



McClatchy-Marist Poll

**Obama Approval Rating Drops...  
Plurality Blames GOP for Sequester**

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**This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:**

President Barack Obama's approval rating has fallen to its lowest point in sixteen months. Currently, more registered voters nationally disapprove of the president's job performance -- 48% -- than approve of how he is doing in office -- 45%. Seven percent are unsure. This is the first time Mr. Obama's approval rating has been upside down since November 2011 when 50% believed he fell short, and 43% gave the president high marks. Seven percent, at that time, were unsure.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in December 2012, half of voters -- 50% - - applauded the job the president was doing. 44% thought his performance was subpar, and 6% were unsure.

"The political wrangling in Washington has taken its toll on President Obama and hasn't done Congress any good either," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

While there has been some change in the president's job performance rating among Democrats and Republicans, there has been more of a shift among independent voters. Just 37% of these voters approve of how the president is doing in office while a majority -- 55% -- disapprove. Eight percent are unsure. In December, 46% of independents approved of Mr. Obama's performance, 45% disapproved, and 9% were unsure.

There has also been a decline in the president's favorable rating. Here, voters evenly divide. 48% have a favorable impression of President Obama while the same proportion -- 48% -- has an unfavorable one. Four percent are unsure. In December, a majority -- 53% -- had a positive view of the president. 44% had an unfavorable opinion of him, and 3%, at that time, were unsure.

President Obama fares better in voters' eyes than do Congressional Democrats and Republicans. Only 31% of registered voters nationally approve of how the Democrats in Congress are performing in office. More than six in ten -- 62% -- disapprove, and 7% are unsure. In McClatchy-Marist's previous survey, 35% approved of the job of Congressional Democrats, 58% disapproved, and 7% were unsure.

Looking at Congressional Republicans, just 26% approve of their job performance. 68% disapprove, and 7% are unsure. In December, similar proportions of registered voters shared these views. 26% gave the Congressional GOP high marks, 67% disapproved, and 7% were unsure.

### **Republicans Take Brunt of Blame for Sequester...Nearly Half Expect Negative Impact on Economy**

Eighty-five billion dollars in automatic spending cuts took effect when President Obama and Congressional Republicans failed to reach an agreement to avoid them. Who is more to blame? 46% of adults nationally point a finger at the Republicans. But, President Obama does not go unscathed. 36% of adults think the president is at fault. 12% of Americans say both are to blame while 7% report neither is to blame or are unsure. Similar proportions of registered voters have these opinions.

When it comes to the effect of the sequester on the economy, 47% of residents believe there will be a negative impact while only 19% say there will be a positive one. More than one in four -- 27% -- think there will be no effect on the economy, and 7% are unsure. Here, too, similar proportions of registered voters share these views.

But, what about the personal toll of sequestration? Nearly half of adults nationally -- 48% -- don't think their family will feel any difference. 39% believe they will be adversely affected while 10% say they will benefit from the experience. Three percent are unsure. Nearly identical proportions of registered voters agree.

### **Majority Favors Divided Government...Compromise is a Must, Say More Than Seven in Ten**

55% of residents nationally think it is better if the president and the majority who controls Congress are from different political parties. 35% say it would be advantageous if they were from the same party, and 10% are unsure. Registered voters share these views.

For more than seven in ten adults nationally, compromise is the key. 71% believe it is more important for government officials to compromise to find a solution. However, 24% think it is better if politicians stand on principle even if it means gridlock. Five percent are unsure.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in December, 74% of adults thought it was more important to compromise. 21% said an official's principles should not be forsaken, and 5% were unsure.

When Washington comes to a political standstill, who do registered voters blame for the gridlock? 45% say the Republicans in Congress are culpable. 37% blame President Obama while 12% say both are at fault. Six percent say neither are to blame or are unsure.

### **The Great Deficit Divide**

When it comes to closing the federal budget deficit, registered voters divide. 44% think Congressional Republicans have the better approach to deficit reduction. 42%, however, believe President Obama has the better plan. Seven percent think neither has the better approach while 2% report both are adept at handling the situation. Six percent are unsure.

