

McClatchy-Marist Poll
National Survey
October 8, 2010

Nature of the Sample: 1,030 U.S. Residents

This survey of 1,030 United States residents was conducted on September 30th through October 5th. Residents 18 years of age and older were interviewed by telephone. Telephone numbers were selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. To increase coverage, this land-line sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 829 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

		USA Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		43%	50%	7%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	32%	66%	2%
	Enthusiastic	55%	39%	6%
	Not enthusiastic	43%	44%	14%
Party ID	Democrat	74%	20%	6%
	Republican	12%	85%	3%
	Independent	35%	54%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		11%	88%	2%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	66%	24%	10%
	Democrat women	80%	17%	4%
	Republican men	13%	85%	2%
	Republican women	11%	85%	4%
	Independent men	29%	60%	11%
	Independent women	43%	46%	12%
Ideology	Liberal	78%	19%	3%
	Moderate	55%	38%	7%
	Conservative	17%	77%	6%
Region	Northeast	42%	51%	7%
	Midwest	40%	56%	4%
	South	40%	52%	8%
	West	53%	40%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	45%	44%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	52%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	40%	51%	9%
	College graduate	47%	49%	5%
Age	18 to 29	58%	39%	3%
	30 to 44	52%	42%	6%
	45 to 59	36%	56%	9%
	60 or older	40%	53%	7%
Gender	Men	37%	55%	8%
	Women	49%	45%	6%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	26%	68%	6%
	The worst is behind us	60%	33%	8%

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		USA Registered Voters		
		Do you think President Obama's approach to solving the problems facing the country should be given more time or do you think his approach will not solve the problems facing the country?		
		President Obama's approach should be given more time	President Obama's approach will not solve problems	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		51%	45%	4%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	35%	63%	2%
	Enthusiastic	64%	32%	4%
	Not enthusiastic	54%	41%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	81%	15%	3%
	Republican	20%	76%	4%
	Independent	42%	54%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		16%	82%	2%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	76%	20%	4%
	Democrat women	85%	12%	3%
	Republican men	21%	77%	3%
	Republican women	20%	75%	5%
	Independent men	40%	58%	2%
	Independent women	46%	49%	5%
Ideology	Liberal	84%	14%	2%
	Moderate	67%	30%	2%
	Conservative	24%	73%	3%
Region	Northeast	52%	45%	3%
	Midwest	48%	48%	5%
	South	49%	48%	3%
	West	58%	39%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	40%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	48%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	50%	46%	4%
	College graduate	54%	44%	3%
Age	18 to 29	69%	30%	1%
	30 to 44	55%	42%	3%
	45 to 59	46%	51%	4%
	60 or older	49%	47%	4%
Gender	Men	47%	50%	3%
	Women	55%	41%	4%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	35%	63%	3%
	The worst is behind us	67%	30%	3%

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		USA Registered Voters		
		Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?		
		Economic conditions mostly inherited	Economic conditions mostly result of his own policies	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		61%	33%	6%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	39%	55%	5%
	Enthusiastic	73%	21%	6%
	Not enthusiastic	74%	22%	4%
Party ID	Democrat	86%	10%	3%
	Republican	28%	65%	7%
	Independent	60%	34%	6%
Tea Party Supporters		25%	68%	7%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	89%	9%	3%
	Democrat women	85%	11%	4%
	Republican men	32%	60%	7%
	Republican women	25%	68%	7%
	Independent men	56%	38%	7%
	Independent women	66%	28%	6%
Ideology	Liberal	89%	9%	3%
	Moderate	75%	21%	3%
	Conservative	36%	56%	8%
Region	Northeast	63%	35%	2%
	Midwest	55%	38%	7%
	South	59%	34%	6%
	West	70%	25%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	62%	30%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	64%	32%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	58%	35%	7%
	College graduate	66%	30%	3%
Age	18 to 29	72%	22%	6%
	30 to 44	70%	24%	5%
	45 to 59	62%	33%	5%
	60 or older	52%	42%	6%
Gender	Men	61%	34%	5%
	Women	62%	33%	5%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	44%	48%	8%
	The worst is behind us	79%	19%	2%

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		USA Residents		
		When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:		
		The worst is yet to come	The worst is behind us	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Residents		50%	46%	4%
USA Registered Voters		49%	46%	5%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	56%	41%	3%
	Enthusiastic	41%	53%	6%
	Not enthusiastic	49%	47%	4%
Party ID	Democrat	33%	62%	5%
	Republican	61%	37%	3%
	Independent	57%	37%	5%
Tea Party Supporters		73%	22%	4%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	30%	63%	7%
	Democrat women	35%	61%	4%
	Republican men	55%	43%	2%
	Republican women	66%	31%	3%
	Independent men	59%	34%	7%
	Independent women	55%	41%	4%
Ideology	Liberal	27%	70%	4%
	Moderate	41%	54%	5%
	Conservative	67%	30%	4%
Region	Northeast	55%	36%	8%
	Midwest	51%	45%	4%
	South	50%	48%	3%
	West	45%	51%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	40%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	53%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	57%	40%	3%
	College graduate	41%	54%	6%
Age	18 to 29	43%	56%	1%
	30 to 44	53%	43%	4%
	45 to 59	51%	46%	3%
	60 or older	52%	40%	7%
Gender	Men	51%	44%	5%
	Women	49%	47%	4%

