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McClatchy-Marist Poll*

**Obama Approval Rating at 50%,
But Dissatisfaction with D.C. Looms**

*** Complete Tables for Poll Appended ***

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This McClatchy-Marist Poll Reports:

Despite increasingly improved perceptions about President Barack Obama's job performance, registered voters nationally continue to express displeasure with how Congress is doing its job. In fact, the proportion of voters who disapprove of how the Republicans are performing is at its highest point in more than two years. Congressional Democrats fare somewhat better, but still, just a little more than one in three members of the national electorate approves of their job performance. To compound matters, there is growing pessimism about the direction of the nation. In fact, the proportion of U.S. residents who think the nation is moving in the wrong direction is at its highest point in more than 4 years.

"With scores like this it's not surprising that Washington is a target of ridicule on the 2016 campaign trail," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion.

President Obama's job approval rating has been inching upward since December of 2014 and currently stands at 50% among registered voters nationally. 46% disapprove of how he is doing his job. When last reported in November, the electorate divided. 48% said they approved of the president's job performance, and 48% did not.

Looking at the Republicans in Congress, 21% of registered voters approve of how they are doing their job. 73% disapprove. While these ratings are little changed from the fall, the proportion of voters who disapprove of how the congressional GOP is doing its job is at its highest point in more than two years. When it comes to the congressional Democrats, 36%

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approve of their job performance, but nearly six in ten, 59%, do not. In November, those proportions were 38% and 55%, respectively.

68% of Americans think the nation is off course. This is the largest proportion of residents who believe the country is moving in the wrong direction since November 2011. At that time, 70% of Americans expressed dissatisfaction with the country's trajectory. When this question was last reported in the fall, 59% thought the country was moving in the wrong direction while 36% said it was moving in the right one.

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: McClatchy-Marist Poll of 1,297 National Adults

This survey of 1,297 adults was conducted March 29th through March 31st, 2016 by The Marist Poll sponsored and funded in partnership with McClatchy News Service. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English 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 randomly selected by first asking for the youngest male. This landline sample was combined with respondents reached through random dialing of cell phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. After the interviews were completed, the two samples were combined and balanced to reflect the 2013 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 2.7 percentage points. There are 1,066 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 3.0 percentage points. There are 444 Republicans and Republican leaning independents. There are 497 Democrats and Democratic leaning independents. The results for these subsets are statistically significant within ± 4.7 percentage points and ± 4.4 percentage points, respectively. The error margin was not adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

| | | National Adults | National Registered Voters | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|
| | | Col % | Col % | |
| National Adults | | 100% | | |
| National Registered Voters | | 82% | 100% | |
| Party Identification | Democrat | n/a | 34% | |
| | Republican | n/a | 30% | |
| | Independent | n/a | 35% | |
| | Other | n/a | 1% | |
| Party Identification | Strong Democrats | n/a | 21% | |
| | Not strong Democrats | n/a | 13% | |
| | Democratic leaning independents | n/a | 14% | |
| | Just Independents | n/a | 8% | |
| | Republican leaning independents | n/a | 13% | |
| | Not strong Republicans | n/a | 15% | |
| | Strong Republicans | n/a | 15% | |
| | Other | n/a | 1% | |
| | Political Ideology | Very liberal | n/a | 7% |
| | | Liberal | n/a | 17% |
| Moderate | | n/a | 36% | |
| Conservative | | n/a | 29% | |
| Very conservative | | n/a | 10% | |
| Tea Party Supporters | | n/a | 22% | |
| Republicans | Support Tea Party | n/a | 38% | |
| | Do Not Support Tea Party | n/a | 62% | |
| Gender | Men | 49% | 47% | |
| | Women | 51% | 53% | |
| Age | Under 45 | 47% | 44% | |
| | 45 or older | 53% | 56% | |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 22% | 18% | |
| | 30 to 44 | 26% | 26% | |
| | 45 to 59 | 27% | 27% | |
| | 60 or older | 26% | 29% | |
| | | | | |
| Race | White | 62% | 66% | |
| | African American | 11% | 12% | |
| | Latino | 14% | 11% | |
| | Other | 12% | 10% | |
| Region | Northeast | 18% | 18% | |
| | Midwest | 22% | 23% | |
| | South | 37% | 38% | |
| | West | 23% | 21% | |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 48% | 44% | |
| | \$50,000 or more | 52% | 56% | |
| Education | Not college graduate | 61% | 58% | |
| | College graduate | 39% | 42% | |
| Marital Status | Married | 50% | 54% | |
| | Not married | 50% | 46% | |
| Interview Type | Landline | 42% | 45% | |
| | Cell phone | 58% | 55% | |

McClatchy-Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted March 29th through March 31st, 2016, n=1297 MOE +/- 2.7 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=1066 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 | | 50% | 46% | 5% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 85% | 11% | 4% |
| | Republican | 11% | 86% | 3% |
| | Independent | 48% | 47% | 5% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 93% | 6% | 2% |
| | Soft Democrats | 75% | 17% | 8% |
| | Just Independents | 45% | 53% | 3% |
| | Soft Republicans | 17% | 79% | 4% |
| | Strong Republicans | 6% | 93% | 1% |
| Tea Party Supporters | | 20% | 76% | 4% |
| Republicans | Support Tea Party | 7% | 90% | 4% |
| | Do Not Support Tea Party | 17% | 80% | 3% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 85% | 11% | 4% |
| | Moderate | 58% | 37% | 5% |
| | Conservative-Very conservative | 20% | 76% | 4% |
| Region | Northeast | 54% | 41% | 5% |
| | Midwest | 47% | 49% | 3% |
| | South | 46% | 48% | 6% |
| | West | 55% | 42% | 3% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 56% | 38% | 6% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 46% | 50% | 4% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 46% | 48% | 6% |
| | College graduate | 54% | 43% | 3% |
| Race | White | 38% | 58% | 4% |
| | African American | 89% | 5% | 5% |
| | Latino | 71% | 23% | 6% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 68% | 28% | 3% |
| | 30 to 44 | 54% | 40% | 6% |
| | 45 to 59 | 44% | 52% | 4% |
| | 60 or older | 39% | 57% | 4% |
| Age | Under 45 | 60% | 35% | 5% |
| | 45 or older | 41% | 55% | 4% |
| Gender | Men | 44% | 52% | 4% |
| | Women | 54% | 41% | 5% |
| Marital Status | Married | 40% | 56% | 4% |
| | Not married | 61% | 34% | 5% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 47% | 48% | 5% |
| | Cell phone | 51% | 44% | 4% |