To close the federal budget deficit, a majority of voters nationally -- 53% -- prefer lawmakers cut programs and services than increase taxes and fees -- 37%.

However, when asked about specific policy areas, there are several notable exceptions.

- Almost two-thirds of registered voters -- 65% -- would rather increase revenues such as taxes and fees than experience cuts to **education spending** -- 31%. Four percent are unsure.
- Six in ten registered voters -- 60% -- would prefer to increase taxes and fees than cut **Social Security spending** -- 33%. Seven percent are unsure.
- 57% would prefer increasing revenues than reduce **spending for Medicare** -- 36%. Seven percent are unsure.
- A majority of registered voters -- 53% -- would rather increase revenues such as taxes and fees than cut **transportation spending** -- 40%. Seven percent are unsure.
- Half -- 50% -- would prefer to increase taxes and fees than cut **Medicaid spending** - - 42%. Eight percent are unsure.
- However, nearly six in ten voters -- 57% -- would rather cut **energy spending** than increase revenues -- 35%. Eight percent are unsure.
- 55% would prefer cuts in **unemployment assistance** over increases in taxes and fees -- 38%. Seven percent are unsure.
- A majority -- 53% -- would rather have **defense spending** cut than experience higher taxes or fees -- 39%. Seven percent are unsure.

### **Dip in Those Who Approve of Obama's Handling of the Economy**

When it comes to the economy, in general, 40% of registered voters approve of how President Barack Obama is handling it. Nearly six in ten -- 57% -- disapprove. Four percent are unsure.

This marks a decline from when McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in December. At that time, 44% of voters gave Obama a thumbs-up on his fiscal management, 52% disapproved, and 4% were unsure.

Do Americans think the nation is in a recession? 63% of adults nationally do while 33% do not. Four percent are unsure. Little has changed on this question since McClatchy-Marist reported it last March when 66% thought the country was in a recession. 30% disagreed, and 4% were unsure.

### **On the Personal Side...More Americans See Finances on Decline than a Year Ago**

Nearly half of Americans -- 48% -- believe their personal family finances in the coming year will remain about the same. 26% believe their financial picture will get better while the same proportion -- 26% -- think it will get worse.

The proportion of residents who think their personal finances will deteriorate has grown. Last March, 14% thought their family finances would get worse. 32%, at the time, believed they would get better while a majority -- 55% -- said they would stay about the same.

When it comes to whether or not adults nationally will feel economically better off in the coming year, one in four -- 25% -- believe they will while 36% say they will be worse off. 40% think they will be about the same economically. There has been little change on this question since December 2012 when 27% reported they would be better off, 32% thought they would be worse off, and 40% said they would feel no differently.

### **More View Nation as Headed in the Wrong Direction**

What does all of this mean for the trajectory of the nation? Six in ten Americans -- 60% -- believe the country is moving in the wrong direction while 35% say it is traveling in the right one. Five percent are unsure.

When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in December, 55% of adults nationally thought the country was on the wrong path. 40% said it was on the correct one, and 5% were unsure.

### **Michelle Obama Consistently Scores High with American Voters**

President Obama may want to take a few lessons from his wife. When it comes to Michelle Obama's favorable rating, 63% of voters have a positive impression of her. 26% have an unfavorable one, and 11% are unsure.

In McClatchy-Marist's survey last April, 65% thought highly of Mrs. Obama while 23% had a negative view of her. 12%, at that time, were unsure. Since December 2009, more than six in ten registered voters nationally have given Mrs. Obama high marks.

