

# POLL MUST BE SOURCED: McClatchy-Marist Poll\*

## Voters Remain Dissatisfied with Congress, Uneasy About Their Finances and the Country's Direction

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## This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Candidates running for Congress this year do so amid Americans' sustained dissatisfaction with elected officials in Washington, concern their financial picture is not improving, and pessimism about the course the country is taking.

Approval ratings for both the Republicans and Democrats in Congress remain low. The president's overall job approval rating, although somewhat improved from August, remains upside down as does voters' assessments of his handling of the economy. But, a majority of voters say their impression of President Obama will not be a factor in deciding their vote for Congress in November.

Americans, generally, expect their family's finances to remain about the same in the coming year. However, there has been a decline in the proportion of those who think their financial picture will improve, and an increase in those who think it will get worse. About six in ten Americans still think the country is off course which has barely improved since August.

Registered voters divide over whether a Democrat or a Republican would better serve their district in Congress. Yet, a plurality of voters believes the Republicans would do a better job handling the threat of terrorism.

"The mid-term elections are occurring at a time when voters have few good words to say about political leadership in Washington," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "Americans are anxious about their own finances and lack confidence in the direction of the nation."

\*All references to the survey must be sourced as "McClatchy-Marist Poll"

## Poll points:

- Only 24% of registered voters approve of **how the Republicans in Congress are doing their job** while 71% *disapprove*. These ratings are similar to those in August's McClatchy-Marist Poll when 22% reported they approved of the congressional GOP's performance, and 68% disapproved (Trend).
- With a 33% job approval rating, **Democrats in Congress** fare slightly better. 61% think they have fallen short on the job. In August, a comparable 32% of voters approved of how congressional Democrats were performing, and 59% disapproved (Trend).
- 46% of voters approve of **the job President Obama is doing in office**. Although this has increased from 40% in August, a majority of voters, 51%, disapprove of how he is handling his job (Trend).
- 41% of voters, little changed from 39% in August, approve of **how the president is handling the economy**. A majority, 57%, disapproves (Trend).
- Voters divide about their overall **impressions of President Obama**. 48% say they like the president while 49% have a negative opinion of him. More voters view the president positively than in August when 43% thought well of him, and a majority, 51%, had an unfavorable view of him (Trend).
- 52% of voters say **their impression of President Obama will not be a factor** in deciding their vote for Congress in November. 28% report it will be a major factor, and 19% think it will be a minor factor. These proportions are almost identical to those reported two months ago.
- When it comes to whether voters' views of president Obama will make them more or less likely to support a particular party's candidate, 41% say it makes them more likely to vote for a Republican. 38% report it makes them more inclined to back a Democrat, and 18% think it will not make any difference to their vote.

## Looking to the Future

- While a majority of adults nationally, 54%, think **their family's finances in the coming year** will stay about the same, 30% think their financial picture will improve, and 17% believe it will get worse. Americans are slightly more pessimistic about the future of their family's finances. In February, 54% thought their money matters would be status quo. 35% said they would get better, and 11% reported they would decline (Trend).
- Overall, 61% of U.S. adults think the **country is moving in the wrong direction**, similar to the 64% reported two months ago. There has been a slight increase in the proportion of Americans who say the nation is moving in the right direction. 35% currently have this view compared with 28% in August (Trend).
- Registered voters divide about whether they believe a Democrat, 45%, or Republican, 44%, would **better serve their district**.
- On the issue of terrorism, a plurality of voters, 46%, thinks the Republicans **would do a better job handling the threat of terrorism**. 37% believe the Democrats would better deal with such a crisis, and 6% say neither party would deal with it well.

### Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist National Poll of 1,052 Adults

This survey of 1,052 adults was conducted September 24<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by The Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with the McClatchy News Service. 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 ±3.0 percentage points. There are 884 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 Voters		84%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	35%
	Republican	n/a	29%
	Independent	n/a	35%
	Other	n/a	1%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	22%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	14%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	11%
	Just Independents	n/a	10%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	14%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	11%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	18%
	Other	n/a	1%
olitical Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	7%
	Liberal	n/a	21%
	Moderate	n/a	35%
	Conservative	n/a	28%
	Very conservative	n/a	9%
ea Party Supporters		n/a	24%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	n/a	43%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	n/a	57%
Gender	Men	49%	48%
	Women	51%	52%
Age	Under 45	41%	37%
	45 or older	59%	63%
Age	18 to 29	22%	18%
	30 to 44	19%	19%
	45 to 59	30%	30%
	60 or older	30%	33%
Race	White	66%	68%
	African American	12%	12%
	Latino	14%	13%
	Other	7%	7%
Region	Northeast	18%	18%
	Midwest	22%	23%
	South	37%	37%
	West	23%	23%
Iousehold Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	46%
	\$50,000 or more	51%	54%
ducation	Not college graduate	63%	60%
	College graduate	37%	40%
Marital Status	Married	48%	53%
	Not married	52%	47%
nterview Type	Landline	60%	64%
	Cell phone	40%	36%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted September 24th through September 29th, 2014, n=1052 MOE +/- 3.0 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=884 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		N	lational Registered Vote	rs	
		Do you approve or c	Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is do as president?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	
National Registered	Voters	46%	51%	3%	
Party Identification	Democrat	78%	18%	4%	
	Republican	13%	85%	2%	
	Independent	41%	55%	4%	
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	87%	12%	1%	
	Soft Democrats	67%	28%	6%	
	Just Independents	42%	49%	8%	
	Soft Republicans	20%	77%	3%	
	Strong Republicans	6%	94%	0%	
Tea Party Supporters		20%	78%	1%	
Republicans	Support Tea Party	10%	88%	2%	
	Do Not Support Tea Party	17%	80%	3%	
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	76%	24%	0%	
	Moderate	47%	50%	3%	
	Conservative-Very conservative	21%	75%	5%	
Region	Northeast	56%	43%	1%	
	Midwest	42%	53%	5%	
	South	42%	55%	2%	
	West	47%	48%	5%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	52%	4%	
	\$50,000 or more	45%	52%	3%	
Education	Not college graduate	43%	54%	3%	
	College graduate	49%	48%	3%	
Race	White	36%	61%	3%	
	African American	86%	12%	2%	
	Latino	59%	37%	4%	
Age	18 to 29	60%	36%	4%	
	30 to 44	45%	48%	6%	
	45 to 59	43%	56%	2%	
	60 or older	40%	57%	3%	
Age	Under 45	53%	42%	5%	
	45 or older	41%	56%	2%	
Gender	Men	43%	55%	3%	
	Women	48%	48%	4%	
Marital Status	Married	39%	59%	2%	
	Not married	51%	44%	4%	
Interview Type	Landline	40%	57%	3%	
	Cell phone	56%	40%	4%	

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted September 24th through September 29th, 2014, n=884 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

	Registered Voters Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?				
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure		
	Row%	Row %	Row%		
October 2014	46%	51%	3%		
August 2014	40%	52%	8%		
July 2014	40%	49%	11%		
April 2014	45%	52%	3%		
February 2014	42%	52%	5%		
December 2013	43%	53%	4%		
September 2013	44%	47%	9%		
July 2013	41%	48%	11%		
April 2013	50%	46%	4%		
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%		

		N	lational Registered Vote	rs
		Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republicans i Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered	Voters	24%	71%	5%
Party Identification	Democrat	11%	83%	6%
	Republican	41%	57%	2%
	Independent	25%	68%	7%
Tea Party Supporter	8	39%	59%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	42%	56%	2%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	35%	60%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	14%	84%	2%
	Moderate	18%	78%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	36%	59%	6%
Region	Northeast	23%	74%	3%
	Midwest	25%	70%	6%
	South	28%	65%	7%
	West	18%	78%	5%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	28%	68%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	20%	75%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	28%	67%	5%
	College graduate	19%	79%	2%
Race	White	25%	70%	5%
	Non-white	24%	70%	6%
Age	Under 45	28%	68%	4%
	45 or older	22%	72%	5%
Gender	Men	24%	73%	3%
	Women	24%	68%	8%
Marital Status	Married	23%	75%	2%
	Not married	26%	67%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	21%	75%	5%
	Cell phone	30%	64%	6%