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| National Registered Voters | | | |
|---|---------|------------|--------|
| Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president? | | | |
| | Approve | Disapprove | Unsure |
| | Row% | Row % | Row% |
| April 2016 | 50% | 46% | 5% |
| November 2015 | 48% | 48% | 4% |
| August 2015 | 47% | 47% | 7% |
| March 2015 | 46% | 50% | 4% |
| December 2014 | 43% | 52% | 5% |
| 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% |

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|--------|
| | | 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 | | 21% | 73% | 7% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 8% | 83% | 9% |
| | Republican | 34% | 61% | 5% |
| | Independent | 23% | 71% | 5% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 6% | 88% | 6% |
| | Soft Democrats | 13% | 77% | 10% |
| | Just Independents | 22% | 72% | 6% |
| | Soft Republicans | 34% | 61% | 5% |
| Tea Party Supporters | Strong Republicans | 32% | 63% | 5% |
| | Tea Party Supporters | 32% | 63% | 6% |
| | Republicans | | | |
| Republicans | Support Tea Party | 31% | 65% | 4% |
| | Do Not Support Tea Party | 35% | 59% | 6% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 7% | 88% | 5% |
| | Moderate | 21% | 71% | 8% |
| | Conservative-Very conservative | 29% | 66% | 5% |
| Region | Northeast | 18% | 74% | 8% |
| | Midwest | 20% | 74% | 6% |
| | South | 21% | 73% | 6% |
| | West | 24% | 68% | 8% |
| Household Income | Less than \$50,000 | 23% | 70% | 7% |
| | \$50,000 or more | 21% | 74% | 5% |
| Education | Not college graduate | 22% | 69% | 9% |
| | College graduate | 19% | 78% | 3% |
| Race | White | 19% | 75% | 6% |
| | African American | 19% | 75% | 6% |
| | Latino | 20% | 66% | 13% |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 33% | 57% | 10% |
| | 30 to 44 | 17% | 76% | 7% |
| | 45 to 59 | 20% | 74% | 5% |
| | 60 or older | 18% | 77% | 5% |
| Age | Under 45 | 23% | 68% | 8% |
| | 45 or older | 19% | 76% | 5% |
| Gender | Men | 21% | 73% | 6% |
| | Women | 21% | 72% | 7% |
| Marital Status | Married | 19% | 75% | 6% |
| | Not married | 23% | 70% | 7% |
| Interview Type | Landline | 18% | 75% | 6% |
| | Cell phone | 23% | 70% | 7% |

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| 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% |
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| April 2011 | 30% | 63% | 7% |

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|--------|
| | | 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 | | 36% | 59% | 6% |
| Party Identification | Democrat | 70% | 24% | 6% |
| | Republican | 7% | 88% | 5% |
| | Independent | 27% | 68% | 5% |
| Party Identification* | Strong Democrats | 79% | 16% | 5% |
| | Soft Democrats | 52% | 42% | 7% |
| | Just Independents | 19% | 74% | 7% |
| | Soft Republicans | 9% | 85% | 5% |
| Tea Party Supporters | Strong Republicans | 6% | 92% | 3% |
| | | 16% | 79% | 6% |
| Republicans | Support Tea Party | 4% | 93% | 3% |
| | Do Not Support Tea Party | 10% | 84% | 5% |
| Political Ideology | Very liberal-Liberal | 66% | 31% | 3% |
| | Moderate | 34% | 59% | 7% |
| | Conservative-Very conservative | 18% | 77% | 5% |
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| April 2016 | 36% | 59% | 6% |
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| December 2013 | 33% | 64% | 3% |
| July 2013 | 33% | 57% | 10% |
| April 2013 | 32% | 62% | 6% |
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| | | 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 % |
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| Party Identification^ | Democrat | 47% | 49% | 4% |
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| | Soft Democrats | 36% | 60% | 4% |
| | Just Independents | 19% | 81% | 1% |
| | Soft Republicans | 11% | 87% | 2% |
| | Strong Republicans | 7% | 92% | 2% |
| Tea Party Supporters^ | 15% | 83% | 2% | |
| Republicans | Support Tea Party | 8% | 90% | 3% |
| | Do Not Support Tea Party | 10% | 88% | 1% |
| Political Ideology^ | Very liberal-Liberal | 42% | 54% | 4% |
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| | 45 to 59 | 23% | 73% | 4% |
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|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 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 |
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| April 2016 | 27% | 68% | 5% |
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| December 2014 | 31% | 64% | 6% |
| October 2014 | 35% | 61% | 4% |
| August 2014 | 28% | 64% | 8% |
| April 2014 | 32% | 64% | 3% |
| February 13, 2014 | 33% | 64% | 3% |
| February 5, 2014 | 30% | 63% | 8% |
| December 2013 | 30% | 66% | 4% |
| 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% |
| 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% |

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