



YG NETWORK
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLL:
APRIL 2014

TOPLINE RESULTS

Methodology:

THIS YG NETWORK CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLL WAS CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 10-13, 2014, AMONG A SAMPLE OF 1026 LIKELY VOTERS ACROSS THE 90 MOST COMPETITIVE 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. AFTER DEMOGRAPHIC WEIGHTING, PARTY IDENTIFICATION WAS WEIGHTED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 90 SELECTED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS (D+2). THIS POLL SHOULD BE VIEWED AS A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THESE 90 COMPETITIVE 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 THREE 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	35	65	1025
Male	32	68	501
Female	37	63	523
18-44	40	60	448
45-64	31	69	383
65+	27	73	193
Men 18-44	37	63	261
Men 45+	27	73	240
Women 18-44	45	55	187
Women 45+	32	68	336
Ethnicity - White	31	69	842
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	61	39	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	43	57	156
Ethnicity - Other	41	59	77
Republican	13	87	346
Democrat	59	41	367
Independent	30	70	312
Urban	44	56	176
Suburban	34	66	595
Rural	29	71	254

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	11	30	18	38	3	1026
Male	10	25	20	42	4	502
Female	13	35	17	34	2	524
18-44	12	33	21	29	5	449
45-64	10	30	18	41	1	384
65+	11	23	13	52	1	193
Men 18-44	13	26	22	32	7	262
Men 45+	7	23	17	52	1	240
Women 18-44	12	42	19	23	4	187
Women 45+	13	31	16	40	0	337
Ethnicity - White	9	28	19	41	2	843
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	34	38	9	8	10	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	17	29	30	18	6	156
Ethnicity - Other	9	37	20	30	4	77
Republican	0	8	18	72	2	346
Democrat	27	47	17	5	4	367
Independent	5	34	21	38	2	313
Urban	18	31	25	22	4	176
Suburban	11	31	16	39	3	595
Rural	7	27	20	46	1	255

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	11	31	20	7	1	15	5	4	3	3	1026
Male	14	30	19	9	1	12	5	3	5	3	502
Female	9	32	21	5	1	19	5	5	1	3	524
18-44	10	38	19	8	2	7	9	2	3	2	449
45-64	12	27	22	7	1	22	1	3	2	4	384
65+	15	23	21	4	0	22	1	9	3	2	193
Men 18-44	13	34	17	11	2	6	8	1	5	3	262
Men 45+	15	25	22	7	1	17	1	5	5	3	240
Women 18-44	4	43	21	5	1	8	12	3	1	1	187
Women 45+	11	26	22	5	1	25	1	6	1	3	337
Ethnicity - White	12	30	21	7	1	17	4	4	2	2	843
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	7	41	10	4	2	11	6	0	9	9	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	8	47	16	6	3	11	5	1	0	1	156
Ethnicity - Other	12	33	17	9	0	12	10	2	2	3	77
Republican	15	32	19	6	1	11	3	5	6	2	346
Democrat	5	31	25	8	0	18	6	2	0	4	367
Independent	15	29	17	7	2	17	5	5	1	2	313
Urban	5	37	20	9	1	10	10	3	5	1	176
Suburban	12	33	21	6	1	15	3	4	2	3	595
Rural	16	21	19	8	3	21	4	4	2	3	255

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	13	21	23	15	0	14	6	6	2	987
Male	16	22	22	15	1	10	5	6	3	477
Female	10	20	23	15	0	17	6	6	2	510
18-44	14	24	25	17	0	5	10	4	1	430
45-64	12	22	19	15	0	22	2	6	2	367
65+	14	12	25	13	0	18	3	9	6	189
Men 18-44	14	26	24	17	0	3	9	5	2	245
Men 45+	19	17	21	13	1	17	1	7	4	232
Women 18-44	14	21	26	16	0	7	11	3	0	186
Women 45+	8	20	21	15	0	23	3	7	3	324
Ethnicity - White	14	20	22	15	0	15	6	6	3	818
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	8	20	41	12	0	10	6	2	0	54
Ethnicity - Hispanic	12	21	25	19	0	2	12	6	3	154
Ethnicity - Other	15	29	22	17	0	10	5	2	0	75
Republican	17	17	24	12	0	13	6	6	4	336
Democrat	11	20	25	16	1	16	4	7	0	345
Independent	12	26	19	18	1	11	6	4	3	306
Urban	17	18	28	19	0	6	9	1	1	174
Suburban	12	23	20	14	0	17	4	8	2	572
Rural	12	19	25	16	1	12	5	5	3	241