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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 %		
October 2014	24%	71%	5%		
August 2014	22%	68%	10%		
April 2014	26%	69%	5%		
February 2014	22%	72%	6%		
December 2013	22%	74%	4%		
July 2013	22%	66%	12%		
April 2013	24%	71%	6%		
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%		

			ational Registered Vote or disapprove of the job	
		Congress are doing in office?		
		Approve	Disapprove	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered	Voters	33%	61%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	66%	27%	8%
	Republican	6%	92%	2%
	Independent	22%	69%	9%
Tea Party Supporters	3	14%	83%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	4%	93%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	11%	86%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	61%	35%	4%
	Moderate	29%	67%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	18%	76%	7%
Region	Northeast	49%	48%	3%
	Midwest	27%	64%	9%
	South	31%	62%	7%
	West	30%	65%	6%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	61%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	32%	63%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	32%	62%	6%
	College graduate	35%	60%	5%
Race	White	26%	68%	6%
	Non-white	52%	42%	7%
Age	Under 45	38%	55%	7%
	45 or older	30%	65%	5%
Gender	Men	28%	68%	4%
	Women	37%	54%	9%
Marital Status	Married	27%	68%	4%
	Not married	41%	53%	6%
interview Type	Landline	28%	66%	6%
	Cell phone	42%	51%	7%

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		Registered Voters					
	Do you approve or disapprov	Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democrats in Congress are doing in office?					
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure				
	Row %	Row %	Row %				
October 2014	33%	61%	6%				
August 2014	32%	59%	9%				
April 2014	32%	63%	5%				
February 2014	33%	60%	7%				
December 2013	33%	64%	3%				
July 2013	33%	57%	10%				
April 2013	32%	62%	6%				
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%				

		National Registered Voters Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama handling the economy?			
		Approve			
		Row %	Row %	Unsure Row %	
National Registered	Voters	41%	57%	2%	
Party Identification	Democrat	74%	22%	4%	
1 4109 14010110411011	Republican	11%	88%	1%	
	Independent	31%	68%	1%	
Tea Party Supporters	-	11%	87%	2%	
Republicans	Support Tea Party	<1%	100%	0%	
	Do Not Support Tea Party	15%	84%	1%	
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	73%	23%	4%	
	Moderate	37%	62%	1%	
	Conservative-Very conservative	20%	79%	1%	
Region	Northeast	48%	50%	2%	
0	Midwest	43%	57%	0%	
	South	35%	63%	2%	
	West	42%	54%	4%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	54%	3%	
	\$50,000 or more	41%	58%	1%	
Education	Not college graduate	40%	59%	1%	
	College graduate	41%	56%	3%	
Race	White	33%	65%	2%	
	Non-white	61%	37%	3%	
Age	Under 45	43%	57%	0%	
	45 or older	38%	58%	3%	
Gender	Men	36%	62%	2%	
	Women	45%	53%	2%	
Marital Status	Married	34%	64%	2%	
	Not married	47%	51%	2%	
Interview Type	Landline	37%	60%	3%	
	Cell phone	48%	52%	0%	

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		Registered Voters Do you approve or disapprove of how President Barack Obama is handling the economy?				
	Do you approve or disappro					
	Approve	Disapprove	Unsure			
	Row %	Row %	Row %			
October 2014	41%	57%	2%			
August 2014	39%	58%	3%			
April 2014	44%	54%	2%			
February 2014	41%	54%	5%			
December 2013	40%	58%	2%			
July 2013	37%	56%	7%			
April 2013	44%	53%	2%			
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%			

