



YG NETWORK  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLL:  
APRIL 2014

TOPLINE RESULTS

Methodology:

THIS YG NETWORK CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLL WAS CONDUCTED FROM APRIL 11-15, 2014, AMONG A SAMPLE OF 660 LIKELY VOTERS ACROSS THE 90 MOST REPUBLICAN U.S. HOUSE DISTRICTS, AS DEFINED BY THE COOK POLITICAL REPORT. AS WE WORK TO ADVANCE OUR ORGANIZATION'S PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA, THE YG NETWORK CHOSE TO SURVEY THE 90 MOST COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPORTANCE AS BATTLEFIELDS IN THE PUBLIC POLICY DEBATE. INTERVIEWS WERE COMPLETED ONLINE USING RESEARCH NOW, AND THE DATA WERE WEIGHTED TO APPROXIMATE A TARGET SAMPLE OF MIDTERM VOTERS BASED ON AGE, GENDER, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, RACE, AND MARITAL STATUS. THIS POLL SHOULD BE VIEWED AS A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THESE 90 REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. THIS SAMPLE IS NOT A REPRESENTATION OF THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES. NOTE, THE NUMBERS DO NOT ALWAYS ADD UP TO 100% BECAUSE THEY ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST PERCENTAGE POINT. RESULTS FROM THE FULL SURVEY HAVE A MARGIN OF ERROR OF PLUS OR MINUS FOUR PERCENTAGE POINTS.

1: Generally speaking, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

	Right Direction	Wrong Track	N
Likely Voters	26	74	659
Male	29	71	322
Female	24	76	337
18-44	30	70	301
45-64	23	77	237
65+	23	77	121
Men 18-44	30	70	173
Men 45+	27	73	150
Women 18-44	29	71	129
Women 45+	21	79	208
Ethnicity - White	22	78	536
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	60	40	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	29	71	70
Ethnicity - Other	33	67	34
Republican	7	93	247
Democrat	50	50	180
Independent	28	72	232
Urban	28	72	125
Suburban	30	70	320
Rural	20	80	214

2: And, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Barack Obama is doing as President?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't Know / No opinion	N
Likely Voters	12	24	17	46	1	660
Male	11	28	16	44	1	322
Female	14	19	17	49	1	338
18-44	15	31	18	34	1	301
45-64	12	13	18	56	1	237
65+	7	24	11	57	1	121
Men 18-44	12	34	19	35	1	173
Men 45+	10	22	13	54	1	150
Women 18-44	18	28	18	33	2	129
Women 45+	11	13	17	58	1	209
Ethnicity - White	7	22	19	51	1	537
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	48	44	2	1	4	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	4	30	24	38	4	70
Ethnicity - Other	23	15	13	49	0	34
Republican	1	6	13	80	1	247
Democrat	28	46	13	12	1	180
Independent	12	25	25	37	2	232
Urban	15	23	23	39	1	125
Suburban	16	23	16	44	1	321
Rural	6	24	14	54	1	214

3: From the following list, which issue do you believe would have the most impact on you and your family's future?

	Debt and deficits	Economy and jobs	Health- care	Energy and gas prices	Abortion and con- tra- cep- tives	Retire- ment secur- ity	Edu- cation	National secur- ity	Immi- gra- tion	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	14	31	17	8	1	11	4	6	4	5	660
Male	17	33	16	9	0	11	1	5	5	3	322
Female	12	29	18	7	1	12	6	6	3	6	338
18-44	12	41	14	8	1	5	5	5	5	4	301
45-64	14	24	21	8	0	18	2	4	3	5	237
65+	22	19	16	8	1	16	1	10	2	5	121
Men 18-44	13	42	14	8	1	5	2	6	5	4	173
Men 45+	21	22	19	11	0	17	1	3	4	3	150
Women 18-44	10	39	14	7	3	4	10	3	5	5	129
Women 45+	13	23	20	7	0	17	3	8	2	6	209
Ethnicity - White	17	25	18	9	1	12	4	6	4	5	537
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	2	68	6	7	2	7	4	2	1	1	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	7	16	23	9	0	7	8	15	15	0	70
Ethnicity - Other	12	46	15	4	4	5	3	7	0	4	34
Republican	20	20	21	7	1	11	1	5	5	9	247
Democrat	2	38	17	12	1	12	7	6	3	3	180
Independent	18	37	14	5	1	11	4	6	3	2	232
Urban	8	33	12	9	2	18	3	12	1	2	125
Suburban	18	30	18	8	1	8	4	4	4	5	321
Rural	13	31	18	8	0	12	3	5	6	5	214

4: Now from the same list, which issue would have the SECOND most impact on you and your family's future?

