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**Voters Positive About Obama's Future  
Obama's Approval Rating at 48%  
2012 Presidential Contests  
Views about the New Congress**  
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**This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:**

**Expectations High for Second Half of Obama's Term**

Midway into his term, President Barack Obama may be finding his political sea legs. According to this national McClatchy-Marist Poll, when asked about how the president will perform during his next two years in office, 61% of registered voters are optimistic, saying the president will do better than he did in the previous two years of his term. About one in five voters -- 21% -- think he will do a worse job, and 5% believe he will perform about the same as he already has. 12% are unsure.

A majority of independent voters -- 55% -- and even a plurality of Republican voters -- 41% -- think the president will make greater strides in his performance during the next two years than he has in the past two. Not surprisingly, most Democrats -- 85% -- also expect the president to do better in the future.

"Looking ahead to the next two years, voters are once again hopeful about President Obama," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

Also noteworthy, 35% of registered voters who disapprove of the president's job performance think he will do better in the second half of his term than he did in the first two years.

**Obama Approval Rating Rebounds**

Voters' positive attitude toward the president is reflected in his job approval rating. 48% of registered voters nationally approve of the job President Obama is doing in office while 43% disapprove. Nine percent are unsure. After declining to its lowest point at the end of 2010, the president's approval rating is back up. When McClatchy-Marist last asked about the

president's approval rating in December, Mr. Obama's approval rating stood at 42%. Half -- 50% -- disapproved, and 8% were unsure.

The president has improved his standing among independent voters. Currently, members of this key voting group divide. 44% approve of the job the president is doing while the same proportion -- 44% -- disapprove. 11% are unsure. This is a notable change from McClatchy-Marist's December survey when only 39% of independents gave the president high marks, and a majority -- 52% -- shook their heads in disapproval. Nine percent, at that time, were unsure. The president's base has also solidified. 84% of Democrats approve of Mr. Obama's job performance while 9% disapprove. Seven percent are unsure. In December, those proportions stood at 74%, 21%, and 5%, respectively. Among the national GOP, little has changed. Nine percent approve of the president's job performance, 83% disapprove, and 8% are unsure. This compares with 7%, 87%, and 6%, respectively, who shared these views in December.

"President Obama is back on firmer footing politically," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "His Democratic base is more secure, and his improvement among independent voters is key."

Mr. Obama's support among women is also up. A majority -- 51% -- now say the president is doing well in office compared with 44% in December. Among men, 44% currently give the president a positive score compared with 39% last month.

### **Majority View Obama Favorably**

Registered voters also have a more positive overall impression of the president. A majority - - 53% -- report they have a favorable view of President Obama compared with 40% of those who say they have an unfavorable impression of him. Eight percent are unsure. Voters divided in McClatchy-Marist's November 24<sup>th</sup> survey. Then, 47% had a favorable opinion of the president while 49% did not. Four percent were unsure.

Independents make the difference here, as well. A majority of these voters -- 53% -- have a positive view of Mr. Obama while 42% hold him in low esteem. Five percent are unsure. The president's favorability rating has flipped among independents since late November. At that time, a majority -- 52% -- perceived the president *unfavorably* while 44% saw him *favorably*. Four percent were unsure.

### **Nation on the Straight and Narrow**

President Obama is benefitting from a narrowing of the gap between Americans who think the country is moving in the wrong direction and those who think it is on the right course. For the first time since December of 2009, a majority of Americans *do not* think the country is moving in the wrong direction. Currently, 47% believe the country is traveling on the wrong path while 41% say it is on the right path, 12% are unsure. When McClatchy-Marist last asked this question in December, nearly six in ten adults -- 58% -- believed the nation needed to be re-directed while 34% said it was on the proper course. Eight percent were unsure.

Democrats are most positive. 66% believe the nation is moving in the right direction while 23% do not. In December, those proportions stood at 56% and 37%, respectively. Although a majority of independents still see the country as traveling on the wrong road, the

proportion that share this view has declined. Among independents, 40% currently say the nation is moving in the right direction compared with 51% who think it is on the wrong path. In December, 32% said the nation was headed in the correct direction while 62% thought it needed a new compass. More than seven in ten Republicans -- 72% -- think the country is moving in the wrong direction. In December, 79% had this view.

