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As the current session of Congress comes to a close without significant action to address illegal immigration, neither Republicans nor Democrats are especially happy with the way their respective parties have dealt with the issue.

Just 37% of Republicans and Republican leaners think the GOP is doing a good job representing their views on illegal immigration; 56% say they are not doing a good job. Democrats are more positive about their party's handling of the issue. Still, about as many Democrats and Democratic leaners say the party is not doing a good job (44%) on immigration as say that it is (47%).

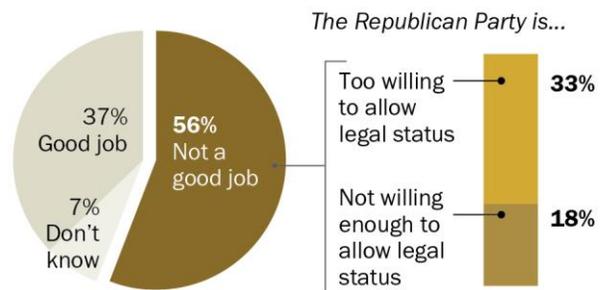
Republicans and Democrats who are unhappy with way their party has handled immigration differ in their criticisms. A third of Republicans (33%) say the party has not done a good job on immigration because it is too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status; just 18% say it has not done a good job because it is not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status.

On the Democratic side, as many fault their party for being too willing to allow legal status for people here illegally (21%) as for being too unwilling to allow them legal status (20%).

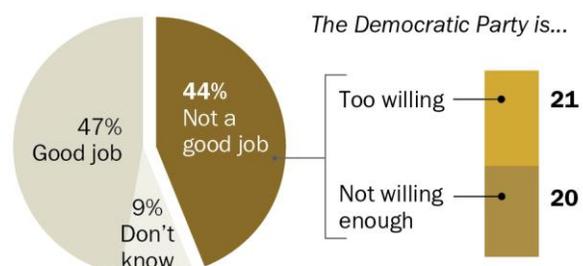
Partisans Rate Their Party on Illegal Immigration

% saying their party does ___ job of representing their views on illegal immigration...

AMONG REPUBLICANS/LEANERS



AMONG DEMOCRATS/LEANERS



Survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014. Asked of Republican and Republican-leaners about the Republican Party; Democrats and Democratic-leaners about the Democratic Party.

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The new Pew Research Center survey, conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014 among 2,002 adults, including 863 Republicans and Republican leaners, and 913 Democrats and Democratic leaners finds that Republicans are more critical than Democrats of their party's handling of four major issues: illegal immigration, abortion, government spending and same-sex marriage. (For a look at how religious groups rate their parties, [see this report](#), released Sept. 22 by the Pew Research Center's Religion & Public Life Project.)

Most Republicans and Republican leaners (60%) say the GOP is not doing a good job of representing their views on government spending. And 53% of Republicans say the party is not doing a good job of representing their views on same-sex marriage. On the issue of abortion, Republicans are divided (44% good job, 45% not a good job).

Democrats have more positive views of the way their party is handling all four issues:

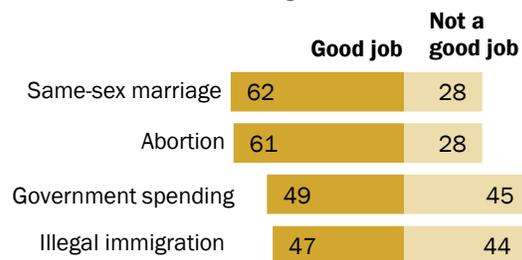
About six-in-ten say that the party does a good job of representing their views on same-sex marriage (62%) and abortion (61%). However, only about half of Democrats say their party is doing well on government spending (49%) and immigration (47%).

Republicans More Negative About Their Party's Handling of Key Issues

% of Republicans/Rep leaners who say party does ___ job of representing their views on ...



% of Democrats/Dem leaners who say party does ___ job of representing their views on ...



Survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014. Asked of Republican and Republican-leaners about the Republican Party and of Democrats and Democratic-leaners about the Democratic Party.

