



39% Approval Rating for Obama, Lowest of Presidency
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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

President Barack Obama faces a litany of bad news. The president's job approval rating, his favorability, and his rating on the economy have hit all-time lows. To compound matters, three in four Americans still believe the nation is in a recession and the proportion who thinks the country is moving in the wrong direction is at its highest point in more than a decade.

According to this McClatchy-Marist Poll, the **president's approval rating** is at 39% among registered voters nationally, an all-time low for Mr. Obama. For the first time a majority -- 52% -- disapproves of the job he is doing in office, and 9% are unsure.

"President Obama needs to reboot his presidency," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "Although numbers like these typically spell doom for an incumbent's re-election prospects, the Republicans in Congress and eventually his GOP opponent could still provide Obama with running room."

President Obama's current approval rating is his lowest since last December when 42% of voters thought his performance fell short. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in its August 9th survey, voters divided about how the president was performing in office. 44% of the national electorate approved while 46% disapproved. 10%, at the time, were unsure.

By party:

- 32% of **independent voters** now approve of the president's job performance, 57% disapprove, and 11% are unsure. Last month, 38% of independents thought highly of the president's performance, 46% disapproved of it, and 16% were unsure.
- 71% of **Democrats** approve of Mr. Obama's job performance while 74% did so in McClatchy-Marist's previous survey.

- Among **Republicans**, most voters still disapprove of how the president is doing in his post. 87% have this view now compared with 83% who did so last month.

Fewer voters now have a favorable impression of President Obama. 46% view him favorably while 48% perceive him unfavorably. Five percent are unsure. President Obama's current **favorability rating** is his lowest since taking office. His previous low occurred last November when 47% of the electorate thought well of him.

In McClatchy-Marist's August survey, a slim majority -- 52% -- felt positively about the president while 41% had a less than stellar view of him. Eight percent, at the time, were unsure.

By party:

- There has been a ten percentage point change among **independent voters** and **Republican voters**. 40% of independent voters have a favorable impression of the president while 50% shared this view last month. Among **Republican voters**, 87% have an *unfavorable* view of Mr. Obama while 77% thought this way in August.
- There has been little change among **Democratic voters**. 80% think well of the president compared with 78% in McClatchy-Marist's previous survey.

Do voters approve of how the president is **handling the economy**? Just 33% of registered voters approve of how he is dealing with the nation's tumultuous financial situation while more than six in ten -- 61% -- disapprove. Six percent are unsure.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in June, 37% approved of the president's approach, 58% disapproved, and 5% were unsure.

By party:

- 69% of **independent voters** *disapprove* of how the president is handling the country's economy. In June, 60% had this view.
- Among **Democrats**, 58% give the president high marks on his handling of the economy. 63% did so three months ago.
- Looking at **Republicans**, there has been no change. Most -- 91% -- disapprove of how the president is tackling the economy. The same proportion -- 91% -- had this opinion in June.

However, many voters still don't believe the president is responsible for the nation's current economic climate. Six in ten -- 60% -- think Mr. Obama **inherited the current economic conditions** while 34% report they are a result of his own policies. Six percent are unsure.

In McClatchy-Marist's August survey, 59% thought President Obama was handed the nation's economic crisis while 33% said his policies contributed to them. Eight percent, at the time, were unsure.

Key points:

- Three in four Americans -- 75% -- think the country is in a **recession**, 22% do not, and 3% are unsure. There has been little change on this question since July when 75%, 20%, and 5%, respectively, had these views.
- 61% of Americans say that, when thinking about **the future of the U.S. economy**, the worst is still to come. This is down from 68% last month. 35% currently believe the worst is behind us, and 3% are unsure. In August, the proportions stood at 27% and 6%, respectively.
 - **Among registered voters**, 61% report the worst is yet to come, 37% believe the worst is over, and 2% are unsure.
 - **Democrats** have flipped on this question. A majority of Democrats -- 56% -- say brighter economic days are ahead. Last month, the opposite was the case. At that time, a majority -- 57% -- reported the worst was still ahead.
 - Fewer **independent voters** are pessimistic. 66% say there is more bad economic news to come, down slightly from 71% in August.
 - 78% of **GOP voters** say there are more hard times on the economic front. 75% held this opinion last month.

Overall, Americans are pessimistic about the **direction of the country**. 73% say the nation is headed in the wrong direction, 22% believe it is moving in the right one, and 5% are unsure. This is the highest proportion of Americans in more than a decade to think the nation needs its course corrected. Last month, 70% of the population reported America was on the wrong track, 21% said it was on the right one, and 10% were unsure.

Obama's Jobs Plan Doesn't Go Far Enough, Say More Than Six in Ten Americans

More than three quarters of U.S. residents -- 77% -- doubt unemployment will improve in the next year. Although a slim majority of Americans -- 51% -- believes President Barack Obama's proposal to create jobs will do more good than harm, more than six in ten residents nationally -- 63% -- don't believe the president's proposal goes far enough to improve the nation's jobs picture. 71% want the Republicans in Congress to either pass the president's proposed jobs plan or push the bill through with revisions.

