## Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,233 Adults

This survey of 1,233 adults was conducted March $4^{\text {th }}$ through March $7^{\text {th }}, 2013$. 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 landline sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within $\pm 2.8$ percentage points. There are 1,068 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within $\pm 3.0$ percentage points. The error margin increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

|  |  | National Adults | National Registered Voters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Col \% | Col \% |
| National Adults |  | 100\% |  |
| National Registered Voters |  | 87\% | 100\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | n/a | 35\% |
|  | Republican | n/a | 26\% |
|  | Independent | n/a | 37\% |
|  | Other | n/a | 1\% |
| Party Identification | Strong Democrats | n/a | 21\% |
|  | Not strong Democrats | n/a | 14\% |
|  | Democratic leaning independents | n/a | 14\% |
|  | Just Independents | n/a | 8\% |
|  | Republican leaning independents | n/a | 15\% |
|  | Not strong Republicans | n/a | 12\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | n/a | 15\% |
|  | Other | n/a | 1\% |
| Political Ideology | Very conservative | n/a | 10\% |
|  | Conservative | n/a | 32\% |
|  | Moderate | n/a | 34\% |
|  | Liberal | n/a | 19\% |
|  | Very liberal | n/a | 5\% |
| Gender | Men | 49\% | 48\% |
|  | Women | 51\% | 52\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 40\% | 36\% |
|  | 45 or older | 60\% | 64\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 18\% | 14\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 22\% | 22\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 29\% | 31\% |
|  | 60 or older | 31\% | 33\% |
| Race | White | 69\% | 71\% |
|  | African American | 11\% | 11\% |
|  | Latino | 14\% | 13\% |
|  | Other | 5\% | 5\% |
| Region | Northeast | 18\% | 18\% |
|  | Midwest | 22\% | 22\% |
|  | South | 37\% | 37\% |
|  | West | 23\% | 23\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 49\% | 47\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 51\% | 53\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 60\% | 58\% |
|  | College graduate | 40\% | 42\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 70\% | 73\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 30\% | 27\% |

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$\begin{array}{lllll}\hline \hline & & & \\$\cline { 3 - 4 } \& \& \& No you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing <br> \& \& \& as president?\end{array}$]$

|  | Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president? |  |  |
|  | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
|  | Row\% | Row \% | Row\% |
| March 2013 | 45\% | 48\% | 7\% |
| December 2012 | 50\% | 44\% | 6\% |
| November 2012 | 50\% | 46\% | 4\% |
| July 2012 | 47\% | 47\% | 6\% |
| March 2012 | 48\% | 47\% | 5\% |
| November 2011 | 43\% | 50\% | 7\% |
| 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 |  |  |  |


|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Overall, do you | vorable or an <br> Barack Obama | vorable impression of |
|  |  | Favorable | Unfavorable | Unsure-Never Heard |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 48\% | 48\% | 4\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 84\% | 12\% | 4\% |
|  | Republican | 12\% | 86\% | 2\% |
|  | Independent | 42\% | 53\% | 5\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 93\% | 4\% | 3\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 73\% | 23\% | 5\% |
|  | Just Independents | 38\% | 55\% | 7\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 17\% | 78\% | 4\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 3\% | 97\% | 0\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 83\% | 14\% | 3\% |
|  | Moderate | 60\% | 36\% | 4\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 21\% | 77\% | 2\% |
| Region | Northeast | 52\% | 44\% | 5\% |
|  | Midwest | 48\% | 48\% | 4\% |
|  | South | 45\% | 50\% | 4\% |
|  | West | 51\% | 47\% | 2\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 54\% | 41\% | 5\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 46\% | 51\% | 3\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 47\% | 49\% | 4\% |
|  | College graduate | 50\% | 46\% | 4\% |
| Race | White | 40\% | 56\% | 4\% |
|  | African American | 82\% | 10\% | 8\% |
|  | Latino | 64\% | 34\% | 3\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 58\% | 39\% | 3\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 48\% | 48\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 46\% | 50\% | 4\% |
|  | 60 or older | 48\% | 48\% | 4\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 52\% | 45\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 or older | 47\% | 49\% | 4\% |
| Gender | Men | 46\% | 52\% | 3\% |
|  | Women | 51\% | 44\% | 5\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 45\% | 51\% | 4\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 57\% | 39\% | 3\% |

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*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.


|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office? |  |  |
|  |  | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 31\% | 62\% | 7\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 61\% | 31\% | 8\% |
|  | Republican | 4\% | 93\% | 4\% |
|  | Independent | 23\% | 69\% | 9\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 75\% | 19\% | 6\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 40\% | 51\% | 10\% |
|  | Just Independents | 20\% | 64\% | 16\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 8\% | 87\% | 5\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 1\% | 97\% | 2\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 53\% | 40\% | 8\% |
|  | Moderate | 36\% | 57\% | 7\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 15\% | 80\% | 6\% |
| Region | Northeast | 35\% | 61\% | 4\% |
|  | Midwest | 31\% | 62\% | 7\% |
|  | South | 28\% | 64\% | 8\% |
|  | West | 33\% | 58\% | 9\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 37\% | 52\% | 11\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 27\% | 68\% | 4\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 33\% | 59\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 28\% | 65\% | 6\% |
| Race | White | 23\% | 71\% | 6\% |
|  | African American | 63\% | 26\% | 12\% |
|  | Latino | 39\% | 48\% | 13\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 45\% | 46\% | 9\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 29\% | 64\% | 7\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 26\% | 67\% | 7\% |
|  | 60 or older | 31\% | 62\% | 7\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 35\% | 57\% | 8\% |
|  | 45 or older | 29\% | 64\% | 7\% |
| Gender | Men | 28\% | 65\% | 6\% |
|  | Women | 34\% | 58\% | 8\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 28\% | 64\% | 8\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 40\% | 54\% | 5\% |