### **Obama Leads Potential 2012 GOP Challengers**

Looking ahead to 2012, when paired up against three prominent members of the GOP, Obama currently has the advantage.

First, when matched up against former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, Obama outpaces Palin by 26 percentage points. Obama receives the support of a majority of voters -- 56% -- to Palin's 30%. 13% are undecided. When McClatchy-Marist last asked about this potential contest in December, Obama had a 12 percentage point lead over Palin, 52% to 40%, respectively, with 9% reporting they were undecided.

Among women, Obama has a 33 percentage point advantage over Palin. Among this group of voters, the president receives 60% to Palin's 27%. In December, the president garnered the support of 50% of women to Palin's 39%, an 11 percentage point difference. Looking at men, Obama receives 52% to 35% for Palin. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, 53% of men backed Obama while 40% supported Palin.

Obama also leads former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. A slim majority -- 51% -- back Obama compared with 38% for Romney. 11% are undecided. In December, voters divided with 44% backing the president and 46% supporting Romney. 10% were undecided.

Independent voters make the difference in this hypothetical contest. A plurality of independents -- 47% -- report they would back Obama while 37% support Romney. 16% are undecided. Last month, Romney had the advantage among this group of voters. At that time, 47% of independent voters were behind Romney while 39% said they supported Obama. 14% were undecided.

When matched up against former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, Obama also outpaces his GOP challenger. Half of voters -- 50% -- support Obama while 38% rally for Huckabee. 12% are undecided. When McClatchy-Marist last asked about this contest in December, Obama edged Huckabee with 47% for Obama and 43% throwing their support behind Huckabee. 11% were undecided.

Obama's support has grown among women. A majority -- 52% -- now support Obama compared with 36% for Huckabee. 12% are undecided. Last month, women divided. 44% backed Obama while 43% touted Huckabee, and 12% were undecided.

This poll was conducted from Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 through Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, including the Saturday when the tragic shooting occurred in Tucson, Arizona.

### **Most Say Compromise Key for New Congress... Fewer Predict Gridlock**

According to this national McClatchy-Marist Poll, more than seven in ten registered voters -- 71% -- want to see compromise among political leaders in Washington in order to get things

done. Nearly one in four -- 23% -- disagree and believe Congressional Republicans should stand firm on their positions even if it means there is a stalemate between them and the Democrats. Just 5% are unsure. Little has changed on this question since McClatchy-Marist's late November survey when 72% reported compromise should ensue, 25% thought Congressional Republicans should not waver on their positions, and 3% were unsure.

When it comes to what voters think *will* happen, a majority of voters -- 52% -- still believe Congressional Republicans will stand firm on principle. This is a decline from 64% who shared this view in late November. More voters now expect there will be compromise between the Republicans and the Democrats to get things done. 36% currently believe this to be the case while 28% thought Republicans would work with their Democratic counterparts and the president in the earlier poll.

"Voters have taken notice of recent legislative successes," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "But, there is still a wide gap between what voters want from our nation's political leaders and what they think is likely to occur."

On this question, independents play an important role. Fewer independent voters think Republicans and Democrats will stand firm against each other. Currently, 48% believe Republicans will hold fast to their views while 41% say members of the GOP will compromise with Congressional Democrats and the president. 11% are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's November survey, about two-thirds of independents -- 67% -- did not think Republicans and Democrats would compromise while 26% said they would. Seven percent were unsure.

### **Most Unhappy with Health Care...But Only Three in Ten Want Complete Repeal**

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives are expected to take action to repeal the 2010 Health Care Law, but are voters satisfied with the law? Just 14% of registered voters want the law to exist in its current form. 35% want it changed so that it does more, and 13% would like it altered so that it does less. Three in ten -- 30% -- want the law completely repealed. Nine percent are unsure. These proportions are similar to those found in McClatchy-Marist's late November survey.

### **Message to Congress: *Focus on the Deficit***

A majority of registered voters nationally -- 53% -- think that Congress' top priority should be reducing the nation's deficit. Nearly one in four -- 23% -- want to see maintaining services and benefits play a key role, and 19% believe cutting taxes should be the most important item on the Congressional agenda. Only 5% are unsure. More voters place importance on the nation's deficit than last month. When Marist last asked this question in its December survey, 47% reported the deficit should be the top priority for the new Congress.

