



YG NETWORK  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLL:  
MAY 2014

TOPLINE RESULTS

Methodology:

THIS YG NETWORK CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLL WAS CONDUCTED FROM MAY 4-7, 2014, AMONG A SAMPLE OF 823 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 SURVEY SAMPLING INTERNATIONAL, INC., 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	32	68	823
Male	31	69	403
Female	33	67	420
18-44	37	63	360
45-64	29	71	308
65+	27	73	155
Men 18-44	37	63	181
Men 45+	26	74	222
Women 18-44	37	63	179
Women 45+	31	69	241
Ethnicity - White	29	71	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	51	49	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	40	60	125
Ethnicity - Other	58	42	58
Republican	14	86	272
Democrat	57	43	288
Independent	24	76	263
Urban	42	58	168
Suburban	32	68	462
Rural	25	75	192

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	28	22	36	3	823
Male	7	30	23	39	0	403
Female	15	26	21	33	5	420
18-44	13	34	27	23	3	360
45-64	11	23	22	41	3	308
65+	10	24	12	54	0	155
Men 18-44	4	40	30	26	0	181
Men 45+	10	22	18	49	1	222
Women 18-44	22	28	24	21	5	179
Women 45+	11	25	19	41	4	241
Ethnicity - White	10	28	19	40	3	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	33	19	27	20	1	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	15	32	29	24	1	125
Ethnicity - Other	11	50	23	15	1	58
Republican	2	8	23	66	1	272
Democrat	24	43	19	9	5	288
Independent	7	32	26	34	2	263
Urban	20	34	14	28	3	168
Suburban	9	28	27	34	2	462
Rural	10	22	18	47	3	192

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- tion	Retire- ment secur- ity	Edu- cation	National secur- ity	Immi- gra- tion	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	8	35	18	8	1	17	5	3	1	4	823
Male	11	39	17	7	1	13	5	3	0	4	403
Female	6	30	18	9	1	21	5	3	2	4	420
18-44	6	44	16	7	3	9	10	2	2	1	360
45-64	11	29	18	8	1	23	1	2	1	7	308
65+	8	24	22	11	0	23	1	5	1	5	155
Men 18-44	7	51	13	5	2	10	9	2	0	1	181
Men 45+	14	29	21	9	0	16	1	3	1	6	222
Women 18-44	6	36	19	9	3	8	11	2	4	2	179
Women 45+	6	26	17	9	0	30	1	3	1	6	241
Ethnicity - White	9	33	18	9	1	20	3	3	1	4	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	13	27	33	2	1	3	15	0	0	6	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	1	45	14	8	3	8	15	2	2	2	125
Ethnicity - Other	6	43	17	5	7	4	8	0	8	2	58
Republican	9	35	20	9	1	17	1	3	1	5	272
Democrat	6	36	15	6	2	18	9	2	2	3	288
Independent	11	33	19	10	1	15	5	3	1	4	263
Urban	8	31	26	3	2	15	8	4	3	2	168
Suburban	8	39	15	6	2	17	4	3	1	5	462
Rural	10	26	18	18	0	18	5	1	0	3	192

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- tion	Retire- ment	Education	National secu- rity	Immi- gra- tion	N
Likely Voters	13	22	23	16	0	12	8	5	2	779
Male	18	20	16	18	0	11	11	4	2	387
Female	9	23	29	15	1	12	4	5	2	393
18-44	12	27	21	16	1	8	13	2	1	347
45-64	13	22	23	19	0	14	3	3	2	286
65+	16	8	25	13	0	16	4	12	5	147
Men 18-44	19	21	12	17	0	11	17	2	1	179
Men 45+	17	18	20	18	0	12	6	5	4	208
Women 18-44	6	32	30	14	1	5	8	3	0	168
Women 45+	11	17	28	16	0	17	2	7	3	225
Ethnicity - White	12	22	24	15	0	12	8	5	2	641
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	4	35	23	12	0	9	11	6	1	49
Ethnicity - Hispanic	15	19	19	21	0	7	14	3	1	114
Ethnicity - Other	24	16	20	19	0	13	5	3	3	57
Republican	18	23	21	15	0	10	4	6	3	257
Democrat	10	20	26	17	0	11	10	4	1	269
Independent	12	22	20	17	0	14	10	4	3	253
Urban	12	32	22	8	0	11	8	4	3	165
Suburban	15	18	24	19	0	9	9	4	1	436
Rural	10	21	20	16	1	19	4	6	3	179

