# **How the Survey was Conducted**

## Nature of the Sample: Marist National Poll of 963 Adults

This survey of 963 adults was conducted September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 by The Marist Poll. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the continental United States were interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Landline telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from ASDE Survey Sampler, Inc. 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 from Survey Sampling International. The two samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2010 Census results for age, gender, income, race, and region. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. Results are statistically significant within ±3.2 percentage points. There are 856 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±3.3 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 Vot	ers	89%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	37%
	Republican	n/a	29%
	Independent	n/a	34%
	Other	n/a	1%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	22%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	15%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	13%
	Just Independents	n/a	8%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	13%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	16%
	Other	n/a	1%
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	23%
Political Ideology	Very conservative	n/a	12%
	Conservative	n/a	29%
	Moderate	n/a	32%
	Liberal	n/a	20%
	Very liberal	n/a	7%
Gender	Men	49%	47%
	Women	51%	53%
Age	Under 45	38%	33%
	45 or older	62%	67%
Age	18 to 29	16%	13%
	30 to 44	22%	21%
	45 to 59	30%	31%
	60 or older	33%	35%
Race	White	68%	69%
	African American	11%	12%
	Latino	14%	13%
	Other	6%	6%
Region	Northeast	18%	19%
	Midwest	22%	22%
	South	37%	37%
	West	23%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	47%
	\$50,000 or more	50%	53%
Education	Not college graduate	58%	56%
	College graduate	42%	44%
Interview Type	Landline	72%	76%
	Cell phone	28%	24%

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Which one of the following quotes from President John F. Kennedy, do you feel is most meaningful today:

The torch has been passed to a new We choose to go to the generation of moon in this decade Let us never Americans - born in this negotiate out of and do the other Ask not what your country can do for you, century, tempered by things, not because fear but let us ask what you can do for war, disciplined by a they are easy, but never fear to

		ask what you can do for your country	war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace	they are easy, but because they are hard	never fear to negotiate	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		62%	7%	7%	22%	3%
National Registered Vot	ters	63%	7%	6%	22%	2%
Party Identification^	Democrat	56%	8%	6%	28%	2%
	Republican	71%	7%	4%	15%	3%
	Independent	65%	5%	9%	19%	2%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	61%	4%	5%	26%	3%
	Soft Democrats	55%	10%	8%	27%	1%
	Just Independents	54%	11%	16%	18%	1%
	Soft Republicans	71%	4%	5%	18%	2%
	Strong Republicans	73%	8%	3%	12%	3%
Tea Party Supporters^		73%	7%	3%	14%	2%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	59%	6%	7%	25%	2%
	Moderate	61%	7%	9%	22%	1%
	Conservative-Very conservative	68%	7%	4%	18%	3%
Region	Northeast	60%	6%	6%	24%	3%
	Midwest	66%	9%	4%	19%	2%
	South	60%	5%	8%	24%	3%
	West	62%	7%	7%	21%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	56%	10%	5%	27%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	65%	4%	8%	21%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	7%	5%	22%	4%
	College graduate	62%	7%	9%	21%	1%
Race	White	64%	8%	7%	20%	2%
	African American	56%	4%	4%	32%	4%
	Latino	66%	9%	3%	22%	0%
Age	18 to 29	47%	12%	8%	33%	0%
	30 to 44	57%	7%	9%	22%	4%
	45 to 59	63%	6%	6%	24%	2%
	60 or older	72%	5%	5%	15%	3%
Age	Under 45	53%	9%	9%	27%	3%
	45 or older	67%	6%	5%	19%	2%
Gender	Men	60%	8%	9%	22%	2%
	Women	64%	6%	5%	22%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	66%	6%	6%	18%	3%
	Cell phone	51%	8%	7%	32%	2%

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<sup>\*</sup>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.

Fifty years from now, will John F. Kennedy be remembered more for:

His assassination while His accomplishments as

		president	president	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		71%	24%	5%
National Registered Vot	ters	71%	24%	5%
Party Identification^	Democrat	65%	29%	6%
	Republican	76%	20%	4%
	Independent	73%	22%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	61%	32%	7%
	Soft Democrats	71%	26%	3%
	Just Independents	66%	20%	14%
	Soft Republicans	74%	23%	3%
	Strong Republicans	81%	15%	4%
Tea Party Supporters^		79%	18%	3%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	65%	31%	4%
	Moderate	74%	21%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	75%	21%	4%
Region	Northeast	73%	24%	3%
	Midwest	71%	24%	5%
	South	64%	28%	8%
	West	79%	18%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	68%	27%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	75%	22%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	69%	26%	6%
	College graduate	74%	22%	4%
Race	White	74%	23%	3%
	African American	62%	28%	10%
	Latino	71%	22%	7%
Age	18 to 29	78%	22%	0%
	30 to 44	77%	19%	4%
	45 to 59	66%	27%	6%
	60 or older	68%	26%	6%
Age	Under 45	77%	21%	2%
	45 or older	67%	27%	6%
Gender	Men	71%	23%	5%
	Women	70%	25%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	69%	25%	6%
	Cell phone	74%	23%	3%

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Do you think one man was responsible for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, or do you think there was a conspiracy and other people were involved?

