Methodology

- Public survey conducted by phone (landline and cell) on November 4 among 803 voters in Senate battleground states.
  - States: AK, AR, CO, GA, IA, KS, KY, LA, MI, NC, and NH.

- Union member survey conducted by phone November 3 and 4 among 1,720 AFL-CIO members nationwide who voted in the 2014 elections.
  - Base sample of 800 US members.
  - 600 members interviewed in Senate battleground states.
  - 600 members interviewed in gubernatorial BG states (AK, AZ, CO, CT, FL, HI, IL, KS, MA, ME, MI, WI).

Margins Of Error:
- Voters in Senate BG states ±3.5 percentage points
- US union members ±3.2 percentage points
- Senate BG union members ±3.9 percentage points
- Gubernatorial BG union members ±3.4 percentage points
Vote in Senate Battlegrounds

Voted for Democrat for US Senator  Voted for Republican for US Senator

47%  49%

All voters

61%  35%

Union members
Little Confidence in Republicans in Congress

How much confidence do you have in Republicans in Congress on this?

(voters in Senate BG states)

- A lot/some confidence
- Just a little/no confidence

Improving the economy

- A lot/some confidence: 47%
- Just a little/no confidence: 51%

Looking out for middle-class families

- A lot/some confidence: 41%
- Just a little/no confidence: 56%

Just 29% feel that Republicans have a clear plan for creating jobs and strengthening the economy.
Voters in Senate Battlegrounds Say Incomes Are Falling Behind, Want Wages Increased

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<td>My income is going up faster than cost of living</td>
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My income is staying even with cost of living

My income is falling behind cost of living
## Public’s Agenda For Congress

**Support for Proposals Next Congress Might Consider**

(voters in Senate BG states)

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<td>Increase Social Security benefits (high-income people pay S.S. taxes on all wages)</td>
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**Notes:**
- Union members are from Senate Blue-Green states.
Voters Reject Key Elements of GOP Agenda

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<td>Raising the age at which seniors are eligible for Medicare</td>
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Union members:
- 35%
- 50%
- 17%
- 78%
- 12%
- 82%
- 14%
- 79%
The Obama administration is negotiating several new trade agreements, including one with 12 Pacific nations called the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Congress will soon decide whether to give the president fast-track authority for these negotiations, which would mean that once the administration’s negotiations are completed, Congress must take an up-or-down vote on the agreement as a whole, and could not make any amendments or changes in the agreement.

Do you favor or oppose having Congress give the president fast-track authority for a new Pacific trade agreement?
Voters Want GOP to Compromise, Not Stand up to Obama

Which comes closer to the approach you would like to see Republicans in Congress take over the next two years?

- Stick to conservative principles and stand up to President Obama: 31%
- Look for compromises with President Obama in order to get things done: 65%

 Independents

- Stick to conservative principles: 20%
- Look for compromises: 71%
Investments are a Higher Priority Than Tax Cuts

Higher priority for Congress and President

- 67% Invest in key priorities
- 29% Reduce taxes

What should revenue from closing corporate tax loopholes be used for?

- 66% Reduce budget deficit and invest
- 22% Reduce tax rate on corporations
Voters Feel Corporate Interests Had Too Much Influence on the Election and Both Parties

Did corporations have too much, too little, or the right amount of influence over this year’s elections?

“Politicians do too much to support Wall Street financial interests and not enough to help average Americans.”

62% Too much
19% Right amount
5% Too little

80% Agree
13% Disagree
AFL-CIO
2014 Election Night Survey