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	13	25	30	24	8	823
Male	8	30	29	26	7	403
Female	17	20	31	22	9	420
18-44	14	33	32	13	7	360
45-64	14	23	32	21	9	308
65+	6	9	21	54	9	155
Men 18-44	7	44	27	17	5	181
Men 45+	8	19	30	33	10	222
Women 18-44	21	22	38	10	10	179
Women 45+	14	19	27	32	9	241
Ethnicity - White	13	24	30	24	9	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	9	35	43	3	10	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	7	37	25	23	8	125
Ethnicity - Other	4	23	43	28	2	58
Republican	8	31	26	25	10	272
Democrat	11	20	35	25	9	288
Independent	19	24	29	22	6	263
Urban	12	28	33	22	5	168
Suburban	9	28	30	24	9	462
Rural	21	16	28	26	9	192

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	45	32	823
Male	20	54	26	403
Female	27	36	37	420
18-44	30	36	34	360
45-64	20	48	32	308
65+	17	59	24	155
Men 18-44	23	44	33	181
Men 45+	17	62	21	222
Women 18-44	36	28	35	179
Women 45+	21	41	38	241
Ethnicity - White	23	46	31	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	50	12	38	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	27	35	38	125
Ethnicity - Other	18	60	22	58
Republican	3	83	15	272
Democrat	47	17	36	288
Independent	20	36	44	263
Urban	25	39	36	168
Suburban	23	47	29	462
Rural	23	43	33	192

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	42	27	823
Male	29	49	22	403
Female	33	36	31	420
18-44	40	32	28	360
45-64	27	46	27	308
65+	19	58	23	155
Men 18-44	37	39	25	181
Men 45+	22	58	20	222
Women 18-44	43	26	31	179
Women 45+	26	43	31	241
Ethnicity - White	29	46	25	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	62	6	32	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	31	29	39	125
Ethnicity - Other	31	40	29	58
Republican	7	82	11	272
Democrat	59	13	28	288
Independent	25	34	41	263
Urban	37	34	29	168
Suburban	30	44	26	462
Rural	28	46	25	192

8: 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?

Handling national security and the military

	Democrats	Republicans	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	26	50	24	823
Male	23	60	17	403
Female	29	40	31	420
18-44	32	45	23	360
45-64	20	51	28	308
65+	23	58	19	155
Men 18-44	28	55	18	181
Men 45+	20	64	17	222
Women 18-44	37	34	29	179
Women 45+	23	44	33	241
Ethnicity - White	23	52	25	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	50	14	36	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	41	35	24	125
Ethnicity - Other	26	57	17	58
Republican	4	84	12	272
Democrat	58	17	25	288
Independent	14	50	36	263
Urban	26	43	31	168
Suburban	26	51	23	462
Rural	25	53	22	192

9: 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?

Looking out for the interests of the nation's military veterans

	Democrats	Republicans	Don't Know	N
Likely Voters	28	42	30	823
Male	28	48	25	403
Female	28	37	35	420
18-44	31	37	33	360
45-64	27	45	29	308
65+	25	49	26	155
Men 18-44	30	42	28	181
Men 45+	26	52	22	222
Women 18-44	31	31	38	179
Women 45+	26	41	33	241
Ethnicity - White	26	44	30	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	59	16	25	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	28	27	45	125
Ethnicity - Other	33	47	21	58
Republican	5	79	16	272
Democrat	59	10	31	288
Independent	18	39	44	263
Urban	31	34	35	168
Suburban	28	42	29	462
Rural	25	48	27	192

(Question 10 held for release)

11: 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	31	37	28	4	823
Male	34	36	26	3	403
Female	28	37	30	5	420
18-44	37	32	27	4	360
45-64	25	40	30	5	308
65+	28	43	28	2	155
Men 18-44	39	30	26	4	181
Men 45+	30	41	27	2	222
Women 18-44	35	33	29	4	179
Women 45+	22	41	32	5	241
Ethnicity - White	29	38	29	4	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	37	31	25	7	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	42	31	24	3	125
Ethnicity - Other	39	28	31	1	58
Republican	14	53	29	4	272
Democrat	54	18	24	4	288
Independent	23	41	32	4	263
Urban	37	30	31	1	168
Suburban	32	34	29	5	462
Rural	22	49	25	4	192