		National Registered Voters Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression Barack Obama?		
		Favorable	Unfavorable	Unsure-Never Heard
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered	Voters	48%	49%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	81%	17%	2%
	Republican	16%	83%	1%
	Independent	42%	53%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	88%	11%	1%
	Soft Democrats	70%	27%	3%
	Just Independents	46%	44%	9%
	Soft Republicans	22%	75%	3%
	Strong Republicans	7%	93%	0%
Tea Party Supporters		22%	76%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	10%	89%	1%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	20%	77%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	76%	23%	1%
	Moderate	49%	46%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	25%	73%	2%
Region	Northeast	57%	42%	1%
	Midwest	47%	51%	2%
	South	44%	53%	3%
	West	49%	48%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	50%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	46%	50%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	46%	51%	3%
	College graduate	50%	48%	2%
Race	White	39%	58%	3%
	African American	85%	12%	3%
	Latino	62%	35%	2%
Age	18 to 29	63%	35%	2%
	30 to 44	45%	50%	5%
	45 to 59	44%	54%	3%
	60 or older	46%	53%	2%
Age	Under 45	53%	43%	4%
	45 or older	45%	53%	2%
Gender	Men	43%	54%	3%
	Women	53%	45%	3%
Marital Status	Married	40%	58%	2%
	Not married	55%	42%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	43%	55%	2%
	Cell phone	57%	39%	4%

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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 %		
October 2014	48%	49%	3%		
August 2014	43%	51%	6%		
April 2014	49%	49%	2%		
February 2014	47%	50%	3%		
January 2014	41%	48%	11%		
December 2013	46%	52%	3%		
July 2013	47%	46%	7%		
April 2013	53%	45%	2%		
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%		

			National Adults		
		In general, thinking about the way things are going in the countr do you feel things are going in the right direction or that things are going in the wrong direction?			
		Right direction Wrong direction Unsur			
		Row %	Row %	Row %	
National Adults		35%	61%	4%	
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Party Identification^	Democrat	57%	37%	6%	
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Region	Northeast	43%	54%	3%	
	Midwest	33%	64%	2%	
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Household Income	Less than \$50,000	32%	62%	6%	
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	Latino	41%	52%	7%	
Age	18 to 29	43%	52%	5%	
	30 to 44	32%	61%	6%	
	45 to 59	35%	63%	2%	
	60 or older	31%	65%	4%	
Age	Under 45	38%	56%	6%	
	45 or older	33%	64%	3%	
Gender	Men	34%	62%	4%	
	Women	36%	60%	5%	
Marital Status	Married	28%	68%	4%	
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	Right direction	Wrong direction	Unsure			
October 2014	Row %	Row %	Row %			
August 2014	28%	64%	4%			
April 2014	32%	64%	3%			
	32%	64%	3%			
February 13, 2014	30%	63%	3%			
February 5, 2014 December 2013			4%			
	30%	66%				
July 2013	30%	60%	11%			
April 2013	38%	58%	4%			
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%			
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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, 2003	47%	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	42%	46%	9%			
April 2002	60%	32%	8%			
January 2002	60%	32%	8%			
March 2001 Jenu <b>2034</b> 01	41%	44%	15%			

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		30%	17%	54%		
National Registered	Voters	29%	17%	54%		
Party Identification	Democrat	38%	6%	56%		
	Republican	18%	33%	49%		
	Independent	28%	16%	57%		
Tea Party Supporters	5	18%	31%	51%		
Republicans	Support Tea Party	14%	39%	47%		
	Do Not Support Tea Party	24%	24%	52%		
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	37%	5%	57%		
	Moderate	24%	20%	55%		
	Conservative-Very conservative	28%	23%	49%		
Region	Northeast	32%	12%	57%		
	Midwest	25%	20%	55%		
	South	27%	18%	55%		
	West	36%	14%	49%		
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	24%	21%	55%		
	\$50,000 or more	37%	12%	51%		
Education	Not college graduate	24%	18%	58%		
	College graduate	37%	16%	48%		
Race	White	20%	22%	58%		
	Non-white	49%	6%	45%		
Age	Under 45	38%	9%	53%		
	45 or older	22%	23%	55%		
Gender	Men	30%	17%	53%		
	Women	29%	16%	55%		
Marital Status	Married	29%	21%	51%		
	Not married	30%	13%	56%		
Interview Type	Landline	21%	21%	58%		
	Cell phone	41%	10%	49%		

