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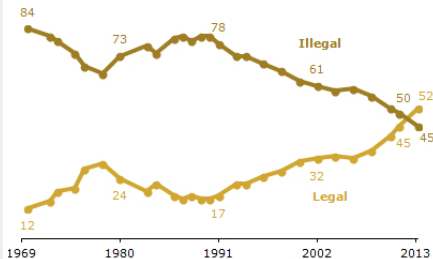
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New Poll: Changing Attitudes on Marijuana

Views of Legalizing Marijuana: 1969-2013

% saying marijuana should be ...



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1973-2008 data from General Social Survey; 1969 and 1972 data from Gallup.

Congressional Job Approval

Congressional Performance

8% Think Congress Is Doing A Good or Excellent Job

in **Politics**

Tuesday, April 09, 2013

Positive ratings for Congress' job performance remain in single digits again this month. Most voters also continue to think it's likely their own congressional representative has sold his or her vote.

For the second month in a row, only eight percent (8%) of Likely U.S. Voters give Congress good or excellent marks for the job it's doing. A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that 68% think Congress is doing a poor job. (To see survey question wording, [click here](#).)

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- Over time, the federal gov't has gathered steadily more and more power

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- Concurrent powers: Authority possessed by both states and national gov't. Federal gov't wins though