

Record Low Vote Next Month Seen In 2 Gallup Polls

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A record low turnout in the November elections for Congress is indicated, the Gallup Poll said yesterday.

In two surveys last month, the poll found that 42 per cent of the public had "a lot" or "some" interest in the elections, a drop of 7 percentage points since a comparable time in the last off-year elections of 1970, with 58 per cent having "little" or "no" interest. In 1970, 43 per cent of the electorate voted for members of Congress.

"Traditionally," Gallup said, "a low voter turnout has been of greater concern for the Democrats than for the G.O.P. since those who don't vote are more likely to be Democrats than Republicans.

The question asked was: "How much thought have you given to the coming November election—quite a lot or only a little?"

The results were based on in-person interviews with 1,290 adults, 18 and older, in more than 300 scientifically selected localities Sept. 27 to 30, and with 1,583 adults Sept. 6 to 9.