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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

Standard-Bearers Party Favorites for 2016

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Two familiar Republican faces, former presidential nominee Mitt Romney and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, lead the crowded field of potential candidates for the GOP nomination in 2016. Looking at what Republicans and Republican leaning independents want in a nominee, close to two thirds prefer a candidate who stands on conservative principles rather than a nominee who can win. However, there has been a slight shift in opinion toward selecting a nominee with a viable chance of winning the White House.

On the Democratic side, there has been a major change in what the Democrats want in their presidential nominee. Close to six in ten Democrats and Democratic leaning independents prefer a candidate who will move the nation in a new direction and not someone who will continue the policies of President Barack Obama. One year ago, Democrats divided between charting a new course and continuing the current Democratic agenda.

What does this mean for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton? If she were to seek the Presidency, Clinton is the odds-on favorite to win her party's nomination. In several hypothetical matchups, Clinton also leads her potential Republican opponents by double digits.

But, could a third party candidate be a spoiler? Looking at a generic ballot which includes an independent choice, neither a Democrat nor a Republican has the edge. Close to one in five says they would support an independent candidate.

"Open seats often are a political free-for-all, and this one could very well end up that way," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "But,

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right now, Clinton is in the driver's seat both for her party's nomination and the general election."

Poll points:

- If he decided to run in the **2016 Republican primary**, former GOP nominee Mitt Romney would be the choice of 19% of Republicans and Republican leaning independents to represent his party. Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush receives 14% of the vote. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee each has the support of 9% while retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson garners 8%. Five percent are for Kentucky Senator Rand Paul. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas and Texas Governor Rick Perry each garners 4% while Representative Paul Ryan from Wisconsin, former Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker each receives 3%. Ohio Governor John Kasich has the support of 2% while Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and former business executive Carly Fiorina each has the backing of 1%. More than one in ten, 13%, is undecided.
- **Without Romney in the primary**, Bush takes over the lead with 16% of Republicans and Republican leaning independents followed by Huckabee with 12% and Christie with 10%. Carson receives 8%, Ryan garners 7%, and Paul has 6%. Cruz and Perry each has the support of 5% followed by Rubio, Walker, Kasich, and Santorum with 3% each. One percent is for Jindal, and the same proportion, 1%, supports Fiorina. Nearly one in five, 18%, is undecided.
- By nearly two to one, Republicans and Republican leaning independents, 64%, report it is **more important to have a nominee who will stand on conservative principles than it is to have a nominee for president who can win**. Last December, 67% thought the priority was to have a nominee who stood on conservative principles (**Trend**).
- Hillary Clinton is the overwhelming favorite in the **Democratic primary**. 62% of Democrats and Democratic leaning independents support the former Secretary of State. Vice President Joe Biden is a distant second with 11% while Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts has 9%. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont receives 4%. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley has 1% as does former Senator Jim Webb of Virginia. 11% are undecided.
- Nearly six in ten Democrats and Democratic leaning independents, 58%, think it's **more important to have a nominee who will move the nation in a new direction while 38% want someone who will continue President Barack Obama's policies**. This is a major shift since last December when Democrats divided. 46% said they wanted a candidate who would go in a new direction, and 49% reported they wanted a continuation of Obama's policies (**Trend**).

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Clinton Bests GOP Rivals by Double Digits

Poll points:

- Clinton, 53%, has a 12 point lead against **Romney**, 41%, among registered voters nationally. Six percent are undecided. Clinton, 53%, outpaced Romney, 44%, by 9 points in February **(Trend)**.
- Twelve points also separate Clinton, 53%, from **Christie**, 41%. Six percent are undecided. Clinton, 51%, outdistanced Christie, 42%, by 9 points in October **(Trend)**.
- Clinton, 53%, is up by 13 points over **Bush**, 40%. Seven percent are undecided. In October, Clinton, 53%, was ahead of Bush, 42%, by 11 points **(Trend)**.
- Clinton has the support of 54% of voters to 40% for **Paul**. Six percent are undecided. Clinton, 52%, had a 9 point lead over Paul, 43%, earlier in the fall **(Trend)**.
- Looking at a **generic ballot which includes a choice for an independent candidate**, neither the Democratic candidate, 37%, nor the Republican candidate, 35%, has the advantage among registered voters. 17% of voters would support an independent candidate. 12% are undecided.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist Poll of 1,140 National Adults