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*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

|  |  | tered Voters |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Do you approve or | f the job the g in office? | in Congr |
|  | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
|  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| March 2013 | 31\% | 62\% | 7\% |
| December 2012 | 35\% | 58\% | 7\% |
| March 2012 | 34\% | 59\% | 7\% |
| November 2011 | 28\% | 65\% | 7\% |
| September 2011 | 30\% | 63\% | 7\% |
| August 2011 | 35\% | 55\% | 11\% |
| June 2011 | 30\% | 60\% | 10\% |
| April 2011 | 34\% | 60\% | 6\% |
| Marist Poll National Registered Voters |  |  |  |


|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans in Congress are doing in office? |  |  |
|  |  | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 26\% | 68\% | 7\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 15\% | 81\% | 4\% |
|  | Republican | 50\% | 44\% | 6\% |
|  | Independent | 19\% | 71\% | 9\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 11\% | 87\% | 2\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 16\% | 77\% | 7\% |
|  | Just Independents | 16\% | 65\% | 18\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 32\% | 62\% | 5\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 62\% | 31\% | 7\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 11\% | 86\% | 3\% |
|  | Moderate | 20\% | 72\% | 8\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 39\% | 55\% | 7\% |
| Region | Northeast | 27\% | 69\% | 4\% |
|  | Midwest | 25\% | 67\% | 8\% |
|  | South | 28\% | 64\% | 8\% |
|  | West | 21\% | 73\% | 5\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 24\% | 67\% | 9\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 27\% | 70\% | 4\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 28\% | 64\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 22\% | 72\% | 6\% |
| Race | White | 26\% | 67\% | 6\% |
|  | African American | 23\% | 67\% | 11\% |
|  | Latino | 23\% | 71\% | 7\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 33\% | 58\% | 9\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 28\% | 67\% | 5\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 23\% | 70\% | 7\% |
|  | 60 or older | 23\% | 71\% | 6\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 30\% | 63\% | 7\% |
|  | 45 or older | 23\% | 70\% | 7\% |
| Gender | Men | 24\% | 70\% | 6\% |
|  | Women | 27\% | 65\% | 8\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 26\% | 67\% | 7\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 26\% | 69\% | 5\% |

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|  | Registered Voters |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mid 3$ <br> Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans <br> in Congress are doing in office? |  |  |
|  | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
|  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| March 2013 | $26 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| December 2012 | $26 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| March 2012 | $31 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| November 2011 | $23 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| 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 |  |  |  |


|  |  | National Adults |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | President Obama and the Congressional Republicans have failed to come to an agreement to avoid $\$ 85$ billion in automatic across the board spending cuts. Who do you think is more to blame: |  |  |  |
|  |  | The Congressional Republicans | President Obama | Both | Neither-Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Adults |  | 46\% | 36\% | 12\% | 7\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 45\% | 37\% | 12\% | 5\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 76\% | 12\% | 8\% | 4\% |
|  | Republican | 12\% | 69\% | 13\% | 6\% |
|  | Independent | 39\% | 38\% | 16\% | 7\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 88\% | 6\% | 5\% | 1\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 64\% | 18\% | 12\% | 6\% |
|  | Just Independents | 39\% | 23\% | 22\% | 15\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 15\% | 63\% | 16\% | 6\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 6\% | 80\% | 10\% | 3\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 72\% | 15\% | 8\% | 5\% |
|  | Moderate | 55\% | 29\% | 11\% | 6\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 20\% | 60\% | 15\% | 5\% |
| Region | Northeast | 45\% | 38\% | 10\% | 7\% |
|  | Midwest | 42\% | 31\% | 17\% | 10\% |
|  | South | 43\% | 40\% | 10\% | 6\% |
|  | West | 53\% | 30\% | 12\% | 6\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 52\% | 28\% | 11\% | 8\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 44\% | 40\% | 12\% | 4\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 47\% | 34\% | 11\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 43\% | 39\% | 13\% | 6\% |
| Race | White | 40\% | 40\% | 12\% | 7\% |
|  | African American | 73\% | 16\% | 6\% | 6\% |
|  | Latino | 52\% | 26\% | 14\% | 7\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 53\% | 29\% | 8\% | 9\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 41\% | 37\% | 17\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 47\% | 37\% | 11\% | 5\% |
|  | 60 or older | 43\% | 37\% | 11\% | 8\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 46\% | 33\% | 13\% | 7\% |
|  | 45 or older | 45\% | 37\% | 11\% | 7\% |
| Gender | Men | 45\% | 37\% | 14\% | 5\% |
|  | Women | 46\% | 34\% | 10\% | 9\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 41\% | 38\% | 13\% | 8\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 55\% | 30\% | 9\% | 6\% |