## How the Survey was Conducted

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### **Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,018 Adults**

This survey of 1,018 adults was conducted on January 6<sup>th</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 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  $\pm 3.0$  percentage points. There are 827 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within  $\pm 3.5$  percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations. The days when the poll was conducted include the Saturday when the tragic shooting occurred in Tucson, Arizona.

## Nature of the Sample: Adults

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Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
<b>National Adults</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>81%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>19%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>22%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>52%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>68%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>68%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>42%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>49%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>72%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>28%</b>

**Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted January 6th through 10th, 2011, N=1018 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.**

## Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

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		Registered Voters
		Col %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>35%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>28%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>36%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Support Tea Party</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Political Party</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>23%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>34%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>18%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>23%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>49%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>72%</b>
	<b>African American</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>Latino</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Other</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>72%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>37%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>48%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>78%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>22%</b>

**Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted January 6th through 10th, 2011, N=827 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.**

**Marist Poll  
National Survey  
January 2011**

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think President Obama will do a better job or a worse job in his next two years in office?			
		Better job	Worse job	About the same	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		61%	21%	5%	12%
Party ID	Democrat	85%	5%	2%	9%
	Republican	41%	38%	7%	14%
	Independent	55%	23%	8%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		41%	41%	6%	12%
Political Party	Liberal	77%	5%	3%	15%
	Moderate	73%	13%	5%	9%
	Conservative	43%	36%	8%	13%
Region	Northeast	64%	17%	6%	12%
	Midwest	62%	21%	3%	14%
	South	59%	25%	5%	11%
	West	61%	19%	7%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	64%	18%	5%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	63%	22%	5%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	21%	5%	14%
	College graduate	64%	20%	6%	11%
Age	Under 45	67%	18%	4%	11%
	45 or older	58%	23%	6%	13%
Age	18 to 29	69%	13%	4%	15%
	30 to 44	65%	21%	5%	9%
	45 to 59	62%	22%	5%	11%
	60 or older	54%	24%	6%	15%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	67%	15%	3%	15%
	Gen X (31-46)	66%	20%	5%	9%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	60%	22%	7%	12%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	54%	25%	5%	15%
Race	White	58%	25%	5%	13%
	Non-white	72%	11%	4%	12%
Gender	Men	56%	25%	6%	13%
	Women	66%	18%	5%	11%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	86%	4%	3%	8%
	Disapprove	35%	44%	8%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	60%	21%	6%	13%
	Cell Phone	67%	20%	4%	10%

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MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		48%	43%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	84%	9%	7%
	Republican	9%	83%	8%
	Independent	44%	44%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	76%	4%
Political Party	Liberal	81%	10%	9%
	Moderate	52%	33%	14%
	Conservative	23%	72%	5%
Region	Northeast	50%	38%	12%
	Midwest	52%	41%	7%
	South	44%	49%	7%
	West	49%	39%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	55%	36%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	47%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	47%	43%	9%
	College graduate	49%	42%	9%
Age	Under 45	55%	35%	11%
	45 or older	44%	48%	8%
Age	18 to 29	62%	29%	9%
	30 to 44	49%	38%	12%
	45 to 59	47%	46%	8%
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	Gen X (31-46)	50%	38%	12%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	46%	46%	8%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	39%	52%	9%
Race	White	39%	51%	10%
	Non-white	71%	22%	6%
Gender	Men	44%	48%	8%
	Women	51%	38%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	46%	44%	9%
	Cell Phone	53%	38%	9%

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		Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>53%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		<b>20%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Political Party</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>College graduate</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>18 to 29</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>9%</b>
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	<b>60 or older</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>9%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>8%</b>

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		National Adults		
		In general, thinking about the way things are going in the country, do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?		
		Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		41%	47%	12%
Registered Voters		43%	47%	11%
Party ID	Democrat	66%	23%	11%
	Republican	20%	72%	8%
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Tea Party Supporters		22%	71%	8%
Political Party	Liberal	57%	27%	16%
	Moderate	47%	42%	12%
	Conservative	31%	64%	6%
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	Midwest	44%	44%	12%
	South	40%	50%	10%
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	Women	43%	43%	13%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	69%	19%	12%
	Disapprove	14%	79%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	38%	50%	12%
	Cell Phone	48%	40%	12%

