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**McClatchy-Marist Poll
National Survey
Bush Era Tax Cuts
December 2010**

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,029 Adults

This survey of 1,029 adults was conducted on December 2nd through December 8th, 2010. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States 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 873 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.5 percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample: Residents

Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
National Adults		100%
Registered Voters		85%
Region	Northeast	19%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	22%
Income	Less \$50,000	51%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	31%
	\$100,000 or more	18%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%
	\$50,000 or more	49%
Race	White	67%
	African American	10%
	Latino	11%
	Other	11%
Race	White	67%
	Non-white	33%
Age	Under 45	40%
	45 or older	60%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	37%
	No children in household	63%
Interview Type	Landline	73%
	Cell Phone	27%

December 2010 Marist Poll National Residents N=1029
 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

Nature of the Sample - Registered Voters		
		Registered Voters
		Col %
Registered Voters		100%
Party ID	Democrat	37%
	Republican	28%
	Independent	33%
	Other	2%
Support Tea Party	Yes	29%
Political Party	Liberal	19%
	Moderate	34%
	Conservative	46%
Region	Northeast	18%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	22%
Income	Less \$50,000	48%
	\$50,000-\$99,999	33%
	\$100,000 or more	19%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%
	\$50,000 or more	52%
Race	White	69%
	African American	11%
	Latino	10%
	Other	11%
Race	White	69%
	Non-white	31%
Age	Under 45	35%
	45 or older	65%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Households with children under 18	Household with children	36%
	No children in household	64%
Interview Type	Landline	75%
	Cell Phone	25%

December 2010 Marist Poll National Registered Voters
 N=873 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Blame If Bush Era Tax Cuts Expire

Asked of Registered Voters:

Question Wording: If the current Congress and the president fail to reach an agreement and let the Bush era tax cuts expire on December 31st, who will be most to blame:

		Registered Voters				
		If the current Congress and the president fail to reach an agreement and let the Bush era tax cuts expire on December 31st, who will be most to blame:				
		President Obama	Republicans in Congress	Democrats in Congress	All of them	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		19%	33%	29%	10%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	15%	58%	11%	7%	9%
	Republican	31%	6%	47%	9%	6%
	Independent	16%	32%	30%	11%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		29%	10%	50%	7%	4%
Party ID by Gender	Democrat men	22%	57%	11%	4%	6%
	Democrat women	10%	58%	12%	10%	11%
	Republican men	27%	5%	54%	9%	4%
	Republican women	35%	6%	42%	9%	8%
	Independent men	16%	32%	32%	11%	8%
	Independent women	16%	33%	28%	11%	12%
Political Party	Liberal	14%	51%	20%	7%	8%
	Moderate	12%	40%	23%	13%	11%
	Conservative	28%	19%	38%	8%	7%
Region	Northeast	21%	38%	23%	8%	10%
	Midwest	20%	36%	24%	13%	8%
	South	20%	29%	36%	8%	7%
	West	15%	32%	29%	11%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	22%	37%	26%	7%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	17%	33%	33%	10%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	21%	32%	28%	10%	9%
	College graduate	17%	34%	32%	9%	8%
Age	Under 45	19%	32%	34%	9%	7%
	45 or older	20%	34%	27%	10%	10%
Age	18 to 29	22%	30%	38%	5%	5%
	30 to 44	16%	33%	31%	12%	8%
	45 to 59	23%	35%	24%	9%	9%
	60 or older	16%	32%	30%	11%	11%
Race	White	22%	26%	32%	10%	10%
	Non-white	15%	48%	22%	8%	7%
Gender	Men	20%	33%	33%	8%	6%
	Women	19%	33%	26%	11%	11%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	8%	60%	15%	9%	7%
	Disapprove	30%	11%	42%	10%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	20%	32%	28%	11%	9%
	Cell Phone	17%	35%	33%	7%	7%

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