This survey of 1,140 adults was conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 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. Respondents in the household were selected by asking for the youngest male. 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. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.9 percentage points. There are 923 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.2 percentage points. There are 360 Republicans and Republican leaning independents and 429 Democrats and Democratic leaning independents. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within ± 5.2 percentage points and ± 4.7 percentage points, respectively. 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	28%	
	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	11%	
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	12%	
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	12%	
	Strong Republicans	n/a	16%	
	Other	n/a	1%	
	Political Ideology	Very liberal	n/a	7%
		Liberal	n/a	17%
Moderate		n/a	35%	
Conservative		n/a	31%	
Very conservative		n/a	10%	
Tea Party Supporters		n/a	21%	
Republicans	Support Tea Party	n/a	36%	
	Do Not Support Tea Party	n/a	64%	
Gender	Men	49%	46%	
	Women	51%	54%	
Age	Under 45	44%	37%	
	45 or older	56%	63%	
Age	18 to 29	23%	17%	
	30 to 44	21%	21%	
	45 to 59	29%	32%	
	60 or older	27%	30%	
Race	White	67%	71%	
	African American	11%	12%	
	Latino	14%	12%	
	Other	7%	5%	
Region	Northeast	18%	17%	
	Midwest	22%	22%	
	South	37%	38%	
	West	23%	22%	
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	51%	49%	
	\$50,000 or more	49%	51%	
Education	Not college graduate	60%	58%	
	College graduate	40%	42%	
Marital Status	Married	46%	50%	
	Not married	54%	50%	
Interview Type	Landline	55%	61%	
	Cell phone	45%	39%	

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=1140 MOE +/- 2.9 percentage points.

National Registered Voters: n=923 MOE +/- 3.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Nature of the Sample

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents	Democrats and Democratic leaning independents
		Col %	Col %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		100%	n/a
Democrats and Democratic leaning independents		n/a	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	72%
	Republican	70%	n/a
	Independent	30%	28%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	43%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	29%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	28%
	Republican leaning independents	30%	n/a
	Not strong Republicans	31%	n/a
Political Ideology	Strong Republicans	39%	n/a
	Very liberal	<1%	14%
	Liberal	3%	28%
	Moderate	29%	38%
Tea Party Supporters	Conservative	50%	17%
	Very conservative	17%	4%
	Tea Party Supporters	36%	8%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	36%	n/a
	Do Not Support Tea Party	64%	n/a
Gender	Men	50%	41%
	Women	50%	59%
Age	Under 45	35%	42%
	45 or older	65%	58%
Age	18 to 29	15%	19%
	30 to 44	20%	22%
	45 to 59	37%	26%
	60 or older	28%	33%
Race	White	83%	62%
	African American	4%	18%
	Latino	9%	14%
	Other	3%	5%
Region	Northeast	15%	18%
	Midwest	21%	23%
	South	43%	37%
	West	22%	22%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	41%	55%
	\$50,000 or more	59%	45%
Education	Not college graduate	55%	59%
	College graduate	45%	41%
Marital Status	Married	61%	40%
	Not married	39%	60%
Interview Type	Landline	62%	57%
	Cell phone	38%	43%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican leaning independents. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=360 MOE +/- 5.2 percentage points. McClatchy-Marist Poll National Democrats and Democratic leaning independents: n=429 MOE +/- 4.7 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents															
		If the 2016 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:															
		Mitt Romney	Jeb Bush	Chris Christie	Mike Huckabee	Ben Carson	Rand Paul	Ted Cruz	Rick Perry	Paul Ryan	Rick Santorum	Marco Rubio	Scott Walker	John Kasich	Bobby Jindal	Carly Fiorina	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		19%	14%	9%	9%	8%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	13%
Party Identification	Republican	23%	15%	10%	8%	6%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	14%
	Independent	11%	11%	7%	10%	11%	9%	4%	2%	6%	1%	6%	3%	4%	1%	3%	9%
Party Identification*	Soft Republicans	19%	11%	11%	8%	7%	8%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	1%	1%	11%
	Strong Republicans	20%	18%	6%	10%	8%	2%	6%	5%	5%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	15%
Tea Party Supporters		21%	7%	6%	11%	13%	6%	10%	2%	4%	2%	0%	3%	3%	1%	1%	11%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	21%	7%	6%	11%	13%	6%	10%	2%	4%	2%	0%	3%	3%	1%	1%	11%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	19%	17%	11%	8%	5%	5%	1%	5%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	14%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	22%	15%	3%	14%	6%	2%	4%	4%	3%	5%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	16%
	\$50,000 or more	18%	14%	14%	5%	8%	8%	5%	4%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	25%	11%	6%	11%	6%	5%	5%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	15%
	College graduate	13%	16%	13%	6%	10%	5%	4%	5%	6%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	10%
Age	Under 45	26%	15%	7%	8%	2%	10%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	0%	2%	13%
	45 or older	16%	13%	10%	10%	11%	3%	6%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	0%	12%
Gender	Men	19%	19%	5%	6%	8%	6%	5%	5%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	9%
	Women	20%	8%	13%	11%	7%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	17%
Marital Status	Married	14%	14%	11%	10%	10%	7%	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	0%	10%
	Not married	28%	13%	7%	7%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	1%	2%	1%	1%	17%
Interview Type	Landline	19%	11%	9%	9%	9%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%	0%	13%
	Cell phone	20%	18%	10%	9%	4%	8%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	11%

