

## Topline Report

### Annenberg 2004-2005: Congress

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N=182 Staff members in the House

N=70 Staff members in the Senate

Total = 252 Congressional Staff members

Field Dates: 8.4.2004 – 11.22.2004 (House)

Field Dates: 8.10.2004 – 11.12.2004 (Senate)

Q2. How many years have you worked as a professional staff member in Congress?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
1-4	40%	41%	37%
5-9	27%	26%	29%
10 or more	33%	32%	34%

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Q3. How many years have you worked for your current member?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
1-4	58%	60%	51%
5-9	23%	21%	29%
10 or more	19%	18%	20%

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Q4. [FOR LA: What ONE area of policy or government do you work on the most?] [FOR AA or LD: What ONE area of policy or government does your member devote the largest amount of time.] Just give me a word or phrase that describes it.

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Aging	*	-	1%
Agriculture	4%	5%	-
Aviation/Space	*	1%	-
Banking and finance	2%	3%	-
Budget/Appropriations	6%	8%	3%
Campaign finance	*	1%	-
Charitable organizations	*	-	1%
Children and families	*	-	1%
Civil rights	1%	1%	-
Commerce/trade	2%	2%	1%
Communications/Information technology	2%	2%	1%
Defense/Armed forces	12%	12%	14%
Domestic policy	1%	2%	-
Economic policy	2%	3%	-
Education	5%	5%	4%
Energy and natural resources	9%	9%	10%
Environment	6%	4%	9%
Fish and wildlife	*	-	1%
Foreign relations/international relations	7%	7%	6%
Government affairs	*	1%	-
Health	11%	9%	17%
Homeland security	2%	1%	3%
Housing	2%	2%	1%
Human rights	*	1%	-
Immigration	*	1%	-
Indian affairs	*	-	1%
Intellectual property law	*	1%	-
Intelligence	2%	1%	4%

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
Judiciary	3%	2%	6%
Labor	1%	2%	-
Pensions	*	1%	-
Small business	1%	2%	-
Social policy	1%	1%	1%
Tax policy	4%	5%	1%
Transportation	4%	4%	1%
Veterans Affairs	2%	3%	-
Work forces/jobs	*	-	1%
Other	1%	2%	-
Don't know	1%	2%	-
Refused	2%	1%	7% A

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

*Q5 (a-h) were randomized*

Q5a. In general, how much influence do you think the Republican leadership have over policy decisions made in the [House/Senate] in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	63%	70%	46%
A good bit	22%	18%	34%
Some	9%	8%	12%
Little or none	3%	2%	6%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q5b. In general, how much influence do you think the Democratic leadership have over policy decisions made in the [House/Senate] in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	7%	4%	14%
A good bit	23%	17%	38%
Some	47%	53%	32%
Little or none	21%	24%	14%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q5c. In general, how much influence do you think the committees have over policy decisions made in the [House/Senate] in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	46%	48%	42%
A good bit	33%	32%	37%
Some	14%	13%	17%
Little or none	5%	6%	3%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%
Refused	1%	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q5d. In general, how much influence do you think rank-and-file Republicans have over policy decisions made in the [House/Senate] in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	10%	11%	8%
A good bit	27%	24%	34%
Some	45%	45%	45%
Little or none	15%	16%	12%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q5e. In general, how much influence do you think rank-and-file Democrats have over policy decisions made in the [House/Senate] in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	2%	2%	3%
A good bit	16%	10%	31%
Some	42%	44%	37%
Little or none	37%	42%	26%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q5f. In general, how much influence do you think the White House and Executive Office Officials have over policy decisions made in the [House/Senate] in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	64%	66%	60%
A good bit	21%	20%	23%
Some	10%	9%	12%
Little or none	3%	3%	3%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q5g. In general, how much influence do you think department secretaries have over policy decisions made in the [House/Senate] in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	35%	35%	37%
A good bit	27%	26%	29%
Some	24%	22%	28%
Little or none	8%	10%	3%
Don't know	5%	6%	3%
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q5h. In general, how much influence do you think senior civil servants have over policy decisions made in the [House/Senate] in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	10%	10%	11%
A good bit	21%	21%	22%
Some	36%	35%	38%
Little or none	29%	30%	26%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

