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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

54% Still Think U.S. is in a Recession

*** Complete Tables for Poll Appended ***

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

While a majority of U.S. adults still believe the nation's economy is in a recession, the proportion of Americans who have this opinion has been steadily declining since September 2011. In fact, the 54% of residents who currently perceive the country to be in a recession is the lowest proportion of Americans who have held this view since 2008.

"Americans are slowly but surely improving their economic outlook," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "But, as President Obama plans to refocus his second term agenda on the economy, he will find concerns over financial matters are still very much on people's minds."

Although a majority of Americans think the nation is still in a recession, 38% believe it is not. Eight percent are unsure. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in March, 63% thought the nation was still under the cloud of recession, 33% believed the economic skies had cleared for the nation, and 4% were unsure.

Not surprisingly, income matters. Americans who earn less are more likely to think the nation is in a recession. 61% of those who earn less than \$50,000 a year say the recession is still underway. This compares with 47% whose annual salary is \$50,000 or more.

Guarded Optimism about Personal Finances

A majority of Americans -- 52% -- think, in the coming year, their personal family finances will be about the same as they are now. 29% say they will be better while 19% report they will be worse. When McClatchy-Marist last reported this question in March, a plurality of

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residents -- 48% -- said their family finances would be steady state. More than one in four -- 26% -- had confidence that their personal money matters would improve. The same proportion -- 26% -- thought they would decline.

Do Americans believe they will be economically better off in the next year? Nearly three in ten -- 29% -- say they will be. 32% report they will be worse off, and 39% think they will be in about the same economic position. In March, 25% of U.S. adults said they would be better off in the coming year. 36% believed they would be worse off, and 40% reported that their economic situation would be status quo.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,204 Adults

This survey of 1,204 adults was conducted July 15th through July 18th, 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 ± 2.8 percentage points. There are 980 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.1 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		81%	100%	
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	34%	
	Republican	n/a	25%	
	Independent	n/a	37%	
	Other	n/a	4%	
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	n/a	22%	
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	13%	
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	11%	
	Just Independents	n/a	13%	
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	13%	
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%	
	Strong Republicans	n/a	13%	
	Other	n/a	4%	
	Political Ideology	Very conservative	n/a	10%
		Conservative	n/a	29%
Moderate		n/a	36%	
Liberal		n/a	19%	
Very liberal		n/a	6%	
Gender	Men	49%	47%	
	Women	51%	53%	
Age	Under 45	45%	39%	
	45 or older	55%	61%	
Age	18 to 29	22%	16%	
	30 to 44	23%	22%	
	45 to 59	27%	29%	
	60 or older	28%	32%	
Race	White	67%	70%	
	African American	11%	11%	
	Latino	14%	13%	
	Other	7%	5%	
Region	Northeast	18%	17%	
	Midwest	22%	24%	
	South	37%	38%	
	West	23%	22%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	46%	
	\$50,000 or more	51%	54%	
Education	Not college graduate	60%	57%	
	College graduate	40%	43%	
Interview Type	Landline	64%	67%	
	Cell Phone	36%	33%	

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted July 15th through July 18th, 2013, n=1204 MOE +/- 2.8 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=980 MOE +/- 3.1 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		
		Do you think that the U.S. economy is currently in a recession or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		54%	38%	8%
National Registered Voters		55%	40%	6%
Party Identification [^]	Democrat	37%	56%	7%
	Republican	63%	32%	5%
	Independent	61%	34%	5%
Political Ideology [^]	Very liberal-Liberal	43%	53%	4%
	Moderate	57%	40%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	61%	31%	8%
Region	Northeast	50%	43%	7%
	Midwest	58%	36%	6%
	South	49%	43%	8%
	West	60%	29%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	61%	27%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	50%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	31%	8%
	College graduate	44%	47%	9%
Race	White	57%	37%	6%
	Non-white	50%	40%	11%
Age	18 to 29	72%	19%	9%
	30 to 44	45%	44%	11%
	45 to 59	53%	44%	3%
	60 or older	50%	40%	10%
Age	Under 45	58%	32%	10%
	45 or older	52%	42%	6%
Gender	Men	50%	42%	8%
	Women	58%	34%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	53%	40%	7%
	Cell Phone	56%	34%	10%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults Split Sample. Interviews conducted July 15th through July 18th, 2013, n=557
 MOE +/- 4.2 percentage points.

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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 2011	71%	24%	5%
December 2010	79%	19%	2%
September 2010	80%	18%	2%
May 2008	78%	17%	5%
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		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
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National Registered Voters		26%	20%	54%
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	Republican	12%	28%	60%
	Independent	24%	20%	56%
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	\$50,000 or more	32%	18%	50%
Education	Not college graduate	29%	19%	52%
	College graduate	29%	18%	53%
Race	White	22%	21%	56%
	Non-white	45%	14%	41%
Age	18 to 29	38%	4%	58%
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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%
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