

RESURGENT REPUBLIC
SURVEY OF LIKELY VOTERS IN SENATE BATTLEGROUND STATES
REGARDING TAXES AND A LAME DUCK SESSION OF CONGRESS

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Hello, this is ____ with (calling center name), a national public opinion research company. We're talking with people in your area today about some issues facing the country. We are not trying to sell anything, your answers are completely confidential, and we would really appreciate your cooperation (DO NOT PAUSE).

A. Are you registered to vote in the county in which you live?

YESGO TO QUESTION C
 NO.....GO TO QUESTION B

B. Is there anyone else in your household who is registered to vote in your county?

YESMay I speak with that person please? GO TO INTRO
 NO..... THANK AND CLOSE

C. How likely would you say you are to vote in the November elections for Congress this year: absolutely certain, very likely, somewhat likely, or not too likely?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN	65%	73%	64%	57%
VERY LIKELY.....	25%	19%	26%	29%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	11%	8%	10%	14%

Overall Political Climate

1. Would you say that America is headed in the right direction, or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
RIGHT DIRECTION	28%	5%	25%	53%
WRONG TRACK	65%	93%	67%	37%
DON'T KNOW.....	7%	2%	8%	10%

2. In general, would you prefer that the next congressman from your congressional district be (ROTATE: a Republican or a Democrat)?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
REPUBLICAN.....	39%	87%	34%	2%
DEMOCRAT	36%	3%	22%	82%
DEPENDS ON THE CANDIDATES (VOL.).....	19%	9%	34%	12%
DON'T KNOW (VOL.).....	5%	1%	10%	4%

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3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove), or just somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
STRONGLY APPROVE	24%	4%	17%	51%
SOMEWHAT APPROVE.....	23%	6%	25%	35%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	10%	11%	13%	5%
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	40%	76%	40%	6%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	3%	3%	5%	2%
APPROVE.....	47%	10%	42%	86%
DISAPPROVE	50%	87%	53%	11%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	3%	3%	5%	2%

3a. Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, ASK: Would that be strongly (approve/disapprove), or just somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
STRONGLY APPROVE	2%	0%	2%	4%
SOMEWHAT APPROVE.....	23%	10%	17%	42%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	22%	18%	23%	23%
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	49%	70%	54%	25%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	5%	2%	5%	7%
APPROVE.....	25%	10%	19%	46%
DISAPPROVE	71%	88%	77%	48%
DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION	5%	2%	5%	7%

Tax Questions

4. Would you say you have heard or have not heard about a significant increase in federal income taxes that is scheduled to occur on January 1, 2011?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
HAVE HEARD	54%	70%	57%	38%
HAVE NOT HEARD.....	45%	30%	43%	61%
DON'T KNOW.....	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Now I am going to read a list of federal income tax changes that are scheduled to occur on January 1, 2011. For each one, please tell me if you support or oppose that change (RANDOMIZE)

	<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>OPPOSE</i>	<i>DON'T KNOW</i>
5. Raising taxes on married couples so that they will pay more than they would if they were single.	<i>ALL</i> 10%	87%	4%
	<i>REP</i> 6%	92%	2%
	<i>IND</i> 9%	87%	4%
	<i>DEM</i> 14%	82%	4%
6. Raising income tax rates on all wage earners. Rates on the lowest wage earners would go from 10 to 15 percent, and rates on the highest wage earners would go from 35 to 39.6 percent.	<i>ALL</i> 23%	73%	4%
	<i>REP</i> 10%	85%	4%
	<i>IND</i> 23%	74%	4%
	<i>DEM</i> 34%	61%	5%
7. Reducing the tax credit for people with children from \$1,000 to \$500 per child.	<i>ALL</i> 22%	74%	4%
	<i>REP</i> 18%	77%	5%
	<i>IND</i> 21%	76%	3%
	<i>DEM</i> 28%	69%	3%
8. Raising the estate tax rate on people who die from zero to 55 percent on estates worth over one million dollars.	<i>ALL</i> 32%	63%	4%
	<i>REP</i> 15%	80%	5%
	<i>IND</i> 31%	66%	4%
	<i>DEM</i> 50%	46%	4%
9. Increasing the number of families paying the alternative minimum tax from 4 million to 28 million families.	<i>ALL</i> 31%	50%	19%
	<i>REP</i> 26%	57%	17%
	<i>IND</i> 28%	52%	21%
	<i>DEM</i> 40%	40%	20%
10. Raising the tax rate on capital gains made when an investment is sold for more than its purchase price from 15 to 20 percent.	<i>ALL</i> 36%	61%	4%
	<i>REP</i> 16%	81%	4%
	<i>IND</i> 34%	62%	4%
	<i>DEM</i> 56%	41%	4%
11. Raising the tax rate on income from dividends or interest from 15 to 39.6 percent.	<i>ALL</i> 18%	79%	4%
	<i>REP</i> 6%	93%	1%
	<i>IND</i> 18%	78%	4%
	<i>DEM</i> 29%	65%	5%