Key points:

- 63% of U.S. residents think the president's **jobs plan does not go far enough**, 18% say it goes too far, and 19% are unsure.
 - **Among registered voters:**
 - 78% of **Democrats** and 59% of **independent voters** think the proposal does not go far enough. Even a majority of **Republicans** -- 54% -- believes the president's plan should do more.
- Only 23% of residents think **unemployment** will be lower **this time next year**. 77% think it will either increase or stay about the same as it is now. This includes 32% who report it will be higher and 45% who believe there will be no change.

- **Among registered voters:**
 - 23% of voters say unemployment will be lower. 31% think it will be higher, and 46% believe it will be the same as it is now.
 - Twice as many **Democrats** than **Republicans** -- 17% -- or **independents** -- 17% -- believe unemployment will decline in the next year. However, even among Democrats, only 35% think that will be the case.
- 51% of American adults think Mr. **Obama's plan** will do more **good than harm**. 38% report it will do more harm than good, and only 1% says it will not make a difference. 11% are unsure.
 - **Among registered voters:**
 - Half of voters -- 50% -- believe the president's plan to create more jobs will do more good than harm. 39% say it will do more harm than good, and 1% thinks it will not make a difference. Nine percent are unsure.
 - **Independent voters** are less decisive on this question. 45% say the plan will have more of a positive effect while 40% think it will have more of a negative one.
 - Not surprisingly, 82% of **Democrats** report the president's plan will do more good while 74% of **Republicans** believe it will do more harm.
- Most Americans want the **Republicans in Congress** to pass **President Obama's jobs creation plan** in some form. Nearly four in ten U.S. residents -- 38% -- want them to push the plan through as it stands. 33% want it passed with revisions, and 20% do not want them to pass President Obama's proposal at all. Nine percent are unsure.
 - **Looking at registered voters:**
 - 37% of registered voters want the Republicans in Congress to pass the president's plan in its current form. 34% call for its passage with revisions, and 21% do not want it passed. Eight percent are unsure.
 - Nearly six in ten **Democrats** -- 59% -- want the jobs creation bill passed in its present form.
 - **Republicans** divide. 41% think the Congressional GOP should pass the bill with amendments while 40% don't want the bill passed at all.
 - There is less of a consensus among **independent voters**. 39% want the Republicans to pass it with revisions, 35% want the president's jobs plan to be passed as it was proposed, but only 18% do not want it passed at all.
- Eight percent of adults nationally say they have already **contacted their representative in Congress about President Obama's jobs plan** while 9% say it is very likely they will do the same. 14% believe it is likely they will reach out to their representative, 30% say it is not very likely, and 38% report it is not likely at all they will contact their representative about President Obama's proposal.
- 45% of U.S. residents **trust** the president more **to create jobs** while 41% place more faith in the Republicans in Congress. 14% are unsure.

- **Among registered voters:**
 - 46% of the electorate has more trust in the president to turn the jobs picture around while 41% have more confidence in the Republicans in Congress. 13% are unsure.
 - **Democrats** -- 80% -- align more with the president on this question while **Republicans** -- 78% -- align more with the Republicans in Congress. **Independent voters** divide. 41% trust Congressional Republicans to create more jobs while 39% put their faith in President Obama. A notable 20% are unsure.

Voters Dissatisfied with Congress' Performance

President Obama isn't the only one who fares poorly in the court of public opinion. Many registered voters aren't happy with the **job performances of the Republicans or Democrats in Congress.**

Key points:

- About two-thirds of voters -- 67% -- disapprove of how the **Republicans in Congress** are doing in office. 26% approve, and 8% are unsure. There has been a slight bump in the proportion of voters who are dissatisfied with Congressional Republicans. Last month, 62% disapproved of their performance, 27% approved, and 11% were unsure.
- There is also increased displeasure with the **Democrats in Congress.** Currently, more than six in ten registered voters nationally -- 63% -- disapprove of how these elected officials are doing in office while 30% approve. Only 7% are unsure. In August, 55% gave these Democrats a thumbs-down while 35% applauded their performance. 11%, at the time, were unsure.

By party:

- **Independent voters** also play a key role here.
 - There has also been an increase in the proportion of independents who disapprove of how Republicans are performing in Congress. 71% currently disapprove while 64% thought this way last month.
 - 71% of independent voters disapprove of the job of Congressional Democrats. In August, 59% shared this opinion.
- Even 43% of **Republicans** disapprove of how members of their own party are performing on Capitol Hill.
- Among **Democrats**, about one-third -- 33% -- shake their heads in disapproval at their fellow Democrats in Congress.

Split Decision on Obama's Ideology

45% of **registered voters** believe the **president's ideology** is about right while 41% say he is too liberal. Seven percent believe he is too conservative, and 6% are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's August survey, 48% thought the president was positioned about right

ideologically. 36% saw him as too liberal, 7% believed him to be too conservative, and 8% were unsure.