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GOP Divisions over Party's Approach to Illegal Immigration

Republicans and Democrats who say their party does not do a good job of representing their views on these issues were asked if their party is “too willing” or “not willing enough” allow legal status for those living in the U.S. illegally, cut government spending, restrict abortion and accept same-sex marriage.

Older Republicans and Republican leaners are more critical of the party on illegal immigration and more likely to fault the party for being too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status.

Most Republicans 35 and older (60%) say the party is not doing a good job of representing their views on illegal immigration, compared with 33% who say it is doing a good job. By contrast, Republicans under 35 are divided: 48% say the party is doing a good job and 45% say it is not.

Older Republicans More Critical of GOP's Handling of Illegal Immigration

Is the Republican Party doing a good job of representing your views on illegal immigration?

	Among Reps/Rep leaners If 'not a good job,' is Republican Party ... "				DK
	Good job	Not a good job	Too willing to allow legal status	Not willing enough	
	%	%	%	%	%
Total	37	56	33	18	7=100
18-34	48	45	20	24	7=100
35-49	36	58	35	19	6=100
50-64	37	58	41	11	5=100
65+	25	64	35	19	9=100
Conservative	38	56	36	14	6=100
Mod/Lib	35	56	28	26	8=100

Survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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By wide margins, older Republicans who are unhappy with the party's stance on illegal immigration say it is too willing to allow undocumented immigrants to get legal status. Among those under 35, 20% say it too willing to allow legal status, while about as many (24%) say it is not willing enough.

As many conservative Republicans as moderate and liberal Republicans (56% each) say the party is not doing a job of representing their views on illegal immigration. But by 36% to 14%, conservatives are more likely to fault the GOP for being too willing to allow legal status for undocumented immigrants. Among moderate and liberal Republicans, about as many say the party is “too willing” to allow legal status (28%) as it is “not willing enough” to do this (26%).

Democrats also are divided over how the party is handling illegal immigration. Black Democrats (63%) are more likely than Hispanic (45%) or white Democrats (42%) to say the party does a good job on illegal immigration.

Hispanic Democrats are much more likely than whites or blacks to criticize the party for not being willing enough to allow legal status for people in the U.S. illegally. Four-in-ten Hispanic Democrats (40%) think the party is not doing a good job on this issue and say it is not willing enough to allow legal status; that compares with just 17% of white Democrats and 13% of black Democrats.

Hispanic Democrats Have Mixed Views of Their Party's Handling of Illegal Immigration

Is the Democratic Party doing a good job of representing your views on illegal immigration?

	Among Dems/Dem leaners If 'not a good job,' is Democratic Party ...'				
	Good job	Not a good job	Too willing to allow legal status	Not willing enough	DK
	%	%	%	%	%
Total	47	44	21	20	9=100
White	42	47	26	17	11=100
Black	63	30	17	13	7=100
Hispanic	45	52	8	40	3=100
18-34	50	40	17	22	10=100
35-49	46	50	15	33	4=100
50-64	46	44	29	12	10=100
65+	45	43	27	10	13=100
Liberal	48	44	16	27	9=100
Mod/Cons	47	45	25	17	7=100

Survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding. Blacks and whites are non-Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race.

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Partisans' Views of Their Parties on Same-Sex Marriage

About half of Republicans and Republican leaners (53%) say the party is not doing a good job of representing their views on same-sex marriage; 28% are unhappy because the GOP is not willing enough to accept gay marriage, while 22% fault the party for being too willing to accept it.

Across all age groups, more Republicans view the party negatively than positively for its handling of same-sex marriage.

However, among younger Republicans more say the party is not willing enough, rather than too willing, to accept same-sex marriage. Among those 18-

34, 36% say the party is not doing a good job on gay marriage and criticize it for not being willing enough to accept gay marriage; about half as many (17%) say it is not willing enough. Opinion is similar among Republicans 35 to 49 (35% not willing enough vs. 17% too willing).

