

Congress sees higher approval rating

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PRINCETON, N.J. - A Gallup survey indicates Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. Congress have seen a boost in popularity in recent weeks.

While the approval ratings remain low, the increases suggest both parties have benefited from the change in government from the Bush administration to the Obama administration, USA Today reported Monday.

In the survey, congressional Republicans garnered an approval rating of 36 percent -- the best Gallup has measured for Republicans in Congress since October 2005 when 38 percent of those surveyed approved.

In the latest survey, Democrats in Congress received a 47 percent approval rating -- their best since November 2003, USA Today reported.

The telephone poll conducted Feb. 20-22 interviewed 1,013 adults nationwide and had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

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