

State of the Nation

The American people are divided, but not as profoundly as Congress

If you were in Congress ...

Would you vote for or against allowing prescription drugs to be imported from foreign countries and sold here?

	FOR	AGAINST	DON'T KNOW
DEMOCRATS	89%	7%	4%
REPUBLICANS	63%	27%	9%
INDEPENDENTS	78%	16%	6%
DEMOCRATS	78%	12%	HOW CONGRESS VOTED
REPUBLICANS	38%	62%	

Would you vote for or against banning late-term abortion?

	FOR	AGAINST	DON'T KNOW
DEMOCRATS	31%	56%	13%
REPUBLICANS	78%	19%	3%
INDEPENDENTS	56%	40%	4%
DEMOCRATS	32%	68%	HOW CONGRESS VOTED
REPUBLICANS	98%	2%	

Would you vote for or against amending the Constitution to ban gay marriage?

	FOR	AGAINST	DON'T KNOW
DEMOCRATS	16%	83%	2%
REPUBLICANS	62%	35%	3%
INDEPENDENTS	31%	68%	1%
DEMOCRATS	19%	81%	HOW CONGRESS VOTED
REPUBLICANS	88%	12%	

Would you vote for or against requiring Iraq to pay back the United States for rebuilding the country?

	FOR	AGAINST	DON'T KNOW
DEMOCRATS	49%	42%	9%
REPUBLICANS	68%	20%	12%
INDEPENDENTS	46%	38%	16%
DEMOCRATS	9%	91%	HOW CONGRESS VOTED
REPUBLICANS	92%	8%	

Source: **MIT Public Opinion Research Training Lab Survey; Stephen Ansolabehere, principal investigator**

Survey questions have been edited. Survey conducted in the first week of November 2005 on a nationally representative sample of 1,170 people.

HOW CONGRESS VOTED: The results of the key roll-call vote.