12. Congress could change the law to stop some or all of those tax increases from taking effect, but doing so is not currently on the Congressional agenda before the November election. If the Democrats who control Congress do not act to stop or delay these scheduled tax increases before the election, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for Democratic candidates for House and Senate?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR DEMS	21%	9%	18%	36%
LESS LIKELY TO VOTE FOR DEMS	55%	78%	57%	31%
NO EFFECT (VOL.).....	18%	11%	18%	26%
DON'T KNOW.....	6%	2%	7%	7%

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13. Which statement comes closer to your view about reducing the federal deficit: (ROTATE)

- a) We need more tax revenue as well as spending cuts to reduce the federal deficit. We will never get the deficit under control unless we make the difficult but necessary decision to raise taxes.
- b) Our federal deficit is a result of too much spending in Washington, not too little tax revenue. Instead of raising taxes on anyone, Congress should make the difficult but necessary decisions to get spending under control.

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
NEED MORE TAX REVENUE	24%	8%	21%	41%
DEFICIT CAUSED BY TOO MUCH SPENDING	73%	90%	75%	55%
DON'T KNOW	3%	2%	4%	3%

Lame Duck Congressional Session

SPLIT SAMPLE 14A AND 14B

14a.A "lame duck" session of Congress is a session scheduled after an election but before the newly elected congressmen and senators take office. Which statement comes closer to your view:

- a) A lame duck session of Congress is a good idea. It allows Congress to address issues that it did not have time for before the election, and those issues can be addressed without the pressure of an impending election.
- b) A lame duck session of Congress is a bad idea. If one party loses control of Congress, it could try to ram through an agenda that the voters had just rejected, and lawmakers who have been defeated would be making important policy decisions.

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
LAME DUCK GOOD IDEA	34%	18%	36%	47%
LAME DUCK BAD IDEA	55%	72%	55%	41%
DON'T KNOW	10%	9%	9%	12%

Note: Results based on 506 respondents.

14b.A "lame duck" session of Congress is a session scheduled after an election but before the newly elected congressmen and senators take office. Which statement comes closer to your view:

- a) A lame duck session of Congress is a good idea. It allows Congress to address issues that it did not have time for before the election, and those issues can be addressed without the pressure of an impending election.
- b) A lame duck session of Congress is a bad idea. Members of Congress should cast votes on important bills before facing the voters, not wait until after an election to cast those votes.

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
LAME DUCK GOOD IDEA	26%	20%	27%	28%
LAME DUCK BAD IDEA	69%	74%	68%	67%
DON'T KNOW	5%	5%	5%	5%

Note: Results based on 494 respondents.

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As you may know, Congress has not yet voted on a Federal budget laying out its plans for taxes and spending, and it has not passed immigration reform, a cap-and-trade energy bill, or card check legislation to change the way workers decide on forming a union.

15. Which statement comes closer to your view about why Congress has not addressed these issues: (ROTATE)

- a) Democrats who control Congress have not addressed these issues because Republicans have obstructed and slowed down consideration of almost everything, and they don't want President Obama and Democrats in Congress to get credit for anything.
- b) Democrats who control Congress have not addressed these issues because they are afraid their positions on these issues will be unpopular with voters, and they want to wait until a lame duck session of Congress after the November elections to pass their agenda.