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents														
		2016 Republican presidential primary without Mitt Romney														
		Jeb Bush	Mike Huckabee	Chris Christie	Ben Carson	Paul Ryan	Rand Paul	Ted Cruz	Rick Perry	Marco Rubio	Scott Walker	John Kasich	Rick Santorum	Bobby Jindal	Carly Fiorina	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		16%	12%	10%	8%	7%	6%	5%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	18%
Party Identification	Republican	17%	12%	11%	6%	7%	4%	5%	6%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	20%
	Independent	14%	11%	8%	11%	6%	9%	4%	2%	7%	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	12%
Party Identification*	Soft Republicans	13%	11%	12%	7%	4%	8%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	2%	1%	18%
	Strong Republicans	22%	13%	7%	8%	10%	3%	7%	7%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	17%
Tea Party Supporters		8%	13%	6%	13%	9%	7%	12%	2%	0%	3%	5%	2%	2%	1%	17%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	8%	13%	6%	13%	9%	7%	12%	2%	0%	3%	5%	2%	2%	1%	17%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	21%	11%	12%	5%	5%	5%	1%	6%	5%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	18%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	18%	19%	4%	6%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%	5%	0%	0%	21%
	\$50,000 or more	17%	6%	15%	8%	7%	8%	7%	5%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	1%	13%
Education	Not college graduate	15%	15%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	22%
	College graduate	18%	7%	14%	10%	8%	5%	5%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%	1%	0%	13%
Age	Under 45	15%	14%	7%	2%	8%	10%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	0%	2%	24%
	45 or older	18%	11%	12%	11%	6%	4%	6%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	0%	13%
Gender	Men	22%	10%	7%	8%	6%	7%	6%	7%	3%	4%	4%	2%	1%	2%	10%
	Women	11%	13%	13%	7%	8%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	25%
Marital Status	Married	17%	11%	11%	10%	5%	8%	5%	4%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%	0%	14%
	Not married	15%	13%	9%	5%	9%	2%	5%	5%	5%	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%	24%
Interview Type	Landline	15%	11%	10%	10%	7%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	1%	0%	17%
	Cell phone	19%	13%	11%	4%	5%	8%	6%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	19%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican leaning independents. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=360 MOE +/- 5.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		Republicans and Republican leaning independents		
		Which comes closer to your opinion:		
		It's more important to have a Republican nominee for president who will stand on conservative principles	It's more important to have a Republican nominee for president who can win	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Republicans and Republican leaning independents		64%	33%	3%
Party Identification	Republican	65%	32%	3%
	Independent	61%	37%	2%
Party Identification*	Soft Republicans	60%	37%	3%
	Strong Republicans	69%	29%	2%
Tea Party Supporters		69%	29%	2%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	69%	29%	2%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	60%	36%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	66%	29%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	61%	37%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	66%	30%	4%
	College graduate	61%	38%	1%
Age	Under 45	71%	27%	2%
	45 or older	60%	37%	4%
Gender	Men	59%	38%	3%
	Women	68%	29%	3%
Marital Status	Married	61%	37%	2%
	Not married	67%	28%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	59%	37%	4%
	Cell phone	71%	27%	1%