	Debt and deficits	Economy and jobs	Health- care	Energy and gas prices	Abortion and con- tracep- tives	Retire- ment	Education	National secu- rity	Immi- gra- tion	N
Likely Voters	12	20	23	13	1	13	8	8	3	629
Male	11	20	21	15	1	13	9	7	3	311
Female	13	20	25	12	1	13	7	8	2	318
18-44	9	20	23	15	1	10	16	5	1	288
45-64	16	19	21	13	1	13	2	10	5	226
65+	13	21	26	9	0	20	1	9	1	115
Men 18-44	9	22	19	17	0	8	15	8	1	166
Men 45+	13	18	24	12	2	18	2	6	5	146
Women 18-44	8	18	29	12	2	12	16	2	2	122
Women 45+	16	20	22	12	0	14	1	12	2	195
Ethnicity - White	12	21	24	12	1	14	6	8	2	508
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	16	10	11	26	0	5	17	11	3	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	4	37	28	5	1	13	10	1	0	70
Ethnicity - Other	7	13	28	14	0	5	19	6	8	32
Republican	14	26	15	10	2	18	2	11	2	226
Democrat	11	20	28	17	1	8	11	2	2	175
Independent	11	13	27	13	1	12	11	9	3	228
Urban	8	23	28	11	1	6	10	9	4	122
Suburban	14	23	19	11	1	16	7	7	2	304
Rural	11	13	25	17	1	12	8	9	2	203

5: How concerned are you in the next 12 months that you or someone else in your household might be out of work and looking for a job?

	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	Don't Know / No opinion	N
Likely Voters	15	25	33	22	5	660
Male	20	24	25	27	4	322
Female	10	27	40	18	6	338
18-44	20	30	32	13	4	301
45-64	12	24	34	25	5	237
65+	7	16	31	38	7	121
Men 18-44	29	28	23	15	4	173
Men 45+	10	19	29	40	3	150
Women 18-44	7	33	45	10	4	129
Women 45+	11	23	36	22	8	209
Ethnicity - White	14	23	35	23	5	537
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	29	32	30	6	3	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	13	32	25	29	1	70
Ethnicity - Other	14	46	22	16	2	34
Republican	14	26	33	22	5	247
Democrat	17	29	31	20	3	180
Independent	14	22	33	25	6	232
Urban	19	28	25	27	0	125
Suburban	11	25	38	21	5	321
Rural	19	23	29	21	8	214

6: Now, regardless of which candidate you may be supporting in the midterm elections, which party do you believe will do a better job on each of the following issues?

Reducing the federal deficit

	Democrats	Republicans	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	22	51	27	656
Male	23	48	29	321
Female	22	53	25	335
18-44	25	40	35	301
45-64	19	56	25	234
65+	21	68	11	121
Men 18-44	26	39	35	173
Men 45+	18	60	22	149
Women 18-44	23	41	36	129
Women 45+	21	60	18	206
Ethnicity - White	19	55	26	533
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	52	6	43	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	31	46	22	70
Ethnicity - Other	24	53	24	34
Republican	1	89	10	245
Democrat	60	10	30	180
Independent	16	42	42	231
Urban	32	42	26	125
Suburban	19	51	30	320
Rural	23	55	23	211

7: Now, regardless of which candidate you may be supporting in the midterm elections, which party do you believe will do a better job on each of the following issues?

Creating an environment for businesses to grow and add jobs

	Democrats	Republicans	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	23	54	23	657
Male	23	53	24	322
Female	24	54	22	335
18-44	25	43	32	301
45-64	22	61	17	235
65+	23	65	12	121
Men 18-44	24	42	34	173
Men 45+	21	66	13	150
Women 18-44	26	45	29	129
Women 45+	23	60	17	206
Ethnicity - White	20	59	21	534
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	49	4	47	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	41	49	10	70
Ethnicity - Other	29	50	21	34
Republican	3	88	9	245
Democrat	63	13	24	180
Independent	14	48	37	232
Urban	26	46	28	125
Suburban	22	51	26	321
Rural	24	61	15	212

8: Thinking back to when Barack Obama was elected President, did you think you'd be doing better financially than you are right now, worse financially than you are right now or about the same financially as you are right now?

