

Poll Finds Congressional Approval, Especially for GOP, Plummet; President Biden, Supreme Court Also Not Popular

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	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Biden approval/disapproval	76%-16%	5%-95%	30%-59%
Congressional approval/disapproval	18%-75%	8%-88%	10%-80%
Congressional Dems approval/disapproval	67%-21%	7%-92%	20%-67%
Congressional Republicans approval/disapproval	5%-88%	46%-46%	16%-76%

Regarding the U.S. senators for New Jersey, nearly three in four voters (72%) had an unfavorable view of Sen. Bob Menendez, while 8% had a favorable opinion and 12% were unfamiliar with him. Meanwhile, 46% viewed Sen. Cory Booker favorably and 35% unfavorably, while 12% were also unfamiliar with the junior senator.

Menendez and his wife, Nadine, were charged by the U.S. Justice Department last month in a bribery scheme. He was also recently accused of acting as a foreign agent for Egypt. Nearly 80% of residents were very familiar (38%) or somewhat familiar (41%) with the charges brought against Menendez. One in five were not at all familiar with the case.

A strong majority (71%) said Menendez should resign from his Senate position, while just 8% said he should remain in office. Just under one-fifth were not sure (17%). This position was bipartisan, with 78% of Democrats and 79% of Republicans calling for his resignation.

Views of the Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court was not exempt from the approval ratings slump. Statewide, just over one-third somewhat (21%) or strongly (13%) approved of the job the court is

Both cell and landline samples consisted of New Jersey voter list and random digit dialing (RDD) sample from MSG. Data are weighted based on U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2021 data for New Jersey on variables of age, race, education level, and sex. The poll's margin of error is +/-