Party Favora	able Ratings, Rece	ent Trend					
Next, we'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that person or if you have never heard of them. How about [The Republican Party / The Democratic Party]?							
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# **Critical Analysis**

- 1. In October 2020, right before the presidential election, Americans had roughly the same overall opinion of the Democratic and Republican Party. Since then, what has happened to party favorability ratings?
- 2. Why do you think Americans' positive opinion of the Republican Party has declined so much since November?
- 3. How do you think public opinion of the parties will change over the next few months?
- 4. How do you think the current impeachment trial will impact public opinion of political parties?
- 5. Describe how party affiliation has impacted the decline in the favorable rating of the GOP.\*
- 6. How will this gap in opinion of the Democrats and Republicans impact the ability of the Republicans in the 2022 midterm election?
- 7. Describe how this change in public opinion will impact the ability of President Biden to enact policy.
- 8. Describe the biggest gap in party favorable ratings over the past 30 years.\*
- 9. New presidents were elected in 1992 (D), 2000 (R), 2008 (D), 2016 (R), and 2020 (D). Explain how the President's party generally impacts party favorability?
- 10. How have the events of the past two months impacted your view of the parties?
- 11. Explain how party favorability ratings will impact the second Trump impeachment trial?
- 12. How much does the media impact public opinion of political parties?

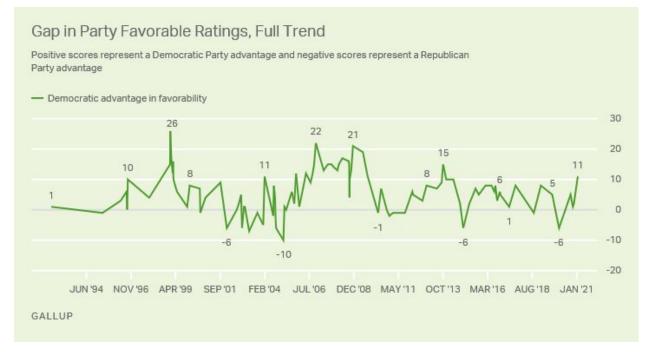
## Learning Extension

I can't get enough charts. Join me and all the beautiful people checking out the <u>Gallup charts</u> and data on party approval.

# **Action Extension**

Contact <u>President Joseph Biden</u>, share your pronouns, and tell him one thing he could do to improve his party's favorability.

# **Visual Extension\***

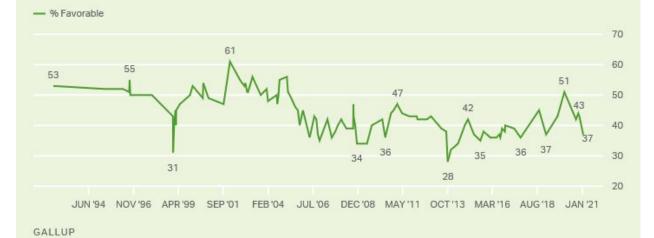


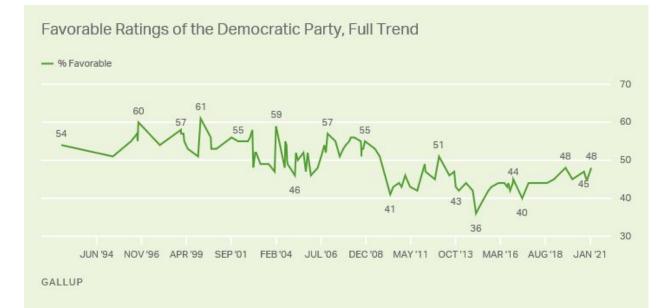
Changes in Favorable Ratings of the Republican Party, by Party Identification

	November 2020	February 2021	Change
	%	%	Pct. Pts.
U.S. adults	43	37	-6
Republicans	90	78	-12
Independents	33	32	-1
Democrats	9	10	+1
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### Favorable Ratings of the Republican Party, Full Trend





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