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RCP Average	
Approve	47.1
Disapprove	46.5
Spread +0.6	
Congressional Job Approval	
RCP Average	
Approve	19.2
Disapprove	73.4
Spread -54.2	
Generic Congressional Vote	
RCP Average	
Republicans	44.8
Democrats	43.3
Republicans +1.5	
Direction of Country	
RCP Average	
Right Direction	28.1
Wrong Track	63.6
Spread -35.5	

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- Can Bachmann Win?** - Ed Morrissey, Hot Air
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