## How the Survey was Conducted

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

This survey of 1,233 adults was conducted March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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
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%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, N=1233 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points. National Registered Voters: N=1068 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		45%	48%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	82%	12%	6%
	Republican	8%	87%	5%
	Independent	37%	55%	8%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	93%	4%	3%
	Soft Democrats	66%	23%	10%
	Just Independents	36%	51%	13%
	Soft Republicans	12%	82%	6%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	3%	97%	0%
	Very liberal-Liberal	79%	16%	5%
	Moderate	55%	35%	10%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	18%	79%	3%
	Northeast	51%	44%	5%
	Midwest	46%	48%	6%
Household Income	South	42%	51%	7%
	West	45%	48%	7%
	Less than \$50,000	51%	42%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	52%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	45%	49%	6%
	College graduate	46%	47%	7%
Race	White	36%	58%	6%
	African American	83%	9%	8%
	Latino	57%	33%	11%
Age	18 to 29	59%	32%	9%
	30 to 44	42%	51%	6%
	45 to 59	40%	54%	6%
	60 or older	45%	49%	6%
Age	Under 45	49%	43%	7%
	45 or older	43%	51%	6%
Gender	Men	41%	51%	7%
	Women	48%	46%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	41%	52%	7%
	Cell Phone	57%	38%	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.

	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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
		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%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	3%	97%	0%
	Very liberal-Liberal	83%	14%	3%
	Moderate	60%	36%	4%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	77%	2%
	Northeast	52%	44%	5%
	Midwest	48%	48%	4%
Household Income	South	45%	50%	4%
	West	51%	47%	2%
	Less than \$50,000	54%	41%	5%
Education	\$50,000 or more	46%	51%	3%
	Not college graduate	47%	49%	4%
Race	College graduate	50%	46%	4%
	White	40%	56%	4%
Age	African American	82%	10%	8%
	Latino	64%	34%	3%
	18 to 29	58%	39%	3%
Age	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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	Registered Voters		
	Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?		
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
	Row %	Row %	Row %
March 2013	48%	48%	4%
December 2012	53%	44%	3%
July 2012	49%	46%	3%
March 2012	50%	46%	3%
November 2011	47%	49%	4%
September 2011	46%	48%	5%
August 2011	52%	41%	8%
June 2011	50%	44%	6%
April 2011	48%	48%	5%
January 2011	53%	40%	8%
November 23, 2010	47%	49%	4%
October 28, 2010	54%	41%	5%
October 8, 2010	50%	47%	3%
September 22, 2010	49%	48%	3%
June 30, 2010	50%	43%	7%
March 31, 2010	53%	41%	6%
February 8, 2010	50%	44%	6%
December 8, 2009	55%	41%	4%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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%

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.

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	Registered Voters		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?		
	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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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		
	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans 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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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 <sup>^</sup>	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 <sup>^</sup>	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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<sup>^</sup>National Registered Voters: N=1068 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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		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 <sup>^</sup>	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 <sup>^</sup>	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%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, N=1233 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points.

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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 <sup>^</sup>	Democrat	53%	39%	8%
	Republican	22%	69%	9%
	Independent	28%	62%	10%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	57%	36%	7%
	Soft Democrats	45%	47%	8%
	Just Independents	26%	59%	16%
	Soft Republicans	21%	70%	9%
Political Ideology <sup>^</sup>	Strong Republicans	18%	72%	10%
	Very liberal-Liberal	52%	40%	8%
	Moderate	35%	55%	9%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	24%	67%	9%
	Northeast	45%	46%	8%
	Midwest	27%	61%	12%
Household Income	South	32%	56%	12%
	West	37%	55%	8%
	Less than \$50,000	38%	51%	10%
Education	\$50,000 or more	32%	60%	8%
	Not college graduate	36%	54%	10%
Race	College graduate	33%	57%	10%
	White	31%	58%	11%
	African American	45%	50%	5%
Age	Latino	37%	55%	8%
	18 to 29	39%	55%	7%
	30 to 44	35%	58%	8%
	45 to 59	34%	56%	10%
Age	60 or older	33%	53%	14%
	Under 45	36%	56%	7%
Gender	45 or older	34%	54%	12%
	Men	34%	60%	6%
Interview Type	Women	35%	51%	14%
	Landline	34%	54%	12%
	Cell Phone	36%	58%	6%