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	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2014	64%	33%	3%
December 2013	67%	31%	2%
July 2013	64%	31%	5%
Marist Poll National Republicans and Republican leaning independents			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		Democrats and Democratic leaning independents						
		If the 2016 Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:						
		Hillary Clinton	Joe Biden	Elizabeth Warren	Bernie Sanders	Martin O'Malley	Jim Webb	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
Democrats and Democratic leaning independents		62%	11%	9%	4%	1%	1%	11%
Party Identification	Democrat	65%	10%	7%	4%	1%	1%	12%
	Independent	56%	14%	15%	4%	1%	1%	10%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	73%	9%	7%	4%	0%	2%	5%
	Soft Democrats	54%	12%	11%	4%	2%	1%	16%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	62%	10%	11%	8%	3%	0%	5%
	Moderate	62%	12%	10%	1%	0%	3%	12%
	Conservative-Very conservative	63%	13%	3%	1%	0%	1%	19%
Region	Northeast	59%	10%	16%	7%	1%	0%	6%
	Midwest	62%	13%	7%	4%	2%	0%	12%
	South	71%	8%	3%	3%	1%	3%	12%
	West	50%	14%	16%	4%	1%	0%	14%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	65%	13%	7%	2%	2%	0%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	63%	9%	12%	6%	1%	2%	7%
Education	Not college graduate	66%	14%	5%	2%	1%	0%	11%
	College graduate	57%	7%	14%	6%	1%	3%	11%
Race	White	63%	5%	11%	6%	2%	2%	12%
	Non-white	63%	22%	5%	1%	0%	0%	9%
Age	18 to 29	57%	17%	7%	5%	3%	0%	11%
	30 to 44	63%	17%	9%	3%	0%	0%	9%
	45 to 59	67%	9%	11%	3%	2%	1%	7%
	60 or older	60%	6%	10%	5%	1%	2%	16%
Age	Under 45	60%	17%	8%	4%	1%	0%	10%
	45 or older	63%	7%	10%	4%	1%	2%	13%
Gender	Men	53%	17%	11%	4%	3%	1%	11%
	Women	69%	7%	8%	4%	0%	1%	11%
Marital Status	Married	64%	8%	12%	4%	1%	2%	10%
	Not married	62%	14%	8%	4%	1%	0%	11%
Interview Type	Landline	62%	10%	10%	4%	2%	2%	11%
	Cell phone	63%	12%	8%	4%	1%	0%	12%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Democrats and Democratic leaning independents. Interviews conducted December 3rd through December 9th, 2014, n=429 MOE +/- 4.7 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		Democrats and Democratic leaning independents		
		Which comes closer to your opinion:		
		It's more important to have a Democratic nominee for president who will continue President Obama's policies	It's more important to have a Democratic nominee for president who will move in a different direction	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
Democrats and Democratic leaning independents		38%	58%	4%
Party Identification	Democrat	38%	57%	5%
	Independent	36%	61%	3%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	49%	45%	6%
	Soft Democrats	29%	68%	3%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	47%	50%	4%
	Moderate	37%	57%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	27%	72%	1%
Region	Northeast	32%	62%	6%
	Midwest	32%	64%	4%
	South	42%	54%	4%
	West	41%	55%	4%
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Education	Not college graduate	38%	57%	5%
	College graduate	39%	58%	4%
Race	White	33%	64%	3%
	Non-white	44%	50%	5%
Age	18 to 29	39%	61%	0%
	30 to 44	44%	53%	3%
	45 to 59	26%	70%	4%
	60 or older	40%	51%	9%
Age	Under 45	42%	56%	1%
	45 or older	34%	60%	7%
Gender	Men	38%	59%	3%
	Women	38%	57%	5%
Marital Status	Married	40%	54%	6%
	Not married	37%	60%	3%
Interview Type	Landline	36%	58%	6%
	Cell phone	40%	58%	2%

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December 2013	49%	46%	4%
July 2013	46%	44%	10%
Marist Poll National Democrats and Democratic leaning independents			