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	14	23	32	26	4	1026
Male	14	23	32	27	3	502
Female	14	23	32	25	6	524
18-44	17	28	34	17	4	449
45-64	14	23	32	27	4	384
65+	9	12	26	46	7	193
Men 18-44	17	28	35	17	4	262
Men 45+	12	17	30	38	3	240
Women 18-44	17	28	34	17	5	187
Women 45+	13	21	31	30	6	337
Ethnicity - White	14	23	31	29	4	843
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	14	15	45	17	9	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	20	35	23	21	1	156
Ethnicity - Other	18	23	39	16	4	77
Republican	15	25	31	24	4	346
Democrat	15	16	33	32	4	367
Independent	13	28	32	22	6	313
Urban	16	26	32	22	4	176
Suburban	15	23	35	22	5	595
Rural	12	21	25	39	4	255

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	24	53	23	1023
Male	22	57	21	500
Female	26	50	24	523
18-44	27	46	27	449
45-64	22	55	23	381
65+	22	66	13	193
Men 18-44	26	49	26	262
Men 45+	17	67	16	238
Women 18-44	29	43	28	187
Women 45+	25	53	22	336
Ethnicity - White	20	58	22	841
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	64	18	18	64
Ethnicity - Hispanic	26	47	27	156
Ethnicity - Other	25	42	33	77
Republican	3	89	8	346
Democrat	53	23	24	366
Independent	13	50	37	311
Urban	31	39	30	174
Suburban	26	55	19	594
Rural	15	59	25	255

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	31	49	20	1021
Male	29	53	18	500
Female	34	45	22	521
18-44	35	42	23	447
45-64	27	51	22	381
65+	30	60	10	193
Men 18-44	30	48	21	262
Men 45+	27	59	14	238
Women 18-44	42	34	25	186
Women 45+	29	51	20	336
Ethnicity - White	28	53	19	840
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	60	16	24	64
Ethnicity - Hispanic	35	44	21	156
Ethnicity - Other	36	37	27	76
Republican	4	89	7	346
Democrat	64	15	21	366
Independent	23	44	33	309
Urban	37	42	21	174
Suburban	30	51	18	592
Rural	29	49	23	255

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	1026
Male	30	19	43	7	502
Female	26	12	56	6	524
18-44	29	16	47	8	449
45-64	30	13	51	6	384
65+	24	20	52	5	193
Men 18-44	33	18	39	9	262
Men 45+	26	20	48	5	240
Women 18-44	22	12	59	7	187
Women 45+	29	11	54	6	337
Ethnicity - White	28	16	51	5	843
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	25	4	58	13	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	29	19	43	10	156
Ethnicity - Other	28	19	39	13	77
Republican	31	22	38	9	346
Democrat	26	10	58	6	367
Independent	28	15	52	5	313
Urban	32	19	42	8	176
Suburban	26	13	54	7	595
Rural	31	19	44	6	255

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	33	37	28	1	1026
Male	34	36	29	1	502
Female	31	39	28	2	524
18-44	34	32	32	2	449
45-64	31	39	28	2	384
65+	33	45	21	0	193
Men 18-44	36	33	30	1	262
Men 45+	33	39	26	1	240
Women 18-44	32	31	33	3	187
Women 45+	31	43	25	1	337
Ethnicity - White	30	40	28	1	843
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	59	16	26	0	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	29	32	38	1	156
Ethnicity - Other	40	29	30	1	77
Republican	11	57	32	0	346
Democrat	55	18	25	2	367
Independent	31	38	29	2	313
Urban	33	24	40	3	176
Suburban	33	41	25	1	595
Rural	33	38	28	1	255

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	17	19	11	20	29	3	1026
Male	18	20	10	19	29	3	502
Female	15	18	12	22	29	3	524
18-44	14	13	10	20	40	4	449
45-64	17	21	14	20	23	5	384
65+	22	30	9	23	15	0	193
Men 18-44	17	14	8	15	42	3	262
Men 45+	20	27	12	23	15	4	240
Women 18-44	11	11	11	26	37	4	187
Women 45+	18	22	12	20	25	3	337
Ethnicity - White	18	22	12	20	26	2	843
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	10	1	3	24	53	10	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	21	10	8	17	43	2	156
Ethnicity - Other	16	11	16	18	35	5	77
Republican	24	32	9	5	27	2	346
Democrat	12	7	14	35	30	3	367
Independent	14	19	10	21	30	6	313
Urban	20	13	8	20	37	2	176
Suburban	17	19	12	22	28	4	595
Rural	15	25	11	18	27	3	255

