Do you think this will change the way Washington works or wont much change? [IF CHANGE: Will things get better or get worse?]	Will change, get better	18%	19%	12%	41%	14%	7%	12%	13%	30%
	Will change, get worse	21%	19%	35%	6%	19%	37%	39%	20%	9%
	Will change, not sure if better or worse	5%	4%	8%	3%	4%	6%	3%	7%	4%
	Wont much change	51%	53%	36%	49%	57%	47%	45%	54%	54%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	9%	2%	6%	3%	1%	8%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
8. As you may know, the Republicans won control of the House of Representatives in last months election. Do you think this will change the way Washington works or wont much change? [IF CHANGE: Will things get better or get worse?]	Will change, get better	19%	18%	11%	20%	22%	14%	19%	19%	17%
	Will change, get worse	17%	25%	26%	21%	17%	19%	22%	19%	23%
	Will change, not sure if better or worse	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%
	Wont much change	56%	47%	51%	53%	51%	55%	50%	54%	47%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	7%	2%	5%	7%	4%	3%	7%

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		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
8. As you may know, the Republicans won control of the House of Representatives in last months election. Do you think this will change the way Washington works or wont much change? [IF CHANGE: Will things get better or get worse?]	Will change, get better	19%	17%	20%	17%	16%	18%	22%
	Will change, get worse	22%	19%	19%	19%	23%	19%	17%
	Will change, not sure if better or worse	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%
	Wont much change	49%	57%	52%	58%	52%	53%	53%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	3%	4%	2%	6%	4%	4%

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9. How likely is it that the new Congress will enact policies to help the middle class - very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Very likely	7%	8%	0%	14%	4%	7%	3%	5%	14%
	Somewhat likely	29%	29%	29%	32%	30%	26%	28%	28%	32%
	Not too likely	26%	26%	25%	25%	24%	29%	28%	34%	20%
	Not at all likely	34%	34%	32%	25%	38%	36%	40%	29%	30%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	13%	4%	3%	2%	1%	5%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
9. How likely is it that the new Congress will enact policies to help the middle class - very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Very likely	8%	6%	3%	6%	12%	4%	8%	5%	11%
	Somewhat likely	25%	32%	27%	25%	34%	25%	30%	28%	31%
	Not too likely	27%	25%	30%	24%	26%	22%	27%	31%	18%
	Not at all likely	35%	33%	35%	42%	25%	47%	30%	33%	35%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	3%	6%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
9. How likely is it that the new Congress will enact policies to help the middle class - very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Very likely	8%	6%	4%	6%	7%	7%	9%
	Somewhat likely	27%	32%	28%	29%	32%	28%	26%
	Not too likely	25%	29%	31%	31%	25%	27%	27%
	Not at all likely	35%	31%	33%	32%	31%	35%	36%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	2%	5%	1%	6%	3%	3%

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10. Does the Republican Party pay too much, the right amount, or not enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like you?	Too much	3%	3%	6%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%
	Right amount	22%	23%	14%	44%	21%	5%	12%	22%	31%
	Not enough	71%	71%	69%	51%	71%	89%	83%	73%	61%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	11%	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
10. Does the Republican Party pay too much, the right amount, or not enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like you?	Too much	5%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	5%
	Right amount	26%	18%	22%	25%	19%	21%	22%	25%	17%
	Not enough	66%	75%	67%	71%	73%	72%	71%	69%	74%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	5%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
10. Does the Republican Party pay too much, the right amount, or not enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like you?	Too much	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%
	Right amount	22%	21%	27%	22%	13%	24%	28%
	Not enough	70%	74%	67%	73%	78%	70%	66%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
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11. Does the Democratic Party pay too much, the right amount, or not enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like you?	Too much	3%	3%	1%	5%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%
	Right amount	24%	23%	26%	3%	20%	47%	40%	30%	8%
	Not enough	68%	69%	66%	90%	72%	47%	56%	60%	86%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	5%	7%	3%	6%	4%	2%	6%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
11. Does the Democratic Party pay too much, the right amount, or not enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like you?	Too much	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%
	Right amount	22%	25%	28%	19%	24%	23%	24%	24%	22%
	Not enough	68%	69%	62%	75%	68%	72%	67%	68%	70%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	4%	8%	4%	4%	3%	6%	4%	6%

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		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
11. Does the Democratic Party pay too much, the right amount, or not enough attention to everyday economic issues that affect people like you?	Too much	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
	Right amount	20%	31%	21%	31%	23%	20%	28%
	Not enough	71%	63%	70%	63%	67%	75%	66%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	3%	6%	2%	6%	2%	3%