*Q6 (a-e) were randomized*

Q6a. In general, how much influence do liberal groups have over [House/Senate] policy decisions in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	3%	1%	9%
A good bit	12%	8%	22%
Some	40%	40%	37%
Little or none	42%	48%	28%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%
Refused	1%	1%	3%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q6b. In general, how much influence do conservative groups have over [House/Senate] policy decisions in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	15%	17%	11%
A good bit	29%	31%	25%
Some	38%	38%	40%
Little or none	15%	12%	22%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%
Refused	1%	1%	2%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q6c. In general, how much influence do the public at large have over [House/Senate] policy decisions in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	10%	11%	9%
A good bit	22%	20%	26%
Some	44%	43%	45%
Little or none	23%	25%	20%
Don't know	1%	1%	-
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B



Q6d. In general, how much influence do interest group representatives have over [House/Senate] policy decisions in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	21%	21%	20%
A good bit	34%	32%	38%
Some	35%	38%	29%
Little or none	7%	5%	12%
Don't know	2%	2%	-
Refused	1%	2%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q6e. In general, how much influence do religious groups have over [House/Senate] policy decisions in this area (area mentioned in Q4)?--a great deal of influence, a good bit, some, or little or none?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Great deal	5%	4%	6%
A good bit	13%	13%	12%
Some	35%	36%	34%
Little or none	46%	45%	48%
Don't know	1%	1%	-
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q7. How would you rate the overall performance of the [House/Senate] in making policy decisions in the area of (Insert area mentioned in Q4)? Is it very good, good, fair, or poor?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Very good	9%	11%	6%
Good	29%	28%	34%
Fair	30%	29%	34%
Poor	30%	32%	25%
Don't know	*	1%	-
Refused	1%	1%	2%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

*Q8 (a-d) were randomized*

Q8a. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or have no opinion one way or the other with the following statement about how legislation is developed in the [House/Senate] in (area mentioned in Q4)--The majority party makes policy decisions regardless of the minority's views.

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Strongly agree	28%	34%	11%
Agree	37%	37%	38%
Disagree	25%	19%	42%
Strongly disagree	6%	4%	9%
No opinion one way or the other	4%	6%	-
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q8b. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or have no opinion one way or the other with the following statement about how legislation is developed in the [House/Senate] in (area mentioned in Q4)--The majority party leadership make most of the important policy decisions.

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Strongly agree	42%	49%	23%
Agree	41%	37%	51%
Disagree	14%	12%	18%
Strongly disagree	2%	1%	5%
No opinion one way or the other	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	1%	1%	2%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q8c. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or have no opinion one way or the other with the following statement about how legislation is developed in the [House/Senate] in (area mentioned in Q4)--Policy decisions are the result of careful analysis, discussion, and deliberation.

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Strongly agree	14%	13%	17%
Agree	44%	44%	46%
Disagree	26%	27%	25%
Strongly disagree	11%	13%	6%
No opinion one way or the other	2%	2%	3%
Don't know	1%	1%	3%
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q8d. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or have no opinion one way or the other with the following statement about how legislation is developed in the [House/Senate] in (area mentioned in Q4)--The decision making process faithfully follows established rules and procedures.

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Strongly agree	9%	9%	8%
Agree	44%	42%	52%
Disagree	27%	26%	29%
Strongly disagree	15%	18%	6%
No opinion one way or the other	4%	4%	3%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

*Q9 (a-d) were randomized*

Q9a. Still thinking about policy making by the [House/Senate] in (Insert area mentioned in Q4), how true, if at all, are the following statements-- Significant policy change is extremely difficult.

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Very true	50%	50%	49%
Somewhat true	40%	40%	40%
Not very true	7%	7%	6%
Not at all true	2%	3%	2%
Don't know	1%	1%	3%
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q9b. Still thinking about policy making by the [House/Senate] in (Insert area mentioned in Q4), how true, if at all, are the following statements—Policies are distorted by pressure from special interests.

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Very true	23%	28%	12%
Somewhat true	51%	47%	60%
Not very true	23%	22%	25%
Not at all true	2%	2%	-
Don't know	1%	1%	2%
Refused	1%	1%	2%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q9c. Still thinking about policy making by the [House/Senate] in (Insert area mentioned in Q4), how true, if at all, are the following statements—Policies are distorted by pressure from poorly informed citizens.

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Very true	11%	11%	11%
Somewhat true	44%	43%	46%
Not very true	32%	35%	25%
Not at all true	13%	11%	17%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q9d. Still thinking about policy making by the [House/Senate] in (Insert area mentioned in Q4), how true, if at all, are the following statements?— Policies are based on ideological beliefs rather than evidence.

