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The Gallup Poll

Democrats Lead Races for Congress

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PRINCETON, N.J.—The Democratic Party holds a wide lead over the GOP in terms of the national popular vote for Congress.

In the latest measurement, 54 per cent of likely voters nationwide said they would like to see the Democratic Party win in their congressional district, compared with 35 per cent who stated a preference for the Republican Party, 3 per cent who chose other parties, and 8 per cent who were undecided.

The results reported today are based on the preferences of "likely voters" out of a sample of 3,173 adults, 18 and older. Interviews were conducted in more than 300 scientifically selected localities in two national surveys between Aug. 16 and Sept. 9.

This question was asked:

If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party would you like to see win in this congressional district, the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

For Democratic candidates 54%
For Republican candidates 35
Other parties 3
Undecided 8

The national results:

When persons in the latest nationwide survey were asked which party they think can do a better job of dealing with the problem of inflation, more than twice as many named the Democratic Party (39 per cent) as the Republican Party (18 per cent). Three in 10 (30 per cent) said "no difference," while another 13 per cent were undecided.

The following question was asked of 1,583 adults, 18 and older, interviewed in person in more than 300 scientifically selected localities during the period Sept. 6 to 9.

Which party—the Republican or the Democratic—do you think can do a better job of dealing with the problem of inflation?

The national finding by political party affiliation:

	Democ.	Repub.	No dif.	Undec.
Nationwide	39%	18%	30%	13%
Democrats	61	4	23	12
Repub'cans	8	46	34	12
Independents	32	14	38	16

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