12: 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	19	20	7	19	32	4	823
Male	20	21	6	22	27	4	403
Female	17	19	7	15	38	4	420
18-44	21	13	4	21	38	3	360
45-64	15	22	8	16	31	7	308
65+	19	32	9	17	22	0	155
Men 18-44	22	13	5	28	29	3	181
Men 45+	19	27	7	17	25	5	222
Women 18-44	21	13	4	15	47	2	179
Women 45+	15	24	9	16	31	5	241
Ethnicity - White	20	21	7	19	29	4	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	18	0	1	17	53	10	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	19	9	1	17	50	4	125
Ethnicity - Other	12	30	8	23	26	1	58
Republican	19	35	7	6	29	3	272
Democrat	18	9	5	27	38	4	288
Independent	19	16	8	22	29	6	263
Urban	18	21	7	15	36	3	168
Suburban	19	19	6	20	31	4	462
Rural	17	20	8	19	32	3	192

13: Now, I would like you to read some names of different people and organizations. For each one, please select whether you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person or group. If you have no opinion or have never heard of the person or organization, please indicate that.

U.S. Military Veterans

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Somewhat Unfavor- able	Very Un- favorable	Never Heard Of	Heard Of, No Opinion	N
Likely Voters	64	23	3	3	1	6	823
Male	65	20	3	1	3	8	403
Female	63	26	2	5	0	4	420
18-44	52	24	4	7	3	9	360
45-64	71	24	2	0	0	3	308
65+	77	19	0	0	0	4	155
Men 18-44	52	19	6	3	6	15	181
Men 45+	76	21	1	0	0	2	222
Women 18-44	53	30	2	11	0	4	179
Women 45+	70	23	2	0	0	4	241
Ethnicity - White	68	21	3	1	2	7	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	37	19	6	37	0	1	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	50	23	4	14	4	5	125
Ethnicity - Other	48	40	3	3	0	6	58
Republican	70	21	2	0	2	4	272
Democrat	61	26	3	4	0	7	288
Independent	60	23	3	5	2	7	263
Urban	54	22	3	11	0	10	168
Suburban	65	23	3	1	2	6	462
Rural	70	24	3	1	0	2	192

14: Now, I would like you to read some names of different people and organizations. For each one, please select whether you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person or group. If you have no opinion or have never heard of the person or organization, please indicate that.

The Internal Revenue Service, or IRS

	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Somewhat Unfavor- able	Very Un- favorable	Never Heard Of	Heard Of, No Opinion	N
Likely Voters	4	21	36	29	2	8	823
Male	6	20	35	31	3	5	403
Female	3	22	37	27	0	11	420
18-44	6	24	36	21	3	10	360
45-64	4	19	33	36	0	9	308
65+	2	19	41	34	0	4	155
Men 18-44	8	23	36	19	6	8	181
Men 45+	4	18	33	41	0	3	222
Women 18-44	4	24	37	24	0	11	179
Women 45+	2	20	37	29	1	11	241
Ethnicity - White	4	21	36	29	2	9	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	6	18	28	46	0	2	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	12	22	40	22	4	2	125
Ethnicity - Other	2	27	28	32	0	11	58
Republican	7	18	34	33	3	5	272
Democrat	4	28	39	20	0	9	288
Independent	2	16	35	36	2	11	263
Urban	3	28	31	25	0	12	168
Suburban	4	19	39	27	3	8	462
Rural	5	19	33	37	1	5	192

(Question 15 held for release)

16: Do you think boosting the minimum wage will help the U.S. economy, hurt the U.S. economy, or have no difference on the U.S. economy?

	Help the U.S. economy	Hurt the U.S. economy	Have no impact on the U.S. economy	N
Likely Voters	46	32	22	823
Male	40	35	25	403
Female	53	28	19	420
18-44	54	28	18	360
45-64	41	33	26	308
65+	41	36	23	155
Men 18-44	48	27	25	181
Men 45+	33	42	25	222
Women 18-44	60	30	10	179
Women 45+	48	27	26	241
Ethnicity - White	43	34	23	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	56	34	10	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	55	31	14	125
Ethnicity - Other	58	18	23	58
Republican	27	51	23	272
Democrat	69	14	17	288
Independent	42	32	26	263
Urban	59	25	17	168
Suburban	45	30	25	462
Rural	40	41	20	192

(Questions 17-18 held for release)

19: As you may be aware, it was revealed last year that the IRS targeted conservative political groups for greater scrutiny of their applications for tax-exempt status. President Obama stated that there was not 'a smidgeon of corruption' behind the IRS's targeting of conservative groups. Do you believe the President that there was no corruption behind the targeting of conservative groups?