More voters, however, still think the president is positioned about right ideologically than either the **Republicans or Democrats in Congress**.

By party:

- Looking at the **Democrats** in Congress, 34% say they are ideologically on the mark. 45% report they are too liberal, 13% perceive them as too conservative, and 8% are unsure. Last month, those proportions were 36%, 42%, 12%, and 10%, respectively.
- Looking at Congressional **Republicans**, 32% of voters view them as ideologically about right. 44% say they are too conservative, and 16% believe they are too liberal. Eight percent are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, 31% of the national electorate thought the ideology of Republican lawmakers was about right, 41% saw them as too conservative, 17% perceived them as too liberal, and 11% were unsure.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: National Poll of 1,042 Adults

This survey of 1,042 adults was conducted on September 13th and September 14th, 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 ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 825 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: Adults

Nature of the Sample - National Adults		
		National Adults
		Col %
National Adults		100%
Registered Voters		79%
Region	Northeast	19%
	Midwest	22%
	South	37%
	West	22%
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	42%
	45 or older	58%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	22%
	Gen X (31-46)	23%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	34%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	21%
Gender	Men	49%
	Women	51%
Interview Type	Landline	72%
	Cell Phone	28%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=1042 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample: Registered Voters

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		Registered Voters
		Col %
Registered Voters		100%
Party Identification	Democrat	34%
	Republican	26%
	Independent	39%
	Other	1%
Support Tea Party	Yes	27%
Political Ideology	Liberal	20%
	Moderate	42%
	Conservative	38%
Region	Northeast	18%
	Midwest	24%
	South	38%
	West	21%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	47%
	\$50,000 or more	53%
Race	White	70%
	African American	10%
	Latino	9%
	Other	11%
Race	White	70%
	Non-white	30%
Age	Under 45	32%
	45 or older	68%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	14%
	Gen X (31-46)	22%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	39%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	25%
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Interview Type	Landline	78%
	Cell Phone	22%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=825 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

President Obama Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		39%	52%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	71%	20%	9%
	Republican	7%	87%	5%
	Independent	32%	57%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		7%	90%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	70%	22%	8%
	Moderate	47%	44%	9%
	Conservative	16%	79%	5%
Region	Northeast	39%	52%	9%
	Midwest	42%	51%	7%
	South	38%	55%	7%
	West	38%	48%	14%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	40%	47%	13%
	\$50,000 or more	41%	55%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	55%	9%
	College graduate	44%	48%	8%
Age	Under 45	41%	45%	14%
	45 or older	38%	56%	7%
Age	18 to 29	46%	29%	25%
	30 to 44	37%	57%	6%
	45 to 59	36%	56%	8%
	60 or older	40%	55%	5%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	47%	29%	24%
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Race	White	33%	61%	6%
	Non-white	53%	32%	15%
Gender	Men	37%	56%	8%
	Women	42%	48%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	39%	55%	6%
	Cell Phone	39%	41%	20%

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President Obama Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row%	Row %	Row%
September 2011	39%	52%	9%
August 2011	44%	46%	10%
June 2011	45%	47%	8%
April 2011	44%	49%	6%
January 2011	48%	43%	9%
December 2010	42%	50%	8%
November 23, 2010	45%	48%	7%
October 28, 2010	48%	43%	9%
October 8, 2010	43%	50%	7%
September 22, 2010	45%	50%	5%
June 30, 2010	44%	45%	11%
March 31, 2010	46%	43%	11%
February 8, 2010	44%	47%	9%
December 8, 2009	46%	44%	10%
October 14, 2009	53%	41%	6%
August 12, 2009	55%	35%	10%
June 8, 2009	56%	32%	12%
April 27, 2009	55%	31%	14%
April 8, 2009	56%	30%	14%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

President Obama Favorability

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

		Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure- Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		46%	48%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	80%	15%	5%
	Republican	11%	87%	2%
	Independent	40%	52%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		11%	87%	3%
Political Ideology	Liberal	80%	16%	4%
	Moderate	54%	41%	6%
	Conservative	18%	78%	4%
Region	Northeast	43%	51%	7%
	Midwest	49%	46%	5%
	South	45%	51%	4%
	West	49%	44%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	46%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	45%	51%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	51%	6%
	College graduate	50%	46%	4%
Age	Under 45	48%	45%	6%
	45 or older	45%	50%	5%
Age	18 to 29	55%	33%	11%
	30 to 44	44%	54%	2%
	45 to 59	44%	51%	5%
	60 or older	46%	50%	4%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	56%	33%	11%
	Gen X (31-46)	43%	55%	2%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	46%	48%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	44%	53%	4%
Race	White	38%	57%	4%
	Non-white	64%	29%	8%
Gender	Men	42%	52%	7%
	Women	50%	45%	4%
Obama Approval Rating	Approve	96%	2%	2%
	Disapprove	8%	89%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	45%	51%	4%
	Cell Phone	51%	39%	10%