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		USA Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		50%	47%	3%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	34%	64%	1%
	Enthusiastic	62%	34%	4%
	Not enthusiastic	53%	42%	4%
Party ID	Democrat	80%	16%	4%
	Republican	15%	83%	3%
	Independent	44%	53%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		14%	85%	2%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	74%	19%	7%
	Democrat women	85%	14%	1%
	Republican men	20%	79%	1%
	Republican women	10%	85%	4%
	Independent men	40%	56%	4%
	Independent women	50%	47%	2%
Ideology	Liberal	85%	12%	2%
	Moderate	64%	32%	4%
	Conservative	21%	76%	3%
Region	Northeast	48%	45%	6%
	Midwest	47%	51%	2%
	South	45%	52%	2%
	West	62%	36%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	44%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	48%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	47%	49%	4%
	College graduate	53%	45%	2%
Age	18 to 29	71%	28%	1%
	30 to 44	57%	41%	1%
	45 to 59	44%	54%	3%
	60 or older	44%	51%	5%
Gender	Men	46%	50%	4%
	Women	53%	44%	2%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	32%	64%	4%
	The worst is behind us	67%	31%	2%

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		USA Registered Voters			
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:			
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Sarah Palin, the Republican	Michael Bloomberg, the Independent	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		44%	29%	18%	9%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	31%	47%	16%	7%
	Enthusiastic	57%	21%	15%	7%
	Not enthusiastic	46%	16%	25%	13%
Party ID	Democrat	78%	6%	11%	5%
	Republican	8%	62%	21%	9%
	Independent	37%	27%	23%	13%
Tea Party Supporters		8%	66%	16%	10%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	75%	7%	13%	5%
	Democrat women	79%	6%	11%	4%
	Republican men	9%	59%	24%	9%
	Republican women	8%	64%	19%	9%
	Independent men	33%	27%	29%	11%
	Independent women	41%	28%	15%	15%
Ideology	Liberal	85%	4%	9%	2%
	Moderate	55%	12%	26%	7%
	Conservative	17%	57%	17%	9%
Region	Northeast	40%	22%	29%	9%
	Midwest	41%	38%	14%	7%
	South	40%	32%	17%	10%
	West	60%	19%	12%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	47%	29%	15%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	28%	21%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	33%	15%	8%
	College graduate	46%	24%	22%	8%
Age	18 to 29	66%	16%	14%	4%
	30 to 44	46%	22%	24%	8%
	45 to 59	39%	34%	20%	6%
	60 or older	43%	31%	14%	12%
Gender	Men	41%	29%	22%	8%
	Women	48%	29%	14%	9%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	28%	46%	18%	7%
	The worst is behind us	61%	12%	19%	9%

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		USA Registered Voters			
		Thinking about this November's elections, overall, would you say you are very enthusiastic, somewhat enthusiastic, not too enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all about voting in the elections in November?			
		Very enthusiastic	Somewhat enthusiastic	Not too enthusiastic	Not enthusiastic at all
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		36%	34%	21%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	28%	41%	22%	9%
	Republican	51%	29%	12%	8%
	Independent	32%	31%	27%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		61%	23%	12%	4%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	31%	44%	18%	7%
	Democrat women	27%	39%	25%	10%
	Republican men	54%	32%	10%	4%
	Republican women	48%	26%	15%	11%
	Independent men	36%	27%	26%	10%
	Independent women	25%	36%	29%	11%
Ideology	Liberal	27%	43%	19%	10%
	Moderate	24%	38%	27%	10%
	Conservative	53%	26%	13%	8%
Region	Northeast	34%	34%	21%	11%
	Midwest	30%	34%	25%	10%
	South	43%	29%	21%	7%
	West	31%	43%	15%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	32%	24%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	35%	20%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	33%	32%	24%	11%
	College graduate	38%	37%	17%	8%
Age	18 to 29	11%	58%	22%	9%
	30 to 44	25%	36%	27%	11%
	45 to 59	40%	29%	22%	9%
	60 or older	48%	28%	16%	8%
Gender	Men	39%	34%	19%	8%
	Women	32%	34%	23%	11%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	41%	28%	20%	10%
	The worst is behind us	31%	39%	22%	9%