	Yes, believe him	No, dont believe him	Dont Know / No Opinion	N
Likely Voters	23	49	28	823
Male	25	51	24	403
Female	21	47	32	420
18-44	30	39	32	360
45-64	19	53	28	308
65+	16	64	21	155
Men 18-44	29	39	32	181
Men 45+	22	60	19	222
Women 18-44	30	38	32	179
Women 45+	14	54	32	241
Ethnicity - White	20	53	27	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	47	30	23	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	26	36	38	125
Ethnicity - Other	39	35	26	58
Republican	6	76	18	272
Democrat	43	22	35	288
Independent	19	49	32	263
Urban	29	39	31	168
Suburban	23	48	29	462
Rural	18	58	24	192

20: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing on handling energy situation in America?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Dont Know / No Opinion	N
Likely Voters	10	27	21	30	13	823
Male	8	29	23	34	7	403
Female	11	25	19	26	18	420
18-44	12	35	19	20	14	360
45-64	8	21	25	33	13	308
65+	7	21	19	47	7	155
Men 18-44	8	38	24	21	10	181
Men 45+	8	21	22	45	4	222
Women 18-44	16	31	14	20	19	179
Women 45+	8	21	23	31	18	241
Ethnicity - White	8	23	21	33	14	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	27	33	19	20	1	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	16	31	15	27	11	125
Ethnicity - Other	10	52	20	12	7	58
Republican	2	9	23	55	11	272
Democrat	22	46	14	6	12	288
Independent	4	24	27	30	14	263
Urban	17	33	18	23	10	168
Suburban	7	29	24	26	14	462
Rural	9	17	17	45	12	192

21: President Obama and Democrats are deciding whether to build the Keystone X-L pipeline to carry oil from Canada to the United States. Supporters of the pipeline say it will create jobs and ease America's dependence on oil from other foreign countries. Opponents say there are significant environmental risks to building the pipeline. What about you—do you support or oppose building the Keystone X-L pipeline?

	Support building the pipeline	Oppose building the pipeline	DK/ Refused	N
Likely Voters	59	23	18	823
Male	64	25	11	403
Female	55	20	25	420
18-44	51	28	21	360
45-64	60	21	19	308
65+	78	15	7	155
Men 18-44	53	32	15	181
Men 45+	72	20	8	222
Women 18-44	49	23	28	179
Women 45+	60	18	22	241
Ethnicity - White	63	21	16	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	34	29	37	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	52	17	31	125
Ethnicity - Other	51	40	9	58
Republican	76	13	11	272
Democrat	47	29	24	288
Independent	56	26	18	263
Urban	62	26	12	168
Suburban	56	25	19	462
Rural	65	16	19	192

(Questions 22-27 held for release)

28: Do you think that the federal government is currently doing enough to support military veterans, are they doing too much to support military veterans, or do you think more needs to be done to support military veterans?

	Doing enough to support military veterans	Doing too much to support veterans	Need to do more to support military veterans	Dont Know	N
Likely Voters	13	5	72	10	823
Male	14	4	73	9	403
Female	12	5	70	12	420
18-44	17	10	59	14	360
45-64	10	1	79	10	308
65+	10	1	87	3	155
Men 18-44	16	8	62	14	181
Men 45+	12	1	83	4	222
Women 18-44	18	11	56	14	179
Women 45+	8	1	81	10	241
Ethnicity - White	13	3	75	9	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	19	16	34	32	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	15	11	59	14	125
Ethnicity - Other	13	10	67	10	58
Republican	11	3	79	6	272
Democrat	19	9	63	9	288
Independent	9	2	73	16	263
Urban	13	15	56	16	168
Suburban	14	2	73	11	462
Rural	11	1	83	5	192

29: On average, military veterans wait more than 150 days to receive medical benefits. And recently, it was discovered that a Veterans Affairs Department hospital in Phoenix tried to cover up delays in service for more than 1,400 sick veterans, including some who died while waiting for care. As Commander-In-Chief, do you believe President Obama bears responsibility to ensure these military veterans receive care in a much quicker fashion?

	Yes, he bears responsibility	No, he does not bear responsibility	Dont Know	N
Likely Voters	66	19	16	823
Male	66	21	13	403
Female	65	17	18	420
18-44	58	23	19	360
45-64	70	16	14	308
65+	75	15	10	155
Men 18-44	61	24	15	181
Men 45+	70	18	12	222
Women 18-44	54	22	24	179
Women 45+	73	14	13	241
Ethnicity - White	69	17	14	676
Ethnicity - Afr. Am.	27	34	39	52
Ethnicity - Hispanic	54	23	23	125
Ethnicity - Other	66	20	14	58
Republican	83	8	10	272
Democrat	58	26	16	288
Independent	56	23	21	263
Urban	62	18	21	168
Suburban	64	21	15	462
Rural	72	15	13	192