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President Obama Favorability (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

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October 8, 2010	50%	47%	3%
September 22, 2010	49%	48%	3%
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March 31, 2010	53%	41%	6%
February 8, 2010	50%	44%	6%
December 8, 2009	55%	41%	4%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

President Obama Handling the Economy

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		33%	61%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	58%	32%	11%
	Republican	6%	91%	3%
	Independent	28%	69%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		4%	94%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	63%	32%	5%
	Moderate	39%	56%	5%
	Conservative	11%	85%	4%
Region	Northeast	26%	71%	3%
	Midwest	38%	57%	6%
	South	35%	61%	4%
	West	29%	60%	11%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	34%	58%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	63%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	29%	63%	8%
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Race	White	26%	70%	4%
	Non-white	48%	43%	9%
Gender	Men	32%	64%	4%
	Women	33%	60%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	31%	63%	6%
	Cell Phone	39%	55%	6%

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President Obama Handling the Economy (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?

	Registered Voters		
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June 8, 2009	53%	41%	6%
April 8, 2009	54%	37%	9%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

Current Economic Conditions Inherited?

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?

		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 %
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Party Identification	Democrat	87%	10%	3%
	Republican	27%	68%	5%
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Tea Party Supporters		17%	74%	9%
Political Ideology	Liberal	86%	10%	3%
	Moderate	72%	24%	4%
	Conservative	34%	59%	7%
Region	Northeast	65%	32%	2%
	Midwest	66%	28%	6%
	South	56%	39%	5%
	West	57%	34%	9%
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	Non-white	72%	22%	6%
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Current Economic Conditions Inherited? (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think the current economic conditions are mostly something President Obama inherited or are they mostly a result of his own policies?

	Registered Voters		
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January 2011	63%	25%	12%
November 29, 2010	65%	28%	8%
October 28, 2010	60%	30%	10%
October 8, 2010	61%	33%	6%
September 21, 2010	59%	35%	6%
June 30, 2010	62%	28%	10%
March 31, 2010	64%	27%	9%
February 8, 2010	62%	29%	9%
December 8, 2009	65%	27%	8%
October 14, 2009	70%	24%	6%
August 12, 2009	74%	18%	8%
June 8, 2009	74%	18%	8%
April 27, 2009	80%	14%	6%
April 8, 2009	76%	13%	11%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

U.S. in a Recession?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?

		National Adults		
		Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		75%	22%	3%
Registered Voters		75%	22%	2%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	73%	26%	1%
	Republican	85%	13%	2%
	Independent	72%	26%	2%
Tea Party Supporters		88%	11%	1%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	72%	26%	2%
	Moderate	72%	27%	1%
	Conservative	80%	16%	4%
Region	Northeast	77%	19%	4%
	Midwest	76%	23%	1%
	South	74%	23%	4%
	West	77%	22%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	78%	20%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	75%	23%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	78%	20%	2%
	College graduate	71%	25%	4%
Age	Under 45	73%	25%	3%
	45 or older	78%	20%	3%
Age	18 to 29	70%	27%	3%
	30 to 44	76%	22%	2%
	45 to 59	77%	21%	2%
	60 or older	78%	19%	3%
Race	White	78%	19%	2%
	Non-white	69%	28%	3%
Gender	Men	72%	25%	3%
	Women	78%	19%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	78%	20%	2%
	Cell Phone	69%	26%	5%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=1042 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

[^]National Registered Voters: N=825 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

U.S. in a Recession? (Over Time)

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?

	National Adults		
	Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?		
	Yes	No	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
September 2011	75%	22%	3%
July 2011	75%	20%	5%
April 2011	71%	25%	4%
January 2010	71%	24%	5%
December 2010	79%	19%	2%
September 2010	80%	18%	2%
May 2008	78%	17%	5%

Marist Poll National Adults

U.S. Economy – Will It Get Worse?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:

		National Adults		
		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 %
National Adults		61%	35%	3%
Registered Voters		61%	37%	2%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	43%	56%	1%
	Republican	78%	19%	2%
	Independent	66%	31%	2%
Tea Party Supporters		84%	14%	3%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	42%	56%	2%
	Moderate	53%	45%	2%
	Conservative	77%	20%	2%
Region	Northeast	60%	38%	2%
	Midwest	60%	38%	3%
	South	62%	34%	4%
	West	63%	32%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	65%	33%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	56%	41%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	66%	30%	4%
	College graduate	53%	46%	2%
Age	Under 45	59%	37%	4%
	45 or older	63%	33%	3%
Age	18 to 29	56%	39%	5%
	30 to 44	63%	35%	2%
	45 to 59	67%	31%	2%
	60 or older	60%	36%	4%
Race	White	64%	33%	3%
	Non-white	56%	40%	4%
Gender	Men	57%	39%	4%
	Women	65%	32%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	64%	34%	2%
	Cell Phone	55%	39%	6%

Marist Poll National Adults: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=1042 MOE +/- 3%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

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U.S. Economy – Will It Get Worse? (Over Time)

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: When thinking about the U.S. economy, which statement comes closer to your view:

	National Adults		
	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 %
September 2011	61%	35%	3%
August 2011	68%	27%	6%
July 2011	53%	42%	6%
April 2011	57%	39%	4%
January 2011	39%	54%	7%
December 2010	53%	39%	8%
November 29, 2010	51%	45%	5%
October 28, 2010	47%	45%	8%
October 8, 2010	50%	46%	4%
September 21, 2010	52%	44%	4%

Marist Poll National Adults

Direction of the Country

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: 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?