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	35	39	26	1026
Male	30	44	26	502
Female	41	33	26	524
18-44	36	35	29	449
45-64	34	39	27	384
65+	37	47	16	193
Men 18-44	31	42	28	262
Men 45+	29	47	24	240
Women 18-44	44	25	31	187
Women 45+	39	38	23	337
Ethnicity - White	33	42	24	843
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	64	20	16	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	36	33	31	156
Ethnicity - Other	34	26	40	77
Republican	5	80	15	346
Democrat	68	7	25	367
Independent	31	30	38	313
Urban	37	38	25	176
Suburban	36	39	25	595
Rural	32	39	29	255

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	30	27	19	13	11	496
Male	32	28	18	12	9	246
Female	28	25	20	14	12	250
18-44	19	30	21	13	16	225
45-64	43	24	17	10	6	178
65+	30	23	20	20	7	94
Men 18-44	23	30	19	13	16	133
Men 45+	42	27	18	11	1	113
Women 18-44	14	32	24	14	17	91
Women 45+	36	22	18	15	10	158
Ethnicity - White	33	28	17	11	11	396
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	16	3	41	28	12	41
Ethnicity - Hispanic	17	35	18	15	15	80
Ethnicity - Other	19	44	7	20	10	40
Republican	61	27	5	2	6	148
Democrat	9	20	30	30	11	186
Independent	25	36	20	5	15	163
Urban	13	39	8	20	19	84
Suburban	31	25	23	13	8	291
Rural	38	22	18	9	11	122

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	38	29	12	12	10	530
Male	43	32	10	9	5	255
Female	34	26	13	14	13	274
18-44	38	36	9	9	8	224
45-64	32	24	15	15	14	206
65+	51	21	12	11	5	99
Men 18-44	44	38	7	5	6	128
Men 45+	43	25	14	13	5	127
Women 18-44	31	34	11	14	11	96
Women 45+	35	22	14	14	15	178
Ethnicity - White	40	27	11	11	10	447
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	31	20	23	22	4	24
Ethnicity - Hispanic	40	34	8	9	10	75
Ethnicity - Other	28	49	7	5	10	37
Republican	63	27	4	3	3	198
Democrat	15	31	20	21	13	181
Independent	35	28	11	12	14	150
Urban	44	34	9	9	4	92
Suburban	36	27	13	13	11	305
Rural	41	28	10	10	12	133

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	29	34	22	15	496
Male	31	36	23	11	246
Female	27	33	22	18	250
18-44	35	25	25	15	225
45-64	21	44	21	15	178
65+	29	38	19	14	94
Men 18-44	34	28	27	11	133
Men 45+	27	45	17	12	113
Women 18-44	37	21	21	21	91
Women 45+	21	39	23	17	158
Ethnicity - White	26	37	23	14	396
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	54	14	10	22	41
Ethnicity - Hispanic	44	20	32	4	80
Ethnicity - Other	25	33	25	17	40
Republican	10	66	16	8	148
Democrat	49	12	21	17	186
Independent	23	30	29	18	163
Urban	42	15	29	14	84
Suburban	29	34	23	14	291
Rural	19	48	17	16	122

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	12	49	28	10	529
Male	12	55	26	6	255
Female	12	43	30	14	274
18-44	15	51	24	11	224
45-64	12	44	34	10	206
65+	8	54	27	10	99
Men 18-44	16	56	23	6	128
Men 45+	9	55	30	6	127
Women 18-44	13	45	25	17	96
Women 45+	12	42	33	13	178
Ethnicity - White	11	51	28	9	446
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	32	16	30	21	24
Ethnicity - Hispanic	5	53	33	8	75
Ethnicity - Other	12	60	19	10	37
Republican	8	69	15	9	198
Democrat	21	27	42	10	181
Independent	8	50	30	13	150
Urban	20	44	22	14	92
Suburban	10	47	32	11	305
Rural	12	56	25	7	132

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	38	51	10	1026
Male	34	54	12	502
Female	42	48	9	524
18-44	38	48	14	449
45-64	41	49	9	384
65+	32	64	4	193
Men 18-44	33	52	15	262
Men 45+	36	57	8	240
Women 18-44	46	42	12	187
Women 45+	40	52	8	337
Ethnicity - White	36	54	10	843
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	57	32	10	65
Ethnicity - Hispanic	39	41	20	156
Ethnicity - Other	40	52	8	77
Republican	11	81	9	346
Democrat	58	30	12	367
Independent	46	43	11	313
Urban	36	51	13	176
Suburban	40	50	10	595
Rural	35	56	9	255