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults		
		In general, is it more important for government 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%

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	2%	82%	14%	1%
	Very liberal-Liberal	72%	13%	8%	7%
	Moderate	58%	25%	11%	6%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	62%	15%	3%
	Northeast	47%	40%	9%	4%
	Midwest	44%	35%	16%	5%
Household Income	South	42%	41%	10%	7%
	West	50%	33%	11%	6%
	Less than \$50,000	51%	32%	9%	8%
Education	\$50,000 or more	44%	40%	13%	3%
	Not college graduate	46%	36%	11%	6%
Race	College graduate	45%	39%	12%	5%
	White	40%	42%	13%	5%
Age	African American	75%	11%	6%	8%
	Latino	47%	30%	12%	10%
	18 to 29	55%	24%	11%	10%
Age	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, N=1068 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters				
		Who do you think has a better approach to deal with the federal budget deficit:				
		The Congressional Republicans	President Obama	Both	Neither	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		44%	42%	2%	7%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	12%	78%	2%	6%	2%
	Republican	81%	7%	1%	5%	6%
	Independent	48%	34%	3%	7%	8%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	6%	91%	2%	1%	0%
	Soft Democrats	23%	60%	3%	9%	7%
	Just Independents	36%	31%	9%	12%	12%
	Soft Republicans	77%	12%	1%	5%	6%
	Strong Republicans	86%	3%	1%	7%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	19%	68%	2%	6%	6%
	Moderate	36%	49%	1%	9%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	67%	21%	3%	5%	4%
Region	Northeast	39%	50%	3%	1%	7%
	Midwest	40%	41%	2%	10%	6%
	South	46%	41%	2%	6%	5%
	West	48%	38%	2%	9%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	45%	3%	6%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	49%	40%	1%	7%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	42%	3%	6%	6%
	College graduate	45%	41%	2%	7%	5%
Race	White	48%	38%	2%	6%	6%
	African American	13%	75%	3%	4%	4%
	Latino	45%	33%	3%	12%	8%
Age	18 to 29	46%	42%	0%	6%	6%
	30 to 44	46%	40%	0%	9%	6%
	45 to 59	47%	40%	4%	6%	3%
	60 or older	40%	44%	3%	6%	7%
Age	Under 45	46%	41%	0%	8%	6%
	45 or older	43%	42%	3%	6%	5%
Gender	Men	48%	40%	1%	8%	3%
	Women	40%	44%	3%	5%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	41%	2%	7%	6%
	Cell Phone	44%	43%	2%	7%	4%

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Overall, in order to close the federal budget deficit, would you prefer lawmakers:		
		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%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	7%	85%	8%
	Very liberal-Liberal	67%	24%	9%
	Moderate	40%	50%	10%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	19%	74%	7%
	Northeast	41%	50%	9%
	Midwest	34%	52%	14%
Household Income	South	38%	55%	7%
	West	37%	54%	9%
	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%

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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, N=551 MOE +/- 4.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Would you prefer to mostly increase revenues such as taxes and fees or mostly cut spending for Social Security?		
		Mostly increase taxes and fees	Mostly cut spending	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		60%	33%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	78%	16%	6%
	Republican	44%	49%	7%
	Independent	54%	38%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	79%	15%	6%
	Moderate	64%	31%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	45%	47%	8%
Region	Northeast	64%	30%	7%
	Midwest	55%	33%	11%
	South	63%	33%	4%
	West	57%	36%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	67%	24%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	54%	42%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	31%	7%
	College graduate	57%	36%	7%
Race	White	58%	34%	8%
	Non-white	65%	31%	4%
Age	18 to 29	61%	39%	0%
	30 to 44	63%	34%	3%
	45 to 59	61%	33%	6%
	60 or older	57%	30%	12%
Age	Under 45	62%	36%	2%
	45 or older	59%	32%	9%
Gender	Men	60%	35%	5%
	Women	60%	31%	9%
Interview Type	Landline	55%	36%	9%
	Cell Phone	73%	26%	2%