		One man responsible	Conspiracy and other people involved	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		28%	58%	14%
National Registered Vote	ers	29%	57%	14%
Party Identification^	Democrat	27%	62%	11%
	Republican	29%	53%	18%
	Independent	32%	56%	12%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	31%	60%	9%
	Soft Democrats	29%	61%	9%
	Just Independents	33%	43%	24%
	Soft Republicans	26%	56%	18%
	Strong Republicans	30%	57%	13%
Tea Party Supporters^		28%	59%	13%
Political Ideology^	Very liberal-Liberal	36%	50%	14%
	Moderate	29%	61%	10%
	Conservative-Very conservative	26%	58%	16%
Region	Northeast	28%	57%	15%
	Midwest	36%	53%	11%
	South	24%	61%	15%
	West	26%	61%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	21%	67%	12%
	\$50,000 or more	35%	52%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	21%	66%	13%
	College graduate	37%	48%	15%
Race	White	32%	55%	13%
	African American	18%	70%	13%
	Latino	14%	76%	10%
Age	18 to 29	17%	67%	16%
	30 to 44	30%	54%	16%
	45 to 59	28%	57%	15%
	60 or older	31%	59%	10%
Age	Under 45	25%	59%	16%
	45 or older	30%	58%	12%
Gender	Men	29%	56%	14%
	Women	27%	60%	13%
Interview Type	Landline	30%	56%	14%
	Cell phone	21%	66%	13%

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		Born before 1959
		Col %
How did you learn about	TV	35%
the assassination of President John F. Kennedy	Teacher	27%
in 1963?	Radio	19%
	Friend/Neighbor	5%
	Work colleague	5%
	Family member	4%
	A person you didn't know	3%
	Newspaper	1%
	Other	1%
	Unsure	1%

Marist Poll National Adults Born Before 1959. Interviews conducted September 7th and September 8th, 2013, n=361 MOE +/- 5.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Which one of the following tragic events do you feel was most significant for people living at that time: The assassination of The bombing of Pearl The Challenger President John F. Harbor explosion September 11th Unsure Kennedy Row % Row % Row % Row % Row % National Adults 36% 13% 1% 49% 2% National Registered Voters 13% 0% 49% 2% 36% Party Identification^ Democrat 29% 17% 1% 52% 2% Republican 38% 9% 0% 51% 2% Independent 41% 12% 1% 45% 2% Party Identification\* Strong Democrats 26% 17% 0% 55% 2% Soft Democrats 33% 15% 1% 49% 1% Just Independents 0% 43% 3% 44% 10% Soft Republicans 10% 1% 43% 46% 1% 35% 0% Strong Republicans 8% 54% 3% Tea Party Supporters^ 40% 10% 0% 48% 2% 17% 0% 47% Political Ideology^ Very liberal-Liberal 35% 1% Moderate 38% 13% 1% 45% 2% Conservative-Very conservative 10% 0% 53% 2% 35% Region Northeast 33% 14% 3% 48% 2% Midwest 35% 11% 1% 52% 2% 33% South 12% 0% 53% 2% West 43% 16% 0% 40% 2% Household Income Less than \$50,000 14% 1% 49% 1% 36% \$50,000 or more 0% 36% 12% 50% 2% Education Not college graduate 31% 14% 1% 50% 3% College graduate 42% 11% 0% 46% 1% Race White 41% 12% 1% 45% 2% African American 18% 18% 0% 63% 2% 19% 0% 49% Latino 32% 0% 18 to 29 29% 13% 0% 57% 0% Age 30 to 44 34% 9% 3% 53% 1% 45 to 59 35% 13% 0% 49% 2% 60 or older 41% 15% 1% 40% 3% Under 45 32% 11% 2% 55% 1% Age 45 or older 14% 44% 3% 38% 0% 41% 13% 1% 42% 2% Gender Men Women 0% 30% 13% 55% 2%

39%

28%

Interview Type

Landline

Cell phone

13%

12%

1%

45%

57%

2%

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