

POLL FINDS G.O.P. AT LOWEST POINT

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Gallup Says Only 23% Cite
Republican Affiliation

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The percentage of Americans identifying themselves as Republicans has fallen to 23, the Gallup poll reported yesterday. This is the lowest level since the Gallup organization began asking the party-affiliation question in 1940.

Paralleling the drop in Republican adherence, the poll found, was a rise in those who call themselves political independents.

The new totals showed 44 per cent classifying themselves as Democrats, 33 per cent as independents and 23 per cent as Republicans. Two years ago the totals were 43 per cent Democrats, 28 per cent Republicans and 29 per cent independents.

The Gallup organization said that both sets of figures excluded the small number—2 to 3 per cent who said they were not in any of the three categories.

The most recent finding is based on the following question put to 12,430 adults, 18 years of age or older, in eight surveys conducted between March and June of this year:

"In politics, as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat or independent?"

Those calling themselves Republicans have been fewer than self-styled Democrats for more than three decades, the Gallup organization said.

Following is a table of various categories and their affiliations by percentages:

	Republi- cans	Democ- rats	Inde- pendents
National	23	44	33
College	26	34	40
High school	22	45	33
Grade school	25	54	21
Total under 30 years	15	38	47
18-24 years	15	37	48
25-29 years	16	39	45
30-49 years	23	44	33
50 & over	29	49	22
Professional & business	28	34	38
Clerical & sales	24	39	37
Manual workers	18	48	34
Farmers	28	44	28
East	27	43	30
Midwest	24	39	37
South	18	49	33
Deep South	12	53	35
Rest of South	20	48	32
West	24	47	29
Men	22	43	35
Women	25	45	30
Whites	25	40	35
Northern whites	27	39	34
Southern whites	19	44	37
Nonwhites	7	73	20
Northern black	5	75	20
Southern blacks	10	74	16
Protestants	28	42	30
Catholics	18	48	34
Jews	8	60	32
\$15,000 and up	27	38	35
\$10,000-\$14,999	21	43	36
\$7,000-\$9,999	18	47	35
\$5,000-\$6,999	22	46	32
\$3,000-\$4,999	22	53	25
Under \$3,000	20	54	26
City/community Size:			
1 million and over	24	46	30
500,000-999,999	18	46	36
50,000-499,999	18	48	34
2,500-49,999	28	41	31
Under 2,500	27	42	31