		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		22%	73%	5%
Registered Voters		23%	75%	3%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	43%	53%	4%
	Republican	5%	94%	1%
	Independent	17%	80%	3%
Tea Party Supporters		5%	95%	<1%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	35%	61%	4%
	Moderate	28%	69%	3%
	Conservative	10%	90%	1%
Region	Northeast	23%	72%	6%
	Midwest	24%	74%	2%
	South	22%	74%	5%
	West	21%	72%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	23%	71%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	21%	74%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	21%	73%	6%
	College graduate	24%	72%	4%
Age	Under 45	24%	69%	7%
	45 or older	21%	76%	3%
Age	18 to 29	30%	59%	10%
	30 to 44	17%	79%	4%
	45 to 59	21%	77%	2%
	60 or older	21%	74%	5%
Race	White	16%	79%	5%
	Non-white	34%	61%	5%
Gender	Men	22%	72%	6%
	Women	22%	74%	4%
Interview Type	Landline	21%	77%	2%
	Cell Phone	25%	64%	12%

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Direction of the Country (Over Time)

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: 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?

	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 %
September 2011	22%	73%	5%
August 2011	21%	70%	10%
June 2011	32%	59%	9%
April 2011	31%	64%	5%
January 2011	41%	47%	12%
December 2010	34%	58%	8%
November 23, 2010	41%	53%	6%
October 28, 2010	38%	52%	10%
September 22, 2010	41%	56%	3%
July 6, 2010	37%	56%	7%
March 31, 2010	43%	53%	4%
February 8, 2010	38%	54%	8%
December 8, 2009	46%	46%	8%
October 14, 2009	47%	47%	6%
August 12, 2009	50%	42%	8%
June 8, 2009	50%	40%	10%
April 27, 2009	44%	44%	12%
April 15, 2009	49%	40%	11%
November 2007	23%	67%	10%
May 2007	26%	65%	9%
February 2007	29%	63%	8%
December 2006	31%	60%	9%
October 2006	33%	58%	9%
February 2006	34%	61%	5%
October 2005	31%	62%	7%
May 2005	38%	56%	6%
February 2005	47%	48%	5%
October 21, 2004	42%	55%	3%
October 07, 2004	39%	53%	8%
September 2004	38%	52%	10%
August 2004	40%	48%	12%
July 2004	37%	52%	11%
April 2004	43%	51%	6%
March 2004	43%	52%	5%
November 2003	45%	48%	7%
April 2003	55%	34%	11%
January 2003	42%	48%	10%
October 2002	45%	46%	9%
April 2002	60%	32%	8%
January 2002	60%	30%	10%
March 2001	41%	44%	15%
January 2001	56%	32%	12%
Marist Poll National Adults			

Does President Obama's Jobs Plan Go Too Far or Not Far Enough?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think President Obama's proposal to create jobs goes too far or does not go far enough?

		National Adults		
		Do you think President Obama's proposal to create jobs goes too far or does not go far enough?		
		Goes too far	Does not go far enough	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		18%	63%	19%
Registered Voters		18%	64%	19%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	8%	78%	14%
	Republican	28%	54%	17%
	Independent	17%	59%	24%
Tea Party Supporters		31%	47%	22%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	4%	74%	22%
	Moderate	13%	70%	17%
	Conservative	30%	51%	19%
Region	Northeast	22%	59%	19%
	Midwest	16%	60%	24%
	South	18%	64%	18%
	West	17%	65%	18%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	17%	68%	15%
	\$50,000 or more	20%	59%	20%
Education	Not college graduate	17%	65%	18%
	College graduate	20%	58%	23%
Age	Under 45	17%	64%	19%
	45 or older	19%	62%	20%
Age	18 to 29	15%	68%	17%
	30 to 44	20%	60%	20%
	45 to 59	21%	60%	19%
	60 or older	17%	63%	20%
Race	White	20%	59%	21%
	Non-white	14%	69%	17%
Gender	Men	23%	58%	19%
	Women	14%	67%	20%
Interview Type	Landline	19%	66%	16%
	Cell Phone	16%	55%	29%

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The Status of Unemployment Next Year

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Thinking about this time next year, do you think unemployment will be higher, lower, or about what it is now?