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*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

|  |  | National Adults |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Once the $\$ 85$ billion in automatic across the board spending cuts take effect, do you think it will have a positive effect on the economy, a negative effect, or no effect at all on the economy? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Positive effect on the economy | Negative effect on the economy | No effect at all on the economy | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Adults |  | 19\% | 47\% | 27\% | 7\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 20\% | 47\% | 27\% | 6\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 21\% | 52\% | 21\% | 6\% |
|  | Republican | 21\% | 40\% | 33\% | 7\% |
|  | Independent | 18\% | 48\% | 30\% | 5\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 25\% | 54\% | 18\% | 3\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 15\% | 54\% | 25\% | 6\% |
|  | Just Independents | 15\% | 39\% | 34\% | 13\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 21\% | 43\% | 30\% | 5\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 19\% | 37\% | 37\% | 6\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 16\% | 59\% | 18\% | 7\% |
|  | Moderate | 16\% | 51\% | 27\% | 5\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 23\% | 38\% | 33\% | 6\% |
| Region | Northeast | 20\% | 51\% | 24\% | 4\% |
|  | Midwest | 14\% | 51\% | 27\% | 7\% |
|  | South | 21\% | 42\% | 29\% | 8\% |
|  | West | 21\% | 47\% | 26\% | 6\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 22\% | 47\% | 23\% | 9\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 15\% | 49\% | 31\% | 5\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 22\% | 44\% | 26\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 15\% | 51\% | 29\% | 5\% |
| Race | White | 15\% | 52\% | 27\% | 6\% |
|  | African American | 30\% | 34\% | 25\% | 11\% |
|  | Latino | 24\% | 37\% | 32\% | 7\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 27\% | 36\% | 30\% | 7\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 17\% | 48\% | 30\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 20\% | 52\% | 22\% | 6\% |
|  | 60 or older | 16\% | 48\% | 28\% | 8\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 21\% | 43\% | 30\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 or older | 18\% | 50\% | 25\% | 7\% |
| Gender | Men | 17\% | 43\% | 35\% | 5\% |
|  | Women | 22\% | 51\% | 19\% | 9\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 18\% | 51\% | 25\% | 7\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 23\% | 38\% | 31\% | 7\% |

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|  |  | National Adults |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Do you think once the $\$ 85$ billion in automatic across the board spending cuts take effect, it will have a positive effect on you and your family, a negative effect, or no effect at all on you and your family? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Positive effect on you and your family | Negative effect on you and your family | No effect at all on you and your family | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Adults |  | 10\% | 39\% | 48\% | 3\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 10\% | 39\% | 49\% | 3\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 14\% | 41\% | 41\% | 3\% |
|  | Republican | 8\% | 36\% | 52\% | 5\% |
|  | Independent | 7\% | 39\% | 52\% | 2\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 20\% | 42\% | 36\% | 3\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 5\% | 41\% | 51\% | 2\% |
|  | Just Independents | 4\% | 37\% | 53\% | 6\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 9\% | 36\% | 52\% | 3\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 7\% | 37\% | 53\% | 3\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 9\% | 45\% | 44\% | 2\% |
|  | Moderate | 8\% | 39\% | 50\% | 3\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 11\% | 34\% | 51\% | 4\% |
| Region | Northeast | 11\% | 40\% | 46\% | 4\% |
|  | Midwest | 5\% | 43\% | 49\% | 3\% |
|  | South | 13\% | 37\% | 47\% | 3\% |
|  | West | 10\% | 36\% | 50\% | 4\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 12\% | 42\% | 41\% | 4\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 7\% | 37\% | 54\% | 2\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 13\% | 39\% | 43\% | 5\% |
|  | College graduate | 6\% | 39\% | 54\% | 1\% |
| Race | White | 7\% | 43\% | 47\% | 4\% |
|  | African American | 26\% | 24\% | 45\% | 5\% |
|  | Latino | 11\% | 36\% | 50\% | 3\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 11\% | 29\% | 57\% | 3\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 11\% | 43\% | 44\% | 2\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 7\% | 42\% | 47\% | 4\% |
|  | 60 or older | 11\% | 39\% | 46\% | 4\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 11\% | 37\% | 50\% | 2\% |
|  | 45 or older | 9\% | 40\% | 46\% | 4\% |
| Gender | Men | 9\% | 35\% | 54\% | 3\% |
|  | Women | 11\% | 43\% | 42\% | 4\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 9\% | 41\% | 46\% | 4\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 12\% | 34\% | 51\% | 3\% |

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|  |  | National Adults |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | In general, do you think it is better for the country if the president and the majority that controls Congress: |  |  |
|  |  | Are from the same political party | Are from different political parties | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Adults |  | 35\% | 55\% | 10\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 35\% | 56\% | 9\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 53\% | 39\% | 8\% |
|  | Republican | 22\% | 69\% | 9\% |
|  | Independent | 28\% | 62\% | 10\% |
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|  | Just Independents | 26\% | 59\% | 16\% |
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|  | Moderate | 35\% | 55\% | 9\% |
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|  | Latino | 37\% | 55\% | 8\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 39\% | 55\% | 7\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 35\% | 58\% | 8\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 34\% | 56\% | 10\% |
|  | 60 or older | 33\% | 53\% | 14\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 36\% | 56\% | 7\% |
|  | 45 or older | 34\% | 54\% | 12\% |
| Gender | Men | 34\% | 60\% | 6\% |
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| Interview Type | Landline | 34\% | 54\% | 12\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 36\% | 58\% | 6\% |
| McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, $\mathrm{N}=1233 \mathrm{MOE}+/-2.8$ percentage points. <br> ${ }^{\wedge}$ National Registered Voters: N=1068 MOE $+/-3.0$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding. <br> *Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents. |  |  |  |  |