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		USA Registered Voters				
		Have you heard a great deal, a good amount, not very much, or nothing at all about the Congressional Republicans' Pledge to America?				
		A great deal	A good amount	Not very much	Nothing at all	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		13%	22%	38%	25%	2%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	26%	30%	30%	11%	3%
	Enthusiastic	7%	19%	45%	30%	<1%
	Not enthusiastic	7%	15%	42%	37%	<1%
Party ID	Democrat	12%	18%	42%	26%	1%
	Republican	17%	27%	37%	17%	2%
	Independent	11%	21%	36%	31%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		21%	26%	34%	16%	2%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	13%	22%	47%	18%	1%
	Democrat women	12%	15%	38%	33%	2%
	Republican men	18%	28%	33%	19%	2%
	Republican women	16%	26%	40%	16%	2%
	Independent men	12%	27%	32%	27%	1%
	Independent women	10%	12%	41%	37%	<1%
Ideology	Liberal	15%	19%	34%	31%	1%
	Moderate	10%	19%	44%	26%	1%
	Conservative	16%	26%	36%	20%	2%
Region	Northeast	13%	24%	42%	18%	2%
	Midwest	14%	19%	33%	32%	1%
	South	13%	21%	44%	20%	2%
	West	13%	22%	30%	35%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	8%	19%	40%	31%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	17%	25%	38%	19%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	12%	18%	37%	31%	1%
	College graduate	15%	26%	40%	17%	2%
Age	18 to 29	<1%	10%	30%	60%	<1%
	30 to 44	6%	18%	46%	29%	1%
	45 to 59	16%	24%	41%	18%	2%
	60 or older	19%	25%	34%	18%	3%
Gender	Men	14%	26%	37%	22%	2%
	Women	13%	17%	40%	29%	1%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	15%	20%	37%	25%	2%
	The worst is behind us	11%	22%	40%	27%	<1%

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		USA Registered Voters			
		Are you more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for Congress who supports the Republicans' Pledge to America?			
		More likely	Less likely	Makes no difference	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		39%	39%	7%	15%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	52%	30%	6%	12%
	Enthusiastic	35%	44%	7%	14%
	Not enthusiastic	28%	43%	9%	20%
Party ID	Democrat	16%	68%	3%	13%
	Republican	74%	8%	5%	14%
	Independent	37%	32%	13%	18%
Tea Party Supporters		71%	12%	7%	10%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	20%	65%	4%	11%
	Democrat women	12%	71%	3%	14%
	Republican men	72%	11%	7%	10%
	Republican women	75%	6%	3%	17%
	Independent men	37%	30%	15%	18%
	Independent women	36%	34%	10%	19%
Ideology	Liberal	16%	72%	3%	9%
	Moderate	27%	50%	10%	13%
	Conservative	63%	15%	6%	17%
Region	Northeast	41%	34%	6%	19%
	Midwest	44%	27%	10%	19%
	South	39%	40%	6%	15%
	West	31%	54%	6%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	39%	8%	18%
	\$50,000 or more	42%	40%	5%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	34%	7%	17%
	College graduate	35%	46%	6%	14%
Age	18 to 29	45%	42%	6%	7%
	30 to 44	30%	46%	9%	15%
	45 to 59	39%	37%	8%	17%
	60 or older	42%	36%	5%	17%
Gender	Men	41%	36%	9%	14%
	Women	37%	41%	5%	17%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	48%	27%	8%	17%
	The worst is behind us	31%	51%	4%	13%

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		USA Registered Voters			
		Do you think the way things are done in government in Washington:			
		Do not need to be changed	Need minor changes	Need major changes	Are broken and beyond repair
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
USA Registered Voters		1%	17%	74%	8%
Enthusiasm About Voting in November	Very enthusiastic	1%	13%	78%	8%
	Enthusiastic	1%	22%	71%	5%
	Not enthusiastic	2%	14%	74%	11%
Party ID	Democrat	1%	27%	65%	7%
	Republican	1%	13%	79%	7%
	Independent	3%	9%	80%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		2%	7%	82%	10%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	<1%	26%	69%	5%
	Democrat women	2%	28%	62%	8%
	Republican men	2%	17%	71%	10%
	Republican women	<1%	9%	87%	4%
	Independent men	1%	8%	83%	8%
	Independent women	5%	11%	76%	8%
Ideology	Liberal	2%	20%	71%	7%
	Moderate	1%	23%	70%	6%
	Conservative	1%	10%	80%	9%
Region	Northeast	1%	16%	75%	8%
	Midwest	3%	14%	77%	6%
	South	<1%	19%	71%	10%
	West	3%	18%	73%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	1%	16%	75%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	3%	16%	75%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	2%	17%	73%	7%
	College graduate	1%	16%	75%	8%
Age	18 to 29	5%	26%	61%	9%
	30 to 44	2%	21%	71%	6%
	45 to 59	<1%	11%	82%	7%
	60 or older	1%	17%	72%	10%
Gender	Men	1%	16%	75%	9%
	Women	2%	18%	73%	7%
Views of U.S. Economy	The worst is yet to come	1%	10%	78%	12%
	The worst is behind us	1%	24%	71%	4%

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