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Very true	21%	26%	8%
Somewhat true	46%	42%	57%
Not very true	23%	24%	18%
Not at all true	8%	6%	14%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%
Refused	*	-	2%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q10. More broadly, how often do Republicans and Democrats, in general, agree on important matters in the area of (Insert area mentioned in Q4)? Do they often, occasionally or rarely agree?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Often	27%	24%	34%
Occasionally	49%	51%	45%
Rarely	22%	23%	20%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q11. In your opinion, does the general public notice and care about policies in this area a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
A great deal	30%	28%	37%
A fair amount	42%	42%	43%
Not too much	26%	29%	18%
Not at all	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	*	1%	-
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q12. And does the general public understand the issues in this area very well, somewhat well, somewhat poorly or very poorly?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Very well	4%	4%	3%
Somewhat well	33%	29%	43%
Somewhat poorly	49%	53%	35%
Very poorly	15%	14%	18%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q13a. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view about how the [House/Senate] uses information in making policy decisions in the policy area we've been discussing:

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
It looks at the relevant information quite objectively	45%	42%	52%
It often overlooks or distorts relevant information	47%	51%	38%
Neither	5%	4%	6%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%
Refused	1%	2%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q13b. How often does the [House/Senate] have the information it should have about the likely consequences of different policy options—almost always, often, sometimes, not too often or almost never?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q4*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	243	178	65
Almost always	34%	35%	31%
Often	36%	32%	48%
Sometimes	19%	21%	15%
Not too often	7%	8%	3%
Almost never	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B



Q14. Members of Congress often feel that they can affect the national political debate if they undertake an activity that gets a good deal of attention in the news media. In the time you've worked in the [House/Senate], has it gotten easier for a member to undertake an activity that gets such attention, gotten harder, or stayed about the same?

*Based on those who worked on the Hill before 2002*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	198	143	55
Gotten easier	12%	13%	11%
Gotten harder	24%	26%	18%
About same	63%	60%	69%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%
Refused	1%	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q15a. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement--The increased influence of the party leaders has made it harder for other members of Congress to undertake politically important activities.

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Strongly agree	23%	29%	7%
Agree	39%	38%	40%
Disagree	31%	28%	39%
Strongly disagree	5%	2%	11%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q15b. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement--The reduced coverage of public affairs in the news media has made it harder for members of Congress to get media attention for their politically important activities.

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Strongly agree	16%	18%	11%
Agree	40%	42%	36%
Disagree	36%	32%	46%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%	4%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%
Refused	1%	2%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q16a. Generally speaking, how much do you trust Congress to operate in the best interests of the American people—a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Great deal	25%	27%	19%
Fair amount	50%	45%	61%
Not too much	22%	24%	19%
Not at all	2%	3%	-
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	1%	1%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q16b. Generally speaking, how much do you trust the Executive Branch to operate in the best interests of the American people—a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Great deal	22%	22%	21%
Fair amount	41%	40%	44%
Not too much	23%	22%	26%
Not at all	14%	16%	7%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	*	-	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q16c. Generally speaking, how much do you trust the Supreme Court to operate in the best interests of the American people—a great deal, a fair amount, not too much or not at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Great deal	28%	27%	31%
Fair amount	54%	55%	51%
Not too much	12%	13%	11%
Not at all	4%	4%	3%
Don't know	*	1%	-
Refused	2%	1%	3%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q17a-f items were randomized

Q17a. In your opinion, how important is it for the federal government to do each of the following? Is conserving the country's natural resources a very important responsibility of the federal government, important, not so important or not important at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Very important	44%	47%	39%
Important	50%	48%	54%
Not so important	4%	3%	4%
Not important at all	2%	1%	3%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	1%	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q17b. In your opinion, how important is it for the federal government to do each of the following? Is keeping taxes low a very important responsibility of the federal government, important, not so important or not important at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Very important	28%	29%	27%
Important	48%	48%	46%
Not so important	19%	18%	24%
Not important at all	2%	3%	1%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%
Refused	2%	2%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q17c. In your opinion, how important is it for the federal government to do each of the following? Is protecting the unborn a very important responsibility of the federal government, important, not so important or not important at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Very important	17%	18%	16%
Important	29%	27%	33%
Not so important	29%	29%	27%
Not important at all	19%	19%	20%
Don't know	1%	1%	-
Refused	5%	5%	4%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q17d. In your opinion, how important is it for the federal government to do each of the following? Is promoting stronger morals a very important responsibility of the federal government, important, not so important or not important at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Very important	10%	10%	10%
Important	30%	30%	30%
Not so important	38%	37%	41%
Not important at all	19%	20%	17%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%
Refused	1%	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q17e. In your opinion, how important is it for the federal government to do each of the following? Is promoting racial equality a very important responsibility of the federal government, important, not so important or not important at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Very important	39%	41%	36%
Important	51%	49%	56%
Not so important	7%	8%	6%
Not important at all	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	*	-	1%
Refused	1%	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q17f. In your opinion, how important is it for the federal government to do each of the following? Is reducing poverty a very important responsibility of the federal government, important, not so important or not important at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Very important	40%	40%	41%
Important	50%	50%	50%
Not so important	6%	5%	7%
Not important at all	2%	3%	1%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	1%	2%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q18. Some people say that government should play a greater role in the nation's economic affairs. Others say that decisions in this area should be left to the private sector. On the whole, which of those positions comes closest to yours?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Government should play a greater role	43%	43%	43%
Leave decisions to the private sector	46%	43%	51%
In the middle	9%	11%	4%
Don't know	1%	2%	-
Refused	1%	1%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q19new. And do you feel that way strongly or not very strongly?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q18*