|  |  | National Adults |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | In general, is it m | important for go | officials to: |
|  |  | Compromise to find solutions | Stand on principle even if it means gridlock | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Adults |  | 71\% | 24\% | 5\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 72\% | 24\% | 4\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 86\% | 11\% | 3\% |
|  | Republican | 58\% | 37\% | 5\% |
|  | Independent | 68\% | 28\% | 5\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 86\% | 12\% | 2\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 85\% | 11\% | 5\% |
|  | Just Independents | 62\% | 31\% | 7\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 62\% | 33\% | 4\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 49\% | 45\% | 6\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 81\% | 16\% | 3\% |
|  | Moderate | 82\% | 15\% | 2\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 59\% | 37\% | 5\% |
| Region | Northeast | 74\% | 20\% | 5\% |
|  | Midwest | 69\% | 23\% | 9\% |
|  | South | 69\% | 26\% | 5\% |
|  | West | 72\% | 25\% | 3\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 71\% | 23\% | 6\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 72\% | 25\% | 3\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 67\% | 27\% | 6\% |
|  | College graduate | 76\% | 20\% | 4\% |
| Race | White | 71\% | 24\% | 6\% |
|  | African American | 75\% | 18\% | 7\% |
|  | Latino | 70\% | 27\% | 2\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 70\% | 22\% | 8\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 74\% | 22\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 70\% | 26\% | 4\% |
|  | 60 or older | 70\% | 24\% | 6\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 72\% | 22\% | 5\% |
|  | 45 or older | 70\% | 25\% | 5\% |
| Gender | Men | 69\% | 27\% | 4\% |
|  | Women | 72\% | 21\% | 7\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 70\% | 24\% | 6\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 72\% | 24\% | 5\% |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, N=1233 MOE +/-2.8 percentage points.
${ }^{\wedge}$ National Registered Voters: $\mathrm{N}=1068$ MOE $+/-3.0$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.
*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Who do you think is more to blame for the gridlock in Washington: |  |  |  |
|  |  | The Congressional Republicans | President Obama | Both | Neither-Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 45\% | 37\% | 12\% | 6\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 78\% | 12\% | 6\% | 5\% |
|  | Republican | 10\% | 73\% | 13\% | 5\% |
|  | Independent | 42\% | 36\% | 15\% | 7\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 90\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 66\% | 19\% | 9\% | 6\% |
|  | Just Independents | 40\% | 27\% | 17\% | 16\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 17\% | 63\% | 15\% | 6\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 2\% | 82\% | 14\% | 1\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 72\% | 13\% | 8\% | 7\% |
|  | Moderate | 58\% | 25\% | 11\% | 6\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 21\% | 62\% | 15\% | 3\% |
| Region | Northeast | 47\% | 40\% | 9\% | 4\% |
|  | Midwest | 44\% | 35\% | 16\% | 5\% |
|  | South | 42\% | 41\% | 10\% | 7\% |
|  | West | 50\% | 33\% | 11\% | 6\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 51\% | 32\% | 9\% | 8\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 44\% | 40\% | 13\% | 3\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 46\% | 36\% | 11\% | 6\% |
|  | College graduate | 45\% | 39\% | 12\% | 5\% |
| Race | White | 40\% | 42\% | 13\% | 5\% |
|  | African American | 75\% | 11\% | 6\% | 8\% |
|  | Latino | 47\% | 30\% | 12\% | 10\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 55\% | 24\% | 11\% | 10\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 44\% | 42\% | 8\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 43\% | 40\% | 13\% | 4\% |
|  | 60 or older | 44\% | 39\% | 13\% | 5\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 49\% | 34\% | 9\% | 7\% |
|  | 45 or older | 44\% | 39\% | 13\% | 4\% |
| Gender | Men | 43\% | 39\% | 13\% | 5\% |
|  | Women | 47\% | 36\% | 10\% | 7\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 42\% | 41\% | 12\% | 5\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 55\% | 26\% | 10\% | 9\% |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, $\mathrm{N}=1068$ MOE $+/-3.0$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.
*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