		National Adults		
		Thinking about this time next year, do you think unemployment will be higher, lower, or about what it is now?		
		Higher	Lower	About what it is now
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		32%	23%	45%
Registered Voters		31%	23%	46%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	23%	35%	42%
	Republican	41%	17%	42%
	Independent	31%	17%	52%
Tea Party Supporters		47%	8%	45%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	23%	33%	44%
	Moderate	25%	26%	49%
	Conservative	41%	13%	46%
Region	Northeast	24%	23%	53%
	Midwest	33%	24%	43%
	South	33%	23%	43%
	West	39%	21%	41%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	25%	42%
	\$50,000 or more	28%	22%	50%
Education	Not college graduate	36%	21%	43%
	College graduate	28%	26%	46%
Age	Under 45	31%	23%	47%
	45 or older	34%	23%	43%
Age	18 to 29	30%	19%	51%
	30 to 44	31%	26%	43%
	45 to 59	36%	22%	41%
	60 or older	31%	24%	45%
Race	White	31%	22%	47%
	Non-white	36%	25%	39%
Gender	Men	30%	22%	48%
	Women	35%	24%	42%
Interview Type	Landline	32%	23%	45%
	Cell Phone	33%	24%	43%

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Impact of President Obama's Proposal to Create Jobs

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: From what you have read or heard, about President Obama's proposal to create jobs, do you think it is more likely to do: more harm than good, more good than harm, or will not make a difference?

		National Adults			
		From what you have read or heard, about President Obama's proposal to create jobs, do you think it is more likely to do:			
		More harm than good	More good than harm	Will not make a difference	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		38%	51%	1%	11%
Registered Voters		39%	50%	1%	9%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	13%	82%	<1%	5%
	Republican	74%	16%	1%	8%
	Independent	40%	45%	1%	14%
Tea Party Supporters		78%	12%	1%	9%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	15%	74%	1%	11%
	Moderate	28%	60%	<1%	11%
	Conservative	67%	26%	2%	6%
Region	Northeast	38%	53%	<1%	9%
	Midwest	39%	49%	2%	10%
	South	38%	51%	1%	11%
	West	37%	50%	<1%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	35%	54%	1%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	41%	50%	1%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	37%	50%	<1%	13%
	College graduate	39%	51%	1%	8%
Age	Under 45	31%	54%	<1%	14%
	45 or older	43%	48%	1%	8%
Age	18 to 29	19%	64%	<1%	17%
	30 to 44	43%	45%	1%	11%
	45 to 59	44%	48%	1%	7%
	60 or older	41%	48%	1%	10%
Race	White	46%	43%	1%	11%
	Non-white	22%	67%	1%	11%
Gender	Men	41%	50%	1%	9%
	Women	35%	51%	1%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	42%	49%	1%	8%
	Cell Phone	25%	57%	<1%	17%

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Should Republicans in Congress Pass President Obama's Jobs Plan?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Do you think the Republicans in Congress should pass President Obama's proposal to create jobs, pass it but with revisions, not pass President Obama's proposal to create jobs?

		National Adults			
		Do you think the Republicans in Congress should pass President Obama's proposal to create jobs, pass it but with revisions, not pass President Obama's proposal to create jobs?			
		Pass President Obama's proposal to create jobs	Pass it, but with revisions	Not pass President Obama's proposal to create jobs	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		38%	33%	20%	9%
Registered Voters		37%	34%	21%	8%
Party Identification[^]	Democrat	59%	25%	9%	6%
	Republican	9%	41%	40%	10%
	Independent	35%	39%	18%	8%
Tea Party Supporters		10%	37%	46%	7%
Political Ideology[^]	Liberal	65%	25%	6%	4%
	Moderate	42%	38%	11%	9%
	Conservative	18%	36%	39%	7%
Region	Northeast	41%	31%	19%	8%
	Midwest	40%	33%	16%	11%
	South	36%	36%	19%	9%
	West	37%	31%	24%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	34%	17%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	35%	22%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	32%	18%	11%
	College graduate	36%	35%	22%	6%
Age	Under 45	37%	40%	14%	9%
	45 or older	39%	29%	24%	9%
Age	18 to 29	41%	40%	8%	11%
	30 to 44	33%	39%	19%	8%
	45 to 59	36%	31%	24%	8%
	60 or older	41%	26%	24%	10%
Race	White	31%	36%	23%	10%
	Non-white	54%	28%	12%	6%
Gender	Men	40%	30%	24%	6%
	Women	37%	37%	15%	12%
Interview Type	Landline	37%	33%	22%	8%
	Cell Phone	41%	33%	13%	13%

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Likelihood of Contacting Elected Official about Jobs Plan

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Are you very likely, likely, not very likely, or not likely at all to contact your representative in Congress about President Obama's proposal to create jobs? If you have already done so, please say so.