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		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	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		56%	30%	13%
Party ID	Democrat	89%	6%	5%
	Republican	16%	66%	18%
	Independent	57%	29%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	69%	14%
Political Party	Liberal	85%	7%	8%
	Moderate	69%	17%	15%
	Conservative	28%	58%	14%
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Gender	Men	52%	35%	13%
	Women	60%	27%	13%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	93%	4%	4%
	Disapprove	14%	66%	21%
Interview Type	Landline	55%	31%	14%
	Cell Phone	60%	30%	10%

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		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Mitt Romney, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		51%	38%	11%
Party ID	Democrat	87%	8%	5%
	Republican	10%	81%	10%
	Independent	47%	37%	16%
Tea Party Supporters		17%	75%	9%
Political Party	Liberal	85%	8%	7%
	Moderate	57%	30%	13%
	Conservative	24%	65%	11%
Region	Northeast	54%	30%	16%
	Midwest	54%	38%	8%
	South	49%	40%	11%
	West	48%	42%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	57%	30%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	43%	9%
Education	Not college graduate	51%	36%	12%
	College graduate	51%	41%	8%
Age	Under 45	57%	32%	11%
	45 or older	47%	42%	11%
Age	18 to 29	65%	27%	8%
	30 to 44	52%	35%	13%
	45 to 59	50%	39%	11%
	60 or older	44%	44%	11%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	64%	29%	8%
	Gen X (31-46)	54%	34%	12%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	49%	39%	12%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	42%	47%	10%
Race	White	43%	46%	11%
	Non-white	70%	19%	11%
Gender	Men	47%	41%	12%
	Women	54%	36%	10%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	91%	4%	4%
	Disapprove	7%	79%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	40%	11%
	Cell Phone	54%	34%	11%

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		Registered Voters		
		If the 2012 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Barack Obama, the Democrat	Mike Huckabee, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>50%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Republican</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<b>Independent</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		<b>17%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Political Party</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>16%</b>
	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>17%</b>
	<b>Midwest</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>7%</b>
	<b>South</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>West</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>College graduate</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>11%</b>
	<b>45 or older</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Age</b>	<b>18 to 29</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>30 to 44</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>15%</b>
	<b>45 to 59</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>60 or older</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>14%</b>
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Non-white</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>Women</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>12%</b>
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>13%</b>

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		Registered Voters		
		The Republicans have control of the House of Representatives. Which statement comes closer to your view about what you think should happen:		
		The Republicans should compromise with the Democrats and President Obama to get things done	The Republicans should stand firm on their positions even if it means things don't get done	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		71%	23%	5%
Party ID	Democrat	92%	6%	2%
	Republican	46%	47%	7%
	Independent	73%	23%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		44%	49%	7%
Political Party	Liberal	92%	6%	3%
	Moderate	86%	11%	3%
	Conservative	47%	45%	8%
Region	Northeast	85%	12%	3%
	Midwest	74%	23%	3%
	South	64%	29%	7%
	West	71%	23%	6%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	78%	18%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	69%	27%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	72%	23%	5%
	College graduate	71%	24%	5%
Age	Under 45	76%	20%	5%
	45 or older	69%	25%	6%
Age	18 to 29	81%	16%	3%
	30 to 44	72%	23%	5%
	45 to 59	69%	25%	6%
	60 or older	70%	25%	5%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	79%	18%	3%
	Gen X (31-46)	72%	23%	5%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	71%	24%	5%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	68%	25%	7%
Race	White	68%	27%	5%
	Non-white	80%	15%	5%
Gender	Men	67%	28%	5%
	Women	75%	19%	6%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	94%	4%	2%
	Disapprove	43%	48%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	71%	24%	5%
	Cell Phone	73%	20%	7%