|  |  |  |  | National Registered Voters |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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$\overline{\text { McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, } \mathrm{N}=1068 \mathrm{MOE}+/-3.0 \text { percentage points. Totals may not }}$ add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.
*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Overall, in order t | close the federal budge prefer lawmakers: | it, would you |
|  |  | Mostly increase taxes and fees | Mostly cut programs and services | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 37\% | 53\% | 9\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 65\% | 27\% | 8\% |
|  | Republican | 14\% | 78\% | 8\% |
|  | Independent | 30\% | 59\% | 11\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 75\% | 17\% | 7\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 50\% | 42\% | 8\% |
|  | Just Independents | 18\% | 54\% | 28\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 17\% | 76\% | 6\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 7\% | 85\% | 8\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 67\% | 24\% | 9\% |
|  | Moderate | 40\% | 50\% | 10\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 19\% | 74\% | 7\% |
| Region | Northeast | 41\% | 50\% | 9\% |
|  | Midwest | 34\% | 52\% | 14\% |
|  | South | 38\% | 55\% | 7\% |
|  | West | 37\% | 54\% | 9\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 42\% | 47\% | 11\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 36\% | 58\% | 6\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 37\% | 52\% | 11\% |
|  | College graduate | 38\% | 55\% | 7\% |
| Race | White | 31\% | 59\% | 10\% |
|  | African American | 63\% | 32\% | 5\% |
|  | Latino | 50\% | 38\% | 12\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 34\% | 58\% | 8\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 39\% | 57\% | 5\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 38\% | 52\% | 11\% |
|  | 60 or older | 39\% | 49\% | 12\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 37\% | 57\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 or older | 38\% | 50\% | 12\% |
| Gender | Men | 30\% | 63\% | 6\% |
|  | Women | 44\% | 44\% | 12\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 37\% | 52\% | 11\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 38\% | 57\% | 5\% |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, N=1068 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.
*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft
Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Would you prefer to mostly increase revenues such as taxes and fees or mostly cut spending for education? |  |  |
|  |  | Mostly increase taxes and fees | Mostly cut spending | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 65\% | 31\% | 4\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 80\% | 18\% | 2\% |
|  | Republican | 47\% | 49\% | 4\% |
|  | Independent | 65\% | 29\% | 5\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 88\% | 10\% | 2\% |
|  | Moderate | 78\% | 19\% | 4\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 43\% | 52\% | 5\% |
| Region | Northeast | 64\% | 32\% | 4\% |
|  | Midwest | 68\% | 26\% | 6\% |
|  | South | 64\% | 32\% | 4\% |
|  | West | 65\% | 33\% | 2\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 68\% | 28\% | 4\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 69\% | 28\% | 3\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 64\% | 32\% | 4\% |
|  | College graduate | 67\% | 29\% | 4\% |
| Race | White | 63\% | 32\% | 5\% |
|  | Non-white | 76\% | 22\% | 2\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 77\% | 23\% | 0\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 70\% | 27\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 67\% | 30\% | 3\% |
|  | 60 or older | 57\% | 36\% | 7\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 72\% | 26\% | 2\% |
|  | 45 or older | 62\% | 33\% | 5\% |
| Gender | Men | 60\% | 36\% | 4\% |
|  | Women | 70\% | 26\% | 4\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 65\% | 29\% | 5\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 65\% | 34\% | 0\% |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, $\mathrm{N}=551 \mathrm{MOE}+/-4.2$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, $\mathrm{N}=514$ MOE $+/-4.3$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Would you prefer to mostly increase revenues such as taxes and fees or mostly cut spending for Medicare? |  |  |
|  |  | Mostly increase taxes and fees | Mostly cut spending | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 57\% | 36\% | 7\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 72\% | 22\% | 6\% |
|  | Republican | 43\% | 46\% | 10\% |
|  | Independent | 54\% | 40\% | 6\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 78\% | 16\% | 7\% |
|  | Moderate | 59\% | 36\% | 5\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 40\% | 50\% | 10\% |
| Region | Northeast | 60\% | 35\% | 6\% |
|  | Midwest | 56\% | 35\% | 9\% |
|  | South | 57\% | 38\% | 6\% |
|  | West | 55\% | 36\% | 10\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 62\% | 31\% | 7\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 51\% | 42\% | 6\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 59\% | 33\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 53\% | 40\% | 7\% |
| Race | White | 55\% | 36\% | 9\% |
|  | Non-white | 61\% | 36\% | 3\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 57\% | 43\% | 0\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 55\% | 40\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 59\% | 35\% | 6\% |
|  | 60 or older | 55\% | 32\% | 12\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 56\% | 41\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 or older | 57\% | 33\% | 10\% |
| Gender | Men | 55\% | 39\% | 6\% |
|  | Women | 58\% | 33\% | 8\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 54\% | 36\% | 10\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 63\% | 36\% | 1\% |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013,
$\mathrm{N}=514 \mathrm{MOE}+/-4.3$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, $\mathrm{N}=551$ MOE $+/-4.2$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Would you prefer to mostly increase revenues such as taxes and fees or mostly cut spending for Medicaid? |  |  |
|  |  | Mostly increase taxes and fees | Mostly cut spending | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 50\% | 42\% | 8\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 69\% | 25\% | 6\% |
|  | Republican | 31\% | 64\% | 5\% |
|  | Independent | 48\% | 41\% | 11\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 65\% | 26\% | 10\% |
|  | Moderate | 53\% | 41\% | 6\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 39\% | 53\% | 7\% |
| Region | Northeast | 53\% | 37\% | 10\% |
|  | Midwest | 54\% | 36\% | 10\% |
|  | South | 42\% | 52\% | 6\% |
|  | West | 56\% | 37\% | 7\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 52\% | 38\% | 10\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 48\% | 47\% | 5\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 50\% | 41\% | 9\% |
|  | College graduate | 50\% | 44\% | 7\% |
| Race | White | 45\% | 46\% | 8\% |
|  | Non-white | 62\% | 32\% | 6\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 37\% | 58\% | 5\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 50\% | 41\% | 9\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 57\% | 35\% | 7\% |
|  | 60 or older | 49\% | 41\% | 9\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 45\% | 47\% | 8\% |
|  | 45 or older | 53\% | 39\% | 8\% |
| Gender | Men | 43\% | 48\% | 9\% |
|  | Women | 56\% | 37\% | 7\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 49\% | 43\% | 8\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 53\% | 40\% | 8\% |