	Total A	House B	Senate C
BASE	247	178	69
Govt. should play a greater role-Strongly	33%	36%	26%
Govt. should play a greater role-Not very strongly	11%	8%	17%
Decisions left to the private sector-Strongly	36%	35%	41%
Decisions left to the private sector-Not very strongly	9%	8%	12%
In the middle	9%	11%	4%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	1%	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%):  
A/B/C

Q20. Consider an agency that is running an established program. Should Congress have almost all the influence over such an agency, somewhat more influence than the president, about the same amount, less than, or almost no influence at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Almost all	4%	3%	4%
Somewhat more than the president	15%	15%	14%
About the same	53%	52%	57%
Less than the president	24%	25%	20%
Almost none	2%	2%	1%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q21. And what about an agency that is developing rules to implement a new statute? Should Congress have almost all the influence over such an agency somewhat more influence than the president, about the same amount, less than, or almost no influence at all?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Almost all	8%	7%	10%
Somewhat more than the president	28%	30%	24%
About the same	48%	46%	56%
Less than the president	12%	14%	6%
Almost none	2%	1%	3%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%
Refused	1%	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B



Q22 (a-c) were randomized

Q22a. Do you believe the president should have the authority without the consent of Congress to take preemptive military action, even if an attack is not imminent?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Yes	26%	25%	30%
No	63%	64%	61%
Depends	8%	8%	7%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%
Refused	1%	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q22b. Do you believe the president should have the authority without the consent of Congress to suspend constitutional protections for certain individuals?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Yes	14%	12%	21%
No	79%	82%	71%
Depends	4%	4%	4%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%
Refused	1%	1%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q22c. Do you believe the president should have the authority without the consent of Congress to contravene international laws or treaties to which the US is a signatory?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Yes	22%	18%	33%
No	65%	69%	56%
Depends	9%	9%	7%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%
Refused	1%	1%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q23a. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: If the president believes something should be done about an important national issue, other policymakers should defer to him.

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Strongly agree	2%	3%	-
Agree	26%	25%	29%
Disagree	50%	51%	49%
Strongly disagree	17%	17%	16%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%
Refused	2%	1%	4%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q23b. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: If the president and the majority party leadership in Congress agree on a policy matter, others in Congress should go along.

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Strongly agree	2%	2%	3%
Agree	15%	14%	20%
Disagree	55%	57%	50%
Strongly disagree	25%	26%	21%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%
Refused	1%	-	4% A

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q23c. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: The president has a right to keep his communications with others on policy matters private, whether or not he invokes executive privilege.

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Strongly agree	10%	8%	16%
Agree	36%	35%	40%
Disagree	38%	41%	31%
Strongly disagree	12%	13%	9%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%
Refused	2%	1%	3%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q23d. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: Even though it may result in compromise, the president should accommodate a wide range of interests in making policy.

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Strongly agree	25%	27%	21%
Agree	63%	60%	69%
Disagree	8%	8%	7%
Strongly disagree	2%	2%	1%
Don't know	1%	2%	-
Refused	1%	1%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q24. Think of a significant bill that came to the floor and that you worked on or your member worked on during this Congress. Please tell me the name of the bill, the bill's number, or the topic it dealt with.