Republicans who are 50-64 are divided; equal percentages fault the party for being too willing, and not willing enough, to accept same-sex marriage (25% each). Among those 65 and older, more say it is too willing to accept gay marriage (27% vs. 14%).

Many Younger Republicans Fault Party for Unwillingness to Accept Same-Sex Marriage

Is the Republican Party doing a good job of representing your views on same-sex marriage?

	Among Reps/Rep leaners				
	Good job	Not a good job	If 'not a good job,' is Republican Party ... "	Too willing to accept gay marriage	Not willing enough
	%	%	%	%	%
Total	34	53	22	28	13=100
18-34	39	55	17	36	6=100
35-49	35	57	17	35	8=100
50-64	30	53	25	25	16=100
65+	31	48	27	14	21=100
Conservative	35	52	27	21	12=100
Mod/Lib	32	55	12	39	13=100

Survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Democrats are divided along racial and ethnic lines over the party's approach to same-sex marriage. Fully 70% of white Democrats say the party is doing a good job of representing their views on same-sex marriage. The small share of whites who say the party is not doing a good job on this issue are divided over the reason why; 11% say it is because the party is too willing, and 9% not willing enough, to accept same-sex marriage.

Black Democrats have more negative views of how the party deals with same-sex marriage. Just 52% say it is doing a good job of representing their views. Blacks who criticize the party are far more likely to say it is too willing (30%) than not willing enough (13%) to accept same-sex marriage.

Hispanic Democrats express more negative views of the party's handling of same-sex marriage (52% good job, 33% not a good job). But about as many Hispanic Democrats say the party is not willing enough to accept gay marriage (16%) as say it is too willing (13%).

Black Democrats More Likely than Whites to Criticize Party for Being Too Accepting of Gay Marriage

Is the Democratic Party doing a good job of representing your views on same-sex marriage?

	Among Dems/Dem leaners If 'not a good job,' is Democratic Party ...				
	Good job	Not a good job	Too willing to accept same-sex marriage	Not willing enough	DK
	%	%	%	%	%
Total	62	28	15	12	10=100
White	70	21	11	9	9=100
Black	52	43	30	13	5=100
Hispanic	52	33	13	16	15=100
18-34	66	27	12	15	7=100
35-49	61	29	13	13	10=100
50-64	61	29	17	11	10=100
65+	55	27	19	6	18=100
Liberal	74	22	9	11	4=100
Mod/Cons	56	32	19	12	13=100

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Republicans Give Party Low Marks on Government Spending

Most Republicans and Republican leaners (60%) say the GOP is not doing a good job representing their views on government spending, and those who express negative views of the party on this issue overwhelmingly criticize it for not being willing enough to cut spending. Nearly half of Republicans (48%) say the party is not doing a good job and say it is not willing enough to cut spending; just 8% criticize the GOP for being too willing to cut spending.

Democrats are divided over their party's handling of government spending: 49% say the party is doing a good job while 45% say it is not. By 30% to 12%, more Democrats say the party is not willing enough, rather than too willing, to cut government spending.

Reps View Their Party Negatively on Spending; Dems Are Divided

% saying their party does ____ job of representing their views on government spending ...

	Rep/ Lean Rep	Dem/ Lean Dem
	%	%
Good job	35	49
Not a good job	60	45
<i>Party is too willing to cut government spending</i>	8	12
<i>Party is not willing enough to cut government spending</i>	48	30
<i>Other reason/DK</i>	4	3
Don't know	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	100	100

Survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2014. Figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

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Democrats More Positive about Party's Approach to Abortion

Republican and Republican leaners are divided over their party's approach to abortion: 44% say it does a good job of representing their views on abortion while 45% disagree.

About a quarter of Republicans (24%) say the party is not doing a good job and say it is not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion; nearly as many (19%) say it is too willing to restrict abortion.

Democrats, by more than two-to-one (61% to 28%), say their party does a good job of representing their views. Roughly equal shares of Democrats say the party is not willing enough (16%), and too willing (11%), to restrict abortion.