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$\mathrm{N}=551 \mathrm{MOE}+/-4.2$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Would you prefer to mostly increase revenues such as taxes and fees or mostly cut spending for energy? |  |  |
|  |  | Mostly increase taxes and fees | Mostly cut spending | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 35\% | 57\% | 8\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 53\% | 39\% | 8\% |
|  | Republican | 15\% | 78\% | 7\% |
|  | Independent | 32\% | 60\% | 8\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 60\% | 30\% | 10\% |
|  | Moderate | 36\% | 56\% | 8\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 17\% | 77\% | 6\% |
| Region | Northeast | 51\% | 39\% | 10\% |
|  | Midwest | 29\% | 63\% | 8\% |
|  | South | 33\% | 59\% | 8\% |
|  | West | 32\% | 61\% | 6\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 35\% | 56\% | 9\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 35\% | 59\% | 6\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 35\% | 58\% | 7\% |
|  | College graduate | 35\% | 57\% | 8\% |
| Race | White | 33\% | 58\% | 9\% |
|  | Non-white | 39\% | 54\% | 6\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 36\% | 60\% | 5\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 45\% | 53\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 35\% | 59\% | 6\% |
|  | 60 or older | 28\% | 58\% | 14\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 41\% | 56\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 or older | 31\% | 59\% | 10\% |
| Gender | Men | 34\% | 60\% | 6\% |
|  | Women | 36\% | 54\% | 10\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 31\% | 60\% | 9\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 45\% | 49\% | 5\% |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters Split Sample. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, $\mathrm{N}=514 \mathrm{MOE}+/-4.3$ percentage points. Totals may not add to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Would you prefer fees or mostly | mostly increase reven spending for unemplo | ch as taxes and assistance? |
|  |  | Mostly increase taxes and fees | Mostly cut spending | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 38\% | 55\% | 7\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 61\% | 32\% | 6\% |
|  | Republican | 12\% | 82\% | 6\% |
|  | Independent | 37\% | 57\% | 7\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 62\% | 29\% | 9\% |
|  | Moderate | 46\% | 48\% | 6\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 19\% | 76\% | 5\% |
| Region | Northeast | 40\% | 56\% | 4\% |
|  | Midwest | 42\% | 50\% | 8\% |
|  | South | 33\% | 59\% | 8\% |
|  | West | 40\% | 54\% | 6\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 45\% | 48\% | 7\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 35\% | 60\% | 5\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 35\% | 58\% | 7\% |
|  | College graduate | 42\% | 52\% | 6\% |
| Race | White | 33\% | 60\% | 7\% |
|  | Non-white | 50\% | 43\% | 6\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 25\% | 72\% | 3\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 37\% | 59\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 43\% | 49\% | 8\% |
|  | 60 or older | 40\% | 51\% | 9\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 33\% | 64\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 or older | 41\% | 50\% | 9\% |
| Gender | Men | 34\% | 61\% | 5\% |
|  | Women | 42\% | 50\% | 8\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 38\% | 54\% | 8\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 38\% | 58\% | 4\% |

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|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Would you prefe fees or mos | mostly increase reven cut spending for defe | h as taxes and ending? |
|  |  | Mostly increase taxes and fees | Mostly cut spending | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 39\% | 53\% | 8\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 39\% | 55\% | 7\% |
|  | Republican | 49\% | 43\% | 8\% |
|  | Independent | 35\% | 59\% | 6\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 33\% | 62\% | 5\% |
|  | Moderate | 35\% | 60\% | 5\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 47\% | 45\% | 9\% |
| Region | Northeast | 41\% | 53\% | 7\% |
|  | Midwest | 37\% | 54\% | 9\% |
|  | South | 44\% | 49\% | 6\% |
|  | West | 32\% | 60\% | 8\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 44\% | 46\% | 9\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 37\% | 58\% | 4\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 47\% | 45\% | 8\% |
|  | College graduate | 28\% | 66\% | 6\% |
| Race | White | 37\% | 54\% | 9\% |
|  | Non-white | 45\% | 50\% | 5\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 36\% | 60\% | 4\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 47\% | 49\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 44\% | 52\% | 4\% |
|  | 60 or older | 31\% | 56\% | 13\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 42\% | 54\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 or older | 37\% | 54\% | 9\% |
| Gender | Men | 35\% | 60\% | 5\% |
|  | Women | 43\% | 47\% | 9\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 37\% | 54\% | 9\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 45\% | 51\% | 4\% |

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|  |  | National Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy? |  |  |
|  |  | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 40\% | 57\% | 4\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 75\% | 23\% | 3\% |
|  | Republican | 9\% | 88\% | 3\% |
|  | Independent | 29\% | 65\% | 6\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 83\% | 14\% | 4\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 60\% | 37\% | 3\% |
|  | Just Independents | 27\% | 66\% | 8\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 11\% | 85\% | 4\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 2\% | 97\% | 1\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 65\% | 31\% | 4\% |
|  | Moderate | 48\% | 47\% | 5\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 19\% | 80\% | 2\% |
| Region | Northeast | 42\% | 55\% | 3\% |
|  | Midwest | 39\% | 56\% | 4\% |
|  | South | 39\% | 57\% | 4\% |
|  | West | 39\% | 57\% | 4\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 45\% | 50\% | 5\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 37\% | 61\% | 2\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 41\% | 56\% | 3\% |
|  | College graduate | 38\% | 57\% | 5\% |
| Race | White | 31\% | 65\% | 4\% |
|  | African American | 83\% | 14\% | 3\% |
|  | Latino | 49\% | 45\% | 7\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 45\% | 49\% | 6\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 39\% | 58\% | 3\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 36\% | 61\% | 3\% |
|  | 60 or older | 42\% | 54\% | 4\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 41\% | 54\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 or older | 39\% | 58\% | 3\% |
| Gender | Men | 36\% | 61\% | 3\% |
|  | Women | 43\% | 52\% | 5\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 36\% | 60\% | 3\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 49\% | 47\% | 4\% |

