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| Approve                             | 43.7                |
| Disapprove                          | 50.8                |
|                                     | <b>Spread -7.1</b>  |
| <b>Congressional Job Approval</b>   |                     |
| <b>RCP Average</b>                  |                     |
| Approve                             | 12.8                |
| Disapprove                          | 83.5                |
|                                     | <b>Spread -70.7</b> |
| <b>Generic Congressional Vote</b>   |                     |
| <b>RCP Average</b>                  |                     |
| Democrats                           | 41.3                |
| Republicans                         | 41.3                |
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| <b>Direction of Country</b>         |                     |
| <b>RCP Average</b>                  |                     |
| Right Direction                     | 19.2                |
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