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		If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Chris Christie, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		53%	41%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	90%	9%	2%
	Republican	10%	84%	5%
	Independent	51%	40%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	97%	3%	1%
	Soft Democrats	82%	14%	3%
	Just Independents	41%	37%	22%
	Soft Republicans	20%	76%	4%
Tea Party Supporters	Strong Republicans	4%	90%	6%
	Support Tea Party	25%	72%	3%
Republicans	Do Not Support Tea Party	9%	88%	4%
		17%	77%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	87%	11%	2%
	Moderate	57%	38%	5%
	Conservative-Very conservative	30%	64%	7%
Region	Northeast	54%	38%	7%
	Midwest	56%	40%	4%
	South	50%	46%	4%
	West	54%	35%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	64%	31%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	49%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	56%	37%	6%
	College graduate	49%	47%	5%
Race	White	46%	49%	5%
	African American	82%	11%	6%
	Latino	66%	25%	9%
Age	18 to 29	64%	30%	6%
	30 to 44	53%	41%	6%
	45 to 59	47%	50%	4%
	60 or older	54%	39%	8%
Age	Under 45	58%	36%	6%
	45 or older	50%	44%	6%
Gender	Men	49%	44%	7%
	Women	56%	38%	5%
Marital Status	Married	43%	52%	5%
	Not married	63%	31%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	43%	6%
	Cell phone	57%	38%	6%

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	Registered Voters		
	If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Chris Christie, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2014	53%	41%	6%
October 2014	51%	42%	6%
August 2014	47%	41%	12%
April 2014	53%	42%	5%
February 2014	58%	37%	6%
January 2014	50%	37%	12%
December 2013	48%	45%	7%
July 2013	47%	41%	12%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Jeb Bush, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		53%	40%	7%
Party Identification	Democrat	90%	8%	2%
	Republican	13%	82%	5%
	Independent	50%	39%	11%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	95%	4%	1%
	Soft Democrats	83%	13%	4%
	Just Independents	46%	27%	27%
	Soft Republicans	21%	73%	6%
	Strong Republicans	2%	93%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		24%	71%	6%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	6%	90%	5%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	18%	76%	6%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	86%	11%	3%
	Moderate	59%	38%	4%
	Conservative-Very conservative	29%	63%	9%
Region	Northeast	58%	33%	9%
	Midwest	59%	35%	7%
	South	48%	48%	3%
	West	51%	38%	10%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	61%	35%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	45%	8%
Education	Not college graduate	54%	39%	6%
	College graduate	52%	42%	6%
Race	White	47%	47%	6%
	African American	80%	13%	7%
	Latino	66%	27%	7%
Age	18 to 29	61%	33%	6%
	30 to 44	53%	40%	7%
	45 to 59	48%	45%	7%
	60 or older	53%	41%	6%
Age	Under 45	57%	37%	6%
	45 or older	51%	43%	6%
Gender	Men	49%	45%	7%
	Women	57%	37%	7%
Marital Status	Married	46%	47%	7%
	Not married	61%	34%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	50%	43%	7%
	Cell phone	57%	37%	6%

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	Registered Voters		
	If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Jeb Bush, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2014	53%	40%	7%
October 2014	53%	42%	4%
August 2014	48%	41%	10%
April 2014	55%	39%	6%
February 2014	58%	38%	4%
December 2013	53%	41%	6%
July 2013	48%	40%	12%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Rand Paul, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		54%	40%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	89%	9%	3%
	Republican	15%	81%	4%
	Independent	54%	37%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	96%	3%	1%
	Soft Democrats	81%	14%	5%
	Just Independents	44%	35%	22%
	Soft Republicans	29%	67%	3%
	Strong Republicans	4%	92%	4%
Tea Party Supporters		23%	74%	3%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	11%	88%	1%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	25%	71%	5%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	84%	13%	3%
	Moderate	62%	32%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	30%	65%	5%
Region	Northeast	56%	36%	8%
	Midwest	61%	36%	3%
	South	51%	45%	5%
	West	51%	41%	8%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	60%	35%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	48%	46%	6%
Education	Not college graduate	55%	40%	6%
	College graduate	53%	42%	5%
Race	White	47%	47%	6%
	African American	84%	11%	5%
	Latino	64%	30%	6%
Age	18 to 29	65%	30%	5%
	30 to 44	54%	41%	5%
	45 to 59	48%	47%	5%
	60 or older	54%	39%	7%
Age	Under 45	59%	36%	5%
	45 or older	51%	43%	6%
Gender	Men	48%	46%	6%
	Women	59%	36%	6%
Marital Status	Married	46%	50%	5%
	Not married	63%	32%	6%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	43%	6%
	Cell phone	58%	37%	5%