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*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft
Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

|  | Registered Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy? |  |  |
|  | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
|  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| March 2013 | 40\% | 57\% | 4\% |
| December 2012 | 44\% | 52\% | 4\% |
| March 2012 | 46\% | 51\% | 3\% |
| November 2011 | 36\% | 59\% | 4\% |
| September 2011 | 33\% | 61\% | 6\% |
| June 2011 | 37\% | 58\% | 5\% |
| April 2011 | 40\% | 57\% | 3\% |
| January 2011 | 44\% | 48\% | 8\% |
| November 23, 2010 | 42\% | 55\% | 4\% |
| September 21, 2010 | 41\% | 56\% | 3\% |
| June 30, 2010 | 46\% | 48\% | 6\% |
| March 31, 2010 | 46\% | 49\% | 5\% |
| December 8, 2009 | 45\% | 51\% | 4\% |
| October 14, 2009 | 48\% | 47\% | 5\% |
| August 12, 2009 | 52\% | 41\% | 7\% |
| June 8, 2009 | 53\% | 41\% | 6\% |
| April 8, 2009 | 54\% | 37\% | 9\% |
| Marist Poll National Registered Voters |  |  |  |


|  |  | 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 |  | 63\% | 33\% | 4\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 62\% | 34\% | 4\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 51\% | 46\% | 3\% |
|  | Republican | 73\% | 22\% | 5\% |
|  | Independent | 64\% | 31\% | 5\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 49\% | 49\% | 2\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 55\% | 40\% | 5\% |
|  | Just Independents | 63\% | 31\% | 6\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 68\% | 28\% | 3\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 78\% | 17\% | 5\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 49\% | 47\% | 4\% |
|  | Moderate | 56\% | 41\% | 3\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 76\% | 20\% | 4\% |
| Region | Northeast | 59\% | 39\% | 2\% |
|  | Midwest | 61\% | 33\% | 5\% |
|  | South | 65\% | 31\% | 5\% |
|  | West | 66\% | 31\% | 4\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 67\% | 29\% | 4\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 60\% | 37\% | 3\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 68\% | 29\% | 4\% |
|  | College graduate | 56\% | 39\% | 5\% |
| Race | White | 64\% | 32\% | 4\% |
|  | African American | 61\% | 35\% | 4\% |
|  | Latino | 63\% | 32\% | 5\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 68\% | 29\% | 3\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 65\% | 31\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 63\% | 32\% | 4\% |
|  | 60 or older | 59\% | 37\% | 4\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 66\% | 30\% | 4\% |
|  | 45 or older | 61\% | 35\% | 4\% |
| Gender | Men | 59\% | 37\% | 3\% |
|  | Women | 67\% | 28\% | 5\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 62\% | 32\% | 5\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 65\% | 33\% | 2\% |

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*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.

|  | National Adults |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not? |  |  |
|  | Yes | No | Unsure |
|  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| March 2013 | 63\% | 33\% | 4\% |
| March 2012 | 66\% | 30\% | 4\% |
| November 2011 | 73\% | 25\% | 3\% |
| 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 |  |  |  |


|  |  | National Adults |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | In the coming year, do you expect your personal family finances to get better, get worse, or stay about the same? |  |  |
|  |  | Get better | Get worse | Stay about the same |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Adults |  | 26\% | 26\% | 48\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 24\% | 27\% | 48\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 38\% | 15\% | 47\% |
|  | Republican | 9\% | 43\% | 48\% |
|  | Independent | 21\% | 29\% | 50\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 41\% | 12\% | 47\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 30\% | 20\% | 50\% |
|  | Just Independents | 23\% | 30\% | 46\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 13\% | 35\% | 52\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 7\% | 51\% | 42\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 32\% | 18\% | 50\% |
|  | Moderate | 29\% | 20\% | 51\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 15\% | 39\% | 46\% |
| Region | Northeast | 30\% | 26\% | 45\% |
|  | Midwest | 19\% | 27\% | 54\% |
|  | South | 26\% | 25\% | 49\% |
|  | West | 30\% | 26\% | 43\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 28\% | 27\% | 45\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 24\% | 25\% | 51\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 28\% | 26\% | 45\% |
|  | College graduate | 22\% | 25\% | 52\% |
| Race | White | 19\% | 32\% | 50\% |
|  | African American | 53\% | 8\% | 39\% |
|  | Latino | 40\% | 17\% | 43\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 38\% | 12\% | 49\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 31\% | 21\% | 47\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 28\% | 34\% | 39\% |
|  | 60 or older | 14\% | 30\% | 57\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 34\% | 17\% | 48\% |
|  | 45 or older | 20\% | 32\% | 48\% |
| Gender | Men | 26\% | 23\% | 51\% |
|  | Women | 27\% | 28\% | 45\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 22\% | 29\% | 49\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 35\% | 20\% | 45\% |
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|  |  | National Adults |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | In the coming y off, about | you feel you will ne, or worse off th | omically better are now? |
|  |  | Better off | About the same | Worse off |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Adults |  | 25\% | 40\% | 36\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 22\% | 41\% | 36\% |
| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 36\% | 46\% | 18\% |
|  | Republican | 7\% | 33\% | 59\% |
|  | Independent | 20\% | 43\% | 37\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 46\% | 41\% | 13\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 23\% | 53\% | 24\% |
|  | Just Independents | 22\% | 33\% | 44\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 11\% | 42\% | 46\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 6\% | 24\% | 70\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 31\% | 48\% | 22\% |
|  | Moderate | 27\% | 47\% | 27\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 13\% | 34\% | 53\% |
| Region | Northeast | 21\% | 43\% | 37\% |
|  | Midwest | 22\% | 45\% | 33\% |
|  | South | 26\% | 38\% | 37\% |
|  | West | 29\% | 36\% | 35\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 27\% | 38\% | 35\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 23\% | 42\% | 35\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 27\% | 36\% | 37\% |
|  | College graduate | 21\% | 46\% | 33\% |
| Race | White | 18\% | 38\% | 43\% |
|  | African American | 45\% | 45\% | 10\% |
|  | Latino | 36\% | 37\% | 26\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 37\% | 43\% | 20\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 28\% | 37\% | 35\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 25\% | 34\% | 42\% |
|  | 60 or older | 15\% | 46\% | 39\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 32\% | 39\% | 29\% |
|  | 45 or older | 20\% | 40\% | 40\% |
| Gender | Men | 28\% | 38\% | 34\% |
|  | Women | 22\% | 41\% | 37\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 21\% | 39\% | 40\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 34\% | 41\% | 25\% |