More Dems than Reps Say Their Party Does 'Good Job' on Abortion

% saying their party does ____ job of representing their views on abortion ...

	Rep/ Lean Rep	Dem/ Lean Dem
Good job	44	61
Not a good job	45	28
<i>Party is too willing to put restrictions on abortion</i>	19	11
<i>Party is not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion</i>	24	16
<i>Other reason</i>	2	2
Don't know	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
	100	100

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About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted September 2-9, 2014 among a national sample of 2,002 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (801 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,201 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 673 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://people-press.org/methodology/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2012 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2013 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	2,002	2.5 percentage points
Republican-Republican leaners	863	3.8 percentage points
18-34	143	9.5 percentage points
35-49	168	8.7 percentage points
50-64	273	6.8 percentage points
65+	266	6.9 percentage points
Conservative	579	4.7 percentage points
Moderate/liberal	279	6.8 percentage points
Democrat-Democratic leaners	913	3.7 percentage points
18-34	228	7.5 percentage points
35-49	173	8.6 percentage points
50-64	279	6.8 percentage points
65+	229	7.5 percentage points
White, non-Hispanic	557	4.8 percentage points
Black, non-Hispanic	161	8.9 percentage points
Hispanic	122	10.2 percentage points
Liberal	532	4.9 percentage points
Conservative/moderate	355	6.0 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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SEPTEMBER 2014 RELIGION & POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
September 2-9, 2014
N=2,002

QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-8, 13-14, 15-16, 18-19, 35-39, 42, 47, 52, 53-54, 59, 61-64, 67-69, 78-81
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 9-12, 17, 20-34, 40-41, 43-46, 48-51, 55-58, 60, 65-66, 70-77

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

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

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Sep 2-9, 2014	24	33	38	3	1	2	15	15
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	31	37	4	1	4	15	16
Jul 8-14, 2014	25	34	37	2	1	1	16	15
Apr 23-27, 2014	24	30	41	2	1	2	18	17
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	22	31	41	3	1	2	17	17
Feb 14-23, 2014	22	32	39	4	1	2	14	17
Jan 15-19, 2014	21	31	41	3	1	2	18	16
Dec 3-8, 2013	24	34	37	3	*	2	17	15
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	32	38	4	*	2	16	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	32	37	3	1	3	16	18
Sep 4-8, 2013	26	32	38	3	1	1	17	15
Yearly Totals								
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	(VOL.) <u>Haven't heard of</u>	(VOL.) <u>Refused</u>	Not heard of/ <u>DK</u>
Sep 2-9, 2014	38	10	50	1	1	--
Aug 20-24, 2014	34	10	53	*	2	--
Jul 8-14, 2014	35	12	50	2	1	--
Apr 23-27, 2014	33	11	54	1	1	--
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	11	50	1	1	--
Feb 14-23, 2014	36	9	54	1	1	--
Jan 15-19, 2014	35	12	52	1	*	--
Dec 3-8, 2013	32	9	57	1	1	--
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	40	9	48	2	1	--
Oct 9-13, 2013	41	11	45	2	1	--
Sep 4-8, 2013	35	9	54	1	1	--
Jul 17-21, 2013	37	10	50	2	1	--
Jun 12-16, 2013	44	9	46	1	2	--
May 23-26, 2013	41	7	48	1	3	--
May 1-5, 2013	28	8	61	2	1	--
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	7	47	1	1	--
Feb 13-18, 2013	36	9	52	1	3	--
Feb 14-17, 2013	43	9	45	1	2	--
Jan 9-13, 2013	35	10	51	2	2	--
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	11	51	1	*	--
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 (RVs)	40	8	49	1	2	--
Oct 4-7, 2012	38	9	50	1	3	--
Sep 12-16, 2013	39	7	52	1	1	--
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	40	9	47	2	1	--
Jun 7-17, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	36	9	53	1	2	--
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	8	48	1	1	--
Mar 7-11, 2012	38	10	49	2	1	--
Feb 8-12, 2012	40	7	51	1	1	--
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 4-8, 2012	37	8	52	1	1	--
Dec 7-11, 2011	40	9	48	2	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Nov 9-14, 2011	41	9	49	*	1	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	37	11	51	1	1	--
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	7	49	*	1	--
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	7	51	*	1	--
Jun 15-19, 2011	42	9	47	1	1	--
May 25-30, 2011	37	7	52	1	3	--
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	45	9	46	*	1	--
Mar 8-14, 2011	37	7	54	1	*	--
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	41	9	48	1	1	--
Feb 2-7, 2011 ¹	43	8	47	1	1	--
Jan 5-9, 2011	45	6	47	1	1	--
Dec 1-5, 2010	48	5	45	1	1	--
Nov 4-7, 2010	51	5	42	1	1	--
Oct 27-30, 2010 (RVs)	58	5	27	--	1	9