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		Registered Voters		
		What do you think will happen:		
		The Republicans will compromise with the Democrats and President Obama to get things done	The Republicans will stand firm on their positions even if it means things don't get done	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		36%	52%	12%
Party ID	Democrat	27%	63%	10%
	Republican	41%	47%	12%
	Independent	41%	48%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		48%	39%	13%
Political Party	Liberal	30%	58%	13%
	Moderate	36%	54%	10%
	Conservative	40%	47%	13%
Region	Northeast	36%	52%	12%
	Midwest	34%	54%	12%
	South	36%	53%	11%
	West	38%	50%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	54%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	55%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	50%	13%
	College graduate	34%	56%	10%
Age	Under 45	34%	57%	9%
	45 or older	37%	50%	13%
Age	18 to 29	38%	53%	9%
	30 to 44	31%	61%	9%
	45 to 59	37%	53%	10%
	60 or older	36%	48%	16%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	37%	54%	9%
	Gen X (31-46)	30%	60%	9%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	35%	54%	11%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	40%	42%	18%
Race	White	37%	50%	12%
	Non-white	34%	58%	9%
Gender	Men	38%	52%	11%
	Women	34%	53%	13%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	33%	57%	9%
	Disapprove	39%	48%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	36%	52%	12%
	Cell Phone	37%	53%	10%

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		Registered Voters				
		Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:				
		Let it stand	Change it so it does more	Change it so it does less	Repeal it completely	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		14%	35%	13%	30%	9%
Party ID	Democrat	23%	51%	8%	9%	10%
	Republican	4%	17%	14%	57%	7%
	Independent	14%	34%	16%	29%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		7%	14%	18%	57%	4%
Political Party	Liberal	20%	57%	8%	5%	10%
	Moderate	21%	36%	16%	20%	7%
	Conservative	6%	22%	13%	54%	5%
Region	Northeast	13%	38%	18%	21%	10%
	Midwest	14%	34%	11%	29%	12%
	South	12%	32%	13%	36%	7%
	West	18%	38%	10%	27%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	12%	42%	10%	25%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	16%	32%	16%	31%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	12%	36%	9%	32%	11%
	College graduate	16%	35%	17%	26%	6%
Age	Under 45	14%	38%	13%	26%	9%
	45 or older	14%	34%	12%	32%	8%
Age	18 to 29	9%	45%	15%	20%	11%
	30 to 44	17%	34%	11%	29%	8%
	45 to 59	15%	33%	14%	32%	7%
	60 or older	12%	35%	10%	33%	9%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	9%	44%	14%	22%	11%
	Gen X (31-46)	18%	32%	10%	32%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	14%	35%	14%	30%	7%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	13%	34%	11%	33%	10%
Race	White	12%	29%	13%	36%	10%
	Non-white	20%	49%	12%	13%	6%
Gender	Men	10%	32%	15%	36%	6%
	Women	17%	38%	10%	23%	11%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	24%	56%	8%	4%	8%
	Disapprove	4%	14%	16%	59%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	15%	34%	13%	29%	9%
	Cell Phone	11%	37%	13%	31%	7%

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		Registered Voters		
		Which one of the following comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do with the 2010 Health Care Law:		
		Stand or do more	Do less or repeal	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		49%	42%	9%
<b>Party ID</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	74%	17%	10%
	<b>Republican</b>	21%	72%	7%
	<b>Independent</b>	49%	44%	7%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		21%	75%	4%
<b>Political Party</b>	<b>Liberal</b>	77%	13%	10%
	<b>Moderate</b>	57%	36%	7%
	<b>Conservative</b>	27%	67%	5%
<b>Region</b>	<b>Northeast</b>	51%	39%	10%
	<b>Midwest</b>	49%	40%	12%
	<b>South</b>	44%	49%	7%
	<b>West</b>	56%	37%	7%
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>Less than \$50,000</b>	54%	35%	11%
	<b>\$50,000 or more</b>	48%	47%	5%
<b>Education</b>	<b>Not college graduate</b>	48%	42%	11%
	<b>College graduate</b>	50%	43%	6%
<b>Age</b>	<b>Under 45</b>	52%	38%	9%
	<b>45 or older</b>	47%	45%	8%
<b>Age</b>	<b>18 to 29</b>	54%	35%	11%
	<b>30 to 44</b>	52%	40%	8%
	<b>45 to 59</b>	48%	46%	7%
	<b>60 or older</b>	47%	43%	9%
<b>Generation</b>	<b>Millennials (18-30)</b>	52%	37%	11%
	<b>Gen X (31-46)</b>	50%	42%	8%
	<b>Baby Boomers (47-65)</b>	49%	44%	7%
	<b>Silent-Greatest (Over 65)</b>	46%	43%	10%
<b>Race</b>	<b>White</b>	41%	49%	10%
	<b>Non-white</b>	69%	25%	6%
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Men</b>	42%	52%	6%
	<b>Women</b>	55%	34%	11%
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	<b>Approve</b>	79%	12%	8%
	<b>Disapprove</b>	18%	75%	6%
<b>Interview Type</b>	<b>Landline</b>	49%	42%	9%
	<b>Cell Phone</b>	49%	44%	7%