	Better than you are right now	Worse than you are right now	About the same as you are right now	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	28	15	50	7	660
Male	23	19	54	4	322
Female	32	11	46	10	338
18-44	29	11	53	7	301
45-64	29	17	46	8	237
65+	21	19	51	8	121
Men 18-44	23	15	57	5	173
Men 45+	24	23	51	2	150
Women 18-44	37	7	48	8	129
Women 45+	29	14	45	12	209
Ethnicity - White	28	15	51	7	537
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	25	7	52	16	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	30	17	48	5	70
Ethnicity - Other	42	18	37	3	34
Republican	32	19	42	7	247
Democrat	21	11	63	5	180
Independent	27	14	49	9	232
Urban	24	10	59	6	125
Suburban	30	15	46	9	321
Rural	25	18	51	5	214

9: In general, do you think the U.S. economy is currently improving, declining or staying the same?

	Improving	Declining	Staying the same	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	26	46	24	4	660
Male	30	43	25	2	322
Female	22	49	23	6	338
18-44	27	38	30	5	301
45-64	22	56	18	3	237
65+	28	47	21	4	121
Men 18-44	24	46	28	2	173
Men 45+	37	40	21	2	150
Women 18-44	32	27	33	9	129
Women 45+	16	62	18	5	209
Ethnicity - White	24	47	25	4	537
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	42	27	24	7	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	21	62	16	1	70
Ethnicity - Other	25	49	25	1	34
Republican	9	65	22	4	247
Democrat	44	29	23	4	180
Independent	29	39	28	4	232
Urban	18	44	32	6	125
Suburban	32	43	21	4	321
Rural	21	53	24	3	214

10: What do you think is the most important economic issue currently facing the country?

	Slow job growth and continued high unem- ployment	Increasing govern- ment spending and the rising deficit	Globalization and the outsourc- ing of American jobs	The rising gap between the rich and poor	The increase in everyday costs, including housing, groceries and gas	Dont Know	N
Likely Voters	13	27	12	18	26	4	660
Male	14	25	13	21	25	1	322
Female	13	29	10	15	27	6	338
18-44	14	17	14	24	29	3	301
45-64	13	33	12	11	27	4	237
65+	12	43	6	15	19	6	121
Men 18-44	10	14	17	26	31	1	173
Men 45+	17	39	9	15	18	2	150
Women 18-44	18	20	10	21	25	6	129
Women 45+	10	34	11	11	28	6	209
Ethnicity - White	14	31	12	15	24	3	537
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	8	3	9	30	44	6	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	23	17	7	21	26	5	70
Ethnicity - Other	9	31	17	25	17	0	34
Republican	12	48	11	6	19	4	247
Democrat	16	5	11	31	33	3	180
Independent	12	23	14	19	28	4	232
Urban	14	18	4	23	39	3	125
Suburban	13	30	12	18	23	4	321
Rural	13	29	17	14	23	4	214

11: Who do you think is more focused on job creation and growing the economy? President Obama and Democrats in Congress or Republicans in Congress?

	President Obama and Democrats in Congress	Republicans in Congress	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	28	43	28	660
Male	32	43	25	322
Female	24	44	31	338
18-44	35	34	31	301
45-64	23	49	29	237
65+	22	56	22	121
Men 18-44	38	35	27	173
Men 45+	26	51	23	150
Women 18-44	32	32	35	129
Women 45+	20	51	29	209
Ethnicity - White	22	48	30	537
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	62	3	36	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	42	40	17	70
Ethnicity - Other	40	50	10	34
Republican	4	80	16	247
Democrat	65	9	25	180
Independent	25	31	44	232
Urban	39	37	23	125
Suburban	26	42	32	321
Rural	26	49	26	214

12: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? While President Obama and Democrats have focused on ObamaCare and climate change, working middle class families continue to struggle and the President and Democrats don't seem to have any economic plan for the future.

(Sample A)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion	N
Likely Voters	39	22	15	12	12	311
Male	37	22	22	12	6	145
Female	40	21	9	13	17	166
18-44	28	23	22	10	17	127
45-64	46	17	12	15	10	128
65+	45	31	7	13	4	56
Men 18-44	26	19	34	10	11	69
Men 45+	47	26	12	13	2	76
Women 18-44	30	27	9	10	25	58
Women 45+	45	18	9	15	13	108
Ethnicity - White	44	20	16	11	10	255
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	3	34	12	27	24	36
Ethnicity - Hispanic	19	29	23	9	21	27
Republican	64	17	7	4	8	107
Democrat	10	17	30	25	19	92
Independent	38	30	11	10	10	112
Urban	21	35	27	3	14	52
Suburban	36	21	15	15	12	172
Rural	53	16	8	12	11	86

13: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Even though the economy has improved since 2009, we are not where we should be by now. President Obama and Democrats should have spent more time focusing on getting Americans back to work instead of passing ObamaCare.