¹ In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read "...do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement..." In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: "the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year." In March 2010 it was described as "the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year."

TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED...

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No opinion either way</u>	<u>(VOL.) Haven't heard of</u>	<u>(VOL.) Refused</u>	<u>Not heard of/ DK</u>
Oct 13-18, 2010 (RVs)	54	5	30	--	1	10
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	56	6	29	--	*	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	46	5	36	--	1	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	5	30	--	*	19
May 20-23, 2010	53	4	25	--	1	16
Mar 11-21, 2010	48	4	26	--	1	21

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.82a Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.83a IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82a IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82a=2):

Q.83a Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to cut government spending] OR is it [not willing enough to cut government spending]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:

a. Government spending

Sep 2-9

2014

35	Good job
60	Not a good job
8	Too willing to cut government spending
48	Not willing enough to cut government spending
4	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.82b Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.83b IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82b IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82b=2):

Q.83b Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to put restrictions on abortion] OR is it [Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:

b. Abortion

Sep 2-9

2014

44	Good job
45	Not a good job
19	Too willing to put restrictions on abortion
24	Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.82c Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.83c IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82c IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82c=2):

Q.83c Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to accept same-sex marriage] OR is it [not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:

c. Same-sex marriage

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34	Good job
53	Not a good job
22	Too willing to accept same-sex marriage
28	Not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage
4	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.82d Thinking about how the Republican Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Republican Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.83d IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.82d IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.82d=2):

Q.83d Would you say that the Republican Party is [too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status] OR is it [not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=863]:

d. Illegal immigration

Sep 2-9

2014

37	Good job
56	Not a good job
33	Too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
18	Not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
5	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.84a Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.85a IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84a IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84a):

Q.85a Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to cut government spending] OR is it [not willing enough to cut government spending]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:

a. Government spending

Sep 2-9

2014

49	Good job
45	Not a good job
12	Too willing to cut government spending
30	Not willing enough to cut government spending
3	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.84b Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.85b IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84b IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84b):

Q.85b Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to put restrictions on abortion] OR is it [Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:

b. Abortion

Sep 2-9

2014

61	Good job
28	Not a good job
11	Too willing to put restrictions on abortion
16	Not willing enough to put restrictions on abortion
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.84c Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.85c IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84c IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84c):

Q.85c Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to accept same-sex marriage] OR is it [not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:

c. Same-sex marriage

Sep 2-9

2014

62	Good job
28	Not a good job
15	Too willing to accept same-sex marriage
12	Not willing enough to accept same-sex marriage
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.84d Thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling some issues today... Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about [NEXT ITEM]? Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on [ITEM]? And, how about [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do you think the Democratic Party is doing a good job, OR is it NOT doing a good job representing your views on this issue?]

ASK Q.85d IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITEM IN Q.84d IF RESPONSE IS "NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" (Q.84d):

Q.85d Would you say that the Democratic Party is [too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status] OR is it [not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status]? [RANDOMIZE WORDING IN BRACKETS]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=913]:

d. Illegal immigration

Sep 2-9

2014

47	Good job
44	Not a good job
21	Too willing to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
20	Not willing enough to allow immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to gain legal status
2	Other reason/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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