		National Adults				
		Are you very likely, likely, not very likely, or not likely at all to contact your representative in Congress about President Obama's proposal to create jobs? If you have already done so, please say so.				
		Very likely	Likely	Not very likely	Not likely at all	Already contacted Congress
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		9%	14%	30%	38%	8%
Registered Voters		9%	17%	31%	33%	10%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	10%	15%	29%	35%	11%
	Republican	9%	23%	31%	26%	10%
	Independent	9%	12%	33%	37%	10%
Tea Party Supporters		11%	22%	32%	21%	12%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	11%	17%	30%	31%	11%
	Moderate	6%	13%	32%	37%	11%
	Conservative	12%	20%	30%	28%	9%
Region	Northeast	12%	12%	25%	42%	8%
	Midwest	12%	16%	38%	29%	5%
	South	7%	16%	28%	39%	10%
	West	8%	10%	31%	41%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	9%	13%	30%	41%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	10%	16%	30%	33%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	10%	12%	30%	41%	7%
	College graduate	8%	17%	31%	33%	11%
Age	Under 45	7%	11%	35%	42%	5%
	45 or older	11%	17%	27%	35%	11%
Age	18 to 29	4%	8%	37%	49%	2%
	30 to 44	9%	14%	33%	35%	8%
	45 to 59	13%	16%	24%	38%	8%
	60 or older	9%	17%	29%	31%	14%
Race	White	8%	13%	34%	36%	9%
	Non-white	12%	16%	23%	41%	8%
Gender	Men	11%	13%	29%	38%	9%
	Women	8%	15%	32%	37%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	9%	15%	32%	34%	10%
	Cell Phone	10%	12%	27%	48%	4%

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Who Do You Trust More to Create Jobs, President Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

Asked of National Adults

Question Wording: Who do you trust more to create jobs:

		National Adults		
		Who do you trust more to create jobs:		
		President Obama	The Republicans in Congress	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		45%	41%	14%
Registered Voters		46%	41%	13%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	80%	13%	6%
	Republican	11%	78%	11%
	Independent	39%	41%	20%
Tea Party Supporters		10%	77%	13%
Political Ideology [^]	Liberal	78%	12%	10%
	Moderate	54%	34%	12%
	Conservative	21%	67%	13%
Region	Northeast	45%	41%	14%
	Midwest	49%	39%	12%
	South	44%	45%	11%
	West	44%	36%	20%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	35%	14%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	44%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	43%	13%
	College graduate	47%	38%	14%
Age	Under 45	43%	43%	14%
	45 or older	47%	39%	13%
Age	18 to 29	45%	42%	13%
	30 to 44	41%	44%	15%
	45 to 59	49%	40%	12%
	60 or older	46%	39%	15%
Race	White	39%	48%	13%
	Non-white	58%	27%	15%
Gender	Men	43%	43%	14%
	Women	47%	39%	14%
Interview Type	Landline	47%	43%	10%
	Cell Phone	43%	35%	22%

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Congressional Republicans' Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		26%	67%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	10%	81%	9%
	Republican	52%	43%	6%
	Independent	23%	71%	6%
Tea Party Supporters		48%	46%	7%
Political Ideology	Liberal	12%	81%	7%
	Moderate	21%	75%	4%
	Conservative	41%	52%	7%
Region	Northeast	30%	65%	5%
	Midwest	21%	74%	5%
	South	29%	63%	8%
	West	23%	65%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	23%	68%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	28%	68%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	26%	66%	8%
	College graduate	27%	67%	6%
Age	Under 45	32%	54%	14%
	45 or older	23%	72%	5%
Age	18 to 29	33%	40%	27%
	30 to 44	32%	64%	4%
	45 to 59	23%	73%	5%
	60 or older	23%	72%	4%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	34%	40%	26%
	Gen X (31-46)	30%	66%	4%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	22%	73%	5%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	24%	71%	5%
Race	White	29%	64%	6%
	Non-white	18%	72%	10%
Gender	Men	28%	66%	6%
	Women	24%	67%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	26%	70%	4%
	Cell Phone	24%	54%	22%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters: Interviews conducted September 13th and September 14th, 2011, N=825 MOE +/- 3.5%. Totals may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Congressional Republicans' Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
September 2011	26%	67%	8%
August 2011	27%	62%	11%
June 2011	27%	63%	10%
April 2011	30%	63%	7%

Marist Poll National Registered Voters

Congressional Democrats' Approval Rating

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?

		Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		30%	63%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	58%	33%	9%
	Republican	5%	92%	3%
	Independent	22%	71%	7%
Tea Party Supporters		11%	88%	2%
Political Ideology	Liberal	60%	34%	6%
	Moderate	33%	62%	5%
	Conservative	12%	83%	6%
Region	Northeast	30%	63%	6%
	Midwest	30%	63%	7%
	South	25%	69%	6%
	West	38%	54%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	58%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	28%	69%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	62%	8%
	College graduate	31%	65%	5%
Age	Under 45	36%	55%	9%
	45 or older	27%	68%	6%
Age	18 to 29	46%	36%	18%
	30 to 44	28%	69%	3%
	45 to 59	28%	67%	5%
	60 or older	26%	68%	6%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	47%	36%	17%
	Gen X (31-46)	28%	70%	3%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	28%	67%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	25%	69%	6%
Race	White	22%	70%	7%
	Non-white	47%	48%	5%
Gender	Men	27%	68%	5%
	Women	32%	59%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	29%	66%	5%
	Cell Phone	33%	54%	13%

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Congressional Democrats' Approval Rating (Over Time)

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?