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

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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, N=514 MOE +/- 4.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Would you prefer to mostly increase revenues such as taxes and fees or mostly cut spending for transportation, including roads and bridges?		
		Mostly increase taxes and fees	Mostly cut spending	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		53%	40%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	69%	25%	6%
	Republican	44%	49%	7%
	Independent	47%	46%	7%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	59%	35%	6%
	Moderate	64%	30%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	43%	49%	8%
Region	Northeast	51%	39%	11%
	Midwest	55%	37%	8%
	South	54%	39%	7%
	West	52%	45%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	57%	38%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	54%	41%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	52%	40%	8%
	College graduate	55%	39%	6%
Race	White	51%	43%	6%
	Non-white	62%	29%	9%
Age	18 to 29	61%	35%	5%
	30 to 44	52%	43%	4%
	45 to 59	57%	38%	6%
	60 or older	48%	41%	11%
Age	Under 45	55%	40%	4%
	45 or older	52%	39%	8%
Gender	Men	50%	46%	4%
	Women	56%	34%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	41%	8%
	Cell Phone	59%	37%	3%

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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, N=514 MOE +/- 4.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Would you prefer to mostly increase revenues such as taxes and fees or mostly cut spending for unemployment 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%

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

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		Would you prefer to mostly increase revenues such as taxes and fees or mostly cut spending for defense spending?		
		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%

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

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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%

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.

	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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, N=1233 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: 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 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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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%
Political Ideology^	Strong Republicans	7%	51%	42%
	Very liberal-Liberal	32%	18%	50%
	Moderate	29%	20%	51%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	15%	39%	46%
	Northeast	30%	26%	45%
	Midwest	19%	27%	54%
Household Income	South	26%	25%	49%
	West	30%	26%	43%
	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%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, N=1233 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: 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 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 %
March 2013	26%	26%	48%
March 2012	32%	14%	55%
November 2011	22%	19%	59%
September 2011	28%	17%	55%
August 2011	25%	26%	49%
July 2011	28%	20%	52%
April 2011	27%	25%	48%
December 2010	29%	19%	52%
September 21, 2010	30%	18%	52%
June 9, 2010	33%	15%	52%
April 15, 2009	28%	22%	50%
Marist Poll National Adults			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Adults		
		In the coming year, do you feel you will be economically better off, about the same, or worse off than you 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%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, N=1233 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: 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.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		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		35%	60%	5%
National Registered Voters		34%	62%	4%
Party Identification <sup>^</sup>	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 <sup>^</sup>	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%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 4th through March 7th, 2013, N=1233 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points.

<sup>^</sup>National Registered Voters: 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 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 %
March 2013	35%	60%	5%
December 2012	40%	55%	5%
March 2012	43%	53%	4%
November 2011	25%	70%	4%
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			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		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%
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	25%	60%	15%
	Very liberal-Liberal	85%	8%	6%
	Moderate	75%	17%	8%
Region	Conservative-Very conservative	42%	43%	15%
	Northeast	65%	26%	9%
	Midwest	62%	25%	13%
Household Income	South	62%	28%	11%
	West	65%	23%	12%
	Less than \$50,000	67%	23%	10%
Education	\$50,000 or more	60%	29%	11%
	Not college graduate	63%	27%	10%
Race	College graduate	64%	25%	12%
	White	58%	30%	12%
	African American	87%	9%	4%
Age	Latino	72%	20%	9%
	18 to 29	68%	23%	9%
	30 to 44	61%	27%	12%
	45 to 59	60%	29%	11%
Age	60 or older	67%	23%	10%
	Under 45	63%	26%	11%
Gender	45 or older	63%	26%	10%
	Men	57%	30%	12%
Interview Type	Women	68%	22%	10%
	Landline	62%	26%	12%
	Cell Phone	67%	24%	8%

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.

	Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Michelle Obama?		
	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			