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Gave response	83%	83%	84%
Don't know	12%	13%	10%
Refused	5%	4%	6%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q25. Was the consideration of that bill highly partisan, moderately partisan, or not very partisan?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q24*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	210	151	59
Highly partisan	45%	46%	41%
Moderately partisan	28%	26%	32%
Not very partisan	27%	27%	27%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	-	-	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q26. What role did the majority party leadership play in developing the bill that came to the floor? Did they make the main decisions, just give the committee guidelines, or leave the decisions to the committee?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q24*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	210	151	59
Make the main decisions	40%	45%	27%
Give the committee guidelines	22%	23%	20%
Leave the decisions to the committee	32%	28%	42%
Don't know	5%	4%	8%
Refused	*	-	2%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q27. At the floor stage, did your party's leadership whip the bill?

*Based on those who gave a valid response to Q24*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	210	151	59
Yes	58%	60%	53%
No	34%	30%	42%
Don't know	8%	9%	5%
Refused	*	1%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q29. Did they not whip it because... ?

*Based on those whose party's leadership did not whip bill specified in Q24*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	71	46	25
they didn't expect a close vote,	52%	59%	40%
they didn't have a clear position,	25%	22%	32%
or they didn't consider the bill important?	10%	9%	12%
Don't know	10%	9%	12%
Refused	3%	2%	4%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

D1. Record sex

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Male	72%	71%	74%
Female	28%	29%	26%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

D2. What is your age?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
< 30	21%	23%	19%
30-49	58%	55%	64%
50+	18%	19%	16%
Refused	2%	3%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

D3. Are you, yourself, of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Yes	4%	4%	3%
No	95%	95%	96%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	2%	2%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

D4. What is your race?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
White	77%	73%	89%
Black	12%	14%	6%
Asian	3%	3%	1%
Other or mixed race (SPECIFY)	3%	3%	1%
Don't know	*	1%	-
Refused	5%	6%	3%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

RELIG. What is your religious preference?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Protestant	41%	41%	41%
Roman Catholic	27%	27%	26%
Jewish	7%	5%	11%
Mormon	1%	1%	1%
Orthodox Church (Greek or Russian)	-	-	-
Islam/Muslim	1%	1%	1%
Other religion (SPECIFY)	*	1%	-
No religion, not a believer, atheist, agnostic	16%	16%	14%
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6%	7%	4%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B



BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

*Based on those who responded Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Other or Refused to RELIG*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	191	140	51
Yes, would	18%	19%	16%
No, would not	75%	74%	78%
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6%	6%	6%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

Q30. How much guidance in your work life do you feel that you get from your religion?

*Based on those who have a religion*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	197	140	57
A great deal	21%	21%	21%
A fair amount	37%	39%	32%
Not very much	28%	26%	33%
None	13%	13%	14%
Don't know	-	-	-
Refused	2%	2%	-

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

D5. What is the highest degree you completed in school?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
High school degree or less	1%	2%	-
Some college	2%	2%	-
College graduate	35%	37%	29%
Graduate course work(e.g., toward Ph.D., Masters)	33%	34%	33%
Graduate degree	29%	25%	37%
Don't know	*	1%	-
Refused	*	-	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

D5b. And, what college or university did you graduate from?"

*Based on those who gave a valid response to D5*

	Total A	House B	Senate C
BASE	249	179	70
Gave answer	94%	94%	93%
Refused	6%	6%	7%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%):  
A/B/C

D5brec. Recoded Colleges and Universities

*Based on those who gave a valid response to D5*

	Total A	House B	Senate C
BASE	249	179	70
Harvard, Yale, Princeton	4%	3%	6%
Other Ivy League	2%	3%	1%
Other prestigious private institutions	15%	12%	23%
Major state universities	8%	8%	9%
DC area Institutions	11%	12%	9%
All other institutions	53%	56%	46%
Refused	6%	6%	7%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%):  
A/B/C

D6. In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat or Independent?

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Republican	41%	37%	50%
Democrat	49%	52%	41%
Independent	7%	7%	7%
No Preference	1%	1%	-
Other	1%	1%	-
Don't know	*	1%	-
Refused	2%	2%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

D7. As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

*Based on those who self-define as Independent or have no party preference*

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	26	20	6
Republican	31%	25%	50%
Democrat	42%	45%	33%
Other	-	-	-
Don't know	8%	10%	-
Refused	19%	20%	17%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B

D8. In general, would you describe your political views as...

	TOTAL	HOUSE A	SENATE B
BASE	252	182	70
Very conservative	3%	2%	6%
Conservative	27%	26%	29%
Moderate	37%	38%	36%
Liberal	24%	24%	23%
Very liberal	6%	7%	4%
Don't know	*	-	1%
Refused	2%	3%	1%

- Column Proportions: Columns Tested (5%): A/B