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GOP leads on generic ballot

Raleigh, N.C. – Voters nationally have a pretty dim view of both Congressional Democrats and Congressional Republicans, but if the election was today 45% of them say they would vote for the GOP to 41% expressing support for Democrats, Public Policy Polling’s newest national survey finds.

Just 36% of voters say they approve of the job Democrats in Congress are doing and only 32% like what they’re seeing from Republicans. Among independents both parties receive only a 25% approval rating.

There is such an anti-incumbent mood right now that only 47% of voters across the country say they would vote to reelect their member of Congress if there was an election today. In most election years incumbents across the country seeking reelection average a share of the vote somewhere in the upper 60s.

On the generic ballot most Democrats say they will vote Democratic and most Republicans say they would vote Republican, as you would expect. The reason for the GOP’s overall advantage is a 40-31 lead among independent voters.

“A lot of recent polling on individual Senate races has suggested Democrats might be in trouble next year and these numbers show that to be more broadly true,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “There’s a lot of discontent out there and when that’s the case the party in power pretty inevitably gets the blame.”

One problem for Democrats is that minority voters are not expressing as much support for the party as they usually do, as only 75% of blacks say they’ll vote Democratic.

PPP surveyed 596 registered voters nationally from August 27th to 30th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-4.0%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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National Survey Results

Q1 If the election for Congress was today, would you vote for your current Representative or for their opponent? If you would vote for your current Representative, press 1. If you would vote for their opponent, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Current Representative..... 47% *Challenger*..... 33%
Not Sure..... 21%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Democrats in Congress are doing? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve36% *Not Sure*..... 7%
Disapprove.....57%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Republicans in Congress are doing? If you approve, press 1. If you disapprove, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Approve32% *Not Sure*..... 9%
Disapprove.....59%

Q4 If the election for Congress was today would you vote Democratic or Republican? If Democratic, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Democratic..... 41%
Republican..... 45%
Not Sure..... 14%

Q5 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 18%
Moderate..... 42%
Conservative..... 40%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 55%
Man..... 45%

Q7 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 35%
Republican..... 34%
Independent/Other..... 30%

Q8 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 11%
White 74%
African American 10%
Other..... 5%

Q9 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 16%
30 to 45..... 20%
46 to 65..... 48%
Older than 65..... 16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Vote for Incumbent				
Current Representative	47%	71%	46%	36%
Challenger	33%	21%	31%	40%
Not Sure	21%	8%	23%	24%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Democrats Approval				
Approve	36%	80%	44%	7%
Disapprove	57%	11%	49%	88%
Not Sure	7%	9%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Congressional Republican Approval				
Approve	32%	10%	26%	49%
Disapprove	59%	82%	67%	40%
Not Sure	9%	8%	7%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Generic Ballot				
Democratic	41%	84%	52%	11%
Republican	45%	8%	33%	75%
Not Sure	14%	8%	15%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Vote for Incumbent			
Current Representative	47%	51%	41%
Challenger	33%	24%	43%
Not Sure	21%	25%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional Democrats Approval			
Approve	36%	39%	32%
Disapprove	57%	53%	63%
Not Sure	7%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Congressional Republican Approval			
Approve	32%	29%	36%
Disapprove	59%	61%	57%
Not Sure	9%	10%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Ballot			
Democratic	41%	45%	37%
Republican	45%	42%	48%
Not Sure	14%	13%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Vote for Incumbent				
Current Representative	47%	58%	40%	40%
Challenger	33%	24%	34%	42%
Not Sure	21%	18%	25%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congressional Democrats Approval				
Approve	36%	74%	8%	25%
Disapprove	57%	20%	90%	63%
Not Sure	7%	6%	2%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Congressional Republican Approval				
Approve	32%	15%	57%	25%
Disapprove	59%	78%	34%	65%
Not Sure	9%	7%	9%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Ballot				
Democratic	41%	83%	8%	31%
Republican	45%	11%	85%	40%
Not Sure	14%	6%	7%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Vote for Incumbent					
Current Representative	47%	56%	41%	70%	65%
Challenger	33%	32%	36%	15%	30%
Not Sure	21%	12%	24%	15%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Congressional Democrats Approval					
Approve	36%	36%	30%	71%	55%
Disapprove	57%	61%	63%	14%	45%
Not Sure	7%	3%	6%	16%	-

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Congressional Republican Approval					
Approve	32%	46%	35%	6%	14%
Disapprove	59%	52%	56%	78%	81%
Not Sure	9%	2%	9%	16%	5%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Generic Ballot					
Democratic	41%	41%	35%	75%	60%
Republican	45%	40%	51%	16%	23%
Not Sure	14%	19%	13%	9%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Vote for Incumbent					
Current Representative	47%	58%	44%	47%	38%
Challenger	33%	32%	37%	31%	36%
Not Sure	21%	11%	20%	23%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional Democrats Approval					
Approve	36%	37%	31%	39%	32%
Disapprove	57%	53%	61%	56%	62%
Not Sure	7%	11%	8%	5%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Congressional Republican Approval					
Approve	32%	26%	36%	31%	37%
Disapprove	59%	63%	57%	61%	50%
Not Sure	9%	11%	7%	8%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Ballot					
Democratic	41%	42%	38%	45%	34%
Republican	45%	37%	47%	44%	55%
Not Sure	14%	21%	15%	11%	11%

