

NEW MEXICO 2ND DISTRICT

Penn Schoen Berland conducted 401 phone interviews among likely voters in November congressional election in New Mexico's 2nd congressional district. Fielding began Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 and ended on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. The following audiences are broken out in this report:

- Base: Individuals who plan to vote in the mid-term election. (N=401, MOE ± 4.9)
- D: Individuals who consider themselves a Democrat (N=154, MOE ± 7.9)
- R: Individuals who consider themselves a Republican (N=148, MOE ± 8.1)
- I: Individuals who consider themselves an Independent (N=77, MOE ± 11.2)
- Males (N=188, MOE ± 7.2)
- Females (N=213, MOE ± 6.7)
- 18-34: Respondents aged 18 to 34 years old (N=24, MOE ± 20.0)
- 35-54: Respondents aged 35-54 years old (N=99, MOE ± 9.9)
- 55+: Respondents aged 55 years old or greater (N=268, MOE ± 6.0)

HORSERACE

If the elections for Congress were held today, which candidate would you vote for in your congressional district?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Harry Teague	42	73	8	43	44	41	50	43	42
Steve Pearce	46	16	83	41	46	45	44	49	44
Other SPECIFY	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Would not vote	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Don't know	10	9	8	15	7	13	6	6	11

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Thinking about the 2008 election, for whom did you vote for President?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Democrat Barack Obama	39	74	3	33	39	40	47	39	39
Republican John McCain	52	19	94	48	53	51	47	54	52
A third party candidate	3	2	0	8	3	3	3	2	3
Did not vote	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other	2	1	1	3	2	2	0	1	1
Don't know - prefer not to say	4	2	1	8	3	5	3	4	3

JOB APPROVAL

Thinking in general, would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job President Barack Obama has been doing?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Approve / Disapprove	41/56	72/24	6/92	44/53	41/57	43/55	52/41	38/58	42/55
Strongly approve	21	42	1	16	20	23	23	18	23
Somewhat approve	20	30	5	28	21	20	29	20	19
Somewhat disapprove	7	5	8	7	7	7	3	12	5
Strongly disapprove	49	19	84	46	50	48	38	46	50
Don't know	3	4	1	3	2	4	6	3	2

Thinking in general, would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Congress has been doing?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Approve / Disapprove	20/74	39/53	4/94	15/83	19/78	22/71	50/50	23/76	17/75
Strongly approve	3	6	0	4	2	4	0	6	2
Somewhat approve	17	33	4	11	17	18	50	17	15
Somewhat disapprove	18	20	15	20	16	20	10	21	18
Strongly disapprove	56	33	79	63	62	51	40	55	57
Don't know	5	8	3	3	3	7	0	1	7

PARTY IDENTIFICATION

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent?	Base	Now Vote D	Now Vote R	Now DK on Vote	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Democrat	42	73	15	39	40	44	43	45	42
Independent	17	18	15	21	18	16	22	14	16
Republican	35	6	63	28	34	36	28	40	35
Other	3	1	4	6	4	2	0	1	3
Don't know - prefer not to say	3	2	3	6	4	2	7	1	4

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

When you think about your vote in this November's congressional election, how important in your decision is your feeling about president Obama?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Important / Unimportant	68/27	75/22	69/24	60/35	60/36	77/18	64/11	68/30	69/27
Very important	49	55	55	36	46	53	54	47	50
Somewhat important	19	20	14	24	14	24	10	21	19
Not very important	9	8	5	15	11	7	11	12	8
Not at all important	18	14	19	20	25	11	0	18	19
Don't know	5	3	7	4	4	6	24	2	4

If the Presidential Democratic primaries were held today and the following two were the main candidates, who would you be more likely to vote for?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Barack Obama	35	63	9	25	36	34	65	39	31
Hillary Clinton	38	28	50	44	38	38	21	37	39
Don't know	28	9	42	32	26	28	13	24	30

Generally thinking about this November's congressional election, how passionate would you say you are about voting this November?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Very passionate about voting	78	72	86	71	82	74	66	72	80
Somewhat passionate about voting	17	24	10	18	15	18	27	21	15
Not very passionate about voting	3	3	3	0	1	5	0	5	2
Not at all passionate about voting	3	1	1	11	2	4	7	2	3
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

If you had to choose, would you say that today it's better that:	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
The President and majority in Congress are from the same party	35	53	19	24	34	35	27	29	39
The President and majority in Congress are each from a different party	56	41	68	68	55	57	66	65	50
Don't know	9	6	14	8	11	8	7	6	11

If you had to choose, would you say that you will be voting for something or someone, or against something or someone in this November election to Congress? READ	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
For something or someone	59	65	56	42	58	60	59	50	62
Against something or someone	30	25	34	47	29	31	34	41	26
Don't know	11	10	10	11	13	9	7	9	12

Do you think the new health reform legislation should be repealed?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Yes	65	49	86	61	68	62	80	73	61
No	27	46	4	37	29	26	13	24	31
Don't know	8	6	10	2	3	12	7	3	8

DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Male	47	45	46	50	100	0	60	49	46
Female	53	55	54	50	0	100	40	51	54

AGE	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
17-34	6	6	5	8	8	4	100	0	0
35-54	25	26	28	20	26	24	0	100	0
55-120	67	68	66	65	66	68	0	0	100
Don't know/refused	2	0	1	8	0	4	0	0	0

What do you consider to be your race?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
White	57	38	73	68	51	62	34	48	61
Black or African-American	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0
Asian-American	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hispanic or Latino	34	53	17	21	36	32	62	45	28
Native American	2	1	3	3	3	1	4	0	2
Other --- SPECIFY	5	6	5	2	7	3	0	4	6
Don't know - prefer not to say	2	1	2	5	3	2	0	1	2

What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Less than a high school degree	5	8	0	4	6	4	6	1	7
High school graduate	21	23	19	21	19	24	13	20	22
Non-college post-high school (technical school)	1	1	1	1	1	0	6	0	1
Some college	26	23	29	31	27	25	19	30	26
College graduate	25	26	28	17	25	25	33	28	22

Post college - graduate school	20	17	22	25	21	19	24	19	20
Technical school	2	3	1	1	0	3	0	2	2
Don't know - prefer not to say	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

What is your current marital status?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Single	9	13	7	8	9	9	33	12	6
Married	74	71	79	70	81	67	57	84	73
Widowed	10	11	7	15	3	16	0	0	14
Divorced	5	5	5	3	4	6	0	3	6
Living with significant other, but not married	1	0	1	1	1	0	7	0	1
Don't know - prefer not to say	1	0	1	3	1	1	3	1	1

For statistical purposes only, please tell me which of the following categories best represents your total annual household income?	Base	D	R	I	Male	Female	17-34	35-54	55+
Less than \$25, 000	16	20	12	14	11	20	24	10	17
\$25, 000 - \$34, 999	13	16	11	11	12	13	14	7	15
\$35, 000 - \$49, 999	15	16	15	18	14	15	16	17	15
\$50, 000 - \$74, 999	15	14	16	18	20	10	12	17	15
\$75, 000 - \$99, 999	10	11	11	7	11	9	24	6	10
\$100, 000 - \$149, 999	11	6	15	15	13	9	3	22	8
\$150, 00 - \$199, 999	2	2	3	0	3	2	0	3	2
\$200, 000 and above	4	5	3	4	6	3	0	7	3
Don't know - prefer not to say	14	11	15	13	10	18	7	11	15