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Congress' Lowest Rating

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A Harris survey has given Congress the lowest marks for performance in more than ten years of polling about the federal legislative branch.

The survey reported Monday that 69 per cent of those asked, "How do you rate the job Congress is doing?" said fair or poor.

Twentieth-one per cent said good or excellent, and 10 per cent were not sure.

On individual topics, Congress received an 88 per cent negative rating on controlling inflation, 83 per cent negative rating on keeping spending under control, and 82 per cent negative on inspiring confidence in government.

Faring better was William E. Simon, the man in charge of the nation's energy policy. He received a 35 per cent negative rating and a 26 per cent positive rating with 29 per cent not sure how to rate his performance.

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