

CBS NEWS POLL
Congress, Ethics and Jack Abramoff
January 5-8, 2006

q9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **				
	***** Party ID *****				
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind	Dec05a
	%	%	%	%	%
Approve	27	36	25	24	33
Disapprove	57	52	59	58	53
DK/NA	16	12	16	18	14

q17 Regardless of how you usually vote, do you think the Republican party or the Democratic party has higher ethical standards?

Republican party	34	69	13	26	34
Democratic party	34	8	64	26	31
Both (vol.)	4	2	4	5	6
Neither (vol.)	17	15	11	23	14
DK/NA	11	6	8	20	15

q19 Do you think the Republicans in Congress are more financially corrupt, or are the Democrats in Congress more financially corrupt?

	** HALF SAMPLE X **				Jan90
Republicans	34	11	62	29	20
Democrats	18	33	11	13	16
Same (vol.)	30	35	14	40	38
DK/NA	18	21	13	18	26

q20 Do you think the Republicans in Congress are more corrupt, or are the Democrats in Congress more corrupt?

	** HALF SAMPLE Y **			
Republicans	36	6	60	33
Democrats	16	38	6	12
Same (vol.)	30	37	22	34
DK/NA	18	19	12	21

q53 How much have you heard or read about the political corruption investigation involving Jack Abramoff, the Washington lobbyist who recently pled guilty to charges of fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy to bribe public officials? Would you say you have heard or read a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?

	** TOTAL RESPONDENTS **			
	***** Party ID *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
A lot	14	12	18	11
Some	31	34	28	31
Not much	23	23	17	27
Nothing	32	30	36	31
DK/NA	0	1	1	0

q54 As part of a broader investigation into political corruption, Jack Abramoff agreed to testify about his business dealings, which may involve government officials in Washington. Based on what you have heard or read, do you think Abramoff's testimony will involve mostly Republicans, mostly Democrats, or will his testimony involve both parties equally?

** AMONG THOSE WHO ANSWERED A LOT,
SOME, OR NOT MUCH IN Q 53**

	***** Party ID *****			
	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind
	%	%	%	%
Mostly Republicans	23	10	42	16
Mostly Democrats	1	2	0	1
Both equally	62	75	51	63
DK/NA	14	13	7	20

	<u>UNWEIGHTED</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
Total Respondents	1151	
Total Republicans	342	316
Total Democrats	372	382
Total Independents	437	453
Half Sample X	585	573
Half Sample Y	566	578