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Survey predicts sharp congressional divisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats running for Congress sharply differ on the government's role but together want to cut taxes for the poor, improve health care by measured steps and avoid attacking legal immigration.

Those are among the findings in a broad survey of the opinions of congressional candidates across the country on specific issues.

The results in the Project Vote Smart survey indicate ideological passions that characterized the rambunctious last Congress have not vanished in House and Senate races.

If anything, Republican challengers are more likely than the party's incumbents to want to strip gun controls, limit abortion

rights and hold the line or cut spending on a variety of social programs.

Democratic challengers, too, are a bit more restrained than the party's incumbents on money issues, but overall more likely than their GOP counterparts to toe the party line, the survey indicates.

The survey, dubbed the Virtual 105th Congress, contains answers on scores of questions asked of the candidates over the last six months and breaks them down by party, sex, and status as incumbent or challenger.

Because it does not measure strength of opinion or distinguish between realistic and hopeless campaigns, its ability to predict how issues will play in the next Congress is limited. Instead, it

stands as a nuanced probability gauge in the national polls.

About 60 percent of Democratic and Republican candidates for the House and Senate answered the questions, as did a higher percentage of independent and third-party candidates.

The survey indicates that voters strongly support spending on public education, student loans, the environment, family support, public works, and training for the homeless.

Cigarette taxes were the one area where Democrats would want to raise to help pay for that. But they opposed an increased budget constraint amendment favored by 55 percent of Republicans.

Clinton supports OSHA fines

(AP) — The following are responses of the major presidential candidates to the question: "Do you favor eliminating fines for paperwork violations of Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standards that have no direct effect on workplace safety and health?"

Bill Clinton
"OSHA does not favor total elimination of fines for paperwork violations because the agency needs to retain discretion to penalize employers who under report injuries and illnesses. Without accurate data, OSHA would be unable to determine the nature of workplace problems, would not know where to target inspections, and would be unable to evaluate the effectiveness of its interventions."
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"Yes. We must make sure that OSHA standards are as simple as possible. Our regulations are already overburdening businesses with federal regulations and paperwork. We can continue to ensure our workplaces are safe and healthy without creating burdensome regulations and burdensome businesses, particularly small businesses."

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The Boston Globe said that under Clinton's leadership, "the country is better off than it was four years ago."

The Globe credited Clinton for cutting the budget deficit by half, trimming the federal roster of employees and promoting education and the environment.

The newspaper also applauded the president for attacking "the growing disparity between the rich and the poor" by raising the minimum wage and the earned-income tax credit.

The Globe said its endorsement might take a different line, however, "if the race were to be judged on moral and ethical grounds alone."

The Detroit News said Dole may not be able to deliver all he promises.

"He will have to deal with reality as he finds it, as every president does. But at least Mr. Dole and Mr. Kemp are pointed in the right direction," the newspaper said in backing Dole and Jack Kemp.

In its endorsement of Dole, the Milwaukee newspaper criticized the Clinton administration for being dogged by scandal.

Americans, the Journal Sentinel said, "deserve a president who offers honor, achievement and vision."

Bob Dole meets this test."

The Hartford Courant's endorsement of Clinton rated the president's achievements in office over administration's ethical lapses.

The Courant noted his administration had the annual budget deficit 60 percent and 10 million jobs.

"Bill Clinton deserves re-election because he has done more in the past four years than the previous administration," the Courant concluded.

Sunday's endorsement marks only the second in 228 years the Courant has endorsed a Democratic president. The last time it endorsed a Democrat when it chose Clinton in 1992.

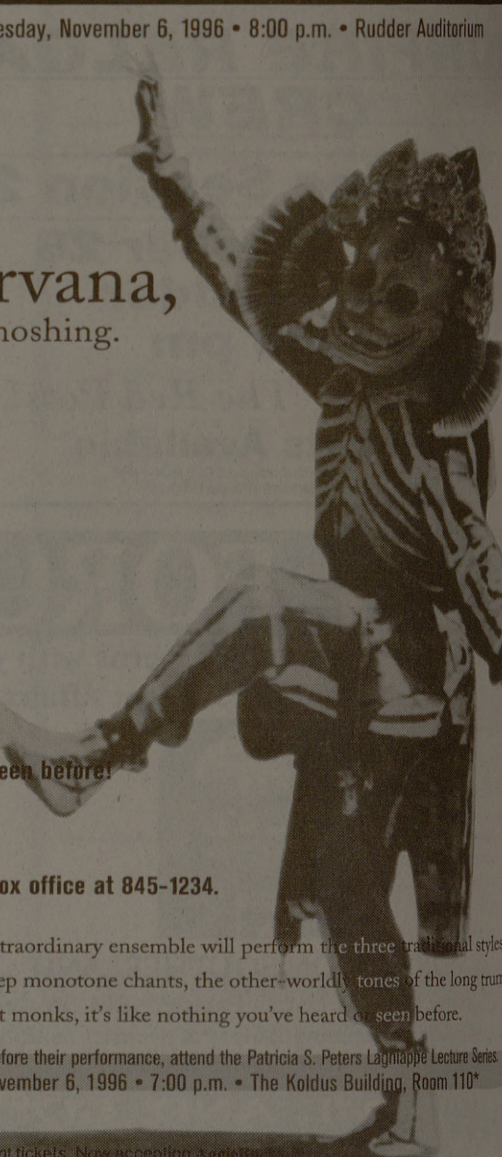
Similarly, The Oregonian endorsed Clinton did four years ago. In its previous 142-year history the Portland paper had never endorsed a Democrat for president.

Clinton also received the endorsement of The Dallas Times and The Denver Post.

Despite its location next to Dole's home, The Kansas City Star said its choice of Dole was not automatic. The Missouri paper said it had approved of many of Dole's actions. But, the paper said Clinton's responses to ethical questions have been in "my mind," "I don't recall," "We made a clumsy mistake" not my fault; blame someone else."

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