

## Daily Update


**[Partisan Trend:  
Democrats 35.0%  
Republicans 33.8%  
Gap Smallest in Five  
Years](#)**



The number of Republicans in the United States grew in August while the number of Democrats slipped a bit and the gap between the parties fell to the smallest advantage for Democrats in five years. In August, 35.0% of American Adults identified themselves as Democrats.

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**[Ohio Governor: Kasich \(R\) 47% Strickland \(D\) 39%](#)**

Democratic Governor Ted Strickland still trails his Republican challenger, John Kasich, by eight points in his bid for reelection in Ohio. The latest Rasmussen Reports statewide telephone survey of Likely Voters shows Kasich picking up 47% support while Strickland draws the vote from 39%.

**[Louisiana Senate: Vitter \(R\) 54% Melancon \(D\) 33%](#)**

Republican Incumbent David Vitter still earns over 50% of the vote against Democrat Charlie Melancon in the U.S. Senate race in Louisiana.

**[Daily Presidential Tracking Poll](#)**

**[Pennsylvania Senate: Toomey \(R\) 45% Sestak \(D\) 39%](#)**

**[Rasmussen Employment Index Shows Little Change  
in August](#)**

**[37% Say Government Does Less Than Adequate Job  
Ensuring Restaurants are Clean and Sanitary](#)**

**[Moviegoers Pick "Inception," "Toy Story 3" as  
Summer's Best Films](#)**

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Steady in August](#) (video)**

**[The Generic Race by Susan Estrich](#)**

New from Scott Rasmussen and Doug Schoen - MAD AS HELL: How the Tea Party Movement Is Fundamentally Remaking Our Two-Party System, an authoritative guide to the new American populism that gave rise to the Tea Party movement. **[Learn More](#)**. **It can be pre-ordered at [Amazon.com](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), [Borders](#), and [other outlets](#).**

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**Noon Eastern: Obama Month-by-Month Approval**

**1 p.m. Eastern: Election 2010: Pennsylvania Governor**

**3 p.m. Eastern: 29% Say U.S. Heading in Right Direction**

**4 p.m. Eastern: Election 2010: Alaska Senate**

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