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults Split Sample. Interviews conducted September 24th through September 29th, 2014, n=537 MOE +/- 4.2 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters Split Sample: n=439 MOE +/- 4.7 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		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 %			
October 2014	30%	17%	54%			
February 2014	35%	11%	54%			
July 2013	29%	19%	52%			
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%			
une 9, 2010	33%	15%	52%			
April 15, 2009	28%	22%	50%			

			National Regi	stered Voters	
		If November's election for Congress were held today, which party's candidate are you more likely to vote for in your district:			
		Democrat Republican Neither Undeci			
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered	Voters	45%	44%	2%	9%
Party Identification	Democrat	90%	5%	0%	5%
-	Republican	4%	92%	0%	4%
	Independent	35%	43%	5%	17%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	96%	1%	0%	2%
	Soft Democrats	80%	10%	2%	9%
	Just Independents	26%	23%	12%	40%
	Soft Republicans	7%	84%	2%	8%
	Strong Republicans	1%	97%	1%	1%
Tea Party Supporters		19%	77%	2%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	1%	97%	1%	1%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	7%	83%	1%	9%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	75%	15%	2%	8%
	Moderate	45%	38%	4%	13%
	Conservative-Very conservative	22%	72%	1%	5%
Region	Northeast	51%	38%	1%	10%
	Midwest	46%	43%	2%	8%
	South	46%	44%	2%	7%
	West	37%	48%	3%	13%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	49%	44%	1%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	45%	3%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	42%	46%	2%	9%
	College graduate	49%	41%	2%	8%
Race	White	37%	51%	3%	9%
	African American	75%	16%	0%	9%
	Latino	56%	36%	1%	6%
Age	18 to 29	52%	42%	2%	4%
	30 to 44	50%	34%	3%	12%
	45 to 59	43%	45%	1%	10%
	60 or older	41%	48%	3%	8%
Age	Under 45	51%	38%	3%	8%
	45 or older	42%	47%	2%	9%
Gender	Men	36%	52%	4%	8%
	Women	53%	36%	1%	9%
Marital Status	Married	40%	50%	2%	9%
	Not married	51%	39%	3%	8%
Interview Type	Landline	41%	47%	2%	9%
	Cell phone	51%	37%	3%	8%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted September 24th through September 29th, 2014, n=884 MOE +/- 3.3 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		National Registered Voters				
			f President Obama a 1	major factor, a minor facto		
		all in deciding your vote for congress this November?				
		Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor at all	Unsure	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	
National Registered	Voters	28%	19%	52%	1%	
Party Identification	Democrat	22%	22%	55%	2%	
	Republican	42%	13%	45%	0%	
	Independent	22%	21%	56%	1%	
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	27%	17%	53%	3%	
	Soft Democrats	14%	26%	59%	1%	
	Just Independents	17%	23%	58%	2%	
	Soft Republicans	33%	17%	50%	0%	
	Strong Republicans	45%	12%	42%	0%	
Tea Party Supporters		43%	17%	39%	0%	
Republicans	Support Tea Party	47%	15%	39%	0%	
	Do Not Support Tea Party	32%	15%	53%	0%	
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	18%	23%	58%	1%	
	Moderate	24%	20%	54%	1%	
	Conservative-Very conservative	39%	15%	45%	1%	
Region	Northeast	22%	16%	62%	0%	
	Midwest	32%	17%	50%	1%	
	South	30%	20%	49%	1%	
	West	25%	21%	53%	1%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	36%	19%	44%	1%	
	\$50,000 or more	20%	20%	60%	0%	
Education	Not college graduate	32%	19%	47%	1%	
	College graduate	21%	17%	61%	0%	
Race	White	27%	14%	58%	1%	
	African American	35%	22%	40%	2%	
	Latino	34%	37%	28%	1%	
Age	18 to 29	24%	35%	41%	0%	
	30 to 44	23%	22%	53%	2%	
	45 to 59	21%	13%	66%	0%	
	60 or older	38%	14%	47%	2%	
Age	Under 45	23%	28%	47%	1%	
	45 or older	30%	13%	56%	1%	
Gender	Men	24%	22%	54%	0%	
	Women	31%	16%	51%	2%	
Marital Status	Married	26%	15%	59%	1%	
	Not married	31%	23%	44%	1%	
Interview Type	Landline	30%	13%	55%	1%	
51	Cell phone	23%	28%	48%	0%	

