

Job Approval Ratings for **U.S. Congress**

PPIC Statewide Survey, December 2009

|  |                                   | Approve | Disapprove | Don't Know |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| <b>All Adults</b>                          |                                   | 38%     | 54%        | 8%         |
| <b>Registered Voters</b>                   |                                   | 35      | 59         | 6          |
| <b>Likely Voters</b>                       |                                   | 29      | 66         | 5          |
| <b>Party</b>                               | <b>Democrat</b>                   | 46      | 45         | 9          |
|  | <b>Republican</b>                 | 18      | 78         | 4          |
|  | <b>Independent</b>                | 37      | 55         | 8          |
| <b>Political Ideology</b>                  | <b>Liberal</b>                    | 50      | 43         | 7          |
|  | <b>Moderate</b>                   | 43      | 48         | 9          |
|  | <b>Conservative</b>               | 25      | 71         | 4          |
| <b>Gender</b>                              | <b>Men</b>                        | 37      | 58         | 5          |
|  | <b>Women</b>                      | 39      | 50         | 11         |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                      | <b>Latino</b>                     | 55      | 36         | 9          |
|  | <b>White</b>                      | 27      | 67         | 6          |
| <b>Household Income</b>                    | <b>Under \$40,000</b>             | 50      | 43         | 7          |
|  | <b>\$40,000 to under \$80,000</b> | 35      | 59         | 6          |
|  | <b>\$80,000 or more</b>           | 28      | 67         | 5          |
| <b>Age</b>                                 | <b>18–34</b>                      | 49      | 42         | 9          |
|  | <b>35–54</b>                      | 38      | 56         | 6          |
|  | <b>55 and older</b>               | 27      | 65         | 8          |
| <b>Education</b>                           | <b>High school or less</b>        | 50      | 42         | 8          |
|  | <b>Some college</b>               | 33      | 57         | 10         |
|  | <b>College graduate</b>           | 30      | 64         | 6          |
| <b>Region</b>                              | <b>Central Valley</b>             | 40      | 54         | 6          |
|  | <b>San Francisco Bay Area</b>     | 40      | 54         | 6          |
|  | <b>Los Angeles</b>                | 44      | 48         | 8          |
|  | <b>Other Southern California</b>  | 33      | 58         | 9          |
| <b>Children Age 18 or Younger</b>          | <b>Yes</b>                        | 43      | 49         | 8          |
|  | <b>No</b>                         | 35      | 58         | 7          |
| <b>Home</b>                                | <b>Own</b>                        | 33      | 61         | 6          |
|  | <b>Rent</b>                       | 48      | 44         | 8          |
| <b>Direction of Country?</b>               | <b>Right direction</b>            | 62      | 32         | 6          |
|  | <b>Wrong direction</b>            | 20      | 74         | 6          |
| <b>U.S. Economy During Next 12 Months?</b> | <b>Good times</b>                 | 58      | 35         | 7          |
|  | <b>Bad times</b>                  | 27      | 67         | 6          |

PPIC Statewide Survey: *Californians and Their Government, December 2009*. Includes 2,004 adults, 1,565 registered voters, and 963 likely voters. Interviews took place December 1–8, 2009. Numbers in above table are for all adults. Margin of error  $\pm 2\%$ .

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