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		Registered Voters			
		If you had to choose, which one of the following should be the top priority for the next Congress:			
		Reduce the deficit	Cut taxes	Maintain services and benefits	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		53%	19%	23%	5%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	44%	19%	33%	4%
	Republican	59%	25%	13%	3%
	Independent	60%	15%	21%	4%
<b>Tea Party Supporters</b>		60%	24%	14%	2%
<b>Political Party</b>	Liberal	40%	12%	41%	7%
	Moderate	61%	12%	24%	3%
	Conservative	57%	29%	12%	2%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	53%	20%	21%	6%
	Midwest	51%	20%	23%	6%
	South	54%	21%	21%	4%
	West	54%	14%	29%	3%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	44%	24%	28%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	65%	14%	19%	3%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	47%	22%	25%	7%
	College graduate	62%	15%	21%	2%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	49%	24%	22%	6%
	45 or older	55%	17%	24%	4%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	44%	23%	25%	7%
	30 to 44	52%	24%	19%	4%
	45 to 59	57%	16%	24%	3%
	60 or older	52%	18%	25%	5%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	44%	24%	24%	7%
	Gen X (31-46)	51%	23%	22%	4%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	56%	16%	25%	3%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	54%	18%	23%	5%
<b>Race</b>	White	58%	16%	21%	4%
	Non-white	39%	26%	29%	6%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	60%	20%	17%	3%
	Women	47%	18%	29%	6%
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	Approve	44%	16%	35%	5%
	Disapprove	62%	21%	12%	4%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	51%	19%	25%	5%
	Cell Phone	59%	20%	17%	4%

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		Registered Voters			
		Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?			
		Strongly support Tea Party	Support Tea Party	Does not support Tea Party	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
<b>Registered Voters</b>		9%	20%	63%	8%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	2%	9%	83%	7%
	Republican	17%	30%	42%	10%
	Independent	9%	23%	60%	8%
<b>Political Party</b>	Liberal	2%	11%	83%	4%
	Moderate	2%	13%	76%	9%
	Conservative	19%	33%	41%	8%
<b>Region</b>	Northeast	8%	19%	64%	8%
	Midwest	6%	23%	60%	11%
	South	11%	20%	62%	7%
	West	8%	19%	65%	7%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$50,000	6%	21%	61%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	10%	19%	66%	5%
<b>Education</b>	Not college graduate	10%	25%	54%	11%
	College graduate	7%	14%	74%	5%
<b>Age</b>	Under 45	7%	20%	65%	9%
	45 or older	9%	21%	62%	8%
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	5%	21%	64%	9%
	30 to 44	7%	19%	66%	8%
	45 to 59	7%	21%	65%	8%
	60 or older	12%	21%	58%	9%
<b>Generation</b>	Millennials (18-30)	6%	22%	63%	9%
	Gen X (31-46)	7%	19%	64%	10%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	7%	22%	66%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	14%	19%	56%	11%
<b>Race</b>	White	11%	22%	58%	9%
	Non-white	4%	17%	73%	5%
<b>Gender</b>	Men	9%	23%	61%	6%
	Women	8%	18%	64%	10%
<b>Obama Approval Rating</b>	Approve	2%	11%	82%	6%
	Disapprove	18%	34%	39%	9%
<b>Interview Type</b>	Landline	9%	22%	61%	8%
	Cell Phone	6%	16%	70%	8%

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