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		National Registered Voters			
		Does your impression of President Obama make you:			
		More likely to vote for a Republican for Congress this November Movember Movember More likely to vote for a Democrat for Congress this November No difference to vote		Unsure	
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered	Voters	41%	38%	18%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	7%	79%	13%	1%
	Republican	83%	6%	10%	1%
	Independent	41%	25%	28%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	3%	84%	12%	1%
	Soft Democrats	14%	66%	17%	2%
	Just Independents	21%	18%	48%	13%
	Soft Republicans	73%	6%	18%	3%
	Strong Republicans	90%	1%	8%	0%
Tea Party Supporters		72%	17%	10%	1%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	90%	0%	9%	1%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	72%	7%	18%	2%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	17%	65%	16%	3%
	Moderate	36%	39%	22%	3%
	Conservative-Very conservative	66%	18%	14%	2%
Region	Northeast	37%	42%	18%	3%
	Midwest	43%	37%	17%	4%
	South	42%	40%	15%	3%
	West	39%	34%	25%	2%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	40%	44%	13%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	34%	20%	3%
Education	Not college graduate	43%	37%	17%	4%
	College graduate	38%	40%	21%	1%
Race	White	46%	30%	20%	3%
	African American	19%	70%	9%	2%
	Latino	37%	54%	7%	2%
Age	18 to 29	42%	46%	10%	1%
	30 to 44	30%	40%	25%	5%
	45 to 59	42%	36%	20%	3%
	60 or older	45%	37%	16%	2%
Age	Under 45	36%	43%	18%	3%
	45 or older	43%	36%	18%	2%
Gender	Men	48%	30%	21%	2%
	Women	34%	46%	16%	4%
Marital Status	Married	45%	31%	22%	2%
	Not married	38%	46%	13%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	44%	35%	18%	3%
	Cell phone	35%	44%	18%	3%

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		National Registered Voters			
		Who would do a better job handling the threat of terrorism:			
		The Democrats	The Republicans	Neither	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered V	Voters	37%	46%	6%	11%
Party Identification	Democrat	74%	12%	7%	7%
	Republican	4%	84%	4%	8%
	Independent	29%	47%	8%	16%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	85%	5%	5%	4%
	Soft Democrats	61%	20%	8%	11%
	Just Independents	19%	37%	19%	25%
	Soft Republicans	8%	74%	4%	14%
	Strong Republicans	1%	93%	1%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		20%	72%	4%	5%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	5%	86%	3%	6%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	5%	79%	3%	13%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	69%	22%	5%	5%
	Moderate	34%	44%	9%	13%
	Conservative-Very conservative	17%	69%	5%	9%
Region	Northeast	38%	50%	8%	4%
	Midwest	39%	46%	6%	9%
	South	38%	45%	5%	12%
	West	34%	44%	7%	16%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	44%	41%	4%	10%
	\$50,000 or more	32%	51%	8%	10%
Education	Not college graduate	35%	47%	6%	12%
	College graduate	40%	45%	8%	8%
Race	White	31%	52%	5%	12%
	African American	63%	25%	8%	4%
	Latino	49%	34%	6%	11%
Age	18 to 29	49%	44%	2%	5%
C	30 to 44	39%	39%	8%	14%
	45 to 59	33%	52%	6%	9%
	60 or older	35%	46%	8%	12%
Age	Under 45	44%	42%	5%	10%
5	45 or older	34%	49%	7%	10%
Gender	Men	29%	54%	8%	9%
Gender	Women	45%	38%	5%	12%
Marital Status	Married	32%	51%	5% 7%	12%
mariar Satus	Not married	43%	42%	5%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	33%	42%	8%	11%
interview Type	Cell phone	45%	49%	4%	10%

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