	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
September 2011	30%	63%	7%
August 2011	35%	55%	11%
June 2011	30%	60%	10%
April 2011	34%	60%	6%

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President Obama's Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think President Obama is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think President Obama is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		41%	7%	45%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	13%	11%	73%	3%
	Republican	78%	4%	12%	6%
	Independent	41%	7%	43%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		76%	3%	14%	8%
Political Ideology	Liberal	5%	18%	72%	4%
	Moderate	31%	7%	56%	6%
	Conservative	72%	3%	19%	7%
Region	Northeast	45%	10%	42%	3%
	Midwest	39%	7%	48%	6%
	South	43%	8%	43%	6%
	West	36%	5%	49%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	8%	48%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	46%	7%	44%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	38%	7%	47%	8%
	College graduate	45%	8%	42%	5%
Age	Under 45	37%	8%	51%	5%
	45 or older	43%	8%	42%	7%
Age	18 to 29	26%	5%	64%	4%
	30 to 44	44%	9%	41%	5%
	45 to 59	43%	6%	45%	6%
	60 or older	43%	9%	40%	8%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	26%	5%	65%	4%
	Gen X (31-46)	47%	10%	38%	5%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	40%	8%	46%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	45%	6%	38%	11%
Race	White	51%	7%	35%	8%
	Non-white	19%	8%	70%	2%
Gender	Men	46%	5%	42%	6%
	Women	36%	9%	48%	7%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	7%	42%	7%
	Cell Phone	28%	8%	58%	6%

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Congressional Democrats' Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think the Democrats in Congress are too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think the Democrats in Congress are too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		45%	13%	34%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	20%	16%	58%	6%
	Republican	82%	8%	6%	4%
	Independent	43%	12%	33%	12%
Tea Party Supporters		76%	4%	14%	5%
Political Ideology	Liberal	12%	23%	58%	8%
	Moderate	37%	11%	44%	7%
	Conservative	74%	10%	11%	5%
Region	Northeast	46%	13%	33%	8%
	Midwest	42%	10%	38%	10%
	South	49%	14%	31%	5%
	West	40%	15%	37%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	17%	38%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	53%	10%	32%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	41%	15%	34%	10%
	College graduate	51%	10%	34%	5%
Age	Under 45	38%	16%	37%	9%
	45 or older	49%	12%	32%	7%
Age	18 to 29	21%	24%	46%	8%
	30 to 44	50%	10%	31%	9%
	45 to 59	51%	13%	30%	7%
	60 or older	46%	12%	35%	8%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	22%	23%	47%	8%
	Gen X (31-46)	52%	9%	31%	8%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	49%	15%	30%	6%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	46%	10%	35%	9%
Race	White	55%	9%	28%	8%
	Non-white	23%	23%	47%	7%
Gender	Men	53%	13%	26%	7%
	Women	37%	13%	41%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	49%	12%	34%	5%
	Cell Phone	32%	17%	34%	16%

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Congressional Republicans' Ideology

Asked of Registered Voters

Question Wording: Do you think the Republicans in Congress are too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

		Registered Voters			
		Do you think the Republicans in Congress are too liberal, too conservative, or about right?			
		Too liberal	Too conservative	About right	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Registered Voters		16%	44%	32%	8%
Party Identification	Democrat	18%	63%	12%	6%
	Republican	17%	23%	53%	6%
	Independent	12%	43%	34%	11%
Tea Party Supporters		24%	13%	54%	9%
Political Ideology	Liberal	7%	70%	15%	8%
	Moderate	10%	56%	29%	5%
	Conservative	26%	20%	46%	8%
Region	Northeast	10%	49%	37%	4%
	Midwest	15%	45%	27%	13%
	South	18%	45%	31%	7%
	West	17%	38%	36%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	18%	40%	31%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	15%	49%	33%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	18%	37%	34%	11%
	College graduate	12%	54%	30%	4%
Age	Under 45	15%	40%	39%	7%
	45 or older	16%	46%	29%	9%
Age	18 to 29	11%	41%	39%	8%
	30 to 44	17%	38%	38%	7%
	45 to 59	18%	48%	26%	7%
	60 or older	14%	44%	33%	10%
Generation	Millennials (18-30)	12%	41%	39%	8%
	Gen X (31-46)	17%	41%	37%	6%
	Baby Boomers (47-65)	18%	49%	26%	7%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 65)	14%	40%	34%	12%
Race	White	14%	43%	34%	9%
	Non-white	20%	46%	27%	7%
Gender	Men	19%	43%	32%	6%
	Women	12%	45%	33%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	16%	45%	32%	7%
	Cell Phone	13%	41%	33%	13%

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