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|  |  | National Adults |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | In general, thin country, do you fee things | about the way thi ngs are going in th going in the wrong | going in the irection or that n? |
|  |  | Right direction | Wrong direction | Unsure |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Adults |  | 35\% | 60\% | 5\% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 34\% | 62\% | 4\% |
| Party Identification ${ }^{\wedge}$ | Democrat | 60\% | 36\% | 4\% |
|  | Republican | 9\% | 89\% | 1\% |
|  | Independent | 27\% | 67\% | 6\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 70\% | 27\% | 4\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 45\% | 49\% | 6\% |
|  | Just Independents | 31\% | 59\% | 9\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 14\% | 84\% | 2\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 1\% | 98\% | 1\% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 53\% | 40\% | 6\% |
|  | Moderate | 44\% | 53\% | 4\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 15\% | 83\% | 3\% |
| Region | Northeast | 38\% | 60\% | 2\% |
|  | Midwest | 32\% | 61\% | 7\% |
|  | South | 32\% | 62\% | 6\% |
|  | West | 39\% | 56\% | 6\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 38\% | 55\% | 7\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 32\% | 64\% | 3\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 36\% | 59\% | 4\% |
|  | College graduate | 33\% | 61\% | 7\% |
| Race | White | 26\% | 70\% | 4\% |
|  | African American | 64\% | 24\% | 12\% |
|  | Latino | 48\% | 46\% | 7\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 45\% | 49\% | 6\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 35\% | 58\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 31\% | 67\% | 3\% |
|  | 60 or older | 32\% | 61\% | 7\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 40\% | 54\% | 6\% |
|  | 45 or older | 31\% | 64\% | 5\% |
| Gender | Men | 35\% | 61\% | 3\% |
|  | Women | 34\% | 59\% | 7\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 33\% | 61\% | 5\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 39\% | 57\% | 5\% |

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|  |  | Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Michelle Obama? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Favorable | Unfavorable | Unsure-Never Heard |
|  |  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| National Registered Voters |  | 63\% | 26\% | 11\% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 88\% | 6\% | 5\% |
|  | Republican | 36\% | 48\% | 16\% |
|  | Independent | 60\% | 27\% | 13\% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 94\% | 3\% | 3\% |
|  | Soft Democrats | 81\% | 12\% | 7\% |
|  | Just Independents | 46\% | 30\% | 25\% |
|  | Soft Republicans | 47\% | 37\% | 16\% |
|  | Strong Republicans | 25\% | 60\% | 15\% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 85\% | 8\% | 6\% |
|  | Moderate | 75\% | 17\% | 8\% |
|  | Conservative-Very conservative | 42\% | 43\% | 15\% |
| Region | Northeast | 65\% | 26\% | 9\% |
|  | Midwest | 62\% | 25\% | 13\% |
|  | South | 62\% | 28\% | 11\% |
|  | West | 65\% | 23\% | 12\% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 67\% | 23\% | 10\% |
|  | \$50,000 or more | 60\% | 29\% | 11\% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 63\% | 27\% | 10\% |
|  | College graduate | 64\% | 25\% | 12\% |
| Race | White | 58\% | 30\% | 12\% |
|  | African American | 87\% | 9\% | 4\% |
|  | Latino | 72\% | 20\% | 9\% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 68\% | 23\% | 9\% |
|  | 30 to 44 | 61\% | 27\% | 12\% |
|  | 45 to 59 | 60\% | 29\% | 11\% |
|  | 60 or older | 67\% | 23\% | 10\% |
| Age | Under 45 | 63\% | 26\% | 11\% |
|  | 45 or older | 63\% | 26\% | 10\% |
| Gender | Men | 57\% | 30\% | 12\% |
|  | Women | 68\% | 22\% | 10\% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 62\% | 26\% | 12\% |
|  | Cell Phone | 67\% | 24\% | 8\% |

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|  | Overall, do you | able or an unfa Obama? | impression of Michelle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Favorable | Unfavorable | Unsure-Never Heard |
|  | Row \% | Row \% | Row \% |
| March 2013 | 63\% | 26\% | 11\% |
| April 2012 | 65\% | 23\% | 12\% |
| October 2011 | 63\% | 21\% | 16\% |
| May 2011 | 66\% | 17\% | 17\% |
| September 2010 | 65\% | 24\% | 11\% |
| December 2009 | 68\% | 20\% | 12\% |
| Marist Poll National Registered Voters |  |  |  |