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
REPUBLICANS OBSTRUCTED	38%	9%	32%	71%
DEMOCRATS AFRAID POSITIONS UNPOPULAR	53%	86%	57%	20%
DON'T KNOW	9%	6%	11%	9%

16. Which candidate would you be more likely to vote for if Congress does not address these issues before the November election: (ROTATE)

- a) Candidate A says these are important issues that deserve to be voted on by Congress as soon as possible. If Congress cannot get to them before the election, then they should be addressed in a lame duck session immediately after the election regardless of the election's outcome.
- b) Candidate B says these are important issues that will have long-lasting effects, and if they're not voted on before the November elections we should wait until the newly elected Congress meets. The will of the people as expressed in the election should be reflected in those policy decisions.

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
CANDIDATE A	32%	16%	35%	43%
CANDIDATE B	63%	79%	60%	50%
DON'T KNOW	5%	5%	5%	7%

17. Some people say members of Congress running for re-election should rule out voting for tax increases, immigration reform, cap and trade legislation or a card check bill in a lame duck session of Congress. If your member of Congress refused to rule out voting for those important bills in a lame duck session of Congress, would that make you more or less likely to vote to re-elect him?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
MORE LIKELY	19%	19%	19%	21%
LESS LIKELY	63%	69%	63%	59%
NO EFFECT (VOL.)	9%	6%	10%	11%
DON'T KNOW	8%	6%	8%	10%

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18. If the Democrats who control Congress do not address these issues before the election, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for Democratic candidates for House and Senate?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
MORE LIKELY TO VOTE FOR DEMS	17%	8%	12%	30%
LESS LIKELY TO VOTE FOR DEMS	60%	82%	58%	40%
NO EFFECT (VOLUNTEERED).....	18%	8%	23%	24%
DON'T KNOW.....	5%	2%	7%	6%

Demographics

Now I have a few questions just for statistical purposes.

19. In politics today, do you normally think of yourself as (ROTATE: a Republican, an independent, or a Democrat)?

IF "REP" OR "DEM", ASK:	STRONG REP	20%
Would you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Republican/Democrat?	NOT-SO-STRONG REP	10%
	IND LEAN REP	17%
	IND/NO PREF	7%
	IND LEAN DEM	12%
IF "IND," ASK:	NOT-SO-STRONG DEM	14%
Do you think of yourself as closer to the (ROTATE: Republican or Democratic Party)?	STRONG DEM.....	19%
	REFUSED	1%

20. When thinking about politics today, do you normally consider yourself to be (ROTATE: very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal)?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
VERY CONSERVATIVE	21%	46%	14%	6%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE.....	24%	36%	26%	11%
MODERATE	30%	14%	43%	30%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL.....	17%	4%	11%	37%
VERY LIBERAL.....	6%	0%	4%	15%
NO OPINION	2%	1%	3%	2%

21. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your age?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
18 TO 34	21%	15%	22%	24%
35 TO 49	28%	30%	28%	25%
50 TO 64	32%	33%	33%	31%
65 OR OLDER.....	17%	18%	15%	17%
REFUSED (DO NOT READ)	3%	3%	3%	2%

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22. Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
\$25,000 OR LESS.....	14%	11%	14%	16%
\$25,000 TO \$50,000	21%	20%	18%	26%
\$50,000 TO \$75,000	22%	21%	23%	24%
\$75,000 TO \$100,000	15%	18%	13%	13%
\$100,000 TO \$150,000	12%	13%	14%	9%
\$150,000 TO \$250,000	5%	6%	5%	3%
\$250,000 OR MORE	3%	5%	3%	1%
REFUSED.....	8%	7%	9%	7%

23. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

IF NO, ASK: What would you say is your main race: white, African American, Asian, or something else?

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
YES/HISPANIC	7%	7%	5%	10%
NO/WHITE	82%	88%	86%	72%
NO/BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	7%	1%	3%	16%
NO/ASIAN	2%	2%	3%	1%
NO/OTHER	1%	2%	0%	1%
REFUSED.....	2%	1%	3%	1%

24. Gender (from observation):

	<i>ALL</i>	<i>REP</i>	<i>IND</i>	<i>DEM</i>
MALE	48%	50%	54%	38%
FEMALE.....	52%	50%	46%	62%

That's all the questions I have. Thank you very much for sharing your opinions with us.

25. State FIPS code: _____

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