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## RACE TO THE BOTTOM BEING WON BY CONGRESS: OBAMA RATINGS SLIP AGAIN

Phoenix, Arizona, July 31, 2014. The discord and partisan grid-lock in Washington D.C. continues to sour Arizonans views of the central government. As of July, 56 percent of the public here in Arizona assess the U.S. Congress as doing its job poorly and 42 percent say the same thing of the President Barack Obama. The knee jerk finger pointing across partisan aisles seems to have left the public with little or no confidence that anyone in Washington has a clear vision for the nation or the capability to pursue it.

Not even ten percent believe the Congress is doing a good job and the President's favorable performance ratings fell to 23 percent after briefly rising to 38 percent in April.

Negative views of the Congress transcend party lines, age and gender groups. If there was ever a year to expect to see incumbents frantically running for their lives, this would seem to be it. This may also be a year in which we will again see "attack" campaigns dominate the election season.

Republican voters are among the most dispirited with the Congress (61% negative rating) and the President (70%), but Independent voters are pretty critical in their views as well. Democrats, are not as intense in their criticism of both the Congress and the Administration, and by a ratio of 48% to 16%, still approve of how Mr. Obama is handling the presidency.

STATISTICAL DATA

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:** This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2014-III-05, is based on 703 interviews with heads of household statewide including 459 registered voters, conducted between July 10 and July 17, 2014. Interviewing was conducted in either English or Spanish by professional interviewers of the Behavior Research Center on both landlines and cell phones. Where necessary, figures for age, sex, race and political party were weighted to bring them into line with their actual proportion in the population. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 3.8 percent of what they would have been had the entire population been surveyed and plus or minus 4.7 percent had the entire voter population been surveyed. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

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ENCLOSED: Statistical tables.

“Would you say that the current U.S. Congress is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job?”

	EXCELLENT GOOD	FAIR	POOR VERY POOR	NET TO POSITIVE
<b>July 2014</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>(-48)</b>
January 2014	11	25	55	(-44)
July 2013	16	32	39	(-23)
April 2013	12	27	51	(-39)
April 2012	11	33	51	(-40)
January 2012	14	29	53	(-39)
<b><u>July 2014 Detail</u></b>				
Democrats	13	32	49	(-36)
Independents	8	18	63	(-55)
Republicans	9	24	61	(-52)

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“Would you say that **President Barack Obama** is doing an excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor job in office?”

	<b>EXCELLENT/ GOOD</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>POOR/ VERY POOR</b>	<b>(NET TO POSITIVE)</b>
July 2014	23%	22%	42%	( -19)
April 2014	38	17	40	( -2)
January 2014	30	17	49	( -19)
July 2013	39	24	32	( +7)
April 2013	31	25	37	( -6)
April 2012	34	25	39	( -5)
Jan. 2012	34	23	41	( -7)
April 2011	33	26	35	( -2)
July 2010	28	27	39	( -11)
Jan. 2010	40	18	35	( +5)
Sept. 2009	45	20	30	(+15)
April 2009	51	24	20	(+31)
<b><u>July 2014 Detail</u></b>				
Democrats	48	22	16	(+32)
Independents	27	23	42	( -15)
Republicans	11	14	70	( -59)