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	Registered Voters		
	If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Rand Paul, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2014	54%	40%	6%
October 2014	52%	43%	5%
August 2014	48%	42%	10%
April 2014	54%	40%	6%
February 2014	58%	38%	4%
December 2013	55%	40%	5%
July 2013	50%	38%	11%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters		
		If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
		Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Mitt Romney, the Republican	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		53%	41%	6%
Party Identification	Democrat	93%	4%	2%
	Republican	7%	88%	5%
	Independent	50%	41%	9%
Tea Party Supporters		24%	74%	3%
Republicans	Support Tea Party	5%	92%	3%
	Do Not Support Tea Party	16%	79%	4%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	90%	8%	1%
	Moderate	57%	37%	6%
	Conservative-Very conservative	27%	67%	7%
Region	Northeast	57%	35%	8%
	Midwest	64%	33%	3%
	South	49%	46%	5%
	West	48%	45%	7%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	60%	34%	6%
	\$50,000 or more	47%	48%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	56%	39%	5%
	College graduate	49%	45%	6%
Race	White	45%	50%	5%
	African American	86%	12%	2%
	Latino	66%	19%	15%
Age	18 to 29	61%	34%	5%
	30 to 44	61%	37%	2%
	45 to 59	42%	50%	7%
	60 or older	53%	40%	7%
Age	Under 45	61%	35%	3%
	45 or older	48%	45%	7%
Gender	Men	49%	45%	6%
	Women	57%	38%	6%
Marital Status	Married	42%	53%	5%
	Not married	64%	30%	5%
Interview Type	Landline	51%	43%	6%
	Cell phone	56%	39%	5%

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Registered Voters. Interviews conducted December 5th through December 9th, 2014, n=627 MOE +/- 5.4 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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	Registered Voters		
	If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:		
	Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	Mitt Romney, the Republican	Undecided
	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2014	53%	41%	6%
February 2014	53%	44%	3%
Marist Poll National Registered Voters			

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Tables

		National Registered Voters			
		If the 2016 presidential election were held today, would you support:			
		The Democratic candidate	The Republican candidate	The Independent candidate	Undecided
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Registered Voters		37%	35%	17%	12%
Party Identification	Democrat	83%	5%	8%	5%
	Republican	1%	89%	5%	5%
	Independent	23%	22%	34%	20%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	92%	1%	6%	1%
	Soft Democrats	63%	7%	18%	13%
	Just Independents	7%	9%	48%	35%
	Soft Republicans	2%	67%	21%	10%
Tea Party Supporters	Strong Republicans	0%	94%	3%	2%
	Support Tea Party	14%	63%	16%	8%
Republicans	Do Not Support Tea Party	1%	83%	12%	4%
		2%	75%	15%	8%
Political Ideology	Very liberal-Liberal	68%	6%	19%	7%
	Moderate	38%	26%	22%	14%
	Conservative-Very conservative	19%	60%	11%	10%
Region	Northeast	38%	28%	21%	13%
	Midwest	41%	34%	14%	12%
	South	36%	39%	15%	11%
	West	34%	33%	21%	12%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	29%	18%	11%
	\$50,000 or more	33%	41%	16%	11%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	34%	15%	12%
	College graduate	36%	37%	17%	11%
Race	White	32%	42%	15%	12%
	African American	69%	10%	16%	5%
	Latino	40%	25%	23%	12%
Age	18 to 29	43%	29%	25%	3%
	30 to 44	37%	35%	16%	12%
	45 to 59	31%	41%	16%	12%
	60 or older	39%	33%	13%	15%
Age	Under 45	39%	32%	20%	8%
	45 or older	35%	37%	14%	14%
Gender	Men	30%	38%	19%	13%
	Women	43%	32%	15%	11%
Marital Status	Married	30%	43%	14%	13%
	Not married	45%	27%	18%	10%
Interview Type	Landline	35%	37%	14%	13%
	Cell phone	40%	30%	21%	9%

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