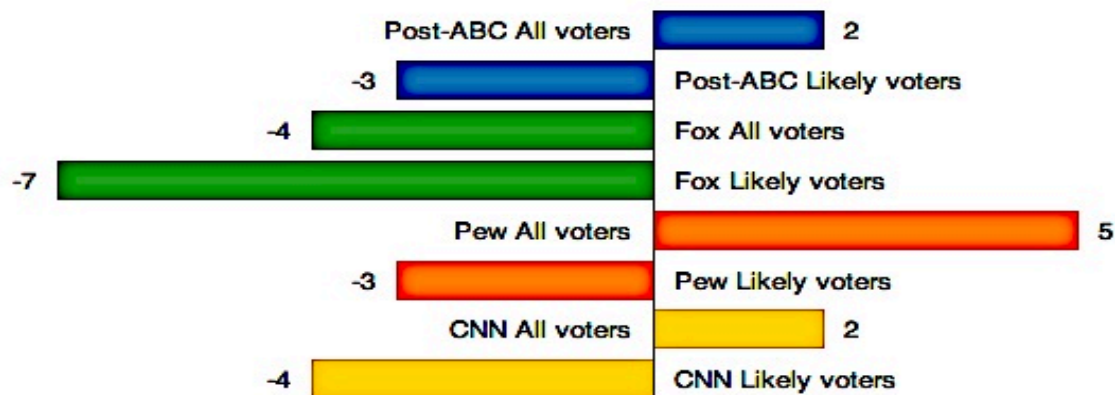


Republicans' Likely Voter Advantage Predicts Turnout Edge In 2014: *The Washington Post* [compared](#) generic ballot results among likely voters with the generic ballot results among all registered voters and found that in the latest polls, Republicans have a five-point edge over Democrats among likely voters.

Four recent polls (*Washington Post*/ABC News, Fox News, Pew, and CNN) show registered voters favor Democrats on the generic ballot. Democrats lead by two points in both the *Post*/ABC and CNN polls and by five points in Pew, while Republicans lead by four points in the Fox News poll. However, among likely voters in the same surveys, Republicans lead by three points in the *Post*/ABC and Pew polls, by four points in the CNN poll, and by seven points in the Fox News poll. According to the *Post*, this gap means "Republicans are far more likely enthusiastic than Democrats to vote this fall and that gap will likely mean a major GOP turnout edge."

Republicans' 2014 likely voter advantage is roughly five points

Results show the Democrat-Republican margin in polls testing the "generic House ballot," which asks which party's candidate a voter supports in their district



Source: Post-ABC, Fox, Pew Research and CNN-ORC polls

The Washington Post

The approximate 5.5-point average swing from registered voters to likely voters for the Republicans is similar to their lead in the weeks before Election Day 2010. Polls that year showed a 6.3-point swing toward Republicans between registered voters to likely voters, and Republicans went on to see big gains at the polls. Democrats have been trying to rekindle their base to turn out this fall, but as these results suggest, Republicans are doing a better job igniting voters and recruiting independents frustrated with President Barack Obama and Congressional Democrats.