(Sample B)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion	N
Likely Voters	43	21	16	16	4	349
Male	45	16	16	22	1	178
Female	40	27	16	10	7	172
18-44	30	25	22	20	3	174
45-64	50	23	13	10	4	110
65+	63	10	6	16	4	65
Men 18-44	38	19	18	23	1	104
Men 45+	55	11	13	21	1	74
Women 18-44	19	32	27	15	6	70
Women 45+	55	23	8	6	7	101
Ethnicity - White	40	23	16	18	4	282
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	47	15	24	7	8	33
Ethnicity - Hispanic	51	24	4	21	0	43
Ethnicity - Other	41	25	17	16	0	20
Republican	62	17	6	11	4	141
Democrat	16	25	22	33	4	88
Independent	39	24	24	9	4	120
Urban	52	23	15	10	1	72
Suburban	40	24	14	15	7	149
Rural	40	17	19	21	2	128

14: And, do you believe that government policies that are intended to spread the wealth result more in creating jobs or more in stifling job creation?

(Among Sample A)

	More in creating jobs	More in stifling job creation	Neither	Dont Know	N
Likely Voters	20	43	18	20	311
Male	26	41	16	17	145
Female	14	44	19	22	166
18-44	29	33	12	27	127
45-64	14	52	19	16	128
65+	12	46	28	14	56
Men 18-44	35	29	9	27	69
Men 45+	17	52	21	9	76
Women 18-44	20	38	15	27	58
Women 45+	11	48	22	19	108
Ethnicity - White	15	49	16	20	255
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	44	10	22	24	36
Ethnicity - Hispanic	26	55	15	4	27
Republican	7	65	13	15	107
Democrat	37	17	25	21	92
Independent	17	43	16	23	112
Urban	29	30	16	26	52
Suburban	20	39	20	21	172
Rural	13	59	14	15	86

15: Generally speaking, do you think the government does more to help or more to hurt people trying to move up the economic ladder?

(Among Sample B)

	Government does more to HELP people trying to move up the economic ladder	Government does more to HURT people trying to move up the economic ladder	Neither	Dont Know	N
Likely Voters	8	59	24	10	349
Male	9	62	17	12	178
Female	7	55	31	7	172
18-44	8	57	20	14	174
45-64	8	60	27	5	110
65+	6	61	27	6	65
Men 18-44	7	62	13	18	104
Men 45+	11	62	22	4	74
Women 18-44	9	50	31	9	70
Women 45+	4	59	31	6	101
Ethnicity - White	8	57	25	10	282
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	11	55	28	5	33
Ethnicity - Hispanic	13	65	14	8	43
Ethnicity - Other	7	75	15	3	20
Republican	3	73	18	6	141
Democrat	17	36	36	10	88
Independent	6	59	21	13	120
Urban	3	67	19	11	72
Suburban	9	57	26	9	149
Rural	9	56	25	10	128

16: Thinking about the goal of government economic policies to help the middle class, which of the following do you more strongly support?

	Government policies designed to close the gap between the rich and the poor by asking the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share in taxes so that everyone has a fair shot.	Government policies that foster job growth and investment, encouraging entrepreneurs, and allowing hardworking Americans to keep more of what they earn.	Don't Know / No Opinion	N
Likely Voters	36	51	13	660
Male	37	52	12	322
Female	35	50	15	338
18-44	44	40	16	301
45-64	30	61	10	237
65+	27	58	15	121
Men 18-44	42	42	16	173
Men 45+	31	62	6	150
Women 18-44	47	37	15	129
Women 45+	27	58	15	209
Ethnicity - White	34	53	13	537
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	41	41	18	68
Ethnicity - Hispanic	58	25	16	70
Ethnicity - Other	41	53	6	34
Republican	18	69	13	247
Democrat	58	30	12	180
Independent	37	48	15	232
Urban	43	47	10	125
Suburban	34	49	16	321
Rural	33	55	11	214